



February 2018

Greetings!

Please join us for our upcoming events this spring. This is a great opportunity to get involved with your Chamber and network with other members.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Asian Chamber of Commerce

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President's Message



Last week we held our first ACC Town Hall at the February monthly luncheon. The topic was civic engagement and why it's important for the Asian community to be civically engaged. We had a lively question and answer session with many great points from different perspectives. We will post the slides from the presentation on the website and will create a blog to continue discussion on the following questions:

- How do you and members of your community **currently engage** in the community and in the political system (e.g., inform yourself about issues, engage with elected officials, vote, volunteer, run for office, etc.)?
- What **motivates** you and members of your community to participate in the community and in the political system?
- What stops you and members of your community from further participating in the community and in the political system?

Highlights of the discussion will also be presented to the Greater Houston Civic Engagement Planning Committee meeting later this week.

We have lots of upcoming events (see the Upcoming Events section). Your ACC membership enables you to register for these events at reduced rates.

ACC Night at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is on March 7. This will be our 3rd year to hold an event at the Rodeo. This is a collaborative effort with multiple Asian community organizations. We also want to thank John Kim for his efforts to pull this event together. Details on the link.

A reminder that we have several committees for members to develop skills by leading specific activities. These committees are an excellent opportunities to build your networks and engage in new activities. Chamber membership is a prerequisite.

Please email any questions to me (myoung@asianchamber-hou.org) or Barbara Gallo (bgallo@asianchamber-hou.org).

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Sincerely,
Milton Young
President, Asian Chamber of Commerce

Upcoming Events

- Houston Civic Engagement Planning Committee Meeting (Feb 15)
- Korean American Sports Association Inauguration (Feb 24)
- Lake Houston Economic Development Annual Lunch (Mar 7)
- ACC Night at the Rodeo (Mar 7)
- March Monthly Luncheon (Mar 8) Tentative: international Woman's Day
- Asian Real Estate Association of America Summit (Apr 5-7)
- ACC Business Conference (April 25)
- Offshore Technology Conference (Apr 30-May 3)
- Japan-Texas Economic Summit (May 7-9)
- Asian American Journalists Association (Aug 8-11)
- ACC Spirit of Entrepreneurship Gala (Oct 26)
- ACC Pan-Asian Business Plan Competition (Nov)
- International Import Expo 2018 (Nov - Shanghai)



Join us for

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NEW YEAR
NETWORKING NIGHT

WEDNESDAY · FEBRUARY 28

5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

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\$10 Members / \$15 Nonmembers
Cocktails & light appetizers

please register at

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To register please [CLICK HERE](#)

Join your friends at



NIGHT

— HOUSTON —
LIVESTOCK SHOW
and
RODEO

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018

— NRG STADIUM —

Performer - Thomas Rhett



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CHAIRMAN'S CLUB

\$100

(includes admission, food and drinks
- must be over 21)



LOGE LEVEL

\$25

QUESTIONS:

BGALLO@ASIANCHAMBER-HOU.ORG

For rodeo tickets please [CLICK HERE](#).

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Member Benefits

When you join the Asian Chamber of Commerce you will receive a Member Information Center (MIC) login. MIC is an internal website just for members. It gives you the ability to manage a variety of member activities:

- View and edit company information which automatically updates the public member listing on your public website
- Upload graphics to enhance your member listing
- Submit jobs, advertising, and events for approval
- View statistical reports
- Pay Asian Chamber of Commerce invoices
- Post status updates, videos, links, photos in the Dashboard social feed
- Use advanced search filters to find other members

- "Favorite" a member or rep for easier access later
- Download vCard information in order to auto-populate your contact list in Outlook, Google Contacts or other programs
- Add others to your employee/rep list and invite them to create a login account (requires R/W permissions to Employees/Reps)
- Update your payment profile (if using automatic recurring ACH or credit card billing)
- Open to specific MIC page when logging in

Other Features

- Members can submit your own [News Releases](#) for posting on your website
- "Refer a member" selection available for members to recommend your colleagues.
- "Membership Badge" widget provides member with personalized website code that can be copied onto your own site resulting in a "badge" that shows "Proud member of ..." and include your logo.

Features for Reps

- Reps can upload their photo for a personal touch.
 - Rep photo can be displayed on your website due to their roster inclusion on any group designated as public (such as your board members or event committee group)
 - Rep photo can also be displayed when members search in the Member Information Center for reps that belong to designated Groups/Interests that is marked as one that can be searched.
 - Custom representative interests may be collected such as which events they are passionate about and their interest level in different benefits.
- Enhanced member search allows members to locate members within a certain committee or group or search by interests that have been asked of your members
 - Members may copy a past event when submitting their event for inclusion on your calendar

Board of Directors



Austin Zhao
Past Board Chair, Asian Chamber of Commerce

Austin Zhao serves on the Asian Chamber of Commerce board as Immediate Past Chair; he joined the Chamber in 2005. He is a Co-founder & President of China-US Pathway and a Senior Business Advisor at the Transworld Business Advisors Houston Team. Austin has 30 years of experience in international business with an extensive background in conducting business in both China and the U.S.

Austin is a founding board member and International Committee Chair of Asian Real

Estate Association of America (AREAA) Houston Chapter. an executive officer for several Chinese and U.S. companies. Formerly he was General Manger of A & G Toys, Inc., Houston, Texas; Executive Vice-President of DL America, Inc., Houston, Texas; and General Manager of Shunlida Company, a unit of The Import and Export Corporation of Dalian Development Zone, which was a state-owned international trade corporation ranking in the top 500 companies in the foreign trade industry in China. He was also one of the eleven Board Directors of the Paraffin Wax Committee for China Chamber of Commerce of Metals, Minerals & Chemicals Importers & Exporters in 1995 and 1996.

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