



June 2018

### Greetings!

We had a very successful May in celebration of *Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month*. Mayor Turner spoke at our luncheon, which had the largest attendance of the year, and we had a lot of fun at Kim Son with our 2nd networking night of the year.

June will be a little lighter as we start to slow down for the summer, but we do have our Scholarship Luncheon this month on the 7th. Please enjoy the news and event updates below. If you have questions about our events or organization don't hesitate to contact us, we are continuing to implement programs and events that provide value to our members. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Wes Weaver  
ACC Chairman

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## President's Message



Hurricane season started this past Friday. We are in for a busy season if Subtropical Storm Alberto is any indication. Colorado State University's Tropical Meteorology Project forecasts above-average activity in the Atlantic in 2018 with 14 named storms, 7 becoming hurricanes and 3 reaching major hurricane strength.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Prepare an emergency plan for your family and your business. See our website for links to FEMA templates in various Asian languages.

I traveled to Washington, DC from May 14 - 17 to participate in various activities celebrating Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage month:

- Attended a dinner hosted by the National Asian/Pacific Islander American Chamber of

Commerce and Entrepreneurship (ACE) for MOU partners (other Asian Chambers of Commerce),

- Attended the National Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Business Summit hosted by the Minority Business Development Agency
- Attended the Asian Americans in Energy, Environment and Commerce (AE2C) discussion with FERC Commissioner Neal Chatterjee
- Visited Capitol Hill to meet Representatives and Senators to advocate for continued funding of the Minority Business Development Agency and against the inclusion of a question on citizenship in the 2020 U.S. Census
- Attended the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) Awards Gala.

This was an excellent trip. I learned a great deal from meeting leaders of other Asian Chambers and participating in Capitol Hill meetings.

Barbara Gallo and I attended a presentation by representatives of the U.S. Census. In addition to the national census of all individuals living in the U.S. the Census Bureau also surveys businesses every 5 years (we're currently in the 2018 national survey of business owners). This survey, required by law, provides the most up-to-date information about all business operating in the U.S. Results of this survey are used by businesses to plan their activities and investments. It is available free of charge and can be accessed through the U.S. Census Bureau website (<https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>).

Later in June, ACC Board member Walter Lawson and I will travel to Austin to meet with Asian Chamber leaders from Austin, San Antonio and Dallas. We will discuss how to coordinate our efforts to advance Asian community and Asian business interests at the state and national levels.

The ACC Scholarship Awards banquet will be held Thursday, June 7 at the Brae Burn Country Club on 8101 Bissonnet Street. Please join us as we recognize 10 outstanding students for their academic and civic accomplishments with scholarship awards to assist in financing their college education.

We have been alerted by the FBI to a Houston telephone scam where someone, reportedly from the Chinese consulate, speaking Mandarin says the call recipient needs to send money for any one of a variety of reasons. The Chinese consulate issued a warning on their website (<http://houston.china-consulate.org/eng/sgxw/t1552242.htm>). The scam hit New York City in April and NYC victims have lost almost \$3 million dollars to the scammers.

Finally an early reminder that our 2018 Spirit of Entrepreneurship Gala will be held Friday, October 26 at the Royal Sonesta.

Regards,  
Milton

## Upcoming Events

- **SBA Workshop at Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce (Jun 5)**
- **ACC Scholarship Awards (Jun 7)**
- **Asian American Journalists Association National Convention (Aug 8-11)**
- **ACC August Monthly Luncheon - Judge Emmett (Aug 9)**
- **ACC Spirit of Entrepreneurship Gala (Oct 26)**

# AVENUES TO GROW — YOUR BUSINESS —

**YOU'LL LEARN ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES  
AVAILABLE TO TAKE YOUR BUSINESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL**

Are you a small business owner looking to grow and increase revenues?

Have you considered doing business with the federal government or exporting?

Pursuing these avenues is much more attainable than many small businesses think, and can generate "life-changing" growth.

Did you know, last year the federal government awarded contracts worth \$100B to small businesses and Houston leads the country as America's #1 city in export value!



U.S. Small Business  
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To register please [CLICK HERE](#)



Join us as we recognize the achievements  
of our ACC Scholarship recipients

## ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

THURSDAY JUNE 7  
11:30 am  
BraeBurn Country Club  
8101 Bissonnet St. · Houston 77074

To register please visit  
[www.asianchamber-hou.org](http://www.asianchamber-hou.org)

Questions: Contact Barbara Gallo  
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Members: \$30  
Nonmembers: \$40



To register for the Networking Night event, please [CLICK HERE](#) .

SAVE THE DATE



Please Join Us for Our Annual

# Spirit

OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP GALA

OCTOBER 26, 2018 @ 7PM

Royal Sonesta Houston Hotel  
2222 West Loop South · Houston, TX 77027

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## Board of Directors Spotlight



**Janet Blancett**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Chair - Governance Committee**

Janet has 30+ years of experience in the petroleum industry with a BS in chemical engineering from the University of Oklahoma, and is a registered Professional Engineer in Oklahoma. She is currently a director at Cognizant, a Fortune 500 IT consultancy.

Janet's greatest satisfaction comes from working toward something bigger than oneself. She believes an effective way to address the needs of the Asian community is through its business partners. She is in her second year on the board. She also serves on the board directors for the Houston Forensic Science Center, was past chair of the

National Conference for the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers, and has chaired and hosted the Young Women Energized career event for the Women's Energy Network.

## May Luncheon - Mayor Sylvester Turner



Photo Credit: George Wong

## Networking Night - Presented by Naskila Gaming



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## New Members

**Allstate (Sylvia Chan Totten)  
U.S. Army Recruiting Company**

**Clear English Coach (Donna Durbin)  
Merrill Lynch - TSPN Wealth Management Group (Jie Zhang)  
Sparrow Assisted Living**

## Renewing Members



# U.S. China Pathway (Austin Zhao) - lifetime member

Tax Free Shopping (Jorge Franz)

## Member Questions

Please email questions to me at [myoung@asianchamber-hou.org](mailto:myoung@asianchamber-hou.org).  
I will try to answer 1-2 questions each newsletter.

Milton Young  
President, Asian Chamber of Commerce

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