



October 2018

Greetings!

The Fall is here, bringing us cooler weather (finally), and a packed schedule! We have a very active couple of months ahead. Our next luncheon is Wednesday, October 10th, where we'll partner with Shell for an energy entrepreneur panel. We also have our biggest event of the year, our exciting Red Ball Gala, on Friday, October 26th.

Please join us for these exciting events and let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We love to hear from our members and are always striving to improve the Chamber!

Sincerely,

Wes Weaver
ACC Chairman

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President's Message



October is our busiest month of the year! We host our annual gala "Celebrating the Spirit of Entrepreneurship" on October 26th at the Royal Sonesta Hotel. Reserve your table at <http://www.asianchamber-hou.org/events/details/spirit-of-entrepreneurship-gala-666>. Our third Mandarin Executive Program kicks off this Saturday, October 6 at HCC's Alief Hayes Campus. We have a diverse class of 26 experienced and talented executives and entrepreneurs from several industries. We hosted a welcoming reception for the incoming class on Tuesday, October 2 at the Federal Reserve Bank Building. On Wednesday, October 10, Shell sponsors our monthly luncheon with a distinguished panel of executives from Shell, Fluor and BP discussing how to do business with large companies.

John Kim Recovery

John Kim, co-founder of ACC continues his recovery. ACC is making a \$1,000 donation to his GoFundMe Recovery Fund (<https://www.gofundme.com/john-h-kim-recovery-fund>). ACC will also match donations by ACC members and board members up to another \$1,000 for donations made to John's GoFundMe site by Giving Tuesday (November 28, 2018). Please forward gift acknowledgement to Barbara Gallo, bgallo@asianchamber-hou.org.

Civic Engagement

Cecil Fong of OCA-Greater Houston served as a panelist at the National Commission for Voter Justice (NCVJ) Texas-Oklahoma Regional Hearing at the Houston Area Urban League on September 29. He talked about the challenges the Asian-American community faces in voting, primarily language and transportation. Milton Young, ACC president served as a guest commissioner at the hearing.

REMINDER - Tuesday, October 9 is the last day to register to vote in Texas for the November 6, 2018 election. You can register to vote by mail (use National Voter Registration Form, must be postmarked by October 9) or in person.

Hurricane Harvey and Business Outcomes - ACTION: PLEASE COMPLETE SURVEY

The Universities of Alabama and Georgia have teamed with Temple University to create a survey to better understand firms post -Hurricane Harvey experience. Please click the link and take the survey even if your business was not damaged by Hurricane Harvey. The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

<https://www.harveystudy.org/316>

Upcoming Events

- ACC October Monthly Luncheon: Shell Entrepreneurs Panel - HESS Club (Oct 10)
- 10th Annual Korean Festival - Discovery Green (Oct 13)
- Annual Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta - Sugar Land (Oct 13-14)
- National Minority Supplier Development Council 2018 Conference - Austin TX (Oct 14-17)
- Greater Houston Business Procurement Forum - HCC (Oct 22)
- ACC Spirit of Entrepreneurship Gala - Royal Sonesta Hotel (Oct 26)
- International Import Expo 2018 Shanghai (Nov 5-10)
- Houston Construction Conference - Raindrop Turkish House (Dec 3)



MONTHLY LUNCHEON

PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND AN
ENTREPRENEUR PANEL SPONSORED BY SHELL

W E D N E S D A Y
OCTOBER 10

REAL TALK – HOW TO GET YOUR FOOT
IN THE DOOR WITH CORPORATE AMERICA

Location: The HESS Club
5430 Westheimer . Houston, TX 77056

Date/Time Information: Wednesday, October 10, 2018
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Contact Information: Barbara Gallo
bgallo@asianchamber-hou.org

Fees/Admission: Members: \$30
Nonmembers: \$40
Walk-ins: \$50

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To register for the October monthly luncheon, please [CLICK HERE](#)



invites you to our annual

SPIRIT OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP GALA

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Gala Chair Christina Zhou

6:30p.m. · OCTOBER 26, 2018

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

Sponsorship opportunities or individual tickets, please visit
asianchamber-hou.org or email bgallo@asianchamber-hou.org
Business or Cocktail Attire

To register for the gala please [CLICK HERE](#)

Board of Directors Spotlight



Shirley Kwan
Board of Directors

Shirley is devoted to making an impact on her community. She serves on the boards of the Asian Chamber of Commerce (for six years and two years as treasurer), Leadership Houston (for 3 years and current Treasurer) and the Chinese Professional Club Scholarship Foundation as Vice President. She is active on the Personnel Committee at Sugar Creek Baptist Church and Asia Society's Women's Leadership Series committee.

Her prior commitments include board positions on the Asian Pacific American Heritage Association, Fort Bend Literacy Council, and the San Jacinto Girl Scouts Council. She facilitated the OCA MAAP (Mentoring Asian American Professional) program for the past three years. Shirley shared her financial expertise on the finance committee of Sugar Creek Baptist for 6 years during the economic downturn as well as raised funds by co-chairing the Hope Clinic Luncheon and the Texas Diversity Council Women's Leadership Conference. She is a graduate of Project Blueprint, Ft Bend Chamber of Commerce Leadership, Leadership Houston - Class XXVII and a 2011 Fellow of Asian Pacific American Leadership for Women Institute (APALWI). For her contributions to the community, Shirley was recognized as a DiversityFIRST Award Winner in 2013; in 2015 as OCA's Outstanding Asian Pacific American in the workplace who "Serve with Honor"; and in 2016 as one of Houston Women's Magazine 50 Most Influential Women.

Professionally, Shirley Kwan serves as SVP at Amegy Bank in the Not-for Profit Group. Prior to joining Amegy in 2005, Shirley worked at a major Houston bank providing treasury services for large corporations and tailoring these services to the needs of small businesses. Shirley strives for inclusion as an Asian American by starting the Asian business/employee resource groups within both corporations.

Outside of the Houston activities, Shirley enjoys serving with her husband, Dr. Peter Kwan, in Honduras for their church and in Alaska for Samaritan's Purse Operation Heal Our Patriots. Being empty nesters, she and her husband enjoy their two rescue dogs, Charlie and Sandy, and cat, Tipper. Their two wonderful children, Melissa and Christopher have successful careers of their own also contribute to the community in their own ways.

Welcome Mandarin Executive Business Program Class 2018



Photo Credit: Tiemei Chen

Daikin Tour



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Travelers Asian Diversity Network



New Members

Affordable Health Insurance
Joshua Gibbons (McGriff, Seibels & Williams)
Jie Yang

Renewing Members

Wei Wei Investments

Member Questions

Please email questions to me at 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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