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THE MEDITERRANEAN CHEF, LLC

About the Chef – Nilufer ‘Nikki’ Kaya emigrated from Istanbul in 1995 after studying Chemical Engineering and working in both Swiss and American nutritional analysis laboratories. She then began a career in the food industry working up to Food Service Director for corporate accounts while enrolled in French culinary education. “I was introduced to restaurants at the age of four while peddling my go-cart in my grandfather’s full service restaurant’s patio seating area. Later I was promoted to cashier and the safe’s watch guard when he opened his pastry shop in one of Istanbul’s busiest underground tunnels on the European side called *Samlilar*” (the people from Damascus). Now Nikki brings authentic Old World Mediterranean cuisine to your dining room. Favorite dishes from her own menu are Humus with Pita, Stuffed Grape Leaves, Tabuleh, Shish Kebabs, Beef Stroganoff, Spinach-Feta Cheese Pies, and of course Baklava. Contact information: 512.970.9150 chef@themedchef.com

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Monthly Events Report

Luncheon Seminar



January 10 – **AAACC** hosted a catered luncheon seminar on the topic of “**Starting Your New Year Business With Good Feng Shui**” lead by Yeemay Griffin. Participants were offered useful tips to begin 2006 Year of the Dog with high energy and sound planning. Thanks go out to Fidelity National Title for offering their classroom facilities.

Membership Mixer



February 16 - **AAACC** joined with **RT Gallery** 3rd Thursday Art Opening for an art show and **Membership Mixer**. The drinks were sponsored by Donna Chin. Donna, of TriBella Realty, and Rama Tiru of RT Gallery are each members of **AAACC**. Art and live music provided a perfect setting for many members and friends of the Chamber to meet each other and discover new things about business in Austin. Over 150 people attended.

Luncheon seminars and membership mixers give business owners a chance to grow their businesses through getting to know other entrepreneurs and referring clients, friends and family to each other.

**2006 Lunar
New Year
Year of the Dog**

Austin, Texas

About Lunar New Year

Also known as the Spring Festival, Lunar New Year is a two-week celebration that begins on the first day of the first month of the Lunar calendar (typically in late January to mid-February) and ends on the full moon 15 days later. It celebrates the family, the earth coming back to life and the start of a new beginning and possibilities.

A major holiday, Lunar New Year is celebrated in China, Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore and in Asian communities all around the world.



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