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RAPID GROWTH BRINGS CHANGES AND CHALLENGES TO **AAACC**

We are Moving

The Austin Asian American Chamber of Commerce (**AAACC**) finds itself on a steep incline of growth much like the City of Austin itself. As you are no doubt aware, growth brings changes and challenges – but it is all good.

The New Chinatown Center

This summer **AAACC** will move from its long-time space at 8711 Burnet Road to a larger office space at 10901 North Lamar and will become part of the brand new Chinatown Center. Chinatown Center is an Asian theme cultural center located on thirty acres at Lamar Boulevard and Kramer Lane. It will be a new landmark for Austin and a wonderful destination for tourists and Austin residents alike. This is an exciting move for us. We will be more visible to Asian American residents and other Austinites who will shop at the new Chinatown Center.

Resident Businesses

My Thanh Oriental Market is the anchor store for the Chinatown Center. My Thanh will be almost five times the size of its current location at Morrow and Lamar. Some of the other services planned for the center include a financial institution, cellular phone service, restaurants, jewelry shops and salons. Products from China, Vietnam, Thailand and India will be available in many of the retail shops.

Chinatown Center has been developed by Tan International Group, chaired by Alex Tan who is also on the Board of Directors for **AAACC**.

This new and bustling environment will be an ideal setting for **AAACC** to help the City of Austin with development of businesses and creation of jobs. The new headquarters will be shared with our partners NAAO and TFAACC.

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### Get Involved in the move

**AAACC** is seeking sponsors to assist with the new space finish out costs in exchange for corporate name recognition at the site location or other benefits. If your company would like to help, please contact us for discussion and details. To find out how you can be involved in this expansion as a company or as an individual, call 512/407-8240.

### New Faces at AAACC

Another change at **AAACC** involves new people in the office. Carmen Canann, who has been with **AAACC** for over three years, has been joined by Gina Chiang in business development and by Lisa Nguyen in Administration. Feel free to contact our team:

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We invite our members and friends of the Chamber to continue to be involved with **AAACC** by attending Chamber luncheon seminars, mixers and other events. We look forward to you visiting us at our new office later this summer.

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## Featured AAACC Member Business

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PROMOTE YOURSELF – Sponsor an *AAACC* Event  
**AAACC** offers sponsorship opportunities for events and programs of service during the year providing an opportunity to promote your business to a select audience. Depending on the level, benefits may include free entry, display area for your company's marketing material, your logo on invitations, programs and advertising and more. Please contact the office for specific details.

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## Monthly Events Report

Luncheon Seminars

The Austin Asian American Chamber of Commerce (**AAACC**) was created in 1995 to serve the business community in Austin. In 1998 it received Texas incorporation as a non-profit corporation under IRS 501(c)(6).

Since 1996, **AAACC** has been part of the Network of Asian American Organizations (NAAO), an IRS 501(c)(4) corp. [www@naao.net](http://www@naao.net)

Since 2002, **AAACC** has been a partner in an Austin Multi-ethnic Chamber Alliance known as **MECA**, along with CCAACC and GAHCC.

In May 2004, **AAACC** co-founded the Texas Federation of Asian American Chambers of Commerce (**TFAACC**), with Asian-American Chambers of Commerce in Dallas, Houston and San Antonio and is an IRS 501(c)(3) corp. [www@tfaacc.org](http://www@tfaacc.org)

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April 27, 2006



May 17, 2006 – **AAACC** hosted a catered luncheon seminar on the topic of “The Future of Austin’s Water Supply” lead by LCRA Chief Meteorologist, Bob Rose. Thanks go out to LCRA for sponsoring this event and to David Rodriguez of World Financial Group for offering WFG’s classroom facilities.

Member Art Event – “JOURNEY TO INDIA”

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May 4, 2006 - Congratulations to Rama Tiru, a small business owner and an **AAACC** member, for her **RT Gallery** one year in business celebration at 3701 Guadalupe Street which took place in May. The show, “Jourey To India”, paintings and photographs by Rama, runs through July 29.

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.

