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Paula Hui

Chairperson

Niyanta Spelman

Immediate Past Chair

Yeemay Griffin

Treasurer

Angelic Gutierrez

Secretary

Christina C. Hsu

General Counsel

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Year-end review

The Austin Asian American Chamber of Commerce (**AAACC**) would like to wish you a happy New Year and to thank you for your support!

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events in 2007.

Highlights from **AAACC** 2006:

* New members joined and new friendships were formed;

* Events held included:

- Monthly luncheon seminars;
- A fund raising "Roast Channy Soeur" dinner;
- A joint Multicultural Conventions luncheon with the Austin Conventions and Visitors Bureau (ACVB) and the other Austin "minority" Chambers of Commerce;
- Mixers at local art galleries, coffee houses and other venues;
- The 4th annual Multi-ethnic Chamber Alliance holiday celebration at the Embassy Suites North with our MECA partners;

It was an exciting year and we are looking forward to a great 2007.

We hope to see you at our first luncheon seminar in January.

AAACC Officers and Board of Directors:

Thank you to all our Officers and Board of Directors. Paula Hui completed one year as Chairperson and will continue in that position through 2007. This is a time-consuming community service role and Paula does it in addition to many other involvements including running her own real estate franchise business called RE/MAX Fortune.

Niyanta Spelman is the Immediate Past Chair having served for one and one-half years as Chair and many years on the Board. Niyanta

Board of Directors:

Therese M. Baer, P.E.
Daniel Chi
Ami Desai
Sharon Hamilton, P.E.
Ali Khataw, P.E.
Schiller Liao, Ph.D.
Michael Lin
Ashif Mahmud
Anthony Offerman
Alexander S. Tan
Dan Warth

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Historical Chronology:

and one-half years as Chair and many years on the Board. Niyanta has her own business called Performance Partnership, a public sector oriented policy management consultancy begun in 2000.

New to the **AAACC** Board are:

Yeemay Griffin who serves as treasurer for AAACC. Yeemay works at Prime Lending, a Texas mortgage lending company;

Ami Desai, past Chair of the Indian Community Center;

Anthony Offerman of Earth Tech, a clean-water management company;

Dan Warth of URS, an engineering design firm;

Angelic Gutierrez serves as AAACC Secretary and is a branch manager for Wells Fargo Bank;

The following continue as dedicated Board members:

Ali Khataw, P.E., founder of Encotech Engineering and Consultants, Inc., since 1990;

Therese M. Baer, P.E., founder of Baer Engineering and Environmental Consulting;

Daniel Chi of Chi Financial Group;

Sharon Hamilton, P.E., of Jose I. Guerra Consulting Engineers;

Schiller Liao, Ph.D., of UT Systems;

Michael Lin of New Tech Kites – a designer, manufacturer and wholesaler of kites, and;

Alex Tan of Tan International and the new China Town Center on North Lamar.

In the Office

Gina Chiang, Executive Director

Gina has an M.B.A. degree in marketing and management and experience working on an international exchange program between the United States and Asia. Gina grew up in Taiwan and was sworn in as a U.S. citizen in September 2006.

Lisa Nguyen, Administrator and Events Manager

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).
www@austinaacc.org

Since 1996, **AAACC** has been part of the Network of Asian American Organizations (NAAO), an IRS 501(c)(4) corp.
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

QUOTE

Small business is America's most powerful engine of opportunity and economic growth. For millions of Americans, starting a business is the best opportunity to turn a dream into reality. --SBA.GOV

Austin Cultural Arts
CreateAustin

Lisa has a B.A. in education and is fluent in Vietnamese and Spanish. She grew up in Houston and has lived in Austin for nine years.

Carmen Canann, Immediate past ED and now consultant to AAACC

Carmen worked in the AAACC office for four years and now works from her home office. She has her own art business, is on the Board of the Multicultural Artists Partnership, a nonprofit art group, and was recently nominated to the Austin Arts Commission for 2007-08.

Upcoming Events

Evening Seminar

"Starting Your New Year Business With Good Feng Shui"

Speaker: Feng Shui Master, Yeemay Griffin

On Wednesday, January 17, 2007 Time: 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: 791 Cameron Road, Bldg. #3

\$25 for AAACC members and \$35 for nonmembers
Walk-in price \$30 for members and \$40 for nonmembers (become a member and RSVP [online](#) and get in at member rate). With limited seating and dinner being ordered, please RSVP by January 15

Business Development Training and Assistancess

AAACC works with City of Austin to provide business owners, entrepreneurs, companies, business associates and individuals for business related training and development. For detail, give us a call. Currently we have **Business Plan Writing class** scheduled at

International Center of Austin

Feb. 22 2007 6-9pm

March 2, 2007 10-1p.m

June 12 2007 6-9pm

June15 2007 10-1pm

Need to get a loan and already have a business plan? come visit us or call for Gina at 371-0755

Events report

The arts in Austin are deeply interwoven in our culture, history and present life. How do you see Austin in the future?

You are invited to participate in the *CreateAustin* community cultural planning project. For details, please click on www.cityofaustin.org/culturalplan to visit the *CreateAustin* website. This website is a resource for every level of interest. You can read a simple overview of the planning process or delve deeper into a clearinghouse of Austin planning documents and research.

Coming January 25 – 27 you can attend one of four community meetings to share your vision! Click on “Current News” on the website to learn more about these.

November 15, 2006 – AAACC held a luncheon seminar with speaker Dr. Guoen Wang, a licensed acupuncturist in Texas. Dr. Wang graduated from two prestigious Chinese medicine schools in Mainland China and has taught at the Austin Academy of Oriental Medicine.

December 14, 2006 – AAACC, as a partner in the Multi-ethnic Chamber Alliance (**MECA**), co-hosted the **4th Annual MECA Holiday Celebration**. This always fun and well-attended evening event took place at the Embassy Suites Austin North Hotel ballroom. Guests donated gifts and the Chambers distributed them to schools.

December 16, 2006 – AAACC is a sponsor of Multicultural Artists Partnership (MAP). MAP held a cultural arts event called “Harmonize Hearts for the Holidays”. This family friendly holiday market day took place at the DELL Jewish Community Campus. Over 30 Austin artists participated. Food was provided by The Mediterranean Chef and by Truc Vietnamese Restaurant and live music played from the stage. The organizers were Cecilia Ling, LaTreace Giles and Carmen Canann.

Asia in the news

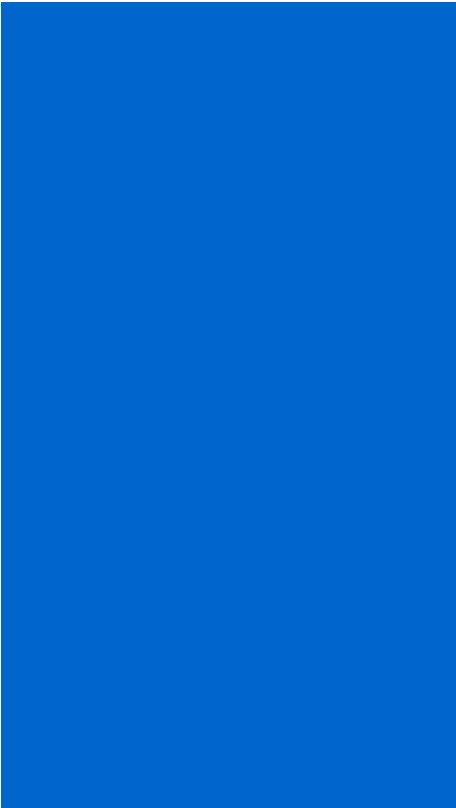
“Between 1990 and 2002 more than 174 million people escaped poverty in China, about 1.2 million per month. With an estimated \$23 billion in Chinese exports in 2005 (out of a total of \$713 billion in manufacturing exports), Wal-Mart might well be single-handedly responsible for bringing about 38,000 people out of poverty in China each month, about 460,000 per year.” To read the entire article, visit: <http://www.tcsdaily.com/article.aspx?id=082206D>

Membership

Membership in the Austin Asian American Chamber of Commerce (AAACC) is renewable beginning January 31st, 2007. In the upcoming year, AAACC will start evening seminars in addition to monthly luncheons as well as its annual events and will continue with its ongoing business development training and assistance programs.

To renew your membership or to become a new member, please contact the office at 512/407-8240 or apply online at <http://www.austinaacc.org>.

All memberships are renewed bi-annually on January 31st and July 31st. For those joining before or after those dates, the membership fee is prorated.



101 or more employees	\$750
41 to 100 Employees	\$500
1 to 5 Employee	\$150
Non-Profit or Government Agencies	\$200
Individual	\$ 50
Student	\$ 20

Membership is a major funding source for AAACC and we look forward to your assistance and involvement.

See information at bottom of left column in this newsletter to learn about *Create Austin* and how to get involved.