

The Asian American Bar Association (AABA) of Houston is a voluntary organization of lawyers of Asian heritage or who have Asian American interests, dedicated to promoting diversity within the legal profession and Houston community.

SPECIAL VIEWING OF THE TERRA COTTA WARRIORS EXHIBIT AT THE HMNS

On Thursday, July 30, 2009, the AABA, Asian Chamber of Commerce, and Asia Society Texas Center co-sponsored a private viewing of the Terra Cotta Warriors Exhibit at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Approximately 100 AABA members and their guests (and over 350 individuals overall!) attended the viewing. Many thanks to AABA President Warren Huang and AABA Social Committee Co-Chair Aaron Woo for organizing this spectacular cultural and networking event.



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SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR AABA LEGAL LINES VOLUNTEERS!

On July 15, 2009, AABA members Steve Bae, David Hsu, Judy Liu, and Catherine Than volunteered to help man the phones for Legal Lines, answering legal questions from callers across Houston. Special thanks to Steve, David, Judy, and Catherine for taking time from their busy schedules to provide this valuable service. Special thanks as well to AABA VP of Community Relations Alison Chen for organizing the AABA's involvement in this worthy program.

TERRA COTTA WARRIORS EXHIBIT (CON'T)



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AABA MOCK INTERVIEW PROGRAM

Earlier this year, the AABA sponsored its inaugural mock interview program for first-year law students to help them prepare for interviews for summer internships, etc. Students visited AABA attorney members' offices and went through a mock interview, after which the attorneys offered advice on interviewing skills and reviewed the students' resumes.

In anticipation of the fall interviewing season, the AABA would like to extend that program to local second-year students at UH Law Center, South Texas College of Law, and Thurgood Marshall School of Law.

If you're interested in participating in this program, please contact AABA President Warren Huang (whuang@fulbright.com). **Hurry and sign up now - there are just two interview slots left!**

SAVE THESE DATES!

The AABA has two wonderful events planned for the Fall. The events are still in their planning stages, but we will be sure to share more details as they become available.

Saturday, September 26, 2009

AABA Women's Retreat

The AABA is excited to be organizing a retreat for its women members. The retreat will provide an opportunity for women members of the AABA to get to know each other better and to discuss issues of common interest in a casual, small-group environment.

Saturday, October 17, 2009

AABA/HVLP/OCA/Catholic Charities Naturalization Clinic

The AABA is pleased to announce that it will be co-sponsoring a naturalization clinic with the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Program, the Houston Chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans, and Catholic Charities. Volunteers will be helping local residents complete applications to become naturalized citizens. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact AABA President Warren Huang (whuang@fulbright.com). While all volunteers will be required to undergo a short training session, no previous experience in immigration law is necessary!

25th Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the AABA. The 2009 AABA Gala & Silent Auction will highlight this important milestone and celebrate the tremendous growth that the Asian legal community and the AABA has enjoyed in Houston.

**Friday, August 28
InterContinental Hotel**

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.: Reception and Silent Auction

**7:30 pm: Dinner, Keynote Speech by Houston Mayor Bill White,
and 25th Anniversary Presentation**

Mistress of Ceremonies: Andrea Nguyen, Reporter, Channel 39 News

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Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.
P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award the following scholarships, grant and stipends to qualified applicants during the 2009 calendar year:

- (1) At least two public interest scholarships in the amount of \$1,500 each
- (2) At least one Texas Bar review grant in the amount of \$500
- (3) At least two judicial internship stipends in the amount of \$1,000 each

The applications for the public interest scholarships, bar review grant and judicial internship stipend are included in the July 2009 AABA newsletter and set forth the criteria on which the scholarships, grant and stipends will be awarded. Recipients will also receive 1 ticket to the AABA's 25th Anniversary Gala on Friday, August 28, 2009.

The deadline for application has been extended to **August 14, 2009**. All qualified candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

For questions, please contact Hoang Quan Vu at hvu@gardere.com or at 713-276-5174.



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Public Interest Scholarship **Scholarship Application Guidelines** **2009**

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award up to two scholarships to individuals whose scholarly pursuits will impact the Greater Houston Metropolitan Area by 1) expanding the scope of legal services available to the Asian American community; 2) increasing the number of Asian Americans working as lawyers or in legal services; 3) educating members of the Asian American community of their civil and legal rights; 4) stimulating legal discourse by and/or about Asian Americans, the Asian American cultures and Asian American communities; or 5) otherwise promoting the interests of Asian Americans.

The 2009 AABF Public Interest Scholarship is a \$1,500 one-year award to a student whose academic merit, program of studies and commitment to public service best fulfill these aims. Applicants must be members of the AABA, residents of the greater Houston metropolitan area, be enrolled in an accredited law school in Texas, intend to reside and seek employment in the greater Houston metropolitan area after graduation, or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area. Applicants should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship Committee:

1. Name of applicant
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address)
3. Name of school
4. School address and contact information for registrar's office
5. Degree sought
6. Expected graduation date
7. Copy of transcript, GPA and class rank (if available) or other proof of enrollment at an accredited law school
8. Educational background
9. Course work at current or previous schools relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
10. Employment history (if any)
11. Employment experience relevant to AABF's purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant's commitment to public service
12. Community and volunteer experience relevant to AABF's purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant's commitment to public service
13. Independent research or publications relevant to AABF's purposes listed above or demonstrating applicant's commitment to public service
14. Awards, honors, scholarships received

15. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.
16. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
17. Cover letter stating how a scholarship award to the applicant will achieve AABF's purposes listed above and serve the public interest

Each scholarship recipient will receive a \$1,500 award and a ticket to the Asian American Bar Association's annual gala, to be held August 28, 2009, where the scholarship will be awarded. The scholarship recipient is required to submit a final report at the conclusion of the 2009-2010 school year explaining how the scholarship funds were used and updating the AABF on the status of the recipient's studies and activities.

Scholarship applicants are advised to use these application guidelines as a reference and checklist to ensure that all necessary information is provided with the original application package. The AABF Scholarship Committee may contact applicants if additional information is required, but the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to disqualify application packages from consideration if key information is not included. The AABF reserves the right to increase the number of available Public Interest Scholarships in its sole discretion.

Application packages must be postmarked no later than **August 14, 2009**, and mailed to the following address:

**Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc.
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1351
Houston, Texas 77252**

At this time, grant applications are not accepted by electronic mail.

For additional information, please contact Hoang Quan Vu at (713) 276-5174 or hvu@gardere.com.



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Texas Bar Review Grant **Grant Application Guidelines** **2009**

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award one grant to a financially-deserving law student to help cover Texas Bar-related expenses.

The 2009 AABF Texas Bar Review Grant is a one-time grant in the amount of \$500. Grants will be given to one student applicant selected by the AABF taking into account financial need, academic merit, program of studies and commitment to public service. The foregoing criteria may be weighed in any order as determined by the AABF, although priority may be given to the financial need criteria as the AABF may deem appropriate. Applicants must be members of the AABA, residents of the greater Houston metropolitan area, be enrolled in an accredited law school in Texas, intend to reside and seek employment in the greater Houston metropolitan area after graduation, or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area. Applicants should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship Committee:

1. Name of applicant
2. Contact information (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address)
3. Name of school
4. School address and contact information for registrar's office
5. Degree sought
6. Expected graduation date
7. Copy of transcript, GPA and class rank (if available) or other proof of enrollment at an accredited law school
8. Educational background
9. Information regarding applicant's financial situation and financial need as applicant desires to provide
10. Employment history (if any)
11. Course work and employment experience, if any, relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
12. Community and volunteer experience, if any, relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
13. Independent research or publications, if any, relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
14. Awards, honors, scholarships received
15. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.
16. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
17. Cover letter stating how a scholarship award to the applicant will achieve AABF's purposes listed above

The grant recipient will receive a one time \$500 grant and a ticket to the Asian American Bar Association's annual gala, to be held August 28, 2009, where the grant will be awarded. The grant recipient is required to submit a final report at the conclusion of the 2009-2010 school updating the AABF on the status of the recipient's studies and activities.

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Judicial Internship Stipend **Stipend Application Guidelines** **2009**

The Asian American Bar Foundation of Houston, Inc. seeks to award up to two judicial internship stipends to student applicants selected by the AABF who will be interning for a municipal, county, state or federal judge during the 2009 calendar year.

The 2009 AABF Judicial Internship Stipend is a \$1,000 one-year award which shall be given to up to two applicants based on a number of criteria to be determined by the AABF, including but not limited to the type of clerkship, the judge, the area of law, and the financial need of the applicant, all as the AABF may deem appropriate in its sole discretion. Applicants must be members of the AABA, residents of the greater Houston metropolitan area, be enrolled in an accredited law school in Texas, intend to reside and seek employment in the greater Houston metropolitan area after graduation, or otherwise demonstrate a substantial connection to the greater Houston metropolitan area. Applicants should submit application packages containing the following information to the Scholarship Committee:

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6. Expected graduation date
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8. Educational background
9. Course work at current or previous schools relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
10. Employment history (if any)
11. Course work and employment experience, if any, relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
12. Community and volunteer experience, if any, relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
13. Independent research or publications, if any, relevant to AABF's purposes listed above
14. Awards, honors, scholarships received
15. Other activities, hobbies, skills, positions held in any organizations, etc.
16. Any other information that applicant desires to provide to assist in the application process
17. Name of judge for which applicant will be clerking/interning, together with evidence of employment or future employment (can be a note or email from office of judge)
18. Cover letter stating how a scholarship award to the applicant will achieve AABF's purposes listed above

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**ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON
2009 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

PLATINUM DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$7,500

and Underwriter of the AABA 2009 Corporate Counsel Dinner

- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, VIP seating, reserved table with underwriter placard
- ◆ Four tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala
- ◆ Full page color advertisement in the printed Gala program
- ◆ Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner
- ◆ Logo on the AABA website as a Platinum Dragon Underwriter
- ◆ Underwriter recognition in all 2009-2010 AABA monthly newsletters

Recognition as an Underwriter of the AABA 2009 Corporate Counsel Dinner

Four tickets to attend the Corporate Counsel Dinner

GOLD DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$5,000

- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala, preferred seating, and reserved table with underwriter placard
- ◆ Two tickets to the VIP Reception preceding the Gala
- ◆ Logo display in the printed Gala program
- ◆ Special mention and prominent logo display during the Gala dinner
- ◆ Logo on the AABA website as a Gold Dragon Underwriter
- ◆ Underwriter recognition in all 2009-2010 AABA monthly newsletters

SILVER DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$3,000

- ◆ Ten tickets to the Gala and a reserved table
- ◆ Special recognition during the Gala dinner and slideshow

BRONZE DRAGON UNDERWRITER - \$1,500

- ◆ Four tickets to the Gala
- ◆ Special mention during the Gala dinner

All Underwriters for the Gala & Silent Auction are also named in the Gala program and in the Gala slideshow presentation, listed on the AABA website as an underwriter of the Gala, and included in all printed promotional materials for the Gala.

We sincerely appreciate your support!



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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON 2009 GALA & SILENT AUCTION

August 28, 2009
InterContinental Hotel, Houston, TX

Keynote Speaker: Mayor Bill White
Mayor of the City of Houston

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*The AABA of Houston is a tax-exempt organization. However, contributions or gifts to the AABA of Houston are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Please return your completed form and check made payable to “**AABA of Houston**”
by no later than **July 15, 2009** to:

Miranda-Lin S. Bailey, Gala Co-Chair
Exxon Mobil Corporation
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800 Bell Street
Houston, Texas 77002

*Questions? Feel free to contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com
Thank you for your interest and support.*



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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF HOUSTON 2009 GALA & SILENT AUCTION

**Friday, August 28, 2009
InterContinental Hotel • 2222 W. Loop - South • Houston, TX 77027**

If you are interested in purchasing an advertising sponsorship for our 2009 Gala program, please complete the form below. The deadline to purchase and submit advertisement is *July 24, 2009*.

ADVERTISING SPONSORSHIP FORM

Advertising Sponsor Name: _____

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800 Bell Street
Houston, TX 77002

- You will receive a confirmation of your sponsorship via email.
- Advertisement content may be sent via e-mail.
- Questions? Please contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com.



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Advertisement Format Instructions

- PDF (portable document format) or TIFF (tagged image file format) files are requested for all advertisement submissions.
- Color advertisement files should be created using CMYK (cyan-magenta-yellow-black).
- Preferred document format/application is Adobe Illustrator or Adobe Photoshop.

Size	Width	Depth
Full Page	8-1/2"	11"
Half Page horizontal	8-1/2"	5-1/2"
Quarter Page	4-1/4"	5-1/2"

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR AD AS A DIGITAL FILE
BY NOT LATER THAN JULY 24, 2009**

TO: aaba.gala@gmail.com

or by submitting the digital file on a CD and mailing it to:

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Houston, TX 77002

Questions? Please call Miranda-Lin S. Bailey at 713-656-2072. Thank you!



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2009 GALA & SILENT AUCTION**

**Keynote Speaker: Mayor Bill White
Mayor of the City of Houston**

**August 28, 2009 • Reception/Silent Auction – 6:30 pm • Dinner – 7:30 pm
InterContinental Hotel • 2222 W. Loop - South • Houston, TX 77027**

TICKET RESERVATION FORM

Deadline to reserve tickets is August 17, 2009.

Name: _____

Company/Law School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please indicate the number of tickets below:

Law Student: \$50 _____ / AABA Member: \$100 _____ / Non-Member: \$125 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ _____

For nametag purposes, please list the name and affiliation (if any) of each attendee:

Please indicate whether a vegetarian meal is requested: _____ (# of vegetarian meals)

Please return this form and your check made payable to “**AABA of Houston**” to:

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Exxon Mobil Corporation
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800 Bell Street
Houston, TX 77002

- You will receive a confirmation of your ticket reservation via email.
- Interested in joining the AABA? Membership forms are available at www.aabahouston.com.
- Questions? Please contact us at aaba.gala@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!



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AABF HOUSTON
Asian American Bar Foundation Houston

**25th Anniversary Gala & Silent Auction
Silent Auction Donation Form**

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Item Donated: _____

Tangible Item Gift Certificate/Voucher Services

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Additional information about donated item (please provide us any background, history, or special instructions regarding the item so we can promote the item to its best advantage):

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All proceeds of the Silent Auction benefit the Asian American Bar Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please return form to: 600 Travis Street, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas 77057, Attention: Carmen Ng

OPPORTUNITIES

Texas A&M University – Special Advisor to the Board of Regents

The Texas A&M University System is currently accepting applications and resumes for the position of Special Advisor to the Board of Regents. Primary duties include:

- Assist the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Regents in the development and attainment of initiatives and projects instituted by the Board.
- Provide guidance to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Regents on governmental matters, including legal advice as directed by the General Counsel.
- Assist the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Regents with the preparation of media statements and presentation materials for meetings and conferences they attend.
- Review incoming correspondence to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Regents and draft responses and prepare other documents for their signature(s).
- Provide assistance to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Regents in preparation for meetings with A&M System universities/agencies and key stakeholders including, but not limited to, students, former students, faculty, staff, members of the community and elected or appointed officials.
- Prepare reports for the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Regents on various subjects as assigned.
- Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Regents.
- As necessary, will be expected to travel with the Chairman, Vice Chairman or Regents.

Educational and licensing requirements include B.B.A., B.A. or B.S. degree, plus an earned L.L.B. or J.D. degree from an accredited law school. Candidates must be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas.

Required experience and skills include ten years of state government experience; excellent independent judgment and decision making skills; strong oral and written communication skills and interpersonal skills; strategic planning skills; and ability to interact with legislature and System administration. Candidates also must have the ability to multi-task and work cooperatively with others.

For more information and to apply for the position, go to <https://jobs.system.tamus.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1248474260371>

SIDEBAR

Cindy Lin, AABA's Social Committee Co-Chair, recently began her appointment as 2009-2010 Chair of the Asian Pacific Interest Section ("APIS") of the State Bar of Texas. Cindy is an associate with *Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP*.

Congratulations, Cindy!

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

August 18, 2009 / NAAAP Houston; Women, Wisdom and Wealth; Millennium Tower, Houston, Texas

Please join NAAAP Houston for Women, Wisdom and Wealth, a special event presented by Ameriprise Financial, Inc. We will focus on crucial obstacles that women face in today's challenging financial environments, largely gender based and beyond their control — that work against women in accumulating wealth. More importantly, we will focus on the call to action & the roadmap if not already taken, that will lead women to financial prosperity. This event is free for all Female NAAAP members and all Female Non-NAAAP members. Wine and appetizers will be served. 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Millennium Tower, 10375 Richmond Avenue, Suite 600, Houston, TX 77042. For more information or to RSVP, go to <http://www.naaaphouston.org/Events.do?id=7719>.

August 20, 2009 / Asian Chamber of Commerce; Welcome Reception and Open House; Houston, Texas

Meet and welcome new ACC President, Rogene Gee Calvert, and tour ACC's offices. Light refreshments will be served and a cash bar is available. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Asian Commerce Center, 2nd Floor Banquet Room, 6833 W. Sam Houston Pkwy, 77072. RSVP online at www.asianchamber-hou.org, or send an e-mail to faye@asianchamber-hou.org or call the office at 713-782-7222. Deadline for RSVP is Wednesday, August 19th by 12 noon.

September 2-4, 2009 / Texas Minority Counsel Program; Hyatt Regency Hotel, San Antonio, Texas

The 17th Annual Texas Minority Counsel Program will be held on September 3-4, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio, 123 Losoya, San Antonio, TX 78205. The TMCP was formed in 1993 with the mission of increasing opportunities for minority and women attorneys who provide legal services to corporate and government clients, and to expose organizations to the legal talent found in the minority and woman community. Since its inception, the TMCP has been instrumental in enhancing the employment and economic opportunities for minority and women attorneys throughout the state of Texas. For more information, or to register for the program, please go to http://www.texasbar.com/Template.cfm?Section=Minority_and_Women_Lawyers&CONTENTID=15432&TEMPLATE=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm.

September 24-25, 2009 / ABA National Conference for the Minority Lawyer; Hotel Sofitel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Join the ABA for the National Conference for the Minority Lawyer, sponsored by the ABA's Business Law Section, Section of Litigation and the Commission on Ethnic and Racial Diversity in the Profession. This conference brings together lawyers from all racial and ethnic backgrounds and practice settings to improve their legal skills, network and connect with other minority lawyers and discuss issues and challenges faced by minority lawyers. You will hear from nationally recognized speakers and enjoy two thought provoking lunches, a networking reception, and outstanding CLE programs. Hotel Philadelphia Sofitel, 120 South 17th St., Philadelphia, PA. For more information about the program and hotel reservations, please go to http://www.abanet.org/litigation/programs/cle_092409.html.

Many thanks to our 2008-2009 Major Underwriters:

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GOLD DRAGON UNDERWRITERS

**BAKER BOTTS L.L.P. EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION
SUTHERLAND**

If you would like to publicize job opportunities, community news, or personal SIDEBAR news, please contact AABA Secretary Sherry Scott at sscott1812@live.com.

Get to Know an AABA Member!



Steve C. Bae

Bae Law Firm

If I weren't an attorney, I would be . . . an NBA basketball player (I wish!!)

My favorite (or fantasy) vacation is . . . to go back to Kauai island for a return honeymoon trip with my wife.

The best dessert (or other food) in the world is . . . Blue Bell Vanilla Ice cream

In my spare time, I enjoy . . . watching my two boys' high school basketball games

In my iPod (or other mp3 device) you will find . . . Wonder Girls songs (I swear my daughter put them there....)

My favorite movies are . . . Schindler's List and To Kill a Mockingbird

The best restaurant in Houston is . . . Hagawon (Korean tofu restaurant)

My favorite place in Houston is . . . my backyard with the kids

The sports team(s) I root for is/are . . . Katy Seven Lakes High School teams (especially 5 basketball teams)

If I won the lottery, I would . . . travel around the world with my wife

I recommend reading . . . American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House

Most AABA members probably don't know that I . . . played volleyball for a UT club team

You forgot to ask me about . . . my bar-b-que techniques (I'm great with pork ribs & beef brisket)

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