



Asian American Bar Association of Houston

March 2004 Newsletter

The Asian American Bar Association is dedicated to promoting the Houston society of Asian American lawyers and to addressing the needs and interests of Houston's Asian American community.

AABA News

February General Meeting and Bar Mixer. On Thursday, February 24, 2004, members of the AABA, the Mexican American Bar Association of Houston, the Houston Lawyers Association, the Hispanic Bar Association, and the South Asian American Bar Association gathered together at Osaka Japanese restaurant for our first general meeting and networking event of the year. Turnout for the event was great with at least 60 attorneys and law students in attendance! Thanks for joining us and making it such a great event. We hope everyone made plenty of contacts. See you at the next one!

Board of Directors (Correction). The AABA is pleased to present its new board of directors for 2004:

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Thanks to the Board of Directors for the guidance and support.

Membership

The AABA is in the midst of planning more exciting seminars and events, but we need members like you to make 2004 a truly memorable year! If you have not done so already, please take a moment to fill out the attached membership application. Membership is at no cost to law students, and ranges from \$ 25.00 to \$ 50.00 annually for attorneys, depending on years of practice. For more information, please contact Andrea Tran at (713) 767-1598 or by e-mail at atran@powersfrost.com.

Upcoming Events

AABA April General Meeting and Area Law School Mixer. Please join us for a law school mixer with students from the University of Houston Law Center, South Texas College of Law and Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Please come out to provide our local minority law students with your guidance and the value of your experience and advice.

Where: Tropioca Tea and Coffee Bar
2808 Milam St Ste G
713.737.7111

When: Thursday, April 22, 2004
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

State Bar of Texas Asian Pacific Interest Section (APIS). The APIS Annual Retreat will take place on Saturday, April 24, 2004 at the Texas Law Center, 1414 Colorado, Rooms 101-102 in Austin, TX. The Conference & CLE on "Community Involvement and Networking" will be held at 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with Social Activities/Dinner at 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sandra Yamate, ABA Chair on Diversity, will be the keynote speaker for the event. For more information about the APIS retreat, please visit www.texasapis.org or contact Russell Wong at rwong@counselip.com or Caren Hanson at chanson@baronbudd.com.

Houston Minority Attorney Program. The AABA is supporting the Houston Minority Attorney Program sponsored by the State Bar of Texas and the Houston Young Lawyers Minority Affairs Committee. This extensive program will feature topics such as Strategic Client Development for Solo and Small Firm Practices, Using Committee and Bar Association Involvement to Advance Your Career and Beyond the Pure Practice (a feature on legal careers outside of a law firm environment). A wide range of speakers will provide their experience on these and other important topics. Several of the speakers are AABA members.

Where: Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP
600 Travis, Suite 2500

When: May 7, 2004
Tentatively from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Opportunities

AABA Subcommittees. If you are interested in serving on a subcommittee related to any of AABA's upcoming events, we welcome you. Please contact Lola Lin at (713) 470-6106 or by e-mail at lola.lin@sablaw.com.

AABA 20th Anniversary Banquet. The AABA will begin actively planning its 20th anniversary banquet and creating the AABA foundation for scholarships in the near future. If you are interested in serving on the Scholarship and Banquet Committee, please contact Patricia Lin at patricialin@andrewskurth.com or (713) 220-4036.

Career Opportunity: General Counsel for Safety-Kleen. Safety-Kleen, a Dallas-based industrial services company is seeking an experienced attorney to serve as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. If you are interested in this position and would like to forward your resume or request additional information, please contact David Westberry, Managing Director of Korn/Ferry International at David.Westberry@kornferry.com.

Community

Asia Society Texas Center. The Asia Society presents Easy INDIAN Cooking, supported by The Art Institute of Houston . Presentation and Book Signing on March 23 at 6:00 p.m. at The Art Institute of Houston (1900 Yorktown). Free to the public. For more information, please contact 713-439-0051 or email txcenter@asiasoc.org.

HYLA. HYLA March Final Thursday is an evening event honoring Hon. Paula Gavrel Asher. The event will be held on Thursday, March 25, 2004 at Tony's Restaurant located at 1801 Post Oak Blvd. For more information, please contact hyla@hyla.org.

SAABA. The South Asian American Bar Association of Houston presents Spring Fling Happy Hour at Little Woodrow's Midtown on Thursday, March 25, 2004. For more information, please contact 713-724-3143 or email hilahi@hbc-trial-law.com.

Chinese Community Center and Organization of Chinese Americans-Houston Chapter. The two organizations will co-host a Community Forum to discuss immigration issues Pre- and Post- 9/11 as well as 150 years of Chinese American History. The forum is to be held at U.S. / International Center (11122 Bellaire Blvd, near Boone Road). The event will be held on March 27, 2004. Admission is Free.

Chinese Community Center Dance Concert. In conjunction with the CCC's Community Forum, H.T. Chen's dance concert "Journey to Gold Mountain" will be held on Saturday Night, March 27, 2004 at the Jewish Community Center located at 5601 South Braeswood (between Chimney Rock and Hillcroft).

Youth Leadership Council Community Leaders Award Banquet. On April 1, 2004, YLC will honor the following individuals at the annual YLC Community Leaders Awards Banquet, to be held this year at the Kim Son ballroom on Jefferson in Downtown Houston: Anhlan P. Nguyen, current President of the Vietnamese Culture and Science Association, and Marylynn Kallina-Matthews, Program Manager - Community Relations of CenterPoint Energy & APAHA Board Member. The Youth Leadership Council selected both women as this year's honorees for their outstanding service to the community, their ongoing support of the Youth Leadership Council, and for their genuine commitment to the YLC mission of fostering leadership skills among Asian American youth. The location of this event is Kim Son Restaurant (2001 Jefferson Street). The event starts at 6:30 p.m.

Hong Kong Seminar. The Asia Society will host Ms. Ronnie Chan who will present "Political Development in Hong Kong and Its Implications on Chinese Mainland" on Thursday, April 1, 2004 at 6:00 at the Four Seasons Hotel (1300 Lamar Street, Downtown Houston). \$10 for Asia Society members and \$15 for nonmembers. For more information, please contact 713-439-0051 or email txcenter@asiasoc.org.

East Meets West Dance of Asian America. This event will be held at the Hobby Center on April 10, 2004. They will appear on March 17, 2004 at the Chinese Community Center, 5855 Sovereign Dr. from 6:00 - 7:00 P M.

The Japanese Women's National Basketball Team. The Japanese Women's national team will play against the USA Women's National Basketball Team at the Toyota Center on April 13, 2004. To place your order online go to www.vatickets.com offer code: acoci or call Jason Robichau at 713-758-7577.

More Community

Asian Pacific American Heritage Association. The association presents a wonderful dance production at the Miller Outdoor Theatre - Hermann Park. Asian/Pacific dance troupes from across the city will display their rich, cultural performances. The dance performance will be held on Friday, April 23, 2004 starting at 8:00 p.m.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Association (APAHA) and The Art Institute of Houston: APAHA and The Art Institute of Houston call together for artist submissions to the 4th Annual Asian Pacific American Heritage Art Exhibit. The exhibit is themed "Many Cultures, One World". JPMorgan Chase, The Art Institute of Houston, and APAHA's objective with this exhibit is to promote the creative talents of Asian/Pacific American artists within the greater Houston community. In conjunction with the APAHA/JPMorgan Chase Kick-Off Celebration (see below), the opening of the Art Exhibit will be on April 29, 2004 at Heritage Hall of the JPMorgan Chase Building, located at 707 Travis. The opening of the Art Institute of Houston Exhibit will be on May 6, 2004 at The Art Institute's Steve R. Gregg Gallery and all artwork will be displayed at the Gallery until June 1, 2004.

Submission Requirements: Artworks of any discipline (painting, sculpture, fashion, etc.) in two, three, and four dimensions that celebrate the culture and heritage of Asian/Pacific American community can be submitted for consideration. If the artwork is a painting (oil, acrylic, watercolor, etc.), the piece must be ready to hang. Works on paper or fabric must be framed / matted under glass and also ready to hang. If artworks are three dimensional pieces, please indicate the size and dimension needed to display your work. Up to 4 slides of work can be submitted. (This show will be juried prior to Exhibit and there is no guarantee that the work will be displayed.). Please include a brief bio of yourself and your submissions. The deadline for submissions is **March 31, 2004**. Please forward your submission materials via email to jerome@apaha.org or to: Asian Pacific American Heritage Association Attn: Artwork Submission 6220 Westpark, Suite 245B Houston, TX 77057-7304.

APAHA and JP Morgan Chase Kickoff. You are also invited to Join APAHA and JPMorgan Chase in the Annual Kick-Off at Heritage Hall. The event will celebrate the culture and heritage of Asian Pacific American communities, as well as featuring artworks of Asian/Pacific American artists. The Kick-off event starts at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 29, 2004 at the Heritage Hall at the JPMorgan Chase Building (707 Travis, Downtown Houston). The event will celebrate the culture and heritage of Asian Pacific American communities, as well as featuring artworks of Asian/Pacific American artists.

Asian Houston Network. Asian Houston Network invites you to its 3rd "Bridge Across Cultures" luncheon. The honorees for this event are the honorable M. J. Khan, the first Pakistani-American elected to Houston City Council, and Dr. Attiya Khan, a renowned cardiologist in Houston and the first female cardiologist follow at the Texas Heart Institute. This event is to be held at 11:30 on May 13, 2004, at the Hyatt Regency Downtown. For more information, please visit www.AsiaHouston.org.

NAAAP Spring Charity Golf Tournament. NAAAP, the National Association of Asian American Professionals of Houston, is sponsoring its Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the Cypresswood Golf Club on Sunday, March 28 at 8:30 AM. For more information, please visit www.naaaphouston.org.

Vietnamese Artistic Photography Association - 2004 Photo Exhibit. The Exhibition, free and open to the public, will feature over 100 photos from 40 local Vietnamese photographers at Paul's Art Gallery, 2917 Louisiana @ Anita. The Gallery will be open 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from March 20, 2004 – April 4, 2004. For more information, please visit apavn.org or contact Trey Vo at tvo@houston.rr.com.

Japan Festival. This year's Japan Festival will be held at Hermann Park on April 3 - 4, 2004. Opening Ceremonies is scheduled for 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 3rd.

Anything to add?? If you have any news or announcements you would like to share with the AABA community, please contact Tom Tong at (713) 226-1428 or by e-mail at ttong@lockeliddell.com.