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Food Bank Volunteering

AABA members and friends spent the morning of Saturday, October 7 volunteering at the Houston Food Bank. Volunteers helped pack 7,500 bags for the Backpack Buddies Program, which helps kids bring nutritious food home to their families over the weekend. Thanks to the volunteers who attended, and to VP of Community Relations Nickie Tran for organizing the event.



AABA Hurricane Harvey Relief Happy Hour Fundraiser

On Thursday, October 12, AABA members and friends gathered at Kiran's Restaurant for a happy hour benefitting hurricane relief. In total, AABA attendees raised just under \$1,000, which was donated to the Greater Houston Community Foundation's Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund. Thanks to all who attended and contributed, and to the AABA's Social Committee Chairs for organizing!



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AABA Women's and Men's Retreats

On Saturday, October 28, the AABA held separate men's and women's retreats and CLE programs. The women attended a luncheon at Vietopia Restaurant and a wine and chocolate pairing class at Water 2 Wine winery. Helene Dang, partner at Foster LLP, presented on the Top 5 Things to Know in Immigration Law Today. The men participated in go-kart racing at Formula Racing Center. Vinh Ho, Managing Attorney of the Civil Practice Clinics and Director of Immigration Initiatives at South Texas College of Law Houston, presented on recent developments in immigration law and policy.



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AABA Upcoming Events

- Documentary Film: Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice
December 1 and 2, 6:30 PM
Univ. of St. Thomas, Cullen Theater, 3800 Montrose Blvd.
- AABA Annual Holiday Luncheon and Toy Drive
Saturday, December 9, 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM
Yard House at City Centre, 800 Sorella Ct.
- AABA Entrepreneurship and Law Panel
Tuesday, December 12, 5:30 PM– 8:00 PM
HEADQUARTERS in EaDo Houston, 3302 Canal St.

Law and Entrepreneurship Panel: The March from Attorney to Business Owner

When: Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Where: HEADQUARTERS in EaDo Houston
(3302 Canal Street, Houston, TX 77003)

The AABA presents a special panel discussion dedicated to providing information to attorneys on how to start, run, and grow their own business. The dream for many native-born Americans and American immigrants is to own a successful business. Our panelists will share words of wisdom about how they started, ran and grew their non-legal businesses. Come join us with this opportunity to pick a successful entrepreneur's brain.

Featured panelists include:

- Youngro Lee, Esq., Co-founder and CEO of NextSeed
- Thomas P. Nguyen, Esq., Co-founder of Peli-Peli

Please RSVP at email@aabahouston.com by **Friday, December 8.**

**The AABA
welcomes
the following
new
and renewing
members
in October:**

Insook Voight

Richard Yuen

Apply for or renew your membership online at www.aabahouston.com or by completing and submitting the attached form and dues to gain access to all of the networking, career enhancement, mentorship, and volunteer opportunities and resources that the AABA has to offer!



2018 Officer & Director Nominations

The AABA is now receiving nominations for its 2018 Officers and the 2018-19 Elected Director.

The following positions are open and subject to vote by the AABA membership:

President-Elect
Vice President of Membership
Vice President of Programs
Vice President of Community Relations
Treasurer
Secretary
2018-19 Elected Director

Any current AABA attorney member in good standing may nominate himself/herself or another attorney member for one of the positions listed above, except that each nominee for President-Elect must have served at least one previous term as an Officer of the AABA.

Nominations must be received by 5:00 PM on Friday, December 1. You may send them to AABA President Albert Liou via email at aliou@jonesday.com, via fax at 832-239-3600, or by mail at Jones Day, 717 Texas Ave., Suite 3300, Houston, TX 77002.

Voting will begin on Monday, December 4th, 2017 and will end at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 11th, 2017.

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2017 AABF & AABA
holiday luncheon
& toy drive

The AABA and AABF invite their members, along with their immediate family members, to attend the Annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive.

Saturday, December 9, 2017
Yard House at City Center (800 Sorella Ct.)
11:00am – 1:30pm.

Lunch will be provided at the event.

We have partnered with Boat People SOS for the Toy Drive to benefit children in need. We encourage you to sign up to sponsor a gift for a child at <http://goo.gl/r13noq> and bring it (unwrapped, in a gift bag) to the holiday party. The hope is that each child would receive a **jacket** or **coat** along with a **toy** (suggested value \$20).

Please email AABA Social Committee Co-Chair Minnie Tsai (mtsai@quanlaw.com) by **Tuesday, December 5** to RSVP or if you have any questions. The event will be free for all paid AABA members and their immediate family members.

We look forward to celebrating the holidays with everyone at the final event of the year!

happy holidays!

NEVER GIVE UP!

MINORU YASUI and the Fight for Justice



*a documentary film by Holly Yasui and Will Doolittle
Narrated by George Takei*

DECEMBER 1 and 2, 2017

*the 75th anniversary year of his challenge of military orders that led
to the forced removal from the West Coast of over 120,000 Japanese Americans*

6:30 pm at the UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

CULLEN THEATER, 3800 Montrose Blvd. Houston, TX

Question & Answer session to follow

Holly Yasui, director and Peggy Nagae, Min Yasui's attorney



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Please give us any comments or programming suggestions you might have: _____

Please indicate any committees on which you would be interested in serving:

- ☐ Gala/Silent Auction ☐ Social ☐ Mentorship/Law School Relations ☐ Community Service/Pro Bono
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