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IACCGH 2020 EVENTS - FEATURED SPEAKERS

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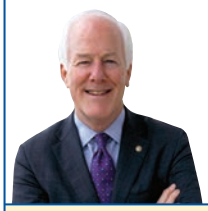
- Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu
  Indian Ambassador to the U.S.
- Senator John Cornyn
- Congressman Kevin Brady
- Congressman Pete Olson
- Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo
- Fort Bend County Judge K. P. George
- Mayor Sylvester Turner, *City of Houston*
- Harris County Commissioner Adrian Garcia
- Former Congressman John Culberson


U.S. Senator John Cornyn

Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

- Consul General Aseem Mahajan
  Consul General of India, Houston
- Dhruva Jaishankar, *Director, Observer Research Foundation*
- Ambassador Richard Verma
  Former U.S. Ambassador to India
- Aileen Nandi, *Ministry Counselor, Commercial Affairs, U.S. Commercial Service, New Delhi, India*
- Nyamusi Igambi, *Director, U.S. S.B.A Commercial Services, Houston*

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  President, American Leadership Forum

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Malisha Patel

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- Dr. T. Douglas Lawson, *CEO, CHI St. Lukes Health*
- Dr. Paul Klotman, *President and CEO, Baylor College of Medicine*
- Dr. Peter Hotez, *Dean, National School of Tropical Medicine*
- Dr. James McDeavitt,
  Dean of Clinical Affairs, Baylor College of Medicine
- Dr. Ashok Balasubramanyam
  Professor, Baylor College of Medicine
- Dr. Ashish Kamat, *President, IBCG, MD Anderson Cancer Center*
- Dr. Jeffrey D. Cirillo, *Professor and Director, Texas A&M College of Medicine*
- Bradley Lembcke, *Chief Medical Officer, CHI Texas Division*
- Dr. Andrew Dinadro
  Assistant Professor, Baylor College of Medicine
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2003-04

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2006-07

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2007-08

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2008-09

Madhukar Prasad
2010-11

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2011

Ajit Thakur
2012

Pankaj Dhume
2013

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2014

Ashok Garg
2015

Joya Shukla
2016

Allen Richards
2017

Swapan Dhairyawan
2018-19

Tarush R. Anand
2020-21

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

A lot has changed in the past year. It's hard to believe that at this time last year, we were still mingling and shaking hands at in-person events. "Social distancing" was a phrase that had yet to enter our collective vocabulary. Here at the Chamber, we started off the year with some great in-person events. We were in the process of planning additional events and developing new networking and business-mentoring programs. And then came COVID-19.

COVID-19 brought things to a halt—but not for long. I am proud of how quickly the Chamber was able to pivot to virtual events to help our members face challenges created by the pandemic. Through forward thinking and quick action, we were able to host our first COVID-19 webinar on March 25, 2020, with over 350 attendees. This webinar was an employment-law webinar addressing cutting-edge COVID-19 issues affecting businesses. The timing of the webinar was remarkable. For context, the Harris County stay-at-home order was announced just one day before the webinar. And we were just getting started.

Over the rest of the year, we worked hard to put on one great virtual program after another. As the tag line on the cover page of this magazine states, we set out to provide real solutions in a virtual world. I think we achieved that.

As we move into 2021, we look forward to the day when in-person events can resume—safely. It seems we can see light at the end of the tunnel. But until we get there, we will continue working tirelessly to do everything we can to serve our members virtually.

THANK YOU,
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

It's strange to wrap up a year that has been entirely different from anything we've ever seen. But with over 21 years of experience in serving the community, the chamber responded like it always does – by being relevant. With in-person events on pause mode, we invited leading experts to a virtual dais to share their knowledge and help our members navigate the complexities of the pandemic from a position of knowledge.

This, by no means, was the first instance of responding swiftly to the needs of the community. To list some: when our members needed to convey their concerns and issues to our elected officials, the Power Dialogues were born. Women members, who voiced the need for their own space, to host conversations on topics that are important for them, found a platform with the IACCGH Women Mean Business Series. And when the Indian American community needed to understand how to report their overseas assets, we initiated the annual Tax Seminar. Going forward, one of our immediate steps is to help businesses in Houston diversify supply chains that have been disrupted as a result of the pandemic.

It's only natural to look for a silver lining in an adverse situation. In our case, it was the tremendous collaboration with other Houston based organizations and our sister chambers in India who live streamed our webinars through their Facebook accounts. Migrating online also allowed us to reach out to a wider audience both in the US and India.

All of this would have been impossible without our Board, Trustees, Advisors and Directors who energize us to keep moving ahead, doing what we do best. We hope to revert to our in-person events as soon as it is safe in 2021 and continue to provide value and opportunities to our members.

SINCERELY, JAGDIP AHLUWALIA
Founding Secretary and Executive Director

Clockwise Left page: Top left: Himesh Gandhi, US Ambassador to India Kenneth Juster; Top right: Swapan Dhairyawan, Mayor Sylvester Turner, Ambassador Juster, Jagdip Ahluwalia; Bottom left: Consul General Dr. Anupam Ray, Dr. Durga Agrawal, Ambassador Juster; Center: Fort Bend County Judge K.P. George, Ana Kopf; Bottom: Accamma Kellel, Ambassador Juster, Moani Thomas, Jagdip Ahluwalia

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Clockwise Right page: Top left: Consul General Dr. Anupam Ray, Rebecca Schindler, Ambassador Juster, Jacques D'Rovencourt; Top right: US Ambassador Kenneth Juster; Bottom: IACCGH Directors at Large and Board of Directors with US Ambassador Kenneth Juster

Clockwise Left page: Top left L to R: Community and business leaders at the VIP Reception; Bottom left: Major General Jagtar Singh (Rtd), Suzanne Hatcher; Center: Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Swapan Dhairyawan; Right: Congressman Al Green, Bal Sareen; Bottom: National Anthems sung by: Serene Kaggal (US), Eesha Dhairyawan (Indian), and a medley by Ishya Kachru

Clockwise Right Top: Attendees at the banquet; Bottom: IACCGH's 20th Anniversary cake cutting ceremony

Aug 22
2019

IACCGH WOMEN MEAN BUSINESS

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> "It is very important to connect, communicate, observe, understand and listen to people.

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> "My passion for music is one factor that motivates me to excel in my work and feel good and happy.

Left clockwise L to R: Alyssa Holmes Henderson, Susan Davenport, Joya Shukla; Bottom: clockwise L to R: Vijay Goradia, Dr. Durga Agrawal, Joya Shukla, Susan Davenport, Meena Datt, Alyssa Holmes Henderson, Swapan Dhairyawan, Ashok Garg, Jugal Malani

POWER DIALOGUE *WITH CONGRESSWOMAN LIZZIE FLETCHER*

Aug 27
2019

Congresswoman
LIZZIE FLETCHER
7th Congressional District of Texas

A resident of Houston and Congressional District 7 nearly all her life, Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher was elected to represent the District in 2018. Before her election, she was in private law practice at an international law firm in Houston and later at a boutique litigation firm, where she became its first woman partner.

> No place is more welcoming, diverse, innovative, hardworking, or generous than Houston. As our representative to the U.S. Congress, I am proud to represent that Houston: a city that opens its doors to newcomers from around the world, prides itself on scientific discovery, serves as a hub for innovation, works together, and takes care of its neighbors.

Chamber and business leaders in discussion with Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher

Sept 22
2019

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MR. NARENDRA MODI
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Flagging off crude oil shipment to India

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Trade Missions Mayor Turner's Trade
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in Mumbai

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GENERATIONAL BUSINESS TRANSITION

Oct 22
2019

The IACCGH Generational Business Transition Series spotlights business families where the second generation is being groomed to take over the reins of the family business. The three businesses were: Karat 22, a high end diamond and gold jewelry business started by Meena and Aku Patel; Shipcom Wireless, a leading global service provider of integrated supply chain execution software solutions founded by Abeezar Tyebji; and Brask, Inc., manufacturers of heat exchangers, was started by Bal Sareen. The event was moderated by Dr. Subodh Bhuchar.

Standing L to R: Swapan Dhairyawan, Kevin Sareen, Bal Sareen, Deputy Consul General Surendra Adhana, Dr. Subodh Bhuchar, Aku Patel, Anant Patel, Quresh Tyebji, Abeezar Tyebji, BB&T Representative Mike Chou

Nov 13
2019

HOW THE SBA CAN HELP YOU GROW YOUR BUSINESS

SBA 7(a) loans are available for all kinds of medical practices, including physical therapy practices and pharmacies, and may also be available for chiropractic practices, especially those that offer medical care.

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Standing L to R, Dr. Atasu Nayak, Dr. Prasun Jalal, Dr. Vanitha Bala, Miguel Lopez, Mark Winchester, Dr. Neeta Shukla, Dr. Jignesh Shah

MIGUEL LOPEZ
Executive Director
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> If you're a doctor looking to start, purchase, or expand your medical practice, an SBA 7(a) loan could be the perfect choice.

MARK WINCHESTER
Deputy District Director, U.S.
Small Business Administration

GREATER HOUSTON BUSINESS PROCUREMENT FORUM *HONORED IACCGH MEMBERS*

Dec 10 2019

The Greater Houston Business Procurement Forum honored IACCGH members at their awards ceremony. The event was hosted by Milton Thibodeaux.

Professional Services Firm of the Year: Super Building Services - Amrit K. Pahl, Manager
Supplier of the Year: UniqueFlo/Unique Valve - Nimesh Sheth, CEO
Technology Firm of the Year: Infodat International, Inc. - Malla Mekala, President

MIND WITHOUT FEAR: A FIRESIDE CHAT *WITH RAJAT GUPTA*

Dec 11 2019

Standing L to R: Jagdip Ahluwalia, Suresh Shenoy, Rajat Gupta, Witty Bindra, Swapan Dhairyawan, Abhijit Gadgil

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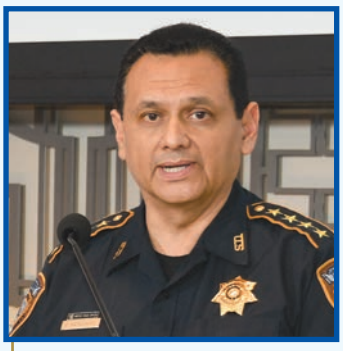

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IACCGH presented the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award to
Former Harris County Judge Ed Emmett at the Inaugural Reception

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2020 IACCGH INAUGURAL RECEPTION

Jan 16
2020

Community leaders, Chamber members and Advisors welcomed IACCGH's incoming President Tarush Anand and his board at the Inaugural Reception at City Hall. The chamber also recognized outgoing President Swapan Dhairyawan for his dedication to the chamber's mission and presented Former Harris County Judge Ed Emmett with the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award. President Anand outlined his goals for his two-year term.

TARUSH R. ANAND
Incoming President

SWAPAN DHAIRYAWAN
Immediate Past President

Community leaders welcome incoming President Tarush Anand and his board

Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo highlighted her efforts to make Harris County a community that would draw people. She discussed the $5-9 billion budget she oversees and emphasized the importance of prioritizing funds in a way that meets the needs of the community. Her budget has committed $6 million of additional funding to the public health department while a historic $12 million has been earmarked for environmental protection.

> A better childhood education program, juvenile system for the county, flood control through creative solutions and speeding up drainage projects have been prioritized.

Harris County Judge **LINA HIDALGO**

Feb 21
2020

POWER DIALOGUE
WITH HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE LINA HIDALGO

Standing L to R: Chris Brown, Consul General Aseem Mahajan, Congressman Al Green, Deputy CG Surendra Adhana

Standing L to R: Tarush Anand, Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, Consul General Aseem Mahajan

ANNUAL IACCGH TAX SEMINAR

Feb 23
2020

IACCGH hosted its 10th Annual Tax Seminar, an outreach program that educates the community on various tax issues. The seminar includes American Tax Laws as they affect Indo Americans with overseas assets as well as changes in US Tax laws and how they affect American taxpayers.

Top: Attendees at India House ; Center: Panel of CPAs L to R: Swapan Dhairyawan, Tupil Narasimhan, Imtiaz Munshi, Mahesh Desai, Kershaw Khumbatta

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IACCGH COVID-19 *WEBINAR*
CARES ACT TAX STIMULUS PACKAGE

Apr 7
2020

The Webinar dealt with the Tax Stimulus Package and covered the following topics:

1. Paid sick leave and tax credits for small and midsize businesses.
2. Charitable contributions.
3. Dealing with your taxes during the pandemic.

SWAPAN DHAIRYAWAN CPA

"The 2020 Stimulus Bill allows automatic forgiveness for a PPP loan of $150,000 or less."

MAHESH DESAI CPA

"A C-corporation can deduct charitable contributions up to 25% of its taxable income for 2020 and 2021."

Mar 25
2020

IACCGH COVID-19 WEBINAR
EMPLOYMENT LAW

Littler

The Chamber offered its first virtual webinar which was attended by over 350 business owners.

NEHAL S. ANAND
Board-Certified Labor and Employment Lawyer
Littler Mendelson, P.C.

> Littler is the world's largest labor-and-employment law firm exclusively dedicated to advising and representing employers.

At the onset of the pandemic and in the midst of government shutdown orders, new legislation, business closures, health and safety concerns, and job uncertainties, the Chamber offered its first virtual webinar.

Nehal Anand, a Shareholder at Littler, presented an Employment-Law webinar related to COVID-19 and answered the most frequently asked questions by businesses, including:

1. Obligations under the new Families First Coronavirus Response Act
2. Privacy/HIPAA Concerns
3. Temperature Checks
4. Employee leave of absence/ FMLA/ Paid sick leave

5 OSHA and health/safety compliance

6. Immigration and travel restrictions
7. Employee pay obligations; and
8. Furloughs and layoffs

Over 350 business owners and representatives attended the webinar, received copies of the presentation materials, and had the opportunity to ask follow-up questions. Nehal and her firm are also helping businesses with employee vaccination issues and offering vaccination toolkits for business.

IACCGH COVID-19 WEBINAR
ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS

Mar 31
2020

WALLISBANK

NASRULLAH (NASR) KHAN
EVP, Chief Lending Officer
Wallis Bank

Nasr Khan, EVP Chief Lending Officer with Wallis Bank, led two virtual presentations with the Indo American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston to guide small business owners through the process of applying for these loans. These were the topics covered:

1. SBA Disaster Loan Program.
2. Documents needed
3. Deferments from banks.

> Wallis Bank processed over 3,500 PPP loans totaling $347.5 million to help small businesses.

IACCGH COVID-19 WEBINAR
PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Apr 9
2020

In 2020, small businesses faced an economic crisis due to COVID-19. The CARES Act created new temporary programs for emergency relief funds that included the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL).

> We are grateful to have the support of the SBA District Office in Houston. They were available and always willing to answer questions.

Apr 22
2020

POWER DIALOGUE *WITH SENATOR JOHN CORNYN*

Senator John Cornyn touched on the CARES Act and the Paycheck Protection Program, a bill that was unanimously passed by Congress and provided for a $2.2 trillion economic relief package to support businesses and individuals impacted by the pandemic.

United States Senator
JOHN CORNYN

> We are lucky to live in an incredibly diverse state that has benefited from the contribution of those who've come from around the world and chosen to call Texas home.

> Our goal is to protect workers and keep businesses afloat.

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President, Brask Inc

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RAMACHANDRAN RAJU
Pharmacy and Hotel Owner, McAllen

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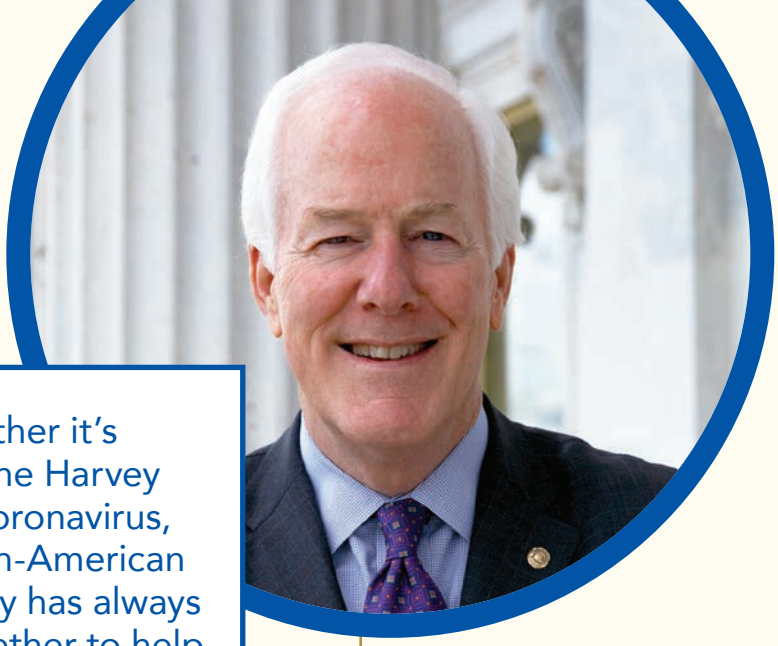


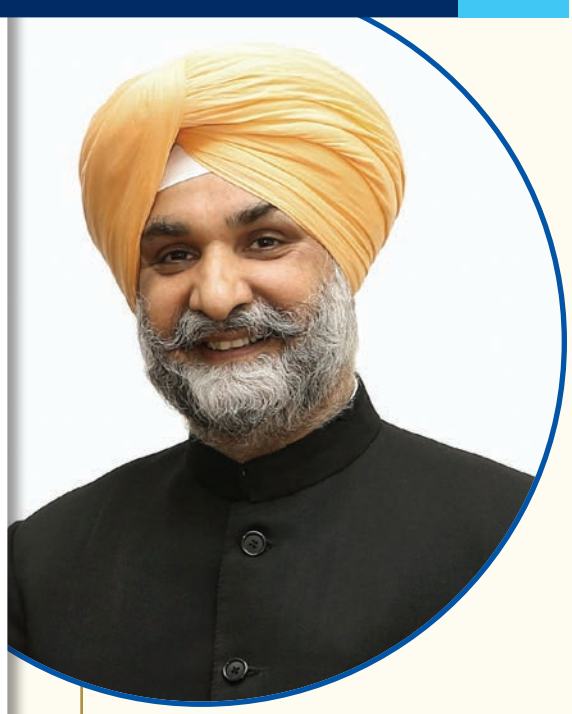
> Whether it's Hurricane Harvey or the coronavirus, the Indian-American community has always come together to help our fellow Texans in the face of adversity.

United States Senator
JOHN CORNYN

POWER DIALOGUE
STRENGTHENING U.S.-INDIA RELATIONS

May 22
2020

The Chamber organized a Power Dialogue with Senator John Cornyn and Indian Ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu. This offered an opportunity for the Chamber's Advisors to engage in a meaningful dialogue with Ambassador Sandhu. Four Texas business leaders also shared the pandemic's impact on their businesses.



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COVID-19 SCIENCE & MEDICINE IMPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESS

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Baylor College of Medicine

Moderator
Dr. VIVEK KAVADI
M.D. FASTRO
Chief Radiation, Oncology Officer, US Oncology

> When are we going to open up? That is our highest priority right now. The Medical Center CEOs get together daily to discuss this.

Dr. PAUL KLOTMAN

> At Baylor, we're developing some guidelines…that we can publish online that businesses could download and have an internal checklist for when they are getting ready to open.

Dr. JAMES McDEAVITT

Dr. ASHOK BALASUBRAMANYAM

> At Baylor, most research has been slowed down and all the available brainpower has been turned towards COVID-19.

> I think the heads of various businesses as well as professionals…can certainly take away a lot from today's presentation and bring them back to their offices and homes.

Dr. VIVEK KAVADI

> We're now in discussions with a large Indian manufacturer, a vaccine development company to actually scale our production of our vaccine in India.

Dr. PETER HOTEZ

An exceptional line up of panelists offered a scientific and medical overview of COVID-19 and its implications for business from a global perspective. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Vivek Kavadi and included:

1. Coronavirus - Origins, Similarities & Differences with other Respiratory Viruses.
2. Incidence & Death Rates - What do we really know?
3. Treatment Options and Research Studies.
4. Vaccine Development.

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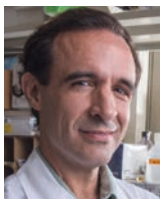
BCG COVID-19 ASSOCIATION
FINDINGS AND THE BADAS STUDY

May 4
2020

IACCGH invited a distinguished line up of panelists to speak on the "BADAS Study – BCG as a defense against COVID-19" and the situation in India. BCG is a vaccine for tuberculosis and is commonly used to treat bladder cancer in the US. The observational study analyzed data from April 9-24, 2020 and found that the incidence and mortality from COVID-19 was almost 10 times lower in countries that had a BCG vaccination program in place. The event was moderated by Dr. Ashish Kamat.

Dr. ASHISH KAMAT
President, IBCG, Endowed and Tenured Professor
Uro-Oncologic Surgeon
University of Texas
MD Anderson Cancer Center



Dr. JEFFREY D. CIRILLO
Regents' Professor & Director
Center for Airborne Pathogens Research and Imaging
Texas A&M College of Medicine

Dr. ANDREW DINADRO
Assistant Professor, Global Tuberculosis Department
Texas Children's Hospital
Baylor College of Medicine

Dr. PAUL K. HEGARTY
Consultant Urologic Surgeon,
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital
Dublin, Ireland

Distinguished Guest
ASEEM MAHAJAN
Consul General of India, Houston

Consul General **ASEEM MAHAJAN**

"Medical research and healthcare are currently the focus to strengthen our (Indo-US) collaboration."

Dr. ASHISH KAMAT

"Clearly, India has the capacity to make a lot of vaccine but if you make a lot of it and don't apply it properly, that would essentially be a wastage of BCG."

"There's about 100 years worth of data that this vaccine has the potential to improve outcomes for COVID-19."

Dr. JEFFREY D. CIRILLO

"We think that BCG will awaken the native immunity response, restructure the DNA such that the cells are able to better respond to non-specific pathogens such as the coronavirus."

Dr. PAUL K. HEGARTY

"India has one of the lowest case fatality rates in the world with the BCG vaccination in childhood."

Dr. ANDREW DINADRO

Apr 30
2020

POWER DIALOGUE *WITH CONSUL GENERAL ASEEM MAHAJAN*

Consul General Aseem Mahajan addressed numerous questions about visa and OCI card renewals, the Consulate's support of the community in the pandemic and the opportunities for strengthening India-US relations.

> If you are a fresh applicant for an Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card, there is a minimum cooling off period of 20 days…but if you have an existing OCI card and it's a renewal case, we turn it around within 4-5 days. An existing OCI needs to be renewed only if you are above 50 or if you were a minor and have become a major.

ASEEM MAHAJAN
Consul General of India, Houston

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH IDA Houston, Sewa International

May 13
2020

COVID-19: WHAT'S NEXT?

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH IDA Houston, Sewa International, India Culture Center, Houston, TX

> We are in an era of reopening our businesses and our lives. What lessons have we learned and what should we be doing to appropriately embark on that reintegration?

Dr. VIVEK KAVADI M.D. FASTRO
Chief Radiation Oncology Officer, US Oncology

Dr. JAMES McDEAVITT M.D.
Sr. Vice President and Dean of Clinical Affairs
Baylor College of Medicine

> We can do a ton of great work and it takes one irresponsible person or one irresponsible business to undo the good work that everybody else has done. We need to hold each other accountable...if you're walking in some place and it doesn't look right, don't stay in that business or ideally have a conversation with him and say...what are you doing to keep our communities safe?

PROVISIONS OF THE CARES ACT: *A SPECIAL EVENT FOR PHYSICIANS & PHYSICIAN'S PRACTICES*

May 7 2020

SWAPAN DHAIRYAWAN
CPA

Three member CPAs, Swapan Dhairyawan, Rimple Mashruwala and Mahesh Desai outlined the key points in the Paycheck Protection Program for the benefit of business owners and physicians impacted by the pandemic.

> If it wasn't for the swift and immediate relief which the CARES Act provided through the Paycheck Protection Program; we would have seen the worst depression and ultimate economic chaos.

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Mahesh Desai CPA

NAVIGATING PPP FORGIVENESS RULES *FOR BUSINESSES AND SELF-EMPLOYED*

Jun 30 2020

RIMPLE MASHRUWALA
CPA

MAHESH DESAI
CPA

> By supporting 51.1 million jobs, which is as much as 84% of all small business employees, PPP became the backbone of economy.

> PPP provided a lifeline to many businesses and so it was helpful to the small business in a way that Congress extended the second PPP.

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Rimple Mashruwala CPA LLC
Tax & Accounting

Mahesh Desai CPA

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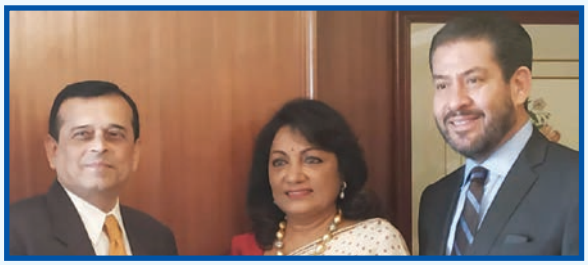
POWER DIALOGUE *WITH COMMISSIONER ADRIAN GARCIA*

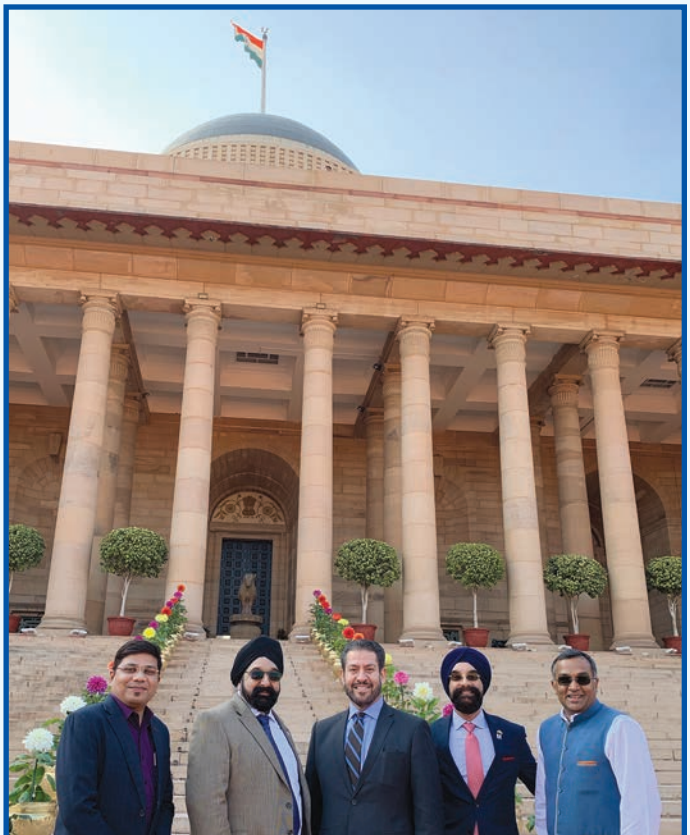
Commissioner
ADRIAN GARCIA
Harris County

> Harris County residents have not lost their spirit. We are a can-do County, we are an in-it-together County and we're seeing it.

Commissioner Adrian Garcia spoke on a broad range of issues including several relief measures launched by his office such as the allocation of funds for small businesses and rental assistance for those impacted by the pandemic.

In February 2020, Commissioner Garcia led a delegation to India facilitated by IACCGH. Past President Sanjay Ramabhadran, Executive Director Jagdip Ahluwalia and business leader Bobby Singh joined the Commissioner to boost trade ties between Houston and India. Working together to make the Port of Houston a port of choice for US-India trade was an outcome of the trade delegation.





Top: Kamal Vora, Rajalakshmi Rao, Commissioner Adrian Garcia; Bottom: Commissioner Garcia, Sanjay Aggarwal, Dr. Ranjit Mehta; Right: Abhishek Banwara, Jagdip Ahluwalia, Commissioner Garcia, Bobby Singh, Sanjay Ramabhadran

IACCGH NEXGEN WEBINAR
DEALING WITH FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTY

May 20
2020

Sharing her financial expertise, Anasuya Kabad highlighted the importance of investing, cash flow, personal finance and planning for contingencies.

ANASUYA KABAD
Financial Planner™
Jaykay Wealth Advisors, Inc.

> "Invest according to your goals and based on the risk you are comfortable taking.

HOW SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUE TO SERVE IN THIS PANDEMIC

Jun 16
2020

The chamber showcased the work of two global nonprofit organizations: Rotary International and Sewa International. Leaders from the two organizations outlined the efforts that had been stepped up to help those who are impacted by the pandemic.

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Moderator
SUNNY SHARMA
Past District Governor,
Rotary International

GARY GILLEN
District Governor
Rotary International

SUZI HOWE
Director
Rotary International

GITESH DESAI
President,
Sewa International

NIKHIL JAIN
Chapter Coordinator,
Sewa International

Jun 18
2020

POWER DIALOGUE
HOW TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

IN COLLABORATION WITH
CHI St. Luke's Health

Dr. T. DOUGLAS LAWSON
Senior Vice President
Divisional Operations
Chief Executive Officer
CHI St. Lukes' Health

BRADLEY LEMBCKE
Senior Vice President
Chief Medical Officer
CHI Texas Division

LIZ YOUNGBLOOD FACHE
COO, CHI Texas Division
President, Baylor St. Lukes' Medical Center

INDIRA VISHNAMPET
Senior Vice President, Xtivia Inc.
Board of Directors
CHI St. Lukes' Texas Division

Special Guest
ASEEM MAHAJAN
Consul General of India, Houston

A Power Dialogue led by Dr. Douglas Lawson, Bradley Lembcke and Liz Y. Fache from CHI St Luke's Health centered on how to keep our communities safe, possible COVID-19 treatments, plasma therapy and the steps that were being taken to keep patients and healthcare workers safe. The event was moderated by Indira Vishnampet.

Dr. T. DOUGLAS LAWSON

> In the past several months, one of the more important lessons that we've learned is the use of Telemedicine… these are all significant cost savings opportunities for our system in making our teams more efficient.

> I just ask that we all be role models here… complying with universal masking, complying with social distancing…the more people we have delivering that message, the quicker we will flatten that curve.

BRADLEY LEMBCKE

> For an elective procedure, what steps should be taken to avoid exposure to COVID-19 in the hospital?

INDIRA VISHNAMPET

> We have been blessed to have a tremendous amount of support from the community - we've had everything from meal donations to mask donations, we've received many notes and signs showing support for the health care team and that really lifts the spirit of our staff.

LIZ YOUNGBLOOD FACHE

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IACCGH NEXGEN WEBINAR
MENTAL HEALTH & ANXIETY DURING THE PANDEMIC

Jun 22
2020

Dr. SHAMA RASHEED
American Board Certified Child, Adolescent, and Adult Psychiatry,
Chief Medical Officer,
Medical Director,
New Horizon Hospital

> Reach out and harness the power of the community and the number of mental health professionals that are willing to help.

A mental health professional, Dr. Shama Rasheed drew attention to the soaring cases of anxiety and depression in these pandemic times and stressed the need to find coping mechanisms or seek professional help.

IACCGH NEXGEN WEBINAR
THE COST OF AN UNDEVELOPED LEADER

Aug 18
2020

LANDI SPEARMAN
Change Management Consultant and Executive Coach, Landi & Co.
Founder, Organized SHIFT

> Even leaders sometimes have to change or shift: their guidance or leadership needs to change in the moment, in the face of a challenge.

Executive Coach and Generational Change expert Landi Spearman dealt with the cost of being close minded, as a leader, and as it translates to diversity and inclusion at the workplace.

Jun 25
2020

POWER DIALOGUE *WITH MARSHA MURRAY*

Mayor **SYLVESTER TURNER**
City of Houston

> I want to thank everyone for working together...we will overcome. We are #HOUSTONSTRONG and have resilience in our blood.

The Office of Business Opportunity is committed to cultivating a competitive and diverse economic environment in the City of Houston by promoting the success of small businesses and developing Houston's workforce, with a special emphasis on historically underutilized businesses and disenfranchised individuals.

Key Objectives: Educate, Connect & Grow. OBO processes applications from firms interested in 4 City of Houston and 2 Federal certifications. OBO's website (www.houstontx.gov/obo) was revamped in March 2020 to help Houston business owners and citizens quickly access information.

MARSHA E. MURRAY, ESQ
Director, City of Houston
Office of Business Opportunity (OBO)

> We are in unprecedented times and as a city, we need to rise to the task of helping small businesses in every way we can.

POWER DIALOGUE *WITH DHRUVA JAISHANKAR*
THE RESILIENCE OF U.S.-INDIA RELATIONS

Jul 22
2020

In a brilliant address, Dhruva Jaishankar delved into the factors that strengthened the India-US relations, its challenges and the path forward.

DHRUVA JAISHANKAR
Director
Observer Research Foundation

> The trade between India and the United States has actually increased over the last few years even as the trade deficit, something that the Trump administration has been very focused on, has actually decreased between the two countries.

> The coronavirus pandemic and the push for renationalization of supply chains in various industries will undercut a lot of our traditional assumptions about where the relationship is heading.

> Defense cooperation has increased, and we now have the highest level policy dialogues… the Indian military now uses seven major defense platforms sourced from the United States. Shared concerns about China have actually led to a much greater and deeper cooperation between the two countries…and we're seeing a level of cooperation today that really would have been unimaginable 15 or 20 years ago.

> With growing trade ties… what do you see for the future of maritime trade between U.S. and India?

Commissioner
ADRIAN GARCIA
Harris County

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Jul 25
2020

OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION
ON GENERATIONAL TRANSITION

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FM 106.1 HumFM

One of Houston's most successful business leaders, Bal Sareen shared the genesis of his entrepreneurial venture Brask, Inc and the transition of the business to his children on the Open Forum Radio show. The highly popular talk show, which began in 1999, is co-hosted by Dr. Subodh Bhuchar, Jagat Kamdar and Dinkar Chheda. Bal Sareen was joined by his son Kevin, daughter Sangeeta Bakshi and son-in-law Dinesh Bakshi.

The talk was part of the monthly IACCGH Business Hour on Open Forum.

Moderator
Dr. SUBODH BHUCHAR
Physician

SANGEETA BAKSHI
VP HR and Administration
Brask Inc.

KEVIN SAREEN
COO, Brask Inc.

DINESH BAKSHI
VP Marketing and Sales
Brask Inc.

BAL SAREEN
President and CEO,
Brask Inc.

Brask, Inc.

IEE
Sulphur, LA

Neela
Pearland, TX

Seated L to R: Dr. Subodh Bhuchar, Jagat Kamdar and Dinkar Chheda

Ambassador **RICHARD VERMA**
Former U.S. Ambassador to India

In a riveting Power Dialogue, Richard Verma, former US Ambassador to India, expressed his thoughts on several hot button issues including US-India ties and the Biden-Harris ticket in the 2020 elections. During his tenure as Ambassador, he was the 2016 IACCGH Gala Keynote speaker.

POWER DIALOGUE *WITH AMBASSADOR RICHARD VERMA*

Aug 25
2020

What does Senator Kamala Harris as a VP nominee on the Democratic ticket mean and also should the Biden-Harris ticket be successful, what would that mean for U.S. – India relations moving forward?

Moderator
SANJAY RAMABHADRAN
2014 IACCGH President

Introduced by
ASHOK GARG
2015 IACCGH President

I will tell you what the Bush administration officials told me… there would have been no US-India civil nuclear deal but for the leadership that Joe Biden provided in the Senate… I was there for those debates… on his trip to India, he was the first one to articulate a goal of $500 million in trade… I'm not making this up, he was the one who, in 2006, said that if the US and India are the closest of friends and partners in 2020, the world will be a safer and more prosperous place.

I've been very moved by the selection of Senator Harris especially when I see photos of her mother arriving in the United States knowing no one. Those are experiences that I think so many of us can relate to with our own parents or relatives that have come here….I think about what America looks like… and it looks like this particular ticket of someone of cross cultures and growing up here. I think it's been amazing and a proud moment for the community.

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INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Aug 31
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IACCGH WOMEN MEAN BUSINESS
BEING A WOMAN DURING THE AGE OF COVID-19

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IACCGH's Women Mean Business Webinar titled "Being a Woman in the age of COVID-19" highlighted the extra burden the pandemic had placed on women, and the balancing act it required from women as care-givers and professionals. Keynote speakers Malisha Patel and Alyssa Parrish, who play lead roles in their respective organizations, shared COVID-19's impact on them professionally and personally. Past President and Board member Joya Shukla leads the series.

> "The silver lining was time with the family, the walks and the simplicity that COVID-19 forced on us.

MALISHA PATEL Senior VP and CEO
Memorial Hermann, Southwest & Sugar Land

ALYSSA PARRISH
Senior Counsel
Rite Aid

> A tip that worked well was designating a work zone which helped set boundaries with the children."

Oct 14
2020

POWER DIALOGUE *DOING VIRTUAL BUSINESS WITH INDIA*

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Working for America's Exporters

NYAMUSI IGAMBI
Director, U.S. S.B.A
Commercial Services, Houston

AILEEN NANDI
Ministry Counselor
Commercial Affairs
U.S. Commercial Service
New Delhi, India

POWER DIALOGUE *WITH CONGRESSMAN KEVIN BRADY*

Sept 2
2020

Congressman
KEVIN BRADY
8th Congressional
District of Texas

> I think it's important for Congress to enact targeted liability protections. We need to create incentives and reward businesses who reach those standards of safety and health.

Congressman Kevin Brady answered several questions posed by Indian American business leaders in Texas on issues dealing with fiscal policies, immigration, liability protection for businesses and the US-India relationship. He commended the chamber's role in Houston's economic growth and in helping Houston reach its full potential.

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Special Guest
ASEEM MAHAJAN
Consul General of India,
Houston

Sept 15
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ESTATE PLANNING
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AMIRALLI DODHIYA
MAP Certified Financial Professional
Wealth Preservation And Strategies

> Drafting an effective Estate Plan should protect your assets and must be in sync with your wishes.

Amiralli Dodhiya, a veteran in the field of Wealth Preservation and Strategies offered an overview of the importance of estate planning, common mistakes, and their solutions.

He dispelled the misconception that wealth earned over a lifetime will automatically transfer to a spouse and children after death and emphasized the importance of an Estate Plan to manage your wealth while you are alive and its distribution after death. The first consequence of not having an Estate Plan or an outdated one is that the State distributes the assets after your death, also known as Probate, and these may not be in the best interests of your near and dear ones.

He also suggested that one must determine their overall objectives for the next 10, 20, or 30 years, secure the family's future, and finally communicate the Estate Plan, location of the Will and name of the Executor to your family.

IACCGH NEXGEN WEBINAR
ENTREPRENEURSHIP: WHEN TO TAKE THE LEAP

Oct 28
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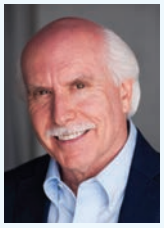

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TANUJ GIRISH
Co-Founder and CTO
Hitch

NAMRATA SIRUR
Owner
MisFit Communications

DEVINA BHOJWANI
CEO
IDEA Lab

> When you start down this path, so many different doors are going to open for you that you would never have imagined.

DEVINA BHOJWANI
CEO
IDEA Lab

NexGen Exchange walked through the entrepreneurial journeys of three Houstonians. The founders launched their companies at different crossroads of life and shared their experiences on what led them to take the entrepreneurial leap.

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IACCGH WOMEN MEAN BUSINESS

Oct 30
2020

CHERYL CREUZOT
Commissioner
Port Houston

> Women must remember where they've come from, reach back and give other women a chance to move into those positions.

GITA CHAKRABARTI
VP Merchandising, Walmart

> Success takes patience and tenacity and rarely happens in one swoop.

Gita Chakrabarti and Cheryl Creuzot shared a virtual dais as Keynote Speakers for the IACCGH Women Mean Business Series. The talk, which stemmed from their own professional journeys, was replete with practical advice and insights on what it takes for a woman to succeed.

Nov 17
2020

POWER DIALOGUE *WITH JOHN CULBERSON*
NEW FRONTIERS IN BUSINESS INNOVATION

Former Congressman John Culberson, who led the House Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees NASA funding, offered a fascinating update on the rapid advances in space and ocean exploration and its immense potential for the future. The talk also highlighted the growing partnership between the private sector and NASA. The event was moderated by Quresh Tyebji from Shipcom Wireless.

Former Congressman
JOHN CULBERSON

Recently NASA awarded a contract to a company that has developed a very safe miniaturized nuclear reactor…and can generate a vast amount of electricity… and because it doesn't require any liquid coolant….that's certainly a piece of green technology that's resulted in the American space program.

Moderator
QURESH TYEBJI
Shipcom Wireless

"Regarding sustainability… rockets use a lot of fuel. Is there anything being done around renewable energies or green energy sources?

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Fostering Global Immigration Solutions

CRITICAL US IMMIGRATION ISSUES IN THE COVID-19 CRISIS

Apr 16 2020

In response to the pandemic, chamber member and Houston's top immigration lawyer Charles Foster of Foster Global addressed vital immigration issues. These were related to U.S. Citizenship Immigration Services and Procedure changes during COVID-19:

CHARLES FOSTER
Chairman
Foster Global

1. H1B Lottery Results- Issues and Options.
2. EB-5 Third Country Citizenship.
3. E-2 Treaty Investor and Canadian Options.
4. Immigration Consequences - Layoffs.
5. F-1 Students Considerations- Canceled Classes.
6. Legislation Prospects.

NEW IMMIGRATION BANS & REGULATIONS IMPACTING INDIANS IN POST ELECTION US

Nov 24 2020

In the second event, Charles Foster dealt with:

1. Current Status of Ban of Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Work Visas
2. National Interest Exceptions to the Ban
3. Significant New H1B Regulatory Restrictions
4. Viability of the EB-5 Investor Program

"When should we expect an injunction against the H1B wage rule?

Legal immigration options will get better under the Biden Administration, although it's impossible to predict when and how much."

Nov 24
2020

PPP (PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM) FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

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Munshi CPA

IMTIAZ MUNSHI CPA
Munshi CPA,
PC Tax and Business Advisors

> Congress will allow expenses to be fully deductible, EIDL advance and PPP loan forgiveness for below $150,000 aid will be automatically forgiven and a new stimulus will be coming.

> The tax preparers, accountants and CPAs have been in the forefront during this pandemic to advise, alert and provide knowledge (CARES Act, PPP, EIDL) in traversing the difficult path of economic uncertainty to businesses.

SWAPAN DHAIRYAWAN CPA
MD & Associates, LLP

CPAs have been frontline heroes during COVID-19. Two well known chamber member CPAs dealt with the following topics:

1. Which SBA forms should you use to apply for forgiveness? (Form 3508-S, 3508-EZ or 3508)
2. When and where to apply for forgiveness?
3. Over how many weeks do you have to spend the PPP money? Choosing between 8-weeks vs 24-weeks.
4. Which costs are eligible for forgiveness (which costs are not).
5. What is the maximum amount that can be forgiven for non-owner employees?
6. What is the maximum amount that can be forgiven for owners?
7. Some differences between corporations, partnerships and sole proprietorships.
8. What if you reduced your number of employees?
9. What if you reduced your worker's pay-rate or salary?
10. What changes are likely to be made to PPP forgiveness in future?

IACCGH POWER DIALOGUE
WITH FORT BEND COUNTY JUDGE K.P. GEORGE

Dec 2
2020

Judge **K. P. GEORGE**
Fort Bend County

Judge K. P. George highlighted the diversity of Fort Bend County and emphasized the importance of working closely with business partners throughout the area and beyond.

One large segment of the community, he noted, that has and continues to make a positive difference not only in Fort Bend, but across the nation is the Indo-American population. He commended the Indo-American community for working tirelessly and building multiple businesses that have benefited Fort Bend County. Their resilience in business dealings have proved time and again why the Indo-American community showcases many economic success stories.

> The Indian-American businesses not only provide employment opportunities to area residents, but also showcase their hard work and constant positive presence in our community by volunteering and giving back through committed service. I look forward to seeing the Indo-American business community grow into a much stronger economic engine for our county.”

Dec 9
2020

BREAST CANCER: LEARN HOW TO REDUCE YOUR RISK

Dr. Miral Mahesh Patel raised awareness about the symptoms and detection of breast cancer. She listed several symptoms to look out for, but mammograms continue to be one of the best ways to detect breast cancer early. Factors such as family history play a crucial role.

She also cautioned attendees not to let COVID-19 stop them from scheduling an appointment if symptoms or warning signs persist.

Dr. MIRAL MAHESH PATEL M.D.
Assistant Professor,
The University of Texas
MD Anderson Cancer Center

Dec 15
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IACCGH WOMEN MEAN BUSINESS

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Maryanne Maldonado and Nory Angel, who both head nonprofit organizations, were the featured speakers in the IACCGH Women Mean Business series. Both leaders highlighted the work of leading and redefining leadership.

NORY ANGEL
President, American Leadership Forum

Adaptive leadership mobilizes others on behalf of a collective problem towards a solution, and takes away from the noun of leader to the verb of leading.

MARYANNE MALDONADO
CEO, World Affairs Council of Greater Houston

One cannot solve problems with the same thinking that created them in the first place.

> People are different, that's America. Don't try to squash different opinions, listen to them and counterpoint with respect.

PETE OLSON
U.S. Representative
22nd Congressional District of Texas

POWER DIALOGUE AND FAREWELL TO *CONGRESSMAN PETE OLSON*

Dec 16
2020

IACCGH invited business and community leaders to a Power Dialogue and farewell for Congressman Pete Olson. Ten years ago, Congressman Olson had reached out to the chamber leaders to understand the concerns of Indian-American businesses and address them, leading to the launch of what is now the Power Dialogues. Elected officials and small groups of business owners and professionals engage on a regular basis and work together to grow our region's economy.

India's Consul General Aseem Mahajan and Missouri City Mayor Robin Elackatt also joined the dialogue.

Community leaders expressed their appreciation for Congressman Olson's longstanding service to the community and his efforts to strengthen US-India relations. The event was moderated by Dr. Subodh Bhuchar.

Moderator
Dr. SUBODH BHUCHAR
Physician

Chief Guest
ASEEM MAHAJAN
Consul General of India, Houston

Mayor
ROBIN ELACKATT
Missouri City

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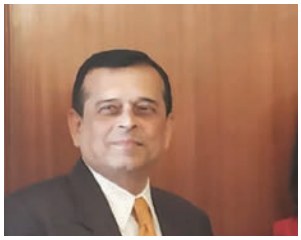

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Secretary General,
IACC India

Dr. RANJIT MEHTA
Deputy Secretary General,
PHD Chamber of Commerce,
India

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Community College

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Director, Corporate College,
Houston Community College

KIMBERLY BURROUGHS
Executive Director, Goldman Sachs
10,000 Small Businesses Houston

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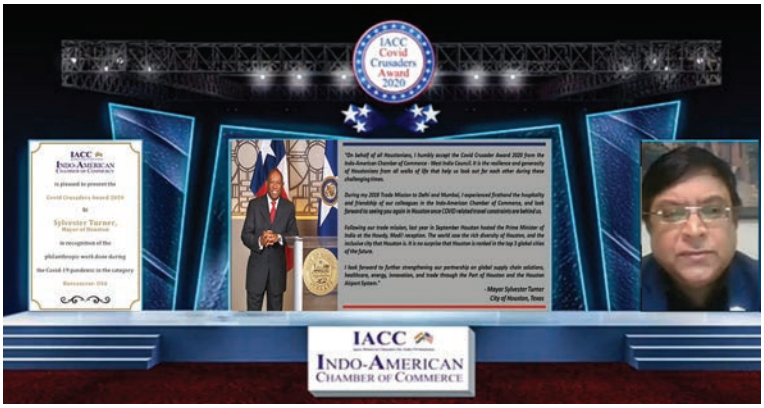

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