

2013 Event Gala

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14TH ANNUAL IACCGH GALA
AUGUST 17, 2013, 5:30 PM
 Hilton Americas Hotel
 Grand Ballroom, Fourth Floor
 1600 Lamar Street, Houston, TX 77010

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Keynote Speaker
ROBERT E. BEAUCHAMP
 Chairman of the Board,
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 BMC Software

Chief Guest
CONSUL GENERAL
P. HARISH
 Consul General of India,
 Houston

International Business
 Person of the Year
 2012

Educator of the Year
DE LATHA RAMCHAND

Businessperson of the Year
DHIREN SHETTA

Young Entrepreneur of the Year
GAURAV SHANDELWAL

Outstanding Contributions to IACCGH since its Inception
JAGJIT ARORA

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ONWARD AND UPWARD

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The Indo- American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston celebrated its 14th Annual Gala 2013 at the Hilton Americas Houston on Saturday August 17th 2013. The theme of the gala was “Empowering Energy & Education – **“Onwards & Upwards”** and had over 600 people in attendance. The Gala co-chairs were **Brij & Sunita Agrawal** and **Chowdary & Angela Yalamanchili**.
 IACCGH President
Pankaj Dhume

presented the State of the Chamber address and talked about some of the Chambers “firsts” which included a live video conference at the annual gala of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce in Pune, India,

the presentation by Ernst & Young of a webinar for IACCGH members on the impact of the recent Indian budget

and the newly launched “Women Mean Business” series.

The Consul General of India the Honorable **P. Harish** was the Chief Guest. The Keynote Speaker Mr. **Robert E. Beauchamp**, Chairman & CEO, BMC Software, highlighted the IACCGH’s contribution in connecting India and America. He described how the Chamber leadership convinced him that India, thanks to talent available, was the best location for their expansion. He mentioned BMC India has become a hub for innovation.

The program included a fashion show with Congressmen **Pete Olson** and his wife **Nancy Olson** walking the ramp in fabulous Indian ethnic wear.

Jay Guerrero, District Director for US Senator **John Cornyn**, addressed the audience and presented a video message from the Senator. Congresswomen **Sheila Jackson Lee**, Congressman **Al Green**, and Congressman **Pete Olson**, Harris County Sherriff **Adrian Garcia**, Houston Mayor **Anise Parker**, Houston City Councilmember **Helena Brown**, Sugar Land City Council members **Himesh Gandhi** and **Harish Jajoo** also addressed the audience. Four Indian Americans received the IACCGH annual awards. Incoming IACCGH President **Sanjay Ramabhadran** proposed the vote of thanks.



Mr. Ash Shah, IACCGH
International Business
Person of the Year 2013

Ms. Lata Ramchand,
IACCGH Educator of the
Year 2013

Mr. Dhiren Shethia,
IACCGH Business Person of
the Year 2013

Mr. Gaurav Khandelwal,
IACCGH Business Person
of the Year 2013

Mr. Jagdip Ahluwalia,
(IACCGH Executive
Director) for Outstanding
Contributions to IACCGH

Mr. Ash Shah – “International Business Person of the year”,

Dr. Latha Ramchandran – “Educator of the year”,

Mr. Dhiren Sethia – “Business person of the year”,

Mr. Gaurav Khandewal – “Young Business entrepreneur of the year”

IACCGH founding member **Mr. Jagdip Ahluwalia** who currently serves as Executive Director received a special award for his “Outstanding Contributions to the Chamber” since its inception in 1999.

A Fashion show and dance performance was organized by Naach Houston. Some of Houston’s powerful women business leaders and professionals walked the ramp in apparel by Sari Sapne. Chef Gary and Claudia Behring of the Hilton Americas worked closely with Dawaat Catering (A Madras Pavilion group company) to provide a great dinner and Sara Dugal of “A Touch of Elegance” gave the room a great festive look. Flowers were provided by River Oaks Flowers.

Contact Jagdip Ahluwalia, Executive Director, IACCGH at jagdip@iaccgh.com or call 832 746 8372(M) if you have any questions.

Local Press:

**IACCGH Highlights Energy and Education at 14th Annual Gala
Chamber Gala Delivers on Bilateral Trade with First Ever Indian Firm Sponsor**

Indo-American Chamber gala extols energy, education

IACCGH 14th Annual Gala Focuses on Energy, Education

India Press:

Indian Americans were awarded for empowering energy, education

