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Asian American Advisory Board



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AGENDA, Monthly Board Meeting
6:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 9, 2024
Stephen P. Clark Center, 18-4 Conference Room, Miami, FL 33128
Ref: AG-04-2024

AGENDA ITEMS

PRESENTER

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Tai Vaz

2. Roll Call.....

Joshua Ho

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Tai Vaz

4. Approval of March 2024 Minutes

Tai Vaz

5. Director's Report

Joshua Ho

6. Introduction of Guests.....

Tai Vaz

>Tina Wand Cordon, President, Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce Miami

>Shin-I Lowe, Member, Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce Miami

7. Special Presentations:

Tai Vaz

>National Human Trafficking Prevention Month - "The Right to Know" –

Tania Andre Montanez, Executive Director, The Mavuno Project

>Introduction to Maharashtra Mandal of South Florida – Aparna Matange, President and Founding Member

8. Public Comments:

9. Committee Reports

Committee Chairs

➤ **AAAB Executive Committee** – Tai Vaz, Chairwoman

- Report: Meeting on April 5th

➤ **AAAB Cultural Advancement Committee** – Li Gurau, Chairwoman

• **Asian Culture Series Sub-committee:** Chair: Tai Vaz

- Report: Asian-American Community Tour with Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau – April 6th
- AAPI Heritage Month Celebration with History Miami Museum and Miami-Dade Public Library System – May 11th
- Partnership with Miami Dade County Public Library System

➤ **AAAB Economic Development Committee** – Sharon Fine, Chairwoman

- **Doing Business with Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade County Public Schools:** Follow up from Vendor Forum: Contracting Opportunities on Food, Beverage, and Related Services on Wednesday, March 27th
- **Miami-Dade County International Trade Consortium** – Preeya Disyanan, ITC Board Member

➤ **AAAB Education/Civic Engagement Committee** - Tai Vaz, Chairwoman

- **Health/Wellness Sub-committee:** Chair: Sadrul Fasihi

10. Current Business.....

Tai Vaz

- **Updates from Miami-Dade Police** – MDPD Major Patky Changkachith & Detective Brandy Conway

- **Get Out the Vote Campaign (Location, Date, Time, Hosts)**

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ENGAGEMENT
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**COMMUNITY
RECOGNITION DINNER
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tai Vaz, Luna Adachi
Co-Chairs

**HEALTH/WELLNESS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Sadrul Fasihi
Chair

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

Sharon Fine
Chair

Luna Adachi
Smita Kulkarni
Stephen Matsumoto
Tai Vaz

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE
CONSORTIUM**

Preeya Disyanan
ITC Board Member

**CULTURAL
ADVANCEMENT**

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**ASIAN CULTURE SERIES
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Phonethip "Tai" Vaz
Chair

- **April 28th:** Norman Y. Mineta Leadership Institute in Orlando (APIA Vote)
- **July 13th:** Presidential Townhall Watch Party in Philadelphia (APIA Vote)
- **September 17th:** National Voter Registration Day (APIA Vote)
- Assist with Citizenship Drive
- Voter Registration Drive
- Get Out the Vote Drive
- Asian American Vote Day
- Voters Decide: Asian American Vote 2024
- **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (May)**
 - **Marquee Signage at Miami International Airport**
 - May 2, Thursday: Opening Kickoff Ceremony at Stephen P. Clark Center
 - May 4, Saturday: Golshan Ensemble and Maliheh Moradi (Iranian Music Ensemble), FIU BBC Mary Ann Wolfe Theater
 - May 11, Saturday: History Miami Museum & Miami-Dade Public Library
 - May 15, Wednesday: Gummakonda Reddy Foundation Golf Tournament, Jacaranda Country Club
 - May 18, Saturday: NAMI Walk 2024, Zoo Miami
 - **THEAAAB4AWARENESS** - Team Captain: Dr. Eugene Fu
 - May 18, Saturday: Museum of Discovery and Science
 - May 19, Sunday: Ichimura Japan Garden
 - June 1, Saturday: City of North Miami & North Dade Rotary Club
 - Federal Detention Center Miami: TBD
 - U.S. Southern Command: TBD
 - Doing Business with Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade County Public Schools: TBD

11. Discussion Items (New Business)

Tai Vaz

- **FIU First Generation Scholarship**
 - From AAAB 25th Anniversary Gala
 - AAAB Executive Board approved on their Executive Meeting on April 5th for the amount of \$5000, matched by \$10000 from State of Florida for total of \$15000, and recommends this amount to the Board.

12. Announcements

Tai Vaz

- April 5 – April 14: Miami Film Festival; For Tickets www.miamifilmfestival.com
 - **Black Box Diaries**
Fri, Apr 12th, 7:00 PM @ O Cinema South Beach
When 28-year-old journalist Shiori Ito goes public in 2017 with her rape allegation by then Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's biographer, she feels she has no other choice in order to change Japan's antiquated sexual assault laws. Her press conference shocks in a society where speaking up on such matters is considered shameful. Within days, Shiori is swept into the center of Japanese politics.
 - **The Contestant**
Fri, Apr 12th, 6:45 PM @ Silverspot Cinema 16
The Contestant tells the story of Tomoaki Hamatsu, better known as Nasubi (なすび, "Eggplant"), who starred in one of the world's first reality TV shows in Japan.
 - **Dear Jassi**
Fri, Apr 12th, 7:00 PM @ Coral Gables Art Cinema
Director Tarsem Singh will be in attendance to participate in a post-screening Q&A.
In 1996 Punjab, India, Canadian-born Indian girl Jassi falls in love with Mithu, a rickshaw driver who is beneath her social status. Their attraction is pure and unconditional, but is it strong enough to fight the dictates imposed by Jassi's family and Punjabi society?
- April 10, Wednesday: Beyond Caste and Cow: Rediscovering the Soul of Hinduism with Dr. Chander Shaykher; Miami Dade College Padron Campus, 627 SW 27th Ave., Room 201; 6:30PM-7:30PM; To register [Beyond Caste & Cow](http://BeyondCaste&Cow)
- April 10, Wednesday: Eid al-Fitr (Celebration of Breaking the Fast)
- April 12, Friday: Shabbat B'Yachad (from the frontlines of Israel-Hamas War) with Lt. Col. And Director of AJC Jerusalem; Beth Torah Benny Rok Campus, 20350 NE 26th Ave.; For information (786) 279-7802
- April 14, Sunday: **Songkran Festival** – Thai New Year Celebration; Wat Buddharamsi of Miami, 15200 SW 240th Street, Miami; 10AM-3PM; Free admission; Cash for purchases; www.thaitemplemiamifl.org

- April 16, Tuesday: AJC Miami and Broward Community Leadership Passover Seder; Temple Israel of Greater Miami, 137 NE 19th Street; 11:30AM-1:30PM; \$36 Per Person; To register [AJC Community Leadership Passover Seder](#)
- April 18, Thursday: Meet the Candidates & Judiciary Reception, hosted by APABASFLA; Southeast Financial Center, 2nd Floor Reception Space, 200 S. Biscayne Blvd.; To Register: www.apabasfla.org/events/
- April 18, Thursday: Department of Justice (Protecting Places of Worship (PPOW) Training Series: **Active Shooter Safety Training**; African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, 2650 Sistrunk Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale; 5:30PM-7:30PM; To Register [DOJ PPOW Training 1](#)
- April 19, Friday: Legal Essentials for Small Business Success: A Workshop Guide with Marlon Hill, Presented by GMCVB Tourism Business Enhancement; Overtown Performing Arts Center, 1074 NW 3rd Ave.; 9:30AM-12PM; To Register [GMCVB Legal Essentials for Small Business Success](#)
- April 20, Saturday: NAMI Miami-Dade County presents the Second Honest Talk About Suicide and a Message of Hope; University of Miami Newman Alumni Center, 6200 San Amaro Drive, Coral Gables; 9:00AM-12PM; To register [NAMI Suicide Awareness Forum](#)
- April 22, Monday – April 30, Tuesday: **Passover (Pesach)**
- April 26, Friday: Refresh and Renew with Didi Krishna – A Meetup for Youth and Young Adults; Sadhu Vaswani Center of Miami, 2470 NW 102nd Place, #205, Miami; RSVP Ashim (201) 705-4821 or Ravi (305) 606-3121
- May 2, Thursday; Department of Justice (Protecting Places of Worship (PPOW) Training Series: **The Power of Hello**; African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, 2650 Sistrunk Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale; 5:30PM-7:30PM; To Register [DOJ PPOW Training 2](#)
- May 7, Tuesday; Department of Justice (Protecting Places of Worship (PPOW) Training Series: **Tools for De-Escalation**; African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, 2650 Sistrunk Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale; 5:30PM-7:30PM; To Register [DOJ PPOW Training 3](#)
- Sundays: **ACE Talk** Show with Winnie Tang, Josephine Gordy & Joshua Ho on WAVS 1170AM & 107.9 FM, Sunday evening from 9PM – 10PM www.ACETalk.org

Adjournment

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Next AAAB General Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 6:00 PM @ SPCC 18-4