



Message from Chairman



Dear Members,

We are very excited to announce our new name – US INDIA Chamber of Commerce. This is the first step in rebranding our organization into a national organization with the support of the Indian Ambassador and the Indian Consulate in Washington D.C.

Our new name, we believe, reflects more accurately our role in the US Economy, and the increasing participation of Indian Americans in the corporate, political and governmental organizations. The critical support we have received from different organizations and chambers of commerce across the country reflect an overwhelming need to coalesce under a national umbrella that can play a direct and vital role in promoting Indian American businesses in the United States and function as a bridge to corporate interests in both Indian and the United States

The organization will continue to operate in its current structure and our contacts will remain unchanged. We are however changing the email addresses to reflect and strengthen the USICOC brand. You can reach Chamber at Info@usicoc.org. The old e-mail addresses and website will continue to be operational for the foreseeable future. Our new web domain is www.usicoc.org.

You can find our new USICOC logo with information on the last page of this newsletter and social media.

As always, we thank you for your support.

With Best Regards

Sanjeev Khanna

Chamber Welcomes new UTA President, Mr. Vistasp Karbhari



The Chamber hosted a luncheon in honor of Mr. Vistasp Karbhari, President of University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) on February 27th. Corporate sponsors and distinguished members around DFW area attended the event.

Program Chair, Raj Kalyandurg welcomed everyone and shared upcoming events that are in calendar for the year.

Mr. Karbhari shared his vision for UTA, and provided a perspective on the growth and the academic

programs at the university.

Mr. Karbhari also gave the oath of office to all Board members. The Chamber executive committee for 2014-15 will be A. K. Mago (Founding Chairman), Sanjeev Khanna (Chairman), Mahesh Shetty (Chairman-elect), Sunil Maini (Immediate Past Chair), Suhas Naik (Secretary) and Neeti Khaitan (Treasurer).

Outgoing Chairman Sunil Maini and the retired board members Peter Netto, Dilip Shah and Dilip C. Shah

were acknowledged for their years of service.

Incoming chairman, Sanjeev Khanna thanked everyone for their support and announced that the Chamber will be hence forward operate as the Dallas office of the US India Chamber of Commerce (USICOC).

You can check out event pictures at <https://plus.google.com/photos/111330268189960393666/albums/5987028727818193249>



Founding Chairman, A.K. Mago was officially honored with the prestigious Padma Shri Award by President of India in New Delhi, India. To contact him, send email at ak.mago@usicoc.org.

Visit our Community Events & News at www.usicoc.org. Members can post their company news and events for free!

For more information, contact chamber at 214.346.9559 or info@usicoc.org

Thank you to our new and renewed members!

- ◆ Andrey Sreshta
- ◆ Debi Friedlander
- ◆ Karthigeyan Kathirvel
- ◆ Maggie Liao
- ◆ Mital Patel
- ◆ Nipun Desai
- ◆ Pooja Pathak
- ◆ Steve Carlson
- ◆ Sidharth Abraham
- ◆ Virginie Kidwell
- ◆ Asha Rajagopalan

Tax Planning Event gave Insight on Various Options



The tax planning seminar was presented by the partners of Montgomery Coscia Greilich, LLP on Wednesday, March 12.

The event was titled "2014 Tax Update: Tips for 2013 Compliance and Ideas for 2014 and the Future". The presenters, Brent

Shaffer and Tracey Spivey discussed various topics which included the impact of 2013 Tax at Personal and Businesses level. They discussed 'best practices' in dealing with the new taxes law changes, reporting of Foreign Taxes for individuals and reviewed busi-

ness structures -LLC, S corp., C corp.

Please contact Brent Shaffer or Tracy Spivey if you need any information on tax planning at brent.shaffer@mcggroup.com and tracey.spivey@mcggroup.com.



Dallas honors Laxmi for International Women of Courage Award



Chamber with support of Chetna organization held a reception for Laxmi, recipient of the Secretary State's International Women of Courage (IWCA) award, on March 10.

Laxmi, who likes to call herself a fighter and a survivor of acid attack which happened to her in 1990s shared her experience and requested



people to be more conscious and support her organization which takes in people who are victim of acid attack all over India. She also showed preview of her new TV show in India's News Express channel called Udaan.

Laxmi's State Department-sponsored visit to the U.S. was assisted in Dallas by the North Texas Council for Interna-

tional Visitors, a nonprofit that works with the U.S. diplomatic corps. The State Department began giving its awards in 2007 to non-U.S. citizens who show "exceptional courage" for women's rights and empowerment.

While in Dallas, she met Judge Roberto Cañas of Dallas County Criminal Court No. 10 who handles domestic violence cases. She also took part in a public roundtable discussion at the Flag Room of Dallas City Hall. Among them were leaders from a men's group fighting intimate-partner violence, a woman who survived domestic violence and a Texas Woman's University nursing professor.

To check and support her cause, visit <http://www.stopacidattacks.org/>

Professor Sanjeev Kulkarni named dean of Princeton University Graduate school



Yet another Indian American has been named to a top academic job with the appointment of Sanjeev Kulkarni as the next Dean of the prestigious Princeton University Graduate School. Kulkarni,

Professor of Electrical Engineering and Director of the Keller Center, succeeds William Russel. His appointment will be effective from March 31.

"Sanjeev Kulkarni will be a spectacular dean for Princeton's Graduate School," said Princeton President Christopher L. Eisgruber. "Sanjeev has a well-deserved reputation for excellence as an interdisciplinary scholar, a versatile administrator and a constructive colleague. "He cares deeply about the welfare of students, and he will be a thoughtful and effective advocate

for graduate education in the years to come," Eisgruber said.

Kulkarni, who joined the Princeton faculty in 1991, said he appreciates the chance to serve the University and have an impact in a new role.

"Through more than 20 years as a faculty member and administrator, I have developed a very deep appreciation for Princeton," Kulkarni said. "It is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve the University in this capacity."

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Chairman-Elect: Mahesh Shetty

Immediate Past Chair: Sunil Maini

Founding Chairman: A. K. Mago

Treasurer: Neeti Khaitan

Secretary: Suhas Naik

Manager: Sonali Gandhi

Upcoming Chamber Event

* Click the image to open the flyer for registration and details

Presents

"A retirement plan that generates the highest tax deduction for business owners"

With a fully insured defined benefit plan you can save for retirement. A fully insured plan can provide you with a lifetime of retirement income—guaranteed!

The panel discussion will cover the following:

- Why this type of retirement plan offers the largest plan-related tax deduction allowed by law
- Plan assets grow tax deferred basis
- Plan assets are not correlated to markets

Who should attend?

- ⇒ W-2 or self-employed income
- ⇒ Risk adverse when planning for retirement
- ⇒ Desire guaranteed lifetime retirement income
- ⇒ Looking for large contributions/deductions in early year of plan
- ⇒ Have no employees or, generally, less than six

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2014
Time: 6:30PM to 8:30 PM
Venue: University of Texas at Dallas, Davidson Auditorium, 800 W Campbell Rd, Richardson, TX 75080

Registration Required.

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