

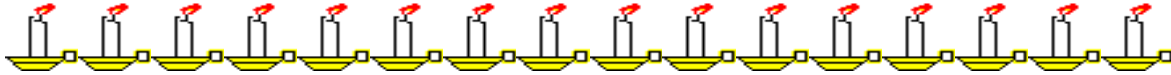


Newsletter

Burmese American Association of Texas

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BAAT CELEBRATES THIDINGYUT/TAZAUNG DINE FESTIVAL

Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends:

My two terms has gone by so fast that it seems like just yesterday you allowed me to serve as your President. Starting in November 2003, I've had the privilege and pleasure to carry out the BAAT community affairs and its mission to the best of my ability with the highest objectivity and integrity. I hope I have served you well. Every time we change hands, the fabric of BAAT becomes stronger and more colorful as the diverse but unique contributions and legacy left behind by each officer. With this positive note, I would like to urge you to get involved in every possible way to elect the new capable officers or being elected yourself as one to contribute your stroke of unique color to the BAAT fabrics in the future. BAAT needs you!

To all respected members, BAAT thanks you for your active membership status, support, and contributions. Behind every successful event, there are countless individuals who have played significant roles and worked relentlessly behind the scenes. I am not here to take all the credits for the success of this organization, but taking this one last opportunity honoring where the honor is due for your wonderful job. Without your support, I would not be a legitimate President serving for an association of the people, by the people, for the people and to the people. As an appreciative token of your support, BAAT will treat you with what you deserve: a good dinner with a lot of desserts and sweets. To even sweeten the deal, our national legend and public heart-throb May Sweet will sweeten your heart and soul with her greatest and sweetest songs to make you even a "sweet" person. I try hard to express my thank-you, but my words just keep baffling the description! Hope you get my point. So mark November 12 on your calendar as a "BAAT Member Appreciation Day". So this is your show! This treat is all about you! Be ready for the big fun-filled night with May Sweet.

To all Board of Directors and Executive Committee, thank you so much for your faithful support, outpouring generosity and precious personal time committed toward the excellence of our BAAT by standing firm on principles and truth and being there for it. I personally thank Ko Robert Chan & Daw Marina; Aunty San & Dr. Thane Kyaw; Dr. Hla Aung & Aunty Kyu and Daw Sein; Ko Maw Si & Ma Molly Win; Ko Sammy & Ma Mi Lay New; Daw Thet Thet Win; and Ko Mee Htoo Bhai and many others for your indispensable supports.

Anyway, let us have a fabulous time at the Thidingyut/Tazaungdine meeting with friends – old and new, far and near, high and low – to strengthen our friendship, understanding, and social bonds among our Burmese families with the diverse ethnic backgrounds in which we take pride. Let's have fun!

Respectfully,
Stephen Yoe, CPA
President 2005

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President

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VP Executive

281- 645-6354

Daw San San Myint (Aunty San)

VP Social

281-530-1898

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Secretary

832-766-0517

Sylvia Hom

Treasurer

832-818-2986

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VP Dallas

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Please contact any officers above if you have any inquiries or business communication concerning the Burmese community.



Invitation

BAAT's annual Thidingyut/Tazaungdine/Thanksgiving party will be held at the Sugar Land Community Center on Saturday, November 12, 2005. BAAT presents one of the most famous contemporary Burmese singers: **May Sweet**. You and your family are cordially invited to join us for an evening of fun, great food, music, and fellowship. Bring your friends along to share the fun.

WHEN: *Saturday, November 12, 2005 (6:00 PM to 11:30 PM)*

WHERE: *Sugar Land Community Center, 226 Matlage Way, Sugar Land, TX 77478*

Please see map for location. If you need further assistance, please call Stephen Yoe (832-452-5757), Ko Myo Aye Thane (281-565-0364), Ko Htwe (832-766-0517), or Ko Robert Chan (281- 645-6354).

Driving Directions:

Sugar Land Community Center
226 Matlage Way
Sugar Land, TX, 77478-3272

(See map on the last page to give you a sense of general location. The Sugar Land Community Center is right across from US Postal Service Office)

From Downtown to 59 South	Miles
Drive US 59 South till US 90 ALT Stafford exit	
Exit onto US 90 ALT West	2.2
Turn LEFT onto BROOKS Street	.06
Turn RIGHT onto GUENTHER Street	.04
Turn LEFT onto MATLAGE Way	.02

From I-10 to Hwy 6 South	Miles
Drive Hwy 6 South to US 90 ALT	
Turn LEFT onto US 90 ALT East	1.0
Turn RIGHT onto BROOKS Street	.06
Turn RIGHT onto GUENTHER Street	.04
Turn LEFT onto MATLAGE Way	.02

Accommodations: Below is a list of closest hotels from the Sugar Land Community Center for those out-of-towners who want to stay overnight:

Hotel	Distance
Drury Inns 12770 Southwest Fwy; Sugar Land, TX 77478 (281) 277-9700	1.2 miles
Marriott Sugar Land Town Square 16090 City Walk; Sugar Land, TX 77479 (281) 275-8400	1.8 miles
Comfort Suites 4820 Technipler Dr; Stafford, TX 77477 (281) 565-5566	3.3 miles
La Quinta 12727 Southwest Fwy; Stafford, TX 77477 (281) 240-2300	3.5 miles

Schedule of Events:

Member/Guest Registration	5:30 PM
Dinner	5:30 – 7:30
BAAT Inaugural Ceremony	7:30 – 8:00
Entertainment /Music	8:00 - 9:30
Tea Break	9:30 – 9:45
Raffle Drawing & Door Prizes	9:45 – 10:00
Entertainment/Music	10:00 – 11:30
Clean-up Time	11:30 PM

Dinner: There will be many main dishes like Mohingha, Dan Pauk (Biryani), Chicken Curry, Beef Curry, and many more, along with sweet desserts.

Entertainment:



May Sweet

The entertainment will be FREE of charge. The special entertainer of the evening is the famous actress/singer May Sweet.

Please contact Ko Sammy Thane (entertainment coordinator) at 281-980-0724 for the cultural dances and duet with May Sweet. Please contact Ko Myo Aye Thane at 281-565-0364 for Karaoke singing.

Door Prizes: Who knows? You may walk away with BAAT's FREE GIVEAWY grand door prizes: Handheld TV, Cooler, or Car Voltage Converter.

Raffle Drawing: Raffle tickets will be sold at the event. Please try your luck to have fun.

BAAT Membership Dues: Members are not required to pay past dues for the years before 2005. Dues may also be sent directly to our VP – Finance, Ko Robert Chan by making **check payable to BAAT.**

Robert Chan
165 N. Hall Drive
Sugar Land, TX 77478

Family - \$25.00 Singles - \$10.00

Keep Us Posted: BAAT encourages all members to inform one of its EC members or Board of Directors of any solemn occasion so that we all could pray and share the profound loss with the family in grief. Also please keep BAAT informed of any achievements or success stories of our member(s) so that BAAT could proudly congratulate the individual(s) for their accomplishments.

A cheery little note from Ma Zin/Angel Tin Mar Lwin....

As some of us will recall, we did invite His Reverence, Tha-gyar-min to our Thingyan festivities in June. Some even would be skeptical about the divine presence. Anyway, it's not feasible or even correct to request him preside things over this time around. Let's not be disheartened, though. We will have our beloved songstress, aptly named May Sweet serenade us with her rich, velvety voice. With the stars in our favor, we anticipate a beautiful evening. And where would we be without our wonderful food, at the very center of culture and celebration. Above all, we'd be amongst friends, old & new. (And we don't really know if Tha-gyar-min can sing like

Aung Yin) Still, it's abundantly clear, we will experience a grand Tazaungdine gala affair. Regardless.



In Memoriam

BAAT was saddened to learn the recent passing of the loved ones of some of our members. All of us here at BAAT extend our most heartfelt condolences to those who have experienced such a profound loss. Please remember that our hearts, prayers and thoughts are with you at this most difficult time.

- Dr. Vumson Suantak (age 68, passed away in Maryland, USA, on September 19, 2005) – One of the old-timer Houstonians. Dr. Vumson is very active in social and political movements and activities for the Chin community in Burma and overseas. He has founded many organizations and also served as chairman, presidents, board of directors, etc on many organizations. He is the author of "Zo History (in English)."
- U Aung Myint, former director of MOGE (age 71, passed away in Yangon on September 21, 2005) - the beloved father of Ma Me Me Aung and Ko Myint Thu.
- Daw Than Nyunt (age 87, passed away in Yangon on October 1, 2005) – beloved mother of Ma Khin Htwe Yi of Austin.



Get Well Wishes

BAAT wishes U Norman Wong a speedy recovery. U Norman has been one of the founders of the BAAT and many other organizations and events. In fact, one of the events: Asian American Tennis Classic that U Norman has organized over 30 years was held on October 29 and 30 while he was in hospital. The tournament players and award presenter Miss Chinatown Jia Hu pray and wish him well soon.

New Arrival

♥ BAAT is ravished with delight and welcomes the new arrival of an adorable baby Tracy Nun Tha Par (daughter of Cindy Dawt Chin Tial and grand-daughter of of Daw Lily & U Tial Ling).

Congratulation!!!

☺ Laura Frederick and Darren Weber exchanged marital vows on August 6, 2005 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Ma Laura is a sister of Ma Maureen and Chris, and Ma Sabrina.

☺ Farida and Nasir Ali exchanged marital vows on August 12, 2005. Ma Farida is a sister of Ko Maung Maung Lay (Raymond).



BAAT would like to acknowledge the names of all volunteers who brought in other delicious food items and assisted with the setup and cleanup before and after the event. BAAT wishes to thank all of you such as members, board members and EC members in advance and beseech you for your collaborative efforts for the future events. Thank you all for your contributions, large or small.



Election Time!!!

It is that time again, our annual election !!!

The Board of Directors has nominated a slate of candidates for all of you to vote on November 12, 2005 at BAAT annual party. Each due-paying family member will be entitled two ballots, and each due-paying single member will have one ballot. One side of the ballot will bear the names of all the nominated candidates and the other side will have the space for the write-in candidates. The Ballot Box will be closed at 7:30 PM, and the result will be announced immediately. Then, the discharging and installation of the new officers will follow. Please register at the entrance to vote. Make your voice heard.

If you know any individuals who are willing and able to contribute their time and energy to this association, please inform Norman Wong (Election Committee) 713-777-7600 to be on the ballot.

Nominated EC Members for 2005-2006

Candidate Names	Position
U Myo Aye Thane	President
U Keith Kyaw	VP - Executive
U Robert Chan	VP - Finance
Daw San San Myint	VP - Social
U Maung Maung Lay	VP – Community Relations
Ma Thant Zin Han	Secretary
Ma Sylvia Hom	Treasurer
Ko Maw Si	VP – Dallas/Fort Worth
Ma Wa Wa Myint	VP – Austin
Dr. Tin Aung Hla	VP – San Antonio





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