

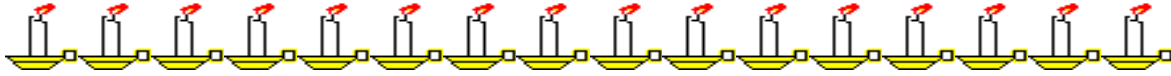


Newsletter

Burmese American Association of Texas

November 2008

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Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends,

It has been three years that I served you as the president of BAAT. It was a real honor to serve the Burmese Community in Texas. I would like to thank all the people who supported me. I am sure we will get the full support from you for my successor Ma Aye Aye Kyi.

As you can see, the BAAT's activities are in full swing. We are holding two to three get-together functions a year for members and friends. We are getting involved in community functions, and we are devoting ourselves in helping new comers from Burma to Houston, Texas. Our latest project for Myanmar Cyclone Relief Fund for Nargis Cyclone Survivors is still going on. So far we have collected about \$36,000 with \$16,000 in matching donation, altogether raising it to over \$50,000.

This year's entertainment will be special. We are bringing Burmese famous singer Yadana Oo who has been visiting the United States from Burma. She has performed quite a number of shows in other cities throughout United States. It is a rare opportunity that Yadana has agreed to come and perform for us in a short notice.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members and friends, especially the working committee, Nargis fund committee, and food committee for making the BAAT events possible. I am sure our events in the year 2009 will be successful with your continuing support.

I also would like you to welcome Ma Aye Aye Kyi and her team for running BAAT's events for next year. I am sure she will do a good job.

But, first things first, we have this November 15 gathering to participate and celebrate. I hope to see all of you there without fail.

Sincerely,

Myo Aye Thane
President 2008

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Invitation

BAAT's annual Thidingyut/ Tazaungdine/ Thanksgiving party will be held at the **Tracy Gee Community Center** on Saturday, November 15, 2008. BAAT presents special entertainment by famous singer **Yadana Oo**. Members and friends of BAAT are cordially invited for an evening of fun, great food, music, and fellowship.

WHEN: Saturday, November 15, 2008
(5:30 PM to 10:30 PM)

WHERE: Tracy Gee Community Center;
Westcenter, Houston, Texas
77077. Phone: 713-266-8193

Fee: No admission fee for paid members, non-paid and guests can enjoy the event and the food for \$5 per person.

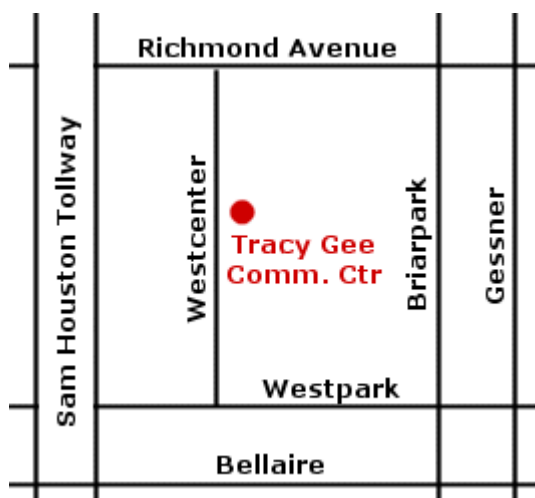
Please see the map above for directions and location. If you need further assistance, please call Ko Myo Aye Thane (281-221-6255), Ma Thant Zin Han (713-392-9929) and James Yoe (832-265-3400).

Driving Directions:

If coming from the south or south west Houston, come to Beltway 8 North (Sam Houston Toll Way) and Westpark junction. Turn right and go east on Westpark. Turn left onto Westcenter Lane. The center is on the right.

If coming from the north or north west Houston come to Beltway 8 South (Sam Houston Toll Way) and Richmond junction. Turn left and go east on Richmond. Turn right onto Westcenter Lane. The center is on the left.

The Map of the Tracy Gee Center



Accommodations:

The nearby Hotel/Motel/Inn, please choose from the following: **Motel 6** at 713-334-9188 (approx. rate \$48.99 + tax (2 Beds)); **Homestead Village** at 713-

785-8550 (approx. rate \$54.00 + Tax (2 Beds)); **Best Western** at 713-782-1515 (approx. rate 72.99+ tax (6 people)); **Red Roof Inn** at 713-785-9909 (approx. rate \$49.99 + tax (2 Beds)); **Sun Suites** at 713-780-8200 (approx. rate \$59.99 + tax (2 Beds)). Please call hotel phone numbers for more information and reservation.

Schedule of Events:

Member/Guest Registration	5:30 - 6:30 PM
Dinner	6:00 - 7:15
Entertainment by Local Talents	7:00 - 7:45
BAAT Inaugural Ceremony	7:45 - 8:00
Yadana Oo's Music Program	8:00 - 8:45
Break	8:45 - 9:00
Ruffle Tickets drawing	9:00 - 9:15
Resume Yadana Oo's Musical Program	9:15 - 10:30
Clean-up Time	10:30 PM

Dinner: BAAT will serve main dishes such as Mohingha, chicken curry, beef curry, seafood salads, Malaysia style noodles and many more. Please bring your favorite dessert and have fun sharing it with fellow members.

Entertainment:

No admission fee required for paid members. Your dessert will get you in the door. Come and enjoy the talented singer **Yadana Oo's** vocal mastery. Additionally, let the local talents entertain you with their performances. This is **THE** event that you do not want to miss.

BAAT Membership Dues: Members are not required to pay past dues for the years before 2008. Dues may also be sent directly to our VP - Finance, U 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.

Please call Aye Aye Kyi at 281-265-3300 or James Yoe at 832-265-3400 for the following:

- to become a BAAT event planning volunteer,
- to participate in BAAT events as a performer, and
- to provide news or articles for the BAAT newsletter.



BAAT greatly appreciates your time, efforts, support, contributions, delicious food items and assistance 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.

New Borns

Ko Shwe Tun Aung and Ma Nyunt Nyunt Wai of Houston for the birth of their son, Ryan Tun Aung.

Ko Patrick Teoh and Ma Stephanie Yu of Houston for the birth of their daughter, Emily Teoh.

Ko Thant Zin Tun and Ma Phyu Phyu Khin of Houston for the birth of their son, Ethan That Tun.

Snapshot of the Donation Drive.

Total Collected as of September 19, 2008: USD 36,990.

Donations Given Out to date (September 19, 2008)

5/16/2008	CABA	\$3500	\$3500 (100% matching)
5/20/2008	TDSA	\$3500	
5/29/2008	CABA	\$5000	\$5000 (100% matching)
5/31/2008	TDSA	\$5000	
5/31/2008	CABA	\$5000	\$5000 (100% matching)
6/2/2008	CARE	\$1500	
6/13/2008	TDSA	\$4500	
6/13/2008	CABA	\$3000	\$3000 (100% matching)
7/20/2008	CABA	\$600	
7/20/2008	TDSA	\$1200	
9/16/2008	CABA	\$3435	
9/16/2008	TDSA	\$268	
Total		\$36,503	\$16,500 (matched)

For more information please visit www.baatz.org

Condolences

BAAT sends warmest sympathy to the members and their families who recently lost their love ones. Those who passed away are as follows:

- Mr. Chan Yan Cong, beloved father of Daw Marina Chan (BAAT VP U Robert Chan), passed away on September 14, 2008 in Los Angeles.
- BAAT member, U Tin Maung Win, passed away on September 19, 2008 in Houston.
- Daw Yin Yin Oung, beloved mother of Brenda Tin Thwar (Ronnie Yale) of Fort Worth, passed away on October 1, 2008.

Congratulations

BAAT extends heartiest congratulations to the following members and shares their joy.

Graduations

Ko Patrick Teoh for Master of Computer Science Degree on May 21, 2008.

Ma Thant Zin Han for MBA on November 1, 2008.



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 15, 2008 at BAAT annual party. Each due-paying family member is entitled to have two ballots, and each due-paying single member, 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 announcement of election results will follow. Subsequently, old officers will be discharged and new officers will be installed.

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 2008-2009

Candidate Names	Position
Daw Aye Aye Kyi	President
Daw Thant Zin Han	VP – Executive
Daw San San Myint	VP – Social
U Robert Chan	VP – Finance
Daw Terry Win	Secretary
Daw Aye Myint Thwin	Treasurer
Daw Molly Win	VP – Dallas/Fort Worth
Daw Wa Wa Myint	VP – Austin
Dr. Tin Aung Hla	VP – San Antonio
U Shwe Tun Aung	VP - Resettlement Committee



Photo Gallery of Yadana Oo



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*****DISCLAIMER*****

BAAT was incorporated with the mission to promote friendship, cooperation, and entertainment among Burmese Nationals, people of Burmese descent, and friends of Burma. BAAT's activities are conducted primarily for the benefit of its members. BAAT and its officers and members take no responsibility and will not be held responsible for any injuries or any liability that may occur during its events, howsoever caused. All participants should exercise utmost care and participate in its events at your own risk.