Sanjay Ram - First Indian-American on METRO Board!

Indo American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston (IACCGH) held a reception for the newest appointee Mr. Sanjay Ram as the Board of Director of the METRO Board on July 8th at HESS Club. Mr. Sanjay Ram served as past President for ASIE. He took an active role in leading the ASIE team forward for 2 years.

It was a proud moment for ASIE to see our past President rose to such a highest position in the society. Mr. Ram becomes the first Indian-American to serve on the METRO Board. He was appointed by the Mayor of Houston, confirmed by the Houston City of Council.

Mayor Ms. Anise Parker, Chairman Gilbert Garcia, the Consulate General of India, Mr. Harish Parvathaneni, IACCGH President Mr. Ashok Garg and long-term Executive Director Mr. Jagdip Ahluwalia, ASIE President Mr. Raj Basavaraju, Mr. Dick Huebner, Head of the Houston Minority Business Council and many others professional, leaders from various organizations congratulated and complimented Mr. Ram for his remarkable, selfless involvement in numerous Indo-American Boards and non-profit organizations.

Mr. Sanjay Ram is a true inspiration to all aspiring young leaders and professionals. Congratulations Mr. Sanjay Ram!
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Leader’s Conference 2015

India Culture Center (ICC) of Houston organized Leader’s Conference 2015 in association with other Indo-American Organizations on July 11th at India House.

ICC graciously offered invitation to ASIE Board, Council, and future leaders to participate in the conference. ASIE’s President Mr. Raj Basavaraju spread the word about our Organization, its’ goals to the audience. An enthusiastic group of students, professionals, and leaders from various local organizations attended the Conference. It was a good opportunity to spread the word and be part of the community.

Guest Speakers, Ms. Parul Fernandes, Mr. Pinakin Jaradi, Mr.Sanjay Ram were invited to talk on “Developing Leadership”. They shared their experiences and lessons learned to the audience. The conference was very interactive and educating. The attendees took home a lot of lessons.
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**Dr. APJ Kalam Prayer Meet**

India House and ICC along with other major Indo-American organizations and community organized a prayer meet to Our People’s President Dr. APJ Kalam on July 29th. ASIE team offered deepest condolences and paid tributes to the Great Leader, Engineer, Scientist and the Missile Man of India.

Dr. Kalam was a true leader, great human being. It was a loss for the entire world. ASIE’s President offered condolences on behalf of the organization.
July Monthly Meeting/ Technical Seminar

Technical Seminar on “Latest Heavy Lifting Solutions in Oil & Gas Industry” by Versabar Inc.

Mr. Tom Cheatum presented the concepts of Spreader bar Lift System and Versabar 10K System w/Claw

Versabar Inc is a leader in heavy equipment lift engineering, have provided engineering and equipment for over 100,000 lifts in USA and around the world. Mr. Tom Cheatum, Director of Sales and Marketing presented a Technical Seminar on “Latest Heavy Lifting Solutions in Oil & Gas Industry”. Very innovative and state of the art Heavy Equipment Lifting techniques were presented. The seminar was very interesting and informative. Over 45 professionals and students attended the seminar. A full course Indian dinner was catered to the audience. The event was sponsored by Versabar and ASIE. ASIE provided 1 hr PDH certificates to all attendees.

Raj Basavaraju and Sai Gowthami Asam presented “Certificate of Appreciation” to Mr. Tom Cheatum
July Monthly Meeting/ Technical Seminar

Technical Seminar on “Latest Heavy Lifting Solutions in Oil & Gas Industry” by Versabar Inc.
ASIE’s Membership Chair Ms. Poolkeshi Patel welcomed all new student members who attended the July Technical Seminar/Monthly Meeting with ASIE T-shirts.

Clockwise Azeemuddin Gulam Mohammed (Texas A&M, College Station), Vamshi Thummuri, Graduate EIT, Sirrus Engineers Inc. (Texas Tech University), Shiva Prasad Kaitha (Texas A&M, College Station), and Umang Thanki (SMU).
August Events

Joint Luncheon Event – ASIE, TexITE, AAEA

Technical Panel Discussion on “Greater Houston Area Engineering and Planning Needs – 10yr Horizon”

ASIE’s Vice President Mr. Naresh Kolli with Distinguished Technical Panel - Mr. Dan Menendez, Deputy Director, City of Houston, Mr. Charles Dean, Planning Manager, Harris County, Mr. Roberto Trevnino, Executive Vice President, Houston METRO and Moderators Mr. Sandeep Patil and Mr. Vivek Menon.
August Events

ASIE Team at Joint Luncheon Event – ASIE, TexITE, AAEA

ASIE Team was represented by Ms. Poolkeshi Patel, Ms. Sai Gowthami Asam, Mr. Chetan Vyas, Mr. Sekhar Ambadapudi, Mr. Ravi Arora and Mr. Naresh Kolli
August Events

The Luncheon and Appreciation!

Mr. Naresh Kolli addressed the event on behalf of ASIE, spread the word about organization and its' goals to the audience. It was a great opportunity to be a part of other local professional organizations. A token of appreciation was presented to all Speakers. Mr. Charles Dean in picture on left.
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ASIE Team – Naresh Kolli, Naveen Kumar, Sai Gowthami Asam & Poolkeshi Patel welcoming guests (Dr. Satya Pilla)
August Events

Independence Day Celebrations – ASIE Booth at ICC FEST

ASIE Booth at ICC Fest - Stafford Civic Center on August 16th
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ASIE team set up a booth to spread the word about organization and to celebrate 69th Independence Day with fellow Indians at ICC FEST held at Stafford Civic Center on August 16th. Many enthusiastic volunteers participated and represented ASIE at the Venue. Volunteers distributed membership forms, brochures, newsletters, souvenirs, scholarship forms to visitors. ASIE Volunteers – Bhavana Patel, Naresh Kolli, Sai Gowthami Asam, John Pinto, Sekhar Ambadapudi, Hasmukh Doshi (ASIE’s First President), Young Volunteers – Rahul and Nina Kilambi hit it off with pride and enthusiasm for the first half of the event.
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ASIE Volunteers in Action!

Many visitors stopped by ASIE booth, learned about the organization and congratulated for completing over 20 years successfully. Over 30 visitors signed up and showed interest in joining as members to support the organization. It was a great event and opportunity to showcase the organization to new
ASIE volunteers and supporters, Rohit Desai, Raj Basavaraju, Ben Bansal, Harendra Bhatt, Sekhar Ambadapudi, Ravi Arora, Sai Gowthami Asam, Mahesh Wadhwa, Srinivas Chintalapati, Madhu Kilambi, Rahul Kilambi, Nina Kilambi and Mahathi finished off successfully!
August Events

Independence Day Celebrations by Graduate Indian Student Organization (GISO) at University of Houston (UH)

ASIE Team – Mr. Srinivas Chintalapati (2015 Scholarship Committee Chair) and Ms. Poolesh Patel (Membership Chair) represented the organization and spread the word among Graduate Students at UH. The Membership Chair focused on increasing the student members while the Scholarship Chair presented details on ASIE Scholarship Program to the students. ASIE has been helping deserving students financially every year by giving out Scholarships.

In 2014 ASIE gave $15000 in Scholarships to deserving graduate and undergraduate students pursuing engineering degrees in Greater Houston Area. ASIE has included Architects in the group officially in 2015. Starting this year, the Scholarships will be awarded to deserving students pursuing degrees in Engineering and Architectural degrees. Many students showed interest in joining ASIE. ASIE Student Committee is also working on starting a new Student Chapter at UH to help and guide student members.
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September Events
Architectural & Engineering Field Trip to BAPS Sri Swaminarayan Mandir

An enthusiastic group of architects, engineers, family members joined for an Engineering & Architectural field trip to BAPS Sri Swaminarayan Mandir on September 26th. The tour was very informative and all attendees learnt a lot of information regarding the construction, engineering, architecture and design of the great monument. Mr. Jatin Desai, Structural Engineer of the project & Mr. Dinesh Shah presented technical details related to Sacred Architecture, Science and Unique Engineering involved in creating this amazing monument with 33,000 hand carved limestone and marble pieces without any steel framing and rebar in the foundation to last for more than 1000years.

ASIE Trophy
Technical and non-technical tours were organized to entertain professionals and family members. ASIE was given a great opportunity to present trophy to Sri Shwetmuni Swamiji. ASIE also received very good recognition in front of huge audience after the tour. Mandir sponsored a very sumptuous dinner to all attendees. It was a successful event. All attendees were given 1 hr PDH certificates for participation.
Upcoming Events

❖ Nov 6\textsuperscript{th} – 2015 Annual Holiday Event

❖ December 10\textsuperscript{th} – General Body Meeting

❖ January 21\textsuperscript{st} – 2016 Board and Advisory Council Inauguration & Technical Seminar/Monthly Meeting
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