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# WELCOME

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Texas Dragon Boat Association, we welcome you to the 13th Annual Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta. It is a pleasure this year to honor Hyatt Place Houston/Sugar Land. With the support of the Hyatt Place and their Area General Manager, Michael Gleeson, our year around program has grown and flourished. Over the past 3 weekends, we have hosted practices for more than 40 teams with 800+ paddlers, the USA Time Trials, and hosted a Paddling Clinic taught by USDBF Team USA Premiere Women's Head Coach Dr. Hype Mattingley. This would not have been possible without the Hyatt Place. Hyatt Place Houston/Sugar Land is an integral part to the expansion of the art of dragon boating in and around the State of Texas. Their appreciation of cultural arts and their forward thinking efforts to encourage tourism to the City of Sugar Land sets them apart.



This is going to be a weekend unlike any other that Sugar Land has ever seen! We have an exciting fun filled weekend planned for your enjoyment that will include Dragon Boat Racing, both day and night Stand Up Paddle Board racing, a Moonlight Dragon Boat Tug of War Challenge, Cultural Arts Performers, live entertainment, diverse merchants in our Vendor Zones, and unique food choices. The integration of dragon boat paddlers and paddlers from other genres has begun, and as always, Texas Dragon Boat Association is among the leaders in the effort.

We are excited and humbled at the growth of Dragon Boating over the years. Dragon boating not only provides a unique teambuilding experience for the participants, but also an opportunity to enhance mutual understanding and friendly relations between China and the US and encourages dialogue between diverse cultures. The events hosted by our organization provide the dramatic spectacle of the racing experience, dynamic cultural arts entertainment with accompanying music, and family friendly activities. We are always excited to be in Sugar land and hope you enjoy the all the amenities that this city has to offer! We hope you will be inspired to participate as a paddler, steersperson, planning volunteer, and supporter of the Texas Dragon Boat Association as we work to promote the tradition of Dragon Boating, increase awareness of Asian-American culture, and enhance cross-cultural understanding.

## PADDLES UP!

*David M. Mandell*

PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TEXAS DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION

## Carnation Ceremony

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 at 12PM



This ceremony is a symbolic display to honor everyone who has been touched by cancer. There are many stories behind the faces of all paddlers. There are many supporters not in the boats, whose love and support gave many of the cancer survivors the strength to cope. When someone is diagnosed with Breast Cancer, the color pink takes on a whole new meaning. The color pink is embraced in ribbons, flowers, garments, and paddles ... any number of ways to show resilience and memory.

The Texas Dragon Boat Association lifts our paddles to the heavens in support of those fighting Cancer, those everyday heroes assisting those with Cancer and those teams paddling to keep the issue of Cancer in the forefront of our thoughts.

Gone, but never forgotten.



# HONORARY CO-CHAIRS & KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



## **THE HONORABLE LI QIANGMIN**

### **CONSUL GENERAL OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN HOUSTON**

Mr. Li Qiangmin is the 13th and current Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Houston. He assumed the office as of May 2014.

Consul General Li is a senior diplomat with extensive international experiences and has considerable expertise in economic and trade affairs. He graduated from Central South University in 1981 and obtained his MBA from the Research Institute for Management Science in the Netherlands in 1988. He was born in May 1957. He and his wife have a daughter.



## **ALLISON WEN**

### **SAFARI TEXAS RANCH**

Allison Wen was born in Hong Kong. He is a graduate of the University of Houston, Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management. He has served as the Chairman of Global Initiative, Fort Bend County, and is on the Board of Trustee with the Fort Bend Economic Development Council. He also serves as the Board of Directors for the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce and Fort Bend Cares. He is the Interim Vice Chair for the Sugar Land Heritage Foundation.

Because of his generous support to the community, he was recognized as one of Fort Bend Focus Magazine's Man of the Year, Asian Chamber of Commerce, Business Man of the Year, and Richmond Rosenberg Chamber of Commerce, Business Person of the Year.



## **MIKE GLEESON**

### **AREA GENERAL MANAGER, HYATT HOTELS**

Mr. Micheal Gleeson is the Area General Manager of the Hyatt Hotels Corporation and has served in that role since 2010. With over 22 years of hospitality experience and a can do perspective, Mr. Gleeson is one of Sugar Land's "Hidden Treasures". Mr. Gleeson is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University and has spent his entire career serving Texas. Mike is a dedicated family man, a tireless worker, and a treasured Supervisor.



## **DEB WEHNER**

### **SURVIVOR**

I am Deb Wehner and I am a SURVIVOR. It's been eight years since I heard those four words that changed my life forever... You have breast cancer.... This is when I got angry and said "oh no"...you will not get me...."Bring it!" and I was determined to kick some cancer butt Prior to that day in November 2008, I was caregiver to my husband as he battled throat cancer in 1998 and then we fought his lung cancer in 1999. Caregiving is the toughest job around as you have to watch your loved one in such discomfort and just "be there" for whatever they may need and support them with all your love and strength. I also was caregiver to my mom when she was diagnosed in March 2008 with breast cancer and I had to watch my feisty petite mamma alienate herself from all of her family and friends because she was embarrassed that she had cancer. I have continued to watch her decline in health and spirit over these last eight years and it is heartbreaking. I am visiting with my parents in South Carolina right now as I write this with tears streaming down my face. Why do I dragon boat? Why is ALL HANDS ABREAST a survivor, caregiver, supporter and friends team? I live each day to the fullest to prove there is LIFE AFTER CANCER, and I paddle as my "in your face" cancer! Cancer doesn't get to decide....I decide. I paddle to raise awareness and possibly make that one person realize...hey, maybe I should have the doctor take a look since I haven't been feeling well....We paddle together on our boat as we live our lives....together we are there to support each other and together we are there to comfort each other. As a survivor, I cannot do this alone... I must have my caregivers, my supports, and my friends.....Just as it is on the boat.....It takes a team to fight the fight.....PADDLES UP!



## **TERRI WANG**

### **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER**

For the past 21 years, Terri has been active in the community, her church and her children's schools (Commonwealth Elementary, Fort Settlement Middle School and Clements High School). She is a Board member of Fort Bend Education Foundation, Shape Up Fort Bend, and Holy Child Charity. Terri helps to promote local events as the Community Relations for Sweetwater Style Magazine. Terri also serves on the City Manager's Multi-Cultural Advisory Team, and is currently helping with Grant-A-Starr Foundation Gala and Family Fun Run. This year, she will be co-chairing Fort Bend Education Foundation's Gala called Bollywood Nights. She has been an active committee member with Texas Dragon Boat Association for the past 6 years.

# THANK YOU TO OUR HARD-WORKING REGATTA COMMITTEE & BOARD

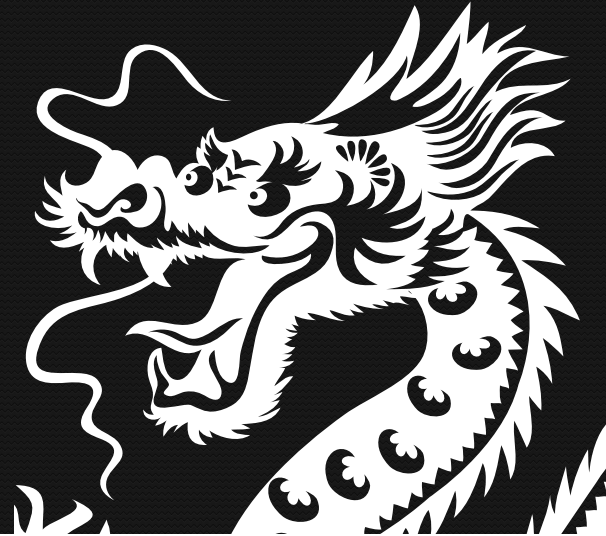
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# CORPORATE TEAMS

## AMEGY BANK – TEAM ‘A’ BANK

The energy of Amegy Bank is back in full force as the ‘A’-Bank Team prepares for its 6th year as a corporate sponsor and team for this year’s race. With several wins under their belt along with new and returning teammates, the ‘A’-Bank paddles are up and ready to row to victory! From all over the Greater Houston Area, Amegy employees have come together as a winning team by holding a couple of Amegy’s hometown bank values in their hearts, and in their paddles: 1) Know that everyone counts, and 2) Get results!

## BANK OF TEXAS

At Bank of Texas, our community is our livelihood. For that reason, we believe in giving back every day and in many different ways. Serving our community is more than a commitment. It’s our culture. Making a community stronger begins with clearly understanding its needs. That’s why we have developed meaningful relationships with more than 600 nonprofit partners in the eight states we serve. Additionally, we work closely with community and business leaders, elected officials and other local partners. With these relationships, we are able to identify, understand and address the unique challenges each of our communities face.

## CGG

CGG is a fully integrated Geoscience company providing leading geological, geophysical and reservoir capabilities to its broad base of customers, primarily from the global oil and gas industry. CGG is Powered by People, all with a Passion for Geoscience and working together safely with integrity to deliver the best solutions to its customers. The CGG US Imaging Dragon Boat Team is entering the water for its sixth year and is composed of an enthusiastic group of both new and experienced paddlers eager to demonstrate their teamwork and have a great time!

## CHASE

The “Dragon Chasers” team from Chase is led by AsPIRE (Asians and Pacific Islanders Reaching for Excellence), a networking group for employees of Asian heritage. Comprised of technologists and bankers, the “Dragon Chasers” spend countless hours on computer work, but they’ve trained to compete and win the “bankers cup” of the Dragon boat race, which is a competition amongst financial services. Dragon Chasers of Chase are coming with a covert strategy and lots of energy cheered by their families, friends, and colleagues.

## EASTWEST BANK

East West Bank is a premier bank focused exclusively on the U.S. and Greater China markets and operates over 130 locations worldwide, including the U.S. markets of California, Georgia, Nevada, New York, Massachusetts, Texas and Washington. In Texas, we have 8 branches in the Greater Houston area and 3 branches in Dallas. In Greater China, East West’s presence includes full service branches in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Shantou and Shenzhen, and representative offices in Beijing, Chongqing, Guangzhou, Taipei and Xiamen. For more information on East West, visit our website at [www.eastwestbank.com](http://www.eastwestbank.com).

## ENERGY TRANSFER – POWER UP

Energy Transfer is a Texas-based company that began in 1995 as a small intrastate natural gas pipeline operator and is now one of the largest and most diversified investment grade master limited partnerships in the United States. Growing from roughly 200 miles of natural gas pipelines in 2002 to approximately 71,000 miles of natural gas, natural gas liquids (NGLs), refined products, and crude oil pipelines today, the Energy Transfer family of partnerships remains dedicated to providing exceptional service to its customers and attractive returns to its investors. Energy Transfer is proud to participate in the 2016 Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta!

## ENTERPRISE – GREEN MACHINES

This energetic Dragon Boat team is from Enterprise Holdings and is made up of Alamo Rent-a-Car, National Car Rental, and Enterprise Rent-a-Car. Enterprise Holdings is the transportation industry leader for cars, trucks, vans, and commercial vehicles operating in over 50 countries including Canada, Europe, China, Middle East, Central and South America with a fleet of 1.3 million cars. They have paddled their way through the competition to be ranked by J.D. Power & Associates for “Highest in Rental Car Customer Satisfaction” among North American airports from 2004 to 2013. Additionally, Enterprise Holdings is ranked as one of the top companies to launch a career for the past seven years! For more information please visit [www.enterprise.com](http://www.enterprise.com) to find great rates for local, national, and international rental car needs. Paddles up Team Green Machine!

## EXMAR OFFSHORE COMPANY

Exmar Offshore (a company that does NOT drill oil) is happy to be partnering with ConocoPhillips and Phillips 66 once again for this year’s Gulf Coast Regatta! The Exmar Deepwater Dragons have competed in Houston for the past 9 years. This year we have been training hard, and we are looking forward to defending the title of Energy Cup Champions and competing for top honors at the Regatta.

## FLUOR

Fluor is proud to be a host and a competitor in this year’s Texas Dragon Boat Festival and hopes to bring some tough competition and enthusiastic support to the event. With the growing popularity of this event, Fluor plans to continue its involvement with the Texas Dragon Boat association for years to come.

## FORT BEND COUNTY MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS

Fort Bend County Medical Reserve Corps Row Team are an amazing team of volunteer doctors, nurses, educators, students, retirees and more who have dedicated their time training and preparing to respond to their communities in case of disaster.



# CORPORATE TEAMS CONT'D

## KPMG

KPMG's team is powered by employees, friends, and family of KPMG Houston. Their boat is sponsored by KPMG Houston's Asian Pacific Islander Network (APIN). KPMG is one of the largest professional services networks in the world and one of the Big Four accounting firms. KPMG provides audit, tax and advisory services as well as industry insight to help organizations negotiate risks and perform in the dynamic and challenging environments in which they do business. For more information, please visit our website at [www.kpmg.com](http://www.kpmg.com).

## MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER – CANCER SLAYERS

The Cancer Slayers team consists of MD Anderson Cancer Center employees, employee spouses, and friends. Our mission is to “slay” the troubles associated with cancer and bring hope to the loved ones of the brave individuals fighting this disease.

## SCHLUMBERGER

Schlumberger is the world's leading supplier of technology, integrated project management and information solutions to customers working in the oil and gas industry worldwide. Employing approximately 120,000 people representing over 140 nationalities and working in more than 85 countries, Schlumberger provides the industry's widest range of products and services from exploration through production. The Schlumberger Blue Dragons are as diverse as the company they represent and they are coming out to show their teamwork and how to have fun.

# COMMUNITY TEAMS

## AKYSB (AGA KHAN YOUTH AND SPORTS BOARD) ROWING CLUB

AKYSB (Aga Khan Youth and Sport Board) Southwest Rowing Club is a Sugar Land, Texas-based group. The primary agenda of this club is to provide our community with opportunities to participate in events where they can experience other cultures, interact with other communities and spread the message of love, peace, and harmony.

## APCA

Asian Pacific Islanders for Professional and Community Advancement (APCA) is one of the (11) AT&T's Employee Resource Groups. APCA is also a non-profit, educational organization that focuses on representation of Asian Pacific Islanders employed by AT&T and its wholly owned subsidiaries. APCA missions are: (1) Increase Asian culture diversity awareness within our corporation and community (2) Create alliances that enhance professional and leadership opportunities for its members.

## BAYOU CITY OUTDOORS (FLEW CITY OUTDOORS)

Bayou City Outdoors is Texas' largest outdoor activity and social club, and it's based right here in Houston. Each month we hold between 80 and 100 events, in Houston, around Houston and abroad. From hiking to biking, kayaking to camping, travel and socials and anything else we can think of, we have fun! Our members are newbies and experienced adventurers, mainly we are just a group of people who love to have fun and meet new friends. [www.BayouCityOutdoors.com](http://www.BayouCityOutdoors.com)

## BEAST UNLEASHED HYDRA

We are deeply honored and humbled that we have the opportunity to compete and enjoy the day with such a large group of philanthropists and good people. We identify ourselves as a group of exercise enthusiasts always looking for our next adventure. We come from diverse backgrounds, all have different professions, and love to work and play hard. Despite our unique differences once we are out on the water we unify becoming one beast. When the horn sounds for the race to begin you will see why we are BEAST UNLEASHED!!!!

## CITY OF SUGAR LAND – TEAM SWEETRIDE

Team SWEETRIDE is comprised of City of Sugar Land employees and family. This will be our fourth year participating in this great event. Our employees enjoy a chance to team build and engage in healthy activities.

## FIRST COLONY ASSOCIATION

First Colony Dragons since 2010 has been gathering energetic fire-breathing members of the Sugar Land and First Colony area. In their first race, they beat the Sugar Land police department. They have been chasing the dragon ever since.

## HG GAVEL DRAGONS

HG Gavel Dragons consist of Municipal Judges, Court Staff and Friends of the Houston Municipal Court. The team was formed in honor of the late Judge Herbert Gee a beloved member of the Municipal Court team. In the courtroom or ON THE WATER our team strives for swift and clear victories!

## HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY – HBU BESERKERS

The Houston Baptist University Dragon Boat team recruits only the most enthusiastic paddlers from among our halls! Win or lose, we make it a point to have the most spirit! Consequently, we have a tendency to go BERSERK during the race, so, beware the BERSERKERS!



# SATURDAY

## 8:30AM OPENING CEREMONY

### Welcome

DAVID MANDELL, *Executive Director,  
Texas Dragon Boat Association*  
JIM TRAVLOS,  
*Board Chairman, Texas Dragon Boat  
Association*

### Pledge of Allegiance

### National Anthems of the P.R.C. and U.S.

IRENA WAN,  
*Miss Chinese New Year Houston 2017*  
ANITA WILSON, *Miss Sugar Land Pre-Teen*

### Honorary Co-Chairs

MIKE GLEESON,  
*Area General Manager Hyatt Hotels*  
ALLISON WEN, *Safari Texas Ranch*  
THE HONORABLE LI QIANGMIN,  
*Consul General of the People's Republic of  
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### Dotting the Eyes / Awakening the Dragon

Opening Ceremony Dragon Dance by Soaring  
Phoenix Lion and Dragon Dance Association

## 9:00AM RACES – ROUND 1

9:30AM Korean Farm Dance

10:00AM Cookie Joe's Dance Companies

11:00AM Sugar Land Skeeters, Atlantic League  
Champions - Meet Swatson!

USA Tai Chi Academy

## 11:20AM RACES – ROUND 2

11:45PM Chinese Yo-Yo

12:00PM American Shaolin Kung Fu

1:00PM Tropical Rhythms Polynesian Dance Troupe

2:00PM Layaa's Dance Group

## 2:30PM RACES – FINALS

3:00PM Amira's Oasis

## 4:45PM CLOSING CEREMONIES & AWARDS

## 5:30PM RACES – 6K ENDURANCE CUP RACE

## 6:30PM MOONLIGHT DRAGON BOAT TUG-OF-WAR

## 7:30PM SUP NIGHT RACES

# REGATTA P

### American Shaolin Kung Fu

American Shaolin Kung Fu is under the direction of Shaolin brothers First and Second Master Shi Yan Feng from the Shaolin Temple in Henan, China. They specialize in teaching Kung Fu, Tai Ci, Qi Gong Meditation, and San Da. With students as young as 4 years of age to 60 years old, both Masters have the passion and talent to train students from all walks of life. They have been a part of the Houston and Sugar Land community since 2008 performing at cultural festivals and local weddings.

### Amira's Oasis

Amira's Oasis is a Middle Eastern dance troupe under the direction of Instructor and choreographer, Amira Tanya. Amira and her students perform modern/classical bellydance, and also perform a traditional folkloric dance, Saidi, from Egypt. Their love of Middle Eastern music/dance, along with their engaging, interactive performances, makes them a favorite with audiences.

### Chinese Yo-Yo

Chinese yo-yo has been a popular game in China since Ming Dynasty. People play for exercise of mind and body. The performer, Zhong Gui Wang, has played it for more than 10 years and is very passionate about it.

### Cookie Joe's Dance Companies

The Cookie Joe's Dance Companies is a non-profit company committed to enlightening the community to the Asian American experience through dance and music. We strive to build bridges between different ethnic and cultural communities. The unique blend of Asian and American culture is evident in the way we use martial arts, folk dances, and music from both East and West to complement the contemporary style for which we have become known. Visit us at [www.cookiejoedance.com](http://www.cookiejoedance.com)

### Korean Farm Dance

Korean Farm Dance performance is a traditional dance from Korea to celebrate prosperity and life. This performance is demonstrated after harvest and many occasions in different villages in Korea. The performers of organization is made of mainly Korean senior association school students in Houston.

### Layaa's Dance Group

Layaa started teaching at the age of 12. The dance group has been dancing for six years now and we have performed in many places around Houston. We use our background in Indian classical dancing to express Bollywood in a unique way. Choreography - Layaa Raja

\*Race times are approximate and subject to change depending on weather and team qualifications throughout the day.

If you would like to see your performance group at our next event, please contact [entertainers@texasdragonboat.com](mailto:entertainers@texasdragonboat.com)



# PERFORMERS

## **Soaring Phoenix Lion and Dragon Dance Association**

Soaring Phoenix Lion and Dragon Dance Association is a non-profit charity organization committed to raising awareness and generating funds for impoverished children around the world through the traditional art of lion and dragon dancing. We function on a volunteer basis by local youths that dedicate their time to improving in the art and sharing it with the community.

## **Texas Yuanji Dance Association**

Texas Yuanji Dance Association is an organization that provides instruction on Yuanji Dance. Its purpose is to promote well-being of the mind and body through exercise as well as to increase awareness of Asian-American culture. What is Yuanji Dance? Yuanji Dance is a combination of serene music and therapeutic movements that aid in the enlightenment of one's mind, body, and soul.

## **Tropical Rhythms Polynesian Dance Troupe**

Tropical Rhythms Polynesian Dance Troupe has been dancing the graceful art of hula in Festivals and cultural events in Houston, Texas since 2001 under the leadership of Neni Navarrete and Bessie Kirkman. Most of our repertoire is "hapa haole" - ... from the modern era of hula & music where the songs are fun and festive and are sung in English. We also include traditional Hawaiian dances and use implements such as pu'ili sticks, 'uli'ulis and ipus to give you a taste of old Hawaii. With the help of Bernie Staples our repertoire was expanded to include polynesian islands and now we are also known as Polynesian Rhythms. Check us out at TropicalRhythms.webs.com

## **USA Culture Sports Arts Association**

USA Culture Sports Arts Association is engaged in the Chinese culture, sports, arts, international cultural studies in the United States, and the exchange of non-profit organizations. Many experts, scholars and professionals are extensive in fruitful fields. The performance includes: 1) International Chen Style Tai Chi Show, Website: [www.chenstyletaichi.com](http://www.chenstyletaichi.com). 2) North America Youth Chinese Orchestra, Website: <http://www.nayco.org>. 3) Ballet Show "Swan Lake", Website: [www.huangdancestudio.com](http://www.huangdancestudio.com). 4) Chinese Folk Song "The dragon boat song" by the Happy team: 832-860-9457. 5) Traditional Chinese Qipao Show, Contact Phone #: 832-367-1534.

## **USA Tai Chi Academy**

Tai Chi exercises for health and wellness that will strengthen the health and boost the immune system of body. It is a slow movement martial art designed to fit all of people, especial for seniors who are not able to do vibrant sports. USA TAI CHI ACADEMY is a non-profit organization promoting Tai Chi and Qi Gong for health. All of our instructors and administrators are volunteers without pay. We have seven locations that offer 9 Tai Chi classes in Houston and Sugarland. Member students can attend any or all classes, depending their skill level and qualification.

# SUNDAY

**8:30AM**

## **OPENING CEREMONY**

### **Welcome**

DAVID MANDELL, *Executive Director, Texas Dragon Boat Association*  
CAROLINE QUAN LONG,  
*Secretary, Texas Dragon Boat Association*

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **National Anthem**

ANITA WILSON, *Miss Sugar Land Pre-Teen*

### **Speakers**

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**10:10AM**

## **RACES – ROUND 2**

**11:00AM**

## **SUP SPRINTS**

**11:50AM**

## **RACE – BCS**

**12:00PM**

## **CARNATION CEREMONY**

**1:00PM**

American Shaolin Kung Fu

**1:30PM**

## **RACES – FINALS**

**2:00PM**

Amira's Oasis

**2:30PM**

USA Culture Sports Arts Association

**3:30PM**

## **CLOSING CEREMONIES & AWARDS**

## **\*\*\* CELEBRITY EMCEES \*\*\***

**MAYOR JOE ZIMMERMAN**  
Mayor of Sugar Land

**HON. JACQUIE BALLY**  
Political Analyst for FOX 26,  
Former Council member of Sugar Land

**AMY MITCHELL**  
City Counsel, District 3/ Attorney at Law

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# COMMUNITY TEAMS CONT'D



## HOUSTON CHINESE ALLIANCE

Houston Chinese Alliance (HCA), is a non-profit, non-PAC, volunteer based organization and was founded in February 2014. HCA is committed to safeguarding the rights and interests of all people, those of Chinese ethnicity in particular, in the greater Houston area, and to promoting their wellbeing and development in the United States. To this end, HCA will host lectures and forums for discussions on such topics as civil rights, current legal issues that impact the community, local security, and local and national elections. HCA will also facilitate the communications between the communities and their elected officials, promote the Chinese people's participation in all important local and national affairs to have their voices heard, and provide assistance and support to those in need. Contact us: hcatx2014@gmail.com www.hcaus.org



## HOUSTON WARRIORS

The Houston Warriors is a community team that is part of the Island Warriors Dragon Boat Team. These teams are a diverse group of dedicated dragon boat fanatics that compete in different events throughout Houston and beyond.

The group aims to build camaraderie and teamwork as well as encourage a healthier and active lifestyle while promoting one of the world's fastest growing watersport. Don't let their hardcore attitude fool you, they are one of the most fun-loving groups of athletes around! They are always enthusiastic to teach newbies the sport as well as challenge the most experienced!



## LEGEND OF TAIWAN

At the beginning of this year a group of young people who are interested in Chinese history and a healthy life style formed The Legend of Taiwan Dragon Boat Team. They learned about the Chinese history of Qu Yuan and the dragon boat race. The team has been in training together the past few weekends for the October's competition hosted by Texas Dragon Boat Association. The team currently has 31 members, and 11 officers.



## LONE STAR VETERANS

The Lone Star Veterans Association is a non-for-profit organization that is dedicated to assisting returning veterans and their families in making a successful transition from the military to civilian world. Founded by veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, they provide career transition, social programs, peer mentoring, PTSD support, family events, community service projects, and advocacy on behalf of the Post 9/11 military generation. The Lone Star Veterans Association operates in the Greater Houston Area and is the largest Iraq and Afghanistan veteran organization in the state of Texas.



## MD ANDERSON SUPER HEROES

MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital Super Heroes – this is a team of current and former Pediatric patients, Pediatric care givers, family members and friends. These patients are still fighting the battle against Cancer and are true Super Heroes. These Super Heroes, along with their Sidekicks, have the strength and endurance to win any battle, both in and outside of water



## PEKING UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – BEIDA HOUSTON & IBEEHUB

Beida Houston & iBeeHub team is built based on members of Peking University Alumni Association Houston (PKUAAH) and their friends. PKUAAH is a non-profit, non-political organization established at Houston, Texas in 1997. PKUAAH is the association for the Alumni at Houston graduated from either Peking University (PKU) or former Beijing Medical University (BMU). The goal of the association is to continue the honored tradition of "Science and Democracy" originated at Peking University; by way of a variety of activities, to foster connection, trust and cooperation among alumni and connection with other alumni organizations; to assist in connection between Beida alumni in the U.S. and the alma mater; to promote exchange of information on culture, academic research, science and technology, and economy, in order to contribute to the prosperity of China. Finally, this team is specially supported by iBeeHub Inc, an extraordinary VC company from New Jersey.



## TEXAS CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE

Founded in 1908, Texas Chiropractic College (TCC) provides qualified students a comprehensive course of study leading to the Doctor of Chiropractic degree, while also offering affordable health care options for the community via the Moody Health Center (MHC), TCC's on-campus clinic. The Skeleton Crew of Texas Chiropractic College was founded this year by a group of chiropractic students and faculty members dedicated to the idea of team building through athletic activities. Chiropractic philosophy dictates that to be healthy one should live a healthy lifestyle. So what better way to live healthily but to get outside and paddle in a dragon boat with 19 of your best friends! Through teamwork and dedication to the sport of dragon boating, our team has come to understand what it takes to make a dragon boat move across the water. Our crew looks forward to paddling in the 2016 Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta.



## UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - ECE

The UH-ECE team is a team uniting graduate students, alumnus and professors from the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department of University of Houston, as well two friendly external aids from HP Enterprise. We are coming for the Gold and more importantly meeting friends from both communities and cooperates. Go Cougars!



## UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - DOWNTOWN

The University of Houston-Downtown is an urban university located in the heart of our great city. Recognized as one of the most ethnically diverse liberal arts institutions in the southwest, UHD has a student body that reflects the Houston community's wealth of cultures, languages and nationalities. We are proud to field a team in the 13th Annual Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta, as this event represents the collaborative, community-centered principles that we focus on in everything we do. Go Gators! #WeAreGators



## UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

This organization fortifies Vietnamese identity by enlightening each Vietnamese student and those who wish to join us in this journey to discover and learn the history, culture and tradition of Vietnam so as to be able to weave a quilt that will express the wonder of our diversity. We encourage students and members of the community to embrace the Vietnamese culture through events, fundraisers, and community service throughout Houston.



# YOUTH TEAMS

## AWTY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL - ROWING RAMS, BLAZING DRAGONS, WATER WARRIORS

Awty celebrates their 10th year of participation by adding a third team. We are really proud of our 70 participants! The Awty International School is a coeducational, college preparatory day school enrolling over 1500 students who represent nearly 60 different nations in Preschool through 12th grade. Through its challenging curriculum, strong extra-curricular programs and insistence on fluency in at least two languages, Awty promotes an understanding and respect for all cultures and emphasizes local and global community service. For more information about The Awty International School, visit [www.awty.org](http://www.awty.org)

## CHINESE YOUTH SOCIETY

Water. Earth. Fire. Air. Long ago, the four nations lived together in harmony. Then, everything changed when the Fire Nation attacked. Only the Avatar, master of all four elements, could stop them, but when the world needed him most, he vanished. A hundred years passed and my brother and I discovered the new Avatar, a group called the CYS Dragon Boat Team. And although their skills were great, they have a lot to learn before they're ready to save anyone. But I believe the CYS Dragon Boat Team can save the world.

## CLEAR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL CHINESE HONOR SOCIETY

The Chinese National Honor Society recognizes and commends outstanding students in the Chinese program at Clear Lake High School. NCHS increases awareness of Chinese culture and promotes scholarship among students of Chinese through community service projects and school functions. The NCHS is also highly competitive, and thus welcomes ambitious students eager to learn the Chinese language, culture and history.

## DULLES HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL CHINESE HONOR SOCIETY

Dulles High School is represented by members of the National Chinese Honor Society as well as students from the Chinese classes. Members of NCHS are responsible for upholding academic excellence as well as spreading Chinese culture. Last year, Dulles brought home the second place medal. However, this year, Dulles students will strive to become the champions of the 2016 Dragon Boat Regatta.

## FURR HIGH SCHOOL

In corporation with Confucius classroom, Furr High school dragon boat team is made of teachers and students who have passion for dragon boating as well as Chinese culture. Go Brahms!

## GLENDA DAWSON HIGH SCHOOL ASIAN CULTURE CLUB

Glenda Dawson's Asian Culture Club explores fun and unique cultural events across Houston. We're here to represent and show our eagle spirit!!! This is our second year, but also our first year as our own team. We're prepared to not only try our best, but have also have lots of fun! Best wishes to all the other youth teams!

## HOUSTON ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

HAIS School Mission: Through international studies, a personalized environment and a college preparatory curriculum, HAIS will prepare students for active roles as global citizens. HAIS Guiding Principles and Goals Personalization: The school and teachers will accommodate all students' diverse needs and talents with a personalized, nurturing environment. The school will support students in identifying and achieving their life goals, in school and out. Promoting the growth of the whole person is one of the school's primary values. Students will be active participants in the school and the classroom, assuming responsibility for their own learning. Teachers will guide students in reflection and self-assessment, constantly seeking feedback and evaluation of their progress.

## MANDARIN IMMERSION MAGNET SCHOOL

The Mandarin Immersion Magnet School (MIMS) is located in the Galleria area of Houston and the first 100% dedicated Mandarin language immersion magnet school in Texas. The MIMS dragon boat team is comprised of 6th graders and a few parents. We are excited about our very first Dragon Boat experience!

## SHAPE UP FORT BEND

The Shape Up Fort Bend youth team is created of incredible active, energetic and synergetic middle and high schools students passionate and devoted to promoting health and wellness in the Fort Bend community. The team theme is "heat wave" in honor of this year's struggle with the drought.

## SHARPTOWN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Sharpstown International School prepares all students for college and career success by developing students' international knowledge, skills and understanding of the world culture and by individualizing the international study learning opportunities for students, so that our students will be productive and responsible global citizens.



# YOUTH TEAMS CONT'D



## ST. JOHN'S EAST ASIAN AFFINITY GROUP

Hey all! We are representing the East Asian Affinity Group from Saint John's School! Our mission is to create a friendly environment where students of East Asian descent can socialize, have fun, and openly talk about their personal experiences in dealing with racial stereotypes and intolerance, among other topics. After a one-year hiatus from competition, we are back and ready to race and win again!



## STRAKE JESUIT & ST. AGNES ACADEMY

Chinese Culture Club at St. Agnes Academy, informs the student body about Chinese culture through exhilarating activities and presentations. The E.P.Y.C club (Eastern Pacific Youth Club), at Strake Jesuit, engages students at Strake with fun activities and social gatherings. This year, St. Agnes and Strake Jesuit are collaborating together to compete in this year's Dragon Boat Festival in order to introduce students into the depths of Chinese culture.

# COMPETITIVE TEAMS



## ALL HANDS ABREAST

All Hands Abreast (AHA) is comprised of breast cancer survivors and caregivers. We strive to become competitive within the culture and tradition of dragon boating while creating an awareness in the community of this disease called "cancer" and the impact it has on the lives it touches. We are our own "floating support group"....supporting each other physically, emotionally, and spiritually...on and off the water!



## CAJUN INVASTION

Cajun Invasion was organized as Louisiana's first Dragon Boat Team in 2006. Our home is Lafayette, the heart of Cajun Country, but our membership has spread to include the entire state of Louisiana. We welcome survivors of all types of cancer, with an emphasis on breast cancer, and their supporters (male and female). Our mission is to raise public awareness about cancer and encourage a healthy lifestyle through the sport of dragon boating. We want to encourage all those living with cancer, honor the memory of those who lost their battle with the disease and empower all survivors to live life fully after diagnosis. More information can be found at [www.cajuninvasion.org](http://www.cajuninvasion.org).



## DUC DELITE

DUC Delite was founded in 2011 by a group of UT Austin alumnus who were looking to compete in a local 2011 dragon boat festival. With a current merger with DUC (a non-profit rowing organization based in Dallas), we have been able to expand our image and welcome our second dragon boat. Now in our fourth season of racing, we've had over 1,000 paddlers step through our boats through our adult, middle school camps, and year-round teams. And we're only getting started! We're looking to grow to be a truly competitive spot on the map of dragon boating, and looking forward to anybody willing to give dragon boating a try!



## FYP ISLAND WARRIORS

The Island Warriors are a diverse group of dedicated dragon boat fanatics that compete in different events throughout Houston and beyond. Founded in 2013, the IWs have achieved success at several dragon boat festivals and regattas in Houston and surrounding Texas areas. Team members have also competed far from home in California, Louisiana, Montana, Oklahoma, Czech Republic, Poland, Puerto and the Philippines.

The group aims to build camaraderie and teamwork as well as encourage a healthier and active lifestyle while promoting one of the world's fastest growing watersport. Don't let their hardcore attitude fool you, they are one of the most fun-loving groups of athletes around! They are always enthusiastic to teach newbies the sport as well as challenge the most experienced!

If you are interested in joining our team or need more information, please email [IslandWarriors@FYPHouston.com](mailto:IslandWarriors@FYPHouston.com). Please also "like" the FYP Island Warrior's page on Facebook to stay up to date on team information and events!



## HOKULELE

Team Hokulele was founded in 2008 and offers instruction, training, and recreation to members of the Houston and Clearlake community in both Hawaiian outrigger canoe and dragonboat paddling. The membership is made up of a diverse group of paddlers ranging from varied backgrounds such as investment professionals, pharmacists, nurses, teachers, physical therapists, IT professionals and many more. Members come to the team with varying athletic backgrounds, with some seeking to be competitive and others for an opportunity to increase fitness and meet new friends.



## HOUSTON HEAT

Houston Heat is this city's first ever year-round dragon boat club, comprised of competitive and recreational paddlers training to compete in local, national, and international competitions! We also strive to promote the rich cultural history of the sport and to bring community involvement and awareness to our paddlers -- from working with the Lighthouse of Houston's blind paddlers, Blind Fury, to promoting greener waterways through Houston Heat Goes Green -- we aim to have fun while assisting others in the community! What we're really about is teamwork, leadership, community service and hard work. We strive to be champions on and off the water.



## TEXAS RENEGADES

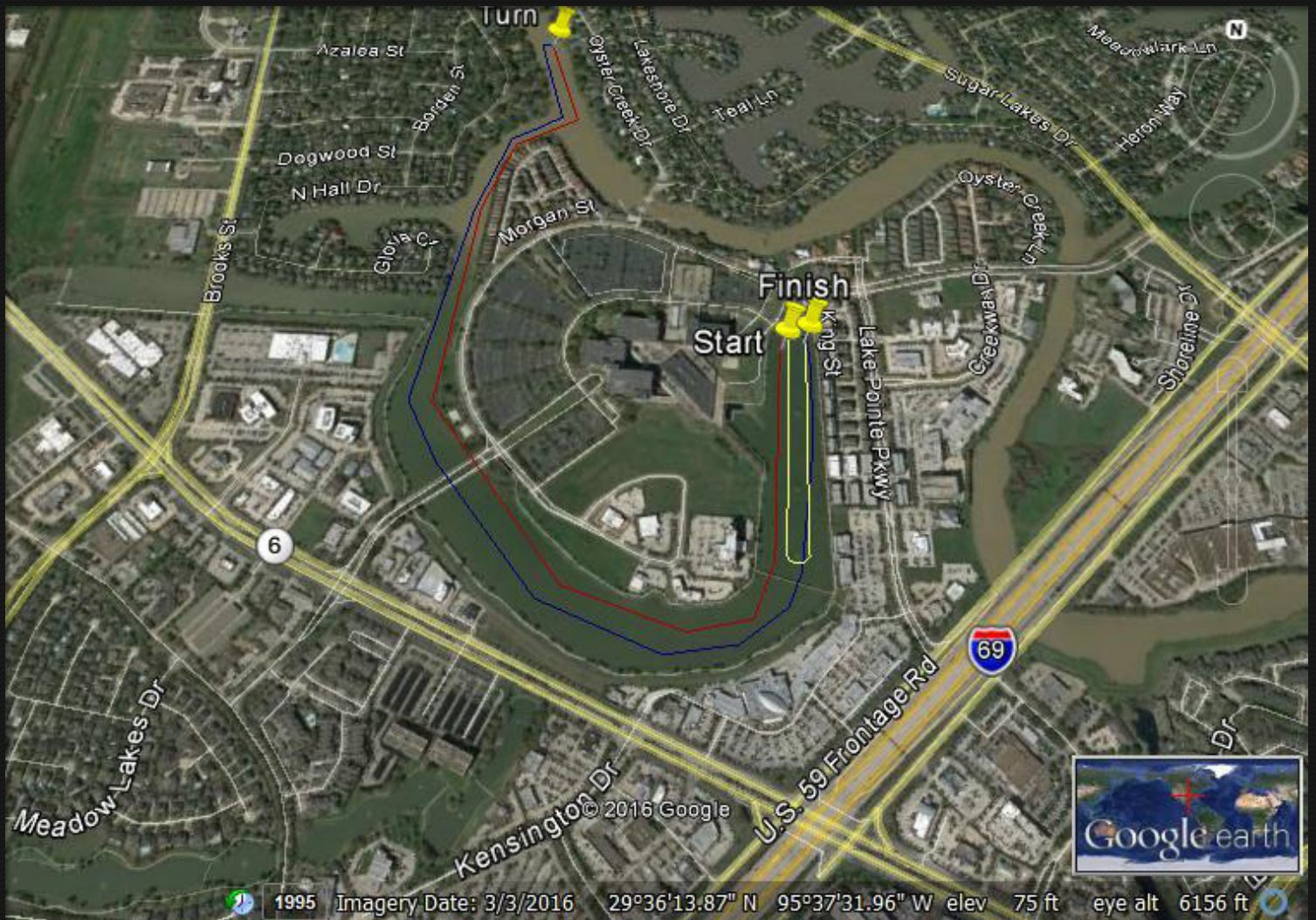
Our crew consists of a hardworking group of people that not only work well together, but also play to the strengths of everyone in the group. We take advantage of our team's collective energy and flexibility by helping and encouraging one another with every paddle stroke. We adjust to changes and are willing to change course at a moment's notice in order to meet the team goal. Sharing ideas and being open minded to coaching and ideas from team mates has also helped us bond even closer. Work hard, play hard, paddle even harder!!



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Our mission is committing to raising awareness and generating funds for impoverished people around the world through the traditional art of lion and dragon dancing. As of March 2016, we have donated over \$60,000 to Southeast Asia (particularly the rural areas of Vietnam), the American Red Cross, and local charities in Houston.



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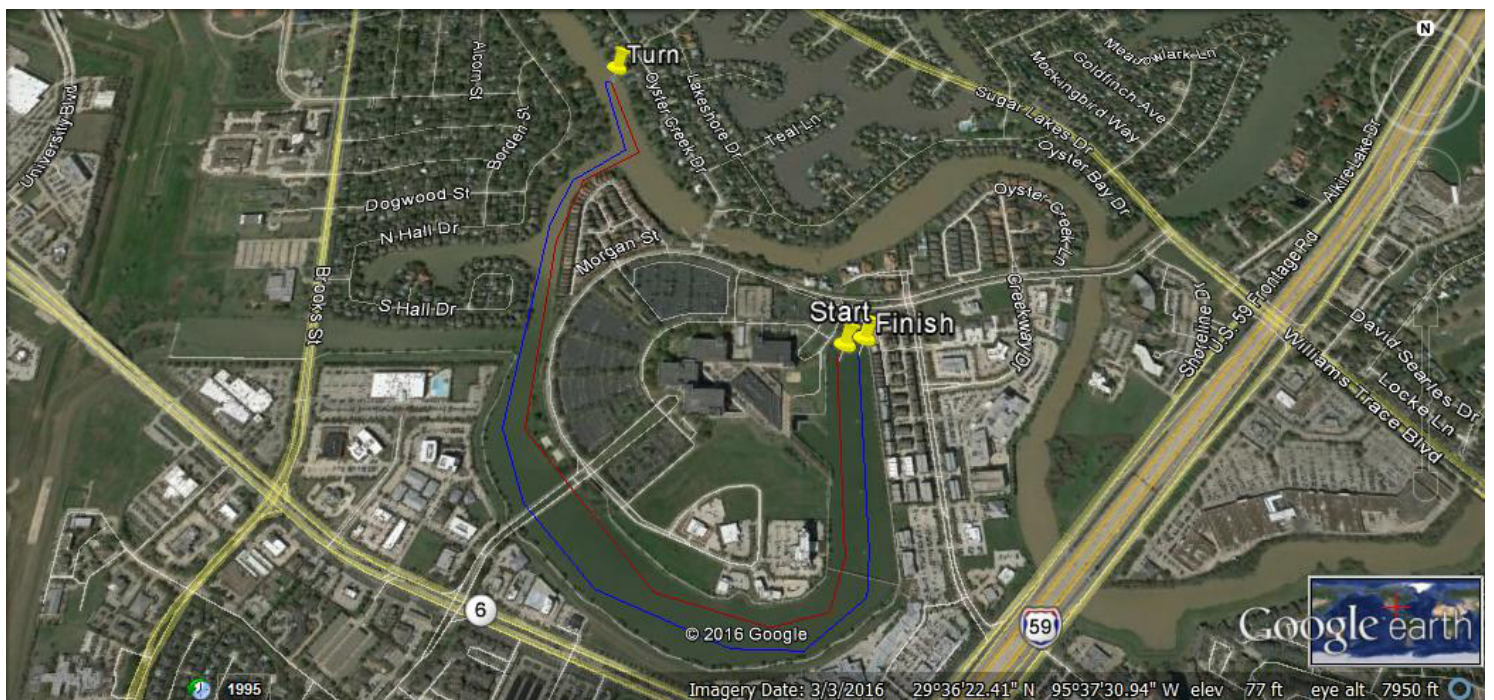


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