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Asian Resource Center of San Antonio

# NEWSLETTER

***ARCSA's vision is to develop a physical Asian Resource Center that will celebrate and showcase the rich and diverse Asian culture and heritage, creating a gathering place of choice dedicated to fostering unity and promoting cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.***

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## ARCSA Honors Volunteers at Appreciation Event

On July 31, 2025, the Asian Resource Center of San Antonio (ARCSA) hosted a lively reception at Paesano's 1604 to celebrate the incredible volunteers who made the Asian Festival and ARCSA Gala such great successes. It was a night filled with fun, laughter, and appreciation for the people who bring community events to life.

The event was led by ARCSA President **Elisa Chan**, Secretary **Kausi Subramaniam**, and Treasurer **Dr. Melinda Rodriguez**, who thanked everyone for their time, talent, and dedication. They emphasized that ARCSA's success comes from teamwork and partnerships—something that the Asian American truly embodies.

Elisa Chan opened the celebration with her congratulatory remarks: "On behalf of ARCSA, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of our volunteers. Your hard work, commitment, and dedication have been the driving force behind the success of our events. I know that many of you gave not only your precious time, but also your own resources to support our mission—and that kind of self-sacrifice is truly inspiring."

*Elisa Chan recognized Christina Lew of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance (CACA), Chair, Asian Festival*

Beyond the formal recognitions, the reception was filled with laughter, lively conversations, and plenty of fun. Volunteers and leaders alike enjoyed the chance to relax, share stories, and celebrate their collective achievements in a spirit of camaraderie.

*Elisa Chan recognized Sophear Wilson of the Asian Real Estate Association of America (AREAA), Chair, ARCSA Gala*

Among the attendees were members of the **Asian American Alliance of San Antonio**, who came ready to celebrate and show their support. Not only did they enjoy the evening of fellowship and recognition, but they also committed to standing alongside ARCSA in future projects and events. Their presence highlighted the importance of working together to build a stronger, more connected community.

"The Asian Resource Center of San Antonio looks forward to building on this momentum, strengthening cultural connections, and celebrating the richness of Asian heritage in the community" Dr. Belinda Rodriguez commented when she gave an update on the financial reports. "Both events yielded positive results," she quipped.

"With shared goals of **collaboration, community, and cultural celebration**, ARCSA and other Asian American organizations look forward to joining forces again" Kausi Subramaniam as she reflected on the success of the Asian Festival and ARCSA Gala. As the evening wrapped up, it was clear that the spirit of unity and fun will carry on into future ARCSA events.

## ARCSA Appoints Inaugural Executive Director

Elisa Chan, ARCSA President announced the appointment of **Dr. Nelson Tuazon**, as Executive Director, effective July 1, 2025. Dr. Tuazon is an active member of the Asian American community and has been involved with the Philippine American Chamber of Commerce, the Alamo Asian American Chamber of Commerce, and the Asian American Alliance of San Antonio. Dr. Tuazon served as the past president of the Philippine Nurses Association of San Antonio.

"I am very humbled to be chosen as the inaugural Executive Director of ARCSA. It will be an honor to serve our community under the outstanding and visionary leadership of Elisa Chan at the helm as president, Kausi Subramaniam as secretary, and Dr. Melinda Rodriguez, as treasurer."

Elisa Chan says, "We are delighted to have Dr. Tuazon. His commitment to the Asian American community is commendable . He has proven his leadership as an executive, leader, and community organizer." As a testament to his commitment to serving the public, he is assuming this new role *pro bono*. He can be contacted at ntuazon@asiancentersa.org.

# Upcoming Events

ARCSA and Stantec, the architectural firm for the Asian Resource Center project, will be holding two Community Input Sessions.

We are inviting our community partners to join us as we envision what the Center would look and feel like for the community.

We look forward to seeing you in one of these sessions.

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