JULY MONTHLY NETWORKING EVENT RECAP

The Indo-US Chamber was honored to host Henry Gonzalez III, Tampa Bay Region President of Platinum Bank at the business and networking meeting on Wednesday July 17, 2013. The meeting was held at the corporate headquarters of Home Owners Choice Insurance. Mr. Gonzalez spoke about why community involvement is important and how it can help your career.

The journey began when Mr. Gonzalez was asked by his employer to get involved in the community. His first effort was a golf tournament to benefit students from his high school in need of financial aid. This gave him a sense of accomplishment and a passion to continue.

Mr. Gonzalez explained his experiences in community involvement influenced his career by building new relationships. Through his experience in various community roles he gained enhanced leadership and business skills. It gave him the opportunity to learn new lessons and meet people of different cultures. He has been involved in numerous organizations and President of the West Tampa Chamber of Commerce and served as Chair of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce. Although Mr. Gonzalez has been involved in many organizations, his passion is education, the arts, and history.

Mr. Gonzalez has a clear message and a no nonsense formula: "find an organization that has a cause you are passionate about and community involvement and career advancement are intertwined".

The Indo-US Chamber encourages members to support the sponsors of July's monthly business and networking meeting:

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ON THE MOVE . . .

Each month, the Indo-US Chamber highlights members making strides in their professional lives. To be featured in this section, please attend our monthly networking meeting or email submissions directly to info@indo-us.org

High-Fi Information Systems founder and CEO **Rahul Prakash** launched his company while at the University of South Florida with a vision to help businesses get the most out of their investment in technology that essentially pays for itself. Mr. Prakash's High-Fi Information Systems will be installing and operating 70" Digital Mall Advertising screen kiosks in various locations inside the Oaks Mall in Gainesville, displaying full motion dynamic ad contents in real time with audio, along with weather updates, sports scores, local news, and even a twitter ticker for the over 12 million Oaks Mall shoppers. By giving his screens the ability to update its content in real time, High-Fi puts the power of advertising in the hands of business owners who can unlimitedly update their ad immediately to show exactly when and what they would like for the mass public to see at no extra charge. **For more information visit highfi-infosystems.com or contact Rahul Prakash at (813) 403-7573.**

Jack Soifer, Realtor, has joined Klein and Heuchan, Inc., Commercial/ Investment/Real Estate Services. Mr. Soifer is pleased to have the opportunity of being affiliated with the Klein and Heuchan professional team. Jack believes that their combined wealth of knowledge and industry reputation will provide a conduit for his continued success. Jack has been a licensed sales associate, with over 10 years of experience and is a candidate for the prestigious CCIM (Certified Commercial Investment Member) designation, which is held by only 4 percent of all commercial real estate practitioners in the United States. Jack has been able to develop lasting relationships with his clients through a strong work ethic and straightforward advice. **For more information, visit www.kleinandheuchan.com or contact Jack Soifer at (727) 458-3601.**

Samir Yajnik, most recently Managing Director at DeBartolo Development, has formed his own company, Blue Lotus Ventures, to pursue real estate and private equity investment and consulting opportunities. In his first few months as an entrepreneur, he has closed on a hotel acquisition in Atlanta, currently raising equity for multiple projects under contract, and has been brought on as an advisor for the formation of a $40M+ investment fund for purposes of providing bridge debt loans to real estate developers. He is currently looking for new investors for his projects and also interested in consulting engagements in areas of formulating business strategy, raising equity, and placing debt for individual real estate and private equity projects. **For more information, Samir Yajnik can be reached via phone at 813-394-1336 or email at syajnik@bluelotusv.com**

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AUGUST MEETING FOCUS:

QUARTERLY SOCIAL EVENT

On Wednesday August 21st, the Indo-US Chamber of Commerce will host its quarterly social event at Centre Club, Tampa FL. The goal of this mixer is to provide both new and existing Chamber members with a forum to meet, network, and experience one of Tampa's finest business club facilities in line with our credence of "educating and creating opportunities for our members to forge business relationships that are built to last."

"Located atop the Urban Centre Towers in the heart of Tampa's Westshore District, Centre Club offers a haven for influential business professionals and community leaders. From the warm, inviting atmosphere to the panoramic view of the Tampa Bay area, it's the ideal place to network, according to General Manager Tim Jarrett. Club facilities include a delightful Bentley's lounge, spacious Skyline dining room, and a number of beautifully decorated private dining and meeting rooms."

The Chamber has provided a platform to forge and maintain relationships for over a decade and we invite you to join us at our August Social Mixer to meet students, business owners, professionals, and entrepreneurs helping to shape the local Tampa Bay economy. Come and meet potential referral sources for your business or to identify your area of expertise to our broad member base. As is customary with all our monthly business networking events, there is no cost to attend and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

This event is proudly sponsored by Centre Club and Rahul N. Mehra, M.D., Chief Executive Officer/ Chief Medical Officer, MehraVista Health.

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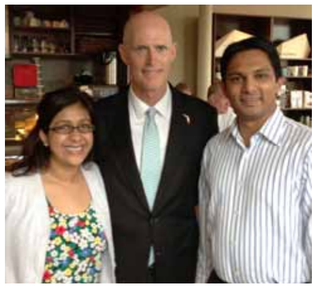

RUNNING INTO FLORIDA GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT

Indo-US Chamber President Darshna Patel and Past President Francis Vayalumkal recently ran into Florida Governor Rick Scott at a local Starbucks during his visit to Tampa. Ms. Patel had the opportunity to discuss with the Governor the Chamber and its impact on the Tampa Bay area. Ms. Patel advised the Governor of some of the Chamber's plans for the next year which are directed to promoting diversity, leadership and community service - the Governor expressed his excitement about the Chamber's initiatives and even offered some great ideas as to how to expand the Chamber's plans to bring more value to its members, the Tampa Bay area and the State of Florida

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Upcoming Indo-US Chamber Events:

Business & Networking Event Quarterly Social

Date: Wednesday August 21, 2013

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Centre Club (123 South Westshore Blvd, Tampa, FL 33609)

This is a FREE event. Hors d'oeuvres served. No RSVP required.

Banyan Ball 2013

Date: Saturday September 7th, 2013

Time: 6:30 p.m. onward

Location: Renaissance Marriott International Plaza (4200 Jim Walter Blvd, Tampa, FL 33607)

Tickets: $150 per person/ $1,250 per table

Visit www.indo-us.org for more information

INDO-US CHAMBER MISSION

"To provide an active forum in which Asian American professionals and business owners, through an exchange of ideas, with a unified voice, can communicate, interact, and secure a position within the business industry and become a source of inspiration by promoting professionalism and excellence through education and community involvement."

HISTORY OF THE CHAMBER

The Indo-US Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1999 in Tampa by Indian American business owners and professionals in the Tampa Bay community. Our goal is to create an organization that affords like-minded individuals with opportunities to work together, grow together, and learn from one another. The programs and services offered by the Chamber are designed to provide the professional community with the tools necessary to continuously evolve and expand their businesses. More importantly, the Chamber cultivates opportunities to network, where business relationships can be established and friendships can blossom.

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