



Bangladesh Association, Houston a non-profit volunteer Organization



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Introduction

We start our report with:

- Remembrance of all who fought for our independence, sacrificed their lives and contributed in other ways
- Condolence for all our community members whom we have lost in past year
- A million of thanks to our members, patrons, donors and volunteers & our spouses who helped us to be where we are now



Brief History of BAH

- BAH is serving the community for more than 30 years preceded by Bangladesh Students' Association at University of Houston for ~ 8 years
- BSA UH was established in **1971** during our great war of liberation, followed by BAH in **1978**
- BAH received IRS 501© status in **1989**
- Established "Zee Memorial Fund" in **1999** for helping needy families
- Bought 3.99 acres of land to build Bangladesh American Centre (BAC) in **2001**
- BAC established 1,150 sq. office in **2003**
- Successfully organized FOBANA in **2009**
- A very successful fund raising event was organized in **2011** to build BAC
- BAC Ground Breaking **March 17, 2012**
- First Multicultural Gala Hosted by BAH **Nov 15, 2013**
- Phase 1 of BAC Phase **completed March 2014, April, 2014** phase 2 started

Current Elected Board (2013 ~ 2014)

The seven member current Board of Directors were elected by a general election on December 16th 2012. Over 1900 people voted in this popular election.





Names of 2013-2014 BoD

Chairperson – Mr. Shah Haleem

Vice Chairperson – Mr. Khaled “Zulfiqur” Khan

Secretary General – Mrs. Nahida Naser (Yasmin)

Dir of Budget and Finance – Mr. SM Azad

Dir of Organizational Affair – Mr. SM Haleem Mitu

Dir of Cultural Affairs – Mrs. Syeda Kusum Kali

**Director of Sports and Games – Mr. Maleque
Chowdhury**



Appointed BAH Extended Officials

Joint Dir of Organizational Affairs – Mr. Tanvir Shah Mohd

Joint Dir of Cultural Affairs – Dr. Rafiq Khan

Joint Dir of Sports and Games – Mr. Ashiqui Talukder

Kids Soccer and Sports Committee Lead – Mr. Monjur Rahman

Zee Memorial Committee Chair – Mr. Mohammed Uddin



BAH BAC Financial Audit Committee Members 2013

Mr. Dewan Aftab Ahmed

Mr. Azmal Khan

Mr. Moin Ahmed

Mrs. Rumana Ahmed



Appointed Committee Chairs

Corporate Fund Raising Chair –Dr. Selina Ahmed

BAC Fund Raising Chair –Mr. Arun Roy

BAC Advisory Chair –Mr. Hasan Rahman

Shoheed Minar Chair -Mr. Oli Mohammed

FOBAC Chair –Mr. Azmal Khan



BAH Web Master

BAH dedicated Web Master Mr. Naz Husain also act as BAH's official Photographer to upload all BAH's photos and maintain BAH Websites



Bangladesh-American Center Committee

Center Director – Dr. Nizam Meah

Assoc Center Director – Dr. Maruf Rahman

Center Secretary – Mr. Syed Dinar

Center Treasurer – Mr. Mohammed Islam (Sohid)

Center Operations Director – Mr. Mohammed Masoom

Center Chief Engineer – Mr. Saddam Ahmad (Leo)



What Matters

What matters

1. Helping someone in trouble in general
2. Helping with burials
3. Helping with immigration problem
4. Helping with medical issues
5. Helping during uncertain financial trouble



Top 5 Tasks of this Administration

1. HELP THE NEEDY FAMILIES AND PERFORM OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES
2. BUILD BANGLADESH-AMERICAN CENTER
3. UPHOLD OF OUR VALUES AND CULTURAL HERITAGE INCLUDING RUNNING BANGLA PATSHALA
5. PROMOTE SPORTS AND GAMES FOR HEALTHY LIFESTYLES
5. ESTABLISH PERMANENT FREE SOCIAL BAC CLINIC FOR UNINSURED



BAH BoD Inauguration

Jan 2013 –BAH BoD Inauguration

BoD made history and reached another milestone by taking initiatives to inaugurate the seven new BAH Board of Directors





Events

Morning Walk and Kid Soccer with Coach Monjur Rahman





Kids Soccer @ BAC now on Friday @ 7 pm

Fun Time



Sunday Morning Kid's Soccer & Walking Bangladesh Sports Club Soccer Camp and Exercise



Please bring your kids and sign up

Coaching and Pre Registration:
Sunday, Feb 3, 2013 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Weekend Soccer Camp starting:
Sunday, Feb 10, 2013 10:00 am to 11:00

Location: Bangladesh American Center
13415 Renn Road, Houston, TX77083

Please bring soccer cleats/running shoes,
shin guards, and a soccer ball.
Fruits, juice and water will be served during the camp

Please contact for more information:
Maleque Choudhury @ 832-878-6877
Coordinator & Coach :
Monjur Rahman @ 713-444-8519

More information:

Shah Haleem: 281.748.9880
Khaled Khan (Zulfiqar): 832.352.3329
Nahida Naser (Yasmin): 713.492.0744
S M Haleem (Mitu): 832.866.6949
Syeda Kusum Kali: 281.861.0883



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2014 Events

Feb 22th –Ekushe Feb and IMLD @ BAC





Ekushe and IMLD

Over 10 Foreign Organizations attended this year IMLD.



EKUSHE and IMLD

BAH Childrens performed Geete Natok on the Stage





Events –Tennis Tournament

BAH Tennis Activities





2013 Events

BAH Bridge Tournament, 2014





May 2014 BAC New Play Ground

Donated by Sandra Syed. Project was initiated and completed by Mr. Hasan Rahman with the help of BAH and BAC team members



BAH Serving International Community

BAH is serving Mayors MITDC board and joined Mayor Ifter as part of organizing committee



BAH Volunteer Appreciations APRIL 24, 2014 @ Maharajah





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Coming Soon

March 26th Breaking News –“Victory of Bangladesh Sculptor 1971” is coming to Bangladesh-American Center





Victory of Bangladesh Sculptor 1971 –coming soon





Critical BAC Fund Raising Meeting led by Center Director Dr. Nizam Meah





BAC Fundraising Discussions with volunteers





Dr. Nizam Meah in action to raise money for BAC





BAC Fundraising Meetings





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Dan Mozena Visit BAH and BAC

March 18, Ambassador Dan Mozena visited Bangladesh-American Center.

Friendship dinner gala hosted at the Petroleum Club in his honor sponsored by Stratum Energy and Qasim Sharif.



June 19th BAH Graduation Reception

52 Graduates attended

Mr. Shahid Ullah –Keynote Speaker
Dr. Munir Quddus –Speaker
Dr. Maruf Rahman –Speaker
Dr. Abdus Sattar –Speaker
Mr. Arun Roy – Speaker



BAH is serving International Communities

BAH is serving Mayors MITDC board and joined Mayor Ifter as part of organizing committee

BAH Hosted a gala in Nov 2013 over 23 international leader and govt officials attended we raised \$211,000 for BAC.



BAH is serving International Communities –BAH in the Houston Chronicles





Communities –BAH and BAC on the ABC News Channel –The VISIONS –Promoting BAC





2014 Events

April 6^h –Boishaki Mela @ Bush Park was cancelled due to rain

May 11, 2014- Boishaki Mela @ BAC was cancelled due to passing of BAH Founder Mr. Dewan Aftaf Ahmed



April 19, 2014 Boishaki Mega Concert by Sabina Yasmin and Andrew Kishore

Sabina Yasmin and Andrew Kishore were awarded plaques from Dilara Karim on Behalf of the Masud Karim Foundation

This was one of the biggest concert in Houston close to 1000 fans showed up

BAC raised \$25000 for class room naming rights

Dr. Islam became a founding member during the event



FOBANA Leadership Team @ BAC –BAH is Leading FOBANA

FOBANA team donated \$1000 to BAC. BAH Leadership team and cultural team is leading the way





2014 Event Continues

June 19th – Graduation Reception @ Maharajah

Over 52 graduates have signed up to attend the ceremony

Bangla Pathshala





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BP Teachers and volunteer working hard every Sunday to make sure school runs



Bangla Pathshala





BAC Clinic service provided by Dr. Amirul Islam during following event

1. During Ekushe and IMLD @ BAC
2. During Spring Picnic @ Bush Park –Was cancelled due to rain
3. April 19th @ Stafford Civic Center



BAC Clinic Volunteers are in Actions





Zee Memorial Fund Update

Year to date donated \$6100

We are grateful to all who helped to raise funds for Zee Memorial Fund. We helped 5 families this year paid \$6100. BAH is focusing more on social welfare of our community members. We formed a ZFM Committee.

1. Mohammed Jahangeer \$500
2. Abdur R. Khan \$500
3. Anonymous \$500
4. Burial \$2300 for Alaya Hossain paid to Forest Lawn
5. Mohammed Jahangeer \$ 2300 paid to Forest Lawn



Our Upcoming Events for Rest of the Year 2011

- Sunday, July 11th – Iftar –Dinner get-together @ BAC
- July –Zee Memorial Fund Raising
- Sep –FOBANA
- Oct -- Fall Picnic and Pitha Utahsob @Bush Park
- Oct -- Bridge Tournament
- Nov -- Tennis Tournament –Singles
- Nov/DEC – BAC Fund Raising GALA
- Victory Day -- Annual BAH Fund-raising - Magazine 'Connection'



Our Mistakes and Lesson

1. We are sure we made lots of mistakes since we are working and serving. We may not be able to please everyone with our decisions, but we are trying our best to stay objective and focus on our tasks.
2. We have many new volunteers and directors, we are growing through learning curves
3. Please forgive us for our mistakes and let's work together to serve our community
4. We need all of you please come forward



Other Updates

1. Other BAH BOD Updates
2. Bangla Patshala Updates by Bangla Patshala Team and Shumana Salauddin
3. Kids Soccer Clinic Update by Monjur Rahman
4. Zee Memorial Update from Mohammed Uddin
5. Bangladesh-American Center Update –Syed Dinar and others



BAH Membership Update

2012 election year many community members became members and voters.

Dec 31, 2012 -1721 Entries approximately 2700 members including childrens under 21.

BAH memberships expires annual basis except life members

In Jan 1, 2013 we started with 349 entries of life memberships

13 entries will expire in 2013



BAH Memberships Update

2 entries will expire in 2014

46 more entries added

In 2014 revenue from membership is \$1100

Total membership today 374 entries mean 800-900 active members including children's under 21.



HOW DO we build and Sustain BAC

For a member based organization elected exclusively by the members 1.

1. Member donations and fees need to be a major income source for the project and the organization
2. We need to evaluate current fee structure to see the avenues to build and long-term sustainability of BAC.



2014 Financial Update

S. M. Zahidul Azad, Director of Finance and Budget
working together with BAC Treasurer Mohammed Islam
(Sohid)





BAH Finances

Presentation was made by SM Azad with hand written notes for him to use using bank info.



Phase 1

Has been completed





Phase 2

Has started





Bangladesh-American Center (BAC)

A Project of Bangladesh Association, Houston



Vision Statement

The vision of BAC is to unite the people of Bangladeshi origin in North America by providing a permanent physical location to display, demonstrate and represent Bangladeshi culture and heritage. BAC will also provide physical facilities where ideas can be shared and exchanged to promote and increase understanding of diversity and peaceful integration; pursue and achieve common goals within the framework of BAH constitution.



Thank You

Board of Directors 2013 - 2014

Bangladesh Association, Houston