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## The 15th Annual Banquet and Award Ceremony



Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker Donald L. Evans spoke **"Power of Freedom and Friendship"**

The Outstanding Businessman and

Entrepreneur Honoree for 2011 was Mr. S. Javaid Anwar, CEO, Midland Energy Houston, Texas.

PCC-USA 15th Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony was held at the Houstonian Hotel Grand Ballroom on June 3, 2011. Keynote speaker for the evening was the former 34th Secretary of Commerce during the Presidency of George W. Bush and famous businessman Honorable Donald Evans. The central of his presentation was "Powers of Freedom and Friendship - Brother's Keepers." He related the story of Iraq, removal of dictatorship, and efforts of the removal of extremism through search, so as to bring freedom to Iraq, which is an ongoing process. He compared the extremely rich kings and dictatorships in the Middle East, who play golf at their palaces to the extremely poverty stricken people in nearby countries like Afghanistan. He said the resurgence of China is based on bringing millions of people out of poverty. During one of his visits to China, he said President Jian Zemin informed him the biggest threat to China is that at least 80 million persons toward the west of China live under poverty. As such the real issues to be tackled by all including the

entrepreneurs striving to improve their businesses, is to work towards solutions to eradicate poverty, for which we have lately seen people in North Africa and Middle East to also preserve for freedom.



Coming straight from the airport to the event, Chairperson of Pakistani Caucus, Honorable

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee said the U.S.-Pakistan relationship is crucial and that through the commitments of the Kerry Lugar Bill, which is based on direct relationship with people of Pakistan, will bring good governance, health, and well-being of the common people of Pakistan.

Honorable Congresswoman advised PCC-USA that it is crucial that Pakistani-American entrepreneurs work to improve trade relations between U.S. and Pakistan; plus it is imperative that they be involved at the local level to improve the social fabric of USA, she specially mentioned educational institutions of our next generation in USA.



This year, the highest PCC-USA award for the most successful business and entrepreneur was given to CEO and founding president, Syed Javaid Anwar of Midland Energy Inc., out of Odessa, Midland, Texas. Mr. Anwar said that he got his American Dream come true through the sacrifices and prayers of his single mother, complete support of his lovely wife, Vicki Leslie Anwar, to take care of his twin children and perseverance during not so good economic times.

Midland Energy Inc., in Midland, Texas is a private company producing oil and gas. It was established in 1984, and has an approximate annual revenue of \$5-10 million.

Former U.S. president George W. Bush, Texas Governor Rick Perry, President of UT Austin, William Powers, Jr. Mayor of Midland, Honorable Wes Perry, and many others sent video congratulatory messages for Mr. Anwar and words of appreciation in thanks to PCC-USA for organizing the wonderful event and



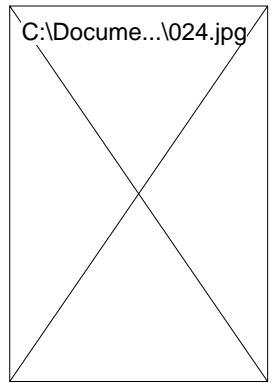
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awarding Syed Javaid Anwar. The keynote speaker said, "The reason for his success for his good friendship with S. Javaid Anwar is that he kept his business debt free at all times, while taking calculated risks at the right time.

Other distinguished speakers, including Honorable Aqil Nadeem (who refuted the media campaign against Pakistan in the war of terror, by informing about the sacrifices of people and armed force of Pakistan), former Mayor of Houston, Honorable Bill White introduced Javaid Anwar. President of PCC-USA, Parvez Jamil Khan Swati, in his speech, spoke about how we are passing one of the worst economic downturns, recession and unemployment in the USA. He appreciated the business owner's contribution towards the interest of our community. He also praised his Executive Board members for their dedication that has brought this Chamber to a new level of excellence. Other speakers were Chairman Gala & past-President M. Saeed Sheikh, Chairman Awards Committee, GulFraz Khan and Attorney Farah Ahmed. The program was coordinated by Rashid Khokhar and the Mistress of the evening was journalist Sonia Azad of local ABC-13 KTRC Houston. Present on this occasion were Harris County Sherriff Adrian Garcia, District Attorney Fort Bend County, John Healey, County Judge from Midland, Texas Mike Bradford, Honorable Consul General of Turkey AkilOktem, There were over 500 distinguished guests, local and vesting personalities. The sumptuous dinner was prepared by the chef of the Houstonian club. This event was the result of major efforts by Chairman Banquet, M. Saeed Sheikh and his Gala team.



# PCC-USA Pictorial of Activities during second half of the Year 2011.





## President's Note:

It has been a great honor serving as President of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce – USA. This has been one of the greatest experiences of my life. I am grateful and thankful for the trust that the PCC-USA Executive Board and its members have reposed in me.

The founding father of PCC-USA, Dr. Ashraf Abbasi, felt the need for an organization to promote trade and business between Pakistan and USA and founded PCC-USA on August 14, 1997. Since then, PCC-USA holds credit for a long list of accomplishments and continues to strive for the next level of excellence.



After my Executive Board of Directors (EBD) took the office on 1st January 2011, PCC-USA received numerous honoring ceremonies in Houston and in Pakistan which set extremely high expectations. The first task was to reinstate the legal status of PCC-USA, the second task was setting up PCC-USA secretariat at the International Trade Center. Both were accomplished. My third and most important task was to market PCC-USA professionally as a non-profit organization. To establish a well-defined niche and selling the organization's mission, ideas, programs, and services in building relationships with the business community in Houston and abroad, which has achieved great success. Next task was to increase membership. We reached the record membership of over 180 paid members in 2011. Publishing The Spokesman 2011, the official annual publication of PCC-USA is another important achievement. Arranging a high-end annual banquet in June this year was also accomplished. Another significant accomplishment and long desire of our members was the creation of PCC Membership Identity Cards which can also be used at several businesses for discounts, further increasing the benefits PCC can provide its members. All the PCC Members have also been issued membership certificates and plaques for corporate members. During the year 2011 we organized business seminars and workshops which benefitted PCC-USA members and the community. I participated in every community activity where I was invited and attended more than fifty events in the year 2011 thus marketing PCC-USA in Houston and in Pakistan. This has helped in projecting the image of PCC-USA to the business communities in U.S. and Pakistan. Now our members feel proud to be a part of PCC-USA.

As outgoing President, I'd like to thank the EBD, who have worked diligently. Their enthusiasm has helped me perform my duties to the fullest. I take this opportunity along with my Executive Board and Committee Chairs to welcome and congratulate Khalid Kazi, Pervez Iqbal, & Ch. Mahmood Ahmad, the new winners of PCC-USA team along with its members. All these newly elected individuals have my warm greetings and well wishes for the coming year 2012 under the leadership of President Waseem Rahim. Let me assure you that my services will be available to help and contribute for anything that the new team wishes to do on behalf of PCC-USA.

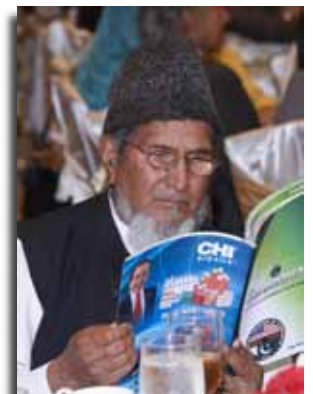
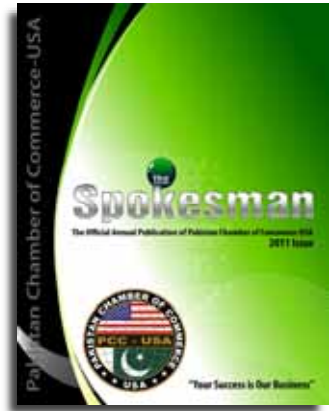
In the end, I would like to thank past presidents Haroon Shaikh, Dr. Barkat Charania, Gul Faraz Khan, Saeed Sheikh, Tariq Zaka and especially Dr. Ashraf Abbasi, the Founding President, for their guidance throughout my tenure.

May God bless the United States of America and long live Pakistan.

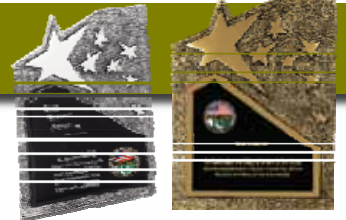
Parvez Jamil Khan Swati  
December 27, 2011

# The Spokesman: The Official Annual Publication of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce – USA

On the 15th Annual Banquet, The Spokesman 2011 issue was unveiled. This special souvenir magazine is an important marketing tool for PCC-USA. This 2011 issue is a very powerful magazine, with high-quality and professionalism that speaks for itself. The copies of this souvenir issues are mailed to all Pakistani Embassies, Trade Missions, and Pakistani Chambers of Commerce. We also mail copies to friendly congressional leaders and Pakistani-American political leaders across the U.S. This 86-page magazine includes messages from various U.S. and Pakistani government officials, reports of previous activities and business articles. These are the efforts of the Editorial Board, especially Gul Fraz Khan-Chairman Publication, PJ Khan Swati, Rashid Khokhar & Dr. Barkat Charania.



## Presidential Appreciation Awards 2011



### PLATINUM STAR



**M. Saeed Sheikh**  
Chairman Annual Banquet

### GOLD STAR



**Gul Faraz Khan**  
Chairman, Awards & Publications



**Pervez Iqbal**  
Senior Vice President



**Zaki M Mirza**  
Chairman Membership / Marketing



**Tariq Zaka**  
Past President  
Honorary Lifetime Membership

### SILVER STAR



**Mumtaz Khan**  
Vice President – Media



**Zafar Khan**  
Vice President - Marketing



**Iqbal Akhtar**  
Director Finance



**Rashid Khokhar**  
Chairman Constitution & Election



**Nargis Fatima**  
Chairwoman Seminars



**Awais Sheikh**  
Chairman Business Development



**Jennifer Lopez**  
Volunteer Service



**Usman P Khan**  
Volunteer Service



## PCC-USA 2011 Recognition Award Recipients

This year the board of directors has decided to institute a new tradition of recognizing certain individuals within our local community. These are professionals or businessmen who represent businesses and have worked hard but have developed businesses that represent the best of enterprising spirit and hard working nature of Pakistani community.



### Dr. Asaf Riyaz-i-Qadeer

Dr. Asaf Riyaz-i-Qadeer was born 15th February 1945 in Amritsar, India.

He is the son of Dr. Riyaz-i-Qadeer, Professor of surgery and Ex-Principal of King Edward Medical College in Lahore, Pakistan and Begum Anwar Riyaz-i-Qadeer, Professor of English in Lahore College for Women, Pakistan.

Dr. Qadeer graduated from King Edward Medical College in Lahore, Pakistan, after which he became the house Surgeon and Senior Registrar at Mayo Hospital in Lahore. He is board certified in Family Practice and board certified in Hospital Medicine. He completed fellowship at Methodist Hospital, Houston Texas in Cardiac Surgery with the renowned Doctor Michael Debakey, Doctor Stanley Crawford and Doctor Jimmy Frank Howell.

He owns his own Family Practice as the President of Q Family Care. He is the President, Partner and Manager of Doctor's Hospital Tidwell, Chief of Staff for Triumph Hospital North, Medical Director for Hyperbaric Medicine. He is also the President of Islamic Medical Association in Houston, past President of Appna South Texas Chapter. He is also the author of four books of prose and poetry in the Urdu language.



### Syed Naiyer Izfar

Syed Naiyer Izfar is one of the most senior Pakistani-American attorneys practicing in Houston. He has a broad legal background with more than 28 years of practicing law since his graduation from Loyola Law School. He is admitted to practice law not only in Texas but also in Louisiana and in Federal courts.

Along with managing his successful law practice, he does pro bono work individually as well as for and through non profit organizations such as ISGH, CAIR, PAGH.

Currently serving on the mayor's international trade and development council of the city of Houston, he is also quite active in the political arena and has served as democratic party precinct chair and has been a delegate to the state convention as a member of the DNC platform committee.



### Nawab F. Baloch M.D

A medical doctor by training, but a successful businessman in practice, Dr. Baloch received his doctor of medicine degree in 1994. Within four years he started his first company, Medex Group which has since grown from just a one room office to a company that has over 15 fulltime employees and 11 part time and contract workers. He has since started another company, Clinical Trial Network LLC.

As off now, with 26 employees and a 10,000 sq ft state of the art multi specialty clinical research facility located in the heart, CTN continues to expand. It specializes in conducting research in projects dealing with multiple therapeutic indications and conducts research in all four phases of clinical research and has been delivering speed and quality solutions to its clients.. CTN is fully compliant with industry guidelines such as OSHA, HIPAA, GCP/ICH and others.

For such stellar performance, CTN won the SBA minority champion business award for year 2010.

Dr. Baloch is also involved in community services providing free testing and diagnostic services to the underprivileged..



### Tariq Nehal Khan

Some twenty years ago, a young man, at that time, Tariq Nehal Khan, felt that there was no voice for Pakistani-Americans living in the united states. He decided to do something about it and felt that the print media was the best option. Since then he has introduced several Urdu as well as English publications and have been a pioneer of the Pakistani-American print media.

His latest such publication, Pakistan Chronicle , is circulated in more than 25 states. In Texas alone it is circulated in over 100 cities.

His efforts have been recognized by many an official agencies as well as social and community organizations and there is a long list of awards and honors that have been bestowed upon him by all these entities.

One such highlight is his 3 years of service on Mayor Lee P. Brown's "Blue Ribbon Committee" which was responsible for overseeing hundreds of projects in and for police, fire, and health services departments in city of Houston.

# PCC-USA Elections 2011

PJ Khan Swati, respecting his moral and constitutional duty as the President of PCC-USA to ensure conducting proper election process and smooth transaction to the newly elected leadership. Undoubtedly regular and uninterrupted elections provide strength to the roots of an organization, and this is how PCC-USA is so strong and well-rooted today.

A three-member Election Commission (EC) consisting of Zubair Ashraf, Gul Fraz Khan, and Rashid Khokhar (Chairperson) was established by the PCC-USA Executive Board of Directors (EBD) to conduct the Elections 2011 for the year 2012 terms of office. Date of elections was set by EBD as December 21, 2011, the same day when the Annual General body Meeting was planned to be held at the PCC-USA secretariat.

A total of one hundred and seven (107) members whose names appeared on the voters' list used their right to vote. At the conclusion of vote casting and after a short break for a quick Advisory Council meeting the vote counting took place. Along with the EC members, representatives of candidates and other observers were present during the counting.

The EC 2011 hereby certifies and submits the following results from the 2011 election process and confirms that these individuals will be the office holders of their respective positions during the year 2012:

<b>Position:</b>	<b>Elected Official:</b>	<b>Position:</b>	<b>Elected Official:</b>
President-Elect.....	Khalid Kazi	Vice President - Media Relations....	Mumtaz Khan
Sr. Vice President .....	Pervez Iqbal	General Secretary.....	Abdur Rauf Khan
Vice President - Administration.....	Nargis F. Ahmed	Joint Secretary.....	Iqbal Akhtar
Vice President - Liaison.....	Mian Aziz	Director Finance.....	Ch. Mahmood Ahmad
Vice President - Marketing.....	Zaki Mohammed Mirza		



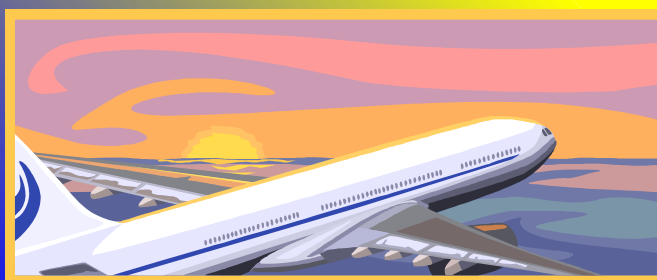
## PCC-USA Chairman Advisory Council 2012-2013 Zubair Ashraf

PCC-USA Advisory Council conducted a short meeting on December 21, 2011 during the Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) Day. The panel unanimously selected Zubair Ashraf as Chairman Advisory Council for the 2012-2013 term, replacing Laique Rehman.

## Annual General Body Meeting

Pakistan Chamber of Commerce - USA held its Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) at the PCC-USA secretariat, International Trade Center, Houston, Texas, on December 21, 2011. A record crowd of 130-plus members and guests showed up for the event.

Minutes of the last AGM 2010 were approved. Secretary General Abdur Rauf Khan read the Annual Report. Director Finance presented the annual financial statement. President PJ Khan Swati gave an overview of the year-long activities report and highlighted the Chamber's participation in the events and achievements. Chairman Advisory Council Laique Rehman spoke about PCC-USA's past and future plans. Other EBD members who spoke about their respective departments were: Waseem Rahim, Zafar Khan, Nargis Fatima, Shyda Hussain, Zaki Mirza, and M. Saeed Sheikh. Copies of the PCC-USA Annual Report, financial statement, and President's Annual Activity Report 2011 were distributed among the members in attendance. After the AGM, the next session continued was PCC-USA's annual



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Ashraf M Abbasi Phd.	Feroze Abdullah	Mohammad Zaheer	Safi Ahmad Qudsi
Aamir Khan	Firoz Ali Jindani	Mohammad Afzal Abbasi	Sajid Hussain
Abdul Basit	Firozali M Roopani	Mohammad Azam Khan Swati	Sajjad Sheikh
Abdul Khaliq	Gul Faraz	Mohammad Azam Zakaria	Sajjad A Chaudhry
Abdul Waheed	Gul Fraz Khan	Mohammad Fiaz Khan	Sajjad I Burki
Abdul Q Kundi	Haroon R Shaikh	Mohammad Haseeb Zahid	Saleem Syed
Abdul Q Parekh	Hassan A Khan	Mohammad I Badat	Saleem M Gagai
Abdurrauf Khan	Hussan Hashim Soomro	Mohammad Jameel Siddiqui	Sean Mirza Baig
Abid Rehman	Ibrahim Badat	Mohammad Rafiq Motawala	Shabbir A Dadabhoy
Ahmed Abdullah	Iftikhar A Usmani	Mohammad Tariq Zaka	Shabbir K Brohi
Aijaz U Haque	Ilyas Choudry	Mohammed K Siddiqui	Shahab A Kazmi
Akhtar Hussian	Ilyas H Baig	Mohammed A Quavi	Shahbir Najam
Akhtar Sayeed	Iqbal Akhtar	Mohammed W Mirza	Shaheed Faiz
Ali N Jamal	Jahan K Rizwan	Mohsin Noon	Shahid Wazirali
Altaf M Khan	Jalal-ud-Din Qureshi	Mona S Ahmad	Shahid Yousuf
Amin"Moon" N Khan	Jamal Malik	Mughis Uddin	Shahida Hussain
Amir Raza	Jamal-Nasir Abbasi	Muhammad Wasim	Shahrukh Sanjana
Amir M Khan	Javed Iqbal	Muhammad Saeed Sheikh	Shaikh Najam Ali
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Arshad Umer	Jawad H Bukhari	Mujeeb Kureshy	Sheikh M Awais
Asad Abbasi	Jigar Ali B Lakhani	Mumtaz Khan	Slaman M Hashmi
Asaf R. Qadeer	Jivani Ali Feroz	Mumtaz A Khan Sahibzada	Syed Ali Kamal
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Asif B Maknojia	Kashif Khan	Muzaffar H Siddiqi	Syed M Farrukh Seyar
Asif Ehsan	Kavin Davis	Nadeem Malik	Syed M Shamim
Asif Yuz Butt	Khaled Z Khan	Nadeem Rizvi	Syed N Izfar
Asrar Saeed	Khalid H Kazi	Nargis Fatima	Syed N Shah
Atif MF Rana	Khalid Z Siddiqui	Nasir A Abbasi	Syed S Jaffry
Atique M Ahmed	Khawaja Iqbal	Nasir H Malik	Syed Shahid Ali
Ayisha Chaudhary	Khurram Ibrahim	Nasru Rupani	Tabish Ismail
Babar Naeem Khan	Khurshid M Durrani	Nasrullah Khan	Tahir Raza Bhatti
Bahadur Ali Sohani	Laghari Imtiaz	Nawab F Baloch	Tariq Effendi
Barkat M Ropani	Laique A. Rehman	Nooruddin M Gilani	Tariq Gagai
Belal Khan	Liaqat G Hussain	Omar Farooqi	Taseer A Badar
Captain Saleem Alvi	M J Khan	Parvez Jamil Khan Swati	Wajid A Khan
Celil Yaka	Mahmud N Dahri	Pervez Iqbal	Waqas Ahmed
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