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2025 Year in Review

First Annual Golden Eagle Awards Dinner. On October 3, 2025, AABAGP hosted its inaugural Golden Eagle Awards Dinner, welcoming more than 450 business, civic, and community leaders to an inspiring showcase of AAPI leadership and regional impact. The event recognized four exceptional leaders and companies whose work exemplifies AABAGP's mission: job creation, economic opportunity, and uplifting communities.



The evening also featured influential speakers from across government and industry, reinforcing growing support for the Asian American business community. Speakers included **Hon. Rob Gleason**, Director (Amtrak Board of Directors), **David Taylor** (President of PMA), **Michael Innocenzo** (EVP, Exelon), **Michael Pearson** (Chair, PhilaPort), and **Sihwan Ryu** (CEO Hanwha, Internationally).

2025 Golden Eagle Awards Honorees:

- **Hanwha Philly Shipyard** (acceptance by David Kim, CEO) - A leading U.S. shipbuilder driving skilled manufacturing, workforce development, and economic revitalization in South Philadelphia.
- **Mohamed "Mo" Rushdy** - A Philadelphia based, local and international real estate developer and a leading advocate for bold, practical solutions to the city's affordable housing crisis.
- **Tim Haahs** (posthumously) (acceptance by Janice Haahs) - Visionary founder of Timothy Haahs & Associates (currently known as THA Consulting, Inc.), acclaimed architect, engineer, CEO, Christian leader, best-selling author, and community champion whose legacy continues to inspire.
- **Ocean Kingdom** (acceptance by Yong Lin, CEO) - A fast-growing global importer and distributor of premium frozen seafood, recognized for innovative business practices and leading customer service and support.



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2025 Holiday Party



To close out an exceptional year of organizational growth and momentum, AABAGP hosted its Holiday Party, bringing together a diverse group of business leaders, supporters, partners, and community organizations. The evening captured AABAGP's core belief that the success of the Asian American business community benefits the entire region. Highlights included a special performance by Philadelphia's own **Laurin Talese**, adding local pride to the evening. Guests also enjoyed festive giveaways, with ten attendees receiving personally autographed books from Former Councilmember **Blondell Reynolds Brown**. The Holiday Party energized our network for even greater impact in 2026.



AABAGP Lunch & Learn Meeting Series

In 2025, AABAGP launched the Lunch & Learn Meeting Series to help AABAGP members stay ahead of policy changes, identify funding and partnership opportunities, and build meaningful relationships with decision-makers.



Featured session and speakers:

- Pennsylvania House Speaker **Joanna McClinton** - State-level perspectives on economic policy and community investment
- **Mohamed "Mo" Rushdy** - Guidance on navigating Philadelphia's \$800M Affordable Housing Program
- Councilmember **Mark Squilla** and Former Councilmember **Maria Quiñones-Sánchez** - A deep dive into 76ers arena proposal and its neighborhood and business implications
- Councilmember **Jim Harrity** - Concrete strategies to strengthen and grow small businesses across the city.
- PA State Sen. **Joe Picozzi** - State laws that help and protect small businesses.



AABAGP Financial Freedom Radio Series

To empower aspiring and current entrepreneurs with real-world knowledge, AABAGP launched the Financial Freedom Series – a monthly program that turns authentic business stories into actionable insights.

Hosted by AABAGP Chairman **David Oh**, the live educational show airs on WURD Radio on the first Sunday of every month.

The Financial Freedom Radio Series expands access to knowledge, role models, and practical tools, helping historically underserved communities build wealth, grow businesses, and achieve long-term financial independence.

FINANCIAL FREEDOM
Sunday, January 4
5pm-6pm (1st Sunday of every month)
WURD RADIO 96.1FM / 900AM
Live Streaming: [HTTPS://WURDRADIO.COM](https://wurdradio.com)

Susan Noh overcame tragedy & misfortune to build wealth through real estate investing. Here's how she did it.



Hosted by: David Oh
AABAGP Board Chair

FINANCIAL FREEDOM
Sunday, December 7
5pm-6pm (1st Sunday of every month)
WURD RADIO 96.1FM / 900AM
Live Streaming: [HTTPS://WURDRADIO.COM](https://wurdradio.com)

Raymond John co-founded non-profit, 12 Plus. Later, he & his wife opened award winning, Caphe Roasters. Now, he does both.



Hosted by: David Oh
AABAGP Board Chair

FINANCIAL FREEDOM
Sunday, November 2
5pm-6pm (1st Sunday of every month)
WURD RADIO 96.1FM / 900AM
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Mo Rushdy will explain how you can become a 1st time developer under the City's \$800 million Affordable Housing program.



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Featured guests and themes:

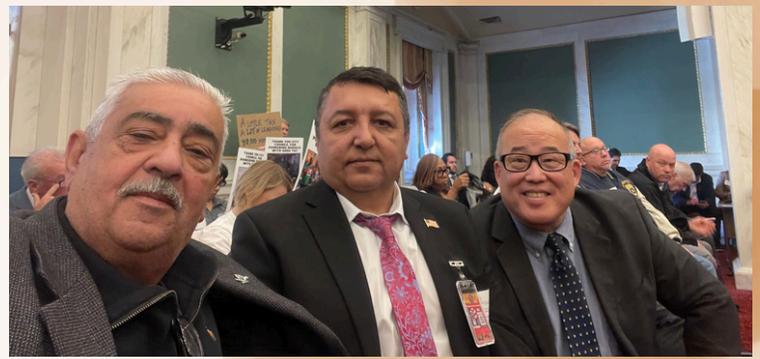
- **Susan Noh** – How she overcame personal tragedy to build a successful real estate development business.
- **Raymond John**, Co-Founder of 12 Plus and Caphe Roasters – A model of mission-driven entrepreneurship and community-based growth.
- **Mohamed “Mo” Rushdy** – Step-by-step insights into how first-time developers can participate in Philadelphia's \$800 million Affordable Housing Program.

International Investment & Trade Engagement – Uzbekistan Delegation

On November 15, AABAGP members and guests were invited to meet with the Governor of Uzbekistan's Tashkent Region and a delegation of 46 investors to explore investment opportunities in the Philadelphia region, as part of Uzbekistan's commitment to invest over \$100 Billion in the U.S.

Following a formal program, the Governor held one-on-one meetings with AABAGP members to learn about individual business interests. This high-level engagement provided rare, direct access to international capital and decision-makers, underscoring AABAGP's expanding role as a connector between local entrepreneurs and global investment networks.





• AABAGP board members testify in Philadelphia City Council.



AABAGP supported the National Association of Black Veterans, Chapter 94 (Delaware)



2026 AAPI Heritage Month – 250 Years of Asian Americans in the U.S.

**Friday, May 8, 2026, 5:30 PM, Live Casino & Hotel
900 Packer Ave., Philadelphia, PA. 19148**

Join AABAGP for a landmark AAPI Heritage Month celebration honoring 250 years of Asian American contributions to our nation.

[Reserve Your Seats → https://asianbusinessphila.com](https://asianbusinessphila.com)

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2026 AAPI HERITAGE MONTH GALA



Join the Asian American Business Alliance of Greater Philadelphia for a special evening celebrating the 250th anniversary of American Independence and AAPI Heritage Month, highlighting the enduring contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities to our city, region, and nation.



Friday, May 8, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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An evening of recognition,
connection, and celebration.
Details and registration coming soon.

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