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President Dr. Nisar A. Chaudhry led a PAC delegation to Pakistan last year. In the picture he is heading his delegation meeting with President Musharraf at the President House Islamabad. During this meeting Dr. Nisar briefed the President about the history, background and the role Pakistan American Congress in the United States. President accorded a very warm welcome to the delegation and appreciated the Services of PAC in building bridges, people to people diplomacy and serving the cause of Pakistan. President Musharraf admired the efforts of PAC in facilitating the visit of Senator Corzine & Senator Torricelli to Pakistan which will enhance the good will and understanding. During this meeting PAC Liaison Senator M. Azam Khan Swati handed over to President Musharraf a Cashier's Check of US \$50,000 donation for Human Development Foundation on behalf of the Pakistani American Congress.

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2001 - 2003

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Pakistani American Congress asks for your support, active participation and input in the spirit of the words of founding father of Pakistan Mohammad Ali Jinnah;

"We have got everything, brains, intelligence, capacity, and courage – virtues that nations must possess we have weathered the worst storms we can look to the future with robust confidence provided we do not relax and fritter away own energies in internal dissensions. There never was a great need for discipline and unity in our ranks".

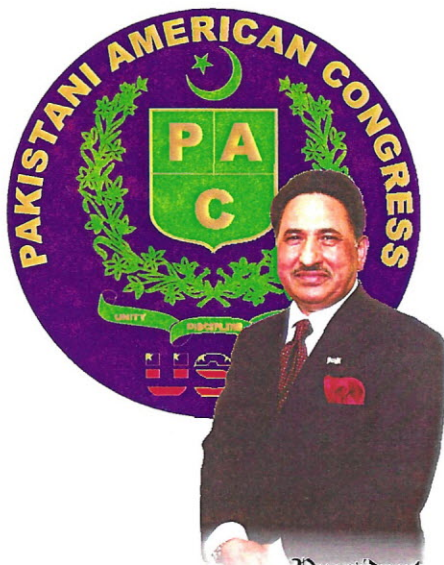
M.A. Jinnah (Founder of Pakistan)

Newly Elected Executive Board 2003 – 2005

Education: (B.A.) Bachelor's Economics & Sociology, (M.A.) Master's in Economics, (LL.B.) Bachelor's in Laws, Diploma; International Banking, Import & Export.

Professional Experience: International Banking (10 years), Retail C-Stores, Petroleum & Jet Fuel Terminating, Distribution and wholesale (25 years) President & CEO Five Star Ventures, & AmPak Eagle, Inc.

Present: Serving as the Treasurer and Chief Coordinator of Pakistani American Congress. Chairman Advisory Board of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce-USA, Trustee, Hazara American welfare Association, Chairman, PAC 100-Club, Member Mayor's Advisory Board City of Houston International Trade & Business Development, Member Leadership



President

Mr. Ashraf Abbasi

Council, City of Sugar Land, Recipient of Republican Presidential Medal "Legion of Merit" and numerous other awards and recognitions for community service and leadership from various entities.

Past: Served Pakistani American Congress for two terms as vice President (1994-98), Served as President of Pakistan Association of Greater Houston (PAGH) for two terms, and also served Pakistan Chamber of Commerce-USA as founding President for three consecutive terms (1997-2002).

Founder: Pakistan Chamber of Commerce-USA (PCC-USA), PAC-100 Club, Islamic Society of North Texas, Pakistani American Association of Golden Triangle, and Hazara American Welfare Association.



**Sr. Vice President
Dr. M. Murtaza Arain**

Board certified senior surgeon, a founding director of PAC. He has served IF, ISONA, APPNA, Pak-Pac, APSENA in various capacities. He is the US-Rep. for Al-Shifa (Eye) Foundation of Pakistan. He is serving as a Member of Asian American Advisory Council of Governor State of Illinois. His leadership stature is recognized in social and political circles both in the US and in Pakistan. He is the President and CEO of Wellness International Networking Group, Chicago, Illinois Chapter.



**General Secretary
Mr. Faizan M. Haq**

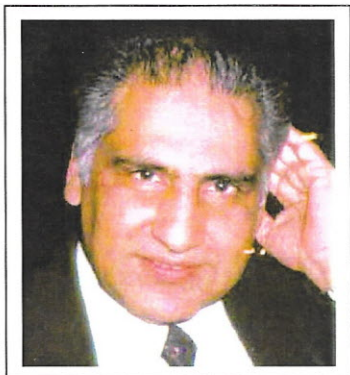
An academia, research scholar, educator and anthropologist. Bachelor in American Studies and Master's degree focus at Buffalo State College was in Multi disciplinary Studies with concentration in Public Relations and Education Technology. Faizan Haq is also a fellow of American Institute of International Studies (AIIS), and a founding member of Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy (CSID), Washington DC; Member Association of Diplomatic Studies and Training (ADST)



Dr. M. Wasiullah Khan

M.A., M. Ed, (Pak) PhD in Education Administration in Indiana University (USA). He is the founding Chancellor of East-West University in Chicago, Illinois. His accomplishments and contribution in the field of Education and higher learning in America is an example of excellence for our community. He has served PAC in the past as Vice President and General Secretary. He is a Runner Up in the recent elections and the most suitable candidate for the proposed position of President Elect.

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Sr. Vice President
Dr. Khawaja M. Ashraf

He is one of the most dynamic and generous member of PAC. He is the founder and President of Pakistan Education Foundation established in 1993. He earns the credit for setting up Pakistan Studies Chair in University of California, Berkeley in 1999. He is also the Editor in Chief of Pakistan Weekly (Internet Edition). He owns and manages a successful business "The Copy World" in Berkeley, California.



Vice President
Mr. Shahid M. Khan

He is a man with dedication and passion. He is a Cardiovascular Metabolic Specialist with Novartis Pharma and has served PAC as the Treasurer and Vice President in the past. He is the Chairman of Pak- Millennium Conference, Commissioner, Governor of Massachusetts Asian American Commission. It is a distinct honor for him and also for all Pakistanis-Americans that he is serving as a "National Finance Co-Chair for John Kerry for President Committee - 2004"



Vice President
Dr. Salman Zafar

Physician by Profession. Practice at Lincoln and metropolitan Hospital New York. Served PAC in the past as Vice President. He is very active member in the local community and wears many accomplishments under his belt. He is heavily involved in host of organizations as a volunteer and active participant. His most recent appointments as a Co-Chair NYCID Committee to honor Pakistan and as a Chairman to Quality Control Committee of Project Hospitality, Staten Island.

Treasurer

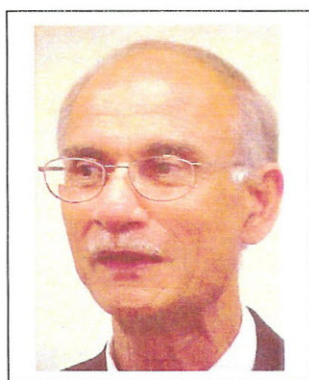
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Chairperson Fundrai
committee LRBT & SI
Receipient of Gold medal tw
Mother & Child welfare Soc
Bahrain. President of the Wc
Wing of Pakistan Tehreek-e-I



Chairman PAC Advisory Council
Dr. Amanullah Khan

Dr. Khan is a physician, an MD; PhD specialized in Cancer and practicing in Dallas , Texas. Served as the Chairman of PAC Election Committee and conducted recent election very successfully. Dr. Khan played a pivotal role in bringing unity among the ranks of PAC leadership. He is the founder of APSENA and served as the President of APPNA. Dr. Khan has served on various distinguished Boards and Commissions in the State of Texas. His recent appointment as Advisor to President Bush for Asian American and Pacific Islanders Commission is a matter of pride for Pakistani-American Community. He is an icon and a very committed community leader. He is looked up to as a role model and PAC has been honored by his acceptance of the Chairmanship of PAC Advisory Council.

Lest We Forget!

Dr. Maleeha Lodhi, the former Ambassador of Pakistan maintained very cordial & closed working relations with the leadership of Pakistani American Congress & as such accomplished many tasks & fought many battles on the Hill together.



(Left)Former President Dr. Riaz Ahmad,
Ambassador Lodhi & President Elect Ashraf Abbasi.

Pakistani American Congress

Past, Present & Vision for Future

The Founding Leaders of the Pakistani American Congress envisioned Congress to become a catalyst for social and political activities which would promote and protect the interests, civil rights, liberties, of the Pakistani-American Community in the United States of America. To serve as a bridge between the two people and play a positive role in promoting and strengthening the cordial relations and friendship between the countries. To enhance the good will and understanding between the think tanks of the two countries leading to formation of policies on both sides help building image of Pakistan and acceptance of Pakistan's role as a partner with the US in pursuit of global peace, commerce and fight against drugs and terror. It is not fair with Pakistan to be treated just as a US-Aid Recipient Nation and unjustly diminishing her role as an Ally And Partner with the US. Building the image of Pakistan in the US in particular and in world in general is one of the underlined goals of the Pakistani American Congress.

The 20th century brought different ethnic groups and nationalities to the landscape of America in pursuit of better life, economic opportunities, and most of all freedom and civil liberties. Each ethnic group or nationality added a color to the mosaic of the American fabric and enjoyed the blessings of the melting pot. Pakistanis started coming to the US in large numbers in the 1970s and 80s. They settled in small pockets in major cities like New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Atlanta, Dallas, and Houston. The majority of Pakistanis that migrated to the United States in the 70's were professionals including students for higher learning, doctors, engineers, scientists, scholars, teachers, and technicians. The Influx of Pakistanis that came in the 80's and 90's were less educated, unskilled and mostly non-professionals whose destination of choice for finding manual labor jobs used to be the Middle East. Through with dedication, determination, and sheer hard work our people excelled in every walk of life in their new homeland but failed to create a collective platform to voice the interests of their community on a national level. We see around ourselves every day that other ethnic groups like Chinese, Italians, Irish, Cubans, Greeks, Hispanics, and Jews have established themselves strongly in the US and are today part of the mainstream American establishment while maintaining their cultural and ethnic identities. We the Pakistani Americans must do the same in order to survive and flourish in this great land of opportunities. Economic strength alone will not translate our community into a successful and powerful group. Economic strength combined with political representation can transform into real power and clout that would make us stand out and stand tall with dignity and honor.

Piece meal, fragmented efforts in the socio-political arena had existed at the local levels in the Pakistani American circles since the 70's. However, when a nationwide campaign was needed, we were not up to the task. There was no national level representative organization for our people, who have attained significant presence in the US, with numbers well over half a million by the end of 1990's. In order to enhance our functioning as a strong community, the founding fathers of the PAC, leaders like Dr. Sakhawat Hussain, Dr. Riaz Ahmad, Dr. Hafeez Malik, Dr. Murtaza Arain, Dr. Arshad Mirza, Dr. Wasiullah Khan, Dr. Ashraf Toor, Dr. Zia Khan, and Dr. Salahuddin Malik, all proposed the creation of this organization in the trustee meeting of the Pakistani American Foundation in Washington D.C. in 1990. Dr. Riaz Ahmad of Michigan deserves the credit for initiating the original proposal. Several organizations around the country were contacted and 22 representatives gathered for the first meeting





in Washington D.C. in July of the same year. PAC was formally launched in its first convention in Chicago-Illinois, hosted by (PAC's one of the pioneer member organizations) The Indus Society of North America in March of 1991'.

The Pakistani American Congress prides itself to envision a journey of thousands of miles and thousand of years serving Pakistani-Americans. The 6th President & 6th Executive Board is going to be installed this year in June 2003 during the PAC 11th Annual Summit.

The journey of PAC started with Dr. Sakhawat Hussain being the first and one of the founding Presidents from Chicago, Illinois spearheaded some great efforts that led to the passing of two pro-Pakistan and pro-Kashmir resolutions in the US Congress. He also led the most vigorous campaign nationwide when Pakistan was at the brink of being declared a terrorist state by the US Congress. PAC genuinely holds the credit under the leadership of Dr. Hussain for defeating that ill intended move. Dr. Hussain earned much respect and admiration from peers and community as well, for his unmatched services and leadership. Dr. Hussain is the only President of the Congress who served two consecutive terms. He is currently serving as the Human Rights Commissioner for State of Illinois.

The Second president of PAC was Dr. Zaheer Chaudhry of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania stepped up from Sr. Vice President who completed his term fairly well from 1995-1997. Dr. Zia-Ur-Rehman Khan from Aurora, Ohio was the 3rd President and served his term from 1997-1999. He is a man with passion and he established contacts between PAC and the State Department. He was a pioneer in leading the First PAC delegation to Pakistan and holding meetings with the Prime Minister Mian Nawaz Sharif, other political leaders, and think tanks. He also led a delegation to India to open up dialogue with the Indian "Think Tanks" for mutual understanding and building bridges between the two people and governments. He also organized three Conference during his term, one in Villanova University, second in Columbia University and third one in Cleveland, Ohio.

The 4th President Dr. Riaz Ahmad from Bloomsfield, Michigan is also known as the "Reformer President" has served his most difficult term from 1999-2001. His passion to serve and communication skills make him unique, well informed and wire with his group / supporters. Dr. Riaz Ahmad led a PAC delegation to Pakistan and hosted the first PAC convention in Lahore, Pakistan in 2000, which was also attended by US Congressman David Bonior. Dr. Riaz also genuinely earned the credit for enhancing the PAC membership by doubling it during his term from 22 to 45 organizations. He faced many challenges and tough times but he overcame through his uncommon courage and common wisdom.

Dr. Nisar A Chaudhry (2001-2003) from Columbia, MD took charge of PAC after a heated and well-contested election. He earned the credit for giving a dignified presence to the Congress in the center of activity at "The Washington, DC". He led a PAC delegation to Pakistan and institutionalized a new tradition of celebrating "Pak - American Friendship Banquet" at Marriott, Islamabad in 2002. Two members of the US Senate Jon Corzine & Robert Torricelli attended the event besides Government Officials, political leaders, and the US Embassy in Pakistan. During this trip PAC Delegation held meetings with President Musharraf at the President House, Governor of Punjab, Chief Justice Pakistan Supreme Court, Lahore High Court, and Kashmir Committee. The delegation also met with Chairman and Command of Joint Service Head Quarter and received detailed briefing about Pak-US & Afghan situation and operations. PAC organized a regional conference through its member Pakistan Chamber of Commerce-USA in Houston, Texas. PAC members PCC-USA, PAGT & HAWA raised US\$70,000 and donated Hazara University in NWFP for its library project. Dr. Nisar Nisar has played a key role



as a peace maker in bringing unity in the Congress that led to its Election-2003.

The 6th President Elected in 2003 is Mr. Ashraf Abbasi from Houston, Texas (Term 2003-2005). He is blessed with a very strong, experienced and talented team, comprising of Dr. Wasiullah Khan, (Chicago-IL), Dr. M. Murtaza Arain (Oakbrook, IL), Dr. Khawaja Ashraf (Berkeley, CA), Mr. Shahid Khan (Boston, MA), Dr. Salman Zafar (Staten Island, NY), Ms. Fauzia Shah (Cary, NC), and Mrs. Fauzia Kasuri (Great Falls, VA). PAC is honored to have Dr. Amanullah Khan from Dallas, Texas as the Chairman of the advisory Council. The greatness of this team will be measured by the growth of PAC and the results it will produce in the next two years.

During the past thirteen years, PAC has sponsored and co-sponsored many educational seminars, workshops and social events. PAC has held two seminars at Columbia University. One of these seminars had the honor of having both the Ambassador of Pakistan and the Deputy Ambassador of India speak from the same podium which indeed was a rare site. PAC also co-sponsored an outstanding seminar in October 1997 at Villanova University celebrating the 50th anniversary of Pakistan. Five prominent individuals were invited from Pakistan to participate in this seminar. From the United States, there were representatives of the State Department, Pentagon (including General Zinni) and the trustees of the American Institute of Pakistan Studies who also participated in the seminar. Assistant Secretary of State Karl Inderfurth, Christina Rocka, Robin Rafael, and many other prominent leaders attended the meetings and briefings of the PAC on regular basis as well.

Lest we forget !

*Congressman Curt Weldon from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was the first one who advised PAC to host a "Congressional Reception" An Annual Pakistan Day at the Capitol Hill to serve as a forum for interaction with the congressional leaders. The tradition is carried forward and continues to improve every year since then.

*Congressman James Moran of Virginia advised and guided PAC to form a Congressional Caucus on Pakistan to help Pakistan's lobbying efforts in the US House and Senate.

*Ambassador Riaz Khokhar advised PAC to professionally organize and institutionalize both PAC Annual Summit in Washington, DC and PAC Annual Summit in Pakistan.

*Congressman Henry Hyde from Chicago, IL always helped PAC with room allocation in House/Senate buildings for Annual Congressional Reception at the Capitol Hill.

*PAC thanks its loyal friends & Supporters; like Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, CM Dan Burton, Ex-CM David Bonior, CM Jim Turner, CM Henry Hyde, CM Pete Sessions, CM Nick Lampson, CM Ciro Rodriguez, CM Jan Schakowsky, CM Dale Kildee, CM Major Owens, CM, Chris Bell, CM, Joe Barton, CM Sam Johnson, Ex. CM Dick Armey, CM James Moran, Ex. Sen. Torricelli, Sen. Tom Harkin, Sen. Tim Johnson, Sen. Jon Corzine, Sen. Paul Simon, Sen. Brownback, and Sen. Jesse Helms who always took time to attend our Congressional Reception almost every year.

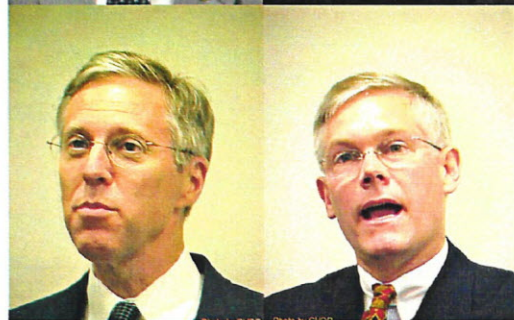
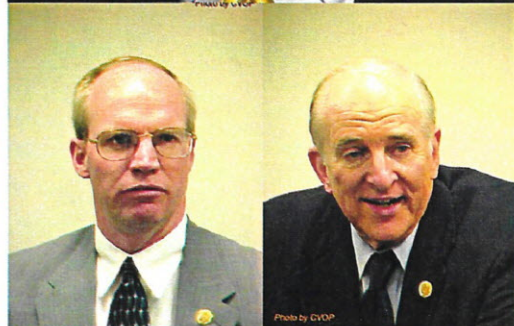
Currently, there are Forty Four Pakistani organizations in twenty-three states that are members of the Pakistani American Congress. This number is steadily increasing as people come to know about PAC. All of these organizations are represented by up to three members in the Congress who comprise of the national board of directors and elect the office bearers to serve on the Executive Board for two years. Congress has a 21 members Advisory Council that includes all the past presidents and other prominent and well connected Pakistani-Americans.

There cannot be a state of perfection, a lot has been done and a lot more needs to be done. We need to have a more effective influence on the American news media by



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promoting our own writers and friends of Pakistan. There is a need to form an "Outreach Committee" to induct more and more organizations into Pakistani American Congress and to build a net work of politically connected successful Pakistani Americans. We need to organize Regional Leadership training seminars and workshops to prepare Pakistani-Americans to run for public offices. The Pakistani Youth groups must be organized on different university campuses to prepare themselves for future leadership positions in major organizations. PAC has to make a positive impact in the upcoming US National Elections of 2004. We have to run a national campaign for voter registration, organize voters & leadership workshops and make an impact in the primaries election by getting elected thousands of delegates and precinct chairs. Our strength will not be measured by inflated numbers but strength on the ballot. Our common denominator, Love for Pakistan, must translate itself into projects to entrench us well in the American system. Only when we are strong and united here in the US will we be able to bring a positive change in the lives of millions of our brethren back in Pakistan.

Accomplishments:

➤ PAC Launched a nationwide successful campaign in 1993 through its members units to counter the move aimed to declare Pakistan a Terrorist State. PAC leadership galvanized the community at one platform and under one umbrella and achieved the desired results.

- PAC hosts an Annual Pakistan Day Congressional Reception at the Capitol Hill in Washington DC in which a significant number of United States Congressmen and Senators participate and address on the importance of US-Pakistan relations. This activity facilitates interaction for Pakistan Ambassador with a large number of Congressional reps at just one sitting. It has also led to the strengthening of the Pakistan Caucus of US Congressmen and Senators. The underlying aim of such interaction is to promote and strengthen the friendly ties between the two countries.
- Undertook a Kashmir project 1994 which produced a book: *Kashmir A Happy Valley, A Valley of Death* by Prof. William Baker. This led to many resolutions of the US Congress on Kashmir and India-Pakistan conflict. PAC raised \$100K for the publication of this book that exposed the heinous crimes and atrocities of the Indian security forces on the defenseless people of Kashmir.
- Coordinated a campaign for the passage of the Brown Amendment in the US Senate in 1995 which relaxed sanctions on the arms & military technical aid.
- PAC has showed its muscles through its members voting to help & support pro-Pakistan candidates running for elected offices and to oppose, counter and even help replace anti-Pakistan and radical congressional leaders with friendly ones.
- Subsequent to the nuclear tests in May 1998, held effective meetings with high-level State Department officials and top Pakistani leadership for cooling off the reaction and creating understanding of Pakistan's position, as it was forced by India to give a tit for tat.
- Worked hard and successfully lobbied along with other organizations for partial removal of sanctions against Pakistan in October 1999.
- Successfully reverted the anti-Pakistan propaganda of the Indian lobby during and after the hijacking drama in January 2000.
- Countered and defeated the attempts by our adversaries to declare Pakistan a terrorist state again in February 2000.
- In the middle of July, the friends of Pakistan in the US Congress thwarted the terrorism hearing focused on Pakistan by urging the committee to look at terrorism as a regional issue & also look into state terrorism of India in Kashmir.

- Organized, as well as co-sponsored seminars, workshops, and conferences on important issues and leadership training in various cities of US and Pakistan.
- Promoted relations between the US and Pakistani think tanks to contribute to more effective policy formation for better US-Pakistan relations and overall development of Pakistan.
- PAC supported President Musharraf's resolve to join US led Coalition in war against terrorism and operation in Afghanistan. It interacted with US administration, legislation and think tanks to reward Pakistan for its courageous stand and yet another solid proof of Pakistan's loyalty toward United States..
- During the current INS / NSEERS (National Security Entry Exit Registration System) crisis where Pakistan was among 18 countries whose nationals in the US were required mandatory INS Registration. PAC mobilized its local members components in major cities through out the United States providing guidance, legal & moral support to avoid panic in the community. It's close working relations with ACLU national and regional chapters paid off in big time. ACLU helped provide pro-bono legal services to our community members and also provided education through Radio Talk Shows and Town Hall meetings. PAC kept close contact with INS Directors in different cities and arranged town hall meeting with local community organizations for orientation, education and understanding. PAC is proud of the fact that its member organizations did a fantastic job in this crisis situation and made this process less painful for the community than expected and help was there through out this ordeal. Last but not least our Pakistan Embassy under the leadership of Ambassador Qazi did a fairly good job of giving hope and solace to the community. Ambassador said, "We are with you, don't you worry or panic". Embassy set up a hotline for help and sent its officials to different cities to gather data and make sure Pakistanis are treated well in the lock-ups. They also coordinated their efforts with local community organizations and Ambassador traveled to almost every city where there was a significant presence of Pakistanis. Thanks Mr. Ambassador & Embassy Staff.
- Contributed to effective coverage in the print and electronic media on issues and views important and beneficial to Pakistan and Pakistani Americans.
- Institutionalized PAC Annual Summit on "Pak-American Friendship" in Washington, DC and also in Islamabad, Pakistan. PAC will continue to build & improve upon these healthy traditions.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE:

Pakistani American Congress has come a long way since it was first inaugurated in July 1990. We have achieved a lot, but much more needs to be accomplished. Every passing day our community in the United States faces new challenges, tests and trials. In the past ten years, our adversaries have left no stone unturned in an effort to prove Pakistan and the Pakistani American community a failure. However, by the grace of God Almighty, we have fought back successfully and proved to the world that Pakistani-Americans are second to none in any field or discipline of life. Our community has produced some of the finest professionals from medical doctors to engineers, scientists, scholars, businessmen, and university professors. As a matter of fact, one Pakistani youth served as the speech writer for President Bill Clinton and the speech President Clinton delivered in Pakistan referring to Indus civilization was written by this Pakistani.

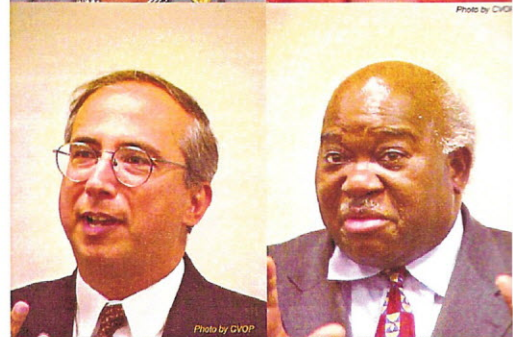





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 Dr. M. Wasi Khan
Chancellor East West University Receiving
"Sir Syed Scholastic Excellence Award"
From PCC by CG. Mrs. Raana Rahim.

So what are the future plans and the goals of PAC? Well, the sky being the limit, there is never enough work that we can do for our community. However, there are some short-term goals that we wish to accomplish with active help from the community and leaders and the newly elected team.

One of the immediate tasks ahead of us is to activate our youngsters with whom our hopes and our future lies. They must be encouraged and groomed to participate in the mainstream political process. We have to send these leaders to the US congress and US Senate. Our younger generation having been born and raised in this digital age carries a different outlook. They not only dress and speak like Americans but they also think like them. Our youngsters know how to work as a team and have the ability to forge alliances with like-minded groups. However, they need guidance and some platform to identify themselves with. It is unfortunate that due to lack of proper counseling, most of our youth opt for professions like medicine and engineering only. We need people in every field and every walk of life in this country. It is extremely important that we encourage our children to study political science, law, journalism, media, communication, and economics. We must prepare a new team of young people who can safeguard our civil liberties to ensure prosperity for all of us in the United States of America.

Another totally untapped resource of our community which PAC would like to promote is Pakistani-American women. The recent appointment of Mrs. Fauzia Kasuri as the Chairperson of PAC women Wing in the newly elected executive board is good news for all of us and especially for our women folks in the US and in Pakistan. It is said that train a man and you train an individual; train a woman and you mobilize the whole family and community and the entire nation and so on. We need to reach out to both working and non-working Pakistani American women. House-makers can be a great asset for the community by actively participating in the socio-political events. They can lead nationwide letter writing campaigns to media and congressional leaders to get the voice and concerns of the community to be heard loud and clear.

We need to improve our image in the US by selective charitable projects. Also, quality of life needs to be improved in Pakistan through both charity and business projects. We must teach our youth by example to volunteer services for charitable, religious, and socio-cultural entities. That can be a senior citizens house, fire dept, hospital, school, library, Boy/Girl Scout, neighborhood watch, day care etc. etc.

Besides basic house cleaning of the Congress, to create its budget for its day to day operation and a road map for two year term. To get it registered as a non-profit entity to benefit from its tax exempt status and help generate desired funds for its smooth functioning. To encourage new members and increase its membership from 44 to 101 organizations by end December 2003. Organize a Regional Seminar quarterly in different states.

These are just some of the short-term goals that we are actively working on. However, these goals cannot be accomplished without active participation of the community at the grass roots. If you have any new ideas for improving the clout and image of the Pakistani-American community in the United States, please feel free to contact us. Our doors are always open for novel ideas, suggestions, and for people who can help transform dreams into reality. We also welcome any kind of criticism, that helps us to evaluate our performance and strive for improvement.



PAC visiting delegation headed by Dr. Nisar met President Musharraf at the President's House in Islamabad, Pakistan.



PAC visiting delegation led by Ashraf Abbasi met Chairman Joint Services Command at JSC Head Quarter in Rawal Pindi Pakistan.



Dr. Amanullah Khan (Dallas, Texas) sworn in by Mr. Karl Rove, Chief Advisor to President Bush at the Nations Capitol Building as Advisor to the President's Advisory Commission for Asian American and Pacific Islanders. In picture Dr. Khan is Flanked by Chairmen AAPI & PAC leaders gathered across the country to witness the solemn oath ceremony and congratulate Dr. Khan..

Conventional wisdom says that

Unity is power



We say...
You Bet !!!

The power to unite is stronger than power to divide.

Is your organization a member of
Pakistani American Congress ? **Why Not ?**
Talk to your local community leaders and ask
them make your organization a member of
the winning team.

The few, the proud, The Pakistani Americans.

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