

About Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)



Focusing on the diverse Asian American community, Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)'s mission is to improve the health, mental health, and well-being of individuals and their families by providing an array of human services. AACI empowers the Asian American community by working collaboratively for equality and social justice.

Founded in 1973, AACI is the largest community-based organization specializing in the Asian American community in Santa Clara County. Current programs include mental health and primary care health services, health education, HIV/AIDS prevention and testing, substance abuse treatment, programs for drinking drivers, a center for survivors of torture, programs and shelter for women and children who are domestic violence victims, a senior center, after-school youth programs, community advocacy, and English and citizenship classes. AACI serves over 8,000 clients each year, Asian and non-Asian.

South Bay First Thursdays

First Thursdays (FT) is focused on serving young Asian and Pacific Islanders (API) interested in supporting community activities and organizations throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Consisting of early-to-mid career professionals from the nonprofit, corporate, and government sectors. FT provides a forum for networking, shared learning among peers, and community service opportunities. Towards this effort FT organizes a monthly dinner to discuss an issue or event important to the API community. Panelists with knowledge of the topic are brought in to give audience members expert opinions. After the panel, audience members usually break-out into small groups to discuss the issue further.

First Thursdays is fiscally sponsored by Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI).

If you would like more information, feel free to contact us at info@firstthursdays.org or www.firstthursdays.org

Mission

Our mission is to foster a sense of community and understanding through educational events, focusing on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

Example of Our Events

- 11/07 Stop Hitting on Me! Keeping Your Relationship Healthy
- 07/07 APA Entrepreneurs in the Bay Area
- 06/07 Exploring AAPI Cultures Through Food
- 05/07 Get a Job in the Public Sector
- 04/07 Cancer: Making It a Turning Point
- 02/07 Get Plugged Into the South Bay

Organizers

FT organizers are all volunteers! Organizers are working professionals from diverse backgrounds but are connected by their interest to give back to the community while having fun and building great networks and relationships! You can learn more about each of us and our alumni on the FT website.

How to Get Involved!

There are several ways you can get involved with FT:

- ◆ Go to our website, join or e-mail list, and attend our events! Along with our educational forums, we also organize volunteer opportunities in the community!
- ◆ Become a FT Volunteer! Help make our events great!
- ◆ Become a FT Organizer! Work close with the team and plan the events!