

**From the President's Desk**  
**2008-2009 Annual Report**

Dear Members,

It has been such a pleasure serving as your President for the year 2008-2009. I am humbled by the position and it brings me great joy to be able to serve a diverse membership.

2008-2009, albeit hectic, was filled with memories to remember. Our Annual banquet held on November 1st 2008 honored several members of the community for their outstanding service to our Arizona community.

It is because of the dedicated service of such community leaders that we continue to enrich our community.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the 'Friends of AAAA'. These are our community partners, that have helped us accomplish our AAAA mission. Honeywell, Boeing ECF, Arizona Commission on the Arts, City of Phoenix – Office of Arts and Culture, SRP and APS truly support our vision. With their help we are in a position to reach out to our community and showcase our diverse culture.

Our Annual Festival in April every year, held in recognition of the Asian Heritage month that is in May was yet another memorable experience. This year was the 15th year celebrated with great enthusiasm at the City of Phoenix Heritage and Science Park. We had the honor of FBI Special Agent Nathan Gray, who graciously inaugurated the Festival. The participation from our ethnic sister organizations, food vendors and community ethnic performers made this two day festival a fun and educational experience for over 20,000 attendees.

I have been an active volunteer with AAAA for the past eight years and I must confess, there is never a dull moment. I am surprised at how much I learn from my fellow volunteers. We look forward to another exciting year ahead of us, as we continue to embark on new community outreach events and continue our tradition of building on the success of some of our established events. Our Board is filled with enthusiastic volunteers and their enthusiasm is contagious. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Board members for all their hard work and dedication in sharing with you the diversity and culture of our organization. I sincerely hope that we can build on our membership and have each and every one of you involved in the mission and vision of AAAA.

With much appreciation and warm regards,

Caroline Lobo  
President, AAAA