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Celebration Hope

By Chi Choy

It was a Huge Success! This year's Celebration of Hope held on March 10, 2001 at the Marriott Hotel in Fremont ended up with a packed house and as a huge success. Thanks to the great teamwork of the event committee, the night was a lot of fun and over before we knew it. This year's fundraising will go to support ongoing CBC activities and events that support our community. In addition, CBC will support other organizations in our community to help to make our area a better place to live.



Board Members at CBC Celebration of Hope

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President's Message

By Carl Chen



CBC was founded in 1992 with one mission, "To initiate, sponsor, and promote community events that will affect the well being of Chinese-Americans with an emphasis on Education, Health, Business, and Community Involvement." Throughout the years, CBC has initiated and sponsored a number of programs and activities to help reach our goal.

In recent years, through programs such as voter registration drives, youth internships, and community service activities, CBC has encouraged the full participation of Chinese - Americans in the community. Last year, CBC played an especially important role in making history by helping elect the first Chinese-American to the Fremont City Council. Today, there are more than twenty Chinese-Americans serving as School Board Trustees, Members of the Board of Directors, and Commissioners throughout the city.

CBC has also participated in and supported a wide range of community events. These include organizations such as the Ohlone College Foundation, the Washington Hospital Foundation, Life Eldercare, Fremont Libraries, Fremont Education Foundation, Tri-City Homeless Coalition, and many other local non-profit and charitable organizations. In addition, CBC has regularly participated in Fremont's Unity Day, the 4th of July Parade, National Make a Difference Day, and the anti-hate crime forum. Amidst all the activities, CBC is most proud of helping to increase more Chinese-American involvement in our community.

For the coming years, CBC's challenge is to continue making social, cultural, and political improvements in our society. Each step we take, big or small, we are learning and strengthening our spirits and our communities. As my term comes to a close, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the members and volunteers for their participation and support. I am proud for what we have accomplished, and excited for what the future will bring.

Best Wishes

Carl Chen
President

Celebration of Hope (Continued from Page 1)

Some of this year's beneficiaries include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation
- Life Eldercare
- Fremont Libraries
- Fremont Education Foundation
- SAVE—Shelter Against Violent Environment
- Homeless Dinner Program
- CBC Youth Internship Program
- CBC Youth Toastmasters Program

I also want to acknowledge the efforts of the following CBC committee members:

Henry Yin—Major Sponsor Recruitment
Albert Wang—Intern Program
Herbert Chiu—Co-Chair and performers
Joan Wang—Event Program
Michelle Royston—Reception, Treasurer
Teresa Yin—Raffle Prize Coordination
Ting O'Connor—Ticket Control
Anita Chiu and Daphne Yang—Seating Arrangement
Whiskey Ho—Decoration
Garrett Yee and Karen Chen—MC

I especially want to thank Herb Chiu, my co-chair who always does a great job helping to pull it all together for a successful event. As always, it was a privilege to be this year's event chair again. Working with the CBC board members has truly been a very inspiring experience and lots of fun.

Councilmember Steve Cho named CBC Citizen of the Year

By Karen Chen

Annually, CBC recognizes one of its members for outstanding citizenship in our community. For 2000, Citizens for Better Community named CBC Past President and current Fremont City Councilmember Steve Cho as their Citizen of the Year. Steve Cho made local history in November by becoming Fremont's first elected Chinese American to the Fremont City Council.

A California native, Steve Cho has lived in Fremont for over 26 years. Since 1977, Steve has owned his own computer software business. He earned his B.A. in Mathematics from Washington University in St. Louis, MO and has a Masters Degree in Computer Science from the University of Southern California. He is married to Amy Cho and they have one grown daughter, Beverly, in college. Congratulations Steve!

CBC Director Chi Choy named CBC Volunteer of the Year

By Karen Chen

Annually, CBC recognizes one of its members for outstanding volunteer efforts and support to CBC. For 2000, CBC named Chi Choy as their Volunteer of the Year. Chi is well known to CBC members because for the past three years, she has shouldered the major responsibility of CBC's major fundraising event, the Celebration of Hope. While quite a lot is known about this person, we keep finding out new things.

Chi is an energetic real estate agent in Fremont; she has been on CBC's board for over 5 years; she works all day and well into the evening, often times on CBC events; and this was her third year as event chair of CBC's Festival of Hope. Prior to her current profession, Chi conducted neurological cell research at Johns Hopkins Medical Center utilizing her masters degree in biology from Rutgers University. WOW! Congratulations Chi!

CBC Community Involvement Chair Dr. Albert Wang Completes Term on FUSD Equity Commission

Dr. Albert Wang's term on the FUSD Commission on Instructional Equity began in September 1999 and will end in June 2001. At this time, he is not seeking reappointment so there will be an opening. The Commission is charged to study inequity in programs among the 43 schools in Fremont and make recommendations to the FUSD Board of Education and Superintendent. There are 15 members and 5 alternates (3 members and one alternate from each high school attendance area). There are representatives from teachers, parents, administrators, etc. Dr. Wang's opening will be for the Mission Attendance Area; however, other vacancies will be opening as well. Anyone interested should contact the district to apply. For more information, check the FUSD web site at <http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us>. CBC thanks Dr. Albert Wang for his service to our community during his tenure on the Commission!



President Carl Chen, Amy Cho (in for Steve Cho as Citizen of the Year), Volunteer of the Year Chi Choy, and Assembly-member Wilma Chan

Photo by Monica Xu

Carl Chen Completes Term as President of CBC

Some of the most dedicated people prefer to serve behind the scenes. As always, when duty calls, they answer. This depiction represents our current CBC president, Carl Chen.

Carl and his wife, Emily, made this community their home in 1976.

Carl has a deep history of serving the Chinese American community. In 1986, Carl served as director of curriculum of the Fremont Chinese School and then served as the Principal from 1990 to 1992. Carl initiated and implemented the Chinese Accreditation program for Fremont Chinese School. Today, Fremont Chinese School is still going strong and carries an enrollment of over 1200 students.

In 1992, he helped found Citizens for Better Community and chaired its Education Committee. Over the last several years, Carl has also helped with the South Bay Chinese Service Club program, which he has been instrumental in increasing the overall funding for the program. In 1999, as part of a two-year commitment, Carl served as CBC vice president, and then as the president for 2000-2001.

Carl started his career as an engineer and in 1991 he started a computer business. Carl has a master's degree from BYU.

He is married to Emily and they have two sons, one is a senior in high school and the other, a senior at Cornell University in New York.

Thank you for a job well done Carl Chen!

Fremont Education Foundation

By Anita Chiu

This year, CBC supported the Fremont Education Foundation by providing a check in the amount of \$1000. On Tuesday, March 22, 2001, CBC President-Elect Garrett Yee presented the check at the Fremont Education Foundation telethon to Foundation President Nina Moore and Telethon Co-host Rick Geha, Ohlone College Foundation President. The Fremont Education Foundation was one of several local organizations voted on by the CBC Board of Directors to provide support, both with time and money. The Foundation's fundraising efforts have funded the elementary after school bands for grades 4th through 6th. The telethon was aired for three nights (March 20, 21, & 22) and all three nights, CBC had televised callers to include Garrett Yee, Anna Muh, and Steve Cho. All three were interviewed and their combined efforts raised over \$2000 in additional funds for the Fremont Education Foundation (not including the \$1000 check from CBC). Steve Cho also made an instrument donation to the Foundation.



President-Elect Garrett Yee with his wife Maria

Introducing Garrett Yee CBC President-Elect for 2001-2002

Garrett Yee is a Fremont native and has been involved in our community through a variety of organizations for many years. These are some of the hi-lights.

With respect to participation in the Chinese community, he has served on the board of directors of both the South Bay Chinese Club and Citizens for Better Community. He is the immediate past president of the South Bay Chinese Club, and has helped chair its Scholarship Program for the past six years.

With respect to community service, he has served on the Fremont Library Advisory Commission since 1997 and has helped to bring several educational and cultural programs and events to the Fremont Libraries. He currently serves as the Commission Chairman. Recently, the Fremont City Council appointed him to the newly formed Redevelopment Agency Relocation Appeals Board. He has been active in Boy Scouts for many years and currently serves as the Committee Chair for a local Boy Scout Troop. Garrett is also an Eagle Scout.

In addition, he has served in the United States Army Reserve for the past 14 years. He is an Army Officer and currently holds of the rank of Major.

Professionally, Garrett is a manager with the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau, an 86 year old private company located in San Francisco. He is a graduate of Santa Clara University and holds an MBA from Golden Gate University.

He is married to Maria, who he met when they were both at Kennedy High, and they have three children—Gilbert, who attends Washington High and Michael and Alissa, who both attend Maloney Elementary.

CBC/SBCC Chinese New Year Celebration a Big Success!

By Garrett Yee

On Saturday, January 27, 2001, the Citizens for Better Community and the South Bay Chinese Club, along with the Alameda County Library co-hosted the 2nd Annual Chinese New Year Celebration at the Fremont Main Library. The event included a program with Chinese music instruments, choir, dance, martial arts, Chinese Yo Yo, stories, crafts, Chinese medicine, displays, and demonstrations. The turnout for this year was beyond expectations. There were at times over 300 people in attendance. Special thanks to Joan Wang, the Co-Chair for this event, for her outstanding efforts. Our MCs for the event were CBC youths Ruby Cheung (daughter of Alice Cheung) and Jenny Lee. Also, great job to this year's committee, which includes Evelyn Chang, Wendy Ho, Alice Cheung, Alice Liu, Sandy Pantages, and Karen Pacheco.

CBC Youth Serves Tri-City Homeless Shelter

On March 30th, members and parents of the CBC Youth group served 80 meals at the Tri-City Homeless Shelter. Names of the participants included the following: Youth members included Edward Chang, Victor Wei, Neil Chao, Alex Tseung, Tiffany Yuan, and Daniel Yuan. Parents included Eva Chang, Linda Chuang (coordinators), Susan Luh, Wendy Chung, and Ann Yuan. Members interested in serving at the homeless shelter should contact Joan Wang at 510-490-8689.



CBC/SBCC Chinese New Year celebration
Co-chairs Garrett Yee and Joan Wang

CBC Installation Dinner for 2001-2002 Directors and Officers

This spring (and following the results of the recent election), CBC will have an installation of its officers and directors at a dinner with the date and location to be determined. All members will be invited to attend.

April 29, 2001--South Bay Chinese Service Club Scholarship Luncheon

This year, the South Bay Chinese Service Club will hold its annual scholarship luncheon at the Union City Raddision Hotel on April 29, 2001 at 12-2 p.m. Keynote speakers for the event will be the current Miss California, Rita Ng and Fremont City Councilmember, Steve Cho. The South Bay Chinese Service Club will be awarding \$15,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors of Chinese heritage. Citizens for Better Community has sponsored one of the scholarships that will be awarded. Cost of the luncheon is \$25.00. For reservations, contact Maria Yee at 510-790-0865.

May 6, 2001--Unity Day

By Elise Jan

This year, Unity Day will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2001 at Irvington High School from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We need your support simply by showing up and helping to tend the CBC booth. We will also be participating in the performances with Chinese dance. Show up and have a fun day enjoying the different cultural groups in our community. To help, please contact Elise Jan at 659-9348.

CBC Founding Members Recognized

The following is a list of the founding members of CBC. CBC would like to take this time to acknowledge their efforts in organizing CBC in 1991, which led to its founding in 1992. While most founding members are already lifetime members, the remaining founding members have been given lifetime membership status:

Peter & Winnie Au
Carl & Emily Chen
Whisky & Wendy Ho
Adam & Wiellie Hwa
Eric Chou & June Lo
Thomas & Linda Tang
Jesse K. & Peggy Tseng
Stanley & Hebe Woo
Henry & Maria Yin

Hsu & Stella Chang
Herbert & Anita Chiu
Thomas Hom
Shun & Lily Lee
Frank & Sarena Pi
James & Jennifer Tong
John & Rosa Wong
Richard & Bea Wu

CBC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SOUTH BAY CHINESE SERVICE CLUB
SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

PLACE: UNION CITY RADDISON
WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2001, 12 TO 2 PM
Contact: Maria Yee (or Garrett Yee)

CBC YOUTH SERVING THE HOMELESS
DATES: APRIL 29, JULY 29, SEPTEMBER 30, AND DECEMBER 30
CONTACT: JOAN WANG
UNITY DAY

PLACE: IRVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2001, 11 AM TO 3 PM
Contact: Elise Jan

CROSSING THE BRIDGE
PLACE: CITY OF FREMONT OFFICES (LIBERTY STREET)
WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2001
Contact: Elise Jan

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE
PLACE: CUPERTINO HIGH
WHEN: SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2001
Contact: Teresa Yin

JULY 4TH PARADE
PLACE: CENTERVILLE COMMUNITY
WHEN: WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2001
Contact: Henry Yin

NEXT CBC BOARD MEETINGS

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001
PLACE: HENRY YIN'S

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2001
PLACE: HENRY YIN'S

TO PLACE AN EVENT ON THE CBC CALENDAR OF EVENTS,
CONTACT TERESA YIN.

Past Presidents
Carl Chen, Herb
Chiu, Henry Yin,
Albert Wang,
Simon Chen,
Steve Cho
(represented by
Amy Cho) at the
2001 CBC
Celebration of
Hope

Photo by
Monica Xu



2000-2001 Directory

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Carl Chen.....(510) 490-8118

Voter Registration:
Daphne Yang.....(510) 651-6472

Celebration of Hope 2001:
Chi Choy.....(510) 659-0400

Cultural Exchange:
Elise Jan.....(510) 659-9348

Youth Group:
Joan Wang.....(510) 490-8689

Senior Group Liaison:
Tim Tam.....(510) 796-0962

Professionals:
Teresa & Patrick Wong.....(510) 651-6850

Newsletter/Website:
Simon Chen.....(510) 713-1700

Education:
Whisky Ho.....(510) 623-7636

Health:
Herbert Chiu.....(510) 490-8649

Business:
Henry Yin.....(510) 657-1235

Community Involvement:
Albert Wang.....(510) 226-1239

Membership:
Tom Hom.....(408) 941-0429

Officers and Board Members

Officers

President	Carl Chen
Vice President	Adam Chou
Secretary	Teresa Yin
Treasurer	June Lo
Executive Director	Michele Royston

Board Members

Cecilia Chan	Karen Chen	Simon Chen
Hebert Chiu	Steve Cho	Chi Choy
Whiskey Ho	Tom Hom	Shun Lee
Anna Muh	Timothy Tam	Thomas Tang
Christine Tien	Albert Wang	Joan Wang
Dephne Yang	Garrett Yee	Cindy Yee
Henry Yin		

DON'T MISS

UNITY DAY 2001

Where: Irvington High School

When: Sunday, May 6, 2001

Time: 11 am to 3 pm.

Help needed—Contact Elise Jan for details.

SUMMER INTERN SIGN-UP

CBC is now accepting applications for summer internships.

Contact Dr. Albert Wang for details.

Vicki
Kuan
and
Elise
Jan
at Unity
Day
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