



# CITIZENS FOR BETTER COMMUNITY

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## President's Message

*By Carl Chen*

This year has been a very momentous year for CBC. We jumpstarted the year with our annual fundraiser, the Celebration of Hope. This event raised over \$30 K, much of which we were able to contribute to local charitable organizations. As a group we also supported the American Cancer Society in their annual Relay for Life fundraiser. Over a hundred CBC supporters showed up to walk to raise support for patient services in the Bay Area. In addition, our youth have also been involved in service by volunteering at the Fremont homeless shelter. A number of them have gone regularly to help prepare and serve food for the needy in our community.

CBC has also sought to invest in the people of our community. During the summer, CBC provided 10 youth the chance to become active in local politics through various internships throughout the Bay Area. They spent the summer working with and learning from politicians such as Congressman Pete Stark, Assemblyman John Dutra, and State Senator Liz Figueroa. We also held an event for our seniors. Over 100 people joined together for a fun-filled two-day bus trip to Yosemite and Hearst Castle.

In the fall, we rallied to support our former president Steve Cho in his campaign. Many of us helped by raising funds, registering voters, and walking precincts. As the first Chinese to be elected to the Fremont City Council, his success made history.

All these could not have been possible without the participation and support of all the members. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee and event chairs for their hard work and dedication. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Carl Chen**  
**President**

## Steve Cho Elected to Fremont City Council

Following is a letter to the editor from Steve Cho published on November 20, 2000 in The Argus:

### Reflection on the Council Race

The campaign and the election for City Council are now over. The citizens of Fremont have spoken and it is time to move on and march forward to make Fremont a better place to live.

I do wish to thank everyone for their wholehearted support. It is very gratifying to know that so many people and organizations had the confidence in me to give me their support. I will do my best to pursue the issues that I had campaigned on. At the same time, I realize that not everyone supported me. I will say to those people that I will do my best to reflect their ideas and concerns as well.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the other candidates (Pauline Weaver, Bob Wieckowsky, Bill Pease, and Bill Harrison) for their hard fought efforts. It is refreshing that each of the campaigns was based on a positive and upbeat message to the public. This is the first in recent times that negative campaigning was not utilized. This says a lot for the character of each candidate and it goes to show that elections can be based on positive messages and not the 'mudslinging'

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that has occurred in the past. Because the election was so close among the candidates, each of the candidate can claim that his/her platform represented the issues for Fremont. The truth is that all our platforms were similar in nature. We had common issues that crossed all our platforms. These issues included traffic, quality of life, economic development, housing, education, and senior/youth services.

It is clear that these issues are very real and should be the focus of our priorities. So, I will suggest that we put away our minor differences and pursue our common goals for the good of Fremont. I do look forward to working with Mayor Morrison and other members of the city council.

Steve Cho  
Councilmember Elect

### **Steve Cho on the campaign trails with local kids.**



### **Timothy Tam Appointed to Senior Citizen Commission**

In December, Mayor Gus Morrison and the Fremont City Council named CBC board member Timothy Tam to the Fremont Senior Citizen Commission. This Commission assesses the needs of the elderly community, works with public and private agencies to coordinate senior services, and monitors legislation of interest to seniors. In addition, it initiates and encourages educational and other appropriate activities that tend to promote an understanding of the needs and problems of the elderly and of the aging process. It works cooperatively with other senior citizen organizations to establish the Fremont Multi-Service Senior Center as a focal point for the senior community.

Congratulations and good luck to Timothy Tam in his valuable contribution to the great City of Fremont.

## **CBC Celebration of Hope**

By Chi Choy

It is time to mark your calendars for CBC's annual Celebration of Hope, which will be held at the Fremont Marriott on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. As usual, this is CBC's major fundraiser with proceeds going to local non-profit organizations in the community. Beneficiaries in the past have included the American Cancer Society, Asian American Donor Program, Tri-City Homeless Coalition, Fremont Libraries, Life Eldercare, and the Fremont Education Fund to name a few.

It is not too early to begin getting the word out about this year's event. Obviously we need to get sponsors to make this event as successful as in the past. Contact Chi Choy for more information.

### **CBC/SBCC Holiday Party**

By Michelle Royston

On Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, Citizens for Better Community and the South Bay Chinese Club hosted the second annual combined holiday party. There was great food, games, prizes, music, karaoke and good fun. CBC President Carl Chen opened the event by reviewing all the accomplishments of CBC over the past year and welcoming the New Year. SBCC President Jean Louie was also present to greet and wish everyone season's greetings. Michelle's daughter did a great job as the MC. Steve Cho hosted the newly (and not so newly) weds game with Teresa & Patrick Wong as the newly weds (less than 1 year) and Garrett & Maria Yee as the not so newly weds (15 years). Thanks to Michelle Royston for doing great job organizing the event Herb Chiu for the clubhouse.

### **Wen Ho Lee Update**

Information obtained from Cecelia Chang

On Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, Wen Ho Lee celebrated his 61<sup>st</sup> birthday in a large gathering with extensive media coverage in San Mateo at the Crown Plaza Hotel. The turn out was much larger than anticipated which reflected the support and interest for Dr. Lee. On hand were the defense team, Dr. Lee's daughter, and several dignified guest speakers and attendees. CBC members were present to show their support. Great job Cecelia!

## CBC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CBC/SBCC CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

PLACE: FREMONT MAIN LIBRARY

WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2001, 10 AM TO 4 PM

Contact: Joan Wang

CBC CELEBRATION OF HOPE

PLACE: FREMONT MARRIOTT

WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2001

Contact: Chi Choy

CBC MIXER—COUNCILMEMBER STEVE CHO

PLACE: TBD

WHEN: APRIL 2001, DATE TBD

Contact: Henry Yin / Carl Chen

SOUTH BAY CHINESE SERVICE CLUB SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

PLACE: UNION CITY RADDISON

WHEN: SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2001

Contact: Garrett Yee (for scholarship application)

UNITY DAY

PLACE: IRVINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2001

Contact: Adam Chou

## NEXT CBC BOARD MEETINGS

JANUARY 8, 2001

PLACE: HENRY YIN'S (CONTACT HENRY FOR DIRECTIONS)

FEBRUARY 12, 2001

PLACE: HENRY YIN'S

TO PLACE AN EVENT ON THE CBC CALENDAR OF EVENTS,  
CONTACT CARL CHEN.

## 2000-2001 Directory

### President:

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### Voter Registration:

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## Officers and Board Members

### Officers

President	Carl Chen
Vice President	Adam Chou
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Anna Muh	Timothy Tam	Thomas Tang
Christine Tien		Albert Wang
	Joan Wang	
Dephne Yang	Garrett Yee	Cindy Yee
Henry Yin		



Unity Day 2000

DON'T MISS THE  
2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CBC/SBCC  
CHINESE NEW YEAR  
CELEBRATION

Where: Fremont Main Library

When: Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10 am to 4 pm.

Help needed—Contact Joan Wang for details.



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