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CBC Wins Peoples Choice Award at Fremont's July 4th Parade in Niles!

By Chia-Chee Chan

Thousands of people, many of them clad in red, white and blue, filled the sidewalks in the Niles district of Fremont on Thursday morning to watch the annual Independence Day Parade with the theme "The turn of the century patriotic parade". The crowd lined both sides of parade route, down Niles Blvd and up Second Street when the parade began at 10am. People cheered and clapped as more than 80 entries in the parade marched past.

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President's Message

By Garrett Yee



It's hard to believe that the end of summer is near. This past June, CBC held its 2nd annual retreat at Aegis Gardens in Fremont. It was an opportunity to take a look at the year in review and look forward to the next year. It was a chance for us to see how many of our objectives we had accomplished. At the first annual retreat last year in 2001, we set out to accomplish an aggressive list of tasks. These tasks fell within three broad goals: 1) Enhance Community Perception, 2) Update Organizational Structure, and 3) Increase Membership Involvement. While we did not accomplish every task, the list of things we did complete is very impressive and I am proud to say that CBC has made great progress in all three major goals.

For 2002-2003 we will continue work at enhancing community perception and ensuring the organization structure remains relevant (both are a continuing process); however, CBC will devote the majority of its focus on continuing to increase membership involvement. Over the next few months, we will be taking the materials and information gathered from the retreat and turning these into action plans. But, the good news is that in order to increase member involvement, all you have to do is bring your friend along to the next CBC function or event. This is something each of us can do and I challenge each of us to help move our organization forward in this regard.

(See President's Message on Page 2)

As we wrap up the past year and transition to a new fiscal, membership, and term year (for directors), which will begin in November, I want to take this time to thank all the members and supporters for their hard work and effort to make this past year a great success!

Respectfully submitted,

GARRETT S. YEE

President



Garrett Yee and Henry Yin pose with Boy Scout Troop 468 at July 4th Parade held in the Niles District of Fremont.

CBC Membership Newsletter

The CBC membership newsletter is published bi-monthly. We welcome your questions, comments and feedback. You may send them to Citizens for Better Community, P.O. Box 1, Fremont, CA 94537, or you may contact Teresa Yin Wong, Executive Director, at 510-793-6302, or email dryin@attbi.com.

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This is the third year that CBC has participated in this event. CBC was entry 46 with about 150 people. Like last year, CBC partnered with Fremont Chinese School and Boy Scout Troop 468 to display up to 100 flags. The parade ensemble featured CBC members, professional Lion dancers and martial art performers from Buk Sing Choy Lay Fut Kung Fu, Miss Teen Chinatown Louise Wu, Chinese YoYo Team and members from Academy of Chinese Performing Arts dressed in various traditional costumes. KTSF Channel 26 came out to capture CBC on film and interview several members to include CBC event organizers Chia-Chee Chan and Ting O'Connor.

A panel of judges awarded prizes to parade participants in six categories. Winners were announced at the Central Park celebration and festival after the parade. CBC was proudly awarded 3rd Place for Novelty Category and The People's Choice Award. The great part about this event is that it has become an opportunity to show that Chinese Americans can be just as patriotic about the United States as anyone else.



CBC gets ready to step off at July 4th Parade.

Fremont Festival of the Arts Lots of Fun!

By Daphne Yang

We finished the Fremont Festival of the Arts sale on Sunday, July 28th but only after a long weekend of selling finger foods. I would like to state briefly that Michelle Royston and her support team are great! They have been helping us all the way through. Not only do we have Michelle to thank, but also the other three Chang sisters, Michelle, Emily, Carol, as well as Lingling Cheng, and Francis. Without their help, we wouldn't be able to collect any money :-). We appreciate all the help from the volunteers to make our second year lots of fun and worthwhile.

Community Focus: Meet Friends of Children with Special Needs

By Zeke Lujan

Many of us look around feeling lost or unsatisfied with the current state of events. However, despite the drive we may feel to help, sometimes we lack a place to start. It is for this very reason that Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN) deserves such special recognition. Not only did this organization wish to improve their community, they discovered a very practical and effective way to impact the lives of many youth for the better, by helping families with disabled children. The president of FCSN is Dr. Albert Wang, who is also CBC's Community Involvement Chair.

FCSN is in the process of building a new facility in Fremont to house our expanding membership and programs. Building a FCSN Center will allow us to create a facility customized to the needs of our members and will also allow us to expand our reach to assist adults with special needs. Currently, FCSN is using the Asian Pacific Family Resource Center facilities in San Jose to conduct regular gatherings and meetings.

Through the financial support of private and corporate donations such as the Asian Pacific Family Resource and the Chinese Church in Christ, the FCSN provides a variety of invaluable services in their mission to help children and adults to find love, hope and respect through community involvement. Thanks to the work of the FCSN, parents can meet in support groups to offer advice, friendship and kind words as they learn to grow with their children's individual challenges. The FCSN provides a meeting place where families, special children and friends can feel at home, as they engage in various activities. If you would like to further explore the great work of the FCSN, check out their webpage at <http://FCSN1996.org>



Design of Future FCSN Facility in Fremont

CBC to be honored at the Ohlone College Foundation Benefit Luncheon—Oct. 25th

By Herbert Chiu, DDS

On Friday Oct 25th, 2002, CBC will become the first community service group to be honored by the Ohlone College Foundation at its Benefit Luncheon, which will be held at the Fremont Marriott Hotel. So save the date and mark your calendars!

The Ohlone College Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation that exists to broaden the educational opportunities of college students. The Foundation provides scholarships, computer equipment, emergency student loans, and other student benefits for the Ohlone Campus in Fremont and Newark Center.

Ohlone College enrolls over 12,000 students who represent a diversity of backgrounds and cultures; many are first-generation college students - self-supporting and solely responsible for their own college expenses. As the cost of education escalates, college education has become unreachable for many students without financial assistance.

Over the years, the staff and the board members of the Ohlone College Foundation have worked diligently to raise funds in order to accomplish the Foundation goals. The Benefit Luncheon is a popular event in town, as it has been a sold out function for the last 6 years.

CBC President Garrett Yee and CBC Past-President Herb Chiu currently serve on the Ohlone College Foundation. This past spring, CBC supported the successful Measure A—Ohlone College construction bond. As a founding member of CBC, I was surprised and honored to learn that our group would be the honoree for this year's luncheon with the theme of "Making a Difference in Our Community". I know this would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of hundreds of CBC members and volunteers over the last 10 years. They made a difference in our community - a better community for all the citizens of Fremont.

CBC invites members and friends to attend this special luncheon. Luncheon tickets cost \$75 each and half-page sponsorships cost \$150. Other sponsorship opportunities are also available. For ticket information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Herbert Chiu at HkChiu@attbi.com or Garrett Yee at 510-790-0865 or Garretty@attbi.com

I came to Shanghai with my Meal Ticket

By Joan Wang



I came to Shanghai with my meal ticket, my husband, on July 13th. Shanghai gave me a warm welcome with 35 C and a humid temperature. This is a city with a population about 14 million. Wherever you go you see lots of people. I hid in the apartment for the first few days and then went to the supermarkets to start the daily life. I found out that the life style here is so different from U.S. In U.S. we normally consolidate our tasks and do it at one time. For example we do our laundry once a week, buy our groceries once a week, etc. Here the refrigerator is smaller and can't take one week's food. The washer is smaller too so I need to do the laundry every other day. I felt I spent a lot of time going to the market and washing clothes. Finally I got a maid and my nightmare ended immediately. She took care my meals and other housework. I feel so much better. She works for us from 4 to 9 PM, Monday to Friday. The cost is 600 RMB (\$80.00 US).

After living in this apartment for a week, we decided to move to another one with more public transportation and shops. Can you imagine old Joan wearing a helmet and riding on the back of a motorcycle? Yes, that is how the agent showed me the rental apartments. Fortunately we found one and will move into the new apartment next week.

If you come to Shanghai, you would like to see the following attractions, The Bund, Bund Sightseeing Underground Tunnel, Oriental Pearl TV Tower, Jin Mao Building, Yu Garden and bazaar area, The People's Square, the Shanghai Museum and Shanghai Grand Theater, Jade Buddha Temple and Pudong New Century Park. And do not forget to bargain when you buy things. There is also a golden rule to remember, the shops that the tour guides bring always charge a lot more.

I miss my children and CBC very much. I know that Eunice and other old time Youth Group members like Alice, Lilly, Margaret, Ping are still working very hard. We got more active new members, too. Keep the good job going ladies. Please let me know if you are coming to Shanghai.

CBC Dragon Boat Event--August 3rd

By Dr. Teresa Yin Wong

For those that attended on Sunday, August 3rd, we had a fun-filled day of picnicking and dragon boat training at Lake Del Valle in Livermore. The day started with lunch, then Joel Wong of CAPA gave the group some training on how to paddle a dragon boat. After our training, we went into the water—20 of us sitting side by side. CBC members Rod & Judy Fan, Albert & Anna Wang (and family), Herb Chiu, Teresa Yin Wong, Garrett & Maria Yee, Tom Hom, Cecilia Chang, and several others were present. We also got some help from Maria Yee's brothers and family. It was a great day at the lake. See you next time...

Yee4ohlone.org Update

CBC President Garrett Yee, who is a candidate for the Ohlone College Board of Trustees, announced the launch of his campaign website. The website provides an in-depth look into Yee's candidacy to include background information on the candidate, ballot statement to be filed with the county, press releases, news clippings, past speeches, events, endorsements, and a photo gallery.

According to Yee, "The website is a great tool in helping to get the word out that we are serious about this campaign. Websites are now expected of most campaigns these days." The Webmaster for Yee's website is his cousin Steve Yee, who is also a member of Yee's campaign committee. His cousin Steve Yee states, "It has been a lot of fun working with Garrett on his website. You should visit the site, you will also see some interesting links."



Councilmember Steve Cho sports a new "Tough on Crime" look as he poses with MSG Kamiya and SSG Arrivas of the 91st Division at the Fremont Library.

The Hidden Treasures of the Alameda County Library

*An Interview with **Angela Yang**, the manager of Fremont Libraries*

By Vicki Kuan and Angela Ha (Students of Elise Jan)

Many people in the Fremont community don't fully know the extent of resources offered at the Alameda County Library- Fremont Main. This library not only provides a place to borrow books and study, it also includes various cultural programs, enrichment programs for all ages, and volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Much of the information about these activities can be found at the library's website: www.aclibrary.com.

During an interview with Angela Yang, the manager of Fremont Main Library, she mentioned some annual cultural exhibitions such as Chinese New Year, Cinco de Mayo, and many others. These exhibitions are held near the front entrance of the library in the Fukaya Room. Other events include the *Meet the Author* series where the library features different authors each month who come and talk about their book.

The library's website includes a special section just for teens. Homework help offers suggestions and links to help with decade reports and debate topics. There are also links to college sites with information of financial aid, test study guides, and college guides. Some more interesting resources on the website would include entertainment information giving links about music, movies, and even a link giving you the opportunity to look up your favorite celebrity's e-mail address.

Resources for all ages at the library include E-books, allowing you to read book text online. Another source is the library's online search engine, Infotrac Magazine and Journal Articles, which offers periodicals and abstracts on any topic. Lastly, for anyone looking for employment, the library also offers an extensive list of job search help.

The library is no longer just a building containing books and quiet, studious readers, but rather a center for an eclectic of valuable resources, diverse cultural activity, and unlimited opportunities. Thanks to our modern technology, innovative ideas, and dedicated individuals, we are now able to have a whole new and improved library experience.

CBC Founder Henry Yin Announces Candidacy In Bid for



Fremont City Council Seat

Henry Yin, 55, a 25-year Fremont resident and successful Fremont businessman, announced his candidacy for Fremont City Council. Yin, a community leader, is currently a commissioner of Fremont's EDAC (Economic Development Advisory Commission), a board member of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce and the Fremont Family Resource Center. Yin is also a co-founder and past president of CBC (Citizens for Better Community). Yin is well known by his Fremont based company, Giant Y, Inc., which he founded in 1983, specializing in high-tech electronic assembly equipment. His three major areas of concern: 1) Economic Prosperity – Yin believes that a strong local economy is the backbone of Fremont's prosperity. He envisions a stronger presence of Biotech and Information Technology businesses. He also sees Fremont getting its fair share of upscale commercial retail and international trade opportunities; 2) Quality of Life – Yin feels that public safety is top priority in Fremont. Public safety personnel need to be well staffed, trained, and equipped to provide the level of service to ensure the safety of our growing community. Other quality of life issues include improved education, more youth and senior programs, affordable housing and better transportation; 3) Balanced Growth – Yin sees importance and significance in redeveloping historic and Central Business Districts.

Henry Yin, a man of heart and conviction, is now in the November race for one of two Fremont City Council seats. Yin is confident that he'll win broad-based community support and be elected. Yin's vision concurs with the city's strategic goals that "By the year 2020, Fremont will be a globally connected economic center with community pride, strong neighborhoods, engaged citizens from all cultures, and a superb quality of life." Yin says, "This election represents a sterling opportunity for the citizens of Fremont to elect an honest and proven community servant to the Fremont City Council. My business knowledge and interpersonal skills, my global trade experience, my hi-tech background, and my 25 years of Fremont community service will contribute a fresh and active approach to meeting the challenges our city faces now and in the future."

Spotlight on CBC Director Albert Wang, M.D.

Citizens for Better Community is fortunate to have a wealth of talented and dedicated individuals that are willing to give of their time to make the organization what it is today. This month, we are happy to introduce to you, Dr. Albert Wang.

Community Involvement Chair: Albert Wang, M.D., joined CBC in 1992. Albert has served as President (1994–1995) and Spring Celebration Chair. He is currently the Community Involvement Chair and Summer Internship Director. He has held various community positions to include:



Commissioner, FUSD Committee on Instructional Equity; Member, Alameda County Long Term Care Integration Committee; Board member, American Cancer Society, California Division; Past President, American Cancer Society, Northern California Chinese Unit; President, Friends of Children with Special Needs; and Board member, East Bay Asian Voter Education Consortium. He is a physician, practicing Internal Medicine at the Palo Alto Medical Center in Fremont. Albert and his wife, Anna, have 3 children, Beverly, Lawrence, and Alyssa.

Homeless Shelter Update

By Lisa Hisaw

On June 30th, CBC Youth Group served dinner to nearly 60 people at the Tri-City Homeless Shelter. Lisa Hisaw, Alice Wang, Jeffery Hsia, Allen Wang, Lilian Shu, and Fanny Chan spent the afternoon preparing plates full of broiled chicken, fried rice, steamed cabbage with bacon, bread rolls, and almond cookies under the helpful direction of CBC mothers. The Tri-City Homeless Shelter currently houses 10 families and 30 single individuals who are in need of temporary shelter. CBC will be serving dinner again at the Tri-City Homeless Shelter on Saturday, August 31, 2002. Please contact Margaret Wang at (510) 252-1926 if you are interested in helping. For more information about the Tri-City Homeless Shelter, visit <http://www.tricityhomeless.org>

Other Events Around Town:

Celebration for the success of a 15,000-signature petition drive for Wen Ho Lee

With your support and hard work we didn't just meet our goal of 10,000 we exceeded it and actually delivered 15,000 signatures on July 2nd and forwarded to President Bush on July 26 with a cover letter signed by three Congressmembers namely Mike Honda, Pete Stark and Barbara Lee. It is time for a celebration.

Place: Fremont Library – Fukaya Room
When: Mon., August 12, 2002 (7-9PM)
Contact: Cecilia Chang 510 552-0220

Washington Hospital Top Hat

Don't miss this year's annual fundraising event in support of the Washington Hospital Foundation. Washington Hospital is an integral part of our community and it deserves our support. If you are interested in attending, please contact Teresa Yin Wong. See you there!

Place: Fremont Marriott Hotel
When: Sat. September 28, 2002 (6 pm)
Contact: Teresa Yin Wong 510-440-8831

Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN) Annual Dinner

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FCSN appreciates all the support given by CBC. If you are available that evening, please attend to show your support.

Place: Hyatt - Burlingame
When: Sat., October 26, 2002
Contact: Albert Wang 510-226-1230

Mission San Jose Olive Festival

If you haven't heard, the Mission San Jose Olive Festival is the place to be on October 26th. Mark your calendars and watch for news on the upcoming event.

Place: Behind the Mission in Mission San Jose
When: Sat. October, 26th
Contact: Herb Chiu 510-490-8649

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

If you like what you see in this newsletter and want to remain informed, please join CBC. Please check one of the following and include a check payable to *CBC* and send to: *CBC, Membership, P. O. Box 1, Fremont, CA 94537-0001*

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- \$20 Family
- \$50 Corporate/Organization
- \$100 Individual: Life Membership
- \$200 Family: Life Membership

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"To initiate, sponsor and promote community events, which will affect the well being of Chinese Americans with an emphasis on education, health, business and community involvement."

Calendar of Events

CBC/SBCC Picnic

Place: Quail Run Clubhouse
When: Sunday, August 25th
Contact: Steve Cho (510) 790-1673

Serving Dinner at the Homeless Shelter

Place: Tri-City Homeless Shelter
When: August 31, 2002
Contact: Margaret Wang (510) 252-1926

Newark Days Celebration

Place: Newark Community Center
When: Saturday, September 21st
Contact: Elise Jan (510) 659-9348

Autumn Moon Festival

Place: Fremont Library
When: Sunday, September 22nd
Contact: Anna Muh (510) 226-8678

HERS Foundation Walk

Place: Coyote Hills
When: Saturday, September 28th
Contact: Herb Chiu (510) 490-8649

Ohlone College Luncheon

Place: Fremont Marriott
When: Friday, October 25th
Contact: Herb Chiu (510) 490-8649

Unity Day/Make A Difference Day

Place: Fremont
When: Saturday, October 26th
Contact: Adam Chou (510) 226-0879

Next CBC Meetings

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 7, 2002
Place: Henry Yin's – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 4, 2002
Place: Henry Yin's – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 2, 2002
Place: Henry Yin's – 7:30 pm