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Congratulations CBC Toastmasters!



President's Distinguished Club 2005

Citizens for Better *Communicators* (CBC) has developed and reached the highest possible honor within Toastmasters International ~ President's Distinguished Award. For more information about the club, visit www.toastmasters.org or contact Chia-Chee Chan at chiacheec@yahoo.com. See article on page 4.

President's Message

By Thomas Tang



Dear CBC members and Friends,

It's almost the end of summer. Although the nice warm weather in the Bay Area lasts until October, after another month, children will go back to school. It has been a very busy and productive summer for CBC and its members. We started our Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program right after our children began their summer vacation. On August 13th, all of them graduated from the program. Besides learning some valuable skills in leadership and communication, they also have enjoyed a lot of friendship and fun in the program.

We had a great time at the July 4th parade, this year, in Mission San Jose of Fremont. CBC successfully coordinated many groups to form a big team in the parade. CBC won the special award for "Most Patriotic" and first place in the "Novelty" category. In fact, these awards earned by CBC really belong to all of the participating groups, including South Bay Chinese Club, Friends of Children with Special Needs, Boy Scouts, Tri-City Chinese School, American Chinese School, Omei Shiao-Lin Academy, Miss Teen Chinatown, etc. One comment from a member wishes that there were more CBC members to participate in the parade. But, the truth is that you can find CBC members in any of these groups participating with CBC in the parade.

On July 23rd, we had a very successful and fun summer picnic. The picnic was well-attended by members and friends of both CBC and the South Bay Chinese Club. For the first time in history, there was little food left after the picnic. I'd like to thank all the volunteers who had done such a good job in organizing the picnic. Also, thanks to

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Steve and Amy Cho for letting us use their residential clubhouse to host this picnic.

August 2nd was National Night Out. Although there was no official event organized by CBC, many members of CBC reported that they had enjoyed a great evening socializing with their neighbors.

During this summer, I have traveled to two of the corner states of the country, Washington and Florida. Having come home, I think Fremont is still the best city to live in this country.

Many Fremont residents are planning the biggest celebration in the history of Fremont to celebrate the 50th birthday of the City in 2006. The idea is "creating a legacy for tomorrow by cherishing our past and connecting with our present" for this City. CBC is also a sponsor of this celebration. Please learn more by visiting the website at www.celebratefremont.org. This is one big event you do not want to miss.

Finally, we had another successful fundraising at the Fremont Festival of Arts. CBC members and friends had a lot of fun working in the booth. The quality of food was well appreciated by the customers. I thank all our volunteers who worked in the booth. Without their active participation, we could not have raised so much FUN and fund. Although fundraising was the original purpose of CBC's participation in the festival, community participation has become our true objective to promote this event.

For now, I wish you a lot of fun time with the nice weather for the rest of the summer and thank you for all your support for CBC.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Tang
President

Relay for Life

By *Herbert C.K. Chiu, D.D.S.*
Chair, Health Committee

On June 18, 2005, the American Cancer Society – Northern California Chinese Unit (ACS – NCCU), had its 4th Relay for Life at the De Anza College in Cupertino. There were 106 teams with participants from all over the Bay Area with the majority of them under the age of 18.

Over \$300,000 was raised, setting a new record for ACS-NCCU! Funds will be used for cancer research, patient services and cancer prevention outreach programs.

CBC directors Larry Hsu and myself were the Chair and Co-Chair (Entertainment) of the event. Director Whisky Ho and member Li Ai were the food and logistics chairs. CBC also sent a team to participate in the event. Singer/Actress Sally Yip from Hong Kong was one of the VIP entertainers.

On behalf of CBC and ACS-NCCU, I would like to thank all the volunteers, participants and donors for their strong support of this meaningful event. There is not a finish line until we find a cure!



Larry Hsu (left) and Dr. Herbert Chiu headed a very successful event

CBC & SBCC host 5th Annual BBQ

On the beautiful afternoon of Saturday, July 23, 2005, Citizens for Better Community (CBC) and the South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC) hosted their 5th Annual Summer BBQ held in North Fremont at the Quail Run Clubhouse. The event was enjoyed by approximately 70+ people ~ members, families and guests from both clubs. The attendees enjoyed marinated Korean beef generously donated by Shawn Kim, chicken, hot dogs, hot links, green salad, desserts and many other side dishes. It was great to catch up with old friends and make new friends while enjoying the delicious food. Thank you to those who prepared the wonderful meal and the men who BBQ'd in the hot sun! It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

CBC Participates in the 2005 Fremont Fourth of July Parade

By Amy Cho



CBC pulled a conglomeration of Fremont Chinese groups together to make a most colorful and spirited entry #67 in the Fremont's recent Fourth of July Parade. By the time all the participants had assembled, the parade entry stretched nearly a city block. All were dressed in either their organizations' T-shirts/uniforms or in Red, White and Blue! American flags could be seen everywhere as each participant waved at least one flag. In the end, out of 80 entries, our entry won the special "Most Patriotic" award and also took first place in the Novelty category.

It was nice for everyone to be together. Just read below to see all the groups that joined!

First CBC, led by Vice President Josephine Chou and CBC Board Member Henry Yin, kicked off Entry #67. The music of "God Bless America" caught the spirit of the parade watchers and they cheered and sang. Lena Zee inspired the many parade watchers even more as she stopped to lead and sing for larger gatherings along the parade route.



(left to right) Henry Yin, Steve Cho and Josephine Chou

Miss Teen Chinatown 2003-2004, Cassey Ho, once again brought her charm and graciousness to the parade. She will always be a special ambassador for our community. Congratulations to Cassey on her graduation from high school and best wishes to Cassey as she begins her new life in college this fall!

For the second year, the Chinese School at American High (a private Chinese school meeting at American High School) and Principal Waiming Kok joined the

parade. Waiming has operated her school for children and adults for the past 3 years. Both Cantonese and Mandarin dialects are taught. The many members who participated were well prepared with music, hats and costumed dances.

Then there was the Boy Scouts Troup 468 with leader Larry Hsu. How nice to see them sharp and neat in their uniforms and how proud we were to have Boy Scouts of our very own!

Incoming President Gerry Low-Sabado and husband Randy led South Bay Chinese Club members. Outgoing President Victor Gin and his wife Fran were also there. Gerry still can't get over getting responses from the public, just by engaging them with a wave of the flag or a "Hello". She mentioned this last year and once again Gerry was elated to see the responses.



Ron Wong and Gerry Low -Sabado

CBC was happy to have the Tri-City Chinese School join in the parade. With an enrollment of some 1,300 students, this school is one of the largest Chinese schools in the area. Even though principal Peggy Chiou was out of town, the Tri-City Chinese School members were energetic and fun to see!

President Albert Wang led a large group of representatives from the Friends of Children With Special Needs (FCSN). Our children in FCSN have much to contribute inspire of their disabilities. They also had fun being a part of the parade.

And bringing up the last group was Tony Chen's USA OME! Lion Dance and Martial Arts School. As the parade wound down Fremont Blvd, this group surely spiced up the entry with fascinating performances along the way.

CBC thanks everyone for showing up and participating with us. Hope to see you next year again!

The Talk of the Town!

By Mary Shambaugh
Current VP Education



It's nearly 10:00 am at Best Friends Learning Center. Cars begin turning into the driveway of the Osgood Road facility owned and operated by William and Irene Wang pulling in and dropping off students eager to learn new skills, scale higher mountains, dream bigger dreams. The only difference this day is that these students are adults, and the skills, mountains and dreams are those found within the walls of CBC Toastmasters. The reward is great to those willing to face the fear that comes from standing behind a podium, facing an audience of one's peers. With public speaking being among the top of most everyone's dreaded fears, these brave souls dare themselves to jump right in each Saturday morning. They know there is good reason to. Communication is at the heart of every interaction, whether it be at work, at home or at the marketplace.



Bill and Laura Eagan attend the Toastmasters District Conference in Oakland

And jump they did. Just a handful of individuals with a vision and one small goal: to reach a minimum of 25 members needed to become an official club. On March 30, 2004, and with Citizens for Better Community as their chartering organization, Citizens for Better Communicators (CBC) became a chartered local club within the worldwide network known as Toastmasters International.

The enthusiasm grew, officers were elected, more members joined, and soon a larger meeting room was needed. Curious visitors became a weekly occurrence. The roster grew and now sits at 38 and counting, each member recalling the day they first stepped through those doors.

One day a person might grow by presenting a prepared speech on something they know and love. Another day they may listen to someone else's speech and offer suggestions for polish and shine. On yet another day, they may volunteer or be called upon to

"speak impromptu" or without much time to think about a topic posed by the leader. It is the goal of every meeting however, that no one leaves without having an opportunity to speak. Visitor's are not required of course, only welcomed, but often find the climate inviting to come forward and share a few words. They leave feeling all the better for doing so.

Now this very club, some 300+ speeches behind them, has reached the highest honor possible within Toastmasters International. CBC Toastmasters has earned the President's Distinguished Award for achieving nine out of ten possible goals! And they did this all within their first year as a chartered club!

They moved up in rank as the year grew, adding new members, attending training sessions, filing reports on time, completing the basic manual for some, advancing to leadership rank for others, first to Distinguished Club status, then Select Distinguished, followed by an energetic rush to June 30th and with only two days left and one goal still needing to be met, they did it. President's Distinguished Club!

A celebration barbeque was held on July 9 at the home of Shawn and Doris Hsu, to honor the club and its members, and in turn was honored by a visit from the Outgoing District Governor, Tevis Thompson. The gavel was passed to the newly elected officers such as Robert Kaiser, incoming President, by the Area Governor, Patong Yang.

Previous officers are to be commended. Leaders such as Amy Cho as President, Henry Yin as VP Education, Carol Liu as Treasurer, and Chia-Chee Chan, whose idea it was to bring this opportunity to our locale. These names and more had and still have a vision for making it possible for others to face their fears and challenge themselves to grow. They know the Toastmasters recipe for success, and CBC Toastmasters has mastered that recipe with honors.

Congratulations
Citizens for Better Communicators!!
You are the best of the best!

(l to r) Marina Ilham and Eva Wu at the District Conference



By Light of Lanterns Tour

By Geraldine Low-Sabado



Among the residents and visitors of the Monterey Bay Area, very few know of the vivid and multicultural history that has shaped the region. The story of the Chinese who pioneered commercial fishing and who made enormous contributions to the economy of the Monterey Bay in the late 1800's and early 1900's is largely unknown and untold.

Join Geraldine Low-Sabado, a direct descendent of the first Chinese fishermen, and local historians in visiting the site where the Chinese villages once stood. Explore the little known story of the contributions the Chinese made in shaping the Monterey Bay Area.

When: To be determined

Location: Maritime Museum of Monterey
5 Custom House Plaza
Monterey, CA 93940

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Tour Cost: \$25.00/person

Bring a sack lunch with you when you board the bus

We will view "By Light of Lanterns: An Untold History of Monterey's Chinese Fishermen," the documentary film produced by California State University at Monterey Bay Teledramatic Arts and Technology Department. We will then board a Discovery Charter Bus and visit Point Lobos where Kurt Loesch will tell us about the Chinese who lived there in the 1850's. We will then go to Pebble Beach where Neal Hotelling will discuss the Chinatown that once stood where the beach and tennis club now stand. Next, we will go to Point Alones at Stanford's Hopkins Marine Station where Director George Somero will talk about the Chinatown and then we will walk to nearby McAbee Beach on the famous Cannery Row where Tim Thomas will tell us about the Chinatown that once stood there.

The bus capacity is limited to 47 participants per tour. If interested, call Geraldine at (510) 792-3163 or email at Rsaturday@aol.com. Once the bus capacity (or near capacity) is reached, a date will then be determined.

China Hi-Tech Fair 2005

By Henry Yin



You are invited to attend The 7th China Hi-Tech Fair/ComNet from October 12 – 17, 2005, to be held at the Shenzhen Convention and Exhibition Center.

1. Learn what is after Digital TV and Mobile Phone
2. Impacts to your business by the new Yen vs. Dollar rate
3. Meet 500k visitors from all over the world
4. Check out yourself technology transfer from US to China
5. One-to-one dealing with your potential business partners, suppliers, contractors, and customers
6. Meeting high rank government officials exploring opportunity to expand your business to China
7. Forum with ministerial level government officials from many countries and global CEOs discussing themes on technology innovation and economic development
8. Visiting world leading industries on how they successfully established their new operations in China
9. Tour the City of Shenzhen from a fishing village 12 years ago to the Silicon Valley of China today

For more information, visit <http://www.usa-china-link.com> or contact Henry Yin (510) 657-1235.

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 Kathy Jang, Executive Director, at 510-790-0740, or email kjang25@yahoo.com.

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Proposed Development at Coyote Hills

By Elaine Szeto



The views expressed are those of the author and not necessarily those of CBC.

As a resident of Ardenwood for 15 years, I was concerned about proposed development of the 427 acres that adjoins Coyote Hills Regional Park and located north of Paseo Padre. Dennis and I attended the three community-input meetings held by the developer since February and the Fremont council meeting held on July 5.

Along with the great majority of Fremont residents who have attended these meetings, I want to see this natural treasure of Fremont and of the SF Bay Area preserved as it is. My family and I, along with so many others in the Bay Area, have enjoyed the peaceful view walking and biking along Alameda Creek and spending time at Coyote Hills Park. Students and Scouts on field trips have learned about the rich Ohlone history and the ecosystems here.

The Ardenwood and Forest Park neighborhoods are already very densely populated. Motorists who speed on major streets like Deep Creek in a hurry to reach freeway 880, present a hazard to children going to the local schools. Adding up to 1,500 homes will only increase the crowdedness, noise, pollution, and traffic, impacting not only our neighborhoods but also the wildlife in this baylands area.

As one who has studied how anxiety, frustration, and anger levels increase in crowded spaces, I agree with residents who predict more problems for Fremont when more people are added to this homes-packed area.

I am also an employee of a biopharmaceutical company located right across the street from this wildlife habitat, one of thousands of employees in the Ardenwood Technology Park. In the midst of our hectic workdays, we gaze out of office windows or sit outside for lunch to enjoy the natural beauty; others jog, bike, or walk their dogs in this natural space.

City council members ask, What would enhance the Ardenwood and Forest Park communities? How should we attract and retain employers in Fremont? Keep this urban preserve as it is. Build homes on brown-field sites where there is existing infrastructure, e.g., public transportation and stores, to support them rather than on a 100-year flood plain.

I encourage residents of Fremont, the Tri-City area, and San Francisco Bay Area to sign the e-petition at www.fchf.org to protect Coyote Hills for the present and future generations.

“A Journey Home”

You are invited to “A Journey Home” on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. These tours are held by the Tri-City Homeless Coalition.



When: 2nd Wednesday of each month
(Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9, etc)

Where: Sunrise Village
588 Brown Road
Fremont, CA 94539

Time: 5 – 6 pm

RSVP: Cecilia Chang (510) 537-2929

For more information, visit

<http://www.tricityhomeless.org/JourneyHomeTour.html>

CBC BCB (Breakfast Club for Business)

Here is something fun... If you happen to be free on the 3rd Friday of the month, join us for breakfast. Although we call it the Breakfast Club for Business, it is really just an informal way to get together. Sometimes there are just 4-5 of us, and sometimes there are more. Topic(s) of discussion will be sent via email approximately a week prior to each meeting.

Place: Original Pancake House (39222 Fremont Blvd)

When: 3rd Friday of each month (8-9:30 am)

Contact: Thomas Tang (510) 713-2388

Festival of the Arts

CBC wishes to thank the organizers of the CBC booth and all the volunteers who helped at the Festival of the Arts on August 6 and 7. Even though the weather was a little warm everyone enjoyed the delicious food and supporting the community!

South Bay Chinese Club Installs New Officers and Directors

The South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC) installed its new officers and directors at their installation dinner held on Sunday, July 10th at Uncle Chongs Restaurant in Fremont. Several CBC members are also SBCC members and serve on both boards. The outgoing President is Gordon Jang and the incoming President is Gerry Low-Sabado. Congratulations to the South Bay Chinese Club for continuing to serve the community!

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CBC's Mission Statement:

"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

Chinese Youth Folk Sports Presentation

When: Sunday, August 21, 2005 (3 pm)
Where: Washington High School
Contact: Josephine Chou (510) 651-0446

Fremont Symphony Orchestra

When: Saturday, September 24, 2005 (8 pm)
Where: Ohlone College, Smith Center
Contact: Box Office (510) 794-1659

Malan Flower (a Chinese Musical)

When: Saturday & Sunday, October 1 & 2, 2005
Where: Flint Center of De Anza College
Contact: Dedenna Li (510) 226-9133

S.A.V.E. "Breakfast Eye Opener"

When: Friday, October 7, 2005 (7:30 am – 9 am)
Where: Fremont Marriott
Contact: S.A.V.E. (510) 574-2250

Washington Hospital "Top Hat Dinner"

When: Saturday, October 8, 2005 (6 pm – 11 pm)
Where: Fremont Marriott
Contact: WHHS Healthcare Foundation
(510) 791-3428

Next CBC Meetings

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2005
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2005
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 2005
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm



Cassey Ho, Miss Teen Chinatown 2003-2004, poses with Gordon Jang and Gerry Low-Sabado before the 4th of July Parade begins.