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Membership Newsletter

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Steven Chan, D.D.S., Selected as CBC Citizen of the Year and Loretta Yu selected as CBC Volunteer of the Year

At the February meeting, CBC Board of Directors selected Steven Chan, D.D.S., as the CBC Citizen of the year for contributions in the community. The last issue of the CBC newsletter hi-lighted the accomplishments of Dr. Steven Chan. Additionally, CBC selected Loretta Yu as the CBC Volunteer of the year for her efforts with the youth group. Both will be honored at this year's Spring Celebration on April 20th. Congratulates Dr. Steven Chan and Loretta Yu!



Culture Exchange Dancers at recent event

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President's Message

By Garrett Yee

(Garrett presents Fremont City Manager Jan Perkins with a CBC Certificate of Recognition for her contributions to the community.)



The 2001-2002 term is coming to a close. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board of directors for the great job they did during this busy year. To begin, this past year, the board of directors adopted the following vision statement:

Vision Statement

CBC will be a model of excellence in community service by facilitating and motivating Chinese American involvement in the community.

Based on all that I've seen, we are all working hard to achieve that vision. Additionally, the Board addressed a number of organizational issues, to include the following: updating the by-laws, enhancing the website, establishing an operating budget with monthly statements, and hosting an annual retreat.

The four pillars of CBC are Education, Health, Community Involvement, and Business. A sample of the activities this past year reflects this balance amongst the four pillars: Education--supported Fremont Education Foundation and Measures A & B; Health--sponsored Hepatitis B screening and participated in the HERS walk; Community Involvement--hosted the Tri-Cities Networking Forum, served at the homeless and marched in the July 4th Parade; and Business--joined the Fremont Chamber of Commerce.

Of course, CBC would not be complete without the

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cultural activities that mean so much to us. This year included a new event, the Autumn Moon Festival in September, which added to our existing Chinese New Year Celebration in February and Unity Day participation. Obviously, this is only a partial listing of activities this past year.

Finally, a special thanks the membership, for without your support, CBC would not be celebrating its 10th anniversary. See you at the Spring Celebration!

Respectfully submitted,

GARRETT S. YEE

President



(Dr. Steven Chan, Assemblymember Wilma Chan, and Henry Yin at the Tri-Cities Networking Forum)

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 510-796-5555, or email ptywong@attbi.com.

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CBC & SBCC Sponsor 3rd Annual Chinese New Year Celebration at Fremont Main Library

By Wenny Hsieh

Interesting, exquisite, lively and exuberant are just a few words that capture the high spirits ubiquitous at the Chinese new year festival held at the Fremont Library on Saturday, February 16.

The room was decorated with cheerful streamers, delicate hand-made crafts, elaborate figures, and beautiful symbols of Chinese New Year. The crowning decor though, was a lovely drawing of an elegant white horse displayed at the front, to celebrate the Year of the Horse. Stationed neatly along the room were tables filled with a variety of activities; they ranged from free offerings of decadent Chinese food, to mesmerizing drawings of Chinese art, to the rare opportunity of being able to make traditional clay figurines and bright red-envelope lanterns for children. The room was packed with excited people of all races, eager to experience a genuine touch of Chinese culture through the activities and also through the dazzling performances.

Graceful Chinese traditional dances performed by many talented, young dancers captivated the audience, especially the little children, who watched with admiring eyes. Charming Chinese New Year songs were also sung by a sweet-sounding children's choir, followed by soulful and bittersweet renditions of traditional Chinese music. A group of Chinese yo-yo players delighted the audience with complicated tricks, as did a program which featured riddles for little children, prizes included.

Finally, we had the grand finale, which was a breath-taking display of Chinese power and grace through the ancient art of Wushu; children and adults alike were deeply impressed with the spectacular kicks, jumps, and unique fighting styles. And so, with an enthusiastic last round of applause, the Chinese New Year festival ended amidst a very pleased crowd, who left with newfound knowledge and appreciation for the Chinese culture.

Assemblywoman Wilma Chan, CDA President Steven Chan Address Seniors – \$15,000 in Scholarships Awarded

By Judy Chong

South Bay Chinese Service Club held its 33rd Annual Scholarship Luncheon, Sunday, March 17, 2002, at the Union City Radisson Hotel. The graduates were greeted by California Dental Society President Steven Chan, DDS, who congratulated the graduates and encouraged them with stories from his experiences as a dental student and resident in an environment where he was a distinct minority. He encouraged them to find their passion.

Assemblywoman Wilma Chan, majority whip and representing the 16th assembly district, also recounted instances where being Chinese American presented difficulties, and the situation that lead her first to be on the Oakland School Board and then elected to the Assembly. She encouraged the graduates to be leaders - for everyone, to not forget from where they came, and to do what makes them happy.

Following her speech, Assemblywoman Chan and Dr. Chan helped distribute a record \$15,625 in scholarships – twelve \$1000 scholarships, six \$500 scholarships, and five \$100 honorariums. In its thirty-three years the South Bay Chinese Service Club has distributed over \$110,000 in scholarships.

Other guests in attendance included Congressman Peter Stark, State Assemblyman John Dutra, City Councilmen Steve Cho and Bob Wasserman, Alameda County Supervisory Scott Haggerty, and Fremont School Board members Peggy Herndon and Linda Widmar. Other organizations represented included Senior Citizens Commissioner Gilbert Yee and Citizens for Better Community president, Garrett Yee.

The joint Citizens for Better Community and South Bay Chinese Service Club scholarship was won by Lee Fu of Mission San Jose High School. He wishes to major in Electrical Engineering at UCLA, and has participated in badminton & basketball. His volunteer activities include Crossing the Bridge, an intergenerational, multi-cultural teen volunteer program where teens spend time with the elderly, and is on the advisory board for that group. He also has served in events for the Family Resource Center's Health & Wellness Fair.



(Pictured above: 2002 Scholarship Recipients)

CBC Congratulates 2001-2002 Interns

By Karen Chen

CBC Congratulates those students that completed the Internship Program at local elected offices. CBC interns volunteer in local elected offices gaining valuable experience in public service. Interns go through an application screening and interview process before placement. The interns will receive recognition for their efforts at the CBC Spring Celebration later this month. Congressman Pete Stark is sponsoring their attendance at the Spring Celebration this year. The program is currently recruiting interns for the 2002-2003 season, which has expanded to offer opportunities outside the local area. See related article by Dr. Albert Wang.

United States Congressman Pete Stark:

Charlene Wu	Mission San Jose High School
Stephanie Gan	Mission San Jose High School
Nichole Young-Lin	Mission San Jose High School
Rosa Liu	Moreau Catholic High School

State Senator Liz Figueroa:

Alice Lin	Washington High School
Jeffrey Wu	Mission San Jose High School

State Assemblyman John Dutra:

Albert Wang	Mission San Jose High School
Bellamy Liu	Mission San Jose High School
Edith Yang	Mission San Jose High School
Christine Yang	Mission San Jose High School
Eva Wah Gee	Washington High School

City of Fremont, Administrative Center:

Jenny Lee	James Logan High School
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A Career in Law Enforcement

*By Sergeant John Liu
Fremont Police Department*



I am a Chinese-American born in Taiwan. I have been a police officer for the Fremont Police Department for fourteen years. My current assignment is a Sergeant in the Patrol Division. My past assignments include SWAT, Narcotics, and Crime Scene Investigations. I consider myself fortunate to have chosen Law Enforcement as my career and I feel blessed that I work for the City of Fremont.

Once I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Business, I was looking for a career that was both challenging and rewarding. The idea of sales, which is a common entry-level position in the private sector, did not interest me. Nor did I want to be stuck behind a desk. Law enforcement became a natural choice because it was both responsible and exciting, in an ever-changing environment.

I then had to choose which organization I wanted to work for. I realized that this was one of the most important life decisions I was going to make. For this is where I would spend a major portion of my adult social and professional life. Just like for any major project in college, I did my homework. During my research, I discovered that the Fremont Police Department had a reputation as one of the best police organizations in the country.

Once I joined Fremont, I realized how fortunate I was to work for one of the best police departments in the nation. We are recognized as one of the most innovative departments in law enforcement. Fremont PD continues to strive to be the best. To do that, we actively recruit energetic and personable people. Since the Fremont area is ethnically rich, it is important to us that we mirror that diversity within our organization.

A career in law enforcement is definitely not boring. Each day you are confronted with new experiences and challenges. Within the department, there are varying assignments such as: Investigations, K-9, SWAT, Narcotics, School Resource, and the Motorcycle Division. As a police officer in Fremont, you will be one of the highest paid in your profession. Salary ranges for a patrol officer are from \$59,196 to \$71,969 yearly. In addition, we offer excellent

benefits. As a patrol officer you will work four days on with four days off with a paid lunch and work out period.

If this interests you, application forms may be obtained from the City of Fremont Personnel Office, 39100 Liberty Street, Fremont, CA 94538, or by telephoning (510) 494-4747, or our website www.ci.fremont.ca.us. Submit your completed application to the Personnel Office or to the right of the building entrance, in the Employment Application Drop Box. This is a continuous recruitment process. For more information or if you have any questions, feel free to contact me via e-mail: jliu@ci.fremont.ca.us.

CBC Continues Recruiting for 2002 Summer Youth Internship Program

*By Dr. Albert Wang
Community Involvement Chair*

CBC is continuing recruitment for our Summer Youth Internship Program in February. Our regular program, which places interns 16 years and older in the offices of Congressman Pete Stark, State Senator Liz Figueroa, and State Assemblyman John Dutra to gain first hand experience in our political system, will continue. In addition, CBC has joined three other Bay Area Chinese American organizations to support interns in Washington DC and Sacramento. Chinese American Political Association of Contra Costa County, Vision New America of Santa Clara County, and Organization of Chinese Americans, San Francisco Chapter, have met and agreed to work together on recruiting college level interns for the State Capitol and Washington DC positions.

CBC Internship Committee, consisting of Albert Wang, Karen Chen, Joan Wang, Carl Chen, Anita Chiu, and Cecilia Chang, will begin recruitment at local high schools and Chinese schools. More information will be posted on our web site www.cbc-sfbay.com in the near future.



(2001 Spring Celebration)

Miss Teen Chinatown, LOUISE WU, meets president of Taiwan, Mr. CHEN SHUI-BIAN.

Louise Wu, Miss Teen Chinatown 2001, recently visited Taiwan and was invited to meet the President of Taiwan, Mr. Chen Shui-Bian at his office. They talked about an hour and Louise was presented with an exquisite crystal (3-D Taiwan island dotted design inside). Here are her thoughts and reflections:

"Being awarded the title of Miss Teen Chinatown has been one of the most gratifying experiences of my life. It is not as much the title, but the experiences I have gained with this title. As Miss Teen Chinatown, I've had the opportunity to meet successes like Mayor Willie Brown, Ambassador March Fong Eu, and Assemblywoman Wilma Chan. Among those successes, I also had the esteemed privilege of meeting President of Taiwan, Mr. Chen Shui-Bian.

Right from the beginning of my visit, I was extremely impressed with everything President Chen had to say. Instead of filling me in on all his accomplishments, he started by lavishing me with compliments on all my achievements as a student, dancer, leader and role model. He then asked me questions on certain issues and listened intensively to my thoughts and ideas.

Through my responses he started to fully understand the importance of being a well-rounded student (it's not ONLY about excelling in academics anymore). He proceeded to explain to me his dream of creating a free society for the younger generation (my generation) to pursue the arts, literature and performance. From that point on, I knew President Chen is a president that cares about his people; not just a president looking for prestige and glory.

One aspect that we discussed was the importance of possessing persistence, determination, and confidence. Because of all his persistence, determination and confidence, Taiwan has now embarked on a new political path; a more democratic and independent route. Also, with those imperative qualities, he has been able to accomplish things most people could only dream of (for example, a clean and efficient Taipei Rapid Transit System).

I too am one with high goals and aspirations, yet at times it's easy to get discouraged especially when nothing seems to go right. However, after meeting with President Chen and realizing all the seemingly impossible tasks he has accomplished, it has motivated and inspired me to keep striving and working towards my dreams."

CBC Congratulates Ohlone College and Fremont Unified Schools in the passage of Measures A and B

CBC congratulates Ohlone College and Fremont Unified Schools in the recent passage of Measure A, the Ohlone College Bond, and Measure B, the Fremont Schools Health and Safety Bond. The Ohlone Bond will enable the College District to construct a long-needed permanent facility in Newark as well as construct a student support service complex on the main campus in Fremont. The Fremont Schools Health and Safety Bond will enable the Fremont Unified School District to retrofit aging buildings for earthquake safety, address inadequate facility needs, amongst other long-needed facility issues. CBC board members took the unique position of voting unanimously to endorse both Measure A and Measure B.

Lions Glasses Drive Update

By Haley Ko

Late November, a fire in a Lions warehouse destroyed over 500,000 pairs of glasses. These glasses were bound for third world countries where they would be given to children in need of glasses. Along with those glasses, five lensometers were destroyed, each valued at \$4,000. So far, Margaret Wang and Lilly Lee collected eyeglasses from the Fremont Chinese School and Eunice Ko collected eye glasses from the Yellow River Chinese School. Together, they have collected about 50 pairs of glasses. If you are interested in donating either money or glasses, call Eunice at (510) 659-0136.



(Louise Wu, Miss Teen Chinatown, meets the President of Taiwan, Mr. Chen Shui-Bian.)

Spotlight on CBC Member Loretta Yu, 2001 Volunteer of the Year



Introducing Loretta Yu, the 2001 Citizens for Better Community Volunteer of the Year. Citizens for Better Community has selected Loretta Yu in recognition for her efforts during this past year in working with the CBC Youth Group and helping to organize various events. Most notably, Loretta coordinated and organized the CBC Youth Leadership/Toastmasters program this past summer. Additionally, Loretta has been a major part of several key CBC events during this past year.

Outside of CBC, Loretta is active with her daughters' dancing, which keeps her busy during the week and on weekends. Loretta is a graduate of National Taiwan University (Pharmacy Department). She is married to Edward and they have three daughters, Carrie, age 19, Mandy, age 16, and Kate, age 15. All three children have been active in the CBC Youth Group and have participated in the Youth Leadership/Toastmasters Program.

When asked why she has been helping with CBC, she responded, "To help out Joan Wang."

Thank you and Congratulations Loretta!

Homeless Shelter Update

By Joan Wang

CBC Youth Group served at the Tri-City Homeless Shelter on March 30th and helped with the Winter Relief Program in March. For 2002, CBC has committed to serving at the Tri-City Homeless Shelter on the following additional dates: June 30 and August 31. Anyone interested in helping should contact Margaret Wang at (510) 252-1926. For more information, visit <http://www.tricityhomeless.org>.

Save the Date—May 19th set for SBCC Golf Tournament

The South Bay Chinese Service Club is sponsoring its 15th Annual Scholarship Benefit Golf Tournament on Sunday, May 19, 2001. Golf entry deadline is April 27,

2002. The tournament will be held at the Sunol Valley Golf Club (Palm Course), followed by an awards banquet at China Villa Restaurant in Union City. Golfers and non-golfers are welcome to participate as a player, a hole sponsor, prize donor, buying an ad in our golf brochure, or contributing raffle prizes.

For additional information please contact Bob Lee at 510-793-8077, Frank Louie at 510-656-1040 or Maelene Wong at 510-791-1400.

New Board of Directors Installation Dinner and Annual Board of Directors Retreat Coming Up Soon

Following the election of the 2002-2003 Board of Directors, we will be scheduling the installation dinner and directors retreat. Last year, Ed Jenks, who facilitated the retreat, did a great job for us. We are in the process of selecting a date and location for both the retreat and the installation dinner. Past President Carl Chen is in charge of the installation dinner. Stay tuned.

July 4th Parade to be held in Niles District of Fremont

Believe it or not, July 4th is just around the corner! Last year, as you recall, CBC won the "Most Patriotic Spirit" award for our entry in the parade. This year, the theme is "Turn of the Century" Patriotic emphasizing the rich history of the Niles District of Fremont. Deadline for entry into the parade is May 24th.



(CBC members march in the 2001 July 4th Parade in held in Centerville District)

2001-2002 Directory

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Albert Wang	Patrick Wong	Daphne Yang
Henry Yin	Teresa Yin Wong	

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*

- \$10 Individual
- \$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

10th Annual Spring Celebration!

Place: Fremont Marriott
When: Saturday, April 20, 2002
Contact: Teresa Yin Wong 510-440-8831

15th Annual SBCC Golf Tournament

Place: Sunol Country Club
When: Sunday, May 19, 2002
Contact: Bob Lee 510-793-8077

Board of Directors Retreat

Place: TBD
When: date TBD
Contact: Teresa Yin Wong 510-440-8831

Serving Dinner at the Homeless Shelter

Place: Tri-City Homeless Shelter
When: June 30, 2002
Contact: Margaret Wang 510-252-1926

Dragon Boat Racing

Place: Lake Del Valle Reservoir, Livermore
When: date TBD
Contact: Teresa Yin Wong 510-440-8831

Fremont July 4th Parade

Place: Niles Main Street
When: Thursday, July 4th
Contact: Teresa Yin Wong 510-440-8831

Fremont Festival of the Arts

Place: Fremont
When: Last weekend in July
Contact: Daphne Yang 510-651-6472

Next CBC Meetings

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2002
Place: Henry Yin's – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2002
Place: Henry Yin's – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 5, 2002
Place: Henry Yin's – 7:30 pm