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### 2002 CBC Spring Celebration!

The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CBC Spring Celebration was commemorated in style at the Fremont Marriott Hotel on April 20, 2002. This year's theme was "Patriotic Spirit", which combined an "East Meets West" feeling to the entertainment program. KPIX sports anchor, Rick Quan, was the master of ceremonies in a fun-filled evening of American patriotic and Chinese cultural performances. The highlight of the event was the recognition of uniformed personnel in attendance on stage. CBC raises it's operating funds through the annual Spring Celebration fundraiser, and a portion of the money raised is immediately donated directly back to other non-profit organizations that generously support the community as well.



"Uniforms on Stage" at 2002 Spring Celebration

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### President's Message

By Garrett Yee

*(2002 Spring Celebration—Garrett Yee, Loretta Yu, Dr. Steven Chan, & Wilma Chan.)*



(Speech from Spring Celebration)

A year ago, I started my term as president with these two women by my side—my wife Maria and CBC Vice President Joan Wang. Tonight, I am happy to say, they are still here. Tonight, I am also privileged and honored to stand before you as CBC's president for the 2002-2003 term.

Let me share with you a true story. On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, a foreign general demanded the surrender of a remote outpost defended mostly by Americans, with a young Lieutenant Colonel in command. The odds were heavily against the young commander—it was an army of 2000 against 200. What followed was a 13-day battle in defense of the outpost.

By March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the situation looked bleak. In a letter, the commander wrote, "Victory will cost the enemy so dear, that it will be worse than death." A major attack on the outpost was imminent. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, the young commander gathered his soldiers in the courtyard. As he stood before them, he drew a line in the sand and said, "If you want to stay and fight until the end, then cross over this line. But if you do, it will likely mean your death. If you want to leave, you are free to go. All but one crossed over the line.

At 5 a.m. the next morning, the foreign army launched their attack on the outpost. Within 90 minutes, every soldier was killed, to include the young commander. The attack was devastating. However, the response was as expected. Within weeks, American soldiers launched a counter attack and defeated the foreign general's army. This time, the battle only lasted 18 minutes. The young commander's words rang true, "Victory will cost the enemy," and it did.

Tomorrow, April 21<sup>st</sup>, marks the 166<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the defeat of the foreign general's Army after the fall of the Texas Alamo where nearly 200 soldiers gave their lives in the name of freedom. And even though this story is over 160 years old, it has just as much relevance today, especially after

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September 11<sup>th</sup>. Americans have never, and will never, tolerate an attack on her people! But first let us remember history, understand other cultures, and understand the underlying reasons for war and terrorism.

This past July, CBC won the "Most Patriotic Spirit" award for our entry in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade. Tonight's theme is appropriately patriotic, not just because of what happened in September, but because we are all proud to be Americans!

Tonight represents 10 years of service that CBC has given to our community, recognizing that the freedoms we enjoy would not be possible without those that serve to protect. So tonight, we dedicated a portion of our program to honor those in the community that serve to protect. Thank you Armed Forces, Thank You Fire Fighters, and Thank you Police!

I'd like to close with a quote from President Kennedy's last speech. On the way to deliver this speech at the Trade Mart in Dallas on 22 Nov. 1963, President Kennedy was assassinated. The speech that was never delivered, ended with these words:

We in this country, in this generation, are – by destiny rather than choice – the watchmen on the walls of the world freedom. We ask, therefore, that we may be worthy of our power and responsibility, that we may exercise our strength with wisdom and restraint, and that we may achieve in our time and for all time the ancient vision of "peace on earth, good will toward men." That must always be our goal, and the righteousness of our cause must underlie our strength.

May God Bless America.

Respectfully submitted,



**GARRETT S. YEE**

**President**

### 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](mailto:ptywong@attbi.com).

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## 2002 Spring Celebration!



Fremont Chinese School Chorus, directed by Wei Min Wu, steal the show at the Spring Celebration.



Above: COL Eldon Regua of the 91<sup>st</sup> Division at Spring Celebration. Below: CBC Culture Exchange Chair Elise Jan sings to the crowd.



## CBC Selects 2002-2003 Interns

*By Karen Chen*

After weeks of pouring over applications and meeting many highly qualified high school students, the CBC Summer Internship Committee is proud to announce our selection of interns for 2002. We were very impressed with all the applicants this year, and found our job of narrowing it down to 12 finalists to be a difficult one. This summer, our interns will complete 60 hours of volunteer work in various political offices throughout the City of Fremont and write a brief summary of their experiences at the end of the summer. CBC congratulates this group of fine youth interns.

### **United States Congressman Pete Stark:**

Steven Lai	Irvington High
Tina Lin	James Logan High
Lilian Shu	Irvington High

### **State Senator Liz Figueroa:**

Jennifer Chen	Mission San Jose High
Kimberly Tsai	Mission San Jose High

### **State Assemblyman John Dutra:**

Yin Yin Aung	Washington High
Wendy Hsieh	Foothill High
Howard Hwa	James Logan High
Winnie Kao	Mission San Jose High
Victoria Kuan	Mission San Jose High
Tiffany Lee	Mission San Jose High
Mandy Yu	Mission San Jose High



Spring Celebration: Assemblymember John Dutra presents awards to CBC Interns

## CBC Pres. Garrett Yee announces candidacy for Ohlone College

CBC President Garrett Yee announced his candidacy for the open seat on the Ohlone College Board in the upcoming November 2002 election.

Yee has been an active Board Member of the Ohlone College Foundation, helping to form the Alumni Association. Last year, he served on the Community Advisory Committee, which studied the need for a bond measure leading to his key role as a steering committee member of the successful Measure A bond campaign. This bond will bring needed facilities to the Newark Ohlone Center and the Fremont campus.

Yee is continuing to seek public input as to the needs and concerns of Ohlone College and how he as a potential trustee can address those concerns.

## CBC Participates in Career Day

*By Patrick Wong*

On Monday, April 15th, CBC participated in the Spring 2002 Job Faire held at the Newark Hilton for teen-age students seeking summer opportunities. CBC accepted applications for its' Intern Program for students to participate local at state representative offices. The Intern Program offers a rare and valuable insight into the governmental operations. Patrick Wong and Henry Yin represented CBC.



Spring Celebration: Garrett Yee and Miss Teen Chinatown Louise Wu present recognition certificate to Nancy Lee of Far East National Bank.

## Chinese American Scouting Association thanks CBC

*By Larry Hsu*

The 2002 CASA (Chinese American Scouting Association) Camporee was held from 4/13 to 4/14/02 at Mount Madonna County Park. There were 270+ attended: Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts plus parents. Troop 468, although only 2+ year-young, demonstrated their ability to handle this big event successfully. We built the 30' tall flagpole for flag ceremony and a big gateway to hang the CASA banner. All the events were handled by the scouts, as true meaning of "Scout Run". T468 would like to thank CBC's financial support to make this event better.

## Fremont Officials to Seek Further Business Ties with Taiwan & China

*By Steve Cho*

At the end of July a delegation from Fremont will be traveling to Taiwan and China on a Trade Mission. The purpose of this Mission is to promote and strengthen business relations and to attract companies who may be thinking of expanding their operations in the United States to come to Fremont.

The delegation team will include Mayor **Gus Morrison**, Councilmember **Steve Cho**, City Manager **Jan Perkins**, Marketing & Communications Coordinator **Angela Tsui**. Also accompanying the team will be **Henry Yin**, Economic Development Advisory Board Commissioner and **Dan Marcus**, Vice President Catellus Corporation.

The Trade Mission will be visiting the cities of Taipei, Beijing, Shanghai, and Xi'an. The delegation plans to host a reception in each city with a list of targeted companies. Also accompanying the delegation team will be the Academy of Chinese Performing Arts (ACAP). This 35 member dance group is headed by **Anna Muh**, **David Chen** & **Amy Jong**. The ACAP's dance performances will complement the official visit of the Trade Mission.

## CBC Dragon Boat Event--August 3<sup>rd</sup>

*By Dr. Teresa Yin Wong*

Come join us for a fun-filled day of picnicking and dragon boat training at Lake Del Valle in Livermore on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event begins at 12 noon with the dragon boat training beginning at 2:30 pm. Bring your own picnic and socialize with others next to the boat launch area near the main entrance, and then stay for the dragon boat festivities afterwards. Everybody is welcome to participate! For more details

or to sign-up to row, contact Teresa Wong at [dryin@attbi.com](mailto:dryin@attbi.com).

## CBC Presents Mathnet.COM Contribution to FUSD

*By Cecilia Chang*

Fremont--On May 8<sup>th</sup>, Citizens for Better Community presented Mathnet.com to Linda Garbarino, Director of the Educational Resources Department, Fremont Unified School District.

"We are extremely impressed that Citizens for Better Community has thought of Fremont in grand scale to provide us with this wonderful opportunity to access the Mathnet.com website for one year at no cost" said Linda Garbarino. "It is an excellent opportunity for Fremont teachers and students of all ages."

"Founders of eUpnet set a great example on how immigrants can contribute their talents in this country. They exemplify how new citizens of Fremont give back to our communities" said Garrett Yee, President of Citizens for Better Community. "Their donation amounts to giving an academic year of Mathnet.com membership for free from January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002 to all fifty-one schools in the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD, 4-12) which is equivalent to a donation of US\$10,149.00."

"We came to this country in 1983 and moved to Fremont in 1987. Like many people from Taiwan I first worked as an engineer in the Bay Area. In 1993 we started Aces Research, a multimedia start-up company. We love this city" said Alan Kwang, founder and president of eUpnet. "This is our way of saying thank you to Fremont."



Mathnet.com presentation to Fremont school board meeting with founders Alan Kwang & Sherry Hsu.

## U.S. CONGRESSMAN MIKE HONDA COMMENDS SUPPORT GROUP SEEKING PARDON FOR WEN HO LEE

*By Cecilia Chang*

Fremont, Ca – Supporters of former Los Alamos National Laboratory physicist Wen Ho Lee seek a presidential pardon for Dr. Lee's plea of a single felony count of mishandling classified material. Founder of Wenholee.org and organizer of the campaign, Cecilia Chang, hopes to acquire 10,000 signatures for the pardon by June 30, 2002. "We are fighting not for Wen Ho Lee alone but for every American of Asian descent," says Chang. "We are fighting not just against what has happened, but against what may happen in the future."

This same time last year, the General Accounting Office concluded that FBI Assistant Director Neil J. Gallagher misled Congress about the espionage investigation at Los Alamos National Laboratory in which Dr. Lee was identified as a suspect. Dr. Lee was detained for nine months in solitary confinement, shackled and manacled, only to be released after the government dismissed 58 out of 59 counts against him and Dr. Lee pled guilty to one charge. Judge Parker who oversaw the case apologized to Dr. Lee in court stating, "I feel I was led astray ... by the Executive Branch of our government through its Department of Justice, by its Federal Bureau of Investigation, and by its United States attorney for the District of New Mexico.... I sincerely apologize to you, Dr. Lee, for the unfair manner in which you were held in custody by the Executive Branch."

"It is important for all Asian American communities and all Americans to understand that Wen Ho Lee was treated unfairly by the judicial and political systems of the United States," said U.S. Congressman Mike Honda (D-San Jose). "I commend Wen Ho Lee.org for raising awareness about this issue in their pursuit of justice."

Dr. Lee's supporters now hope to obtain a pardon on his behalf from President Bush. "We demand Wen Ho Lee's pardon," says Chang, "not because he is an Asian American, but because he is an American. We are defending the integrity of our Constitution and the decency of a civilized society."

The petition can be obtained online at [www.wenholee.org](http://www.wenholee.org)

## CBC Youth Group Starts Summer Tutoring Program

The CBC Youth Program is happy to announce that it will be sponsoring its first CBC Summer Tutoring Program for CBC members. Since this is the first summer, the focus will be in assisting students that will be entering either 7<sup>th</sup> grade or 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall. Each session will last from 30-60 minutes with an emphasis on Math and Science. The program will begin on July 12<sup>th</sup> and end August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The program will meet every Friday from 7-9 pm at the Achieve Institute at 43475 Ellsworth Street in Fremont. Students interested in signing up as a tutor can contact Eunice Ko at 510-659-0136. Students interested in receiving tutoring assistance can contact Josephine Chou at 510-651-0446.

## Youth Group Update-- Youth Toastmasters Program

*By Kate Yu*

The Youth group is holding a Toastmasters International Youth Leadership Program for Summer 2002. This program will be during the weeks of 7/6 ~ 8/24 every Saturday from 9:00A.M.~11:00A.M. There will be two classes of 25 students each. This program is being coordinated by, F. U. N. Toastmasters Club and Star Search Toastmasters Club. The program will be held at Long River Educational Center, 5752 Mowry School Rd., Newark, CA 94560. For more information, contact Loretta Yu at (510) 490-3047.



Spring Celebration: Academy of Chinese  
Performing Arts

## Spotlight on CBC Officers Karen Chen & Gordon Jang

### Vice President:

**Karen Chen** has been a member of CBC since 1999 and Board member since 2000. Since joining CBC, Karen has helped annually with the Spring Celebration fundraiser and co-chaired the 2001 Summer Internship Program. She works at VIVUS, Inc. in Mountain



View as a Pharmaceutical Coordinator. She is a former dance teacher at the Fremont Chinese School and is the 1999 Miss Chinatown U.S.A. Karen is a Charter Member of the San Francisco Bay Area New Century Lions Club and is also serving as a member of the Board of Directors.

### Treasurer: Gordon Jang

is the newest member of the Executive Board joining CBC and the Board in 2001.

He also an active member of the South Bay Chinese Club where he has served on the Scholarship Committee for several years and served as Co-chair in 2000-2001. He has also volunteered for many years



at the annual fund raising bazaar at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church. He works in the finance department as an analyst for Chevron Corporation. Gordon and his wife, Kathy, have a daughter, Kaitlyn.

## Homeless Shelter Update

*By Joan Wang*

CBC Youth Group will be serving at the Tri-City Homeless Shelter on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The next date to serve will be on August 31. Anyone interested in helping should contact Margaret Wang at (510) 252-1926. For more information about the Tri-City Homeless Shelter, visit <http://www.tricityhomeless.org>.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade to be held in Niles District of Fremont

July 4<sup>th</sup> 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. See you all there!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Director's Retreat

*By Dr. Teresa Yin Wong*

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, CBC Board of Directors gathered at Aegis Gardens to attend their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Director's Retreat, which was once again led by Ed Jenks of Performance Solutions. Garrett Yee, President of CBC, kicked off the meeting with a review of tasks that were accomplished over the past year. Remarkably, many of the action items that were discussed from last year's retreat were completed or in the process of being completed. This year, through small group brainstorming discussions and even art projects, the directors focused on ways to improve membership services for the upcoming year. Everyone in attendance agreed unanimously that the session was well worth the time invested and a great motivational tool.

## City of Fremont to consider Public Safety Bond

The City of Fremont is considering a public safety bond for the November 2002 ballot. Citizens for Better Community has been asked to participate in the process by providing input and feedback to the city staff. In early June, CBC members Garrett Yee, Anna Muh, and Albert Wang met with city staff to discuss potential bond. The bond is expected to raise about \$50 million in funds to replace three fire stations and retrofit several other fire stations. A CBC representative has visited several of the fire stations in order to assess the need for the bond. "Based on the what we have seen, there appears to be a strong case for this public safety bond," states Garrett Yee, President of Citizens for Better Community."

The Fremont City Council is expected to vote on whether to move forward on this bond at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the meantime, any one interested in visiting their local fire station to see first hand some of the issues is encouraged to do so. CBC recommends visiting the fire stations on Fremont Blvd., Darwin St., and the station in Niles, which are in need of replacement.



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Henry Yin presents certificate of recognition to First Lady Sharon Davis at luncheon event held at Massimos in Fremont.

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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

#### **Serving Dinner at the Homeless Shelter**

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

#### **Dragon Boat Racing**

Place: Lake Del Valle Reservoir, Livermore  
When: August 3rd  
Contact: Teresa Yin Wong 510-440-8831

#### **Fremont July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade**

Place: Niles Main Street  
When: Thursday, July 4th  
Contact: Chia-Chee Chan 925-256-9678

#### **Autumn Moon Festival**

Place: Fremont Library  
When: Date TBD in September  
Contact: Anna Muh 510-226-8678

#### **HERS Foundation Walk**

Place: Coyote Hills  
When: Saturday, October 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, July 3, 2002  
Place: Henry Yin's – 7:30 pm

#### **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