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CBC Receives Award



CBC President Thomas Tang receives the award

On Saturday, May 21st, the Chinese American Political Association (CAPA) hosted a banquet and honored CBC with the Community Group of the Year award. Congratulations to CBC for making a difference in the community!

Thank you!

CBC wishes to thank everyone who supported the annual Spring Celebration which proved to be another success! With everyone's support and participation, CBC is able to give back to the community. See page 4 & 5 for more details on the celebration.

President's Message

By Thomas Tang



Dear CBC members and Friends,

We had a great Spring Celebration party! It was a night full of fun entertainment, good food, and great friendship! I am thankful to all the sponsors, participants, and volunteers, who together made this event a great success.

Some members have asked, "Why does CBC support other organizations that do not focus solely in helping Chinese Americans? If CBC's mission statement states that CBC initiates, sponsors and promotes community events, which will affect the well being of Chinese Americans, why should CBC sponsor activities and help organizations that benefit the community at large?"

Here is my response: One of CBC's primary goals is to encourage Americans of Chinese descent to get involved in the community. "Community" here does not mean "Chinatown". CBC's members live in a community where Chinese Americans represent a minority group. The community that CBC intends to participate in is the community at large.

By helping other charitable organizations and groups, we can show others that we are helpful and friendly, instead of selfish and invasive. I know it sounds a little submissive to work on gaining acceptance, because some of us may believe that we should be accepted anyway. Yes. Chinese Americans are entitled to the right of being treated equally because racial discrimination is not allowed in this country. But, it does not mean that we are automatically trusted and loved by others. We can talk a lot about our rights. But, we cannot force others to trust us. By helping others, we not only gain acceptance, but also trust and respect.

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Sometimes, we have to ask "not what others can do for us but what we can do for others."

Further, by participating in events or activities of other groups, we gain opportunities to understand the philosophies, beliefs, and goals of other groups. By learning more of others, we can begin to understand and learn how to work together. Everyone benefits.

Let us keep in mind that CBC's mission of helping Chinese Americans is not to provide some tangible goods or services. We do not try to provide medical care coupons, free books, or food stamps to Chinese Americans. We want benefits that are intangible, spiritual, and educational. CBC's vision of benefits to Chinese Americans is for them to live a true American life. It means they should help, contribute and voice. It also means that they are accepted, respected, trusted, and loved.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Tang
President

Upcoming Events

American Cancer Society – "Relay for Life"

Saturday, June 18, 2005
De Anza College, Cupertino

By Larry Hsu and Herb Chiu

The American Cancer Society – Northern California Chinese Unit – Relay For Life Team Members cordially invite you to participate in the unique Relay for Life ACS nationwide signature event. The event will be held at De Anza College in Cupertino on the 18th of June. Our main objectives are to increase cancer awareness in our community, and to raise money for cancer research, education, and patient services.

Our volunteers and Relay team members are able and willing to explain any of the above involvement that may interest you. If you would like to know more about the Relay event, please call the American Cancer Society – Northern California Chinese Unit at (510) 797-0600 or 1-888-566-6222. You can also email us via Nccurfl@yahoo.com or visit our website at <http://www.acs-nccu.org>.

We appreciate your generosity and contribution to this community-oriented cancer-fighting event. Together, we have strong hope that we will win this fight in the near future.

July 4th Parade to be held in Mission San Jose District

July 4th is just around the corner! Last year, as you may recall, CBC won the "People's Choice" award for the 3rd year in a row and placed 2nd in the Novelty category. This year, the theme is "Stars & Stripes Forever". Come join CBC in marching in the parade. For more information, contact Amy Cho at (510) 797-6426.



Marching in last year's parade

Festival of the Arts

CBC will have a food booth at the Fremont Festival of the Arts. Please volunteer to help and/or come and support CBC.

When: Saturday & Sunday, August 6 and 7
Time: 10 am – 6 pm
Contact: Anna Muh (408) 904-4000

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.

Place: Original Pancake House (39222 Fremont Blvd)
When: 3rd Friday of each month (8-9:30 am)
Contact: Thomas Tang (510) 713-2388

An Adventurous Evening

By Aaron P. Wong
(President, Alameda County
Library Foundation and
CBC Board Member)



Passport to Adventure, Alameda County Library Foundation's April 29th evening gala, literally began with a "bang" supplied by the Eden Aoba Taiko Drummers. Entering guests, some in their native dress, passed the drummers who performed in front of the Fremont Main Library surrounded by flags supplied by Fremont Councilman and CBC member Steve Cho. They then passed under an Asian canopy in the foyer to the reception area.

I had the pleasure of welcoming everyone and introducing the evening's keynote speaker, our own Angela Yang, who is also the manager of Fremont libraries. Angela shared her long time study and thoughts on diversity. Following her talk, guests were invited up to the library's 2nd floor to begin their evening's adventure.

Awaiting everyone, were areas decorated to represent many of the cultures making up our community. There were delicacies from Mexico, China, India, Thailand, and Greece, as well as some typical American desserts. For entertainment, there were performances by Indian, Persian, Spanish, and Chinese dance groups. A treasury of items was also available for silent and live auction. County Supervisor Scott Haggerty proved to be an energetic and very persuasive auctioneer. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the evening.

I would like to thank the CBC for your generous sponsorship. As I mentioned in my welcome, our libraries provide services for all age groups and people from all backgrounds. I invite you to visit your local library branch and see how your contributions are being effectively utilized. For example, see how our multi-lingual multimedia collection has increased.

Please join us there next year and perhaps hear a Scottish bagpipe playing in the halls of the library!

Summer Time Fun... at the 5th Annual BBQ

It's time for the annual summer BBQ with the South Bay Chinese Club! Come and enjoy the afternoon with great friends and delicious food! Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, July 13th.

Date: Saturday – July 23, 2005

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: Quail Run Clubhouse (same location as last year)

Address: corner of Quail Run Road & Whimbrel, Fremont

RSVP: Steve & Amy Cho at (510) 797-6426

Homeless Shelter Update

If you have not had an opportunity to do so, you should consider volunteering some time at the Tri-City Homeless Shelter at Sunrise Village. This is open to anyone interested in helping. If you feel inclined, please contact Nancy Lee and let her know you want to help.



Place: Sunrise Village

When: Sunday, June 19

Contact: Nancy Lee (510) 498-1100 or
michaelshih@call007.net

For information about the Tri-City Homeless Coalition, visit the website at <http://www.tricityhomeless.org> or call 510-657-7409, or e-mail: info@tricityhomeless.org

"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
(June 8, July 13, August 10, etc)

Where: Sunrise Village
588 Brown Road
Fremont, CA 94539

Time: 5 – 6 pm

RSVP: Cecilia Chang (510) 537-2929

For more information, see
<http://www.tricityhomeless.org/JourneyHomeTour.html>

A Perfect Night Featuring the

Perfect Ten

By Amy Cho

The Citizens for Better Community (CBC) held their annual Spring Celebration gala fundraiser on April 16 at the Flamingo Palace in Fremont. It was a night that culminated months of planning and preparation.

Under the steadfast leadership of Event Chair Susanna Wong, various working committees pooled together their many resources and expertise to pull off a quality program. Over 350 guests came to enjoy a fun-filled night while supporting CBC for the many contributions it continually makes to our community during the year.

The Flamingo Palace hall was transformed into an elegant, colorful sea of red and white dining tables. Even the chairs were dressed up! The night featured a very tasty dinner with various menu choices, gift prize raffle, slide show and dancing. Emcees Steve and Sue Chan masterfully kept the program on schedule. They also presented the ten best-dressed guests (5 couples) to the audience.

Best of all was the performance of the "Perfect Ten Girls' Orchestra", the only professional orchestra in the world whose performers' average age is 13. This group of girls from Taiwan was making their debut tour in the U.S. Surprisingly the major instrument used in their performance was the Er-Hu, an ancient Chinese musical instrument. Their program included old and new pop music. Their producer, Mr. Ching-Lung Wen, accompanied the girls. Mr. Wen has been in show business for thirty years. When the 30 minute performance was over, the audience wished the show could go on longer.



CBC named Garrett Yee the 'Citizen of the Year' and Karen Chen 'Volunteer of the Year'. Congratulations, Garrett and Karen!

We'd like to thank the following major sponsors for their generous support!

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Fremont Firefighters Local 1689
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Jennifer Kao, O.D.

We can all catch our breaths now ONLY for a short while. Fremont's Fourth of July parade is just around the corner!



Belle Chang,
a.k.a. The Gong Lady, and Emcee Dr. Steven Chan

Richard and Anna Muh



2005 Spring Celebration Pictures



Henry & Maria Yin



Steve & Amy Cho with daughter,
Beverly



Maelene & Aaron Wong with friend, Vivian
Meminger



William & Irene Wang receive a
plaque from CBC Toastmasters
in appreciation for use of Best
Friends Learning Center



Garrett and
Maria Yee
were one of
the five
couples
chosen as
"Best
Dressed"

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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SBCSC 36th Annual Scholarship Luncheon

*By Fran Sabado-Gin and Bernadette Chinn,
Chairpersons*

This year the South Bay Chinese Service Club awarded \$15,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors of Chinese descent at our 36th annual SBCSC Scholarship Luncheon held at the Courtyard by Marriott, Newark-Silicon Valley on Saturday, April 9, 2005. SBCSC Vice President Gerry Low-Sabado greeted the graduates and praised them for all their academic records and community activities. Each applicant was introduced and presented with certificates of recognition from Congressman Pete Stark, Senator Liz Figueroa, Assemblyman Albert Torrico and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. Honored guests included former State Assemblymember John Dutra, former State Assemblymember Ellen Corbett, State Assemblymember Johan Klehs, Fremont Mayor Bob Wasserman, City Councilman Steve Cho and his wife, Amy, Fremont School Board Member Peggy Herndon, Fremont School Board Member Ivy Wu, Fremont Planning Commissioner Sue Chan, Fremont Planning Commissioner Pauline Weaver, Alameda County Library Foundation President Aaron Wong, Citizens for Better Community Director/Founder Henry Yin, and Citizens for Better Community Executive Director Kathy Jang.

Our first speaker was Tracy Patrick Chan, a 2000 graduate of Fremont's Mission San Jose High School and a previous winner of two South Bay Chinese Club awards: the Howard Tom Memorial Scholarship and the Outstanding Essay. Our second speaker, author and journalist, William "Bill" Wong, addressed the graduates after lunch and presented an eloquent



interpretation of the essay question the students had to answer in the scholarship application: "How my Chinese ancestry/heritage affects my goals and interactions with this society." His insightful presentation was well received by the students, their parents, club members, donors and local dignitaries.



The 41 applicants represented 11 different high schools in Southern Alameda County. They are an impressive group of scholars. Their average GPA is 3.76 and together they have donated over 15,890 community service hours. In this group, there are 6 National Merit Finalists, 11 AP Scholars, 15 Governor's Scholars, 5 students with perfect unweighted 4.0 GPA's, 3 students with a perfect 800 on the SAT II exams, 2 students with perfect AP scores of 5, 8 Scholar Athletes, 1 ASB Vice President, 1 ASB Secretary, 1 ASB Treasurer and a Miss Teen Chinatown.

Our 2005 Scholarship Recipients were:

\$1,000 Scholarship Recipients

Jennifer Chien, American High School
Cassey Ho, James Logan High School
Stephanie Hwang, Mission San Jose High School
Jessica Kao, Mission San Jose High School
Kristine Lee, Irvington High School
Jessica Lin, Mission San Jose High School
Owen Lin, American High School
Jennifer Lowe, Castro Valley High School
Yating Shi, Arroyo High School
Karen Yan, Irvington High School

\$500 Scholarship Recipients

Baran Ho, Mission San Jose High School
Mary Kong, James Logan High School
Amy Lin, James Logan High School
Hao Liu, James Logan High School
Anly Tsang, San Leandro High School
Michael Tsiang, Mission San Jose High School
Deborah Wong, Chinese Christian Schools
Albert Wu, Mission San Jose High School

\$250 Scholarship Recipients

Grace Chan, San Leandro High School
Katherine Leung, American High School
Jing Wu, Castro Valley High School
Simon Wu, Castro Valley High School



2005 Scholarship Recipients

2004-2005 Directory

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Thomas Tang.....(510) 353-0507

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Garrett Yee	Henry Yin	Teresa Yin Wong
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Tim Tam	Joan Wang	Patrick Wong
Stanley Woo	Carl Chen, Chair	Simon Chen

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (November 1, 2004 – October 31, 2005)

If you like what you see in this newsletter and want to remain informed, please join CBC.

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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

ACS – Relay for Life

When: Saturday, June 18, 2005
Where: De Anza College, Cupertino
Contact: Larry Hsu (510) 490-2936

Homeless Shelter

When: Sunday, June 19, 2005
Where: Sunrise Village
Contact: Nancy Lee (510) 498-1100 or
michaelshih@call007.net

Fourth of July Parade

When: Monday, July 4, 2005 (10 am)
Where: Mission San Jose District
Contact: Amy Cho (510) 797-6426

CBC/SBCC Summer BBQ

When: Saturday, July 23, 2005 (11 am)
Where: Quail Run Clubhouse
Contact: Steve or Amy Cho (510) 797-6426

Festival of the Arts

When: Saturday & Sunday, August 6 & 7, 2005
Contact: Anna Muh (408) 904-4000

Next CBC Meetings

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 1, 2005
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 6, 2005
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 3, 2005
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm



(l to r) Amy Cho, Kathy Jang, Josephine Chou, Susanna Wong and Belle Chang at Spring Celebration