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Membership Newsletter

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## HENRY YIN FINISHES STRONG IN NOVEMBER ELECTION

On November 5th, CBC founder Henry Yin finished a strong third out of nine candidates in one of the most competitive City Council races Fremont has seen in several years. Although Henry did not get elected, he won several precincts and finished strong in several others. During the past several months, Henry showed his true character by running a positive campaign and promoting the City of Fremont. Henry will remain on the Economic Development Advisory Commission.

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## President's Message

By Garrett Yee

*Excerpt from Ohlone College Foundation Luncheon Honoring CBC on Oct. 25th*



Today, I have the good fortune to stand before you as the current president of Citizens for Better Community. Citizens for Better Community is honored to be recognized as an organization for the "Citizen of the Year" award given by the Ohlone College Foundation. In our opinion, the Foundation is a first class organization, which makes the honor all the more meaningful.

Over the past several years, CBC members have attended the Ohlone College Luncheon and watched as those we admire receive recognition for their community contributions. The individuals that the Foundation has honored are the same individuals that we at CBC hold up as our role models. This includes Delaine Easton, The Lorenz Family, Jan Perkins, Al Huezo, Lillian Hack, and others. So, when we first heard about this honor, we were absolutely surprised.

CBC's message is to get involved. While as an organization, CBC participates in events and programs, what we are trying to do is send the message that all people should get involved in their community, just as you all are, whether it be the local PTA, local non-profit charity, service club, such as Rotary or Kiwanis, or local boards and commissions. In this respect, CBC members are encouraging integration rather than isolation. As Dr. Albert Wang said, we want to work with you side-by-side.

In the combined community of Fremont and Newark, we have well over 250,000 residents, and for those of us in this room, I believed we would all agree there is a shortage of local leaders. Many of you in this room have given

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generously of your time in various leadership roles, but as we all know, finding and recruiting good local leaders to serve on boards is not easy to do. While it has been a slow process, members of CBC have been encouraging people to get involved, but the plain truth of the matter is that for every one that you get to step forward, there are possibly 100 or more that don't have time.

The one thing that I believe we in this room share in common is a desire to make our community a better place. The second, I would argue, is our shared value of education. I won't ask you to raise your hand, but how many of you or a family member attended Ohlone College? Ohlone College has 10,000 students each year that pass through their doors. After a while, that adds up to some real numbers.

By your presence here today, you are making a statement that higher education is important to our community and it is something that we need to support, regardless of who is up here at the podium.

**While CBC is gratified and thankful for this recognition, we also realize there are many other local service organizations just as worthy or more worthy of this honor. In this respect, we are also humbled to receive this recognition.**

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 510-793-6302, or email [dryin@attbi.com](mailto:dryin@attbi.com).

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### Reflections on the Election for CBC Founder Henry Yin

The November 5<sup>th</sup> elections are over now, and current CBC board member, Henry Yin, finally has a chance to relax. For the past 4 months, he has dedicated most of his time to campaigning for one of two seats opening up next month on the Fremont City Council. Not surprisingly, Henry proved to be a strong competitor by coming in third (out of nine candidates) with over 10,000 votes.

With over 25 years of volunteer service and a devotion to this community, Henry's campaign was guided by 3 main principles:

- 1) Controlled Growth
- 2) Quality of Life
- 3) Economic Prosperity

Henry demonstrated that he could gain broad-based support based on his endorsements from different organizations such as the Fremont Chamber of Commerce (BGG), the Latino Leadership Roundtable, the Federation of Indo American Association, and Citizens for Better Community. Through his many fundraising efforts, Henry was also able to raise over \$60K to remain a formidable force in the race.

Although Henry did not win a seat, his efforts will not go unnoticed. He was able to orchestrate an impeccable and solid campaign with his team of supporters and set a model of conduct for all Asian-Americans interested in public office. With his charisma, energy, and compassion, Henry was also able to bring together and unite different people from different backgrounds to work towards a common goal. Henry's big step into mainstream political affairs has formed important social bridges and will benefit us all within the Chinese American community for many years to come.





## FCSN Gala Event

Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN), a Chinese American group serving over 300 families with disabled children, held its first ever fundraising "Make Our Dreams Come True" gala on 10/26/02 at the Hyatt Regency, San Francisco Airport. It was a tremendous success, with nearly 1000 in attendance and raising over \$170,000. It is likely the most successful first-time event for any Chinese American organization in the Bay Area. FCSN President Dr. Albert Wang, also CBC Community Involvement Chair, was very much impressed by the widespread support. CBC's own event planner Dr. Herbert Chiu was instrumental in developing and implementing the event program. CBC President Garrett Yee, Vice President Karen Chen, and many board members participated as well. FCSN is in the process of building its "Dream Center" to provide more services on Peralta Blvd in Fremont. Even with the great success, the fundraising goal of \$2 million is only 25% met. Please check the FCSN web site at [www.fcsn1996.org](http://www.fcsn1996.org) for more information. If you need FCSN services, or would like to make a donation, please contact Dr. Albert Wang at 510-657-6610, or send donation directly to "FCSN", PO Box 1, Fremont, CA 94537.



Chinese TV Talk show host Stone Shi MC's the FCSN Gala



## CBC honored at the Ohlone College Foundation Benefit Luncheon

On Friday Oct 25<sup>th</sup>, 2002, CBC became the first community service group to be honored by the Ohlone College Foundation at its Benefit Luncheon. At a sold-out crowd of about 400 people, the luncheon began with a bang! To mark the occasion, the crowd was treated to a live Lion dance with live drums sounding the special occasion.

Foundation President Rick Geha served as the MC with opening remarks by Ohlone College President Dr. Floyd Hogue. Holy Spirit Deacon Richard Yee (Garrett Yee's uncle) gave the opening invocation. With the video projection backdrop, lunch at the Marriott was excellent. CBC past presidents each took turns to tell the audience about CBC with Dr. Herb Chiu leading off with a short history about how CBC was founded. Herb was followed by Henry Yin, Simon Chen, Albert Wang, Steve Cho, Carl Chen, and finally current CBC President Garrett Yee.

CBC was well represented with no less than 10 tables sponsored by CBC directors and members. This was a day for many firsts, but CBC is proud to be honored by a mainstream organization as reputable as the Ohlone College Foundation. (pictured below, members of the Yee family at the luncheon)



## Meet Sean Liou

Newly Sworn-In Member of  
President's Advisory  
Commission on Asian  
Americans and  
Pacific Islanders

October 11, 2002



HAWAII--Aloha and good afternoon! First, I would like to thank everyone present who is witness to my swearing in ceremony. I am so delighted to be sworn-in, in Hawaii, and in front of everyone here. I just wanted to have some quick words of thanks so we can start the town hall meeting. I want to express my sincere thanks to President George W. Bush, for appointing me to this very unique position, one that I could serve the country, and also my own community. Also, I want to express my deepest gratitude to the Honorable Deputy Secretary Claude Allen of Department of Health and Human Services, for his officiating the oath of office. Thank you so much, sir.

Chairman and members of the Commission – I am truly excited to be able to join you all. It is an honor and a privilege to be appointed by the President Bush to the Commission. I look forward to working with each and every one of you to meet the President's mandate in "increasing opportunities and improving the quality of life," of underserved Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. And being the latecomer to the Commission, I have a lot to learn and to catch up. Once again, Deputy Secretary Allen, thank you for administering the oath of my behalf. Chairman and the Commission members, I do look forward to work diligently and closely with all of you. And Members of the community thank you for being here. I will do my best to help represent your concerns and interests. Mahalo and thank you so much.

**About Sean Liou**--Mr. Shinq-Chern (Sean) Liou, of Fremont, California, is in the tours/travel and insurance/financial services industry. Currently, he is President of Always Best Tours and Travel, which provides custom designed, worldwide travel experiences for its customers. Prior to this, he was President and COO of Keylinux, Inc., a global solutions provider of enterprise storage networking systems, software and services, and CEO of Hi-Tech USA, a leading high volume PC systems integrator and provider of Linux solutions, integrated software and services. Sean is an active member of the Formosan Association for Public Affairs, a board member of the Silicon Valley Chinese Americans Computer Association, and also has served as the Commissioner for the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission. Mr. Liou received his B.A. degree in Chemistry from the National Changhua University of Education and his Masters of Science degree in Mathematics/Computer from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. Mr. Liou emigrated from Taiwan in 1984 and became a U.S. citizen in 1994.

CBC Member  
Judy Huang  
Elected To the  
Alameda County  
Water District  
Board of Directors



*"The future protection of our water supplies is one of my primary concerns. If elected, I will continue to do my best to protect and improve water quality and insure a reliable future water supply at reasonable cost." (From Judy Huang's election statement)*

On November 5, 2002, Judy Huang was elected to the Alameda County Water District Board of Directors. Judy was first appointed to the Alameda County Water District Board of Directors on January 22, 2002, to fill the Board member position that was vacated due to the December 2001 retirement of Joseph G. Damas after over 22 years of service. From a field of eight candidates who submitted statements of qualifications for the vacancy, and after conducting interviews on January 22, the Board selected Judy C. Huang to fill the vacant post. With less than a year left on Damas' term, Judy had to stand for election this past November election. Judy's priorities will include the following:

- Ensuring a safe, reliable water supply at reasonable cost
- Addressing infrastructure issues, especially the Hetch Hetchy Water System
- Promoting environmental stewardship

A resident of north Fremont, Ms. Huang has worked for the past nine years as a Water Resources Control Engineer for the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board. She received her undergraduate degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, and is a Registered Professional Engineer in California. She is a member of the Chinese American Environmental Profession Association, as well as the California Water Environment Association.

"My background and experience in water quality issues will help Alameda County Water District achieve its goal of providing environmentally responsible, healthful, cost-effective water supplies for the Tri-City area."

Congratulations Judy!

## Fremont City Council & Fremont School Board Election Results

Citizens for Better Community congratulates incumbent Bob Wasserman and Dominic Dutra for winning a seat on the Fremont City Council. Congratulations also to incumbent Guy Emanuele and Larry Sweeney for winning a seat on the Fremont School Board of Education. We wish all newly elected officials the best of luck!

## South Bay Chinese Service Club Scholarships Available

The **South Bay Chinese Service Club** annually awards scholarships to exemplary high school students of Chinese descent in Southern Alameda County. The purpose of the scholarship program is to recognize these talented students for their hard work and achievements, and to provide encouragement for the challenges ahead. Our recipients are an exceptional group of highly motivated future leaders - each year it is difficult to select just a few. The applicants are carefully evaluated based on academic achievement, leadership, and community service. Last year, our organization awarded twelve \$1,000 scholarships, six \$500 scholarships, five \$100 honorariums, and five \$25 gift certificates for a total of \$15,625 in awards locally. This year, with your help, our goal is to generate an equal amount for our scholarship fund.

The scholarship awards will be presented during the annual scholarship luncheon to be held on Sunday, April 13, 2003. This year our keynote speaker will be Geoffrey P. Wong. He is an author, attorney, former newspaper and television film critic and late night television host. Mr. Wong is a third generation alumnus of the University of California and a former Vice President of the Cal Alumni Association. The names of the donors who make this program possible will be included in the program and other printed materials. All donors will also receive written acknowledgment for their tax-deductible contributions. Your participation will make a powerful statement about the strength of our community. Donations may be sent to: SBCSC, C/O Gordon Jang, 38742 Glencoe Drive, Fremont, CA 94536

Scholarship applications may be downloaded from the South Bay Chinese Service Club website: [www.sbcclub.org](http://www.sbcclub.org). For questions, contact Dr. Fran Sabado-Gin at (510) 651-6141 or [docsab@attbi.com](mailto:docsab@attbi.com).

## Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien 1935-2002



Source:  
*UC Berkeley Interactive University Project*  
November 2002 Edition

[Chang-Lin Tien](#), UC Berkeley Chancellor from 1990-1997, died last week. He was the first Asian-American to head a major U.S. research university. Chancellor Tien was known and revered for many things, among them: his enthusiasm for Cal Berkeley, his distinguished teaching (for which he was honored early in his career), his acclaimed scholarly work (for which he was honored as a "University Professor" later in his career), and his commitment to excellence and diversity for UC Berkeley.

A vocal opponent of the UC Regents' decision to ban affirmative action, Chancellor Tien was tireless in his efforts to both maintain Berkeley's excellence and promote diversity. In 1995 Tien donated \$10,000 of his own money to help establish [The Berkeley Pledge](#) (which is now called the School University Partnership Program). The Pledge sought to continue Berkeley's efforts to attract and enroll the best students from all backgrounds.

The Interactive University Project began in 1995 as a campus-wide initiative and became the technology partner of the fledgling Berkeley Pledge. Tien's leadership efforts helped create a campus atmosphere that made projects like the IU possible. IU Director David Greenbaum said of Chancellor Tien, "He was an extraordinary individual and leader in a range of ways - one of which was his heartfelt commitment to, belief in, and support of public education, from kindergarten through graduate school. He was the driving force behind the creation of the Berkeley Pledge and he was a strong supporter of the IU and its work."

Note: Chancellor Tien was the father of former Citizens for Better Community Director Christine Tien, who is now the Deputy City Manager for the City of Stockton. Citizens for Better Community members are saddened by the news about the passing of Chancellor Tien, but at the same time, are thankful for his many contributions. The University of California and the educational system as a whole in California is better because of Chancellor Tien.

## CBC Youth Participate in Make a Difference Day 2002

*Lisa Hisaw*

On Saturday, October 26, 2002, the twelfth annual Make A Difference Day was held across the nation. Make A Difference Day was created by USA WEEKEND Magazine and takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October. In the past, over 2.2 million people have participated annually. These volunteers finished thousands of projects in hundreds of towns nationwide.

The City of Fremont organized a Make A Difference Day project at Stiver's Lagoon on the south side of Fremont's Central Park. Alice Cheung and Thomas Hom were the coordinators from CBC and South Bay Chinese Club. Volunteers included Julia and Lisa Hisaw, Victor and Fran Gin, Tung Wah Loh, Aaron Wong, Frank Louie, and Aliene Yee. They came to help pick up litter and debris near Stiver's Lagoon and Lake Elizabeth, remove litter and debris from Muskrat Creek, and spread mulch and chips.

Afterwards, volunteers were invited to a barbecue at the Teen Center, which included live, multicultural entertainment that displayed Fremont's diverse population. City Council Member Steve Cho was one of the chefs at the Make a Difference Day volunteer barbecue. Make A Difference Day is truly a great opportunity for people to get involved with their community and make their community a better place.

### Upcoming Events...

#### IT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME!

*Sunday, December 15, 2002*

*Aegis Gardens*

*By Amy Cho*

Soon the holidays will be here! This year, the South Bay Chinese Club and Citizens for Better Community will again hold a joint Christmas Party in the afternoon from 2:00 – 4:30pm on Sunday, December 15. As many will remember, we all had a fantastic time at Aegis Gardens retirement home last year. There was fun for our members and it was also a great event for the seniors who live there.

So please plan to come and put your holiday rushing on hold for just a little while. The address is Aegis Gardens, 36281 Fremont Blvd (across from American High School). In order to defray expenses, there is a charge of \$5/adult or child over age 12. Also, we will collect canned food from anyone who wishes to donate. This food will be taken to the Tri-City Homeless Center. Let's remember Christmas is a time for giving!

Please RSVP by December 8, 2002 – Aliene Yee, 657-7972 or Bernadette Chinn, 790-3944.

## Fremont Education Foundation News



*SAVE THE DATE*

*Saturday, February 8, 2003!*

The Fremont Education Foundation is pleased to announce our inaugural "Excellence in Education" luncheon honoring Denise Mapelli, Brookvale Elementary teacher and FUSD's Teacher of the Year. Denise is also a past recipient of a Fremont Education Foundation Innovative Education Grant. Please join us in honoring Denise at this inaugural annual event. All funds raised through this luncheon will benefit FEF's Innovative Education Grant fund. Stay tuned for further information in early January.

Also, a little early warning, FEF's fourth annual telethon will be held March 18<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. to raise funds for the after-school elementary band program for the 2003-2004 academic year.

### SPRING CELEBRATION TIME AGAIN!

*"An Evening in Old Shanghai"*

*SAVE THE DATE*

*Saturday, April 26, 2003!*

Just when you thought things were settling down, it is time to start getting ready for our annual Spring Celebration! This year's theme is "An Evening in Old Shanghai" and it is already shaping up to be a most interesting evening. What was it like in old Shanghai? You will have to attend to find out. As with the past several years, seating is limited so be prepared to send in your reservations when the tickets become available.

### MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE

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Okay, get the idea? Please send in your membership dues. Remember, next year dues go up!

Thank you,

*Chia-Chee Chan*

Membership Chair



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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: November 30, 2002  
Contact: Margaret Wang (510) 252-1926

#### **SBCC/CBC Christmas Party**

Place: Aegis Gardens  
When: Sunday, December 15, 2002  
Contact: Lena Zee

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

Place: Tri-City Homeless Shelter  
When: March 30, 2003  
Contact: Margaret Wang (510) 252-1926

#### **CBC Spring Celebration**

Place: Fremont  
When: Saturday, April 26, 2003

### Next CBC Meetings

#### **CBC Board Meeting**

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

#### **CBC Board Meeting**

Wednesday, January TBD, 2003  
Place: Henry Yin's – 7:30 pm

#### **CBC Board Meeting**

Wednesday, February 5, 2003  
Place: Henry Yin's – 7:30 pm