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Membership Newsletter

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Niles Festival of Lights Parade



On the beautiful evening of November 26, CBC participated in the 3rd Annual Niles Festival of Lights parade held in downtown Niles. See page 6 for more details.

Happy Holidays!

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President's Message

By Thomas Tang



Dear CBC members and Friends,

I am Thomas Tang, your new president of CBC. I came to this country from Hong Kong in 1977 and settled down in Fremont in 1987. I am a founding member of CBC and have been on the Board of Directors for the last 12 years. I am honored to have this opportunity to serve you in this new role.

As CBC continues to serve the community, I see new challenges ahead of us in the coming year. One of CBC's goals is to promote Chinese Americans' community involvement. Twelve years ago, Chinese Americans in the Tri-city area were mainly from Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the Canton province of China. Today, with the People's Republic of China opening its doors, many Chinese Americans here are now from almost every province of China. This is great news as it brings a fresh new mix of Chinese culture to our community. Our goals should be to understand their culture and backgrounds and to communicate CBC's mission, vision, and core values to these new Chinese Americans.

Before we start this process of understanding and communication, we need to refresh our mission and objectives to existing members and friends. Without a clear understanding of our mission, existing members would have difficulty recruiting prospective members. We need to communicate with our members who we are, whom we serve, what we do, and why we do what we do.

I will utilize the president's message to share with you my thoughts on important issues. These issues include the

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following: Why does CBC focus on helping Chinese Americans? Why does CBC also support other organizations that do not focus in helping Chinese Americans? How do we improve serving our members? For the time being, let us think about these questions.

Please feel free to share with me or any of our directors your opinions or thoughts of these questions. We will be more than happy to discuss with you. CBC does not belong to its president. It belongs to its members. Let us hear from you.

For now, I wish everyone a happy holiday season and thank you for all your good wishes for CBC.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Tang
President

CBC Member Appointed to Workforce Investment Board

Sean Liou, lifetime CBC member, was one of five people appointed within the Labor and Workforce Development Agency by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Liou was appointed to the California Workforce Investment Board, which is responsible for assisting the Governor in performing the duties and responsibilities required by the federal Workforce Act of 1998. It was established in year 2000.



The workforce investment system is tailored to meet particular needs of local and regional markets. The system provides services to low-income individuals, targeted populations with barriers to employment, and those who are already skilled as well as those wanting to upgrade their skills and education.

All members of the Board are appointed by the Governor and represent the many facets of workforce development—business, labor, public education, higher education, economic development, youth activities, employment and training, as well as the Legislature.

The Board meets on a regular basis and the public is encouraged to attend the meetings. Decisions are reached through a collaborative process.

Congratulations, Sean!

CBC Hosts Officer & Director Installation and Intern Recognition Luncheon

On December 5, 2004, CBC hosted a luncheon to install the organization's new officers and directors for the 2004-2005 membership year. Outgoing CBC President Anna Muh handed over the gavel to incoming CBC President Thomas Tang. Tang and the new CBC Board were sworn in by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Keith Fudenna. Steve Cho, then Fremont City Vice Mayor, also said a few words of encouragement to the interns present. At this luncheon, CBC also recognized the summer interns that volunteered at the local district offices of Congressman Pete Stark, State Senator Liz Figueroa, Assembly member John Dutra, Assembly member Ellen Corbet, and the Fremont Paratransit Department.

According to Garrett Yee, "This is a nice opportunity to recognize the efforts of this past year's board for all they have done. CBC has a good name in the community because its members are dedicated to making our community a better place to live." CBC is a busy organization, which has engaged in dozens of activities during Anna Muh's term as president. "Under the leadership of Anna, CBC has continued to serve our community well." Muh states, "Under the new leadership of Thomas Tang, CBC will continue to provide value to our community. Thomas is a dynamic individual and he has lots to offer."

The following individuals will serve as CBC's Officers and Board of Directors effective November 1, 2004:

President: Thomas Tang
Vice President: Josephine Chou
Treasurer: Gordon Jang
Secretary: Chia-Chee Chan
Past President: Anna Muh

Board of Directors:
Cecilia Chang Albert Wang
Karen Chen Aaron Wong
Herbert Chiu Susanna Wong
Amy Cho Angela Yang
Steve Cho Daphne Yang
Chi Choy Garrett Yee
Whisky Ho Henry Yin
Thomas Hom Teresa Yin
Larry Hsu Loretta Yu
Eunice Ko Lena Zee

Top Hat XVIII Splendors of Asia Raises Record Breaking Funds

By Sue Chan

On October 9, more than 530 guests enjoyed an exotic evening at the 18th Annual Top Hat Fundraiser, **Splendors of Asia**, co-chaired by CBC members, Sue Lee Chan and Teresa Yin Wong. "We wanted to celebrate our heritage and culture and share it with the Tri-City community at large." Nearly a year in planning, the decorations, menu, and entertainment were carefully selected to reflect an exotic Asian flair.

The pre-dinner reception featured sushi and many other Asian style delicacies. A very popular sake bar, generously donated by Emerald Sponsor, Fremont Vista Retirement Homes (CBC Members Jerry and Frances Chen) offered traditional warm and cold sake and wonderful new libations such as sake-tini's and Tsunami Waves.

The Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church O'Nami Taiko Troupe heralded guests into the elegantly decorated ballroom with a tumultuous taiko drum performance. During dinner, the Murasaki Koto Ensemble played soothing background music as revelers feasted on a sumptuous dinner of filet mignon. Chinese lion dancers from USA OMEI enchanted guests with an impressive performance. Dynamic KTVU meteorologist, Steve Paulson served as the evening's emcee.

In keeping with the theme, gaming by Vegas Magic featured the popular card game *Pai Gow* as well as other casino favorites, black jack, roulette and craps. Mr. Masato Kimotsuki delighted guests by writing their names in Japanese calligraphy on elegant scrolls decorated with intricate origami accents. After dinner, guests danced to the tunes of the celebrated Dick Bright Orchestra and satisfied their sweet tooth with multiple trips to the decadent chocolate fountain.

The event was a tremendous success, resulting in a record breaking \$75,000+ raised to benefit the Washington Hospital's Emergency Room and Critical Care Unit. This was a very worthwhile endeavor which will benefit the many residents of Washington Hospital Township. "We sought the support of civic-minded people like our CBC members to achieve this goal. What a great way to network and have a lovely evening out for such a worthwhile cause. It is the generosity of community minded people that make the wonderful efforts of the Hospital Foundation possible," says Sue.

"CBC members were among the first to send in their reservations. It is very gratifying that CBC supported us, as we tried to make this one of the most memorable and successful Top Hats ever," states Teresa. Mission accomplished – Sue and Teresa send their heartfelt appreciation to CBC for their overwhelming support.



Left to right: Sue Lee Chan, Emcee Steve Paulson and Teresa Yin

November 2004 Election Results

By Garrett Yee

This past November, several CBC members participated in local politics by running for elective office. As with any organization, CBC is proud of its members that make a positive difference in the community. For the Fremont City Council, past CBC president Steve Cho succeeded in gaining a second term by earning the most votes by a strong margin. On the Fremont Board of Education, Ivy Wu got elected with the second most votes to earn a 4-year term. Susanna Wong was edged out of the Washington Hospital Board by about 600 votes in a district that represents over 300,000 residents. While CBC's mission is to encourage Chinese Americans to get involved, CBC is also proud of its non-Chinese members as well. This includes Bob Wasserman who won the Fremont Mayoral election, Bob Wieckowski who earned a four-year term on the Fremont City Council, Nina Moore who earned a second term on the Fremont Board of Education by gaining the most votes, and Pat Danielson who earned a four-year term on the Washington Hospital Board.

Ohlone College Sends Educational Delegation to China

By Garrett Yee



Zhejiang Province, China—The delegation team from Ohlone College recently completed a week-long visit to the City of Taizhou, China (Zhejiang Province) for the purpose of developing a relationship between Taizhou Radio and Television University/Taizhou Community College (Taizhou University) and Ohlone Community College District (Ohlone College) in order to further Ohlone College's goal of providing international education opportunities to its students.

The delegation team, comprised of Xisheng Fang, Professor of Computer Science; Alison Hill, Director of Admissions and Records; Jim Wright, Vice President of Instruction; and Garrett Yee, Board of Trustees Member, were successful in working with Taizhou University to develop a framework for a sister college relationship through which the two colleges can learn from each other and improve the quality of program offered to both schools.

The week-long effort culminated in the establishment of several focused areas of collaboration that both colleges hope can lead to improved curriculum development, student exchange, and faculty exchange. According to Jim Wright, who led the delegation, "One of the characteristics of leading colleges and universities, including community colleges, is that they have an active student/faculty exchange program. Ohlone's ability to develop such a program will help to give Ohlone College a reputation as a top notch community college, which will in turn help to attract quality students and faculty."

One major focused area is the development of a Sister College relationship with Taizhou University. According to Garrett Yee, "Taizhou University is a community college much like Ohlone College. After

spending the past week with their staff, it became clear that we have a good fit. We hope to have a resolution to the board by the next regularly scheduled meeting to formalize this relationship with Taizhou University as our Sister College."

In addition to working with Taizhou, the delegation team succeeded in achieving two other major outcomes during this visit. One major outcome was the establishment of a relationship with Zhejiang Changzheng Professional College in Hangzhou, China, which is interested in working with Ohlone to further the implementation of their Enterprise Township economic development zone. Hangzhou is a privately funded three-year college which is a new community college model.

The other major objective was the establishment of a relationship with Shanghai Jiao Tong University Distance Education Center, which is interested in working with Ohlone College to further its work on an international scale. According to Wright, "This is an area in which we are far behind. At the University of Shanghai, they have the ability to broadcast their courses via wireless technology to cell phones and PDAs in real time. This is an area where we have much to learn about."

The team agrees that whatever impressions they had of China beforehand, they have changed. According to Yee, "We were all overwhelmed with the hospitality from everyone we met from the day we arrived in China up until the day we departed back for the United States. Every meal was special which created opportunities to forge long-lasting bonds with those we met--they all went out of their way to ensure our stay was as good as it could be. It was a lot of work, but we accomplished a lot during our brief stay. Both sides mutually respected and appreciated what each organization had to offer. A "win-win" for both Taizhou College and at Ohlone."



Fremont's International Trade Mission in China

By Henry Yin
Chair, Fremont Chamber of Commerce
EDAC Commissioner, City of Fremont
November 27, 2004



As chair of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce in April, I created an International Trading Committee to address the concerns of so many people in Fremont about outreaching and expanding Fremont's economic development into global markets. The Committee, after a quick market research, proposed that we explore opportunities in Asia and South America, with more emphasis on China because of its double-digit growth of Gross National Product (GNP) and its status as a premier world-manufacturing center.

The committee accomplished most of its objectives by late October. This is my report on the committee's activities.

The objectives of the trade mission were:

1. Promote economic and trading environment for the City of Fremont.
2. Establish "Sister Chamber" for Fremont Chamber of Commerce.
3. Evaluate trading opportunity and technology exchange.
4. Encourage local businesses become active in global market.
5. Assist local business to identify partners or make strategic alliances.

Activities

In a 3-month period from July to October of 2004, I completed two trips covering six major cities in China including:

Beijing (the nation's capital)
Dongguan (the manufacturing center)
Guangzhou (the distribution center)
Harbin (the pharmaceutical center)
Shanghai (the finance center)
Shenzhen (the electronics center)

Overall Accomplishment

1. We organized and sent delegations to:
 - a. The 6th China Hi-Tech Fair (CHTF), <http://www.chtf.com>, with 23 hi-tech executives from Fremont and the Silicon Valley.
 - b. The 96th Chinese Export Commodities Fair (CECF), <http://cantonfair.org.cn>.

2. We promoted for the City of Fremont
 - a. We made presentations to
 - 1) City of Shenzhen (population of 9M)
 - 2) City of Dongguan (population of 7M)
 - 3) City of Harbin (population of 10M)
 - 4) Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT)
 - 5) 12+ delegations from U.K., Canada, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Boston and China.
3. We promoted for Fremont Chamber of Commerce We signed four "Sister Chamber" Agreements with
 - a. Shenzhen Futian General Chamber of Commerce, <http://www.szft.gov.cn>, (population of 950k, GNP \$7.5B), the CBD of Shenzhen.
 - b. Shenzhen Overseas Chinese International Business Association, (SOCIA), <http://www.socia.org>.
 - c. Harbin Hi-Tech Development Zone Committee, <http://www.kaifagu.com.cn>.
 - d. Xi'an Bureau of Commerce, <http://www.xianonlineinvest.org>
4. We met with over 100 governmental officials
 - a. In Beijing we met with over 40 officials from the State Council. Among them were six Vice Ministers / Deputy Directors (two levels below Prime Minister of the State)
 - b. In Guangzhou we met with over 20 state level officials from the Province of Canton
 - c. In Shenzhen, Dongguan, and Harbin we met with Vice Mayors, Economic Development Directors, Foreign Fair Directors, and City Planning Directors
5. We met with business community leaders
 - a. We visited six Hi-Tech Development Zones or Industrial Parks
 - b. We met with over 60 manufacturers, import/export agents, suppliers, custom agents
 - c. We met with local and foreign chamber officials, business and community leaders
6. We evaluated business in the fields of:
 - ?? Telecommunication
 - ?? Semiconductor
 - ?? Venture Capital Investment
 - ?? Software for Cellular Phone
 - ?? Biotech
 - ?? Advanced Manufacturing Process & Equipment
 - ?? Real Estate Investment
 - ?? Personal Computing
 - ?? International Manufacturing & Sourcing
 - ?? Quality Training & Services

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International Trade Mission to China

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- ?? Pharmaceutical Manufacturing
- ?? Medical equipment & Supplies
- ?? Electronic Components & Products
- ?? Automobile & Accessories
- ?? Food Processing & Packaging
- ?? Home Entertainment
- ?? Building Materials

7. We offered information, option and opportunity to local business.
 - a. We offered to Fremont business information connected with 40k+ suppliers and 170k products in China
 - b. We proposed a "Research & Scholar Exchange Program" between the 52 biotech companies in Fremont and those in Harbin
 - c. We proposed that the six cities we visited assign a trade representative to Fremont

Other Local Efforts

In the last seven months, I have also attended receptions with about twenty (20) visiting delegations to Fremont.



Henry Yin (left) shows award received from Shenzhen City.

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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OFF TO THE PARADE AGAIN!

By Amy Cho



As if there hadn't been enough 'parading' during the July 4th parade, CBC once again found itself being Entry #20 in the 3rd Annual Niles Festival of Lights parade. The After-Thanksgiving parade drew some 5,000 spectators. CBC's entry was one of 60 entries that participated on November 26.

The spirited and challenging November 2 election campaigning had taken its toll. People were finally getting a chance to relax after Thanksgiving, a traditionally lazy time. Again and as usual, Anna Muh (now CBC Past President) prodded the lethargic CBC members to hurry and get together for the parade. Anna herself had only returned from China a few days earlier. Anna mobilized the 'troops' that included Garrett Yee. After all, Garrett is a real 'Commander' in real life anyway (U.S. Army Reserves).

In no time, the CBC parade entry took shape. Steve Yee volunteered his powerful truck to pull a beautifully decorated float that was covered with lights and showing a huge lit up Snowman. Steve Cho, who had never really tested his 20 year-old gas-powered generator, was able to generate enough electricity to keep the Snowman inflated, lights lit, and music blasting. There were plenty of members and children who could sit on chairs in the float. Other members included current CBC President Thomas Tang, Vice President Josephine Chou, Amy Cho, Beverly Cho, Maria Yee & Garrett's family, Victor Muh, Anna Muh, Loretta Yu, Kate Yu, and Eunice Ko.

The parade was over too quickly. Once again, CBC had a chance to participate in a community event. With good teamwork, we met the challenge. We are becoming pro's at going to parades. It's always tons of fun. When will the next one be?

Announcing "CBC_Community" Yahoo Group Name

On Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2004, the CBC94539 Yahoo email group name was changed to CBC_Community to better reflect its purpose. You are invited to use it to send pertinent communiques to the greater CBC community of directors, members, friends and supporters who belong to it.

To use it, just address your email messages to CBC_Community@Yahogroups.com.

Contact Aaron Wong with any questions at aaronwong@excite.com.

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Past President:
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Website: Carl Chen.....(510) 490-8118

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Committees

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Larry Hsu.....(510) 490-2936

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Herbert Chiu.....(510) 490-8649

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Henry Yin.....(510) 657-1235

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Board of Directors

Cecilia Chang	Karen Chen	Herbert Chiu
Amy Cho	Steve Cho	Chi Choy
Whisky Ho	Thomas Hom	Larry Hsu
Eunice Ko	Albert Wang	Aaron Wong
Susanna Wong	Angela Yang	Daphne Yang
Garrett Yee	Henry Yin	Teresa Yin Wong
Loretta Yu	Lena Zee	

CBC Advisory Committee

Adam Chou	Chi Choy	Cindy Lee
Tony Luh	Ting O'Connor	Michelle Royston
Tim Tam	Joan Wang	Patrick Wong
Stanley Woo	Carl Chen, Chair	

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 Spring
Celebration**

Saturday, April 2, 2005

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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

CBC Toastmasters

Place: Best Friends Learning Center
Address: 42080 Osgood Road, Fremont
When: Saturdays (10-11:15 am)
Contact: Chia-Chee Chan (925) 979-2374

CBC Breakfast Club for Business (BCB)

Place: The Original Pancake House (744-1957)
39222 Fremont Blvd, Fremont
When: 3rd Friday of the month (8-9:30 am)
Contact: Thomas Tang (510) 713-2388

Homeless Shelter

Place: Sunrise Village
When: Sunday, January 30, 2005
Contact: Margaret Wang (510) 252-1926

Spring Celebration

When: Saturday, April 2, 2005
Contact: Susanna Wong (510) 796-2332

REMINDER: Please send your membership dues.

Next CBC Meetings

CBC Board Meeting

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

CBC General Meeting

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

CBC Board Meeting

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

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"Peacock Dancer"

Photo taken by Simon Chen ~ received Best of Show (1st Place) in event sponsored by the FCAC