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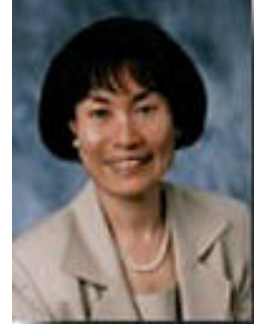
## Annual Summer BBQ



The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer BBQ was held on August 7. The weather was great and there was lots of food, fun and friends. Thank you to Steve and Amy Cho, Ken and Bernadette Chinn, Jack and Aliene Yee for their never ending support. Thanks to everyone who attended and hope to see you all next year!

## President's Message

By Anna Muh



Dear CBC members and Friends,

Time flies by when you're having fun. Since last November, the year has passed by quickly while being President of this great organization.

With your support, CBC has had another successful year. We participated in a lot of community activities and made our voice heard in the community. This past year's focus was to support the senior and youth services. We were proud to be a Gold Sponsor for the first Senior Services fund raising event – "Meet Me on Broadway". We also continued/expanded the Toastmaster youth leadership program and we had a great internship program during the summer. Our Spring Celebration event was successful with about 350 participants which raised money for CBC's operating fund allowing us to be involved in the community. This is only to name a few of the many community events we participated in throughout the year.

As you all know, this is an election year and we have many important issues and wide choices of candidates on the ballot. Please be sure to cast your vote. It is our right and duty as part of this wonderful democratic country.

The most important thing to the CBC organization is the continuous involvement and participation of the Board members and their willingness to take the responsibility to help the organization grow. Our V.P., Thomas Tang, has accepted the President position for the coming membership year (November 2004 – October 2005) along with his new cabinet: Josephine Chou as V.P., Chia-Chee Chan as the Secretary, and Gordon Jang as the Treasurer.

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We also have Amy Cho as the President-Elect for 2006. I look forward to working with the new team and my best wishes to the continuous growth of CBC.

I would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be your fearless leader for the past year. I also want to thank the Board and especially Amy Cho, as my secretary--without her, we would not have been organized at our meetings. Garrett Yee always provided guidance as the past president. Thomas Tang diligently made sure we had a good/healthy snack to keep us energized at the board meetings. Gordon Jang provided the positive financial reports and kept us financially sound. Kathy Jang, our new addition as Executive Administrator, made the Board members and the Committee chairs job much easier. This was a great team and I was honored to work with each and every one of you. You all made this year very successful and memorable. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Respectfully submitted,

**Anna Muh**  
President

**Upcoming Event....**  
**It's Christmas Party Time**  
**Saturday, December 18 at Aegis Gardens**

*by Amy Cho*

Soon the holidays will be here! The South Bay Chinese Club and Citizens for Better Community will again hold a joint Christmas Party in the afternoon from 3 – 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 18. This year, we are pleased to have the Tri-City Band Corp performing some holiday music! A joint dinner with the Aegis Seniors will be from 5 – 6 p.m. As many will remember, we all had a fantastic time at Aegis Gardens Retirement home last year. It was fun for our members and it was also a great event for the seniors who live there.

So please plan to come and enjoy a few hours of holiday fun! The address of Aegis Gardens is 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.

Please RSVP by December 8, 2004, to Amy Cho, 797-6426 or Aliene Yee, 657-7972.

**Active CBC Members**  
**Running for Local Office**



**Steve Cho –**  
CBC Director



**Ivy Wu –**  
Contributor to CBC Newsletter



**Susanna Wong –**  
Spring Celebration Chair

## CBC Election Results 2004-2005 Officers

At the October monthly meeting, the CBC Board of Directors approved the following executive officer appointments for 2004-2005, effective November 1, 2004.

**President:** Thomas Tang

**Vice President:** Josephine Chou

**Treasurer:** Gordon Jang

**Secretary:** Chia-Chee Chan

**Past President:** Anna Muh

**President Elect 2005-2006:** Amy Cho

**Board of Directors:** TBA

### Installation of CBC Officers & Directors

Please join us for our annual installation and intern recognition luncheon. CBC is a community-based organization and we invite you all to join us for a few hours on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Newark/Fremont Hilton. Please contact Garrett Yee (510) 790-0865 for more details.

### Membership Dues are Due

It is that time of year again. The new membership year will begin on November 1, 2004. Shortly, you will be receiving a membership form via US mail (or see form on page 7). Please complete the form and send in your dues. Better yet, become a lifetime member and never worry about your annual dues. Your dues help to pay for our CBC newsletter. Thanks in advance for your support!

### Welcome! Kayla Rose Wong



Kayla was born on July 8<sup>th</sup> to the proud parents, Patrick & Teresa Wong and grandparents, Henry & Maria Yin. Congratulations!

## Bond Measure FF (Washington Township Health Care District)

The residents of Fremont, Union City, Newark, Sunol and south Hayward OWN Washington Hospital. Opened in 1958 after local citizens approved a bond measure, Washington Hospital today serves 160,000 patients with 43,000 people a year admitted to its Emergency Room where victims of heart attacks, strokes, accidents and other medical emergencies are treated with the best medical care available.

Today, Washington Hospital's emergency room facilities are severely overcrowded and new state guidelines require extensive seismic upgrades. Measure FF has been placed on the ballot to expand the hospital's capacity to provide life-saving services to critically ill patients and to provide facilities that are able to withstand a major earthquake.

Measure FF will:

- ?? Provide state required upgrades for earthquake safety
- ?? Upgrade and expand Emergency Room facilities
- ?? Upgrade and expand the Intensive Care Unit
- ?? Build rapid, state-of-the-art cardiac care facilities
- ?? Add patient beds and operating rooms to serve our growing community
- ?? Expand laboratory and x-ray facilities

Private donations and hospital funds will be used to pay for over half of the cost of hospital construction and projects. Measure FF will cost the average taxpayer less than \$10 a year per \$100,000 of assessed valuation and is deductible on state and federal taxes. All money raised by Measure FF will stay in our community to benefit local citizens and improve access to healthcare.

Measure FF mandates strict fiscal control and accountability. No funds can be used to pay administrators. An independent Citizens Oversight Committee will monitor expenditures and ensure funds are spent properly.

Local nurses, doctors, firefighters, police and emergency response providers urge support of Measure FF. No one knows when a life-threatening emergency will strike. Measure FF ensures that medical care will be here locally when you need it.

See [www.whhs.com](http://www.whhs.com) for more details.

## Measure V City of Fremont - Utility Users Tax *(City Attorney's Impartial Analysis)*

Measure V seeks voter approval of a Utility Tax Ordinance at a rate of no greater than 6% of utility charges for the following types of utilities: telephone (wired and wireless), electricity, natural gas, water, sewer, and video (e.g. cable television). If the 6% maximum tax rate is approved by the voters, the Ordinance authorizes the City Council to reduce the tax rate for particular classes of taxpayers (such as low income taxpayers, or particular classes of businesses), or to reduce the tax rate for particular types of utilities. The Ordinance also requires the Council to review the tax revenues on an annual basis to determine whether to modify any such tax rate reductions.

Approval of Measure V also provides for the establishment of an independent Fremont taxpayers committee (the "Utility Users Taxpayers Oversight Committee") to review the amounts of revenue generated by the tax, review how the revenue is used by the City, and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the use of the tax revenues and the establishment of reductions to the tax.

If Measure V is approved by a majority of the voters, the revenue generated by the Ordinance will be placed in the City's General Fund and used for the general governmental purposes of the City, which include essential services such as police, fire, and street and park maintenance.

In general, the Ordinance provides for the tax to be paid as part of regular utility bills. However, the Ordinance also provides an option of paying the tax directly to the City, for direct purchasers of electricity, natural gas, or water. The Ordinance specifies penalties and interest on delinquent tax payments, appeal procedures for resolution of disputed taxes, and refund procedures for overpaid taxes.

The City's Finance Director is authorized to enforce the Ordinance, and to issue administrative regulations consistent with the Ordinance. Administrative regulations may be issued in order to interpret and clarify the Ordinance, and to address changes in a utility's billing methods, or to address changes in state or federal law. For example, if federal law (which currently prohibits taxation of satellite television) changed, an Administrative regulation could be issued to allow a utility users tax on satellite television (as a "video" service).

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## Friends of Children with Special Needs "Dream Center" Project

*By Albert Wang, MD  
Community Involvement Chair*



Friends of Children with Special Needs, a non-profit group serving immigrant families with special needs children since 1996, has begun construction of its \$2-million "Dream Center" project on Peralta Blvd near Paseo Padre. This center will consolidate administrative services and serves as a teaching/training center for children and adults with disabilities to help them become self-sufficient. It is the first project of its kind for Chinese Americans in California, and possibly the entire U.S. Thanks to the donation from many of CBC members and supporters, FCSN has raised \$1.85 million of the \$2 million needed to complete and equip the center. To close the gap, FCSN will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gala "Embracing the Dream" at the Hyatt Regency in Burlingame, on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Tickets are \$75 per person, and will include an Asian-theme dinner, masquerade party, children's program, and a finale performance by Jessica Shum, Winner of the Taipei World Karaoke Contest in 2001, along with many other titles. Guests will dance the evening away with live band music by IDEA Band, featuring our own Dr. Herbert Chiu at the drums! There are also sponsorship and advertising opportunities. Over 1,000 community leaders and guests attended the 2003 event. Please check [www.fcsn1996.org](http://www.fcsn1996.org) for more information, or contact Josephine Chou (510) 573-3232.



Construction begins on the FCSN "Dream Center"

## **CBC Youth Leadership Toastmaster**

*By Eric Ching*

My philosophy in life is to always stand out in society. Make society see who you truly are because society will not see you.

Ever since I learned how to speak, I learned that effective communication is a helpful tool in society. You must communicate your ideas to other people or else no one will know what you are thinking. You might have great ideas or be extremely intelligent, but if you can't communicate your ideas to people, you still will not get anywhere in this world.

I am a four-year graduate of Toastmasters and I can honestly say that this program has significantly helped me become a better communicator as well as a better leader to my fellow peers.

I want to join Toastmasters again because I believe that there is no end to improve public speaking. You can always improve on your communication skills to effectively communicate your ideas to people. For example, recently, I've been going to a lot of interviews for internships. Interviews require extreme amount of communicative skills to establish with the interviewer your ideas. I used the skills I gained from Toastmasters to communicate my ideas. I thank Toastmasters for helping me get the internship.

Furthermore, I want to do Toastmasters again because in the future I hope to become a lawyer. Effective speaking can propel me into becoming a great lawyer. Later in life I also want to enter politics to help the public. I believe that the best way to improve the world is to enter politics to make a difference. Politicians are public servants of society. They serve the people. Speaking effectively is another crucial element to me becoming a successful politician.

As a returning student, I hope very much that you will consider accepting me again to this program. I believe this program can help a lot of students achieve their dreams and I believe that this program can help me achieve my dreams.

## **Pat Danielson – CBC Member Receives Award**



On Sunday, September 12, in honor of American Business Women's Day, the American Business Women's Association of the Bay Area (ABWA) honored Patricia "Pat" Danielson and two other San Francisco Bay Area women with the prestigious Woman of Distinction Award. The awards luncheon was held at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. Pat, a member of the Washington Hospital District Board of Directors, is a self-employed registered health care professional having spent the past 35 years working in hospitals, skilled nursing, psychiatric and ambulatory facilities. She also hosts a local cable show "Pat's Health Matters" where seniors, men, women, children, hospice, mental health, disease prevention and other health issues are discussed. Congratulations, Pat!

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### **Measure V – Utility Users Tax** *(con't from page 4)*

The Ordinance was introduced by the City Council on July 13, 2004, and adopted by the City Council on July 27, 2004, subject to voter approval.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure V, and the proposed Utility Users Tax Ordinance No. 26-2004. The definition of each utility service, and a description of how the tax is calculated and collected, is more particularly described in the Ordinance. If you desire a copy of the Ordinance, you may contact the City Clerk's Office at: 3300 Capital Avenue, Bldg. A, Fremont, CA 94538; phone: (510) 284-4060; or email: [cclerk@ci.fremont.ca.us](mailto:cclerk@ci.fremont.ca.us)) and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

## CBC Summer Interns

By Karen Chen



On Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, the CBC Summer Interns met for an informal roundtable discussion over pizza and sodas. During this meeting, the high school seniors shared various stories of what it was like to work in a legislative or City office. They recounted their trials and tribulations, fears and frustrations as well as the fun and joyous times they had. At the end, they were left sharing a common bond with each other. Here, they tell of their experiences in their own words, and share some words of wisdom as well.

"Beware of the unknown, for the light will save your soul. Think about it. Great experience at the internship; I gained great knowledge of the working world." - *Eric Ching, Mission San Jose High, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (City of Fremont Paratransit Department)*

"Make sure you take twice as long to do it right, not half as fast and do it wrong. Patience is a virtue!" - *Jeffrey Duh, Mission San Jose High, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (Office of State Senator Liz Figueroa)*

"Working in a legislative office made me realize that our society really needs leadership from the best people. Leaders definitely play a vital role in order for a city to thrive." - *Jennifer Huang, Washington High, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (Office of Assemblymember John Dutra)*

"Politics, good or bad, is the glue that holds the fabric of the United States together." - *Allen Jiang, James Logan High, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (Office of Congressman Pete Stark)*

"It was fun meeting great people while learning about the legislative process. I wouldn't have traded the experience for anything." - *Jessica Kao, Mission San Jose High, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (Office of Congressman Pete Stark)*

"It was such a great experience! I learned the legislative process, teamwork and communication, which I hope will further my determination towards pre-law." - *Tiffany Lau, The Harker School, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (Office of Assemblymember John Dutra)*

"It was a great experience! I got to answer and transfer many phone calls, the people there were

great, and Ms. Corbett's hybrid car is awesome!" - *Amy Lin, James Logan High, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (Office of Assemblywoman Ellen Corbett)*

"This experience allowed me to grow and to figure out more about who I am and what I'm capable of. I'm really grateful to CBC for allowing me this opportunity." - *Danni Ngo, James Logan High, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (City of Fremont Paratransit Department)*

"The internship program overall is a beneficial experience for people like me because it develops and promotes professionalism." - *Gabriella Wong, James Logan High, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, (Office of State Senator Liz Figueroa)*



Pictured left to right: (bottom row) Gabriella Wong, Amy Lin, Danni Ngo, Jennifer Huang, (top row) Tiffany Lau, Jessica Kao, Allen Jiang, Eric Ching and Jeffrey Duh

### 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@yahoo.com](mailto:dryin@yahoo.com).

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## 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.**

**Please check one of the following and include a check payable to *CBC* and send to:**

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Remember to VOTE!  
Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>



### **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 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month (8-9:30 am)  
Contact: Thomas Tang (510) 713-2388

#### **Niles Festival of Lights Parade**

Place: Niles Blvd, Fremont  
When: Friday, November 26, 2004 (6:30 pm)  
Contact: Thomas Tang (510) 713-2388

#### **Installation Luncheon & Intern Recognition**

Place: Newark/Fremont Hilton  
When: Sunday, December 5, 2004 (noon)  
Contact: Garrett Yee (510) 790-0865

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

Place: Aegis Gardens  
When: Saturday, December 18, 2004 (3-6 pm)  
Contact: Amy Cho (510) 797-6426

### Next CBC Meetings

#### **CBC Board Meeting**

Wednesday, November 3, 2004  
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

#### **CBC Board Meeting**

Wednesday, December 1, 2004  
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

#### **CBC Board Meeting**

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

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### **2005 Schedule for Serving Meals at the Homeless Shelter at Sunrise Village**

January 30  
March 20  
May 15  
June 19

Contact: Margaret Wang (510) 252-1926