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15th Annual Spring Celebration

Saturday, March 10, 2007  
5:30 in the evening

Hilton Newark/Fremont  
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## President's Message

By Steve Cho



Greetings to All

It was just "yesterday" that we were wishing everyone a Happy New Year and it's going to be that time again. We should feel so fortunate to have that experience twice in such a short time frame.

As we begin this coming Chinese New Year, we have an opportunity to make new resolutions or to reconfirm our resolutions we made just a few weeks ago. I am falling into a pattern that I suspect most others do.... "Did I say I would do that?" However, there is one resolution that I will try to maintain for the year and that is to promote CBC and make it an even better service organization.

It is not too difficult to see the outreach we've made in the past years. We have a group of very dedicated community minded volunteers and we continue to attract more interest not only from our Chinese community, but also from the community at large. CBC has worked hard and has earned the respect to have a "Seat at the Table."

As we go forward into February and March, CBC will be supporting a number of community activities/events:

1. **Friday, February 23:** CBC will be a sponsoring organization at the Fremont Education Foundation's Annual Excellence in Education Gala. This year the FEF will be honoring Albert and Anna Wang along with Guy Emmanuel.
2. **Saturday, March 3:** CBC will partner with Fremont Library, South Bay Chinese Club and Tri-City Chinese School to host a Chinese New Year Celebration at the Fremont Main Library.

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3. **Sunday, March 4:** CBC will provide a sponsorship at the Annual Culture to Culture Foundation Fundraiser for Senior Mental Health Services.
4. **Sunday, March 4:** CBC will provide a sponsorship at the F.U.N. Sunset Rotary Club Chinese New Year Celebration.
5. **Saturday, March 10:** ***CBC's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Celebration***
6. **Saturday, April 1:** CBC sponsors a scholarship at the South Bay Service Club's Annual Scholarship luncheon.

As you can see, CBC is quite involved in the community. We invite you to come join us. It will be an excellent opportunity to meet people in the community and to create new friendships.

One final happy note to share is that our good friend and past president of CBC, Garrett Yee, is now home. He had been serving our country in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Iraq for the past 6 months. His sacrifice together with all the men and women in uniform make it possible for us to carry on our daily lives. Welcome home Garrett!

Please support the CBC 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Celebration.

With warm regards,

Steve Cho

Steve Cho  
President

## Spring Celebration 2007

CBC's Annual Spring Celebration will be held on **Saturday, March 10, 2007** at the Hilton Newark/Fremont. Our program this year is an "Evening in Canton." Canton is famous for its exotic foods, diversity and Cantonese Opera (Yueju). Many of the Chinese-Americans in San Francisco Bay Area can trace their ancestry to Canton, including our very own special guest to our program, Celebrity Chef Martin Yan who is dedicated to promoting worldwide appreciation of Asian cuisine and culture. Yan Can Cook's renowned cooking show airs internationally in over 50 countries. We are proud and honored to have his support this year.

This elegant dinner gala is CBC's largest annual fundraising event and raises the majority of its funds used throughout the fiscal year to support local programs such as:

- ~ Asian American Donor Program
- ~ CBC Youth Internship Program
- ~ Chinese Language Schools
- ~ Feed the Homeless
- ~ Fremont Education Foundation
- ~ Fremont Libraries
- ~ Fremont's 50th Anniversary Celebration
- ~ Fremont Symphony Orchestra
- ~ Friends of Children with Special Needs
- ~ Fremont Chamber of Commerce Gala
- ~ Justice for New Americans
- ~ Ohlone College Foundation
- ~ Olive Festival
- ~ Tri-City Homeless Coalition
- ~ Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation

For event and ticket information, call Kathy Jang at (510) 790-0740 or [kjang25@yahoo.com](mailto:kjang25@yahoo.com).

*Special Thanks to...*

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Spring Celebration 2007*



## An Amazing Talent

By Steve Cho

Raymond Hu is a thirty-year-old artist. He was born with Down Syndrome. Going through life with Down Syndrome is a difficult challenge to say the least. Anyone who is familiar with Down Syndrome knows that it is not easy for someone inflicted with Down Syndrome to cope with life's daily struggle, let alone excel in a certain area.



Such is the case for Raymond. He has an exceptional talent for Chinese brush painting. Raymond is fascinated by animals and has concentrated in painting them. Raymond's paintings have been exhibited in various art galleries throughout the U.S. and have won many awards and honors.

When CBC was in the planning stage for this year's spring celebration, the "Year of the Boar" theme was considered. Naturally, a picture of a boar was needed. While there were many choices to choose from, we decided to ask Raymond because we all knew he could show his talent and paint a picture that would represent this year's theme. As you can see from the picture, his amazing talent is demonstrated once again.



Although the theme was ultimately changed, we wanted to recognize Raymond for his efforts and his exceptional talent. If you would like to read more about Raymond, please visit his website at [www.raymondhu.com](http://www.raymondhu.com).

## CBC Youth Group Update

By Irene Yung & Eunice Ko

The CBC Youth Group is formed by a group of parents (mostly mothers) who are very caring and concerned about building character in their teenagers. Lecturing teenagers are not an effective means of communication, so we do fun and educational activities instead. Here are a couple of them:

### Homeless shelter service

At the Tri-city homeless shelter, the youths cook and serve lunch or dinner to the homeless. The parents do the purchasing of the ingredients and the teenagers prepare, cook and serve the food. The teens also clean up. Everything is done under the supervision of the parents.

The Youth Group's 2007 schedule to feed the homeless are:

Saturday, March 31 ~ dinner  
Saturday, June 30 ~ dinner  
Sunday, July 22 ~ lunch  
Sunday, September 23 ~ lunch  
Sunday, September 30 ~ dinner

The approximate hours worked for dinner is from 4 p.m. to about 7 p.m. and lunch is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At the end of the service, the teenagers are provided with community service certificates; this is one of the requirements for high school graduation.

The feed back from teenagers is that it's fun and they feel good that the time spent is well worth it.

### Toastmaster Youth Leadership Program

The Toastmaster Youth Leadership Program is designed to develop the speaking and leadership skills for young people to be better prepared to meet the demands and challenges of today's world. This program is an eight-week summer program that meets on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The high school students have an enjoyable time learning some essential communication skills. It is a place for them to practice public speaking about topics that are common amongst teenagers. Once the student completes the Toastmaster requirements, a certificate will be rewarded at graduation. The graduation ceremony party gives students a chance to practice a true public speech and follow up with a warm lunch party.

A Toastmaster International Club, such as Star Search Toastmaster and CBC Toastmaster Club, sponsors this program. The toastmaster club provides teachers and teaching material. The CBC Youth Group provides volunteers (parents) to find a location to hold the program, sends out flyers, handles registration, purchases snacks and drinks, and plans the graduation ceremony.

If you are interested in these activities, please contact the CBC Youth Group (see Directory on page 7).

## CBC Summer Internship Program

### Offering Local Chinese-American Youth:

- ?? *Communication and Leadership Skills Development*
- ?? *Exposure to The Legislative Process (Federal, State & Local)*
- ?? *Practical Work Experience*
- ?? *Opportunity to Work With Legislators to Help Our Community*
- ?? *Source of Recommendation Letter for Future Colleges and Jobs*

### Qualifications:

1. Chinese American, 16 years or older on January 1, 2007
2. High School Sophomore, Junior, or Senior
3. Resident of the San Francisco Bay Area
4. Preference given to families of CBC members

### Requirements:

1. Able to work 3 to 6 hours a week (total of at least 60 hours during the summer)
2. 3 to 5 month commitment (to be negotiated with the legislative offices)
3. An essay describing your experience at the end of the term
4. Must be available to meet for orientation as well as 2 evenings during the summer for Interns' Progress Meeting
5. Reliable transportation to/from designated internship office

### At the End of the Program, You Will Receive:

- ?? \$300 Stipend
- ?? Certificate of Completion Awarded at the Annual CBC Interns' Appreciation Luncheon
- ?? Possible Recommendation Letter from an Elected Official

If you are interested in this program, please contact Lisa M. Quan, CBC Internship Coordinator, at 415-238-1893 or via e-mail at [lisamquan@istep.com](mailto:lisamquan@istep.com). Or complete the application form (available at the CBC website: [www.cbc-sfbay.com](http://www.cbc-sfbay.com)) and mail (or e-mail) to the address above.

## CBC Co-Hosts 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chinese New Year Celebration "Year of the Pig"

Citizens for Better Community (CBC), the South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC), the Fremont Main Library and the Tri-City Chinese School will host the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chinese New Year Celebration at the Fremont Main Library on **Saturday, March 3, 2007**, from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. This event is geared towards families and anyone interested in the culture. Entertainment will include dance, musical instruments, songs, Kung-Fu, and crafts—all free. There will also be a Chinese Traditional Art Demo in the van Doorn Room.

This is an opportunity for the South Bay Chinese Club and Citizens for Better Community to do something together that celebrates our cultural heritage.

Each year, participation and interest have grown at this event and we expect the same this year. Please join us in celebrating the Year of the Pig!



Fremont Main Library  
2400 Stevenson Blvd.  
Saturday  
March 3, 2007  
1:30 - 4 p.m.

### Chinese New Year Celebration

### Year of the PIG

娛性表演  
■ Entertainment (Dance, Music Instruments, Songs, Kung-Fu, etc. from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. in the Fukaya Room  
跳舞, 樂器演奏, 唱歌, 功夫等)

■ Chinese Traditional Art Demo from 2 - 4 p.m. in the van Doorn Room  
中國傳統藝術展

■ Crafts from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Storytime Theater 手工藝品

Come and Celebrate with Us!  
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## Phonological Generalization

By Pramit Chavda (Speech presented at a CBC Toastmasters meeting)

Have you ever-experienced difficulty understanding English spoken by your colleagues, friends, customers, or shop-clerks that are from other countries, just like many of us? Well, it should not come as a surprise to anyone who knows that there are more than 100 languages spoken in homes of Fremont alone. While we all speak different languages and dialects at home, most of us communicate in English while at work or while shopping. If you are one of the large groups of population who migrated to the United States from a non-English speaking country, becoming proficient in English communication is probably one of your most important goals. There are two sides of this communication coin: On one side, it is about communicating effectively from us to the people. The other side of the coin is to receive communication from other people effectively in order to understand them.

While most of our focus tends to be on communicating from us to the others, receiving communication effectively is often overlooked. Today we are going to discuss a key aspect of receiving communication: Understanding of language accents and simple ways to deal with it.

As mentioned earlier, there are more than one hundred languages spoken in the homes of Fremont, but everyone speaks English when they go out to work, shop or go to school. This generates tremendous varieties of the way English is spoken in this city. When I came to the United States, I had difficulty understanding some pronunciations of American people. For example, I found it difficult to differentiate between (Bob & Bop), (And & An), (Bag & Back) spoken by a native English speaker. They differ significantly from the way I was taught to pronounce them in India, where I learned English with British influence. This brings up the often mentioned, and less understood subject of 'Language Accents.' While most people deal with the other people's English accents with intuition and sometimes luck, there is a branch of science dedicated to the study of language sounds, their distribution and patterns. A special topic within the science of Phonology is 'Phonological Generalizations', which studies various language accents and derives general rules that describe a speaker's accent.

Let us go through some scientific understanding of accent. Accent is simply variability in stress, tone and

length of spoken syllables. A key point to note here is that by definition, any accent is always relative to some other accent. Basically, characteristics of any language accent can be categorized into three categories.

1. Consonant change  
?? Example: p->b, s->z, r->l, l->r, th->s/z
2. Vowel change  
?? Raise, Shorten, or Lower
3. Syllable structure change  
?? Add vowel, Add/remove consonant

Scientific study of various accents of American English (remember: accent is always relative) from people around the world has been done and a set of changes common to numerous other language speakers has been established. The good news is that there are typically less than 5-6 characteristics from each of the above categories for any strong accent. An excellent website that had database of various language accent is <http://accent.gmu.edu>.

On top of the scientific understanding, there are a few simple and effective ways to deal with accents of other people we communicate with:

1. If you do not understand something, ask again. Guesses cost more than facts!
2. Do not rush the other person: A non-native English speaker, hears you in English, translates to his/her native language in their mind, comes to a response in his/her language and translates the response back to English. Obviously, this mental translation needs extra time.
3. If you have to deal with a particular type of accent every day, learn about that particular accent characteristics and soon you can understand them like you are one of them.

To learn more about CBC Toastmasters, visit [www.cbc-sfbay.com/toastmaster](http://www.cbc-sfbay.com/toastmaster).

Come and visit *Citizens for Better Communicators*.

**When: Saturdays**  
**Where: Best Friends Learning Center**  
**42080 Osgood Road, Fremont**  
**Time: 10 a.m.**

## 2006-2007 SBCSC Scholarship Program

*By Willy Yichoy, Co-Chair*

The South Bay Chinese Service Club (SBCSC) annually awards scholarships to exemplary high school students of Chinese descent in the Southern Alameda County. This year the scholarship program will again be focusing on those students residing in the cities of **Fremont, Newark and Union City**. Scholarship applications have been distributed and are available in the high school career centers and can also be downloaded from the club website: <http://www.sbcclub.org>.

The date and venue of the Scholarship Luncheon have been set for **Sunday, April 1, 2007** at the **Courtyard by Marriott** in Newark. We are pleased to announce that Lieutenant Colonel Garrett Yee will be our main speaker for the luncheon this year. Additionally, we'd like to welcome two new readers on the Scholarship Committee, Jean Louie and Karen Young. Thanks to both of them for joining the committee this year.

As always, your continued support of this program is essential to its success so please make your donation and send it to:

SBCSC  
c/o Gordon Jang  
38742 Glencoe Drive  
Fremont, CA 94536

Currently, our donations are below last year's receipts so please don't forget to do your part. We're counting on your participation in this club endeavor and are looking forward to your continued support.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the SBCSC Scholarship program, please let me know at [willy51@aol.com](mailto:willy51@aol.com), or 510-792-6961. Thank you.



2006 Scholarship Luncheon

## Congratulations to Albert & Anna Wang!

On Friday, February 23, 2007, CBC Board of Director, Dr. Albert Wang and his wife, Anna, will be honored at Fremont Education Foundation's Fifth Annual Excellence in Education Gala held at the Fremont Marriott. Albert and Anna will be honored for their long-term involvement in Fremont's education community, and for having a vision of a better future for our special needs students.

As many of you know, Friends of Children with Special Needs is a nonprofit organization formed to support families with special needs children. With a membership rapidly expanding from the 10 Chinese American families at inception to over 400, the organization has embarked on an ambitious fundraising effort to build the "FCSN Dream Center" to expand their services. The grand opening of the Dream Center was held on October 8, 2006.



For more information on programs at the Dream Center, call (510) 739-6900 or visit: [www.fcsn1996.org](http://www.fcsn1996.org).

### CBC MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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](mailto:kjang25@yahoo.com).

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (November 1, 2006 – October 31, 2007)

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

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"Evening in Canton"

**Saturday ~ March 10, 2007**

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Call (510) 790-0740

#### **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

### **Toastmasters (Citizens for Better Communicators)**

When: Saturdays (10 am)  
Where: Best Friends Learning Center  
42080 Osgood Road, Fremont  
Contact: Mary Shambaugh at [casunset@pacbell.net](mailto:casunset@pacbell.net)

### **Fremont Education Foundation (FEF) Gala**

When: Friday, February 23, 2007 (5:30 pm)  
Where: Fremont Marriott  
Contact: Nina Moore (510) 713-9940

### **Chinese New Year Celebration**

When: Saturday, March 3, 2007 (1:30-4:00 pm)  
Where: Fremont Main Library  
Contact: Amy Cho (510) 797-6426

### **Ohlone College Foundation Luncheon**

When: Friday, March 9, 2007 (11:30 am – 2 pm)  
Where: Fremont Marriott

### **CBC's Annual Spring Celebration**

When: Saturday, March 10, 2007 (5:30 pm)  
Where: Hilton Newark/Fremont  
Tickets: Kathy Jang (510) 790-0740

## Upcoming CBC Meetings

**\*Note: Prior to each meeting, there will be set-up and a social "hour" from 7 pm.**

### **CBC Board Meeting**

Wednesday, March 7, 2007  
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

### **CBC Board Meeting**

Wednesday, April 4, 2007  
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

### **CBC Board Meeting**

Wednesday, May 2, 2007  
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

## Gung Hay Fat Choy!

## Year of the Pig