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ONE COMMUNITY ONE DREAM

Citizens for Better Community
presents their

16th Annual Spring Celebration

Saturday, March 29, 2008
5:30 in the evening

Marriott Fremont
46100 Landing Parkway, Fremont, CA 94538

For early registration and sponsorship information, contact:
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President's Message

By David Sheen



Dear CBC members and friends,

Happy New Year to you all! (恭賀新禧) The year 2007 sure flew by quickly. I cannot believe it has been nearly three months since our installation luncheon back in last October.

I would first like to mention that CBC and SBCC had another successful and fun Christmas Party at Aegis Gardens in December. I would like to thank all the directors and volunteers who helped us make another unforgettable joint event. I would also like to give our immediate past president, Steve Cho, our gratitude for being such a wonderful and jolly "Santa Claus" once again. Our Santa sure has brought lots of gifts and laughter to the seniors.

I hope that everyone has enjoyed their holidays and is ready for new and exciting adventures in 2008.

As the Chinese community all around the world will be celebrating the Year of Rat this upcoming Chinese New Year, China will be hosting its very first Olympic in world's history!

Let's not forget that 2008 is also our country's Presidential Election year. Needless to say, there is a good possibility that America may be having its very first female or African-American president by the end of this year. What an exciting change that we may be witnessing very shortly!

As we move forward into another new year, CBC will be supporting and sponsoring a number of community events and activities in February and March. Here is a sample of upcoming events:

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Saturday, February 2, 2008: Ohlone College Green Tie Gala — Several CBC Board of Directors will be participating in this gala in connection with the celebration of Ohlone College's new "Green" campus opening in Newark.

Saturday, February 16, 2008: Chinese New Year Celebration at Fremont Main Library — CBC will once again partner with Fremont Library and South Bay Chinese Club to host a Chinese New Year Celebration at Fremont Main Library. This will be a wonderful event for all of our members and their family to attend. Entertainment will include music, dances, and various traditional Chinese arts and crafts.

Sunday, February 17, 2008: Chinese New Year Dinner Event—Fremont Rotary Club and F.U.N. Rotary Club will be hosting its annual Chinese New Year Dinner and Fundraising event at the Mayflower Restaurant in Union City. CBC members are invited to join this dinner event.

Friday, February 22, 2008: Fremont Education Foundation's Annual "Excellence in Education" Gala — CBC will be a sponsoring organization at Fremont Education Foundation's Annual Gala. This year FEF will be honoring Dirk Lorenz and Lee Glover. Many of CBC Officers and Directors will be attending this event.

Saturday, March 15, 2008: Third Annual "Black Tie and Tennis Shoe" Gala presented by The Exchange Club of Fremont — CBC will be sponsoring this fun event, which is hosted by the Exchange Club of Fremont. Proceeds received at this event will benefit Life Eldercare's Meals on Wheels, the Fremont Teen Center, and CAPA (a local child abuse prevention center).

Saturday, March 29, 2008: CBC's 16th Annual Spring Celebration — CBC will be having our annual fundraiser event at the Fremont Marriott Hotel this year. This elegant dinner event is CBC's largest annual fundraising event and raises the majority of CBC's funds that are used throughout the fiscal year to support our community's local programs.

If you are interested in joining any of these events, please feel free to contact our Executive Director for further details. Kathy Jang can be reached at (510) 790-0740 or kjang25@yahoo.com. Other CBC contact information is listed at the end of this newsletter. We would like to invite all CBC members and friends to come join us.

Please remember that CBC is here to serve you and our community at large. Please feel free to make any

suggestions as how we can better serve our community by making our sponsored events more enjoyable. Finally, I send my very best wishes to all our members, friends, and family for a happy and prosperous new year.

Warmest Regards,

沈建飛
David Sheen

President of CBC

Save the Date....

Spring Celebration 2008

*By David Sheen & Lisa Quan
2008 Spring Celebration Co-Chairs*

CBC's 16th Annual Spring Celebration will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Fremont on **Saturday, March 29, 2008** at 5:30 p.m. Last year the event was sold out weeks before the event so we are encouraging all CBC supporters to save the date well in advance. We will disseminate more information through our website, flyers and other media in the near future.

The Spring Celebration is the CBC's annual major fundraiser from which it obtains the necessary resources to continue to provide the myriad of community service projects in Fremont and other cities. Over the years, this event has been receiving increasing accolade for its creative entertainment, gourmet food, fabulous raffle opportunities and of course, the convivial environment. Last year our featured guest was Martin Yan, world-renowned celebrity chef. This year, we will feature a talent contest similar to the overwhelmingly popular "American Idol" show and the winners can look forward to sizeable cash prizes. Also, we will celebrate the Olympic Games this year, which will be hosted by the city of Beijing in China.

CBC is proud to offer members of the public this opportunity to promote community service and to have a fun-filled evening.

For event ticket and sponsorship information, please contact Kathy Jang at (510) 790-0740 or kjang25@yahoo.com.



Beijing 2008

ONE COMPETITION ONE DREAM

On the evening of March 29, 2008, one winner will walk away with a Grand Prize of \$500

CBC's GOT TALENT

**Seven Finalists will compete for
Grand Prize: \$500, 2nd Prize \$250 and 3rd Prize \$150**

Think you got talent? Amateurs of all kinds are invited to try out. Individuals and groups of up to 10 people welcomed. Singers, dancers, animal acts, musicians, bizarre novelty acts, magicians, comedians, belly dancers.....all ages.....the sky's the limit! Don't miss your opportunity to perform before a panel of celebrity judges and an audience of 500 to prove to the CBC Community that **YOU** have indeed what it takes to be the next big star!

If you think you do, in 30 words or less, describe your talent and send your name and contact information to Ray Tong:

E-mail: PacGenCon@sbcglobal.net

Fax: 510-824-0492

The more interesting your entry, the better your chances of being selected! The first 60 entries will be invited to give a 4-minute audition on Feb. 15th or 16th. You will be notified by email. If you make the cut and are selected to be a finalist, you will perform at the CBC Spring Celebration on March 29, 2008 at the Fremont Marriott, where the winners will be chosen.

Are you the next great star? Do you have what it takes? Make your Dream come true; enter now for a chance to become CBC's next big discovery!

All auditions will be videotaped and out takes shown during the Spring Celebration Event and/or posted on YouTube.com.*

Upcoming events....

Ohlone College Dedication

Ohlone College's Newark campus is on track for LEED Platinum Certification – the first college campus in the world to do so! Please join us as we celebrate this landmark occasion. The dedication will be held on **Thursday, January 31**, from 10:30 a.m. at the Newark Campus located at 39399 Cherry Street in Newark.

The Grand Opening Celebration and Green Tie Gala to celebrate the new campus will be held on **Saturday, February 2** at the Hilton. For more information, please contact Thomas Hsu at (510) 659-6020.

Chinese New Year to be Celebrated at the Fremont Main Library

By Amy Cho

Citizens For Better Community, South Bay Chinese Club, and the Fremont Main Library will again celebrate the Chinese New Year on **Saturday, February 16**, from 1-4 p.m. This year we celebrate the Year of the Rat, Lunar Year 4706.

Art and craft booths will fill the library from 1-4 p.m. Last year, one hardly had enough time to watch all the demonstrations showing Silk Dye, Chinese Knots, Paper Cutting, Dough Figurines, Flower Arrangements, Calligraphy and Dragon Design. There will be more of the same this year. In the Storytime Theater, you will find many children's crafts. The children have tons of fun while they observe the demonstrations. They also get hands-on experience doing the crafts themselves and taking their own work home!

Don't miss the entertainment program, which takes place from 1-2 p.m. in the Fukaya Room. The performances include instruments, story telling, singing, martial arts and dance! It is fascinating to see the talents we have right here in our own community.

Rotary Club's Annual Fundraiser

Fremont Rotary and F.U.N. (Fremont, Union City and Newark) Rotary Club will be hosting the 3rd Annual Chinese New Year fundraising event on **Sunday, February 17**, at 6:00 p.m. at Mayflower Restaurant in Union City.

The main objectives are to support the following charities:

~ Project SPAN (Stop Pediatric AIDS Now) in Yunnan, China as the International Project

~ FCSN (Friends of Children with Special Needs) in Fremont as the Community Project

The first two have been successful and fun. I sincerely hope that you, your family, your club and your friends can come to support the above charities and have fun at the same time.

The price is \$60/person and \$550/table of 10. For more information, please contact Henry Yin at hmyin@comcast.net.

FEF's "Excellence in Education" Gala



The Fremont Education Foundation's annual "Excellence in Education" Gala will benefit Innovative Education Grants for Fremont's public school classrooms. This year's Gala "A Fair to Remember" will be held on **Friday, February 22**, from 5:30-10 p.m. at the Fremont Marriott.

FEF is proud to celebrate the contributions of Dirk Lorenz as the 2008 Community Honoree and Lee Glover as the 2008 FUSD Honoree.

For more information about the event, please contact Nina Moore at (510) 713-9940 or www.fremont-education.org.

Black Tie and Tennis Shoe Gala

By Bernadette Chinn

The Exchange Club of Fremont, a community service oriented organization, will hold its 3rd Black Tie and Tennis Shoe Gala on **Saturday evening, March 15**, at the Marriott Hotel in Fremont from 6 p.m.

What makes this a fun event? Guests are encouraged to come in their wildly decorated tennis shoes, which will be judged during the course of the evening. Prizes will be handed to attendees with the best-decorated tennis shoes. A live band will keep those tennis shoes dancing! Tickets are available for \$65 per person, which will include dinner. Proceeds made from the ticket sales will go towards Child Abuse Prevention programs, Meals on Wheels and teen program support.

Want to be sponsor? What to buy tickets? Just call Bernadette Chinn at (510) 790-3944 for additional Information and ticket orders.

Christmas Party with Harmonicas

By Amy Cho



CBC/SBCC recently held their 2007 Christmas party. The joint event is a tradition that members enjoy every year. Our Christmas party took place on December 8, 2007 at the beautifully decorated Aegis Gardens Retirement Home in Fremont. Thanks to Bernadette Chinn who also provided and set-up additional decorations.



David Mandell and Fremont Senior Sweet Harps presented a lively performance. Fifteen members of the harmonica group played various selections from Christmas, holiday, and all-time favorites. Most amazing is that members of this organization are seniors too! Residents of Aegis Gardens and our own CBC/SBCC seniors felt special rapport with these new friends. The harmonica players all stayed for dinner and continued to play at dinnertime. Playing at dinnertime was not part of the bargain, but they felt like it. As seniors, they had a chance to visit a retirement home most had never seen and they enjoyed a sumptuous Chinese dinner.



The dinner was superb, one of the best we've ever had. CBC/SBCC brought hot, freshly cooked Chinese food and Aegis Gardens topped that off with even more entrees. Dessert, drink, holiday dinnerware and other materials were all provided by Aegis Gardens. It

amounted to having something like a 9-course Chinese meal served by waiters in the cozy, festive dining room.

Don't forget that Santa (CBC and SBCC member Steve Cho) also visited everyone at the party. Each senior received a wrapped Christmas present. One senior was heard saying, "I love my scarf"! A special thanks to Aliene Yee and Bernadette Chinn for buying the gifts for the seniors. Thanks to Maelene Wong (CBC and SBCC member), a large barrel of unwrapped toys was collected for the local Tri-City League of Volunteers (LOV) organization. Maelene arranged to have the barrel located at Aegis for the Christmas party and then promptly picked up by LOV volunteers. Jack Yee picked up all the food from Dragon Express and made sure it was hot for dinner! We greatly appreciate Dragon Express in Fremont for making all these nice dishes and donating all the sesame ball desserts! Other committee members included: Amy Cho, SBCC Treasurer Aaron Wong for speaking and CBC President David Sheen for speaking and Lena Zee. Finally, thanks to all of Aegis Gardens' warm and energetic staff! Aegis Gardens' Director is Emilie Poon and the Program Activities Director is Amy Yang.

The Christmas party will be remembered well. It brought seniors together from many places. We did something for our community with the toy donations. Most of all, it was FUN.



L to R: Cameron Li, Julia Chen and Cao Li pose for a picture with Santa (aka Steve Cho)

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.

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Happy New Years from CBC Toastmasters

By Xiping Yang
President, CBC Toastmasters Club



Happy New Year of 2008! For the past 3 years, Citizens for Better Communicator Toastmasters Club has achieved the **President's Distinguished Club Award**, the highest award in the Toastmasters organization. Looking back of the first half of the Toastmasters year 2007, a lot of great things happened in our club, and we are happy to share our excitements with all the members in the CBC family.

Our club membership has grown dramatically; we have a total 13 new members who joined our Toastmasters family since August 1, 2007. Since our move to the new meeting location at the Fremont Adult School, in July 2007, our club gets more visitors, and more recognition from the community.

We won two awards: Elite Award contest (pays a full year's due for each club member by October 2007) & Smedley Award contest (gets 5 new club members from September to October 2007). As a return of all club members' effort and hard work, we earned a \$100 certificate for the club.

On November 10, 2007, we had a joint meeting with the Fantastic Toastmasters Club with whom we have maintained an ongoing good relationship. It was a lot of fun getting together with our old friends at Fantastic Toastmasters. We had over 20 members attend the joint meeting; members also socialized during the snack time after the meeting. Yes, it's such a great meeting, several members actually asked if we can have a regular joint meeting (e.g., Quarterly), and it's a great opportunity to step outside the comfort zone of our own club, and to have a fun time with other Toastmasters! It's always a learning experience to see how other people do what we've become accustomed to our own way.

Maybe you are wondering what our current status is for Distinguished Club Program (DCP) for this Toastmasters year. Believe it or not, we have achieved 5 of 10 goals so far, which means we already achieved Distinguished Club Award. We have 2 members who accomplished their CC (Component Communicator) Award and 2 members who got their CL (Component Leader) Award.

On December 15, 2007, I attended the Toastmasters District 57 President's breakfast meeting. A lot of

people asked me about our club's status, how did we manage to get that many new members, and how our club maintains such high meeting attendance, especially our area governor, George Marshall commented several times that our club is doing really well.

We have a good start in 2008. Thanks for everyone's participation, especially our Toastmaster, ChenChen Fan's extra effort to make our first meeting in 2008 so successful. And even more, we had 9 visitors for this meeting (thanks to Amy & Steve Cho's effort). Keep it up, CBC Toastmasters, and we can make our club achieve **President's Distinguished Club** again this year!

Dear CBC family members, would you like to improve your communication and public speaking skills in year 2008? Make it as one of your New Years Resolutions and come visit our Toastmasters club, we look forward to meeting you.

What: Citizens for Better Communicators
When: Saturdays
Where: Fremont Adult School
4700 Calaveras Avenue
Fremont, CA 94538
Time: 10 a.m.

To learn more, please visit: <http://www.cbc-sfbay.com/toastmaster>.

Happy New Year from all CBC Toastmasters members!

Scholarship Program

The South Bay Chinese Club is now accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors residing in the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City. Scholarship applications have been distributed and are available in the high school career centers. The forms can also be downloaded from the club's website: www.sbcclub.org. Seniors who meet the geographical criteria are encouraged to apply.

The date and venue of the Scholarship Luncheon will be on Saturday, April 5, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Newark.

Also, if you would like to support this program, please make your donation payable to SBCSC and mail it to: Gordon Jang, 38742 Glencoe Drive, Fremont, CA 94536.

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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

Ohlone College Green Tie Gala

When: Saturday, February 2, 2008
Where: Hilton Fremont/Newark (7 pm)
Contact: Thomas Hsu (510) 659-6020 or
www.ohlone.edu/go/gala

CBC/SBCC Chinese New Year Celebration

When: Saturday, February 16, 2008
Where: Fremont Main Library (1 pm)
Contact: Amy Cho at asbcho@aol.com

Fremont/F.U.N. Rotary Chinese New Fundraiser

When: Sunday, February 17, 2008 (6 pm)
Where: Mayflower Restaurant (Union City)
Contact: Henry Yin at hmyin@comcast.net

Fremont Education Foundation Gala

When: Friday, February 22, 2008 (5:30 pm)
Where: Fremont Marriott
Contact: Nina Moore (510) 713-9940 or www.fremont-education.org

Exchange Club Black Tie & Tennis Shoe Gala

When: Saturday, March 15, 2008 (6 pm)
Where: Fremont Marriott
Contact: Bernadette Chinn (510) 790-3944 or
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CBC Annual Spring Celebration

When: Saturday, March 29, 2008
Where: Marriott Fremont (5:30 pm)
Contact: David Sheen at david@jd-global.com or Lisa
Quan at lisaq@gkfremontlaw.com

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Upcoming CBC Meetings

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

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2008
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 5, 2008
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 2, 2008
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm