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Citizens for Better Community
presents their

19th Annual Spring Celebration

Saturday, April 23, 2011
Reception 5:30pm
Dinner, Program & Entertainment 6:30pm

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LEGEND OF THE WARRIORS
MODERN DAY WARRIORS UNLEASHED

Gung Hay Fat Choy!
Year of the Rabbit

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President's Message

By *Tim V. Tran*



Dear CBC members, friends and supporters,

Happy new year to you all (Year of the Rabbit)! Over the past year, CBC has accomplished several major milestones. We increased our Membership base, partnered with AT&T to expand our Internship Program, continued to serve the needy through our Homeless Meal Shelter Program and grew the Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program beyond our expectations.

Running a non-profit organization is always a challenge but it is even more difficult during a time of budget cuts and increased competition for corporate support. As we move forward in 2011, I'd like to challenge each and every one of our Board members to continue to seek new and alternative funding sources to sustain our programs.

One way which we've combated the economy is through partnership. We understand the inter connections and responsibilities we owe to our community. For 2011, we have an aggressive approach to attract new talent to our organization in order to see CBC thrive.

CBC welcomes new members and ideas and look forward to collaborating with you to create a thriving community.

Listed below are a few of our important dates to keep in mind. All are welcome to join. Mark your calendar.

~ **Saturday, March 19, 2011:** Internship Program application deadline

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- ~ **Saturday, April 9, 2011:** CBC's sister organization, the South Bay Chinese Service Club, hosts the Annual Scholarship Luncheon
- ~ **Saturday, April 23, 2011:** CBC's 19th Annual Spring Celebration
- ~ **Saturday, April 30, 2011:** Homeless Meal Service
- ~ **June through July 2011 (more specific dates TBD):** Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program

Thank you for your support and we look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim V. Tran

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CBC President 2010-2011

Message from CBC's Vice President

By Ivy Wu



I have joined CBC since 2004, but did not get actively involved, partly because I was busy with many other things including my commitment to the Fremont School Board, and partly because I had a different opinion as to how CBC should carry out its mission. CBC's mission statement is clear "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." Yet, the perception that CBC is a "political" organization, in my opinion, hinders CBC's effectiveness to reach out to the very population that it seeks to serve.

In order to truly affect the well being of Chinese Americans, CBC needs to connect with them in a more meaningful and substantive way. This means more than just making donations, or attending special events. It is to really get to know people's needs and provide resources, information and support to meet those needs. CBC is already doing many of these things and is doing

them quite well – Internship and Toastmaster Programs; supporting local charitable organizations; educating Chinese American community on civic responsibilities and physical & mental health issues; sharing Chinese culture, language, art and customs with the greater community; promoting justice and overall fair representation. However, there are more that can be done, especially in this economic down time.

As the new vice president, I look forward to working with CBC Board, President, staff and volunteers to get in-depth understanding of the needs of our community. There are some charitable and non-profit organizations that we are not too familiar with, but they are doing a lot of good for our community – Tri-City Young Life, Tri-City Volunteers, CAPA (Child Abuse Prevention Agency), Seneca Center, to name a few. We should try to work with them. By working more collaboratively with other agencies including schools, health facilities, business associations, church organizations and volunteer groups, we will be able to better serve our community.

我於2004年就加入了CBC,但一直沒有太參與,因為除了忙於處理Fremont學區委員的工作之外,我對於CBC當時的走向也有不同的看法。CBC的宗旨其實很明確-就是要“開辦,支持和推廣社區活動以促進華人的權益,特別是在教育,健康,工作,及社會等方面。”但由於CBC給許多人的印象是過於政治化,所以CBC尚未能全力的推展其宗旨。

要真正的提昇華人權益, CBC應當與華人社區達成更實在和更有意義的連結。這不光只是捐些錢給相關的團體或參加彼此的活動,而是要深入瞭解其需要,並提供適當的資助,諮詢,和支持。有些事項CBC事實上已經在做,且做的相當不錯-開辦給學生見習的機會和演講課程;支助地方上一些非謀利組織及慈善機構;提供給華人有關社會制度,身體保養,心理健康等的教育;增加主流社會對中國文化,語言,藝術和傳統的認識;伸張正義和爭取公平的代表。但除此外,還有許多值得我們去做的事,尤其是在目前經濟不穩當的時刻。

作為CBC新的副會長,我盼望與CBC的董事,會長,幹部,及志工們一起來進一步的探討社區的需要。有一些慈善機構及非謀利組織為我們的社區有做出相當的貢獻,但我們對他們並不熟悉。比方說, TRI-CITY YOUNG LIFE為初,高中生們提供安全並活潑交流的環境來幫助學生們培養健康的品行; TRI-CITY VOLUNTEERS 為經濟困難的家庭提供食品及衣物; CAPA保護孩童們免受虐待的侵害; SENECA CENTER為發生極端不幸事故的家庭提供醫療和看顧。希望CBC能與他們配合一同為我們的社區提供更實在,更確切的服務。藉著與其他公益團體如學校,醫護單位,商業機構,教會組織,志工團隊等的認識和互動,希望能達成共識一起更有效的建立我們的社區。

Success! In Fremont's Chinese Immersion Program

By Wei-Lin N. Tong, President,
Chinese Immersion Parents' Council of Fremont

Greetings! I am excited to share with you news of the continued success of the Azevada Elementary School Chinese (Mandarin) Immersion Program ("Program"), a magnet program started by Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) in the Fall of 2010. With this year's pilot kindergarten class full and prospective parents eagerly calling to sign up their children, FUSD is planning to expand the Program to two kindergarten and two first grade classes starting the Fall of 2011. The first kindergarten and 1st grade classes are full. Registration is ongoing for the 2nd kindergarten and 1st grade classes. Space is limited.

What is Chinese Language Immersion?

The language immersion approach is a proven, effective method of providing children with a well-rounded, academically excellent education and full mastery of both English and any target language. Several Bay Area public and private schools, including schools in Palo Alto, Cupertino, Los Altos and San Francisco, have reported phenomenal academic success in Chinese Immersion programs and more and more are being established across the nation. Studies have shown that besides the social and economic advantages of bilingualism, immersion learners exhibit greater nonverbal problem-solving abilities and more flexible thinking. In addition, **immersion students score as well as or better than non-immersion peers on standardized measures of verbal and mathematics skills administered in English**.¹

¹ Article by Tara Fortune and Diane J. Tedick, "What Parents Want to Know About Foreign Language Immersion Programs," Center for Applied Linguistics (August 2003)



Fremont's Chinese Immersion Program:

Instruction Model: Instruction starts with the 90/10 model, which is 90% in Mandarin and 10% in English for Kindergarten and 1st grade. Beyond those grades, Mandarin instruction will decrease 10% and English increase 10% each year until they are evenly split. Instruction follows standard state-mandated guidelines. **The only difference between English-taught and Chinese immersion classes is the language of instruction.**

Curriculum: Curriculum is based on the *Better Chinese* textbook series, which is used in San Francisco and the Fremont Chinese School.

School Site: Azevada Elementary School (39450 Royal Palm Drive, near Mowry and Interstate 880)

After-school Daycare: Quality private on-site and other local daycare is available with Mandarin language support.

For more information about the Chinese Immersion Program, please contact:

- Chinese Immersion Parents' Council of Fremont: <http://cipcf.wordpress.com>
- Azevada Elementary School: (510) 657-3900
- FUSD, Department of Federal and State Projects: (510) 659-2531

Non-Fremont residents are welcome to apply to the Chinese Immersion Program, but priority is given to those living in Fremont.



Kindergarten students in Ms. Orchid Wang's Mandarin Immersion Class performing a Chinese New Year song before the February 8 City Council meeting.

2010-2011 SBCC Scholarship Application Going Electronic

By Brad Louie and Joe Woo,
Co-Chairs, Scholarship Program

The Scholarship Committee is doing our part to save trees by getting rid of the paper applications. Students can now fill out an electronic version of the application form using the latest version of Adobe Reader that can be downloaded for free from Adobe.com. The form also includes space for the students to type in their essay which used to require the student to use their own word processing applications. This e-application form can be requested by sending an email to sbcc.scholarship@gmail.com with "2010-2011 Scholarship Application Request" on the subject line and including the following information in the body of the email:

- 1) The student's full name
- 2) Name of High School currently attending
- 3) The email address to receive the application forms

Once the request email is received, the student can expect to receive the application file and the instructions within a couple of days. The student will still need to send in their official transcript and a letter of recommendation in the mail. All documents, including the e-application must be received by the **March 12th, 2011** deadline.

We believe that this new e-process will be more efficient than the previous paper and snail mail process while also making it an easier job for the students to fill out the applications and our readers to evaluate the applications. The ultimate goal is to put the application online similar to what most colleges and universities are doing today with their admission applications. This effort will require more significant effort and we do not have the same resources as these universities. We will evaluate its feasibility for implementing in the near future.

While the process is new to all – including our Scholarship Committee members, the students seem to be adapting very well. We have received several email requests for the e-application starting on Christmas Eve. Nevertheless, we still need our SBCC members to help pass the words of this new scholarship application process to your friends and family members who have eligible student applicants.

If you have any questions, please contact Brad Louie at bradlouie61@gmail.com or Joe Woo at joseph.woo@comcast.net. For donations to the scholarship fund, please contact Cecilia Leon at cecilialeon@hotmial.com.

News from SBCC

By Fran Sabado - Gin
SBCC President 2010-2011



The South Bay Chinese Club has several activities slated for the first quarter of the year and we welcome CBC members to join us. We started off in **January** with a get together/fundraiser at Sweet Tomatoes. It was a perfect opportunity to touch base with each other after the chaos of the holidays and to strengthen our bonds of friendship.

On **February 12**, after many hours of planning, we co-sponsored with CBC the 12th Annual Chinese New Year Celebration at the Fremont Main Library. It was another fun-filled activity meant to engage the community and celebrate the Year of the Rabbit. Everyone who attended enjoyed the musical entertainment, Kung-Fu demonstrations, dance presentations and crafts. The day continued into the evening with a sumptuous dinner at Uncle Chong's Restaurant to celebrate the Chinese New Year together.

In the month of **March** we plan to have another get together/fundraiser at the Elephant Bar Restaurant. This new location should be a nice change of pace and we hope more members will be able to attend. Later in the month we will have a special speaker (to be announced) at our General Board meeting and then look forward to our annual members only St. Patrick's Day dinner party and games night the following day.

April, of course, is the month that we have our Scholarship Luncheon to celebrate the winners of our annual scholarship program. This year it will be on **Saturday, April 9, 2011**, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott in Newark. An agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be our main speaker.

Please check our club website: www.sbcclub.org for more details and information on all of these activities. You can also contact us at SouthBayChineseClub1@gmail.com.

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 College and Jobs

Qualifications:

1. Chinese American, 16 years or older as of June 1, 2011
2. High school Sophomore, Junior, or Senior
3. Resident of the East Bay, Tri-Cities Area
4. Preference given to families of CBC members
5. CBC Toastmaster Youth Leadership Program experience is a plus

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 legislative offices)
3. An essay describing your experience at the end of the term
4. Must attend the interview process on 4/9/2011 (place TBD)
5. Must be able to take one Saturday (full day) training class in Cupertino/San Jose; date to be determined (between 5/21 to 5/28/2011). CBC will pay for the training expense.
6. Must be available to meet for orientation as well as 2 evenings during the summer for Interns' Progress Meetings
7. Reliable transportation to/from designated internship office

At the End of the Program, You Will Receive:

- ~ \$200 Stipend or Community Service Hours
- ~ 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: Anna T. Muh, CBC Internship Committee Chair at (510) 468-6666 or annatmuh@yahoo.com. Or complete the internship application form available on

the CBC website www.cbcsfbay.org and mail to:

CBC Summer Internship Program
44927 Parkmeadow Drive
Fremont, CA 94539

***Application deadline:
before March 19, 2011***

“Day of Inclusion”

Submitted by Gerry Low-Sabado

The "Day of Inclusion" was authored by Assemblyman Mike Eng and designated in 2009 as such by means of California State Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 76 to be December 17th.

On December 17, 1943, the Magnuson Act repealed the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and marked a turning point regarding society's harsh attitudes towards immigration and immigrants. By repealing the "Chinese Exclusion" prohibitions, the United States expressed its commitment to continue to break down cultural barriers, appreciate differences, enrich cultural diversity, and further racial, religious and cultural tolerance. The hope and aspiration of America's future lies in embracing our shared differences.

December 17th, the Day of Inclusion, is a day set aside for all of us to remember and learn about the sacrifices and contributions of those in our immigrant heritage. We become a more perfect Union by embracing our shared differences and common goals in becoming American.



Free Income Tax Preparation by Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program



For the 9th year, the City of Fremont's Family Resource Center will be providing FREE tax preparation for qualified individuals and families with household income of less than \$49,000 annually. Tax returns are prepared by IRS-certified VITA volunteer tax preparers.

You may also be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other credits, which can result in MORE MONEY in your pocket!!! For example, a married couple filing jointly with 3 qualifying children, who have social security numbers, may qualify up to \$5,657 of MORE Federal Income Tax Refunds \$\$\$.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the United Way of the Bay Area Earn It! Keep It! Save It! Coalition, is available for qualifying families and individuals at the Fremont Family Resource Center.

Where: Fremont Family Resource Center (FRC)
39155 Liberty Street, Fremont, CA 94538

When: January 31 – April 18, 2011
Mondays & Wednesdays – 4 to 8 p.m.
Fridays – 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
*** Closed Monday, February 21st for President's Day ***

Walk-in only - **No appointment needed**

Plus **free onsite child care provided** (first come basis, space is limited)

What to Bring:

- Picture ID and original Social Security Cards for all family members (Sorry, no exceptions)
- All forms, W-2 AND 1099'S for all 2010 jobs & income
- Information for all other income (interest, savings, IRA's, etc)
- Information for all deductions and credits
 - Childcare provider information (SSN or EIN & address)
 - Name address & phone number of landlord, if applicable
- A copy of last year's tax return is helpful
- Married couples filing jointly must come together

- For Direct Deposit of tax refund, please bring routing & account numbers for savings and/or checking accounts for split refund service (and a faster refund!)

Will not prepare:

- Married filing separately
- Form 2106 (employee business expenses)
- Form 8615 (minor's investment income)
- Schedule C with losses over \$10,000 and depreciation
- Schedule E (rental income and loss)
- Form 8606 (non-deductible IRA)
- 1040NR (non-resident)
- Self employment with over \$10,000 in expenses

For more information, please contact Carolyn Robertson, VITA Coordinator at (510) 574-2020 (press 1 to leave your information) or email vita@ci.fremont.ca.us.

Homeless Shelter Meal Service

The CBC Youth Group serves meals at the Tri-City Homeless Coalition. The Homeless Shelter Meal Service allows high school students to participate in preparing and serving food to the homeless people. This is a good learning experience for the students and they will receive four community service hours upon completion.

The Youth Group will serve meals (dinner) on the following days:

April 30 (Saturday)

May 29(Sunday)

July 31 (Sunday)

October 30 (Sunday)

If you are interested in helping, please contact Fendi Fuh at ffuh@cisco.com.

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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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (October 31, 2010–November 1, 2011)

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: *CBC, Membership, P. O. Box 1, Fremont, CA 94537-0001*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> New |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Corporate/Organization | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Individual: Life Membership | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Family: Life Membership | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Corporate/Organization: Life Membership | |

Please complete the following member(s) (contact person) information:

Member: _____

Last Name
First Name
Chinese Name

Spouse: _____

Last Name
First Name
Chinese Name

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State
Zip

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CBC's Spring Celebration Saturday, April 23, 2011

For event and ticket information, contact
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(510) 790-0740

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with an emphasis on education, health, business and
community involvement."*

Calendar of Events

Toastmasters (Citizens for Better Communicators)

When: Saturdays (10:15 am – 11:45 am)

Where: Intero Real Estate Services
43225 Mission Blvd, Lower Level
Fremont, CA 94539

Contact: ChenChen Fan at gsdchops@gmail.com

SBCC Scholarship Luncheon

When: Saturday, April 9, 2011 (noon – 3 pm)

Where: Courtyard by Marriott, Newark

Contact: SouthBayChineseClub1@gmail.com

CBC Spring Celebration

When: Saturday, April 23, 2011 (5:30 pm)

Where: Fremont Marriott

Contact: Kathy Jang at kjang25@yahoo.com

Homeless Shelter Meal Service

When: Saturday, April 30 (dinner)

Where: Tri-City Homeless Coalition

Contact: Ffuh@cisco.com

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 2, 2011

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm