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CBC Wins 1st Place award in Fremont's July 4th Parade



Congratulations to CBC for winning 1st place in the Novelty Non-Profit Division in Fremont's 2009 July Fourth Parade held in Warm Springs. CBC's entry included over 200 people from several organizations (see page 2 for more details).

President's Message

By Lisa M. Quan



Dear CBC members, friends and supporters,

I hope everyone is enjoying the rest of summer!

Congratulations to the students who have completed CBC's youth summer internship work session! We are in the process of planning the Internship Recognition Luncheon where the interns will give speeches and be awarded their certificates and stipend checks. Essays describing their experience this summer must be submitted to fulfill the program's requirements. We had a record number of interns this year so I would like to gently remind the students to start submitting their essays to our program coordinators as soon as possible.

Also, as many of you already know, CBC is working with the U.S. Census which must be completed by April 1, 2010. The census is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to the 50 states, to make decisions on what community services to provide, and to distribute \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments every year. Everyone is required to participate as a matter of law but the survey will take just 10 minutes to complete and federal law protects the personal information you share during the census.

CBC encourages everyone to participate and to spread the word to their families, friends, and business associates. In fact, CBC will be featuring the U.S. Census at many of its upcoming functions providing you with the convenience of working with onsite volunteers! The census surveys are

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being printed at this very moment and we will keep you updated in our future newsletters. You may also visit www.census.gov to obtain more information.

See you all around town!

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Quan

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CBC President 2009

CBC Wins First Place Award in Fremont's 4th of July Parade

By Steve Cho

The 2009 Fremont Fourth of July Parade was held in Warm Springs. CBC was proud to support the parade again and captured 1st place finish in the Novelty Category.

CBC, under the leadership of Amy Cho, coordinated several local Chinese American organizations and put together an entry for the parade. The organizations included: (1) Citizens for Better Community (CBC), (2) South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC), (3) Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN), (4) Northwestern Polytechnic University (NPU), (5) California Youth Chinese Symphony (CYCS), (6) Purple Lotus Buddhist School, (7) Purple Lotus Temple, (8) Boy Scouts of America, Troop 468.

All together there were about 225 participants. The CBC entry was the largest group in the parade and we stretched almost an entire city block. Our own CBC organization together with our sister organization, SBCC, led the group marching down Warm Springs Boulevard. It was quite an impressive display of Red/White/Blue! The FCSN served as an inspiration to all participants and to the viewers as well. Despite their limitations, they showed that anything is possible. The CYCS, riding on 2 flat bed trucks, was a crowd favorite because they played American patriotic music on Chinese musical instruments. What a blend of culture to see and hear. Another crowd favorite was the miniature dragons. The dragons, dancing to their drumbeats, were part of the Purple Lotus Buddhist School. Of course, Boy Scouts Troop 468 was also a crowd favorite

because of their colorful uniforms and their high profile among youth organizations.

This year, CBC had the honor to include a group of students from the Northwestern Polytechnic University. Almost all the students were from foreign countries and marching in parade was a first for them. They may not have a good understanding of what July 4th is but their enthusiasm for the parade came through loud and clear.

The parade was 1.2 miles long and the route was lined with people from start to finish. People that had never marched in a parade even wished the parade route had been longer. It was a time for friends to chat and celebrate America's birthday together.

At the end of the parade, CBC treated all participants in the CBC parade group to a delicious ice-cold cup of Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream. CBC had made prior arrangements with Michelle Koan and her husband (owners of Warm Springs Baskin-Robbins) to have the ice cream cups delivered "Just in Time" so our kids can have a treat.

CBC wishes to thank everyone for showing up and participating with us. Plan to come next year again! Next July will be here again before we know it.



2009 Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program

By Irene Yung, Youth Group Chair

The Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program's Graduation Ceremony was a phenomenal success this year. On July 25, 2009, we had over 150 people attending the Saturday ceremony. We were very fortunate to have Citizens for Better Communicator Toastmasters and Star Search Toastmasters Club support our youth program. We also have four outstanding and dedicated Coaches—Steve Cho, Breanna Hatcher, Jim Thomas, and Albert Mo; Assistant Coaches—Margaret Chan, Amy Cho, Shashi Matha, and Sharad Nair; and Guest Speakers—Alexis Bennett, David Sheen, and Mary Shambaugh. Thank you to the Coaching Team who continuously contributed their time, dedication, encouragement, and expertise to the Youth Leadership Program. Also, thank you Mr. Albert Mo for this well-planned youth leadership program curriculum. We sincerely appreciate Friends of Children with Special Needs, President Mr. Tsai-Wei Wu, for all his generous help and support by providing a wonderful facility to this leadership program this year.

Thanks to CBC President Lisa Quan, Vice President Tim Tran, Fremont City Councilwoman Sue Chan, CBC Board Members Anna Muh and Josephine Chou-FCSN Site Operation Director, FCSN Executive Director Sylvia Yeh, and Past Youth Group Chair Eunice Ko for supporting and participating in this program. They have presented speeches to encourage and applaud all the students for successfully completing the program.

During the five-week session, it was an exciting experience to witness the youths improve their speaking skills in such a short time. During the graduation ceremony, the program had two sessions. The first session was a Grand Review Speechathon. All students delivered their speeches and each class selected its Best Speaker, Best Evaluator, and Best Table Topics Speaker to participate in the Showcase Meeting. The overall winners of the Showcase Meeting are Kevin Cheng for Best Speaker, Katrina Ng for Best Table Topics Speaker, and Rachel Chang for Best Evaluator. Each student in all four classes worked very hard to successfully complete this leadership program. Congratulations to all the summer 2009 Toastmasters students!

Toastmasters Youth Leadership Summer Program has been established in the Tri-City for 12 years. However, the attendance this year has been exceptional. Due to the program's well received response, we increased the capacity of the program and had four classes with a total of 56 students. I can see this program will continue to grow with the constant support from our students, parents, and Toastmasters Clubs.

This has been an amazing year. We were very fortunate to have over 40 parents who graciously volunteered their time and supported our program. We have to thank the youth group team leaders – Alice Cheung, Stella Chang, Fendi Fuh, Sharon Jiang, Amanda Kwan, Nancy Lee, Marcia Liao, Margaret Ma, Rona Ma, Wing Ng, Quincy Qin, Susana Tsang, Mabel Wong, Mary Wong, Lily Xu, Jenny Yen, and many more parents for making this program successful and remarkable.

Once again, thank you to everyone who has provided their continuous support to make this an outstanding program. Best wishes to you all!!



Ohlone College Foundation's Citizen of the Year

Submitted by Bernadette Chinn

Note: For those who were not able join us at the luncheon on May 30, Bernadette has kindly shared her introduction of Steve.

Thank you, Mayor Smith and Hello Everyone!

"Where is Steve?" "Oh! There you are! Once the ubiquitous Councilmember, Steve now needs a "GPS" in order for his neighbors and friends to locate him. At least, when he served as a councilmember for 8 years, he had evenings when his cat would know exactly when to go home!

Likened to a tree, Steve uprooted himself from Los Angeles to attend Washington University where he met and married his wife, Amy. Together they took hold in Fremont some thirty plus years. Steve's family tree branched out strongly as a son-in-law, husband, father, and community leader.

Today, it is with great pleasure and honor for me to introduce a determined, practical, modest, sociable, passionate, dedicated, community leader, Ohlone College Foundation's Citizen of the Year. Like a cat, he can be very curious. Out of this curiosity, he assesses a situation and builds on a project. He takes the initiative to find solutions. People approach him for solutions. A perfect example of this is Fremont's 4th of July Parade. It is currently an ongoing event in town, with Steve's initial helping hand to find a solution to its financial woes. For the past 10 years, he remains a strong advocate, supporter and member of the organizing team of the Fremont 4th of July Parade. He is known as the "Flagman" of Fremont.

Everything Steve does - for and in the community - he totally enjoys. If one can hear the excitement in his voice, watch his eyes sparkle whenever he talks about a meeting, a chili-cook off, a cancer walk, a Broadway West play, a trip to China, a "mission" to build a house with his fellow Niles Rotarians, a band and bugle corps or Fremont Symphony performance, a Dragon Boat race, a flag for Fremont's 50th birthday celebration or another fundraiser you know the sincerity of this man's wonderful experiences. I know what politics did to



Steve. It only made this tree root upright so that it will grow well. It has made his branches grow stronger and has spread himself "greener". He *proved* himself to be the hardest working and most visible councilmember of Fremont. He also almost always accommodates people's request to meet with them.

He became the first male member of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women; he served on the Board of directors for the League of California Cities; he was LOV's Elegant Affaire appetizer chef in 2006 and 2008; he is currently on the boards of Citizens for Better Community, Fremont Symphony Orchestra, Friends of Children with Special Needs and the Quail Run Homeowners Association. He will be the East Bay District coordinator for the Boy Scouts of America in June.

His wife, Amy and daughter, Beverly both describe him as a "family comes first" person. He is a thoughtful son-in-law to Ruby. He takes the time out of his busy schedule to give Ruby a helping hand. He enjoys taking care of Ruby's "honey do list!" No matter how full his schedule, no matter where he is, no matter what he is doing, he will drop everything in order to take or pick up Beverly at the airport. He is always respectful of them. He doesn't mind going shopping with the "girls." He loves to go to Costco. He loves to play games when he has time and doesn't mind losing. He likes to play with children and pets. Mee Yao Chinn loves to play with Mr. Cho and waits up for him! Beverly wants to grow up to be just like her Dad - one who cares about others before himself; one who helps others; and, one who has humor and shows affection. He has a heart of gold. Neighbors are so fortunate to get a taste of Chef Cho's cooking! "Weez Chookies".....

A great neighbor, friend, community leader and enabler.....Ohlone College Foundation's Citizen of the Year... Steve Cho.

Congratulations Steve!!



Steve with wife Amy and daughter Beverly

Fremont Rotary President, Lena Zee, gets demoted!

By Steve Cho

“Demotion” may sound strange and shameful to non-Rotary members, but in the Rotary world, it is a big honor to be demoted. In the tradition of Rotary Clubs throughout the world, a Rotary President is “demoted” as s/he leaves the office of president.

CBC member Lena Zee served as the president of the Fremont Rotary Club from July, 2008 to June, 2009. During the year, she steadfastly adhered to the guiding principle of Rotary – Service Above Self and lived by the core values of the Rotary’s Four-Way Test: 1) Is it the TRUTH?, 2) Is it Fair to all concerned?, 3) Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?, 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned? By doing so, she proved that the impossible is possible. Despite having to maintain her own real estate business and family affairs, she gave her total commitment to Fremont Rotary. As a matter of fact, wanting to help the club members memorize the exact words to the Four-Way Test, she even had it set to music to the tune of “It’s a Small World After All.” She had all the club members learn to sign the Four-Way Test Song (4WTS), in spite of some initial resistance. It took a while to “fine tune” it, but the members were signing it beautifully after months of continued effort.

During Lena’s term as president, she is proud to point to several items of accomplishments. The club has increased its membership 25%. The Club held several fundraising events to raise monies such as the Bowl-A-Thon to support local projects and a Rotary Talent Show for international service. The one that she is most proud of is the success and direction of the Project SPAN (Stop Pediatric Aids Now). Although the SPAN project was started 3 years ago under past president Henry Yin’s term, Lena assisted and became the driving force behind its success. All



together, the Rotary Club of Fremont had an exceptionally successful year. Thanks to Lena’s tireless commitment, her passion and her resourceful leadership capabilities.

Her fun-filled demotion event was held on July 11 at the Spin-A-Yarn restaurant in Warm Springs. The capacity filled room included members of Lena’s family (brother-Ed Yang, daughters-Yvette and Colette, grandchildren-Ciaran and baby Katrin). Also in attendance were several fellow Rotarians and CBC members (Amy Cho, Ashley Sheen, David Sheen, Henry Yin, Stella Chang, Steve Cho, Thomas Tang, and Tim Tran).

The Demotion Committee, headed by her predecessor, immediate past President Lou Willett, Esq, took advantage of how President Lena stuck to her guns and had her members sing the 4WTS. It inspired Committee member, Barbara Render, to come up with the demotion theme of “It’s a Small World After All” presented by the Fremont Idols. Not only was Lena given her last chance to sing aloud her 4WTS, but also two middle-aged, so-called Chinese rappers, Stella Chang and Henry Yin, who did their rapping rendition of the 4WTS in Chinese rap, followed it! Then, Demotion Night switched into high gear when Rock Star M.C. Hammer appeared in all of his dazzling, glittering, flashy glories, and even flashing a bit of bare flesh! Rapper Lou, Esq, brought the packed room to a hilarious high as he rapped, snapped and swayed to the blaring background boom box playing the 4WTS set to lively rapping rhythm! Rotarians sure know how to have fun and the Fremont Rotarians showed their great respect, esteem, and gratitude for their President Lena by demoting her with much fun and laughter!

*Congratulations to Lena
for a job well done!*



Upcoming Events....

Voter Education Forums

In our continuous commitment to serve the community, CBC is proud to partner with the Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association Bay Area Chapter (APAPA-BAC). In line with CBC's mission, APAPA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that serves Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Americans through active participation and leadership in civic and public affairs.

APAPA educates the public about public policy, and provides opportunities for our youth to gain first-hand knowledge and experience in governmental and public affairs.

As part of the Voter Education Forums series, APAPA is hosting two upcoming events that will benefit the API community:

1. **Saturday, September 19, 2009**
 - o Topic: Our Future of California: Budgets – Deficits – Taxation
2. **Sunday, October 4, 2009:** 8th Annual Voters Education & Candidates Forum
 - o Topic: 2010 CA Gubernatorial Candidates, Keynote Speakers, Policies on Economy, Health Coverage, and Homeland Security

Please visit www.apapa.org/bac for more information.

SAVE Breakfast Eye Opener

SAVE invites you to support the 7th Annual Breakfast Eye Opener on **Friday, September 25, 2009** from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Fremont Marriott. Visit www.events@save-dv.org for more information.

Washington Hospital's Top Hat

The Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation is having their 23rd Annual black-tie gala "Top Hat XXIII" on **Saturday, October 10, 2009** in a stunning tent on the grounds on Washington West, 2500 Mowry Avenue. Proceeds from this event will support the purchase of a new computerized surgical microscope for Washington Hospital's neurosurgery program. Call (510) 791-3428 or email foundation@whhs.com for more information.

South bay Chinese Club Installs New Officer and Directors

The South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC) installed its new officers and directors on Wednesday, July 8. Several CBC members are also SBCC members and serve on both Boards. The outgoing President is Linette Young and the incoming President is Amy Cho. Amy also serves on the CBC Board of Directors. Congratulations to the South Bay Chinese Club for continuing to serve the community!

CBC & SBCC hosts 9th Annual BBQ

By Amy Cho

CBC and SBCC members had a great time at the Summer Barbecue on July 26. The BBQ was held at the Quail Run Club House in Fremont. The weather was perfect and there was plenty to eat. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Salad, Water Melon, Ice Cream, BBQ Chicken Wings... Steve Cho and Ken Chinn were the Chief BBQ'ers. A total of some 110 people attended the BBQ.

It was also an opportunity for this year's CBC Summer Interns to have a mid-term checkup meeting too. Anna Muh, one of the CBC Intern Program coordinators, met to hear the input and feedback from some of the interns. This was an important get together for the interns as they each have been assigned to different legislative offices. Some parents of the interns came and met other CBC and SBCC members. Grace Kwin, Cindy Kuan, and Fendi Fuh helped with the BBQ preparations. We really appreciate their help.

The usual volunteers helped with registration and cleaning: Aliene and Jack Yee, Serena and Ed Surayani, Fran and Victor Gin, Linette and Les Young, Bernadette and Ken Chinn, Gerry and Randy Sabado. They all deserve a big hand for creating a great time for all!



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (November 1, 2009 – October 31, 2010)

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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

APAPA Voters Education & Candidate Forum

When: Saturday, September 19, 2009 (2 pm – 5:30 pm)

Where: Santa Clara Convention Center, Ballroom J

Contact: www.apapa.org/bac

APAPA Voters Education & Candidate Forum

When: Sunday, October 4, 2009 (noon – 6 pm)

Where: Cal State University, Sacramento

Contact: www.apapa.org/bac

WHHS Top Hat XXIII

When: Saturday, October 10, 2009 (6 pm)

Where: Grounds on Washington West

Contact: foundation@whhs.com or (510) 791-3428

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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Upcoming CBC Meetings

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

CBC Board Meeting

(Note: change of date and location for this meeting)

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Place: East West Bank – 6:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm