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**Census
2010**



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Have you completed and mailed in your census?
Census questionnaires were mailed to households in
mid-March.

It's very important to complete the form and send them
in—help ensure that our city receives its share of
government funding and Congressional seats.

Deadline: April 1, 2010

President's Message

By Tim V. Tran



Dear CBC members, friends and supporters,

Spring is upon us and I want to take this opportunity to
highlight a few of our signature events and programs.

Preparations for CBC's 18th Annual Spring Celebration on
April 24, 2010, at the Fremont Marriott are well underway.
This event is the opportunity to reunite with friends and
meet so many new ones.

Our internship program continues to achieve positive rave
and attention, and remains one of our most successful
programs. The chance for students to experience policy
and decision making at various legislative offices is truly a
wonderful opportunity to learn about public service hands-
on.

The much anticipated scholarship program, which we
partner with the South Bay Chinese Club, is an event that
cannot be missed. Please see page 4 for more information
about the luncheon on April 17. Our high school and
college students look forward to this annual celebration of
major achievement.

I believe that CBC membership can enhance our family
lives and interactions. As we work to attract more
members, we should remember that today's young
professionals often have to balance work, family and social
responsibilities.

Adding a commitment to CBC service should complement,
not compete, with those responsibilities. By scheduling

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meetings outside of work hours, planning activities that involve the community, we help to ensure that every CBC member will feel accepted to the greater CBC family.

As we go about our daily lives, I encourage you to take an active role in your community by joining CBC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim V. Tran

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CBC President 2009-2010

Spring Celebration 2010

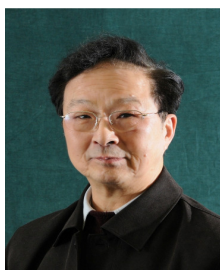
CBC's 18th Annual Spring Celebration will be held at the Marriott Hotel in Fremont on **Saturday, April 24, 2010** at 5:30 p.m.

The Spring Celebration is CBC's annual major fundraiser from which it obtains the necessary resources to continue to provide the myriad of community service projects mainly in Fremont. Over the years, this event has been receiving increasing accolade for its creative entertainment, gourmet food and convivial environment. This year with the theme being "Expo 2010 -- Better Community, Better Life" one will experience the Exposition in Shanghai without having to travel abroad.

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

The 2009 Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year will be honored at the event. Congratulations to the Mr. David Chen and Mr. Gordon Jang!

Citizen of the Year



David Chen

Volunteer of the Year



Gordon Jang

We hope you can join us on April 24. For event and ticket information, contact Kathy Jang at kjang25@yahoo.com or (510) 790-0740.

CBC's 2010 Toastmasters Youth Summer Leadership Program

*By Irene Yung
Youth Group Chair*

Toastmasters Youth Summer Leadership Program is a summer program sponsored by two outstanding Toastmasters Clubs. We are very fortunate to have Citizens for Better Communicator Toastmasters and Star Search Toastmasters Club supporting our youth summer program this year. We are very grateful to have excellent and dedicated coaches, assistant coaches, and guest speakers continuously involved with the Youth Leadership Program.

The Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program is a five-week summer program which meets on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The program will begin in June (after school is out) and end five weeks later in July. High school students, as well as incoming 9th graders, should take this opportunity to build their communication and public speaking skills. Our coaches will design different activities to make the program very rewarding.

A certificate will be awarded at the graduation ceremony after the students complete the Toastmasters requirement in July. Parents will have the opportunity to observe their children's ability to develop self-confidence and improve public speaking skills in a short time.

SPACE IS LIMITED: The youth program was a phenomenal success last year. We had four classes with a total of 56 students enrolled in this program. I would encourage all students to sign up as soon as applications are available.

Please check the CBC website at www.cbcsfbay.org. The application can be downloaded at CBC's website at the end of March or early in April at the following link: www.cbcsfbay.org/youth.html.

If you have any questions, please contact Irene Yung at IBC_ylp08@yahoo.com

Chinese New Year at the Fremont Main Library

By Amy Cho



Citizens for Better Community, sister organization South Bay Chinese Club, and Purple Lotus International School sponsored the 11th Chinese New Year program at the Fremont Main Library this past February 20, 2010. This program involved many, many people. Some participated in an hour-long performance. Others demonstrated Chinese traditional art. And still others helped children to work on crafts.

Sally Pine, Karen Pacheco, Kay Lingo and the Fremont Library staff spared no efforts to make us all welcome and comfortable in the library. The Fukaya Room was packed with an audience that finally had to be turned away because of lack of space. But all was not lost. Outside there were areas where one could see the art of Chinese Knots, Chinese Calligraphy, Dragon Design, Dough Figurines, and Paper Cutting. And in the Storytime Theater, children could see and have hands-on fun with doing Chinese Crafts. The children made Chinese lanterns, dough figures and many other crafts. It was hard to keep up with the crowds at the craft booths. Fabulous decorations were found everywhere, especially in the Fukaya Room. Chinese firecracker and lantern decorations hung from the ceilings. Paintings by very young students, but looking very professional, adorned all the walls. There were more decorations to be hung and even Chinese clothing, but finally, there was no more space for any more decorations!

In a letter sent to the Fremont Library, a citizen wrote:

"I just wanted to be sure to convey to you how much I thoroughly enjoyed & appreciated Saturday's Chinese New Year Celebration Entertainment Program & activities! Although it is only the second one I've attended, I, now, want to make it an annual tradition to take my son. I'm Chinese American, born & raised in San Francisco, but don't often want to journey all the way to SF Chinatown for the cultural festivities. Saturday's event was the perfect cultural sample to savor with my toddler. After the program was over, we then just went over to our usual niche in the picture book section, picking out new titles, since the arts & crafts events were too crowded."

"Please be sure to let all the folks involved in organizing this wonderful community event know what a fine job they did. And, I, for one, would love to see other such events for different cultures & traditions. Kudos for the library's efforts in preserving & promoting cultural diversity!"

The Chinese New Year celebration was largely arranged by Peggy Chiou and Amy Cho while Josephine Chou and Spring Kao coordinated a wonderful group of artists: Bee Lin, Li Hua Wu (Chinese Knots), Stone Shih (Chinese Calligraphy), Wen-Shu Wang (Dough Figurine), Hsiu-Lin Li (Paper-Cutting), Spring Kao, Teresa Wu, Jennifer Chen (Dragon Design). The performers included members from the Purple Lotus International School (Lion Dance), Fremont Chinese School (Chinese Yo-Yo), Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble (Flute Performance with different types of flutes), California Youth Chinese Symphony (Chinese Instruments), Academy of Chinese Performing Arts (Chinese Folk Dance), Sun Kung Fu Academy (Kung Fu demonstration), Purple Lotus International School (Choir), and Chinese Story Teller Jane Dong. The event received donations from Fremont Bank.

Our thanks also go to Emcee Lena Zee, and Decorations Contributors Purple Lotus International School. Others include: Cecilia Leon, Michiko Zerda, Joe Zerda, Colleen Woo, Gerry Low-Sabado, Randy Sabado, Josephine Chou, Aliene Yee, Maria Yee, Garrett Yee, Bernadette Chinn, Amy Cho, Steve Cho, Ron Wong, Serena Suranyi, Judy Lam (Director/Conductor Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble), Howard Ling and Katy Wang (Director/Conductor Chinese Yo-Yo from Fremont Chinese School), Yongping Tian (Director of the California Youth Chinese Symphony), David Chen (Academy of Chinese Performing Arts), Master Sun (Sun Kung Fu Academy), Jane Dong (Story Teller, "Year of the Tiger", from Irvington High School), Ricardo Wu and Tony Ng (Purple Lotus International School).

Hooray for the Year of the Tiger!



SBCC Scholarship Luncheon

Submitted by Tracy P. Chan

Every year, the South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC) awards scholarships to exemplary high school students of Chinese decent. Children of club members and students residing in Fremont, Newark or Union City are eligible to apply. Last year, the SBCC awarded a total of \$10,000 in awards. The scholarships will be presented during the annual scholarship luncheon to be held on **Saturday, April 17, 2010** at the Courtyard by Marriott, Newark-Silicon Valley from 12 noon.

This year, the keynote speaker is Stephanie Chuang. Stephanie is a Fremont native and Mission San Jose High School graduate. She anchors KSBW Action News 8 Weekend Sunrise and serves as a reporter for KSBW Action News 8 in Monterey.



Since she was little, Stephanie loved to write mostly creative stories. Then in high school -- thanks to a conversation with a friend of her family who was also a CNN correspondent -- she shifted her interest to broadcast journalism.

Stephanie received her Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism with a minor in Asian American Studies from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. Stephanie has been a general assignment reporter at KSNT in Topeka Kansas, and most recently worked at KPIX-TV in San Francisco field producing and freelance writing. She has also held internships at KRON in San Francisco, as well as at WMAQ-TV and WGN-TV in Chicago.

During her years working in broadcast, she has interviewed many people including Senator Barack Obama, Reverends Jesse Jackson & Al Sharpton, and of course now the many celebrity faces at the Pebble Beach AT&T Tournament.

23rd Annual SBCC Scholarship Benefit Golf Tournament



- Date:** Sunday, May 16, 2010
- Site:** Sunol Valley Golf Club (Cypress Course)
- Format:** Medal Stoke Play
Full NCGA/GHIN Index for May 2010
- Start:** 9:00 am first start time
- Flight:** Men's & Ladies' Handicap & Blind Bogey
- Entry Fee:** \$115.00 includes:
Tournament Green Fee & Cart, Chinese Banquet Awards Dinner
- Sign Up:** You may select your own foursome or sign-up as an individual and the committee will pair you.
- Deadline:** Enter by May 3, 2010

All funds raised from the golf tournament goes directly towards supporting our Scholarship program each year.

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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Appointment to the California Commission for Economic Development

As reported by Tri-City Voice, February 10-February 16, 2010 issue

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has appointed Henry Yin of Fremont to the California Commission for Economic Development.

Yin has served as founder and President of USA-China-Link, an international trade consulting company since 2002. He is also a co-founder and Chairperson of Green Laboratories, Inc., founded in July 2009, and founder and President of Giant Y, Inc., an electronics equipment manufacturing business, since 1985. Between 1974 and 1985, he held management positions with four Silicon Valley engineering companies - Silicon Graphics, Artec International, Qume Corporation and Arthur G. McKee.



Previously, Yin was a City of Fremont Economic Development Commissioner, Chair of Fremont Chamber of Commerce, President of Fremont Rotary Club and co-founder and past-President of Citizens for Better Community (CBC). He is the current Vice-Chair of the Bay Area Chapter of Asian Pacific Islander Americans Public Affairs Association (APAPA).

Initially, Yin will evaluate trade opportunities for California in high tech, green industries, agriculture and other high priority issues.

This position does not require Senate confirmation. Yin is registered decline-to-state (unaffiliated with a party).

For more information or to contribute comment and suggestions, email hmyin@comcast.net.



Indo-American Community Federation's Citizen of the Year

The Indo-American Community Federation hosted their 9th Annual Unity Dinner on Friday, March 26 at the Fremont Marriott. Several CBC Board members attended the event and congratulated Steve Cho for being awarded the Citizen of the Year.



Congratulations, Steve!

The Oscars

*By Mary Shambaugh
Member, CBC Toastmasters*

...and the award goes to....
CBC Toastmasters!

Happy 6th Anniversary!



Does anyone feel like giving the acceptance speech?

Every March, this dynamic speaking club grows one year older. Something else occurs every March as well. The Academy of Motion Pictures honors those actors and actresses with golden statuettes (Oscars) for their outstanding performances in the movie industry; otherwise known as the Academy Awards. For the sake of my comparisons here, we'll call the actors themselves "the Hollywood club".

As with a Toastmasters club, the faces in the Hollywood club change from year to year, but a few core people, accompanied by a well-orchestrated supporting cast, keep both clubs strong and vital. In both clubs, the accomplishments of the individual are acknowledged and celebrated. If you've made it as far as the Red Carpet, or in the case of Toastmasters - the Wooden Lectern, then you have already earned a standing within the club.

Members of either club who want to grow beyond their comfort zone will devote a bit more time and energy to fine-tune their skills. This results in more prestigious awards - certain to be acknowledged formally and in the public eye. Ask yourself this question however, "Which club would you expect to hear the more polished and professional acceptance speech"?

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It would have been my guess to pick the Hollywood club, since performing is what pays their rent and puts food on their table, right?

Not so fast! Eugene Finerman, a writer and historian is quoted in the March Toastmaster Magazine as saying that, "Oscar winners throughout the years have delivered one bad speech after another".

In fact, Finerman includes a brief history of the Oscars and how the acceptance speeches have changed through the years. For instance, in 1929, the first official year of the Academy Awards, only ten Oscars were given and the whole event lasted a mere fifteen minutes! Nowadays, they consider it an honor in itself to keep it under four hours!

Now let's look at the Toastmasters club again. Once a person becomes familiar with the basics, he or she listens to speeches in a whole new light. You might be as surprised as I was to hear about a couple of fellow Toastmasters who take 'speech evaluating' to a whole new level!

Robert and Rande Gedaliah, professional speakers and coaches, gather with friends to watch the Academy Awards each year, as many do, but they pay particular attention to those acceptance speeches. They analyze the content, the length, the body language, you name it – they note it!

Each year, both Robert and Rande reach the same conclusion - the best award or acceptance speech is the one that is "short, graceful, and from the heart". Robert, a Toastmaster from New York, quotes Franklin Roosevelt as having said it best, "Be sincere, be brief, and be seated".

One well known actor who struggled with acceptance speeches was Forest Whitacre, the star of *The Last King of Scotland*. He had won the 2007 Golden Globe Award and the Screen Actors Guild Award for this particular performance and was now nominated (and expected) to 'take home the gold' at the upcoming Academy Awards just weeks away. His previous acceptance speeches were disasters and the news media played up the fact that he didn't have it in him to deliver a decent speech.

When Toastmasters International got wind of this, they stepped right in and turned the table on the media. In the USA Today newspaper, TI posted an article with specific tips and techniques to help the actor give a

successful Oscar acceptance speech. They also sent a copy to Mr. Whitacre's agent.

I remember that year, that movie *and* the ridicule that poor man received, and really empathized with him. For some folks, the ability to speak well comes naturally, but for the vast majority of us, we have to work hard! I also remember sitting on my couch that night, popcorn in hand, and as his winning name was called, I felt myself holding my breath for him!

So began his slow, but self-assured walk to the stage. However, this time, he was ready! Mr. Finerman said it best, "Forest Whitacre offered the world a dazzling speech! Those who watched could see that he appeared to follow all the tips offered by Toastmasters. He paused before beginning, controlled his filler words, he concentrated on his message, kept names to a minimum and performed the entire speech as though it were an Oscar-worthy script that he had written and rehearsed".

I breathed a sigh of relief for him as if for one moment, we were members of the same club rooting for each other. That is exactly how it feels to ace a speech of my own or to cheer a fellow Toastmaster on to a similar goal on Saturday mornings. Some of the names have changed and some of the faces are yet familiar, but 6 years later, CBC Toastmasters is as strong as ever.

I'll end with a true story of how dreams do come true with a little hard work, especially in the case of one of our own local Toastmasters who helped start this CBC club. Whenever this gentleman walked up to the wooden lectern, he must have visualized himself walking the famous Red Carpet, because on July 1st of this year, Mike Notaro will do just that as he steps into the role of President of Toastmasters International! Yes, worldwide! We, at CBC, can say "We knew him when..." ☺

Come see what it's all about! Visitors are always welcome!

What: Citizens for Better Communicators
Toastmasters

When: Saturdays

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

Time: 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

For more information about Citizens for Better Communicators Toastmasters, contact Justin Paras, President at justin.paras@gmail.com.

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

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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CBC's Spring Celebration

Expo 2010

Better Community, Better Life

Saturday, April 24, 2010

For event and ticket information, contact
Kathy Jang at kjang25@yahoo.com or
(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 (10:15 am – 11:45 am)

Where: Intero Real Estate Services (see page 6)

Contact: Justin.Paras@gmail.com

SBCS Scholarship Luncheon

When: Saturday, April 17, 2010 (noon)

Where: Courtyard by Marriott, Newark-Silicon Valley

Contact: Bernadette Chinn (510) 790-3944

CBC Annual Spring Celebration

When: Saturday, April 24, 2010 (5:30 pm)

Where: Fremont Marriott

Contact: kjang25@yahoo.com or (510) 790-0740

SBCS Golf Tournament

When: Sunday, May 16, 2010 (9 am)

Where: Sunol valley Golf Club (Cypress Course)

Contact: Frank Louie (510) 656-1041

Ohlone College Foundation Luncheon

When: Saturday, June 5, 2010

Where: Ohlone College Newark Center (Cherry Street)

Contact: (510) 659-6020 or

www.ohlone.edu/org/foundation

Upcoming CBC Meetings

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

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 7, 2010

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm