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Holiday wishes and some magic!



Santa (aka Steve Cho) pictured with his elves ~ SBCC President Fran Sabado Gin, Gerry Low Sabado and Maelene Wong. See page 3 for more details on this festive occasion.

Wishing you a healthy and prosperous 2011!

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President's Message

By Tim V. Tran



Dear CBC members, friends and supporters,

Welcome to CBC's Winter Newsletter. Thank you for allowing me to serve as CBC's president for a second term. We accomplished many great things in 2010, and 2011 will be even more special.

As we reflect upon our accomplishments in 2010, let's not forget all the dedication, coordination and hard work our volunteers have endured to successfully plan and execute our programs.

On December 5th, we had our Installation of Officers and Directors and Internship luncheon. Before the installation of the incoming officers, the summer interns treated us to short speeches about their experience in the legislative offices. Every one of them seemed to enjoy the experience. At the conclusion of the luncheon, we were very fortunate to have Judge Keith Fudenna, Alameda County Superior Court, to install the 2010-2011 CBC Officers and Board.

On December 11th, CBC and our sister club South Bay Chinese Club held the annual Christmas Party at the beautifully decorated Aegis Gardens. The afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended. Please see Amy's article on page 3 for more details.

As we move forward to 2011, we are faced with challenges that will require the collective efforts of CBC, community leaders and corporations to work as a team to turn our

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signature programs to reality. CBC is committed to serving the community and is continuously seeking new ways to bring value to our community. As we approach year end and develop a budget for the programs which we support, we realize that serving our community is easy when times were good. But when times are tough, serving is essential. We are fortunate to be in a position where we can pull together resources and ideas to make a difference.

We welcome your feedback, thoughts and of course donations! Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at info@cbsfbay.org

Respectfully submitted,

Tim V. Tran

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CBC President 2010-2011

CBC 2010-2011 Officers and Board Members are Installed

The CBC Board of Directors approved the following executive officer appointments for 2010-2011:

President: Tim V. Tran
Treasurer: Steve Cho
Secretary: Xiping Yang
Past President: Lisa Quan
Legal Counsel: Lisa Quan
Executive Director: Kathy Jang

See page 7 for the 2010-2011 Directory.



CBC Officers and Directors after being installed by Judge Keith Fudenna.

CBC Summer Internship

CBC would like to recognize and congratulate the leaders of tomorrow who recently completed summer internships in political offices around the Bay Area. The summer program has been growing every year. This year, 16 high school students were selected. CBC would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the legislative offices that participated.

Congressman Pete Stark

Shane Liao Elisa Ting

Senator Ellen Corbett

Kerry Liou

Assemblymember Fiona Ma

Isaac Chang Eric Gan

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi

Connie Chang Richard Yuan

Assemblymember Paul Fong

Kevin Lo

County Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker

Karen Hsu

County Supervisor Scott Haggerty

Jasper Cheng Henry Wang

City of Fremont

Felicity Chen Irving Hsu
Tiffany Ko Tiffany Lin

San Jose Councilman Pete Constant

Wilson Tsai



L to R: Steve Cho, Anna Muh, Chris Parman representing Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's office, interns Connie Chang and Richard Yuan and CBC President Tim Tran.

Christmas Party With Flutes and Magic

By Amy Cho



CBC/SBCC recently held their 2010 Christmas party. The joint event is a tradition that members enjoy every year. Our Christmas party took place on December 11, 2010 at Aegis Gardens Retirement Home in Fremont.

First, the Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble (VIFE) performed. This year, Director Judy Lam, also included some of the younger members of the ensemble. The flute ensemble played many familiar Christmas carols. We hear seniors point out that these days they don't get to hear the carols as much as they used to. The performance was very welcome and the beautiful tones of the flutes made the familiar music even more special. The members of VIFE put out extra effort to perform because they were very busy practicing for a major performance coming up December 18. To top things off, all of these young people were into the final week of school before winter break. We thank Judy and VIFE for the extraordinary efforts. For those who might not know already, VIFE is a group of multi-ethnic and competitive young musicians who are dedicated to serve the community with their musical gifts.



Father Mathew Vellankal from Holy Spirit Catholic Church was the next "hit". Father Mathew performed a short program of his magic tricks. His mystifying magic show kept everyone's attention. Father Mathew is quite a showman and it is hard to think he is a priest when he dresses up in his magician costume and gets into his tricks. He is very humorous too! Father Mathew also put out extra efforts to come to Aegis Gardens. We all know this is a very busy time for him at Holy Spirit Church. He hurried back to church after bestowing a blessing on all the seniors and party members!

Santa then distributed a present to every senior. Picture after picture was taken as people wanted to get their own photograph with Santa (CBC and SBCC member Steve Cho). It takes a team of people to prepare the hundred-some presents for the seniors. Members search for the right present and once they are purchased, members have to wrap them all! CBC and SBCC leave these little presents as a happy memory for the seniors. The party continued to be very spirited as Judy Lam took to the piano and Lena Zee, Beverly Moris and Ed Wong started singing "O Holy Night" and other Christmas carols all over again.

The dinner was superb. 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. To top it off, there were gift prizes.

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. Li Zhou Restaurant delivered the dishes to Aegis Gardens. We greatly appreciate Li Zhou in Fremont for making all these nice dishes and making sure they were warm for us to eat. Committee members included: Zerda Family – Cecilia, Joe, Michiko, Aaron and Maelene Wong, Serena Suranyi, Amy and Steve Cho, Aliene Yee, Lena Zee, SBCC President Fran and CBC President Tim Tran. The student volunteers Michiko Zerda and Miko Wu were always ready to help, at the click of a finger. 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. It was FUN and you can see some pictures here.



Father Mathew performs some tricks.

Keeping Up with the South Bay Chinese Club

By Fran Sabado-Gin
SBCC President 2010-2011



These past few months have been very busy for the South Bay Chinese Club. In October we sponsored a very successful dim sum luncheon to honor our elder members (over 80 years old). It was held at the Mayflower Restaurant in Milpitas and we had a great turnout. There were 12 elders and over 20 SBCC members in attendance. The menu was preordered and everyone enjoyed the abundant flavorful dishes. It was a great pleasure to mingle among the tables and thank each elder for their contribution to our club. All in all, the event was a hit and may be repeated next year.

November's get-together was a potluck/games night held right after our SBCC board meeting. Again, the dishes were plentiful and varied. Laughter and lively conversation could be heard throughout the evening, especially when the night's activities turned to games of poker and mah jong. Our members are competitive, but at the end of the evening, all were winners, going home with smiles and warm memories of a fun time spent with friends.

December brought out the Santas in all of us as we joined together with CBC to sponsor our annual Christmas Party at Aegis Gardens. The talented Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble provided the delightful musical entertainment and Father Mathew Vellankal performed astounding magical tricks that brought many smiles to the audience.



As we come into the second decade (!) of the 21st century, SBCC plans to continue providing fun and interesting activities for our members. Some of the things on tap for 2011 are a fundraiser dinner at the Elephant Bar in Fremont, an evening in Berkeley for dinner and a Taiko performance by Kodo from Japan, co-sponsoring with CBC a Chinese New Year program at the Fremont Main Library, our annual Chinese New Year dinner celebration, another potluck/games night, and our annual golf tournament in May. Of course our main project every year is the scholarship program, which provides \$10,000 in awards to deserving high school seniors of Chinese descent. Many man-hours go into making this endeavor possible and it continues to be successful through the efforts of the scholarship committee and our very supportive SBCC members and community.

If any or all of these upcoming events sound interesting to you, please join us. We welcome your participation and look forward to working close with the members of CBC. Please check our club website, www.sbccclub.org, for more information or contact us at SouthBayChineseClub1@gmail.com

Chinese New Year Celebration “Year of the Rabbit”

Volunteers are needed: We are looking for members who can volunteer 2 hours of their time on Thursday afternoon, February 10 around 1:00 pm to help decorate and also on Saturday, February 12 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the Chinese New Year event, helping with children's crafts. All the supplies will be provided! We just need your time and effort. Please contact Kathy Jang at (510) 790-0740 or kjang25@yahoo.com.

Citizens for Better Community and sister organization South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC), and the Fremont Main Library will host the 12th Annual Chinese New Year Celebration at the Fremont Main Library on **Saturday, February 12, 2011**, from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. This event is for families and anyone interested in the Chinese 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 Children's Library area.

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 Rabbit.

CBC Toastmasters Wins Big at District 57 Fall Conference!!!

*By ChenChen Fan,
CBC Toastmasters President*



Justin Paras has been a member of CBC Toastmasters for almost 2 years when he took the stage at the District 57 Fall Conference on November 6. In front of approximately 200 Toastmasters from other clubs, Justin nailed the Evaluations Contest!

The road to the District 57 Fall Conference is a short one. But first, a background explanation of the conference. Each fall, District 57 holds a conference where the finalists for the Humorous Speech and Evaluations compete for the ultimate trophy. Out of the approximately 130 clubs in the District 57, each club must hold a contest in which the winning member of that club will go on to the next level. Each win allows the contestant to advance to a higher level until he/she reaches the District level. The winner of the Humorous Speech or Evaluations Contest at the District level is the final winner. Needless to say, placing first at the District 57 Fall Conference is the highest victory for a Toastmaster.

Our journey with Justin started with CBC Toastmasters back in August. We had never organized a fall contest at the club before, so it took some scrambling to prepare for it, but due to everyone's willingness to volunteer, we had a great turnout. Justin's win in the club meant he will represent us in the Area 29 Contest in September, the next level above. In that contest, members from two other clubs also competed. As Justin won the Area Contest, realization dawned upon us that he could have a shot to the top. That hope was fulfilled when Justin won the Division Contest in October. With each win, we, the members who watched Justin's climb, grew ever more confident about his chances. With each win, we felt pride and inspiration swell in our bosoms.

Of course, Justin worked hard too. What used to be good, constructive evaluations in club meetings now had to be meticulously crafted evaluations that were not only insightful and organized, but also had to be delivered in an articulate, polished manner. Justin would spend time watching sample speeches online and practice evaluating them in front of his family. His family members helped time his evaluation and offered feedback on points he may have missed, points that he

covered exceptionally well. Justin spent more time perfecting his strategy for giving the best evaluation, studying other evaluators and the criteria on which the judges graded him. In the end, his dedication and commitment paid off.

On the day of the Fall Conference, Justin was nervous but also excited. All of us had a wonderful time seeing familiar faces from other clubs and sharing the feeling of camaraderie. The Evaluations Contest was held in the morning. The test speaker gave a hilarious, tongue-in-cheek speech on the joys of failure. As the rest of the audience laughed, the contestants were busy jotting down notes. After the test speaker sat down, the contestants came up one by one to give their evaluation of the test speech. They were all very good, but it was not until the closing ceremony at the end of the day when the judges announced the winners. Finally, the nerve racking moment ended when Justin was announced the winner of the Evaluations Contest. We leaped up in joy as he accepted his trophy. Photos were taken, congratulatory handshakes were exchanged. As the event wrapped to a close, we stepped out of the conference center into the cold November evening, but our hearts were warm with the pride and joy of success.



**Congratulations
Justin!**

South Bay Chinese Service Club 2010-2011 Scholarship Program

The South Bay Chinese Club was formed in 1965 in order to preserve the culture and customs of the Chinese heritage, to foster and encourage better understanding of civic responsibilities and the American way of life, and to promote the general welfare of the community. In 1984 the Club formed the South Bay Chinese Service Club, a nonprofit, philanthropic organization.

The primary purpose of the South Bay Chinese Service Club is to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors of Chinese descent. Only students **residing in Fremont, Newark and Union City** or children of club members in good standing are eligible to apply. The actual number of scholarships will be determined by the amount of donations received. Last year two \$2,000, one \$1,500, two \$1,000, four \$500 and three \$250 scholarships were awarded.

In evaluating the applications the scholarship committee will consider ***unweighted*** grade point average, school activities, special achievements, community service activities, and a personal essay.

To request the 2010-2011 Scholarship Application forms, email: sbcc.scholarship@gmail.com with "2010-2011 Scholarship Application Request" on the subject line and include 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

The application deadline is Saturday, March 12, 2011.

Scholarship winners will be invited as our guests to the South Bay Chinese Service Club scholarship luncheon on **April 9th 2011** where a guest speaker will address the graduating seniors, family guests, donors and club members.

For further information or questions, email: sbcc.scholarship@gmail.com or contact Brad Louie at (510) 449-0321, or Joe Woo at (510) 651-1629.

Fremont Healthy Start

Submitted by Florence Yeh



Fremont Healthy Start is a program of the East Bay Agency for Children which was established in 1952. We are dedicated to promoting the Health and educational well-being of Children and families by eliminating barriers that may otherwise prevent children from attending school.

Our services include:

- information and referral (child support, child care, housing, etc)
- translation and interpretation
- vision care referral
- physical exams and immunizations
- health insurance enrollment (Medi- Cal, Healthy Families, Kaiser)
- emergency food and clothing
- assistance with applications
- assistance with school registration process
- Food Stamp Applications
- Mental Health Referrals and Evaluations

All services are confidential. Family Resource Specialist Florence Yeh can meet with you at any of the following convenient locations:

Grimmer Elementary
43030 Newport Drive, Fremont
(510) 656-4206

Fremont Family Resource Center
39155 Liberty St., Fremont
at the **Welcome Center**
(510) 574-2141

All services are free of charge! Please call for appointment first.

CBC Membership Dues

The new membership year began on November 1, 2010. The membership renewal form can be found on page 7 of this newsletter. Please complete the form and send in your dues. Better yet, become a lifetime member and never worry about your annual dues. Your dues help to pay for our CBC newsletter. Thanks in advance for your support!

2010-2011 Directory

President:

Tim Tran(408) 799-5290

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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.

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<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 | <input type="checkbox"/> New
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
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Please complete the following member(s) (contact person) information:

Member:

Last Name

First Name

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Last Name

First Name

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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

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

Chinese New Year Celebration

When: Saturday, February 12, 2011

Where: Fremont Main Library

SBCC Scholarship Luncheon

When: Saturday, April 9, 2011

Where: Courtyard by Marriott

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

Wednesday, January 5, 2011

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 2, 2011

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 2, 2011

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

**Please renew your membership NOW!
See page 7 for membership form.**

Thank you!