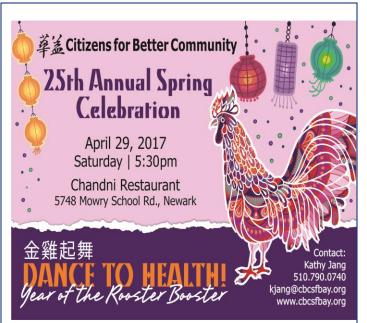


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January - March 2017

President's Message



By Judy Lam

Dear CBC Members and Friends,

Greetings! On behalf of all Board members, I wish everyone a happy new year of the rooster. Some dialects refer to the comb of a rooster as a crown, symbolic of a dignity status. May you be a champion in all your endeavors. Most of all, I pray that you will be blessed with good health and good spirit.

Many of us celebrated Chinese New Year with customary family gatherings. CBC, co-hosting with the South Bay Chinese Club, kicked off the new year celebration in the Fremont Main Library. As in previous years, a full house audience cheered on a variety of performances while many young children enjoyed getting their hands on the various arts and crafts.

That was an eventful day of celebration, but above all, there was one particular short moment that I will hold on to. James Sakane and I were standing next to each other. We were both watching the performance. We did not speak, he simply greeted me with a gentle look and his usual warm smile. And I knew I should respect his moment with his camera and the children performing. His pictures documented years of history in our community, on the contrary, the community was not ready for James to become history. CBC will miss him.

Lisa Quan, yet another sudden passing which is an agonizing loss to CBC. I did not know her except that she was a beautiful and capable lady who actively served as CBC's Legal Counsel, CBC's President as well as a Fremont City Planning Commissioner. Many

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of our current and past Board members had the privilege of working closely with Lisa. CBC is grateful to have had Lisa's service and we send our condolences to her family and close friends.

On a happier note, our sincere congratulations to David Bonaccorsi for becoming the newest Fremont City Councilman. He will be serving alongside with fellow CBC members, Mayor Lily Mei and City Councilman Raj Salwan. We know that David is a true leader who will serve our City well.

Indeed, we are proud of the accomplishments of many of our CBC members. All who serves in CBC knows its mission and we are drawn together for a common purpose. Yet there is so much more to just working together on projects and planning events. CBC is blessed with capable and humble leaders who dedicate their time and expertise to serve the community and each other. The real pleasure is getting to know each other and the stories behind each of our passion, as well as the strength in overcoming individual obstacles. What we can learn from others ultimately helps us to serve the community better. There were so many precious moments and experiences we shared and we will look forward to cherishing more continuously. Blessings to all!

Respectfully,

Judy Lam CBC President 2016-2017

Chinese New Year at the Fremont Main Library

By Amy Cho

In preparation for Chinese New Year, Citizens for Better Community (CBC), sister organization South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC), and the Fremont Main Library sponsored the 18th Chinese New Year program at the Fremont Main Library on January 21, 2017. This program involved many, many people. Some participated in an hour-long performance. Others demonstrated Chinese traditional art. In total, the community enjoyed a free 3-hour event to celebrate Chinese New Year 4714, Year of the Rooster. Chinese New Year started on January 28, 2017.

Karen Pacheco, Joy Tsou, and the entire 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 watched the varied performances. The audience was first welcomed officially by Joy Tsou (Librarian, Fremont Main Library), Judy Lam (President of CBC), and Lorrie Wong (President of SBCC). Outside there were areas where people could watch and participate in the art of paper cutting. In the Storytime Theater, SBCC manned tables where children watched and experienced handson fun with doing Chinese Crafts. The children made Chinese lanterns and Fortune Cookie pins. Fabulous decorations were found in the Fukaya Room. Chinese lantern decorations hung from the ceilings. Walls were equally decorated for the celebration.



The Chinese New Year celebration was organized by Amy Cho, Steve Cho, Cecilia Leon, Gerry Low Sabado, and Karen Pacheco. Spring Kao and Instructor Qian Zhang of the Mission San Jose (MSJ) High AP Chinese Class organized MSJ students (led by Brian Yu) to handle Chinese paper cutting. Contributors for the fabulous lantern decorating, library decorations and Storytime Theater crafts included): Steve Cho, Aliene Yee, Jack Yee, Gerry Low Sabado, Randy Sabado, Amber Dela Cruz, Serena Suranyi, Gladys Lee, Cecilia Leon, Colleen Woo, Doris Eng, Michi Yee, Linette Young, Les Young, Lorrie Wong, Ron Wong, Mary K Lim, and Gene Lim. The Event Committee included the names above and additionally Peggy Chiou for Poster and program designs.



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Our thanks go to Emcee Lena Zee. Performers included members and directors from the following organizations: Grace Lai and Judy Lam (Fremont Youth Symphony Orchestra and Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble), Carole Diamond (Principal at Azevada Elementary School, Mandarin Immersion Program) with contacts Yung Pei Choy and Jeff Bowen, Dr. Li-Ling Chen (Fremont Chinese School, Teacher for Chinese Yo-Yo), Yongping Tian (Director of the California Youth Chinese Symphony) with contact Duny Lam, David Chen (Academy of Chinese Performing Arts), Master Li (Director of the Legend Kung Fu Academy), Hwei-Min Wu Lu (Director of the Choir, Friends of Children With Special Needs) also joined by the Happy Tunes Children's Choir.





Anna Muh, Randy Sabado, Ron Wong and Joe Zerda provided "security services" making sure there was good flow for library audience/performer traffic, and proper seating during the show.

The event received donations of red envelopes (used for making lantern crafts) from Fremont Bank and the Fremont Main Library. McDonald's Corporation donated colorful 2017 calendars to all the performers. Thanks to the Fremont Main Library for getting the sound system and seating prepared for the event.

CBC, SBCC, and the Fremont Library have once again kept up the traditions of the Chinese Lunar New Year. Hooray for the Year of the Rooster!

Christmas Party Enjoyed by All

By Amy Cho

CBC and SBCC recently held the 2016 Christmas party. Christmas seems like a long time ago! This joint event is a tradition that members enjoy every year. Our Christmas party took place on December 10, 2016, at Aegis Gardens Retirement Home in Fremont.

We were treated to "Paramount Shanghai Night" show and performances this year! Organizers who brought this show to us were Dr. Hal Lim and Ms. Carmelita Chao of UNESCO CID SFS (United Nations' Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, Conseil International de la Danse, San Francisco Section). Thanks to Hal and Carmelita for a wonderful afternoon of dances and elaborate costumes and props! Many dancers, some from Bravo Dance Studio in Fremont, entertained CBC/SBCC members and Aegis Gardens residents. There were fabulous singers, too! Performances included Cha Cha, Rumba, Salsa, Waltz, Hustle to name a few. This was an 'interactive' party, members and seniors danced, too.





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Dances were followed with boisterous Christmas carol and song singing. Judy Lam played the piano while Yang Shao, Herb Chiu, and David Lam led the members and residents.

Santa distributed presents to seniors at Aegis Gardens as well as seniors from CBC and SBCC. Thanks to Santa (Past SBCC President Randy Sabado) and Mrs. Santa (Gerry Low Sabado)! This was an opportune time to get a Christmas/Santa picture for families. Many photos were taken. As for the preparations before, it took a team of people to prepare the hundred-some presents for the seniors. CBC/SBCC members Aliene Yee, Lorrie Wong, Maelene Wong and Cecilia Leon wrapped them each individually! They also made many other preparations. CBC and SBCC leave these little presents as a happy memory for the seniors. The dinner was superb. CBC/SBCC provided 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. The dining room was festive and very, very cozy. Members had a chance to catch up with friends whom they had not seen for a while.



Unwrapped toys and food items were collected for the local Tri-City League of Volunteers (LOV) organization. Committee members included: SBCC President Lorrie Wong, Aliene Yee, Cecilia Leon, Maelene Wong, Amy Cho, Steve Cho and CBC President Judy Lam. Finally, thanks to all of Aegis Gardens' warm and energetic staff and especially Aegis Gardens' Program Activities Director, Amy Yang.

The Christmas parties are always memorable. We share Christmas with the seniors, do something for our community with the toy and food donations, and have a great time for ourselves...all at the same time! Now that Christmas and the holidays are over, it's time to get on with 2017.

Installation of CBC Officers and Directors and Intern Recognition Luncheon

On Sunday, December 4, 2016, CBC Officers and Board of Directors were installed for 2016-2017. The newly elected Board members were warmly welcomed: Larry Hsu, Robert Kaiser, Charles Liu and Richard Muh. We gratefully acknowledged the outgoing Board members: Simon Chen, Peggy Chiou, Ro Khanna and Tim Tran and thanked everyone for making the commitment to serve on the Board.



Also, the summer interns were recognized for completing their service at local legislative offices. We heard first-hand about the interns' experience and we are impressed with the teens' work ethic! CBC extends its appreciation to the following legislative offices: Senator Bob Wieckowski, Assembly member Kansen Chu, County Supervisor Scott Haggerty and Cupertino Mayor Barry Chang.



A special thank you to FCSN for allowing us to use their facility for this occasion.

Applications are now being accepted for CBC's summer youth programs. Space is limited and deadlines are quickly approaching. Additional details for the two valuable youth programs that CBC offers, can be found at <u>http://www.cbcsfbay.org/</u> or on page 5 of this newsletter.

CBC's Summer Youth Internship Program

Offering Local Chinese American Youth:

- 1. Communication and Leadership Skills Development
- 2. Exposure to the Legislative Process (Federal, State & Local)
- 3. Practical Work Experience
- 4. Opportunity to Work with Legislators to Help Our Community
- 5. Opportunity to get Recommendation Letter for Future College and/or Job application

Qualifications:

- 1. Chinese American, 16 years or older as of June 1, 2017.
- 2. High school Junior or Senior student.
- 3. Resident of the East Bay, Tri-City Area.
- 4. Members of CBC preferred. Priority consideration will be based on seniority of CBC membership.
- 5. CBC Toastmaster Youth Leadership Program experience preferred.

Requirements:

- 1. Must be able to work 3 to 6 hours a week (total of at least 60 hours during the summer).
- Must be able to make 3 5 month commitment (to be negotiated with local government agencies or legislative offices).
- 3. Must write an essay describing your experience at the end of the internship.
- 4. Must attend the interview process in late April 2017 (place TBD).
- 5. Must be able to take one Saturday (half day) training class in Fremont; date to be determined (between 5/13/17 to 6/10/17). CBC will pay for the training expense.
- Must be available to meet for orientation and one mandatory meeting during the summer for Interns' Progress report at CBC's summer BBQ event.
- 7. Must have reliable transportation to/from designated internship office.

At the End of the Program, You Will Receive:

- 1. Community Service Learning Hours
- Certificate of Completion Awarded from both CBC and Internship Office at the Annual CBC Interns' Appreciation Luncheon in November/early December 2017.
- 3. Possible Recommendation Letter from an Elected Official

The office assignment will be done after the interview at CBC's discretion. If you are interested in this program,

please contact: Anna T. Muh, CBC Internship Co-Chairperson <u>after you carefully read through the</u> <u>Information, Application and Waiver</u>, by phone at (510) 468-6666 or via e-mail at <u>annatmuh@yahoo.com</u>.

The application form is available at http://www.cbcsfbay.org/internship-program/

Mail completed forms to:

Ms. Anna Muh CBC Summer Internship Program 44927 Parkmeadow drive Fremont, CA 94539

Application packet must be received in the mail by Saturday, April 1, 2017.

CBC's Summer Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program



Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program (TYLP) is based on Toastmasters' curriculum and recreates the Toastmaster experience to foster the public speaking and leadership skills that young adults will need today to meet the demands and challenges of tomorrow (e.g. project presentations, college/job interviews and team collaboration).

TYLP is a five-week summer program that runs from June 17th to July 22nd (no class on July 1st) and meets every Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at FCSN Center in Fremont. Parents are welcome to join in on the opening ceremony taking place the first day of class. At the last meeting on July 22nd, parents are encouraged to attend to hear student speeches. Students who complete the Toastmasters requirements will be awarded a certificate at the graduation ceremony (must attend at least 4 weeks of the program).

Capacity is very limited. Early registration is strongly recommended. Register by *Sunday, April 22, 2017*, to be eligible for early registration and the discounted registration fee. Applications are available at <u>http://www.cbcsfbay.org/2017-toastmasters-youth-leadership-program/</u> and must be received no later than Friday, May 26, 2017, for consideration. Please note that all spaces may be filled prior to this date.

If you have any questions, please contact <u>albert.cbcteam@gmail.com</u>.

Note: Adults interested in a Toastmasters program (Citizens for Better Communicators), please visit <u>http://654714.toastmastersclubs.org/</u> for more information.

Upcoming Events....

Gala Honors Local Superheroes of Education

Excerpt from Tri-City Voice, February 7, 2017 Issue

The Fremont Education Foundation (FEF) will be hosting its annual Excellence in Education Gala. The Superheroes of Fremont Unified School District (FUSD), Dr. James Morris and Ms. Ivy Wu, are being honored for their unfaltering commitment to our students.

Date: Friday, February 24, 2017 Place: Fremont Marriott 46100 Landing Parkway Fremont, CA Time: 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Dinner at 6:30 p.m.)

Ms. Ivy Wu will be honored as the 2017 Community Honoree. Ivy is a longtime Fremont resident and has supported the schools of the FUSD in many ways over the years. She served as an FUSD School Board Trustee for eight years where she made critical decisions that impacted the lives of tens of thousands of students. Ivy is currently working with Fremont Unified Student Store (FUSS), a volunteer-based non-profit organization. Her continued volunteer work with FUSS helps raise funds and awareness about the diverse needs in the Fremont School community.

The 2017 FUSD Honoree is FUSD's Superintendent Dr. James Morris. Dr. Morris began his career in education 36 years ago, as a teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). Prior to being appointed Superintendent in Fremont in July 2010, he worked as the Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Staff in the LAUSD. During his career, he has served as a teacher, a principal, and a variety of other administrative positions including Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, and Superintendent of District 2 supervising over 100 schools with 103,000 students and families in the San Fernando Valley.

Congratulations to Dr. James Morris and Ivy Wu!



Special Needs Talent Showcase

By Anna Wang Vice President, FCSN

FCSN is hosting the 3rd annual Special Needs Talent Showcase on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at the Santa Clara Convention Center Theatre. Come embrace these incredible young people as they reach for the stars, competing for the top 3 spots.

This year is going to be a spectacular show, a wonderful production with many touching moments of the fantastic talents of the special needs performers. This is not a fundraiser.... it's all about creating the platform for individuals with special needs to showcase their talent and abilities. We just need to break even; the entire event budget is \$18,000. Just prizes alone for the special needs contestants, finalists and winners account for over \$7,000 due to the cash prizes and the high cost of 3 professional promotional videos for the 3 winners. Any donation, sponsorship and ticket sales is greatly appreciated. Thanks again for your support for the special needs.

> Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017 Place: Santa Clara Convention Theatre 5001 Great American Parkway Santa Clara, CA

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m., show starts promptly at 7:00 p.m.)

Most importantly, please make sure to come to cheer for the performers!

To buy tickets or to be a sponsor, visit: https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=b85ff4



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Chinese Medicine Day

Submitted by Jui-Lan Liu Reference Services Librarian

Chinese Medicine Day was first celebrated in 1929 in mainland China in the month of March and has since become a yearly tradition. The Chinese medical community of Northern California has observed this important day for many decades.

For this year's celebration, the Fremont Main Library is co-sponsoring a FREE health evaluation event with American Association of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture (AACMA) and Citizens for Better Community (CBC). Everyone is welcome!

> Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017 Place: Fremont Main Library (Fukaya Room) 2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Additionally, there will be two bilingual (Mandarin and English) health seminars on the treatment of the following two conditions:

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. ~ Vertigo 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ~ Menopause

The Fremont Main Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library system, located at 2400 Stevenson Boulevard is wheelchair accessible. For sign language interpreter or other accommodations, please contact the library at least seven working days prior to the event. No reservations are required. For more information call (510) 745-1401.

Homeless Shelter Meal Service

The CBC Youth Group serves meals at Sunrise Village in Fremont. 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 community service hours upon completion.

The 2017 meal service schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, April 23 (lunch)
- Saturday, July 29 (dinner)
- Sunday, October 29 (dinner)

For more information, please contact <u>sherry.y.chang@gmail.com</u>.

CBC's Spring Celebration





Citizens for Better Community (CBC) is pleased to announce its 25th Annual

Spring Celebration fundraiser which will be held on *Saturday, April 29, 2017*, at Chandni Restaurant in Newark (5748 Mowry School Road). Our Spring Celebration events have been very popular over the years because we offer fun entertainment, wonderful food, great company, and especially because we have your continued strong support and sponsorship.

This year's program theme is **Dance to Health – Year of the Rooster Booster**. We are excited to announce that some of the proceeds raised will benefit two worthy 501c(3) non-profit organizations that allow their recipients to lead healthier lives:

- 1. Asian American Donor Program (AADP) (<u>http://www.aadp.org</u>)
- 2. New Hope Chinese Cancer Care Foundation (NHCCCF) (<u>http://www.newhopecancer.org/</u>)

The Asian American Donor Program is geared towards saving lives. It is an official recruitment group of the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) specializing in conducting outreach and donor drives in the Asian, Pacific Islander and multi-racial communities. There is a great need for bone marrow donors, particularly for people between the ages of 18 & 44 who are from multi-racial, and multi-ethnic communities.

New Hope Chinese Cancer Care Foundation's mission Statement is "To serve Chinese cancer patients and families through service, education, advocacy and research." The organization serves patients regardless of religion, gender, age and region.

Also during the event, CBC will honor Congressman Ro Khanna as CBC's Citizen of the Year and David Bonaccorsi as CBC's Volunteer of the Year.

We would be proud to have your support by being a sponsor or by attending the event. Please visit <u>http://www.cbcsfbay.org/25th-annual-cbc-gala-year-rooster-booster/</u> for more information and to purchase tickets online.

Questions? Contact <u>kjang@cbcsfbay.org</u> 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."

CBC's Vision Statement:

"CBC will be a model of excellence in community service by facilitation and motivating Chinese American involvement in the community."

2016-2017 Board Directory

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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 kjang@cbcsfbay.org.

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Thank you for joining us in helping to make our community a better place to live.

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When: Saturday, March 18, 2017 (7 pm) Where: Santa Clara Convention Theatre 5001 Great American Parkway, Santa Clara Contact: administration@fcsn1996.org or (510)739-6900 ext. 3305

Chinese Medicine Day

When: Sunday, March 18, 2017 (1 pm) Where: Fremont Main Library 2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont Contact: Library at (510) 745-1401

Homeless Shelter Meal Service

When: *Sunday, April 23, 2017 (lunch)* Where: Sunrise Village Contact: <u>sherry.y.chang@gmail.com</u>

Upcoming CBC Meetings

*Note: Meetings are held bi-monthly with special meetings to be determined.

Prior to each meeting, there will be set-up and a social "hour" from 7:15 p.m. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at **Carlton Plaza, 3800 Walnut Avenue, Fremont.**

- ~ Wednesday, April 12, 2017 (postponed from April 5)
- ~ Wednesday, June 7, 2017
- ~ Wednesday, August 2, 2017

General meeting from 7:30 p.m. is open to guests and CBC members. To be followed by a meeting for the Board.

CBC's 25th Annual Spring Celebration Dance to Health – Year of the Rooster Booster

> Saturday, April 29, 2017 (see page 7 for details)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (November 1, 2016– October 31, 2017)

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If you like what you se 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*

- □ \$20 Individual
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- **G** \$50 Corporate/Organization
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- □ \$200 Family: Life Membership
- **5**00 Corporate/Organization: Life Membership

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