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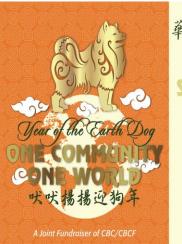
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Membership Newsletter

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Come Join Us!



華蓋 Citizens for Better Community

26th Annual Spring Celebration

> April 28, 2018 Saturday • 5:30pm

Chandni Restaurant 5748 Mowry School Rd., Newark

Contact Kathy Jang 510.790.0740 • kjang@cbcsfbay.org www.cbcsfbay.org

CBC and CBC Foundation are excited to announce their annual Spring Celebration "One Community, One World - Year of the Earth Dog." Please see page 7 for more event details.

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

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President's Message



By Charles Liu

Dear CBC Members and Friends,

Today, I want to tell you a true story about my first day in the United States. On October 2, 1989, I boarded an airplane from Hong Kong and flew to Los Angeles. Sitting right next to me on the airplane was a Nepalese American Suvas Vajracharya, going back to the U.S. from his trip to his original home country in Nepal. We spoke on the airplane and exchanged stories of our lives. He helped me through Los Angeles customs and everything was good. Then I couldn't reach my friend in Los Angeles, and I had no place to go, because the school I was going to, Deep Springs College, was still several hundred miles away and I had to find a place to stay. Then Suvas told me, 'why don't you come stay at my house?' I gladly did. And this was the first experience I got on my first day as a foreigner in this country. Now, the more important life lesson came the next day.

After a day of friendly treatment and free food, Suvas sent me to the Greyhound bus station to go to Bishop, the nearest town to Deep Springs College. Before I boarded the greyhound bus station, I told Suvas how appreciative I was to him, and then I asked, 'how can I ever return your favor and pay you back?' You know what Suvas told me? He said, 'just help the next person in need of help!'

During my upbringing in China, the teaching was always to return favors multiple times to those who helped you. It's all related to oneself. The answer from Suvas was unexpected to me and morally superior to

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what I knew. He did a good deed not expecting payback to himself, but it's a reflection of selfless altruism, and its spirit can clearly lead to building a better community if everyone follows it. This private citizen's good deed was the epitome of a great America with abundance of heart, and I was blessed to experience the warm embrace in this country, but it's also a constant reminder to me to elevate myself to Suvas' level.

After I got to Deep Springs College, I found this quote from Deep Springs College founder, L. L. Nunn, 'For what do you come to Deep Springs? You come to Deep Springs not to learn a trade, not for monetary gain, not for materialist pursuits, but for a life of service!' I almost thought Suvas was a Deep Springs graduate when I read this, but he was not. However, he clearly possesses the spirit of life of service. Today, he's the founder and CEO of Lightning Bolt Solutions, making Doctors scheduling software that helps tens of thousands of patients getting care smoothly.

From my first day's experience in the United States, to my involvement with CBC today, I found it fitting to share with all CBC members a famous quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, 'Life's most urgent and persistent question is - what are you doing for others?' May the spirit of service be with you. Thank you!

Charles Liu CBC President 2017-2018

Christmas Party Celebration 2017

By Amy Cho

CBC and sister organization, South Bay Chinese Club, recently held the 2017 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 9, 2017, at Aegis Gardens Retirement Home in Fremont.



We were treated to "Make a Wish – Merry Christmas" show and performances this year! By popular demand, the same organizers from last year brought a new show to us again this year. Organizers 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 entertained CBC/SBCC members and Aegis Gardens residents. Lena Zee who is known to all of CBC and SBCC, also performed a rumba dance this year! This was an 'interactive' party, members and seniors danced too.



Dances were followed with boisterous Christmas carol singing. Beverly Moris played the piano while Yang Shao, David Lam, Lena Zee, SBCC President Joe Woo and CBC President Charles Liu led the members and residents. Not long after, more SBCC and CBC members joined these leaders at the stage to make very harmonious and energetic singing for the residents.



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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, Gerry Low Sabado, 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. Donated toys and food items were especially abundant this year. Committee members included: Lorrie Wong, Aliene Yee, Cecilia Leon, Joe Zerda, Maelene Wong, Amy Cho, Steve Cho, Gerry Low Sabado, Randy Sabado and Midji Rovetta. 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 2018.



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, 2018
- 2. High school Junior or Senior student
- Resident of the East Bay, Tri-City Area
 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 2018 (place TBD)
- 5. Must be able to take one Saturday (half day) training class in Fremont; date to be determined (between 5/14/18 to 6/11/18). 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:

- 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 2018
- 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: Charles Liu, Internship Committee Chair <u>after you carefully read through</u> <u>the Information, Application and Liability Waivers</u>, by phone at (510) 938-6668 or via e-mail at <u>Charlesliu1200@yahoo.com</u>.

The application form is available at http://www.cbcsfbay.org/2018-youth-internship-program/

Scan the completed Application and Liability Waivers to <u>Charlesliu1200@yahoo.com</u> by Friday, March 30, 2018.

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 16th to July 21st (no class on July 7th) 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 21st, 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 *Monday, April 30, 2018,* to be eligible for early registration and the discounted registration fee. Applications are available at <u>http://www.cbcsfbay.org/2018-toastmasters-youth-leadership-program-2/</u> and must be received no later than Tuesday, May 15, 2018, for consideration. Please note that all spaces may be filled prior to this date.

If you have any questions, please contact <u>apply.CBCTYLP@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...

CBC to Co-Host Annual Chinese New Year Celebration "Year of the Dog"

By Amy Cho

Citizens for Better Community, South Bay Chinese Club and the Fremont Main Library will again celebrate the Chinese New Year on *Saturday, February 24, 2018,* from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. This year we celebrate the Year of the Dog! The official date for the new lunar year was February 16, 2018.

This event is for families, youngsters and anyone interested in Chinese culture. Craft booths will fill the library. Last year, Paper Cutting was featured on one side of the Children's Library. On the other side in the Storytime Theater, other children's crafts could be found. The children have tons of fun while they observe the demonstrations. They also get hands-on experience doing the crafts themselves and taking their own work home! This year, Calligraphy and a new activity for children will be added.

Don't miss the entertainment program, which takes place from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. in the Fukaya Room. The performances include instruments, singing, and dance. It is fascinating to see the talents we have right here in our own community. Crafts will be open from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., right after the performances end.

Volunteers are always appreciated: We are looking for members who can volunteer 2 hours of their time on Friday afternoon, February 23 around 1:30 p.m. to help decorate. We also can use volunteers on Saturday, February 24 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the Chinese New Year event. Help is always needed with children's crafts and many other areas. If you know of others who might have crafts to demonstrate, please also let us know. All the supplies will be provided! We appreciate your time and effort. Please call Amy Cho at (510) 797-6426.

CBC Membership Mixer Luncheon

On *Saturday, March 10, 2018,* CBC will be hosting a membership mixer luncheon for all CBC members in good standing. The luncheon will be held at World Gourmet Buffet (6010 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont) from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. President Charles Liu and the current CBC Board members encourage members to attend the luncheon to strengthen the bond between the Board and the members. Come join us for some camaraderie and friendship while eating delicious food! Please RSVP to kjang25@yahoo.com or (510) 790-0740.

2018 FUSS Summer Programs Fair

Fremont Unified Student Store

March 16.

2018

FRIDAY

6-8pm

High School -Rotunda

Fremont Blvd,

Fremont, CA

American

36300

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Looking for Summer Programs for your Kids? Need a Summer Internship Opportunity?

Come to the 2018 FUSS SUMMER PROGRAMS FAIR



Program Categories for (PreK-12) Students:

Academics Arts & Crafts Business & Entrepreneurship Communications Competitions Internships

- ALL FUSS MEMBERS ARE UNPAID
 VOLUNTEERS
- ALL NET PROCEEDS FROM FUSS EVENTS
 GO TO SUPPORT FUSD SCHOOL
 PROGRAMS AND STUDENTS

Special Needs Talent Showcase

By Anna Wang Co-Founder and Vice President, FCSN

Are you ready to be WOWed?

FCSN is hosting the 4th annual Special Needs Talent Showcase on March 24th. Don't miss out on this spectacular show and an unforgettable experience. The preliminary round judges have chosen 12 finalists to compete and 10 honorable mentions to perform. Every one of their performances was phenomenal. We applaud the contestants for breaking stereotypes that most people have for the special needs community. Come embrace these incredible young people as they

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Music Science & Technology Speech & Debate Sports Teen Programs Travel

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reach for the stars, competing of the top 3 spots, each winning \$500 cash and 3 paid performance engagements in the coming year.

Emcee: ABC7 News Reporter, Matt Keller Celebrity Judges: Christopher Showerman, Hollywood Star; Assembly Member Kansen Chu; Mimi Kwan, Vice President ABC7 TV; Steven Prutsman, internationally acclaimed virtuoso pianist, music director, and composer; Jasmine Huynh, San Francisco Ballet manager; Jennifer Sullivan, accomplished singer and former ED of Morgan Autism Center; Maria Rabaino, Rollettes, acclaimed wheelchair dance team.

Join the celebration of our special needs community's most talented!

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018

- Place: Santa Clara Convention Theatre 5001 Great America 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.)
- Cost: \$20 General Admission \$50 VIP Admission or sponsor this meaningful event

To buy tickets or to be a sponsor, visit: <u>https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=6b99a8</u>. You may also email ticket orders to <u>administration@fcsn1996.org</u> and mail checks payable to FCSN, memo: SNTS tickets/sponsorship. Thank you for your support!



SBCSC Scholarship Awards Banquet



Submitted by Randy Sabado, SBCC Scholarship Chair

CBC's sister club, the South Bay Chinese Service Club, awards scholarships to exemplary high school students of Chinese descent in our local community. Children of club members and students residing in Fremont, Newark and Union City are eligible to apply by the end of February.

Please join us in recognizing the academic achievement and exceptional community services of an elite group of students selected to receive this year's South Bay Chinese Service Club scholarships:

> When: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 Where: Mayflower Restaurant 34348 Alvarado Niles Road Union City, CA 94587 Time: 6 p.m.

- Cost: \$32 for adult; \$20 for student
- RSVP: by Monday, April 2, 2018

The keynote speaker will be Suzanne "Sue" Lee Chan, daughter of immigrant parents from the Toisan region of China, born and raised in Peoria, Illinois, at a time when ethnic diversity was essentially non-existent. Working in the family owned Chinese restaurant, she



learned firsthand the importance of hard work, which instilled a lifelong strong work ethic that has been a guiding principle and motivator.

Sue earned a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from the University of Illinois and a Master of Science in Immunology with Honors at Cal State Los Angeles. She has been a clinical bacteriologist, researcher at the National Institute of Health and adjunct professor at number of Bay Area Colleges.

A longtime community activist and leader, Sue was elected to the Fremont City Council in 2008 and served as Vice Mayor in 2011 and 2015.

Sue proudly represents her Asian Pacific Islander community with passion and heart that has led to leadership positions on local, county, state, and national levels. She is the Immediate Past President of the League of California Cities API Caucus where she also serves on the Board of Directors and the National

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League of Cities Asian Pacific American Municipal Officers.

Sue is currently co-teaching an Asian Pacific Islander Leadership course at Cal State East Bay – in a continuing effort to inspire, encourage, and mentor the next generation as they become leaders in their own right.

She also serves on a number of Regional Boards and is active in many non-profit groups.

A strong advocate for ethnic diversity, affordable housing, access to health, senior services, and veteran's affairs, Sue continues to fight for those less fortunate and in need. Her efforts have been recognized with several awards:

- 2017 Assembly Member Bill Quirk's Woman of the Year for Social Justice
- 2016 Silicon Valley Business Journal Women of Influence
- 2015 APAPA Judge Stuart Hing's Mentor of the Year
- 2014 Powerful Women of the Bay Area Recipient
- 2013 Senate Majority Leader Ellen Corbett's Woman of the Year Trailblazer
- 2007 Citizens for Better Community Citizen of the Year

Sue and husband, Dr. Steven Chan are Lifetime members of SBCC and CBC and chaired the SBCC Scholarship Committee for many years. They are the proud parents of two grown sons, Scott and Tracy, both successful start-up entrepreneurs.

You may make your reservation and pay online with your credit card at SBCC's website: www.SouthBayChineseClub.org

If you prefer to pay by check, please make check payable to *South Bay Chinese Service Club* and indicate the names and number of adults/students attending. Mail to:

> Randy Sabado 1460 Gilbert Avenue Fremont, CA 94536



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 2018 meal service schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, April 22 (lunch)
- Saturday, June 30 (dinner)
- Sunday, July 29 (dinner)
- Saturday, September 29 (dinner)

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

CBC's Spring Celebration

Citizens for Better Community (CBC) and CBC Foundation is pleased to announce its 26th Annual Spring Celebration fundraiser which will be held on *Saturday, April 28, 2018,* 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, great company, and especially because we have your continued strong support and sponsorship.

This year's program theme is "**One Community, One World – Year of the Earth Dog**." We are excited to announce that some of the proceeds raised will benefit two worthy organizations:

1. Love and Second Chances (http://lovesecondchances.org)

2. Fremont Police Department K-9 Unit (<u>http://www.fremontpolice.org/index.aspx?nid-185</u>)

CBC will also honor Judy Lam with the Distinguished Community Service Award and Mary Lynn Pelican as Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations to these two deserving individuals!

We would be proud to have your support by being a sponsor or by attending the event. Please visit <u>http://www.cbcsfbay.org/26th-annual-cbc-gala-year-earth-dog/</u> for more information and to purchase tickets online.

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

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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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Upcoming CBC Meetings

*Note: Meetings are held 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, March 7, 2018

~ Wednesday, April 4, 2018

~ Wednesday, May 2, 2018

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

Calendar of Events

Chinese New Year Celebration

When: Saturday, February 24, 2018 (1 pm – 4 pm) Where: Fremont Main Library 2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont Contact: Amy Cho at amytcho@yahoo.com

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Where: World Gourmet Buffet 6010 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont
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FUSS Summer Programs Fair

When: *Friday, March 16, 2018 (6 pm – 8 pm)* Where: American High School - Rotunda 36300 Fremont Blvd, Fremont More info: <u>www.fuss4schools.org</u>

Special Needs Talent Showcase

When: Saturday, March 24, 2018 (7:00 pm) (doors open 6:30 pm) Where: Santa Clara Convention Center Theatre 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara More info: http://fcsn1996.org/upcoming-events/ CBC Internship Application Deadline When: *Friday, March 30, 2018* More info: <u>http://www.cbcsfbay.org/2018-youth-internship-program/</u>

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CBC TYLP Application Deadline

New

Renewal

When: *Monday, April 30, 2018 (early reg.)* When: *Tuesday, May 15, 2018 (final reg.)* More info: <u>http://www.cbcsfbay.org/2018-</u> toastmasters-youth-leadership-program-2/

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (November 1, 2017– October 31, 2018)

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*

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- □ \$25 Family
- □ \$50 Corporate/Organization
- □ \$100 Individual: Life Membership
- □ \$200 Family: Life Membership
- **\$500** Corporate/Organization: Life Membership

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

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Spouse:				
	Last Name	First Name	Chinese Name	
Address:				
	Street	City	State	Zip
	Home Phone #	Office Phone #	e-mail	