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Save the Date!

CBC's Spring Celebration

Saturday, April 24, 2021



Year of the Ox, Year of Hope

Mark your calendars to join us as we celebrate the *Year of the Ox, Year of Hope!* Spring Celebration Co-Chairs Herbert Chiu and Kathy Kimberlin, and the Planning Committee are making grand plans for you to enjoy the program in the safety and comfort of your home. Please plan to join us! See page 3 for more details.

President's Message

*By David Lam
CBC President 2020-2021*



Dear CBC Members and Friends,

Happy New Year to everyone. Hope you all will have a healthy and prosperous 2021.

Due to the increase in confirmed COVID cases, Governor Newsom again issued a stay at home order, which further restricted celebration gatherings and activities over the holidays. As such, our CBC Chinese New Year activities will also be suspended. On the other hand, the COVID vaccine finally was released and many people have received it. Hopefully in Spring, we will reach herd immunity so we can slowly get back to normal.

Last month, I mentioned that our Gavel Club had decided to continue to meet via Zoom and they did successfully. I am delighted to report that a Gavel Club speech competition was held on Saturday, February 6, where I was honored to deliver the opening remark on behalf of CBC. I enjoyed watching the entire program and was very impressed with the students' performances. Thanks to Midji Rovetta, Charles Liu and the three judges, Steve Cho, Kathy Kimberlin and Judy Lam for their contribution to make this event a success. The CBC Gavel Club team members will participate in the Inter Gavel Club Contest via Zoom next month. I commend their dedication and drive to adjust to the Zoom format despite the difficulties stemmed from the pandemic.

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Our upcoming event is the CBC annual Spring Celebration. Under the leadership of Co-Chairs Herbert Chiu and Kathy Kimberlin, and the Planning Committee, the gala preparation is in full gear and on schedule. This fundraiser is to benefit the Mental Health Association for Chinese Community and Fremont Human Services Mobile Hygiene Unit. It will be a hybrid online broadcast. Please see the Save the Date flyer on page 3 with additional details. It will be an exciting and fun filled program and I hope all our friends and members will join and enjoy the program. The latest information can be found on our website www.cbcsfbay.org/.

Chinese New Year is just around the corner. Wishing you all a prosperous Year of the Ox. Stay Healthy.

Sincerely,
David Lam

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness to report that our CBC brother Robert Kaiser passed away last month. Robert had been the head coach of our summer Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program and was our past Treasurer and Board Member. His dedication and hard work had earned him one of the 2019/2020 CBC Volunteer of the Year Awards and was to be honored during our Spring Celebration in April. He will be missed. Our sincere condolences to his family and friends.



Students learned valuable communication and leadership skills from Robert Kaiser during a summer Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program class a couple of years ago.

Come and Join Us!

CBC Adult Toastmasters

By Marty Chiang
President, CBC Adult Toastmasters

CBC Toastmasters had our annual club Spring Contest on December 19, 2020. There were two contest categories: Speech Evaluation Contest and International Speech Contest.

The club had one contestant for the Speech Evaluation Contest and three contestants for the International Speech Contest. The Speech Evaluation contestant, John Fernandez, gave his evaluation for the test speaker, Dan Flores, and was able to finish the evaluation within 2-3 minutes. The International speech contestants were Justin Perez, Derrick Ho, and Gaganbir. Everyone's speech was great and inspiring. In the end, Justin's speech received the most points from the judges so Justin won the contest.

Therefore, Justin and John will represent CBC Toastmasters in the Area Level for the speech contest. The Area contest will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2021. Everyone is welcome to attend over the zoom meeting link.

We meet virtually on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. For more information about the club, visit: <https://654714.toastmastersclubs.org/directions.html>

Upcoming CBC Meetings

CBC Board of Directors meet virtually on the first Wednesday of each month. CBC members or guests from the community are welcome to attend the general meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. The regular Board meeting for the Officers and Directors immediately follows the general meeting. The upcoming meetings are as follows:

- ~ Wednesday, March 3, 2021
- ~ Wednesday, April 7, 2021
- ~ Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Please email cbc outreach20@gmail.com to request virtual meeting information.



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CBC / CBCF

28th Annual Spring Celebration

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YEAR OF THE OX

Year of Hope



Get ready for a fun packed CBC event celebrating
“The Year of the Ox”

Saturday, April 24, 2021
7:30pm - 9:00pm

Celebrations will be enjoyed online from the safety
and comfort of your home, and will include:

Celebration Fun Party Packs will be mailed to the first 400 registrants
who purchase tickets by April 1, 2021
Extraordinary Raffles • Cultural Entertainment

Ticket: \$30 per family (plus \$1 processing fee)

(includes a chance to win the grand prize of
\$1200 Apple gift card and other prizes)



REGISTER: www.cbcsfbay.org/28th-annual-cbc-gala-year-ox

Volunteers and Beneficiaries to be Honored



DIRK LORENZ
CBC Distinguished
Community
Service Award



MIDJI ROVETTA
CBC Volunteer
of the Year



In Memoriam
ROBERT KAISER
CBC Volunteer
of the Year

BENEFICIARIES



Mental Health Assn. for Chinese Communities



Fremont Human Services Mobile Hygiene Unit

South Bay Chinese Service Club Scholarships



By Jane Lin
SBCSC Scholarship Committee Chairperson

Greetings and a very Happy Lunar New Year of the Ox to you! With this new beginning, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new South Bay Chinese Service Club Scholarship Committee Chairperson for 2021. As a proud former recipient from American High School, Class of 1980, and the proud mom of the Best Essay recipient from American High, Class of 2015, it gives me great pleasure to support South Bay Chinese Service Club's 51-year tradition of awarding scholarships to exemplary high school students of Chinese descent in our local community.

We look forward to receiving applications from children of club members and students residing in Fremont, Newark, and Union City, with the purpose of recognizing these talented students for their hard work and achievements, and to provide encouragement for the challenges ahead. Applicants are carefully evaluated based on academic achievement, leadership, community service, extracurricular activities, a personal essay on Chinese heritage, and financial need.

Last year, with generous donations from many of our club members, individuals, and community sponsors such as Fremont Bank, Republic Services, Dutra Enterprises, and Citizens for Better Community, we were able to award a total of \$24,500 in scholarships to 19 amazing high school seniors. This year, with your help, our goal is to extend our scholarship amount to serve even more students. The application request form can be found at our website: www.SouthBayChineseClub.org.

In the past, we have celebrated together at an Awards Banquet held at a local Chinese restaurant. This year, we will follow Alameda County health and safety mandates to see if we can present the scholarship awards at either an evening banquet, scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2021, or at an outdoor venue on the afternoon of Saturday, May 22, 2021, location to be determined. If we are still unable to gather safely in large groups, the awards will be presented at a virtual Zoom ceremony on Saturday, May 29, 2021. Our guests will include applicants, donors, former recipients, club members, school counselors, and local officials. Our very own community leader Ivy Wu, former Fremont Unified School Board Trustee, and founder of the Fremont Unified Student Store (F.U.S.S.), will be our special keynote speaker. This promises to be an exciting event, so please mark your calendars with these dates, and stay tuned for our updates!

The names of the donors will be included in our scholarship program and other printed materials, and donations of \$125 or more are entitled to complimentary dinners at our awards banquet, if held. Donations are tax-deductible, and your participation will send a powerful message about the strength of our community.

We are accepting credit card donations through our club website, and checks can be sent to:

SBCSC
c/o 38742 Glencoe Drive
Fremont, CA 94536

Please contact me at jlclin1225@gmail.com if you have any questions – I am eager to learn and share with all of you. Thank you so much for your continued support of one of the longest running scholarship programs in the Chinese community.



Photos Courtesy of Gerry Low Sabado

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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2020-2021

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CBC 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 call (510) 770-6160 or email cbcoutreach20@gmail.com.

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