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Come Join CBC for the July 4th Parade!



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President's Message



By Ivy Wu

Dear CBC Board, Members, Friends and Supporters,

As usual, CBC Gala turned out to be a huge success not only in terms of the number of guests and participants, but also in terms of HQ (Happiness Quotient - I just coined this term for lack of better description! You get what I mean!)

To enhance CBC's mission and goals to make our community better, CBC adopted the theme of Honoring and Promoting our Local Warriors for its Gala this year. CBC wishes to inspire more people to be warriors who serve to defend justice and truth, preserve life, promote peace, and fight for a noble and good cause.

This Gala is a microscopic view of our community. The success of the Gala and hence, our community, lies in the people. It is the contribution and participation from all CBC members and supporters that makes the event successful; it will take the contribution and active participation from everyone in our community to make our community strong and vibrant.

Thanks to EVERYONE who participated to make our Gala such a fun, healthy, meaningful, exciting and memorable event. BIG THANKS to Sharon Yap and Richard Li for coordinating and organizing the event; Kathy Jang for helping with logistics; Steve Cho, Anna Muh, Lena Zee, Nina Moore, Cecilia Chang, Wing Ng, Carl Chen, Thomas Tang for planning; Al Wang for making timely payments; Dr. Herb Chiu for the music and sound; Brigadier General Garrett Yee for being the

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emcee; Amy Cho, Cecilia Leon and others for helping with the raffle prizes; Henry Yin, Whisky Ho and many more for offering to help; John Vuong, Wilson Hu, Gerry Low-Sabado, Al and Kathy for being such good executive officers; Irene Yung, Michelle Yung and all Youth leaders and interns for helping with the raffles and registration. Thanks to all the Board of Directors, CBC members and volunteers for the strong support and outreach to the community, and to Fremont Marriott for the facilities and accommodations.

Above all, we want to thank Steve Cho for being our Citizen of the Year and Richard Li our Volunteer of the Year; all of our Local Warriors (ABODE, Drivers for Survivors, Fremont Education Foundation, Fremont Family Resource Center, Fremont Unified Student Store, Kidango, Life ElderCare, OneChild, Save Alternatives for Violent Environments and Tri-City Volunteers); Sponsors (see list below); Louise Williamson with Fremont Club Sport for leading the guests in Zumba; Performers (OTEA API School of Polynesian Dance, O-Mei Kung Fu, Academy of Chinese Performing Arts, IDEA Band); photographers (Jim Sakane with Fremont Bulletin, Dr. Vincent Yip, Walter Garcia with Fremont Unified School District); and every guest.

Yes, the list is long, and to those that I might have missed, you have my sincere apology and gratitude.

CBC continues to look forward to your support and partnership to strengthen our community and make it better!

Ivy Wu 吳葦 CBC President 2012-2013

2013 Spring Celebration Sponsors

CBC would like to extend their sincerest appreciation to the sponsors for their generous support and contributions to the Spring Celebration.

Silver Sponsors

- Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association
- East West Bank
- Kaiser Permanente
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- Chapel of the Chimes
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- United California Practitioners of Chinese Medicine (UCPCM) & California Certified Acupuncturists Association (CCAA)
- Wei-Lin Tong/Chinese Immersion Parents Council

We also express our gratitude to our prize donors and in-kind sponsors. Your charitable gifts are greatly appreciated and are a testament to your devotion to CBC and the community.

Congratulations to CBC's...

Citizen of the Year



Volunteer of the Year



Steve Cho

Richard Li

2013 Spring Celebration

Photos Courtesy of James Sakane & Dr. Vincent Yip









- 4. O-Mei Kung Fu Master
- 5. Fremont Resource Center Judy Schwartz, Helen Hsu and President Ivy Wu
- 6. Fremont Unified Student Store Volunteers with President Ivy Wu







CBC thanks everyone for making it a successful event!







- 1. Zumba led by Louise Williamson
- 2. Audience participates in Zumba presentation
- 3. A few guests pose for a picture
- 4. Audience enjoys dancing
- 5. Garrett Yee and mother, Michi Yee
- 6. CBC Board members and guests after a great evening!

Garrett Yee Promoted To Brigadier General

Submitted by BG Garrett Yee

As I re-read my military email for the fourth time while sitting at my headquarters in Afghanistan this past August, I couldn't believe the words on the screen congratulation



words on the screen congratulating me on my selection for the rank of Brigadier General. It caught me completely by surprise because this is what happens to other people—not to me. The President of the United States had placed my name forward to the US Senate for confirmation on August 8, 2012 and on September 22, 2012, the Senate confirmed my appointment, all while I was still deployed. My name was published in the Army Times weekly journal and the news was out about my upcoming promotion.

I've heard it said that military service is an affair of the heart. I believe this to be true. My official military service started when I enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at Santa Clara University where upon graduation in 1987, I received a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army. Over the years, I have had some amazing experiences that have helped to shape me and become the person that I am today.

As a Soldier, I can think of nothing more meaningful than serving our Nation in the military during this time of war. At the same time, as a descendent of Chinese and Japanese parents, I find it inspiring to see how far we have come, especially given the challenges they lived through. As Japanese American farm workers, my mother, Michiko Ino, and her family were ordered to an internment camp in Gila, Arizona during World War II. My father, Gilbert Yee, was told he couldn't become a school teacher because he was Chinese. Given what they had lived through, my parents would have never imagined their son reaching the rank of general. Yet, here I am today as a newly promoted Brigadier General.

Looking back, my family has always demonstrated patriotism and pride for our country. My father served in the Army during World War II, as did my Great Uncle Jimmie Ino, who served with the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The amazing thing about my Uncle Jimmie is that while he earned the Purple Heart fighting to liberate those in Europe, his own family was confined within a barbed wire compound back in the middle of the Arizona desert. My Uncle Jiro Ino served with the Army during the Korean War and my Great Aunt Sue Kumagai retired as a Colonel in the Army Nurse Corps earning the Bronze Star Medal for her service in Vietnam.

Several of my uncles also served in the military, to include my Uncles Richard Yee (Army), Shiro Ino (Marines), Saburo Ino (Army), Ichiro Ino (Army Air Corps, then Air Force) and Dick Wong (Navy). And now today, I have two nephews serving in the military—Diego Vera (Army), who I served with in Iraq, and Carlos Vera (Marines), who is currently stationed in Okinowa. Including my service in Iraq and Afghanistan, we now have family members that have served in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Iraq War, and the Afghanistan War. It is now obvious that my inner drive and inspiration to serve in the military came from my family.

I recognize that any achievement is always underpinned by those we serve with and those that came before us. We don't get here on our own and there is really no such thing as a self-made individualwe always need some help. And so for all those that I have served with over the years and those that served before me, I am truly grateful. In addition to my parents, Gilbert and Michiko, I am thankful to have a great brother, Brendan, and sister, Grace Anne. Of course, a huge THANK YOU goes to Maria, my wife and partner of 27 years, and our three children, Gilbert, Michael, and Alissa. Any achievement great or small is meaningless unless you have someone to share it with. Our children don't get to choose their parents or get a vote in what their parents do, even if it takes them away from home and sends them half way around the world to a war zone. I am truly blessed.

Finally, on March 24, 2013, my promotion to Brigadier General became official and in a small private ceremony in the Pentagon, I raised my right hand and again swore my allegiance to support and defend the constitution of the United States of America. I've heard it said that military service is an affair of the heart. I believe this to be true.



The Future Home of the Purple Lotus Temple – Opening in 2014



Construction Progress in 1st Quarter of 2013

The future home of the Purple Lotus Temple is adjacent to the beautiful 471 acre Quarry Lakes Recreation Park in Fremont, CA. PLT's vision is to build a blessed future for everyone from all walks of life, regardless of ethnicity, nationality or religious beliefs.

The Purple Lotus "Reach For The Stars" [RFTS] Program was initiated in May 2012, to raise the necessary capital to complete the construction of the Temple (Stage I: ~37,600 sq. ft.) and the Dharma Institute (Stage II: ~26,300 sq. ft.). For more information, please call us at: (510) 516-1268, 中文專線(650) 952-9513 or visit our website at: www.purplelotustemple.org.

The heart of the RFTS program is our truly one of a kind Donor Recognition program. There is no greater merit than helping to build a Temple. To learn more about the RFTS program, read our Compelling Message, how you can help and more, please visit our website mentioned above.

Why Join Earthquake SOS?

"In a recent USGS study, scientists have determined that the chance of having one or more earthquakes with a magnitude of 6.7 or larger in the California area over the next 30 years is greater than 99%. Such quakes can be deadly, as shown by the 1989 magnitude 6.9 Loma Prieta and the 1994 magnitude 6.7 Northridge earthquakes. The likelihood of at least one even more powerful quake of magnitude 7.5 or greater in the next 30 years is 46% - such a quake is more likely to occur in the southern half of the State. Building codes, earthquake insurance, and emergency planning will be affected by these new results which highlight the urgency to prepare now for the powerful quakes that are inevitable in California's future."

Admission is Free and it is open to the general public regardless of religious beliefs.



SBCC Scholarship Luncheon

By Joseph Woo, SBCSC Scholarship Chairman

On Saturday, April 20th, 2013, CBC's sister club, the South Bay Chinese Service Club (SBCSC) awarded \$12,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors of Chinese descent at the 44th annual SBCSC Scholarship Luncheon held at the Hilton, Newark/Fremont. Club President Steve Cho greeted the graduates and praised them for their outstanding academic records and participation in community activities. Honored guests included, California State Senator Ellen Corbett staff member Jack Bastida, Shaun Wilson from the office of Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Fremont City Councilmember Suzanne Chan, Fremont School Board Member Lily Mei, Fremont Chamber of Commerce Director of Government and Community Affairs Nina Moore, and Citizens for Better Community (CBC) President Ivy Wu.

The graduating students and their parents were addressed by keynote speaker, **Dr. Victoria Jew.** Dr. Jew was a graduate of Mission San Jose High School and a past SBCSC scholarship recipient. She attended Stanford University, earning her B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering. As a graduate student, she won a National Science Foundation Graduate Student Fellowship.

Dr. Jew works in R&D for Cordis Corporation, a Johnson and Johnson company, where she has developed devices to treat cardiovascular disease in anatomies, the neurovasculature, and the heart. In her speech, Dr. Jew shared with the students her trials and tribulations as a graduate student at Stanford University and as a young engineer in a large corporation. She urged the students to persevere, to continue to learn at every opportunity, and to be open minded to new opportunities. Her speech was very thought provoking and she served as a great inspiration to the award winners.

Joe Woo, SBCSC Scholarship Chairman, pointed out that the 21 scholarship applicants from the Tri-City area are an impressive group of scholars representing 5 high schools. Their average GPA is 3.9 and they have taken a total of 168 AP classes and College level classes and 115 honor classes. Together they have donated over 9,200 community service hours with 2 students receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award. In this group, there are 5 National Merit Finalists, 16 AP Scholars, and 5 students with perfect unweighted 4.0 GPA's. The students are also officers and members of a number of school clubs and in student government.

The 2013 SBCSC Scholarship Recipients are:

\$2,000 Scholarship Recipients

Margaret Shen, Mission San Jose High School – Howard Tom Award for Top Honors

Shanel Xian, Irvington High School – Karl Ngan Award for Leadership

\$1,000 Scholarship Recipients

Jennifer Au, James Logan High School – CBC Award for Community Service

- Kevin Chen, Mission San Jose High School York Gin Memorial Scholarship
- Josh Lin, Irvington High School Joe Jang Memorial Scholarship

\$500 Scholarship Recipients

John Wong, James Logan High School – **Best Essay** (additional \$500 Scholarship) Katherine Chang, Mission San Jose High School Ivonnie Shih, Mission San Jose High School Sophia Chan, Irvington High School Julian Shen, Mission San Jose High School Vivian Tian, American High School Joie Lin, Irvington High School Rachel Lee, Mission San Jose High School Catherine Siu, Chinese Christian School

At the Award Luncheon, the scholarship award recipients also received congratulatory letters and Certificates of Achievements issued by U.S. Congressman Rep. Mike Honda, U.S. Congressman Eric Swalwell, State Senator Ellen Corbett, State Assemblymember Bob Wieckowski, and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.

For more information about the South Bay Chinese Club, visit <u>www.sbcclub.org</u>.



Benefit Concert for Cole Lewis

Submitted by Judy Lam, VIFE Director

You are invited to the Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble (VIFE) upcoming concert as follows:

Event: Cole Heart of Gold, a VIFE Benefit Concert (free admission)

Host: Fremont Unified Student Store (FUSS)

Date: Saturday, June 1, 2013

Time: 3:00pm

Location: Centerville Presbyterian Church 4360 Central Ave, Fremont 94536 (across from DMV)

Benefit for: Cole Lewis, a senior at Mission San Jose High School. He was severely injured in a car accident that took place on 11/17/2012. Cole has lost most of his mobility in his hands and legs and is confined to a wheel chair. He is working hard and hopes to gain a full recovery.

Please join FUSS and VIFE to raise funds to send Cole to SCI-FIT, a spinal cord rehabilitation program. SCI-FIT has had great success for cases like Cole's. With the help of your donations we hope his dream will come true.

Donations: Please make checks payable to Fremont Unified Student Store (FUSS), memo/Cole Lewis Fund.

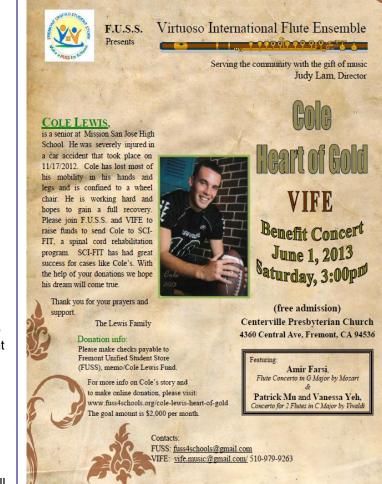
For more info on Cole's story and to make online donation, please visit: <u>www.fuss4schools.org/cole-lewis-heart-of-gold</u> The goal amount is \$2,000 per month.

Program highlights:

- 1. Amir Farsi, soloist in Mozart's Flute Concerto in G Major
- 2. Patrick Mu & Vanessa Yeh in Vivaldi's Concerto in C Major for 2 flutes

We are inspired by the strength and courage that Cole has in working toward recovery. It is a long and hard journey to recovery for Cole. We sincerely hope that the community will lend him the much needed support.

On behalf of the Lewis family, we sincerely look forward to seeing you and your family at the Benefit Concert on June 1.



CBC Welcomes New Members

Jamunarani Balaraman Ramaraj Anjie Cai Chien-Ti Chen and Ju-Hwa Chang Edith Chiang Wen Ling Huang & Family Kun-Jing Lee and Yun-Ru Chen & Family Tim Chen and Shu-Hui Chang & Family Michelle and Cliff Cheng & Family Lillian H. Lin & Family Sophia Liu Helen Ming Maliha Qazen Dr. Raj Salwan Qunjie Wang and Yong Zhuang & Family Susan Wong & Family

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

Upcoming Events . . .

CBC's Toastmasters Youth Summer Leadership Program

By Irene Yung CBC Youth Group Chair

Toastmasters Youth Summer Leadership Program Opening Ceremony will be held on *Saturday, June 22, 2013,* at 8:30 a.m. at the Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN). The four excellent Toastmasters Coaches and Assistant Coaches will be participating and leading the "Demo Meeting Role." The Demo Meeting is to show students how a Toastmasters meeting is conducted. In the beginning, rolers will explain their roles before acting.

Coaches strive to create different activities to make this program as enjoyable as possible. After four weeks of the training program, the Closing Ceremony will be held on *Saturday, July 27* (the fifth week). The students will conduct a "Program Contest" and "Graduation Ceremony." This amazing opportunity allows parents to see their children build selfconfidence and improve their public speaking skills in such a short period of time. The graduation lunch party will follow.

This is a fun and meaningful Youth Summer Leadership Program for the high school students. All parents are invited to the Opening and Graduation Ceremonies. There will be approximately 120 people in attendance for both activities.

Come to the Fremont July 4th Parade!



By Amy Cho

Plan now to see the Fremont July 4th parade! Even better, if you feel like being part of the parade this year, you are welcome to come and march too. CBC will coordinate our members as well as those from several other local Chinese American organizations. We often hear Fremont citizens saying how much they look forward to seeing the Chinese Americans turn out. This year, Citizens for Better Community, South Bay Chinese Club, Friends of Children with Special Needs, Purple Lotus School, and CBC Toastmasters are already planning to join the parade. There will be several more as the day approaches. Some people are not interested in parades. Some are crazy about them. As one who used to be more or less uninterested, I can personally tell you that once you are actually marching in the parade, you become 'electrified.' Find your friends and join in the parade!

To give you some background about the Fremont July 4th parades... this will be the sixteenth year of our city's parade. This year the parade will be the same one mile long route as last year and will be held in Central Fremont in the future downtown area. There are usually some 80 entries, including bands, drill and dance teams, floats, clowns, antique cars to name a few. Thousands of people will watch the star spangled excitement of creative floats, specialty units, and marching musical units. Although the parade takes place on Thursday, July 4, 10 a.m. and ends by 12 noon, those who participate in the parade usually need to assemble by around 8:30 a.m. The theme this year is "Stand United in Fremont."

This year our entry is going to be near the very beginning of the parade, so that we have the opportunity to watch the rest of the parade! Please come to Capitol and State Streets early, or the parade will start before you get there.

Please wear your purple T-shirt if you are a CBC member and have one. Otherwise, it will be great if you can wear red, white and blue. Members of other organizations joining CBC will wear their club T-shirts or uniforms, too. CBC will provide flags for waving to all participants. Remember: Whenever possible, try to wear Red/White/Blue. This is the day we celebrate America's birthday!

Please call Amy or Steve Cho at (510)797-6426 if you have any questions about joining the parade. We're looking forward to seeing you there bright and early!

Summer Time Fun . . . at the 13th Annual BBQ

The annual summer BBQ with the South Bay Chinese Club will soon be approaching! Come and enjoy the afternoon with great friends and delicious food. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 24th.

Date: Sunday, July 28 Time: Noon – 3 p.m. Where: Quail Run Clubhouse 33873 Whimbrel, Fremont RSVP to: Steve & Amy Cho (510)797-6426 Cost: Free for CBC/SBCC members; \$5/guest

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 kjang25@yahoo.com.

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Have a safe and fun summer!

Calendar of Events

Savior or Survivor (Earthquake Prep & Prayer)

When: Sunday, May 26, 2013 (11 am – 5 pm) Where: Ralph & Mary Ruggierri Senior Center Contact: (510) 474-1898 or www.earthquakeSOS.org

VIFE Benefit Concert for Cole Lewis

When: *Saturday, June 1, 2013 (3 pm)* Where: Centerville Presbyterian Church Contact: Judy Lam (510) 979-9263

Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program Opening and Graduation Ceremonies

When: Saturday, June 22, 2013 (8:30 am) Saturday, July 27, 2013 (9 am) Where: Friends of Children with Special Needs

Fremont's July 4th Parade

When: *Thursday, July 4, 2013 (10 am)* Where: Central Fremont (same route as last year) Contact: Steve or Amy Cho (510) 797-6426

CBC/SBCC Summer BBQ

When: Sunday, July 28, 2013 (noon) Where: Quail Run Clubhouse Contact: Steve or Amy Cho (510) 797-6426

Upcoming CBC Meetings

*Note: 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, June 5, 2013
- ~ Wednesday, July 3, 2013
- ~ Wednesday, August 7, 2013

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



New

Renewal

Please RSVP by July 24 for the summer BBQ!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (November 1, 2012– October 31, 2013)

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*

- □ \$20 Individual
- □ \$25 Family
- **\$50** Corporate/Organization
- □ \$100 Individual: Life Membership
- □ \$200 Family: Life Membership
- **5**00 Corporate/Organization: Life Membership

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