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Come Join CBC for the July 4th Parade!



Come join CBC and many other Chinese American organizations to march in the Fremont July 4th parade. This year's theme is "Hometown Heroes" to be held in Central Fremont. See page 7 for more details.

President's Message

By Judy Lam



Dear CBC Members and Friends,

Greetings! On April 23, 2016, CBC enjoyed the good company of more than 400 guests, including performers and volunteers, at our annual Spring Celebration Gala. Our Gala Planning Committee put in extraordinary effort to bring us a truly festive celebration. From the moment our guests arrived, the decorations captured our senses and successfully transported us back to the '70s disco era just as our Gala co-chairs, Herbert Chiu and David Bonaccorsi had promised. We had a full line up for entertainment. Everyone appreciated the beautiful dance performances from the Academy of Chinese Performing Arts while a rare Suona performance led by Mr. Shude Wu was just fascinating. The uniquely projecting sound timbre of the Suona, which I perceived as a cross between an oboe and a trumpet, definitely announced the arrival of the Return of the Monkey King. With that, the energy of the fire monkey permeated every corner of the room. The intoxicating music brought on by Johnny Morocco "Mick Jagger", Tony Bolivar and the Idea Band prompted CBC members and guests alike to hustle onto the lit disco floor. It was an enchanting evening where we relived our memories of the nostalgic '70s while enjoying old and new friendships.

The highlight of the evening was to celebrate and recognize the Citizen of the Year, Lily Mei, as well as the Volunteers of the Year, Anny Kan, Wendy Lee, and Wing Ng. Lily's personal magnetism has drawn harmonious cooperation from all sectors to work toward the welfare of our community. We congratulated her for the well-deserved recognition. We were happy to recognize the three Volunteers of the Year as well. Wing Ng summarized the true spirit of their humble

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servitude collectively, "I am so honored to receive this award. I want to thank my family and friends for supporting me! I've always enjoyed volunteering in my spare time, and never thought that I'd actually be awarded for it... But I guess it doesn't hurt! Actually, this award is very encouraging and reinforces my passion to continue serving the community. Thanks again for this award!" Kudos to our many CBC quiet heroes who take it upon themselves to ensure success for others instead of an award for themselves.

Among our guests were the highest officials in our city, community leaders of various sectors, together with our members and volunteers, we share the same passion and commitment to move our community forward.

Looking forward

1. On **Tuesday, May 24, 2016**, we will have CBC volunteers participating in a phone banking night for Measure "1", which, if enacted, would continue voter-approved local education funding to maintain quality education in Fremont schools.
2. Some of our Board members were invited to meet the Dominican Sisters earlier this month. They have a brand new building with a multi-purpose event hall which was dedicated on March 19, 2016. CBC looks forward to a potential partnership with the Dominican Sisters to promote music and other programs that serve the community.
3. On **Saturday, June 18, 2016**, our wonderful coaches for the Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program will be welcoming 60+ students from incoming 7th graders and up to start an invaluable training program for 5 Saturdays. We thank Albert Mo, Anna Muh for recruiting the coaches and judges and CBC members for your dedication and coordination. We also thank Anna Muh for coordinating the Summer Youth Internship Program.
4. Please see page 7 of this newsletter for information regarding the 4th of July Parade and CBC's Summer BBQ. Both are great events to build relationships and stay connected.

Lastly, I would like to personally thank Lena Zee for emceeding the Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble's (VIFE) concert on April 16, 2016, and to all CBC and FUSD members who attended and supported the event. The concert benefitted the Fremont Education Foundation. Thanks to your donations, we were able to raise \$2,500 towards the much needed funds for the After

School Band program. I would like to invite all to VIFE's next concert on **Sunday, June 12, 2016**. We are excited that there will be 8 harps joining VIFE in this free community concert which is not a fundraising event. This combined ensemble will be the first of its kind in the Bay Area. Please see the flyer on page 7 for additional information. Your attendance will greatly encourage the young harpists and flutists. Thank you.

I'm counting my blessings in your friendships and partnership in all that we do in CBC. Additionally, I'm looking forward to sharing our visions and the joy of serving our community together. Wishing everyone good health and good spirits always!

Respectfully,
Judy Lam
CBC President 2015-2016

Abode's Journey Home Breakfast

CBC Board member, David Bonaccorsi, who also serves as the Vice President of Abode Services kindly invited CBC Board members to join him at Abode's 11th Annual Journey Home Breakfast in the early morning of March 3, 2016.



Photos courtesy of Gerry Low-Sabado

Lily Mei Named CBC's Citizen of the Year

"We are proud to honor a truly remarkable individual, our beloved Vice Mayor of Fremont and fellow CBC Board member," states President Judy Lam. President Lam continues, "Lily's personal magnetism has drawn harmonious cooperation from all sectors to work toward the welfare of our community."

Lily also serves on the Alameda County Library Advisory Commission and recently joined the board of the national Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials (APAMO).

Lily's dedication to her civic duties began with her election as a Board Trustee for the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD) in November 2008. During her six years on the FUSD Board, she was chosen by her peers to be its President and Vice President on two different occasions. On a county level, Lily was elected for two terms as Regional Delegate Assembly member representing Alameda and Contra Costa counties. On a state level, Lily was appointed twice to the California School Board Association's (CSBA) Annual Education Conference Planning Committee and also presented at one of these annual events. She was also the President of the Asian Pacific Islander School Board Members Association (APISBMA), where she was dedicated to encouraging and supporting thoughtful policies and practices to meet the needs of Asian Pacific Islander students and their families. For five years beginning in 2009, Lily was the APISBMA representative on CSBA's Council of Presidents. The council was established to foster collaboration with the other ethnic school board member associations.

Over her 22 years of residency in the City of Fremont, Lily has been an ardent participant, volunteer, and/or leader in numerous service-, community-, and school-oriented organizations including:

- Citizens for Better Community
- Music for Minors II
- South Bay Chinese Club
- Save Fremont Schools
- Fremont Education Coalition
- Fremont Youth and Family Services
- ABODE (formerly Tri-City Homeless Coalition)
- SAVE (Safe Alternative to Violent Environments)
- American Association of University Women

- Fremont Council PTA School Board Liaison
- PTA Unit Vice President of Membership
- PTA Unit President for two years
- FUSD Pupil Overload Task Force Member
- School Site Council Member
- Odyssey of the Mind Coach
- FAME (Fine Arts Mini Experience) Volunteer
- Member of Fremont Unified School District Ad Hoc Budget Task Force Committee

Formerly, Lily led a worldwide high-technology trade association chairing global events and developing best practices in conjunction with international entities. Her work experience spans over 25 years in various finance, channel marketing, strategic planning, and sales operation roles.



Dynamic Trio Named as CBC's Volunteers of the Year

As stated by President Judy Lam, "We are also pleased to honor a dynamic trio, Anny Kan, Wing Ng and Wendy Wong, as Volunteers of the Year. Their remarkably humble servitude exemplifies the true spirit of a volunteer. They are the quiet heroes whose commitment and dedication is the driving force behind the continuous success of CBC's Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program and other CBC events." Here's some background on each of the recipients:

Anny Kan seems to be your typical mother of three: James, Jackie and Jessica. What you might not know is how much hard work and dedication she gives to her family. During a regular week she works three different jobs, seven days a week and at times not coming home until past 11 p.m.

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Despite constantly being at one job or another she is committed to staying connected with her kids. James, her oldest son, was diagnosed with Autism at a young age and he lives at a group home in San Jose. But each weekend after work Anny brings James home to have dinner, spend the night at home with family and drives him back in the morning.

When Anny is not working or spending time with her kids she is volunteering and giving back to the community. Since Jessica, Anny's youngest, joined CBC in 2011 she has been volunteering as a parent leader with Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program every summer. Anny is always quick to lend a helping hand; she is kind hearted and very caring. But mostly, she is humble; she never boasts about her achievements or asks for acknowledgement. This is the reason why she is a true volunteer.



Wing Ng was born and raised in Hong Kong. He immigrated to California and now resides in Fremont with his beautiful wife, Sanita. He is also the father of one son, Nathan, along with a new daughter-in-law, Rachael, and one daughter, Katrina.

Wing is a current board member of Citizens for Better Community and also worked as an Opening and Closing Ceremony Coordinator for the CBC Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program (TYLP).

Wing also enjoys making the planet a better place. Currently, he works at Krause & Nagy Environmental Solution in Hayward as a sales director, and is a Sales and Marketing VP of Brilliant Depot, a lighting company partnered with PG&E to promote energy awareness. You can say that he is a busy man. One of Wing's passions is volunteering. For 25 years, he has been using his free time to keep Forest Park and Elementary school, a neighboring school, clean by picking up the litter that is scattered around the park. His nickname is "Mr. Orange" due to his signature orange vest and orange bucket that he uses to while disposing of the litter.

His interests also includes doing cool tricks on a bike, playing table tennis, playing Chinese chess, memorizing Chinese poems (like Confucius), shopping at Macy's with his wife, and story-telling with friends and family.



Wendy Wong joined Northrop Grumman as a senior principal circuit designer and worked there for 27 years. Since retiring, she has had the time to pursue her hobbies: Chinese calligraphy, taiJi, cooking, gardening, and volunteering.

Wendy has been a lifetime CBC member since 2009 and has been volunteering with CBC Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program (TYLP) each year, commuting from Los Altos Hills to Fremont, even though her children have graduated from the program.



Photos courtesy of A.M. Photography

Spring Celebration 2016

CBC would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to the following sponsors for their generous support and contributions to this year's Spring Celebration "Return of the Monkey King – Remembering the '70s."

Silver Sponsors

- Kaiser Permanente
- Milpitas Square
- Washington Hospital

Bronze Sponsors

- Robson Homes
- TRI Pointe Homes
- Washington Hospital

Dessert Bar Sponsor

- Sugar Bowl Bakery

Table Sponsors

- Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association
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- Judy Lam/Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble
- Lena Zee
- Ohlone College Foundation
- Peter & Lily Mei
- Raj Salwan, DVM
- Randy Sabado & Gerry Low-Sabado
- Richard & Anna Muh
- Silicon Valley Chinese Technology & Business Association
- Steve & Amy Cho
- Urban Bike Fitters
- Wing Ng

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

Here a few pictures to enjoy from the evening. To view more pictures from the gala, visit:

<http://www.cbcsfbay.org/24th-cbc-spring-celebration-gala-return-of-the-monkey-king/>



Co-Emcees Lily Mei and David Bonaccorsi



Wonderful student volunteers pause for a breather



Special thanks to Spring Celebration Event Chairs Herbert Chiu and David Bonaccorsi for spearheading a memorable gala


Photos from Spring Celebration



1. Mr. Shude Wu plays the Suona horn, a traditional Chinese wind instrument with a high pitched sound, along with the California Youth Chinese Symphony
2. Dancers from the Academy of Chinese Performing Arts (ACPA)
3. Johnny Morocco impersonates Mick Jagger, singing songs from the '70s
4. Guests pose for a picture
5. CBC President Judy Lam accepts a resolution from Jon Kessler representing State Controller Betty Yee's office
6. CBC Board members and friends get ready to perform the "Hustle"
7. The Idea Band provided live music for the evening

*Photos courtesy of A.M. Photography,
Herbert Chiu and Cecilia Leon*

Upcoming Events....



Y.E.S.
(Harps)
&
V.I.F.E.
(Flutes)

Free Community Concert
Sunday, June 12, 2016
2:30pm to 4:00pm

Immanuel Presbyterian Church of Fremont
4333 Hansen Avenue, Fremont, 94536

Presented by
Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble (VIFE)
Judy Lam, Director; Grace Lai, Conductor

Guest Performer:
Silicon Valley Youth Harp Ensemble Success Program (YES)
Sonya Yu, Director

Contact Info: Judy Lam (510) 979-9263; 386-8355 / VIFE.music@gmail.com

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, CBC Toastmasters, Kung Fu Legend Academy, and the Mandarin Immersion Program are already planning to join the parade. There will be several more as the day approaches.

Find your friends and join in the parade! It is fun and the length of the route is under a mile. The theme of this year's Fremont 4th of July Parade is "Hometown Heroes."

To give you some background about the Fremont July 4th parades... this will be the 19th year of our city's parade. This year the parade will be held in Central Fremont with the same route as last year. We assemble at the Fremont Main Library and the parade route proceeds on Paseo Padre Parkway to Capitol Avenue.

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 **Monday, July 4, 2016**, from 10 a.m. and ends by 12 noon, those who participate in the parade need to assemble by around 8:30 a.m.

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 to 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 16th Annual BBQ

The annual summer BBQ with Citizens for Better Community and the South Bay Chinese Club will soon be approaching! Come and enjoy the afternoon with great friends and delicious food.

Date: **Sunday, July 24, 2016**

Time: Noon – 3 p.m.

Where: Quail Run Clubhouse
33873 Whimbrel, Fremont

RSVP by Wednesday, July 20, 2016 to:
Steve & Amy Cho (510)797-6426

Cost: Free for CBC/SBCC members; \$5/guest

Come Join Us!

Con't...Upcoming Events

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.

There are 2 meal services remaining for the year:

- **Saturday, July 30** (dinner)
- Sunday, October 30 (dinner)

For more information, please contact
sherry.y.chang@gmail.com.

Fremont Symphony Orchestra Launching a new Fremont Youth Symphony Orchestra

Introducing the new...



For strings, woodwinds and brass for all levels and ages.
(Must already be enrolled in private lessons)

Sessions September through May on Mondays. Demo class in August.
For more information, visit fremontsymphony.org/youth-orchestra
or call (510) 371-4860



Venue: Cole Hall in back of First United Methodist Church on Washington Blvd.

August 2016: Demo Class
September 2016: New Season

Levels:

Beginners ~ 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for beginning and early intermediate

Intermediate/Advanced ~ 5:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

If you would like to reserve a spot for your child in the youth orchestra, visit: <http://bit.ly/fyso-reservation>



New Members

Vee & Bala Arya and Family
Grant Aung
Betty Bai & Hongkun Zhang and Family
Udayan & Girija Borkar and Family
Angela Cao & Thomas Lim and Family
Cherine & Andrew Chan and Family
Joan Chua & Simon Ng and Family
Pam Ding & Philip Wouang and Family
Andrew Dinh
Jane Edwards and Family
Zhi Gao & Li Tang and Family
Joanna Huang & Elbert Lin and Family
Eva Ip & Lance Yung and Family
Emily Jin
Albert & Naline Kam and Family
Chi-Yi Kuan & Yi-Ling Chen and Family
Edward Lee & Apple Chang and Family
Jennifer Lee and Family
Ling Li & Qun Zhao and Family
Shengying Li & Chienhui Zhan and Family
Shuangyan Li & Lixin Qin and Family
Danling Lou & Xueyi Geng and Family
Buvaneswari Mani and Family
Rita McBride
Albert Mo
Girija Mulukutla & Venkata Valiveru and Family
Giri Nagaram
Srikumar Nair
Latha Narayanan & Narayanan Chidambaram and Family
Weiguang Niu & Jeng-Yu Wang and Family
Vani Pata
Shilpa Patel
Maria Ponsen and Family
Mai Quach
Khadeeja Rizvi
Charuta Seith
Qunying Shen & Meng Xue and Family
Wendy Tao & Hao Cui and Family
Hema & Madhav Thumu and Family
Chun-Ming Wang & Chi-Fang Wu and Family
Cindy Wang
Xiaoru Wang
Yajing Wang
Yinan Wang and Family
Jean Wei & Jiankun Li and Family
Jessie Xiong & Qiang Lin and Family
Suping & Ren You and Family
Donghe Zhu & Jiyong Ma and Family

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

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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Have a safe and fun summer!

Calendar of Events

VIFE Community Concert

When: **Sunday, June 12, 2016(2:30 pm)**
 Where: Immanuel Presbyterian Church of Fremont
 4333 Hansen Avenue, Fremont
 Contact: Judy Lam (510) 979-9263 or
VIFE.music@gmail.com

CBC's Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program Opening Ceremony

When: **Saturday, June 18, 2016 (8:30 am)**
 Where: FCSN Center, 2300 Peralta Blvd, Fremont

Fremont's July 4th Parade

When: **Monday, July 4, 2016(8:30 am; parade 10 am)**
 Where: Central Fremont (same route as last year)
 Contact: Amy & Steve Cho (510) 797-6426

CBC's Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program Closing Ceremony

When: **Saturday, July 23, 2016 (noon)**
 Where: FCSN Center, 2300 Peralta Blvd, Fremont

CBC/SBCC Summer BBQ

When: **Sunday, July 24, 2016 (noon)**
 Where: Quail Run Clubhouse
 33873 Whimbrel, Fremont
 Contact: Steve & Amy Cho (510)797-6426

Homeless Shelter Meal Service

When: **Saturday, July 30, 2016 (dinner)**
 Where: Sunrise Village
 Contact: sherry.y.chang@gmail.com

Upcoming CBC Meetings

**Note: Meetings have been changed to 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, June 1, 2016**
- ~ **Wednesday, August 3, 2016**
- ~ **Wednesday, October 5, 2016**

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (November 1, 2015– October 31, 2016)

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*

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

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