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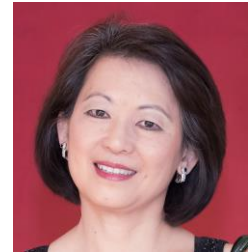
Join us at the July 4th Parade and Summer BBQ



Pictures from 2016. See page 6 for more details.

President's Message

By Judy Lam



Dear CBC Members and Friends,

CBC's Spring Celebration Gala held on April 29, 2017, was truly a celebration of friendships that CBC has enjoyed and cherished with so many who have supported our mission throughout the years. Performers from the energetic youths to the professionals alike, brought to us a variety of dances and music performances. The Celebrity Dance, put together by a few of respectable yet fun loving citizens, proved to be a well-received "anticipated" surprise. All in all, it was a wonderful evening honoring Congressman Ro Khanna as Citizen of the Year and Fremont City Council member David Bonaccorsi as Volunteer of the Year.

One of CBC's mission is to initiate and sponsor programs with an emphasis on health. With this year's theme being "Dance to Health – Year of the Rooster Booster", CBC promoted two worthy 501(c)3 non-profit organizations. The gala successfully raised funds to partially support the Asian American Donor Program and the New Hope Chinese Cancer Care Foundation. With the generous support of everyone at the gala, we are happy to have contributed to the programs of these two health organizations. Special thanks to the major sponsors (listed on the next page); the leadership of Dr. Herbert Chiu (Gala Co-Chair and V.P., CBC); David Bonaccorsi (Gala Co-Chair and Master of Ceremony); Mayor Lily Mei (Mistress of Ceremony); and our Board members (and a few of the spouses) on the Gala Committee, whose partnership together made this gala a success.

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Looking Forward

CBC summer Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program will be held from June 17, 2017 to July 22, 2017.

Everyone is welcome to join us for the Opening and Closing/Graduation Ceremony on the first day and last day, respectively.

CBC will take part in the July 4th Parade from 10 a.m. Please join in the CBC spirit and march with us. See page 6 for more information.

On Sunday, August 6, 2017, CBC will co-host the summer BBQ with our sister organization, South Bay Chinese Club. Please join us for some good eats and conversations with our members and friends. Additional information can be found on page 6.

At the invitation of Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose, CBC is joining its "Common Ground" Project as a community partner. The project promotes cross-cultural exchange among five target immigration populations: Chinese, Indian, Filipino, Mexican and Vietnamese. CBC will be reaching out to invite interested participants who would like to engage in cross-cultural dialogues during community dinners organized by the Museum. The community dinners will be held on July 16, July 30 and August 12, 2017. The project seeks to promote awareness and respect of other cultures by identifying commonalities through dialogues.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable Summer and we hope to see you at the upcoming events.

Respectfully,

Judy Lam
CBC President 2016-2017

Spring Celebration 2017

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

Silver Sponsors

- Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs
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- David & Judy Lam
- Lily Mei
- New Hope Chinese Cancer Care Foundation
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- Lena Zee

We also express our gratitude to our raffle prize donors and in-kind donors. 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



Ro Khanna



David Bonaccorsi

CBC's Spring Celebration Photos

Pictures Courtesy of The A.M. Photography



The Other CBC

By Robert Kaiser



Citizens for Better Community is who we are, dedicated to improving our communities. What is the best way to do this? I would suggest by becoming a better speaker and leader. We have our own way to do this in our Toastmasters club, Citizens for Better Communicators. The 'other' CBC recently celebrated our 13th anniversary of helping our members achieve their goals. Our diverse members join for different reasons, while overcoming fear of public speaking is the most prevalent, others join to learn how to listen better, become a more effective leader, practice their English or just have fun and network in a supportive, collaborative environment.

While Toastmasters has helped me immensely in both my professional and personal life, I think the thing I enjoy most is watching the improvement in others. Seeing a timid individual walk in, unsure of themselves and then seeing a confident individual a few months later brings a smile to my face. Sound like something you would like to experience? CBC meets on Saturday mornings at Unitek College 4670 Auto Mall Pkwy, room 138B. I invite you all to come by and check out our club. Self-improvement is our aim and if interested let me know or just come by!

Visit <http://654714.toastmastersclubs.org/> for more information.

Welcome ~ New Members

- Vinnie Bacon & Jenny Kassen
- Jim Bell & Cecile Schelling
- Ming Cho & Huan La and Family
- Sriya Gonuguntla
- Zhisong Huang & Nancy Leong and Family
- Anupama Iyer
- Kathryn & William McDonald
- Eric Le & Uyen Nguyen and Family
- Connie Ma & Wei Qian and Family
- Shilpa Nalla & Naveen Morumganti and Family
- Hanxing Shi and Guangming Fei and Family
- Angel Shih
- Shengliang Song
- Hema Talreja & Dharmendran Kulangara and Family
- Tenny Tang
- Tina Wang & Aron Lee and Family
- Lan Xu and Family
- Serena Yeh
- Xinhua Zhao & Yaping Xie and Family

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

South Bay Chinese Service Club Annual Scholarship Banquet

Submitted by Joe Woo,
SBCSC Scholarship Committee Chairman

On Wednesday, April 5, 2017, the South Bay Chinese Service Club (SBCSC) awarded \$25,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors of Chinese descent at the 48th annual SBCSC Scholarship Banquet held at the Union City Mayflower Restaurant. SBCC President Lorraine Wong greeted the graduates and praised them for their outstanding academic records and participation in community activities. Honored guests included Mayor of Fremont Lily Mei and Fremont City Council member David Bonaccorsi.

The graduating students and their parents were addressed by keynote speaker, Dr. Rita Ng, Chief of Cardiology at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland and Richmond.

Dr. Ng completed her undergraduate studies at Stanford University and earned her medical degree from UCSF Medical School. In between

her undergraduate and graduate studies, Dr. Ng was crowned Miss California in 2000 and became the first person of Asian descent to be crowned Miss California in the 80-year history of the pageant.

In her speech, Dr. Ng shared with the students how she chose a different path from her original college career plan but still ended up attaining her goal to become a doctor, something she has wanted since she was 5 years old. She encouraged the graduating seniors to get out of their comfort zones and explore new interests while still pursuing their goals. She stressed the importance of leadership and urged the students to always remember their greatest source of encouragement and support: their families. As a cardiologist, she also advised that good health comes from making sensible food choices, not necessarily being on special diets but simply not indulging in unhealthy foods. It is OK to enjoy a birthday cake every now and then – just do not do it in excess.

Before the announcement of the scholarship award winners, all students received Certificates of Special Recognition from the following elected officials:

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Edward Mora, representing U.S. Congressman Eric Swalwell; Sabrina Tamura, representing State Assembly member Kansen Chu; Erica Trask, representing Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty; and Meriam Reynosa, representing State Senator Bob Wieckowski. Although unable to attend the banquet, U.S. Congressman Ro Khanna and State Assembly member Bill Quirk provided Certificates of Recognition ahead of time to be distributed to the students during the award ceremony.

The 18 scholarship winners this year is an impressive group of scholars representing 7 high schools in Fremont and Union City. Their average unweighted GPA is 3.8 and the average weighted GPA is 4.2. The Award recipients have taken a total of 241 AP classes and honor classes. Together they have amassed 6,422 community service hours. In this group, there are 4 National Merit Finalists, 11 AP Scholars, and 2 students with perfect unweighted 4.0 GPA's.

The 2017 SBCSC Scholarship Recipients are:

\$2,500 Scholarship Recipients

- **Caitlin Chen, Irvington High School** – *Howard Tom Memorial Scholarship for Top Honors*
- **Yi Jan Ella Chen, Mission San Jose High School** – *Bing J. Gee Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Literacy*
- **Owen Farmer, American High School** – *Dick F. Szeto Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Student Government*
- **Yi An Zoe Hsiao, American High School** – *Comcast Scholarship Award for Excellence in Communication and Outreach*
- **Courtney Liang, James Logan High School** – *Steve & Amy Cho Scholarship Award for Excellence in Biological Science*

\$2,000 Scholarship Recipients

- **Estella Chen, Irvington High School** – *Fremont Bank Foundation Scholarship for Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math*
- **Yu-Hsin Bethany Lin, James Logan High School** – *Robert Vun Yau Lee Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Music & Performance Arts*

\$1,000 Scholarship Recipients

- **Hannah Qiang, James Logan High School** – *York F. Gin Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Environmental Science*

- **Cecelia Huang, James Logan High School** – *SBCS Scholarship for Excellence in Chinese Arts*
- **Nicholas Chau, James Logan High School** – *Leonard S. Chong Memorial Scholarship for Inspiration*
- **Stephanie Wong, Washington High School** – *Karl Ngan Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Leadership*
- **Stephanie Wu, Fremont Christian School** – *CBC Scholarship Award for Excellence in Community Service* (pictured below)



\$500 Best Essay Award

- **Yi Jan Ella Chan, Mission San Jose High School** – *Dutra Enterprises Award for Best Essay*

\$500 Scholarship Recipients

- Chelsea Chan, Mission San Jose High School
- Damon Liang, Washington High School
- Weyxin Ly, Irvington High School
- Xia Tong Jiang, American High School
- Richard Wu, James Logan High School
- Rui-Jie Yew, John F. Kennedy High School



Upcoming Events....

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, 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 "We Are One."

To give you some background about the Fremont July 4th parades... this will be the 20th 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 **Tuesday, July 4, 2017**, from 10 a.m. and ends by 12 noon, those who participate in the parade need to assemble by around 8:30 a.m. After our entry marches, please hang around a few minutes at the ending point to enjoy a cold treat refreshment with all!

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!

CBC's Summer Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program

The summer Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program Opening Ceremony will be held on **Saturday, June 17, 2017**, at 8:30 a.m. at Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN) Center.

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 22, 2017** (the fifth week). The students will conduct a "Program Contest" and "Graduation Ceremony." This amazing opportunity allows parents to see their children build self-confidence 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 summer Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program for the high school students. All parents are invited to the Opening and Closing/Graduation Ceremonies.

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 remaining 2017 meal service schedule is:

- **Saturday, July 29 (dinner)**
- **Sunday, October 29 (dinner)**

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

Summer Time Fun . . . at the 17th 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. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 2.

Date: **Sunday, August 6, 2017**

Time: Noon – 3 p.m.

Where: Quail Run Clubhouse
33873 Whimbrel, Fremont

RSVP to: Steve & Amy Cho (510) 797-6426

Cost: \$5 for adults and children age 10 and over

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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Calendar of Events

Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program Opening Ceremony

When: **Saturday, June 17, 2017 (8:30 am)**

Where: Friends of Children with Special Needs
2300 Peralta Blvd, Fremont

Fremont July 4th Parade

When: **Tuesday, July 4, 2017 (8:30 am; parade 10 am)**

Where: Central Fremont (same route as last year)
Contact: Amy or Steve Cho at (510) 797-6426

Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program Closing/Graduation Ceremony

When: **Saturday, July 22, 2017 (noon)**

Where: Friends of Children with Special Needs
2300 Peralta Blvd, Fremont

Homeless Shelter Meal Service

When: **Sunday, July 29, 2017 (dinner)**

Where: Sunrise Village

Contact: sherry.y.chang@gmail.com

CBC/SBCC Summer BBQ

When: **Sunday, August 6, 2017 (noon)**

Where: Quail Run Clubhouse

Contact: Steve and Amy Cho (510) 797-6426

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, June 7, 2017

~ Wednesday, August 2, 2017

~ Wednesday, October 4, 2017

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, 2016– October 31, 2017)

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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