



# CITIZENS FOR BETTER COMMUNITY

## 華人權益服務社

P. O. Box 1, Fremont, CA 94537-0001  
Web site: <http://www.cbcsfbay.org>

**Membership Newsletter**

**Volume 21, Issue 2**

**April – June 2021**



### President's Message

*By David Lam  
CBC President 2020-2021*

Dear CBC Members and Friends,

Happy Spring to everyone. Hope the year of the Ox has brought good fortune and health to everyone.

The COVID-19 situation is much improved compared to the beginning of the year. Vaccines are now widely available and most everyone can easily register and get the shot. The local economy is also starting to reopen. Alameda County has been in the Moderate Risk level for 4 straight weeks and continues to see a decrease in the infection rate. Our neighboring counties Santa Clara and San Mateo just reached Minimal Risk level so achieving herd immunity is imminent.

Our hybrid online broadcast Spring Celebration was a resounding success. The celebration was held at Cole Hall of the First United Methodist Church and live streamed to our guests via Zoom conferencing. Kudos to the Spring Celebration co-chairs, Herbert Chiu and Kathy Kimberlin, and the entire supporting team. The team spent numerous hours planning and preparing for the program which included party packs for the family at home to play games and other party goodies, solo dance by the talented Katrin Rannaveski (granddaughter of Lena Zee), vocal solo by Laura Liu, interviews of this year's beneficiaries, and a finale by the IdeaBand. The program also honored the 2019/2020 Distinguished Community Service Award recipient, Dirk Lorenz, and the 2019/2020 Volunteer of the Year Award to Midji Rovetta and the late Robert Kaiser. Robert's sister, Rose, gave a touching speech and received the award on behalf of her late brother, Robert.

The beneficiaries of this year's Spring Celebration are the Fremont Human Services Mobile Hygiene Unit – Clean Start and the Mental Health Association for Chinese Communities. Former CBC intern, Rachael Chan, interviewed the director of each program who gave an overview of the services provided and how it helps our community members.

I want to thank all of the sponsors for their financial support and proclamations: Washington Hospital, Nuvera Homes, Milpitas Square, Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert, Fremont Bank, Congressman Ro Khanna, Mayor Lily Mei and many other sponsors and our viewers at home for their participation. With the COVID pandemic improving, we hope to see everyone in person at our live Spring Celebration next year. More details on Spring Celebration can be found on the next page.

The Board approved CBC to sponsor and participate in the Unity Against Hate rally at the Veterans Memorial Park on May 15<sup>th</sup>. There were over 300 attendees with officials and key speakers.

The Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program team has launched this year's summer program. The program has reached full enrollment capacity and will start on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The team has been working hard to put the program together which will be held via Zoom conferencing.

Summer is a month away and the mask mandate is tentatively scheduled to be lifted on June 15<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone can enjoy a summer of family fun-filled events and relaxation. Regular school opening will be coming in mid-August. All good news.

Stay healthy. ~ David Lam

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 2 Spring Celebration – Year of the Ox
- 3 Spring Celebration cont'd / Unity Against Hate Rally
- 4 CBC Board and Committee Directory / Upcoming Meetings

## Fun at the Spring Celebration – Year of the Ox

*Submitted by Spring Celebration Co-Chairs,  
Herbert Chiu and Kathy Kimberlin  
Photos Courtesy of Malcolm Kimberlin*

Our annual Spring Celebration was postponed in 2020 due to the health pandemic. This year, we were restricted from large gatherings so the Co-Chairs, Herbert Chiu and Kathy Kimberlin, along with core planning committee members Lena Zee, David Lam, and Judy Lam came up with a "hybrid" event for the appropriate event tag line "Year of Hope". "Hybrid" meant event studio would have 4 tech team members, organizers & planning committee, 2 performers and 2 beneficiaries. The planning committee consisted of Charles Liu, Wilson Hu, Cecilia Leon, Wing Ng, Henry Yin, Teresa Eng and Kathy Jang. The audience would enjoy and participate from the comfort of their homes via live Zoom. Party packs were delivered to registrants and were filled with a lottery scratch off in the traditional Chinese red envelope, Chinese zodiac placemat, chopsticks, signature Oxtail Cocktail ingredients and other items to contribute to a fun experience.

In case you did not attend...it was lots of fun for everyone! First United Methodist Church Cole Hall, to whom we are very thankful, was our venue with reliable Wi-Fi for a live stream show. Our decorator transformed the hall into a festive and colorful cherry blossom filled set, complete with a cut out ox watching over everyone from the corner.

Co-Hosts Charles Liu and Kathy Kimberlin, dressed in festive Chinese clothing, took guests through an evening of silly games, entertainment, awards for honorees, music videos and interviews with beneficiaries City of Fremont Mobile Hygiene Unit/Suzanne Shenfil and Mental Health Association for Chinese Communities/Elaine Peng.



After Charles kicked off the evening with banging the gong, Judy Lam began explaining and displaying how to play the "Chopstick Challenge" game. The winners of "Best Dressed" competition were Yajing Zhang and Brad Hatton who received the Red Cow award. Honorees Midji Rovetta and Robert Kaiser (in memoriam) had their families speak so highly of their work with CBC youth programs. Kathy Kimberlin introduced Dirk Lorenz, Distinguished Community Service Award recipient, providing examples of his work and generosity over the years, earning him this award. Fremont Mayor Lily Mei, Congressman Ro Khanna and Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert provided proclamations and commendations for all honorees.



Due to the hybrid nature of our annual celebration, there were generously donated gifts, beautifully arranged by Cecilia Leon, on a table for drawings throughout the evening, that would later be hand delivered to the winners.

Behind the scenes stage manager, Herbert Chiu,



*Cont'd on page 3*

Cont'd from page 2....Spring Celebration

ensured that entertainment was enjoyed by folks in the studio and at home: IdeaBand's music video with inspiring lyrics and imagery, a graceful dance performance by Katrin Rannaveski, a beautiful song sung by Laura Liu and former CBC intern, Rachael Chan, interviewing the gracious beneficiaries.



The evening wrapped up with "Mojito", another music video of the IdeaBand, and all the studio folks dancing and waving good night to Zoom guests ending with popping confetti flying and smiles all around.



A hybrid event is very challenging to plan and execute, but it could not have been done without paid and volunteer staff and our generous sponsors: Washington Hospital Healthcare, Nuvera Homes, Milpitas Square, Alameda County Supervisor David

Haubert, Fremont Bank, Business sponsors, Table sponsors, Party Pack sponsors, Business Card sponsors, monetary donors and in-kind sponsor Sani-Health Solutions.

And so important, it would not have been so much FUN without the guests who attended virtually and spent the evening with CBC! Thank you ALL for making it a successful event!

## CBC Supports "Unity Against Hate" Rally

As you all know, Anti-Asian racism and violent attacks on Asians, many of them targeting the elderly, have only increased in recent months. Like many other organizations, CBC has made a statement and posted the following on the organization's website: "Citizens for Better Community condemns any racially targeted crimes against Asian and all ethnic communities. We promote unity to build a stronger community of diverse cultural background. We respect all members in our community. We denounce any discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex and national origin."

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, a national event "Unity Against Hate" took action against acts of hate on AAPI and all other communities. With CBC Board approval, CBC sponsored and participated in a rally held at the Veterans Memorial Park in Fremont. Over 300 people were in attendance to support the Asian community and to show solidarity.



**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.”*

**2020-2021 Board Directory**

- President:**  
David Lam.....(510) 320-7899
- Vice President:**  
Herbert Chiu.....(510) 471-3777
- Secretary:**  
Wilson Hu.....(925) 480-7305
- Treasurer:**  
Thomas Tang .....(510) 438-8998
- Past President:**  
Charles Liu .....(510) 938-6668
- Legal Counsel**  
David Sheen .....(510) 676-2178
- Executive Director**  
Kathy Jang.....(510) 790-0740

**Committees**

- Education:**  
Yang Shao.....(510) 687-9184
- Health:**  
Herbert Chiu.....(510) 471-3777
- Business:**  
Henry Yin.....(510) 676-7139
- Community Involvement:**  
Albert Wang.....(510) 657-6610
- Membership:** Wing Ng.....(510) 326-1133
- Culture Exchange:** Lena Zee .....(510) 421-6666
- Youth Internship:** Charles Liu .....(510) 938-6668
- TYLP/Gavel Club:** Midji Rovetta.....(510) 798-7871
- Social Activities:**  
Cecilia Leon .....(510) 445-1330  
Gerry Low Sabado.....(510) 378-0999
- Spring Celebration:**  
Herbert Chiu .....(510) 471-3777  
Kathy Kimberlin .....(510) 552-0221

**2020-2021 Board of Directors**

- |                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Herbert Chiu     | Anna Muh      |
| Steve Cho        | Wing Ng       |
| Teresa Eng       | Midji Rovetta |
| Whisky Ho        | Raj Salwan    |
| Wilson Hu        | Yang Shao     |
| Kathy Kimberlin  | Thomas Tang   |
| David Lam        | Albert Wang   |
| Judy Lam         | Julie Wang    |
| Cecilia Leon     | Marvin Wong   |
| Henry Liang      | Henry Yin     |
| Charles Liu      | Lena Zee      |
| Gerry Low Sabado | Yajing Zhang  |
| Lily Mei         |               |

**CBC NEWSLETTER**

We welcome your questions, comments and feedback. You may send them to CBC, P.O. Box 1, Fremont, CA 94537, or you may contact Kathy Jang, Executive Director, at (510) 770-6160, or email [cbcoutreach20@gmail.com](mailto:cbcoutreach20@gmail.com).

**Publisher:** Kathy Jang

**Committee:** Herbert Chiu, Amy Cho, Steve Cho, Albert Wang

**Contributors/Photos:** Herbert Chiu, Jenny He, David Lam, Henry Liang, Kathy Kimberlin, Malcolm Kimberlin

**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, June 2, 2021
- ~ Wednesday, July 7, 2021
- ~ Wednesday, August 4, 2021

Please email [cbcoutreach20@gmail.com](mailto:cbcoutreach20@gmail.com) to request virtual meeting information, if you would like to join us.