



# CITIZENS FOR BETTER COMMUNITY

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**Membership Newsletter**

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### *“Happiness Is...” Marching in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade*



Come join CBC and other Chinese American organizations who will celebrate America's birthday by marching in Fremont's July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. The parade will be held in Central Fremont and begins at 10 a.m. More details on page 6.

### **President's Message**

*(from Spring Celebration)*

*By Henry Liang  
CBC President 2022-2023*



Dear CBC Members and Friends,

Welcome to CBC's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Gala! It is a pleasure to have you all join us tonight as we come together to celebrate our community and raise funds for our mission. Since our founding on December 9, 1992, Citizens for a Better Community has remained steadfast in our focus on initiating, sponsoring, and promoting community events that positively impact the well-being of Chinese Americans.

Despite the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, we are proud to share that our flagship program, the Toastmaster's Youth Leadership Program (TYLP), has resumed in-person meetings at the beautiful Lake Elizabeth. It has been a joy to see our young leaders come together, learn, and connect face-to-face, fostering personal growth, leadership skills, and camaraderie.

Furthermore, our CBC internship program has been a resounding success in training our future leaders. Despite the difficulties presented by the pandemic, we provided valuable opportunities for our young leaders to gain practical experience, develop skills, and contribute to our community. We are proud of their achievements and the positive impact they have made.

Additionally, our civic engagement efforts have been notable, including co-sponsoring a Town Hall meeting with the four candidates for State offices. This event provided an essential platform for our community members to engage with the candidates, discuss important issues, and have their voices heard.

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## *Enjoy the Summer!*



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CBC has also been actively involved in year-round homeless shelter meal service, providing support to those in need in our community.

On this particular occasion, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to our donors, sponsors, volunteers, and partners for their unwavering support. Your commitment to CBC's mission is truly inspiring and fuels our efforts to create a better community for all. Without your generous contributions, we would not be able to make the significant impact we strive for. I also want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our CBC Board members and members who have contributed to the success of our programs and events. Your passion and tireless efforts have been instrumental in our achievements.

As we gather for our Spring Fundraising Gala, I urge you all to continue your support for CBC. Together, we can work towards building a brighter and better future for our community.

Rabbit Hops – CBC Tops!

Sincerely,

*Henry Liang*  
CBC President 2022-2023

## CBC's Spring Celebration

CBC's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Celebration "Rabbit Hops - CBC Tops" was held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Pearl Bay Restaurant in Fremont.



At the sound of the beating drums, two lions entered the dining room and guests were drawn to their seats. The lions, provided by Shaolin Temple USA in Fremont, danced around like curious cats as the guests fed them red envelopes. The lion dance is believed to bring good luck and fortune.



A few dishes of the 10 course meal were served to whet the guests' appetite. Unbeknownst to the guests, the next entertainment was being queued up – students from the Music Land School of Music, to perform "Joyful Rabbits in Happy Land" inspired by a scene from Alice in Wonderland.



After the "Joyful Rabbits" performed, the guests' continued to fill their stomachs with the second set of delicious food. Then, the winners from the CBC Gavel Club contest held earlier in April were recognized for their accomplishments. This year-round Club is one of CBC's youth signature programs. It provides the full Toastmasters experience to students under 18 years of age, with an excellent opportunity for community service. These students volunteered at this event to put on the final touches prior to the guests' arrival. They also sold raffle tickets to the guests for a chance to win 20+ prizes generously donated by the community and CBC Board members.



One important part of this annual celebration is to recognize the recipients of CBC's Distinguished Community Service Award (DCSA) and CBC's Volunteer of the Year (VOY). The DCSA is intended to honor one for outstanding leadership in civic and community service with this year's recipient being Dr. Yang Shao. The VOY award is intended to honor one for outstanding volunteerism to CBC and the community which was awarded to Yonggang Zhang. Both of these individuals make a great difference with, and for the community.

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*Congratulations!*

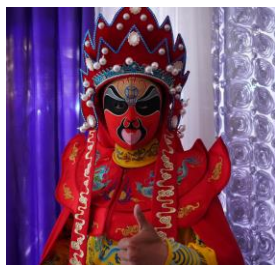


DCSA ~ Dr. Yang Shao



VOY ~ Yonggang Zhang

After the final set of the gourmet meal was served, the guests were treated to a very special performance of Bian Lian 变脸 (Face-Changing) ancient Chinese dramatic art performance. "Face Changing" performers wear brightly colored costumes, and move quickly to bold, dramatic music. Vivid colored masks are worn, depicting well known characters from the opera. Performers change almost magically, from one mask to another, with the swipe of their hand, swoosh of a mask or other quick move. If you blinked, you missed it!



After the guests were in awe of the Face Changing Master, it was now time to honor three dedicated beneficiaries. CBC is proud that a portion of the funds raised from this year's Spring Celebration – in addition to the many other organizations CBC supports throughout the year – was donated to Herald Family Rebuilding Center, Centerville Free Dining Room, and California School for the Deaf.

First, was the Herald Family Rebuilding Center which assists couples experiencing relational difficulties to restore their family relationships. They empower single-parent families to overcome their post-divorce struggles and advocates for family values and promotes preventive efforts to protect and foster family unity.



Second, was the Centerville Free Dining Room. It is a voluntary ecumenical ministry that expresses the love and concern of Jesus Christ through feeding and counseling those who are in need.



Last but not least, was the California School for the Deaf (CSD). Established in 1860, CSD is a state special school that provides the best possible learning environment for Deaf students to succeed.



Special thanks to our event co-chairs Dr. Herbert Chiu and Kathy Kimberlin, co-emcees Kathy Kimberlin and Doreen Huang, and the dedicated Committee and volunteers who worked tirelessly to put on a great evening.



CBC extends their sincerest appreciation to all of the CBC Board members, attendees, volunteers, monetary and in-kind donors, and generous sponsors: tables sponsors, Washington Hospital Healthcare System, Nuvera Homes, Milpitas Square, and Kaiser Permanente.



**Thank you All for making it a successful event!**



## Rabbit Hops – CBC Tops!



CBC promotes unity to build a stronger community of diverse cultural background. We respect all members in our community. Watch video ["All of Us Belong Right Here"](#)



## Gavel Club Contests

By Midji Rovetta, Gavel Club Coordinator

CBC hosted their own Gavel Club Contest on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Quarry Lakes in Fremont.

Congratulations to our Gavel Club contest winners:

### Middle School Prepared Speeches

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kan X. \*

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jonathan Y.

### Middle School Table Topics

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kan X. \*

2<sup>d</sup> Place: Bryan F. \*

### High School Prepared Speeches

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Joleen P. \*

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jessica Y.

### High School Table Topics

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Amanda W. \*

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jason H. \*



On April 15, 2023, CBC hosted the Inter Gavel Club Contest, again, at Quarry Lakes in Fremont. These students (\*) advanced to the Inter Gavel Club Contest, competing with 24 other contestants from San Ramon, Dublin High School and Pleasanton. Congratulations to CBC's Gavel Club students who won the Inter Gavel Club Contest in the following categories:

### High School Prepared Speech

Joleen P., 1st place (2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row!)

### Middle School Table Topics

Bryan F., 3rd place



Congratulations to all of the Gavel Club students for a well-done contest and a successful year! Thank you to Rachel B. for being the CBC Gavel Club President and all of the students who took on the Contest Officers roles at our Club and Inter Gavel Club contest. Special thanks to all of parents who helped with the set-up, lunch and clean up during the Inter Gavel club contest on April 15. Without parents' help, we wouldn't have had a successful event. Thank you so much! Enjoy the summer and see you in September.

## Upcoming Events...

### Summer Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program

The 5-week summer Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program (TYLP) will begin with an Opening Ceremony on Saturday, June 10 at Fremont's Lake Elizabeth.

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 July 15 (the fifth week).

Parents are invited to attend both the Opening and Closing Ceremony on the respective dates. The graduation celebration picnic will take place immediately following the Closing Ceremony on July 15 with fellow CBC members.

### Fremont's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

CBC is a proud sponsor of Fremont's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade "Happiness Is..." Plan to come and march with CBC and other Chinese American organizations to celebrate America's birthday.



The parade route will be the same as in previous years (approx. 1 mile, starting at Stevenson Blvd and Paseo Padre Pkwy, continuing north on Paseo Padre Pkwy and ending at Capitol Avenue).

**Date:** **Tuesday, July 4, 2023 (step off at 10 am)**

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. (preparations in staging area)

**Location:** meet at Fremont Main Library

CBC is also a sponsor of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade After-Party, organized by Tri-City Nonprofit Coalition, starting at 11 a.m. at the Fremont Downtown Event Center & Plaza.

### Summer Picnic & TYLP Graduation Celebration

Come and enjoy the afternoon with great friends, meet new friends, and eat delicious food to celebrate the graduates of the Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program (TYLP). **Please RSVP by Monday, July 10.**

**Date:** **Saturday, July 15, 2023**

**Time:** 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

**Where:** Lake Elizabeth, Picnic Area A  
(behind Aqua Adventure)  
Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont

**RSVP to:** [cbc94537@gmail.com](mailto:cbc94537@gmail.com) or (510) 770-6160

### Homeless Shelter Meal Service Remaining Services for 2023

CBC has been preparing and serving meals to the unsheltered for a few years now under the coordination efforts of CBC member, Sherry Chang and lead chefs, Sam and Yvonne Ng. This is a good learning experience and great opportunity for high school students to participate and to help the community. Students will receive community service hours for volunteering.



The remaining 2023 meals services that CBC will be providing are on:

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

For more information or to sign up, please contact [sherry.y.chang@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.y.chang@gmail.com).

### Fremont's Summer Concert Series

CBC is a proud sponsor of the Summer Concert Series, an annual event located in the heart of Fremont's Central Park at the Performance Pavilion. The concert takes place on six Thursday evenings (6-8 pm) in the summer. Here's the 2023 line-up:

*June 29:* CC Segar (Bob Segar & CCR Classic Rock)

*July 13:* Melody Makers (Premier Bollywood Band)

*July 20:* Pride and Joy (Pop & Soul Party Band)

*July 27:* The Touch of Class (R & B, Funk, & Pop)

**August 3: IdeaBand (Pop Rock) \***

*August 10:* Flock of Seagirls (80's Rock)

\* CBC's immediate past President and one of CBC's founding members, Dr. Herbert Chiu, is a dentist by day and a drummer by night in the IdeaBand.

Come and enjoy the summer evening and listen to the variety of musical genres and performers. Each week, this event attracts over 3,500 guests which includes families and residents from the Tri-City area.





***CBC  
Summer Picnic &  
TYLP Graduation  
Celebration***

***All CBC Members are invited  
FREE***

***Saturday,  
July 15, 2023  
12:30 - 2:30 pm***

***Lake Elizabeth,  
Picnic Area A \****



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**RSVP by July 10  
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***\*Picnic Area A is large picnic area located  
near lakeside behind Aqua Adventure***

# South Bay Chinese Service Club Scholarships



By Jane Lin, SBCC Scholarship Chair

On Wednesday, April 19, 2023, the South Bay Chinese Service Club (SBCSC), in an inaugural partnership with the Chinese Immersion Parents' Council of Fremont (CIPCF) and the pioneering class of the Fremont Unified Mandarin Immersion Program (MIP), awarded \$46,375 in scholarships to 28 exceptional high school seniors of Chinese descent at our Scholarship Awards Banquet at Pearl Bay Restaurant in Fremont, CA. This year is the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of our scholarship program, and over the years, we have awarded close to half a million dollars to Tri-City area high school students.

South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC) President Dr. Clifton M. Der Bing opened the banquet by welcoming and commending the graduates for their academic and extracurricular achievements, their community service and perseverance, and also thanked the parents and scholarship donors for their interest and involvement. He also recognized the many legislators and distinguished guests in attendance.

Scholarship Committee Chairperson Jane Lin talked about her personal relationship to the scholarship program, as a 1980 former recipient, the older sister of a 1983 recipient, and the proud mom of the 2015 Best Essay recipient, and praised the new 2023 "scholars' club" members for their outstanding accomplishments, and encouraged them to return in the future and continue our important legacy. She also introduced the distinguished guests from our local Tri-City school districts.

Past President and Scholarship Committee member Joe Woo then presented a 12-minute video during our tasty 8-course banquet meal depicting the history of our organization, and it was a touching visual reminder of our involvement with the community, as well as of the many students who have benefitted from this program, and moved on to successful careers.



Our keynote speaker Randy Lau, an Engineering graduate of UCLA, who is the creative engine and content creator of "Made with Lau", his family's media brand celebrating the Chinese recipes and cultural heritage of his chef dad Chung Sun Lau's 50 years of restaurant experience, gave a rousing speech about the need to follow one's passions -- to embrace change, to experiment and explore, and to be brave about taking risks.

Wei-Lin Tong, one of the founding members of the FUSD Mandarin Immersion Program (MIP), spoke poignantly about the struggles of building this bilingual program from the ground up, and the resilience of the first class of kindergarteners, three of whom were honored with the first CIPCF Scholarship Awards this year.

In addition to receiving the monetary awards, the recipients also received a plaque and Certificates of Commendation and Special Recognition from various legislative offices.

The 28 scholarship winners for 2023 are an impressive group of scholars representing 5 high schools in Fremont and one high school in Union City. The average unweighted GPA was 3.86, with an amazing 10,536 community service hours amassed. In this group, there were 5 National Merit Finalists, numerous AP Scholars with Distinction and Honors, 5 students with a perfect unweighted 4.0 GPA, 4 Eagle Scout Awards, 15 Presidential Service Awards, Robotics Awards, Scholar Athlete Awards, student leaders in student government positions, a national creative arts winner, and a 4<sup>th</sup>-ranked US National Badminton member.

Congratulations to Alexander H., recipient of the CBC Scholarship for Excellence in Community Service.



See [FULL LIST OF RECIPIENTS](#) here.



## Calendar of Events

### CBC TYLP Opening Ceremony

When: **Saturday, June 10, 2023 (8:30 am)**  
Where: Lake Elizabeth (Lions Area 1)  
Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont  
Contact: [apply.cbctytp@gmail.com](mailto:apply.cbctytp@gmail.com) or (510) 770-6160

### Fremont's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

When: **Tuesday, July 4, 2023 (8:30 am; 10 am step-off)**  
Where: Fremont Main Library (staging area)  
2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont  
More info: [July 4th Parade](#)

### TYLP Graduation (9 am) & CBC Summer Picnic (12:30)

When: **Saturday, July 15, 2023**  
Where: Lake Elizabeth, Picnic Area A  
(behind Aqua Adventure), Fremont  
RSVP: [cbc94537@gmail.com](mailto:cbc94537@gmail.com) or (510) 770-6160

### Homeless Shelter Meal Service

When: **Sunday, July 30, 2023 (dinner)**  
Where: Sunrise Village  
Contact: [sherry.y.chang@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.y.chang@gmail.com)

### Summer Concert Series

When: **Thursdays, June 29 – August 10, 2023 (6 pm)**  
**(no 7/6)**  
Where: Fremont's Central Park ~ Performance Pavilion  
Paseo Padre Parkway, Fremont  
More info: [Summer Concert Series](#)

## Upcoming CBC Meetings

CBC Board of Directors meet on the first Wednesday of each month at Carlton Plaza (3800 Walnut Avenue) in Fremont. 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 meeting dates are as follows:

- ~ **Wednesday, June 7, 2023 (postponed to June 14)**
- ~ **Wednesday, July 5, 2023**
- ~ **Wednesday, August 2, 2023**

Email [cbc94537@gmail.com](mailto:cbc94537@gmail.com) for any questions.

## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (January 1, 2023– December 31, 2023)**

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*. Or visit [www.cbcsfbay.org](http://www.cbcsfbay.org) for online membership.

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

Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # Cell Phone # e-mail

**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.”*

**2022-2023 Board Directory**

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**Technology:** Yonggang Zhang & Teresa Eng

**Spring Celebration:** Herbert Chiu & Kathy Kimberlin

*Any of the above Committee members can be contacted by calling (510) 770-6160.*

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