

# CITIZENS FOR BETTER COMMUNITY 華人權益服務社

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### **Membership Newsletter**

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### President's Message

By David Lam CBC President 2020-2021

Dear CBC Members and Friends,

Happy Summer to everyone.

Due to the vaccine and falling transmission rates, California has finally reopened its economy. That means no more physical distancing, no capacity limits, no county tiers, and relaxed mask guidance when outdoors. However, the emerging Delta variant requires calls for necessary precautions - Alameda County is now requiring face masks in indoor public places for all people, regardless of vaccination status.

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, CBC team presented the donation checks from our Spring Celebration proceeds to the two designated beneficiaries - the City of Fremont Clean Start Mobile Hygiene program and the Mental Health Association for Chinese Communities. Both organizations were appreciative of the donations and welcome continuous collaboration with CBC. Credit goes to the



Spring Celebration team for raising sufficient funds to support both organizations to advance their programs, and to bring awareness to the community about their services. We look forward to next year's Spring Celebration where we will support two other community service organizations. Save the date for CBC's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to be celebrated on Saturday, April 30, 2022.



The Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program (TYLP), via Zoom, was successfully completed under the direction of Midji Rovetta and head coordinator Linda Ko. There were 77 students who participated in the five Saturday classes. The graduation was held outdoors near Lake Elizabeth on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Jang, Lena Zee, Judy Lam, and myself were among the proud parents cheering them on during the graduation ceremony. Certificate of completion, ribbons and awards were presented to the students and winners of the various speech

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categories. We appreciate the generosity of CBC Board member Julie Wang and Jackery, Inc. for donating awards to the student winners for their diligent work and to the coaches for their dedication. For more TYLP graduation pictures, please visit: <u>https://www.cbcsfbay.org/gallery-links</u>.



The CBC team successfully cooked and served lunch to the residents at Sunrise Village Emergency Shelter on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Big thanks to Sherry Chang, Sam and Yvonne Ng for their continuous service to our food program and for their dedication to purchase and to prepare the food for the current homeless residents. Cecilia Leon and I also had the opportunity to join in their efforts. CBC's next scheduled service is for lunch on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.



With easing of the mask mandate and travel restrictions, I hope everyone found time to enjoy some fun-filled summer events and relaxed with your families. We look forward to the end of the pandemic and the return to normalcy. Best regards and stay healthy.

Sincerely, David Lam

# 2021-2022 CBC GAVEL CLUB PROGRAM

# WHEN

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays every month (Sept 2021 – May 2022) (no class in December & summer) 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

# THE TOASTMASTERS EXPERIENCE

Gavel Clubs are a way of providing the full Toastmasters experience to students under 18 years of age, with an excellent opportunity for community service.

## WHO CAN REGISTER

- Must be CBC Members
- Must have completed CBC TYLP summer program prior to participating in Gavel Club

### **HOW TO REGISTER**

https://www.cbcsfbay.org/gavel-club-online

## **SPECIAL NOTE**

Program Fee subject to increase upon start of inperson meetings on a regular basis; continuing students will pay difference in fees.

# 7<sup>™</sup>- 12<sup>™</sup> GRADERS <u>AND</u> COMPLETED CBC SUMMER TYLP PROGRAM

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Learn by doing, Impromptu speaking, Body language, Voice and words, Preparing and presenting

# **LEADERSHIP SKILLS**

Learn together, Conduct meetings, Officer elections, Provide feedback, Supporting your peers, Think on your feet

### **REGISTRATION**

New Student: \$60 annual fee (Covers supplies & materials and Toastmasters International Registration)

Returning Student: \$40 annual fee

### LOCATION

Zoom meeting this year; combined with meeting once or twice in person

### SBCSC Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony



Submitted by Jane Lin, SBCSC Scholarship Committee Chairperson

On Saturday, May 22, 2021, the South Bay Chinese Service Club (SBCSC) awarded \$34,625 in scholarships to 25 exceptional high school seniors of Chinese descent during two Scholarship Award Zoom meetings. This year is the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of this program, and over the years we have awarded over \$400,000 to hundreds of Tri-City area high school students.

South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC) President Anna Muh opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking the graduates, parents, and scholarship donors. She praised the students for their outstanding academic achievements and community involvement, and encouraged them to continue to honor and practice their Chinese culture and heritage. Past President and Scholarship Committee member Joe Woo then gave a brief history of the South Bay Chinese Club and the Scholarship Program. This included a video depicting many of our past recipients and guest speakers. It was a visual reminder of the many students who have benefitted from this program, and who have gone on to successful careers.

We also showed three congratulatory videos from U.S. Congressman Ro Khanna, State Assemblymember Alex Lee, and Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert. Our Keynote Speaker Ivy Wu, a former Fremont Unified School Board Trustee and education advocate, gave an inspiring speech about "finding one's way" through her retelling of the Chinese folktale "The Bamboo Tree". We were pleased that many of our major sponsors were "on hand" to present the awards to their recipients.

In addition to receiving the monetary awards, the recipients also received a plaque and Certificates of Commendation and Special Recognition from U. S. Congressman Ro Khanna, State Senator Bob Wieckowski, State Assembly- members Alex Lee, 20<sup>th</sup> District and Bill Quirk, 25<sup>th</sup> District, Alameda County Supervisors David Haubert, 1<sup>st</sup> District, and Richard Valle, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, and Fremont City Mayor Lily Mei. These certificates, along with the scholarship award plaques and checks, were distributed by SBCC President Anna Muh, our Service Club President Aaron Wong, Scholarship Committee Chair Jane Lin, and Vice Chair Randy Sabado, at a special outdoors meeting with the student recipients at the Fremont Veterans Memorial Park, on June 5, 2021.

The 25 scholarship winners this year are an impressive group of scholars representing 6 high schools in Fremont, one high school in Union City, and one high school in San Jose. The average unweighted GPA was 3.88 and the average weighted GPA was 4.21. They amassed a total of 6,543 community service hours. In this group, there were 2 National Merit Finalists, 4 AP Scholars, 6 students with a perfect unweighted 4.0 GPA, 1 Eagle Scout, 1 Girl Scout Gold Award, 3 Presidential Service Awards (Gold), 2 Scholar Athlete Awards, 8 students who participated in student government positions, and one Documentary Grand Prize Award for a film on Chinese-American Servicemen in WWII. A complete list of scholarship winners can be found at http://www.southbaychineseclub.org/2021scholarships-recap.

Special congratulations to Audrey Y., a student at Mission San Jose High School, for being selected as CBC's scholarship for "Excellence in Community Service."

The South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC) was formed in 1965 to preserve the culture and customs of the Chinese heritage, to foster and encourage better understanding of civic responsibilities and the American way of life, and to promote general welfare of the community. In 1984, the Club formed the South Bay Chinese Service Club (SBCSC), a California non-profit organization, in pursuit of community outreach services such as the Scholarship Program. The annual Scholarship Program began in 1970 by providing two scholarships of \$100 each to graduating high school seniors of Chinese descent. The primary funding for the Scholarship Program is obtained through direct solicitation of donations and through an annual fundraising golf tournament held in May each year, which was curtailed by the pandemic the past two years. Information about the Scholarship Program is available on the Club's website (www.southbaychineseclub.org).

### **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, September 1, 2021
- ~ Wednesday, October 6, 2021
- ~ Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Please email <u>cbcoutreach20@gmail.com</u> to request virtual meeting information, if you would like to join us.

#### **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

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Spring Celebration:    Herbert Chiu

### 2020-2021 Board of Directors

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#### **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 <u>cbcoutreach20@gmail.com</u>.

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Please drive safely... Kids will be back in school!