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Save the Date!

*22nd Annual Spring
Celebration set for
Saturday, April 5, 2014*

Mark your calendars for one of the biggest celebrations yet! With the holidays right around the corner, CBC's Spring Celebration will be here before we know it! More details to come next quarter!



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President's Message



By Ivy Wu

Dear CBC Members and Friends,

It is hard to believe that it's been almost a year since I started serving as the CBC President! Throughout this year, I have been working with the Executive Team and Board to strengthen our organizational structure and build a stronger connection with other non-profit organizations.

Given that CBC is a volunteer organization, and its Board members and officers are overloaded with all kinds of commitments and responsibilities, CBC is doing a good job in adhering to its mission, and demonstrating good volunteer spirit especially in the following ways:

1. Trustworthiness / Dependability:

When CBC promised to help put away tables and chairs after the Fremont Festival of Arts event in August, CBC volunteers did it as promised, even though some other organizations did not show up.

2. Collaboration / Community Outreach:

Hosting the annual Chinese New Year celebration event jointly with SBCC in February at the Fremont Main Library allowed CBC to share Chinese heritage and culture with the community-at-large.

Promoting other local non-profit organizations as Local Warriors (i.e. ABODE, Driver's for Survivors, Fremont Education Foundation, Fremont Family Resource Center, Fremont Unified Student Store, LIFE Elderly Care, One Child, SAVE, Tri-City Volunteers) at the CBC

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annual Spring Celebration Gala in April was a wonderful way to honor them and build stronger partnerships.

Working with Fremont Rotary to put together the first joint Moon Festival celebration event in September was a great collaborative effort to bring the community together as well as to strengthen friendship between the two organizations.

3. Team Building / Membership Service:

Inviting members and friends to the annual SBCC/CBC July BBQ and Christmas Party helped boost team spirit and increase membership.

Constant updates through emails, Facebook, CBC website and quarterly Newsletters serve to keep members as well as the community informed and included.

Year-round Toastmasters Program, Summer Youth Leadership Toastmasters and Internship programs, and Music Club provide valuable opportunities for members to learn important skills, discover new interest, and develop latent potential.

Some Committee Chairs have taken action to improve their committee goals and service. (e.g. Business Committee has conducted survey to find out business needs that are critical in our community; Membership Committee has evaluated our current membership fee structure and actively reaches out to build membership; Historian and Senior Liaison committees have arranged for members and friends to tour Angel Island....)

4. Financial Accountability:

After carefully examining its books, CBC Board has adopted an operable budget by cutting expenses and finding ways to increase its funding and resources.

I am truly honored to have served CBC for a year with a very dynamic group of people! There are still much more to work on, and I am excited to continue serving as the President along with the Executive Team and Board for another year. I trust that CBC, as a volunteer organization, is on the right track and heading the right direction.

Let's stay truthful to our mission, keep operating as a team, be flexible as to new opportunities and ideas, and make adjustments as needed along the process.

Best Regards,
Ivy Wu
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CBC President 2013-2014

Greetings from the South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC)

By Steve Cho
President, 2013-2014

Now that it's October and most of us are back, I hope everyone had a great and restful summer! As with the change of season, Fall is here and we are all "fall"ing back into our normal routines.

SBCC is anticipating another exciting year filled with many fun activities. In fact, SBCC just spearheaded an educational trip to Angel Island. A group of 50 people from the Tri-Cities area spent a day together touring the immigration site learning about the early history and plight of the Chinese trying to immigrate to the United States. This is a "must see" for those who have never been to Angel Island. Another event on the horizon is an overnight trip to Reno via the Amtrak train.

Our signature event for the Club is the annual SBCC High School Scholarship Program. To help raise the scholarship funds, SBCC holds a number of fundraisers during the year. Several "Sweet Tomatoes" (ST) events have been planned for November 13 and December 14. On these evenings, ST will donate 15% of the SBCC generated receipts to SBCC. The only requirement is that you present a coupon (see SBCC's website www.sbccclub.org) and purchase a drink with the meal. Please visit ST on one or both nights and bring your family and friends. Please note that the coupons can be used by anyone....need not be a SBCC member. In addition to filling your tummies, you can help fill the coffers for the SBCC Scholarship Funds.

SBCC will hold a General Membership meeting on **Friday, November 8, 2013**, from 7 p.m. at the Aegis Gardens Retirement Center (across from American High School). A representative from the Small Business Majority will be speaking on the implementation to small businesses and individuals of the Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare). If you are confused about the program, come and ask your questions. This would be an excellent opportunity for everyone to come together, get to know each other and enjoy an evening of fun.

Best wishes to all!

Angel Island U.S. Immigration Station Tour

Submitted by Gerry Low-Sabado

South Bay Chinese Club, our friends from Citizens for Better Community, and other invited guests had a wonderful day visiting the U.S. Immigration Station at Angel Island. We felt lucky that it was just the perfect sunny day for our trip.

Ben Fenkell and Joe Chan gave us a lot of very good information about the history of the station and the multicultural group of people who passed through Angel Island. We also appreciate Elizabeth Chan's and Al Low's input and help during our tour. We are appreciative of Angel Island's great efforts to research and preserve the many stories and poems expressing the detainee's sorrows, frustrations, and anger at being kept at Angel Island. We appreciate seeing the carvings that the people etched into the Immigration Station walls and think about the fear they probably

faced when they carved out their expressions of sadness and frustration.

We brought a mix of older immigrants and new immigrants on our tour. I especially am appreciative that the newer immigrants in our clubs were able to more fully understand the trials and tribulations that the very, very early Chinese immigrants faced and endured. I heard comments that the visitors would like to go on more outings and learn about the early Chinese history in other nearby towns.

My own grandfather passed through Angel Island in 1910 and returned in 1911 with his new bride, my grandmother. Although my grandfather was born in America and was a citizen, my grandmother was detained a few days. This trip made me wonder what their experience was like. Seeing and hearing Ben's, Joe's, Elizabeth's, and Al's interpretation with so many important photos, artifacts, and poems gives me a clue about what my grandparent's and many early immigrant's from various cultures endured.

Great Gratitude!



Let's Tell You about Our FLY ME TO THE MOON PARTY



Moon Festival or the Mid-Autumn Festival (中秋節) is a very special tradition, not only to Chinese, but many Asian populations, and it is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th month in the Chinese lunar calendar when the moon is full and bright. It is a time to honor history, heritage, and harvest while gathering with families and friends, and eating mooncakes and good food. It is kind of like Thanksgiving in the American culture.

When David Sheen, a board member of both CBC and Fremont Rotary heard that both organizations are interested in doing a Moon Festival fundraising event, he suggested that the two organizations do it jointly since both organizations share the same goal to bring the community together. (Ivy Wu, CBC President)



With the mingling of ideas and participation from members of both Clubs a great event was pulled off in a very short time. Imagine what can be done with more time. The event definitely increased the awareness of the Moon Festival for Rotarians and strengthened the ties in the community. (Roger Shanks, Fremont Rotary President)



The immediate positive responses that ensued were most encouraging, especially for those wearing double hats, namely: Stella Chang, James Lechner, Nina Moore, David Sheen, Thomas Tang, Tim Tran, Marlene Weibel, Henry Yin and Lena Zee. (Lena Zee, CBC Board member)

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The Moon Walk Contest was a lot of fun. Thanks to Lena Zee for organizing and encouraging the participation. My short and simple routine was totally out of character for me. It was definitely not classical in nature but could be a "classic"someday. Congrats to both CBC and Fremont Rotary for a job well done! (Steve Cho, CBC Board member)



The Moon Cake Sampling Contest gave contestants an opportunity to taste and guess the three different flavors of moon cake on his/her plate. The first contestant in each round to guess all three flavors in the correct order won a box of moon cakes. The Moon Cake Sampling Contest was highly entertaining as we watched participants guess among many moon cake flavors, such as jasmine tea, pomelo, date, red bean, pineapple, and green tea. (Irene Yung, CBC Board member)



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The Fly Me to the Moon Celebration brought many people together to share Friendship, Culture, Food, Laughter, Music, Dancing, and Moon Cakes! What a successful endeavor by Citizens for Better Community, the Fremont Rotary Club, Mission Palm Dental/Decoto Family Dentistry (Herbert Chiu, DDS Inc.), Dream Achievers, and Washington Hospital. Great Gratitude to the many who planned, organized, donated, decorated, cooked, performed, and cleaned up! It is through the dedication and volunteer hours of many that has made our Full Moon Celebration such a memorable community event in Fremont!! (Gerry Low-Sabado, CBC Past President 2012-2013)



It was a pleasure to participate in this event jointly sponsored by CBC and Fremont Rotary. This is a successful example of two organizations, with quite different demographics, coming together to promote a common goal and mission. Service to our communities and service above self a cornerstone for both our organizations. It is my hope that similar future collaborations can strengthen our causes and build a better bridge within our communities. (James Lechner, Past President 2012-2013, Rotary Club of Fremont)

There are a lot more to our joint party. We all had so much fun that we have decided to do it again next year. As a matter of fact, we may just want to make it an annual event!



***Thank you to all
who made this event
such a great success!***

Upcoming Events...

Installation of CBC 2013-2014 Officers and Board Members

The CBC Board of Directors approved the following Executive Officer appointments for 2013-2014:

President: Ivy Wu
Vice President: John Vuong
Treasurer: Albert XF Wang
Secretary: Wilson Hu

The 2013-2014 Board elections are currently in progress and will be updated in the next newsletter.

The annual Installation/Internship Luncheon will be held on:

Date: **Sunday, December 8, 2013**
Time: 11:00 a.m. sharp – 2:00 p.m.
Place: World Gourmet Buffet
6010 Stevenson Blvd
Fremont, CA 94538
Cost: \$10/person
Contact: Kathy Jang at (510) 790-0740
or kjang25@yahoo.com

You're Invited. . . Christmas Party

By Amy Cho

Citizens for Better Community and South Bay Chinese Club will co-sponsor our Christmas party again at Aegis Gardens Senior Retirement Center. Mark down **Saturday, December 14, 2013**, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. now. Make your plans to come see friends and enjoy fun times while spreading the good cheer to others! Come see the beautifully decorated Aegis Gardens.

There will be a fun-filled program. Plan to see tricks performed by a Magician! We'll have dinner hosted by the two organizations and Aegis Gardens afterwards. We always have a great time with the seniors.

Please RSVP by December 8 to Amy Cho (510)797-6426 or Aliene Yee (510) 657-7972. To help defray expenses, there will be a nominal charge of \$5/person for adults and children over age 10. We are also holding a canned food and toy drive as in previous years. If you want to share something at this time of giving, please make sure to bring it to Aegis Gardens. We will help you deliver it to Tri-Cities organizations.

The address of Aegis Gardens is 36281 Fremont Blvd (across from American High School on Fremont Boulevard. This is different from the other Aegis in

Fremont!). Please allow time for parking. Parking at Aegis Gardens is very limited but it can be found easily on side streets.

See you all!

CBC to Co-Host Annual Chinese New Year Celebration "Year of the Horse"

By Amy Cho

Citizens for Better Community, South Bay Chinese Club, Assoc. of Northern California Chinese Schools (ANCCS), and the Fremont Main Library will again celebrate the Chinese New Year on Saturday, **January 25, 2014**, from 1 – 4 p.m. This year we celebrate the Year of the Horse! Chinese New Year will be coming earlier than some other years. The official date for the new lunar year is January 31, 2014.

This event is for families, youngsters and anyone interested in Chinese culture. Art and craft booths will fill the library from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Last year, one hardly had enough time to watch all the demonstrations showing Chinese Knots, Paper Cutting, Dough Figurines, and Dragon Design. There will be more of the same this year. In the Storytime Theater, you will find many children's crafts. The children have tons of fun while they observe the demonstrations. They also get hands-on experience doing the crafts themselves and taking their own work home!

Don't miss the entertainment program, which takes place 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. in the Fukaya Room. The performances include instruments, story-telling, singing, Chinese Yo-Yo and many others! It is fascinating to see the talents we have right here in our own community.

Volunteers are always appreciated: We are looking for members who can volunteer 2 hours of their time on Friday afternoon, January 24, 2014, around 1:00 p.m. to help decorate and also on Saturday, January 25, 2014, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the Chinese New Year event, helping with children's crafts and many other areas.

If you know of others who might have crafts to demonstrate, please also let us know. All the supplies will be provided! We only need your time and effort. Please call Amy Cho, (510) 797-6426, Cecilia Leon (510) 445-1330, or Peggy Chiou (510) 795-0265.

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."

2013-2014 Board Directory

President:

Ivy Wu(510) 252-9890

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John Vuong.....(408) 230-9276

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Business:

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Albert Wang, MD.....(510) 657-6610

Youth Group: Irene Yung.....(510) 206-8108

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Culture Exchange: Lena Zee(510) 421-6666

Membership: Steve Cho.....(510) 797-6426

Website: Wing Ng(510) 326-1133

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Internship Program: Anna Muh.....(510) 468-6666

Spring Celebration: Richard Li(650) 207-3804

2012-2013 *

Board of Directors

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David Sheen

Thomas Tang

Tim Tran

Albert Wang, MD

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Henry Yin

Irene Yung

Lena Zee

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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 kjang25@yahoo.com.

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Calendar of Events

SBCC General Membership Meeting

When: **Friday, November 8, 2013 (7:00 pm)**
Where: Aegis Gardens (across American HS)
36281 Fremont Blvd
Contact: Steve Cho ascinc@mindspring.com
or (510) 797-6426

CBC Installation/Internship Luncheon

When: **Sunday, December 8, 2013 (11:00 am)**
Where: World Gourmet Buffet
Contact: Kathy Jang (510) 790-0740 or
kjang25@yahoo.com

CBC/SBCC Christmas Party

When: **Saturday, December 14, 2013 (3:00 pm)**
Where: Aegis Gardens (across American HS)
36281 Fremont Blvd
Contact: Amy Cho (510) 797-6426 or
amytcho@yahoo.com

Chinese New Year Celebration

When: **Saturday, January 25, 2014 (1:00 pm)**
Where: Fremont Main Library
Contact: Amy Cho (510) 797-6426 or Cecelia
Leon (510) 445-1330

Upcoming CBC Meetings

**Note: 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, November 6, 2013**
- ~ **Wednesday, December 4, 2013**
- ~ **Wednesday, January 8, 2014***
**(postponed 1 week due to holiday)*

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

CBC Membership Dues

The new membership year will begin on November 1, 2013. See membership renewal form below. Please complete the form and send in your dues. Thank you in advance for being a member of this great organization which gives back to this wonderful community!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (November 1, 2013– October 31, 2014)

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:

Member: _____
Last Name First Name Chinese Name

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Address: _____
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