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Save the Date!

CBC's 26th Annual Spring Celebration

Saturday, April 28, 2018

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“One Community: One World”

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 you know it! Event co-chairs Herbert Chiu and David Bonaccorsi and the committee members are already making plans for an event that you won't want to miss! More details to come next quarter.

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President's Message

By Charles Liu



Dear CBC Members and Friends,

Greetings! My name is Charles Liu, and it's really a great honor and privilege for me to serve as the next CBC President. I am absolutely humbled by the outpouring of support from fellow board members, who are all long-time community service volunteers. I have admired CBC for a long time, in fact, when we formed UBC (United for a Better Community) where I served as the first president three years ago, even the name was modeled after CBC.

CBC's 25 years of community service history speaks volumes. The founding members set up great by-laws and what's even more important, the board members really respect the by-laws and make them mean something. CBC has achieved great results, making Chinese American involvement within the mainstream society much more commonplace, culminating in successful elections of many city and state level officials such as Mayor Lily Mei, Raj Salwan, David Bonaccorsi, Steve Cho, Ivy Wu, Anna Muh, Yang Shao, Ro Khanna, etc.

CBC's mission is "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." This is a great mission, and we should not and will not change it.

The Chinese American community in the Bay Area, especially in Fremont, has changed and evolved a great deal in the past 20 years. Immigrants from

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mainland China have dramatically increased in the last few decades. Many of them are past the stage of worrying about putting food on the table in their new adopted country, and many are eager to be more involved within the community. Many seem to be willing to form new groups and thanks to great new tools such as WeChat, they organize very well and effectively. We need to reach out to this group more and get their participation. There are great talents and enthusiasm within this group.

CBC's core programs that benefit the community such as Youth Toastmasters and Internship have seen declining participation, not due to the quality and nature of the program, but perhaps due to much more outside competition. These programs must continue and must be revitalized and expanded. They are great for our next generation to be more civically engaged. We must leverage our contacts and resources and send more interns to Congress, not just to our CA state offices. We should also expand our Internship program beyond political office internships and to other industries. In addition, we should create more business networking opportunities so that entrepreneurs and members alike can benefit from them and find CBC membership more rewarding.

We can set up new committees to include CBC members who are not on the Board, but who are nonetheless willing to help on specific topics. Although we can't be all things to all people due to limited resources, the key thing for us is to get more existing members to participate or get the newcomers to join CBC. And speaking of getting our CBC members energized, I also challenge our current CBC Board members to get more involved and do the best you can to bring new ideas and energy to help make CBC even stronger. In the coming weeks, I will be reaching out to each Board member to discuss ways to improve our Internship program and to create new programs that make CBC attractive for new members.

The great traditions of CBC will continue, and there are reasons why CBC has survived 25 years serving and promoting the well-being of the Chinese American community. Let's all unite around the idea of SERVICE, and help not just our Chinese American community, but build better relationships with the other communities. Let's work together to bring CBC to new heights. I am confident that the best days of CBC are yet to come. And I look forward to working with all of you, and your continued support to keep CBC strong and relevant for another twenty-five years and beyond!

Thank you all very much!
Charles Liu, CBC President 2017-2018

Message from Outgoing CBC President 2016-2017

Dear CBC Board and Members,

CBC is happy to welcome our new President Charles Liu to come on board. CBC Board members showed our unanimous support for Charles. With his leadership and keen objective to improve our programs, we look forward to more participation from our current and potential members to advance CBC's mission.

Looking back, it was a remarkable 2 years for which I had the honor to serve as CBC's President. CBC was proud to have 4 of our Board members (Lily Mei, David Bonaccorsi, Raj Salwan, and Ro Khanna) who successfully took on public offices, as well as Gerry Low-Sabado who was honored with the Atkinson's Award. I am proud yet humbled to have served with such capable leaders who truly dedicate themselves in serving our community. On a personal playful note, I should be grateful for the bragging privilege as your then - President of CBC!

What was truly grateful for me was the opportunities to work with a great team of Board members. There's so much I learned especially from the close interactions I have with Kathy Jang, CBC Executive Director, and the Executive Board. All your experience, wisdom, kind advice, and friendship carried me throughout the two years. My respect and appreciation for each of you grew tremendously. I have no doubt that the CBC Board will continue to provide the same supportive and fun environment for our new President and I am confident that CBC will move forward in capable hands under President Charles Liu.

Thankfully,
Judy Lam
CBC Immediate Past President

Installation of CBC Officers and Directors and Intern Recognition Luncheon

On Sunday, October 15, 2017, Judge Keith Fudenna, installed the 2017-2018 CBC Officers and Board of Directors at the FCSN Center. The newly elected Board members, Amanda Kwan and Midji Rovetta, were warmly welcomed to CBC. Even though Ms. Kwan's children have graduated from the summer Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program (TYLP), she continues to assist with the program to help make it a success. Ms. Rovetta, who has been supporting CBC the last few years by attending CBC's Spring Celebration and who has experience with the Toastmasters program, has graciously accepted to take on the lead role for this invaluable program.



Outgoing President Judy Lam gratefully acknowledged outgoing Board members, Cecilia Chang and Ivy Wu, as well as thanking last year's Board members who have accepted another term. Incoming President Charles Liu was handed the gavel and is excited and ready to serve CBC in the coming year.



CBC Vice-President, Dr. Herbert Chiu, then presented Ms. Lam with a plaque to recognize her outstanding leadership as CBC President for the past two years.



The summer interns were recognized for completing their service at local legislative offices. We heard first-hand about the interns' experience and we are impressed with the teens' work ethic! CBC extends its appreciation to the following legislative offices: Senator Bob Wieckowski, Assembly member Kansan Chu, Assembly member Bill Quirk, and County Supervisor Scott Haggerty.



Before the luncheon ended, CBC recognized Judge Keith Fudenna for his willingness to install the CBC Officers and Directors for the past 15+ years thus enabling the successful undertaking of CBC's Board of Directors. After 20 years in the judicial system, Judge Fudenna will be retiring from the Alameda County Superior Court in Fremont in January 2018. Wishing Judge Fudenna the best in his retirement!



Finally, special thanks to FCSN for allowing CBC to use their facility for this occasion.

Meet and Greet with Dr. Kim Wallace, FUSD Superintendent

On August 24, 2017, Citizens for Better Community (CBC) and South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC) co-sponsored a "Meet and Greet" with Dr. Kim Wallace. Dr. Wallace is the new Superintendent for the Fremont Unified School District (FUSD).

The purpose of the Meet and Greet was to give club members of CBC and SBCC a chance to meet and to discuss any concerns we may have regarding the Fremont schools. Also, it gave Dr. Wallace a chance to meet community minded members and to allow her to introduce herself and her vision for FUSD.

The meeting was organized by Steve Cho and was held at the Brookvale Branch of Fremont Bank. It was well attended by many members of both clubs and some from the public. Mayor Lily Mei, Councilmember David Bonaccorsi and Ohlone College Trustee Greg Bonaccorsi were in attendance.



Toastmasters Congratulates Club Members

Submitted by Alfred Garrett

Hello CBC, I am Alfred Garrett, the President of Citizens for Better Communicators – CBC's Toastmasters club.

We have had some exciting news in our club the last couple of months! Two of our club members, Justin Dizon Paras and Mary Verghese made it all the way to the 2017 Fall Conference. Mary gave a great evaluation and participated in the Evaluations Contest. Justin competed in the Humorous Speech Contest and came away with a second-place finish! To be eligible to compete in the 2017 Fall Conference, Mary and Justin had to win three separate contests:

1. Our Club (654714) Contest
2. Area I-33 Contest
3. Division I Contest

Our club has added four members since the start of the year: Aseem Dayal, Marty Chiang, Sharon S. Jiang and Tonia Rivera. We are very happy to have them join!

I invite you all to come see us on any Saturday at 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (there is never a charge to visit; nominal charge to become a member). We meet at Unitek College (Room B138), 4670 Auto Mall Pkwy, Fremont, CA 94538. Look forward to meeting you all and feel free to tell your friends! All are welcome!

Ohlone College Celebrates 50 Years!

Submitted by Gerry Low Sabado

CBC was well represented at the Ohlone College 50th Anniversary Hilltop Gala held on Saturday, November 4th, 2017. The proceeds benefitted the students and programs of Ohlone College. There was an abundance of laughter, camaraderie, entertainment, friendship, wine, music, dancing and live auction bidding! Thank you, Ohlone College, for providing quality education to our community.



SBCSC Scholarships Applications Now Available

Submitted by Randy Sabado

Every year, CBC's sister club, the South Bay Chinese Service Club Scholarships (SBCSC) awards scholarships to exemplary high school students of Chinese descent in our local community. Children of club members and students residing in Fremont, Newark, and Union City are eligible to apply. Children of club members living outside of the Tri-City area are also eligible to apply if their parents have been members of the club, in good standing, as of fiscal year 2016-2017. The purpose of the scholarship program is to recognize these talented students for their hard work and achievements, and to provide encouragement for the challenges ahead. The applicants are carefully evaluated based on academic achievement, leadership, community service, and extracurricular achievement.

The scholarship application request form is now available online at the SBCC website under the following link:

<http://www.southbaychineseclub.org/copy-of-2018-scholarships-information/>. We are continuing to improve the scholarship application process to make it easier for our applicants. Please visit our website if your students or your friends and neighbor's students are interested in applying for this scholarship.

Last year, with record high generous donations from many of our members and major sponsors such as Fremont Bank, Comcast, Dutra Enterprises, and Citizens for Better Community, SBCSC awarded a total of **\$25,000** scholarship awards to 18 students. This year, with your help, our goal is to generate an equal or higher amount for our scholarship fund.



SBCC Scholarship Committee Chair, Joe Woo, presents CBC with a plaque for being a major donor. Dr. Herbert Chiu accepts the plaque on CBC's behalf.

The scholarship awards will be presented during the annual scholarship banquet to be held in the evening of **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**, at the Mayflower Restaurant in Union City. Our guests will include applicants, donors, former award winners, club members, school counselors, and local officials. A special keynote speaker will address the graduates and the guests. This will be one event you do not want to miss next year! So, mark your calendar.

The names of the donors who make this program possible will be included in the program and other printed materials. Donations of \$125 or more are entitled to receive complimentary dinners at the scholarship banquet and all donors will receive written acknowledgment for their tax-deductible contributions. Your participation will make a powerful statement about the strength of our community.

For your convenience, we are accepting donations using major credit cards on the SBCC website: www.SouthBayChineseClub.org. If you prefer to send us a check, please download the donation form from the following link <http://www.southbaychineseclub.org/donate-1/>.

Please contact Randy Sabado, SBCSC Scholarship Committee Chair at (510) 792-3163 or via email: rsaturday21@gmail.com if you have any questions about this program. Thank you for your continued support to one of the longest running scholarship programs in the Chinese Community.



Apply Online Now

CBC's Summer Youth Programs

Applications for next summer's Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program and summer youth Internship Program will soon be accessible online. Please check CBC's website, <http://www.cbcsfbay.org/>, towards the end of March/early April, for more information and deadline dates. Space is limited, so apply early!

CBC's Newest Member

- Sierra Tan

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



Upcoming Events...

Join us at the Christmas Party

Citizens for Better Community (CBC) and the South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC) will again join hands to host the annual Christmas party for the senior residents of Aegis Gardens Senior Retirement Center. Back by popular demand, the Christmas party entertainment will again be organized by Dr. Hal Lim, Carmelita Chao and UNESCO CID SFS (United Nations' Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization; Conseil International de la Danse, San Francisco Section). There will also be a visit from Santa, holiday sing-alongs, and audience participation dancing. Afterward, we'll have dinner with the residents hosted by the two organizations and Aegis Gardens.

Date: **Saturday, December 9, 2017**
Place: Aegis Gardens (across American HS)
36281 Fremont Blvd
Fremont, CA 94536
Time: 3 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5 for Adults and Children 10 & over
RSVP: by December 6th to Amy Cho at
amycho@yahoo.com or
(510) 797-6426

If you'd like to share something at this time of giving, please bring an unwrapped toy and/or a canned or non-perishable food item.

Holiday Concert

Submitted by Judy Lam

Music is in the air for "The Season of Love" in Fremont! For families who have aspiring young musicians, this Holiday Concert is an extravaganza not to be missed and it is free to the public! The concert is anticipating a full house audience; guests are encouraged to arrive early for better seating. It will be held on **Saturday, December 16, 2017**, from 2:45 p.m. at Irvington Presbyterian Church, 4181 Irvington Ave, Fremont, CA 94538.

Fremont is excited to have 4 noted youth musical performance groups in our community to band together for an upcoming Holiday Concert which showcases over 150 performers. Directors of the 4 groups are drawn together by their common dedication to create vibrancy in a healthy community through quality music education programs.



FYSO
Fremont Youth Symphony Orchestra
PRESENTS
The Season of Love
A HOLIDAY CONCERT
WITH
VIRTUOSO INTERNATIONAL FLUTE ENSEMBLE
AND GUEST PERFORMERS:
WARWICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHOIR,
MUSIC FOR MINORS II CHOIR
SAT, 12/16/17, 2:45PM
IRVINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4181 IRVINGTON AVE, FREMONT, CA 94538
FREE ADMISSION

Additional information visit: <http://www.fremontsymphony.org/youth>

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The Fremont Youth Symphony Orchestra (FYSO) and the Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble (VIFE), both under the direction of Artistic Director Judy Lam and Associate Director Dr. Grace Lai, successfully presented last year's Christmas Concert which was well received by a standing full house audience. Many among the young audience were inspired and are enthusiastically anticipating this year's concert as participating new members. The concert program includes celebrated repertoire by J.S. Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Vaughn Williams, Elgar, Anderson and more.

The featured guest performers are 2 choirs from: (1) Warwick Elementary School directed by Gloria Chang. The Warwick choir is a repeated winner in the FUSS Talent Show, a local school competition among the Fremont Unified School District. They also just won the most recent competition held in November; and (2) Music for Minors II (MFMI) directed by Lydia Concepcion, under the founding leadership of Carol Zilli. MFMI is noted for its successful music literacy program for minors and is well supported by a strong team of volunteer music docents whom many are professional music educators.

Together, the over 150 youth musicians and choirs will bring enough energy and warmth to this Holiday Concert. Please mark your calendar!

For more information, please visit www.fremontsymphony.org/youth

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

Citizens for Better Community will again co-host the Chinese New Year Celebration on **Saturday, February 24, 2018**, from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Fremont Main Library. This year we will celebrate the Year of the Dog! The official date for the new lunar year is Friday, February 16, 2018.



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This event is for families, youngsters and anyone interested in the Chinese culture. Art and craft booths will fill the library. The children will get hands-on experience doing the crafts themselves and taking their own work home. There will also be an entertainment program which includes instruments, singing and dance. It is fascinating to see the talents we have right here in our own community.



2016

Volunteers are always appreciated: We are looking for members who can volunteer 2 hours of their time on Friday afternoon, February 23rd around 1:30 p.m. to help decorate. We also can use volunteers on Saturday, February 24 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the Chinese New Year events. Help is always needed with the 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 at (510) 797-6426.



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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.”

2017-2018 Board Directory

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Kathy Jang.....(510) 790-0740

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2017-2018 Board of Directors

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| Wilson Hu | Wing Ng |
| Larry Hsu | Midji Rovetta |
| Wilson Hu | Yang Shao |
| Robert Kaiser | David Sheen |
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| Judy Lam | Henry Yin |
| Cecilia Leon | Lena Zee |

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

CBC/SBCC Christmas Party

When: **Saturday, December 9, 2017 (3 pm - 6 pm)**

Where: Aegis Gardens
36281 Fremont Blvd, Fremont (across
American HS)

RSVP: Amy Cho at amytcho@yahoo.com

Holiday Concert

When: **Saturday, December 16, 2017 (2:45 pm)**

Where: Irvington Presbyterian Church
4181 Irvington Avenue, Fremont

More info: www.fremontsymphony.org/youth

Chinese New Year Celebration

When: **Saturday, February 24, 2018 (1 pm – 4 pm)**

Where: Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont

Contact: Amy Cho at amytcho@yahoo.com

SBCC Scholarship Banquet

When: **Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

Where: Mayflower Restaurant
34348 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City

More info: <http://www.southbaychineseclub.org/copy-of-2018-scholarships-information/>

CBC Spring Celebration

When: **Saturday, April 28, 2018 (5:30 pm)**

Where: Chandni Restaurant
5748 Mowry School Road, Newark

Contact: Kathy Jang at kjang@cbsfbay.org

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, December 6, 2017**

~ **Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

~ **Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (November 1, 2017– October 31, 2018)

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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