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Keeping Music Alive!



In October, a portion of the funds raised at CBC's Spring Celebration was presented to the Fremont Symphony Orchestra to help keep enriching lives through music. Visit www.fremontsymphony.org for tickets to upcoming performances.



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President's Message

By Charles Liu



Dear CBC Members and Friends,

We barely finished our Halloween just a short few days ago and by the time our Q4 2019 newsletter gets released, Thanksgiving will be just around the corner, so I want to say Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and we are grateful and lucky to have CBC members to be our big family. And on behalf of CBC board members, I wish all of you a very peaceful and happy holiday season!

I thought Q3 2019 newsletter was my last President's message and I already kind of said goodbye and introduced CBC's next president David Lam. However, the official new Board swear-in is on December 8th at 11:30 a.m. at Chandni restaurant, so this will be my last message as CBC's President. I invite all of you to come to the new Board installation ceremony and luncheon. We will also recognize our legislative office interns who will give us their final verbal reports sharing their experiences and lessons. Increasing CBC member participation in all CBC events has been my desire for the last two years, and a couple of months after I became President the first year, I pushed for a member appreciation luncheon to give more opportunities for CBC members to interact with each other and with the CBC board members.

Although my obligation as CBC President ceases this quarter, my love for CBC continues. I will do everything I can to support our new president David Lam, who will no doubt have new ideas and plans to further strengthen CBC. As Past President next year,

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I will recommend that CBC jointly work on projects in conjunction with more organizations, such as Rotary, in addition to our excellent sister organization South Bay Chinese Club. Some of the projects that are being talked about include Kids Against Hunger that typically requires a large operation which involves dozens of volunteers. These projects are perfect opportunities for members to get involved with CBC. I believe CBC members are willing to engage with the CBC Board more and all we need is more meaningful projects that will allow them to get involved easily and happily.

Once again, I wish all CBC members and friends a very happy, healthy, and stress-free holiday season!

Enjoy!

Charles Liu
CBC President 2018-2019

Museum of Chinese in America exhibition in New York

By Gerry Low Sabado, 5th Generation Chinese Fishing Village Descendant and Community Preservationist

The Museum of Chinese in America (MOCA) located in New York unveiled their new exhibition titled "Gathering: Collecting and Documenting Chinese American History" which runs until March 22, 2020. MOCA invited 28 Chinese Museums and Organizations from across the nation to share their projects of documenting Chinese American history. To my great surprise, MOCA heard about and invited me to include the annual Walk of Remembrance of Pacific Grove's Chinese Fishing Village.

http://www.mocanyc.org/exhibitions/gathering_collecting_and_documenting_chinese_american_history

"The exhibition tells the origin story of historical societies, museums and organized projects that document and make public the history of Chinese throughout America. This first-of-its-kind survey exhibition is part of a year-long initiative to commemorate the contributions of Chinese railroad workers in the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad 150 years ago."

The local Chinese History Project and the Chinese Bunkhouse Preservation Project are also included in the exhibit. Some of our Bunkmates members traveled to New York for the exhibit's opening events.

Thank you, CBC, for the Spring Celebration grant to help the Chinese History Project to explore and research our local early Chinese American History in the Washington Township and early Fremont area.

If you're traveling to New York soon, stop by the Museum of Chinese in America to see the exhibits.

CBC Adult Toastmasters

*By Arunavaa Mukherjee
President, CBC Adult Toastmasters*



Fall brought fun and festivity in CBC Toastmasters. A record was set at our open house. We had 31 attendees which included 14 guests. One guest came from as far away as Livermore. Our keynote speaker, Justin, took us along on his nine-year journey in Toastmasters, from a humble beginner communicator to a more polished speaker. We celebrated the 'Proudest Moments' of members and guests during table topics. CBC Toastmasters embraced the opportunity to turn many guests into members of Toastmasters.

In CBC Toastmasters, we don't only give speeches; we know how to have fun, too! On a bright fall Saturday morning, members met for a picnic in Central Park in Fremont. The picnic was lively with everyone's presence. The club sponsored the food and drinks. In addition, there were lots of special foods brought by the members. We played the hilarious game of 'water telephone' and laughed our hearts out. We did not forget to sharpen our speaking skills. So, we participated in 'Around the World Tour' table topic. Each of our team members went that extra mile to make the picnic a huge success. Our team is an inspiration to all!

In the following meetings, we celebrated fall festivals, guilty pleasure of spicy foods, autumn in the air and much more. If you want to get a taste of our meeting come visit us:

When: Saturdays

Time: 10 a.m.

Where: Unitek College (Room 119)
4670 Auto Mall Parkway, Fremont

Visit <http://654714.toastmastersclubs.org/> for more information.

SBCSC Scholarship Applications Now Available



By Randy Sabado,
SBCSC Scholarship Committee Chair

It is time again to prepare for the South Bay Chinese Service Club Scholarship Awards Program. This year the Program is entering into its 50th year of awarding 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. 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. This year we also hope to award some scholarships based upon financial need.

The scholarship application form is now available online at our website: www.SouthBayChineseClub.org. We are continuing to improve the scholarship application process to make it easier for our applicants. Please check our website if your student or your friends and neighbor's students are interested in applying for this scholarship. Last year with generous donations from many of our members, individuals and sponsors such as Fremont Bank, Republic Services, Dutra Enterprises, and Citizens for Better Community, we awarded a total of \$25,500 in scholarship awards to 21 students. This year, with your help, our goal is to generate an equal or higher amount for our scholarship fund.

The scholarship awards will be presented during the annual scholarship banquet to be held on the evening of **Wednesday, April 8, 2020**, at the Grand Golden Bay Restaurant (formerly Mayflower) 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 complementary 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 again accepting donations using major credit cards on our club website: www.SouthBayChineseClub.org.

Please feel free to contact me at (510) 792-3163 or Rsaturday21@gmail.com, if you have any questions about this program. Thank you for your continued support for one of the longest running scholarship programs in the Chinese Community



From Ancient Silk Road to Tibet

By Lena Zee, CBC Board member

Lena wanted to have a travel mate or roommate to go on this 17-day trip with her, to China via the Ancient Silk Road and then all the way to Tibet. In the end, she was able to gather 17 travel mates with her, including several from our own CBC: Herbert and Ying Chiu, David and Judy Lam, Kathy and Malcolm Kimberlin! This took place on September 3rd through September 19th, 2019, a trip of a lifetime, and one on her bucket list. The highlight of this was the much-anticipated visit to the ancient DunHuang Cave Grottoes. The Uyghurs in Xin Jiang, the endless Gobi Desert, the Qin Hai Lake, camel ride at JiaYuGuan, monasteries at Lhasa, Tibet, lively Buddhist monks at debate sessions, Tibetan cultural performance (joined in by drummer Herb), drinking yak milk tea, feasting on Tibetan cuisine, driving by the foothill of a Tibetan "sky burial" site.....wow, wow, wow, and these were just a few of their numerous adventures! Lena is now looking for someone to go on an African Safari trip with her in September of 2020!



Upcoming Events...

Holiday Concert

For families who have aspiring young musicians, this holiday concert “*The Season to Rejoice!*” presented by the Fremont Youth Symphony Orchestra (FYSO) is an extravaganza not to be missed and it is **free** to the public! Guests are encouraged to arrive early for better seating.

The program features some classic favorites to include: Rosamunde by Schubert, Bacchanale by Saint-Seans, Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme by Lully, 2 German Dances by Mozart, La Rejouissance from the Fireworks Suite by Handel, Ancient Dances Suites by Respighi.

FYSO will be joined by guest, the Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble, to fill the beautiful Irvington Presbyterian Church with the noble Hallelujah Chorus by Handel and Canon by Pachelbel.



Date: **Saturday, December 7, 2019**
Place: Irvington Presbyterian Church
4181 Irvington Ave, Fremont 94539
Time: 7 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
Cost: Free Admission

CBC Installation of Officers and Directors and Intern Recognition Luncheon

The CBC Board of Directors approved the following Executive Officer appointments for 2019-2020:

President: David Lam
V.P.: Herbert Chiu
Treasurer: Robert Kaiser
Secretary: Wilson Hu
Past President: Charles Liu

The 2019-2020 Officers and Directors will be installed at the December 8th luncheon. We will also thank the outgoing Board members who have unselfishly served on the Board for the past two years.

In addition, the 2019 interns will be recognized for a job well done. It will be a treat to hear short speeches from the interns about their experiences. For some, this may have been their first opportunity to develop insight and skills in a very important area.

CBC graciously thanks Charles Liu and Herbert Chiu for coordinating the Summer Internship program and forming the first CBC Internship Club. In addition, CBC is very grateful for the partnership from Civic Leadership USA for their generous grant to support the Internship Program.

Everyone is welcome to attend the luncheon.

You're Invited

Date: **Sunday, December 8, 2019**
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Place: Chandni Restaurant
5748 Mowry School Road
Newark, CA 94560
Cost: \$10/person
RSVP to: kjang25@yahoo.com or
(510) 790-0740



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Christmas Party with the Seniors

Citizens for Better Community and the South Bay Chinese Club will again join hands to host the annual Christmas party for the senior residents of Aegis Gardens Senior Retirement Center.

Date: **Saturday, December 14, 2019**
Time: 3 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (no dinner)
Place: Aegis Gardens (across American HS)
36281 Fremont Blvd
Fremont, CA 94536

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.

Fremont Symphony "Holiday Pops!" Concert

Celebrate the holidays in style with the renowned Fremont Symphony's "Holiday Pops!" Concert. It's the ultimate holiday party with a collection of great singers, dancers, and your best loved Christmas classics like White Christmas and the Hallelujah Chorus.

Dates: **Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.**
Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
Place: James Logan Center for Performing Arts
1800 H Street, Union City 94587
Tickets: www.fremontsymphony.org or
call Box Office at (510) 371-4859

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



Citizens for Better Community, South Bay Chinese Club and the Fremont Main Library will again celebrate the Chinese New Year on **Saturday, February 8, 2020**, from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. This year we celebrate the Year of the Rat! The official date for the new lunar year is January 25, 2020.

This event is for families, youngsters and anyone interested in Chinese culture. The children have tons of fun while they observe the demonstrations and crafts. They get hands-on experience doing the crafts themselves and taking their own work home!

Don't miss the entertainment program, which takes place from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. in the Fukaya Room. The performances include instruments, singing, and dance. It is fascinating to see the talents we have right here in our own community. Crafts will be open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., right after the performances end.

Volunteers are always appreciated: We are looking for members who can volunteer 2 hours of their time on Friday afternoon, February 7th around 1:30 p.m. to help decorate. We also can use volunteers on Saturday, February 8th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the Chinese New Year event. Help is always needed 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 appreciate your time and effort.

Homeless Shelter Meal Service

The CBC Youth Group serves meals at Sunrise Village in Fremont. The Homeless Shelter Meal Service allows high school students to participate in preparing and serving food to the homeless people. This is a good learning experience for the students and they will receive community service hours upon completion.

Schedule for meal services in 2020 are as follows:

- **Sunday, March 29th (dinner)**
- Saturday, June 13th (lunch)
- Sunday, August 30th (dinner)
- Saturday, October 31st (dinner)

For more information or to sign up to help, please contact sherry.y.chang@gmail.com.

CBC's 28th Annual Spring Celebration Gala

CBC's annual Spring Celebration is planned for **Saturday, April 25, 2020**, with the theme being "Silk Road Adventures – Year of the Rat Celebration." Event co-chairs Herbert Chiu and Kathy Kimberlin and the committee members are going full speed ahead and planning the details of the gala. If you would like to be involved and take part in planning the event, please join us at our next planning meeting on Wednesday, December 4 from 6:30 p.m. prior to the general Board meeting.

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."

2019-2020 Board Directory

- President:**
David Lam(510) 417-0826
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Kathy Jang.....(510) 790-0740

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**2018-2019 *
Board of Directors**

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| David Bonaccorsi | Lily Mei |
| Herbert Chiu | Anna Muh |
| Steve Cho | Richard Muh |
| Whisky Ho | Wing Ng |
| Wilson Hu | Midji Rovetta |
| Robert Kaiser | Raj Salwan |
| Kathy Kimberlin | Yang Shao |
| David Lam | Albert Wang |
| Judy Lam | Julie Wang |
| Cecilia Leon | Marvin Wong |
| Henry Liang | Henry Yin |
| Charles Liu | Lena Zee |
| Gerry Low Sabado | |

*2019-2020 Board members currently in progress

CBC 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@cbcstfbay.org.

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Calendar of Events

FYSO Holiday Concert

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 4181 Irvington Avenue, Fremont

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 Where: Chandni Restaurant
 5748 Mowry School Road, Newark
 Contact: kjang25@yahoo.com or
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CBC/SBCC Christmas Party

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 call Box Office at (510) 371-4859

Chinese New Year Celebration

When: **Saturday, February 8, 2020**
 Where: Fremont Main Library
 Contact: kjang25@yahoo.com

Homeless Shelter Meal Service

When: **Saturday, March 29, 2020 (dinner)**
 Where: Sunrise Village
 588 Brown Road, Fremont
 Contact: sherry.y.chang@gmail.com

Upcoming CBC Meetings

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 4, 2019
- ~ Wednesday, January 8, 2020
- ~ Wednesday, February 5, 2020

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, 2019– October 31, 2020)

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Corporate/Organization | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Individual: Life Membership | |
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Please complete the following member(s) (contact person) information:

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