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President's Message

By David Lam CBC President 2020-2021

Dear CBC Members and Friends,

Summer has passed and Fall is now upon us. Cannot believe the holiday season is just around the corner.

This has been a most turbulent year, COVID-19, economic downturn, nationwide protests and riots, not much sports on TV, no summer block buster movies, plus this year being an election year, politics on all the news channels. Despite such gloominess, we do see things improving. Last week, Alameda County downgraded the COVID-19 risk level from Substantial to Moderate, or from Red to Orange, so normalcy is on the horizon. National unemployment also decreased to 8.4% so people are returning to work, and US retail sales went up by 1.9%. If the trend continues, 2021 should be a much better year than 2020.

Due to the pandemic, most of the CBC functions were suspended: TYLP, Internship program, July 4th parade, etc. The Gavel Club was able to continue via Zoom meetings. Our new CBC website successfully went live last month. Credits to Web Designer Greg Green, Project Coordinator Teresa Eng and the website team: Wilson Hu, Kathy Jang and Wing Ng. I invite everyone to check out the new website at https://www.cbcsfbay.org/.

Our CBC executive team had an organizational change and I want to thank Robert Kaiser for being the Treasurer for the past two years. Robert will remain as the TYLP head coach and was recently elected to join our Board of Directors. Thomas Tang,

CBC past president and one of the CBC Founders, will be the new Treasurer. I warmly welcome his return.

September was also time for our Board of Directors' election. I am delighted to announce that almost all of the incumbents were elected to serve the next term, with one new addition, Teresa Eng. I welcome Teresa to join our CBC Board of Directors. I want to thank all of the Board Members for the work they put in last year and I'm looking forward to working with the team this coming year.

Election year means get out and vote. Stay safe and healthy. ~ David Lam

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, November 4, 2020
- ~ Wednesday, December 2, 2020
- ~ Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Please email cbcoutreach20@gmail.com to request virtual meeting information.

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CBC Adult Toastmasters Going On Strong

By Marty Chiang President, CBC Adult Toastmasters

On Saturday, September 26, CBC (Citizens for Better Communicators) adult Toastmasters held an open house which was a huge success! There were 13 guests who joined the meeting and we had a total of 30 people in attendance. This included Steve and Amy Cho who were part of the founding group of CBC members and who chartered CBC Toastmasters as an official Toastmasters Group. Mike and Gloria from Taipei Sunshine Toastmasters Club also zoomed in to participate in the meeting.





Please join us; everyone is welcome. For more information about the club, visit: https://654714.toastmastersclubs.org/directions.html



South Bay Chinese Service Club Scholarships



By Randy Sabado SBCSC Scholarship Committee Vice Chairperson

This year the South Bay Chinese Service Club Scholarship Program is entering into its 51st 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, financial need, and extracurricular activities.

The scholarship application form will be available on our website: www.SouthBayChineseClub.org. Last year with generous donations from many of our club members, individuals, and sponsors such as Fremont Bank, Republic Services, Dutra Enterprises, and Citizens for Better Community, we awarded a total of \$24,500 in scholarship awards to 19 students. This year, with your help, our goal is to generate an equal or higher amount for our scholarship fund. Please visit http://www.southbaychineseclub.org/donate-1 to donate via credit card or for information to mail a check. Your participation will make a powerful statement about the strength of our community.

If health and safety conditions allow, the scholarship awards will be presented to the recipients at an evening banquet on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 or at an outdoor venue on the afternoon of Saturday, May 22, 2021 at a location to be determined. If we are unable to gather in large groups, the awards will be presented at a virtual Zoom ceremony on Saturday, May 29, 2021. 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.

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.

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."

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