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CBC Wins 1st place in Novelty Category



Congratulations to all the organizations that marched within the CBC entry at the July 4th parade! See page 3 for more details on the parade.

President's Message

By Tim V. Tran



It's hard to believe that half a year of CBC is already behind us. I hope that you have enjoyed the Summer BBQ, Fourth of July Parade, Internship Program, Toastmaster Youth Leadership Program and serving meals at the Homeless Shelter.

As I finish my second term as President, I've learned a lot about CBC. The role that I perform is understanding CBC's challenges and opportunities. With the help of the Board of Directors, the information that I've gathered and the tools that I've implemented have increased our membership base and provided a valuable service to our community.

Our most recent success is the Toastmaster Youth Leadership Program. I'd like to share with you the closing ceremony speech:

"Congratulations to the students of CBC's Toastmaster Youth Leadership Program, Class of 2011. You've made it and what a major accomplishment and achievement.

I hope you found this program beneficial and along the way made great, lasting friendships. I'm sure the valuable lessons and interactions you've discovered during the last 5 weeks will carry you through life with purpose.

To the parents and countless volunteers, we are grateful you have devoted your time and resources to pull together another successful program. It is not easy to organize a program with so many students. I commend your dedication and unwavering persistence.

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To the coaches, your leadership and inspiration echo in your students. Thank you for taking a step forward to guide the students to a better future.

To FCSN, as always, we truly appreciate the use of your facility. You have always opened your doors to CBC whenever called upon.

And finally to Irene, your immense enthusiasm is contagious and you've never failed to live up to high standards. Thanks for doing such a wonderful job in growing the TYLP program year after year.

Again, congratulations to you all and thank you for participating in the TYLP program."

Summer is drawing to a close and as we go on our daily lives at work and at home, I encourage you to come visit CBC and learn about our community programs. We have lots of events and plans for the fall and winter season. Check out our website periodically at www.cbcsfbay.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim V. Tran

Tim V. Tran
CBC President 2010-2011

The Great Fremont Backpack Giveaway

By Lily Mei

This September Fremont Unified School District will be holding their 2nd Annual Great Fremont Backpack Giveaway.

Thanks to the hard work of our district staff, volunteers and their families along with the generous donations from local corporations and community, last year Fremont Unified was able to help provide necessary school supplies to over 4,000 students across our school district. This year we hope to continue to replicate this success as the need for this support remains.

Therefore, we are personally inviting you to join us in helping this effort to share the joy as we offer this wonderful support again to our students. Kindly look

at the list of most needed school supplies below and when you are out shopping for Back to School/office supplies please consider the following:

- #2 Pencils
- Glue Sticks or Bottled Glue
- Copy Paper/Binder Paper
- Boxes of Tissue
- Hand Sanitizer
- Washable Markers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Pink Erasers
- 1" or 2" Binders
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Highlighters
- Dry Erase Markers
- Baby Wipes
- Wide Ruled Spiral Notebooks
- Index Dividers for Binders
- Pens (blue, black, red, green)

There will be a box in the lobby of the Fremont Unified School District Office located at 4210 Technology Drive beginning August 10th.

Alternatively, stop by our "Stuff a Bus" event which will be held on August 20th and 21st at the local Walmart on Osgood Road. Tri-Cities League of Volunteer (LOV) staff will be at the doors collecting school supply donations from customers and a FUSD school bus will be out in front of the store each day between 8:00 - 5:00. All donations will be transported from the Walmart to the district warehouse using the school bus. The district working with our schools will distribute the supplies to our students in need.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN FREMONT TODAY!**



“We the People” July 4th Parade

By Amy Cho



There is always the opportunity for you to be **IN** the July 4th parade, not just watch from the sidelines. As in previous years, CBC organized local Chinese American organizations to get together and put Entry #58 in Fremont's 2011 Fourth of July parade. In the end, some 120 participants marched together and had a very, very fine time. It was a time for friends to chat and celebrate America's birthday together. This year's parade was held in Central Fremont.

It was exciting to meet early in the morning at Capitol and State Streets and prepare with many other entries. Excitement grew as the morning drew closer to parade time. Not only we chatted among ourselves, but we also had fun mingling with friends from other groups. It was fun to meet people that we hadn't seen for awhile.

Entry # 58 stretched nearly a city block. Red, white and blue colors were seen everywhere as each person carried a U.S. flag or balloons.

CBC members and CBC interns led the entry with CBC's banner. They also carried many large US Flags as well as the one-of-a-kind Fremont flag (first designed for Fremont's 50th anniversary of being incorporated as a city).

CBC's sister organization, South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC) followed up. President Victor Gin motivated many of the SBCC members. In addition to the main priority of the annual scholarship program and activities that support this event, SBCC members often participate in community activities such as this parade. Many CBC members are also SBCC



members. It was fun to see each other, to celebrate our freedom and country, and to talk about more events coming up where we would again see each other.

Members of the California Youth Chinese Symphony (CYCS), led by Duny Lam, spent several days creating a colorful and eye-catching float this year. One could tell this float didn't come about "overnight." CYCS also performed in the Chinese New Year celebration at Fremont Main Library this past February.

A large group of parents and students from the Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN) also participated in the parade. Our children in FCSN have much to contribute! They also had fun being a part of the parade. They have been in the parade so many times. FCSN's mission is to help children with special needs and their families find love, hope, respect, and support through integrated community involvement, and they are proud to be part of the July 4th parade.

The Tri-City Band Corps, sponsored by CBC, provided music for the participants and the audience this year! How nice it was to have live music, with both CYCS and Tri-City Band Corps. TCB's white and blue uniforms were very sharp, too.

It must have been all the variety, the flags, the participants, the float, balloons and patriotic music that brought the loud cheers from the audience as our entry paraded down the streets. There was no monetary reward and we were in the parade entirely for fun, but it's nice to know that our group of organizations also won First Place in the Novelty Category! At the end of the parade, there were Dreyer's ice cream refreshment cups for all... a nice and cool way to end the parade.

CBC thanks everyone for showing up and participating with us. Plan to come next year again!



2011 Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program

By Irene Yung, Youth Group Chair

The Toastmasters Youth Leadership Summer Program enrollment this year has been exceptionally great; we accepted more students than anticipated. This summer youth program is getting more popular with students not only in Tri-City, but also students from Milpitas, San Jose, Pleasanton, Sunnyvale and Los Altos. I can see that this program will continue to grow with the positive responses from parents and students.

The Opening and Closing Ceremonies were fantastic successes. On a warm and beautiful Saturday morning, July 23, 2011, the Toastmasters Youth Leadership Summer Program Graduation Ceremony had over 160 people in attendance.

The Citizens for Better Communicator Toastmasters and Star Search Toastmasters Club continues to support our youth program. I want to especially thank our excellent coaches for this program ~ Albert Mo, Josh Bobb, Jim Thomas, and Steve Cho. In addition, thank you to our Assistant Coaches ~ Amy Cho, Gopinath Rebala, and Justin Paras; and Guest Speakers ~ May Kiara, George Marshall, and Justin Paras for their enthusiasm and contribution of their time and commitment to the Youth Leadership Program. We are very grateful for the entire Coaching Team for motivating and encouraging the youth. Our appreciation also goes out to Mr. Albert Mo for the well-organized youth leadership program curriculum. Furthermore, we'd like to recognize Friends of Children with Special Needs, President Mr. Tsai-Wei Wu, for his generous and continuous support throughout the past years by providing the great facility for the leadership program.

We also want to thank CBC President, Tim Tran, CBC Toastmasters Club Vice President, Justin Paras, Star Search Toastmasters Club President Elect, Josh Bobb, FCSN Executive Director, Sylvia Yeh, FUSD School Board Member, Lara York, and our MC's Anna Muh and David Sheen, who all attended the Opening Ceremony on June 18, 2011. President Tim Tran, and Executive Director, Sylvia Yeh, gave encouraging speeches to the youths in attendance.

In addition, we appreciate our special guests for supporting and for participating in this program: Anna Muh, Lisa Quan, Lara York, Dave Bonaccorsi, and Chien-Mei Cram, who all attended the Graduation Ceremony on July 23, 2011.

It was a challenge to organize this summer program with over 60 parents volunteering their time and supporting the program. I would like to thank my two assistants, Doris Chung and Wing Ng; youth group team leaders Alice Cheung, Fendi Fuh, Anny Kam, Donna Lam, Margaret Ma, Mabel Wong, Wendy Wong, Jenny Yen, and Lily Xu and many other parents for making this a successful program.

We are very impressed with the progress the students have made on their public speaking skills during the short five-week summer session. It is amazing to see how much the students improved when presenting their final speeches at the graduation ceremony. Congratulations to the 60 Toastmasters students who have successfully completed this leadership program.

This year we presented the MIT Award – Most Improved Toastmaster Award. This award honored the student who improved his/ her communication skills, leadership skills and self confidence the most within five weeks.

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*Congratulations
to the
Toastmasters
Youth
Leadership
Program
Graduates!*

Congratulations to the Toastmasters Youth Graduation Day Winners

<u>Program Contests Winners</u>			*	<u>Graduation Speech and MIT Award</u>	
<u>Speech Contest</u>	<u>Evaluation Contest</u>	<u>Table Topics Contest</u>	*	<u>Graduation Speech</u>	<u>MIT Award</u>
Gold: Katrina Ng	Vivian Tian	Cory Yang	*	Class 1: Matthew Huang	Rebecca Wu
Silver: Adarsh Kadoor	Michael Chang	Trisha Agrawal	*	Class 2: Kerrie Wu	Curtis Lee
Bronze: Chelsea Jan	Arthur Lin	Jason Tsay	*	Class 3: Calvin Hsu	Yves Yang
Bronze: Matt Tang	Perry Jia	Calvin Lui	*	Class 4: Kerry Liou	Ben Gau

Everyone's dedication and support in the Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program means a lot to us. We sincerely appreciate all the help and we will see you next summer! Best wishes to all of you!

CBC Foundation Scholarship Recipients

*Submitted by Ivy Wu
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Citizens for Better Community (CBC) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2011 CBC Foundation Scholarships as follows:

1. American High: Debra Bilodeau
2. Irvington High: Rajeswari Ramanathan
3. Kennedy High: Hannah Elizabeth Stephens
4. Mission San Jose High: Vishal Yadav
5. Washington High: Tessa Thym
6. Washington High: Ahmed Syed

CBC Foundation is a 501(c) (3) federal tax exempt organization established by a group of Chinese Americans who want to bring more awareness and appreciation of their culture to the community. Additionally, their goal is to inspire the Chinese American population to get more involved and contribute to the community-at-large mainly in the areas of education, health and business.

Starting this year, CBC Foundation has decided to offer six \$1,000 scholarships to six graduating seniors - representing the various high schools in Fremont Unified School District.

To be eligible, applicants must have had an unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 or above and be admitted to an

accredited college. Students needed to demonstrate good moral character traits such as Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Courage, Honesty, Integrity, Self-Control, Perseverance, Trustworthiness, Gratitude, etc., that are developed through trials in life.

All of the recipients have met the stated criteria, and have clearly shown strong moral strength. Since there were no applicants from Robertson High School, the remaining \$1,000 was awarded to the student with the next highest qualification. The scholarship awards were presented during the Fremont Unified School Board meeting on June 8.

Summertime BBQ

By Amy Cho

On July 24, CBC and sister organization South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC) held their annual barbecue at the Quail Run Clubhouse in Fremont. Close to 100 members and guests shared happy times, meeting and catching up, while demolishing all the foods and desserts. To top it off, some people brought more desserts. What a delight those desserts were! Our summer weather has been beautiful and it was every bit the same that Sunday.

This year both Cecilia and Joe Zerda, Steve Cho and Randy Sabado barbecued hot dogs,

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SBCC Update

By Victor Gin
SBCC President 2010-2011



As I begin my tenure as president of the South Bay Chinese Club for 2011-2012, I would like to thank my predecessor, Fran Gin, for setting such a high bar during this past year. In addition to having one of our best attendance and fundraising years during our annual Golf Tournament in May, we have had several new activities, which we hope to continue with in the future. These include two introductions to golf clinics (one for kids and one for adults) and a super senior member appreciation "dim sum" luncheon for our members over 80.

Although our main service contribution over the years has been to fund college scholarships for graduating high school seniors of Chinese heritage, we also serve as a social outlet for our members and have a number of fun activities planned each year. Please take a look at our web page www.sbcclub.org to get an idea of some of our activities. We also enjoy the events we share with you, our sister organization, which include the annual Christmas party at Aegis, the Chinese New Year's event at the Fremont Library, and our summer picnic/BBQ at "Steve and Amy Cho's clubhouse."

There are actually many of us, including Fran and myself, that are members of both SBCC and CBC and I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to become dual members as well. Our organization started as a predominately social club in the 1960's and we hope to continue that tradition of sharing camaraderie and serving the community at the same time. I hope to see many of you over the coming year.

BBQ . . . *Con't from page 5*

hamburgers, and honey chicken wings. Everyone was helping to take up the slack that Ken and Bernadette Chinn left. Ken and Bernadette Chinn now live in Seattle. At the same time the BBQ was going on, Ron Wong (SBCC) held a tennis clinic at the tennis courts for anyone interested in learning to play tennis.

CBC interns, who are working in legislators' offices this summer, held a meeting at the clubhouse before the BBQ. The interns shared their individual experiences thus far with coordinator Anna Muh. Each gave a speech of about 2-3 minutes. The interns also joined in the BBQ afterwards.

There were more new faces this year. Some parents of the CBC interns and also of CBC Youth Toastmasters were able to attend. It was a great time to chat with both old and new friends. Did you realize that there are many who are members of both CBC and SBCC?

Thank you all for attending the BBQ and always making it such a nice event! Enjoy the rest of the summer.



CBC Welcomes New Members

Tina & Renlin Chang and Family
Yu-Ling & Joseph Chang and Family
Sarabjit Cheema
Jennifer Chou and Family
Sandy Huang & Family
Adarsh Kadoor
Allen Lee
Lucy Li & Wah Chiu Ko and Family
Brian Liu & Wan Fen Chen and Family
Jenny Lo & Shan-Kai Yang and Family
Haoyuan Lu & Juijung Lin and Family
Yutao & Pat Ma and Family
Jim Tong & Lily Xu and Family
Jason Tsay
Jean Wang
Elaina Wong
I-Fan & Carol Wu and Family
Nichole Wu and Family
Jun Yang & Yongbo Jia and Family
Li Zhang & Bill Tian and Family
Juneng Zheng & Wenjun Wang and Family

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

2010-2011 Directory

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (October 31, 2011 – November 1, 2012)

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Spouse:	Last Name	First Name	Chinese Name
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	Home Phone #	Office Phone #	e-mail

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CBC Board Vacancy

Currently, there is a vacancy on the CBC Board. The term for this position will end on October 31, 2012. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

If you are interested in this position or have any questions, please call President Tim Tran at (408) 799-5290.

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."

Calendar of Events

Toastmasters (Citizens for Better Communicators)

When: Saturdays (10:15 am – noon)

Where: Intero Real Estate Services
43225 Mission Blvd, Lower Level
Fremont, CA 94539

Contact: Vaidy Venkatesan at vaidy1@gmail.com

SAVE Eye Opener Breakfast

When: Friday, September 30, 2011 (7:30 am)

Where: Hilton Newark/Fremont

Contact: www.save-dv.org

WHHS Top Hat

When: Saturday, October 8, 2011 (6:30 pm)

Where: The Tent at Washington West

Contact: (510) 791-3428 or foundation@whhs.com

Homeless Shelter Meal Service

When: Sunday, October 30, 2011 (dinner)

Where: Abode Services

Contact: Ffuh@cisco.com

Upcoming CBC Meetings

**Note: Prior to each meeting, there will be set-up and a social "hour" from 7 pm.*

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

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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