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In Memory of Joseph Ching



February 8, 1940 – September 24, 2012

CBC extends its deepest sympathy to the Ching Family on the passing of Joseph Ching, most recently the President of Pan Pacific Bank. CBC is very grateful for his efforts in contributing to the founding of this organization.

The Ching Family warmly appreciates any donations to Citizens for Better Community (CBC) in his memory. CBC is in the process of discussing how we can use the donations to carry on memories of Joseph Ching. More information can be found on page 3.

President's Message

By Ivy Wu



Dear Members & Friends,

I have been a CBC member since I was elected to the Fremont Unified School Board in 2004. Even though I have not actively participated in CBC events throughout these years, I have developed a sense of attachment to CBC because of some good friends I have met, and the support that I have got from CBC.

When I was asked to be the president, I was reluctant, because I wasn't sure if I was able to take on the responsibility. However, after giving it much thought, I decided that it is the right thing to do, because there is so much potential in what CBC can contribute to make our community better.

As the new president, I will heed its Mission and Vision statement:

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.

VISION STATEMENT

CBC will be a model of excellence in community service by facilitation and motivating Chinese American involvement in the community.

Not only so, I wish to expand on the spirit of its mission and vision to involve more Chinese Americans in our community to serve not only the interests of Chinese

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Americans, but also the larger community, because the well-being of Chinese Americans is directly tied to the well-being of the community-at-large. By sharing the Chinese American heritage, tradition, culture and values that are important to us, we hope to build better understanding and a stronger community among the diverse populations in Fremont.

I am very thankful that John Vuong, Albert XF Wang, and Wilson Hu have accepted my invitation to be the VP, Treasurer and Secretary. I am also truly appreciative of the faithful and dedicated commitment by Kathy Jang, our Executive Director. We will work as a team to explore ideas and present them to the CBC Board for consideration and direction. We will also reach out to our general membership and offer them opportunities to connect and be involved in the process.



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John Vuong
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Treasurer
Albert XF Wang
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Secretary
Wilson Hu
胡伟生



Executive Director
Kathy Jang

We may not be able to make huge changes quickly, but we believe that by taking one small step in the right direction, slowly but steadfastly, we will be able to make some significant progress over time.

Sincerely,

Ivy Wu
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CBC President 2012-2013

CBC Installation and Internship Luncheon

On Sunday, November 18, 2012, Citizens for Better Community hosted their Annual Installation of Officers and Directors Luncheon along with recognizing the 2012 Summer Interns.

The Officers and Directors have committed their valuable time during the past year by attending monthly meetings and coordinating various events. With the dedication from the Officers and Directors, CBC has become an organization that is well recognized within the community.

The 13 interns were recognized for a job well done in the legislative offices during this past summer. It was a treat to hear short speeches from all the wonderful interns about their hands-on experience. CBC would like to extend their deepest appreciation to the legislative offices that participated in this program.

CBC thanks Anna Muh for coordinating the Summer Internship program once again along with her team members Steve Cho and David Sheen. Also, CBC is very grateful for the sponsorship from AT&T, McGrath RentCorp and World Gourmet Buffet Restaurant. We look forward to continuing our partnership with these sponsors.



The interns, reps from a couple of legislative offices, the Internship Coordinating Team and Out-Going President Low-Sabado.



Maggie Ni, owner of World Gourmet Buffet Restaurant in Fremont, presents a check to CBC to support the Summer Internship Program.

Past President's Message

By Gerry Low-Sabado
CBC, Past President



Thank you for the honor of serving as your Citizens for Better Community President during this Chinese year of the Dragon. I appreciate the participation of the CBC Board members who have given me direction, advice, and support.

Greatest Gratitude to the 2011 – 2012 Officers & Board Members: Executive Director Kathy Jang, Vice President Ivy Wu, Secretary John Vuong, Treasurer Steve Cho, Past President Tim Tran, Legal Counsel Lisa Quan, Albert Wang, MD, April Xie, Amy Cho, Anna Muh, Cecilia Chang, Cecilia Leon, Chien Mei Cram, Henry Yin, Herbert Chiu, DDS, David Sheen, Irene Yung, Jennifer Toy Harrison, Lena Zee, Lily Mei, Maria Yee, Nina Moore, Richard Li, Sharon Yap, Wing Ng.

We have worked together and made significant contributions to our community. We have sponsored and helped others in need. We have supported our outstanding Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program and Internship Program. We raised funds and attended many gala events in support of our friends in a variety of organizations. What fun we had when we became fashion models with other community leaders during our 20th Annual Spring Celebration Gala! We have marched together with many other organization friends in the Fremont 4th of July Parade. We helped the League of Women Voters to produce the YouTube clip "Voting Matters" in Mandarin and we supported APAPA to translate the local propositions into Mandarin. We have been able to get to know many members who devote their time and energy to plan activities for you and also to support other community organizations which together with CBC help to make this a better community! We have had fun together and we all continue to be Citizens for Better Community.

Welcome to President Ivy Wu who was installed as our CBC President at the 2012-2013 Installation of Officers and Directors and 2012 Summer Intern Recognition Annual Luncheon held on Sunday, November 18 at World Gourmet Buffet

Restaurant. I am excited for CBC and know that Ivy and the new board will continue the outstanding legacy of Citizens for Better Community!

Joseph Ching...con't from pg 1

Joe passed away at the age of 72. He is survived by his beloved wife, Audrey, his four children: Matt (& Annabelle), Cameron, Serena (& Lee), Melinda (& Jian) and his four grandchildren: Samantha, Sydney, Sebastian and Skyler. Joe was born and raised in Yokohama, Japan attended St. Joseph High School in Yokohama and then St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. After receiving his MBA, he moved to San Francisco to work for Bank of America for 27 years. Most recently, he was the President of Pan Pacific Bank of Fremont. During these years, Joe cultivated long-term business and professional relationships that held a significant impact in the community and on all that knew him.

Joe was incredibly generous and devout family man. He would help anyone that asked him, and always made sure that he and his family did the right thing. Though at times soft-spoken, his actions always had a great affect. Aside from his family, Joe loved tennis, family meals, gardening, the holidays, and his Oakland A's. Joe is deeply missed.

Reflections from Henry Yin....

I was first engaged into political campaign in 1988 running for the first Chinese American Board of Trustee with Fremont Unified School District. With absolutely no grass roots, campaign experience or community resources, I was supported by over 12,000 votes but still behind all 3 incumbents among 12 candidates. Mr. Joseph Ching, a well-known local business community leader, then invited me to a Friday morning coffee-donut gathering at a local bank where he served as Branch Manager. A hand-full of people of his organized group started a year-long brainstorming exercise on a commonly concerned issue – What should the Chinese American community in the Tri-City area do to establish grass-root connections and earn our deserved social status?

In 1992, CBC was then officially founded at my house to become what we are today 20+ years later.

For this, I urge everyone to remember Mr. Joseph Ching as one of the original co-founders of CBC.

Thinking on Your Feet!

By Mary Verghese
President, CBC Toastmasters Club, Fremont

How many times have you been alarmed by simple questions in the hallway such as,

“How are you doing?” or “How is it going?”

How many times you have nothing to say beyond that standard answer:

“Good.”

Would you like to continue that conversation or would you rather exit the hallway as quickly as possible?

How many times have you stumbled on such questions from your boss, such as,

“So how is the project coming along?”

These are not uncommon situations. However these stressful situations may seem, it is important to be able to articulate your thoughts in a coherent manner. You ensure your chances of being heard every time you speak. When you master these skills you appear confident and trustworthy.

Would you like to learn how to think on your feet? Are you looking for a friendly environment to practice your impromptu speaking skills? Then come and visit CBC Toastmasters Club. Toastmasters meetings provide a non-intimidating environment to develop and hone your ‘thinking on your feet’ skills. The “Table Topics Session” is that part of a Toastmasters meeting that provides you the opportunity to speak on a given topic with a 30 seconds preparation time. You speak for about 1-2 minutes on a given topic in front of a friendly audience. The most important part of a Toastmasters meeting is that you get applauded for doing your best. The more times you do it, the better you get at it. Your confidence builds over time; therefore, it makes you appear more relaxed over time. Come check us out. We meet on Saturday mornings at Unitek College. For more information, email presidentcbctm@yahoo.com

Come Join Us!

You're Invited to the Christmas Party

Submitted 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 8** from 3:00pm – 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 followed by a visit from Santa. 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 3 to Aliene Yee (510) 657-7972 or Amy Cho (510) 797-6426. 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!



Last year, a few CBC members pose in front of the beautiful Christmas tree.

VIFE Christmas Benefit Concert

Submitted by Judy Lam
VIFE Director

Event : VIFE Christmas Benefit Concert to support DPAC (Deaf Plus Adult Community)

Date: *Saturday, December 15, 2012*

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Venue: Centerville Presbyterian Church (across from DMV), 4360 Central Avenue, Fremont, CA 94536

Admission: Free to public.



The Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble (VIFE) serves the community with the gift of music and has enjoyed the privilege of performing for various non-profit organizations in the Bay Area as well as in southern California. We are happy to dedicate this concert to support the good cause of Deaf Plus Adult Community (DPAC). In brief, DPAC, is an adult day program of Art, Research and Curriculum Associates (ARC Associates) for people who are deaf or deaf/blind and have developmental delays. Donations to ARC Associates are tax deductible and all proceeds at the concert will go to DPAC's operation. Please visit www.deafplus.us to learn more about DPAC.

Through Anna Wang, I had the pleasure of meeting Nancy Eddy, co-founder of Deaf Plus Adult Community. Anna shared this story:

"Nancy is a mother of 3 adult children - 2 with special needs. Her youngest child, Christy, has developmental disability and is also deaf. Raising a child with developmental disabilities (DD) is extremely difficult; but add to that, another challenge such as deafness, the task is incredibly daunting. Nancy's passion is with the disability community out of her kind nature but also influenced by her deep love of her children. She has worked as Associate Executive Director of Parents Helping Parents (PHP) and as Supported Living and

Independent Living Director for Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN). Nancy works with professionalism but everyone can feel the warmth of her caring heart. She is loved by all the consumers. Early in 2012, she pursued her dream and founded her own non-profit organization, Deaf Plus, to serve the deaf and developmentally disabled. Through faith and determination, her program is well on its way. However, city use permit compliance criteria are causing a shortage of funding to finish the improvements needed for the Deaf Plus Center. Please generously support Deaf Plus at the wonderful VIFE Christmas concert to serve the deaf DD community, an extremely underserved population."

Likewise, I share Anna's compassion and appreciate the urgent need for DPAC to raise funds so it may adequately serve the deaf DD community. On behalf of DPAC and VIFE, I sincerely invite you to join us at the benefit concert. Admission is free; all donations received at the concert will entirely go to DPAC's operation. The program will include an ASL choir, an interpretive dance, and surround sound performance by the flute ensemble. I look forward to seeing you and your family on December 15 and I thank you for the blessings you will bestow on DPAC. For more information on the concert, please contact VIFE.music@gmail.com.



CBC Membership Dues

The new membership year began on November 1, 2012. The membership renewal form can be found on page 7 of this newsletter. Please complete the form and send in your dues. Better yet, become a lifetime member and never worry about your annual dues. Your dues help to pay for the CBC newsletter. Thank you in advance for your support!

2013 Schedule for Homeless Shelter Meal Service

The CBC Youth Group volunteers to serve meals at Sunrise Village emergency shelter through Abode Services. 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 four community service hours upon completion.

The Youth Group volunteers will serve meals on the following days:

- ~ Sunday, January 27th (Dinner)
- ~ Sunday, March 31st (Dinner)
- ~ Sunday, April 21st (Lunch)
- ~ Sunday, May 19th (Lunch)
- ~ Saturday, June 29th (Dinner)
- ~ Saturday, August 31st (Dinner)
- ~ Saturday, November 30th (Dinner)
- ~ Sunday, December 22nd (Lunch)

If you are interested in helping, please contact CBC Youth Coordinator Sharon Jiang at sharonjiang@sbcglobal.net.

Home from Afghanistan “Out of Harms Way”

By Colonel Garrett Yee
(condensed version of Letter 13)



We are at the end of our mission for my team in Afghanistan and it's time for us to go home. A year is a long time and to keep up the pace that we do is difficult to sustain for much longer than a year. At the end of September, our team held an informal Hail and Farewell where we hailed in the new team and said farewell to the outgoing team.

In saying good bye, I received much of the focus as their leader. While I have said good bye many times, this was by far the most significant good bye.

Members of Task Force 236 Afghanistan presented me with a very nice humidor to hold cigars and our most junior individual, Sr Airman Lose, presented a red painted wood star to represent the Senate confirming my promotion Brigadier General.

October 1st was my last day in Afghanistan. Colonel John Hamlette is now in the lead and it means that I can let go.

On the morning of Friday October 12, 2012, I got up at 4 a.m., turned in my linens to supply, and rode to the Columbus airport just outside Fort Benning where I caught a 6 a.m. flight to Atlanta.

I arrived at the Oakland Airport later that day where my daughter, Alissa, met me at the gate and ran into my arms. It was a moment... Maria was trailing behind Alissa and missed me walking off the plane by 30 seconds. As the three of us walked down through security, the rest of my family and friends were there waiting for me. It was quite the scene—we had the Patriot Guards, some Blue Star Moms, and we had two Gold Star Moms and one Gold Star Dad there, all my good friends.

Although in some ways the last 12 months went by fast, in other ways, it didn't. I've believed that it is often more difficult on the families of deployed service members than on those deployed. In my case, I know it was more difficult on my family than on me. I am very thankful for my family—my wife Maria, my children Gilbert, Michael, Alissa, and my parents, Gilbert and Michi. I am grateful for my extended family on both Maria's side and my side. We can't do what we do in the military without the support of our families and friends. It's great to be home!



Sr Airman Lose presents the “Star” certificate to Colonel Yee



Welcome home, Garrett!

2012-2013 Directory

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Voter Registration: Cecilia Chang..... (510) 713-1769

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

Spring Celebration: Richard Li(650) 207-3804

2012-2013 Board of Directors

Cecilia Chang	Wing Ng
Carl Chen	Lisa Quan
Amy Cho	David Sheen
Steve Cho	Thomas Tang
Chien Mei Cram	Tim Tran
Whisky Ho	Albert Wang, MD
Cecelia Leon	Garrett Yee
Lily Mei	Henry Yin
Nina Moore	Irene Yung
Anna Muh	Lena Zee

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (November 1, 2012– October 31, 2013)

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"/> \$25 Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Corporate/Organization | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Individual: Life Membership | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Corporate/Organization: Life Membership | |

Please complete the following member(s) (contact person) information:

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Last Name
First Name
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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."

Calendar of Events

CBC Adult Toastmasters

When: Saturdays
Where: Unitek College (Grimmer & Auto Mall Pkwy)
Contact: presidentcbctm@yahoo.com

CBC/SBCC Christmas Party

When: Saturday, December 8, 2012 (3 pm)
Where: Aegis Gardens (Fremont Blvd)
Contact: Amy Cho (510) 797-6426

VIFE Christmas Benefit Concert

When: Saturday, December 15, 2012 (3 pm)
Where: Centerville Presbyterian Church
Contact: VIFE.music@gmail.com

Homeless Shelter Meal Service

When: Sunday, January 27, 2013 (dinner)
Where: Sunrise Village
Contact: sharonjiang@sbcglobal.net



Upcoming CBC Meetings

***Note: Prior to each meeting, there will be set-up and a social "hour" from 7:15 pm.**

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 5, 2012
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 2, 2013
Place: Carlton Plaza – 7:30 pm

CBC Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2013
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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