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22ND ANNUAL SPRING CELEBRATION
Year of the Horse
BLAZING THE TRAIL TO SUCCESS

Saturday, April 5, 2014
Reception 5:30pm
Dinner, Program & Entertainment 6:30pm
Hilton Newark/Fremont
39900 Balentine Drive • Newark, CA 94560

Contact:
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Gung Hay Fat Choy!
Year of the Horse

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President's Message



By Ivy Wu

Dear CBC Members and Friends,

I am honored and privileged to serve another term as CBC President. I am also very thankful that the Executive Team, with Steve Cho joining us as Co-Treasurer, is willing to serve along with me.

As I shared with the Board at our meeting on January 8th, I am hoping that there will be more interaction among Board members so that we will be able to build a stronger and more cohesive team together.

I understand that we are all volunteers who are very busy and have different priorities, so it is hard for us to find time to build relationships with each other. However, this should not stop us from trying to get to know and bond with each other better.

To start, we would like to invite everyone to come to the CBC Spring Gala Celebration on **Saturday, April 5, 2014**, at Hilton Newark/Fremont. The theme of the Gala this year is “**駿馬奔騰** Year of the Horse - Blazing the Trail to Success.” Not only will we have an opportunity to enjoy a good program and music together, we will also be able to catch up with old friends and meet new friends. We are also asking our members who are in the fields of health, education, technology, law, finance, fine arts & performing arts, etc. to participate by setting up display tables to showcase your business in the foyer before the program starts that evening. Since the capacity is limited (maximum 10 tables), please contact us as soon as possible, if you are interested.

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One other thing that we are planning on doing is to start a CBC Business Directory for our members. There are many professionals in our group, but it is a shame that we don't really know what they do. It will be good if we can share our experiences and be of support to one another.

If you would like to tell us about your organization or business, please send the information below to us at ivy826wu@gmail.com. We will try to include your information on the CBC Business Directory which would be posted on our website at <http://www.cbcsfbay.org/>.

- Name of the Organization/Business
- Your Name (Last, First)
- Address
- Preferred Phone
- Email Address
- Website (if available)
- Description of Your Business
- Language(s) Spoken
- Other Information

As we are starting a new year - Year of the Horse, I wish everyone a Year of Strength. Not only to have more strength for ourselves, but also strength to support each other and build up our community.

Happy New Year!

Ivy Wu
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CBC President 2013-2014

Greetings from the South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC)

By Steve Cho
President, 2013-2014

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Another New Year celebration coming to a conclusion. SBCC hopes everyone had fun and had a good time.

We enjoyed partnering with CBC to usher in the new year at the Fremont Library on January 25, 2014. The day long festival was well received by the community. The audience exceeded the room capacity for the cultural show featuring singing, dancing, musical instruments, and kung fu. The children thoroughly enjoyed the

show and they found the art and craft portion of the festival very interesting and educational. They were able get 'hands on' to make colorful lanterns, clay figurines and fortune cookies. Every child had an opportunity to create his/her own masterpiece.



On **Wednesday, April 16, 2014**, SBCC will be holding its Annual Scholarship Awards at the Mayflower Seafood Restaurant in Union City. This is another program that CBC supports and has donated to the scholarship funds. In fact, several scholarships have been awarded to high school seniors under CBC's name. We do welcome the close working relation with CBC to provide scholarships. See page 4 for more details.

In June, SBCC will be entering its 50th year. What an amazing accomplishment! The founders certainly had the vision and the persistence to start the club and to fulfill the Mission Statement of the Club – "To preserve the culture and customs of the Chinese heritage, to foster and encourage better understanding of civic responsibilities and the American way of life, and to promote the general welfare of the community."

Stay tuned for upcoming events. We will continue to partner with CBC and to fulfill our Mission Statement.

FREE Tax Preparation & E-Filing You Can Trust

Submitted by Fremont Resource Center

Trained IRS-certified VITA tax preparers from the SparkPoint Fremont Family Resource Center (FRC) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program will be providing FREE quality tax preparation with FREE e-Filing for qualified individuals and families with household income of \$52,000 or less annually. Since 2002, FRC VITA has helped over 13,500 families and individuals to receive over \$21 million in refunds. You may qualify for up to \$6,044 of additional refund through the Earned Income Credit.

VITA is sponsored by the United Way of the Bay Area's Earn It! Keep It! Save It! Coalition & the IRS.

COME TO ONE OF OUR MANY LOCATIONS TODAY! IT'S FREE!!

Fremont Family Resource Center

39155 Liberty Street, Bldg EFGH
Fremont, CA 94538

January 22 to April 14, 2014 (closed Feb. 17)
Mondays & Wednesdays – 4 pm – 8 pm
Fridays – 10 am to 1 pm
Free on-site child care provided (first come basis, space is limited)

Holly Community Center

31600 Alvarado Boulevard
Union City, CA 94587

February 1 to April 5, 2014 (closed March 8)
Saturdays Only – 10 am to 2 pm

Newark Library

6300 Civic Terrace Avenue
Newark, CA 94560

February 1 to April 5, 2014 (closed March 8)
Saturdays Only – 10 am to 2 pm

Union City Library

34007 Alvarado-Niles Road
Union City, CA 94587

February 1 to April 5, 2014 (closed March 8)
Saturdays Only – 10 am to 2 pm

Tri-City Volunteers

37350 Joseph Street
Fremont, CA 94536

February 4 to April 8, 2014
Tuesdays Only – 10 am to 1 pm

By APPOINTMENT ONLY

Call Sara at (510)793-4583 for an appointment

File your taxes now!

Deadline: April 15, 2014

WHAT TO BRING

- Picture ID for you & spouse, if married, and original Social Security / ITIN Cards or letters for all persons to be listed on tax return; married couples must come together
- 2013 tax documents such as W-2s, 1099s, 1098s, etc
- Other 2013 records for charitable contributions; property tax bill; DMV registration bill; childcare provider info and expenses; college expenses; and landlord info; business incomes and expenses, etc.
- For **FASTER REFUND** with **FREE e-filing** (7-10 business days), bring a voided check or bank routing number & account numbers for savings account (not deposit or withdrawal slip)
- 2012 tax return

WE WILL NOT DO:

- Married filing separately
- Self-employment and sole propriety business with expenses over \$10,000, depreciation, losses, and office in the home
- Rental income with rental expenses
- IRA conversions
- Other tax situations may be Out-of-Scope

For more information, please contact SparkPoint Fremont at (510) 574-2020 or visit www.Fremont.gov/SparkPointFRC

CBC's Summer Internship Program

Offering Local Chinese American Youth:

1. Communication and Leadership Skills Development
2. Exposure to the Legislative Process (Federal, State & Local)
3. Practical Work Experience
4. Opportunity to Work with Legislators to Help Our Community
5. Opportunity to get Recommendation Letter for Future College and/or Job application

Qualifications:

1. Chinese American, 16 years or older as of June 1, 2014.
2. High school Junior or Senior student.
3. Resident of the East Bay, Tri-City Area.
4. Members of CBC preferred. Priority consideration will be based on seniority of CBC membership.
5. CBC Toastmaster Youth Leadership Program experience preferred.

Requirements:

1. Must be able to work 3 to 6 hours a week (total of at least 60 hours during summer).
2. Must be able to make 3 - 5 month commitment (to be negotiated with local government agencies or legislative offices).
3. Must write an essay describing your experience at the end of the internship.
4. Must attend the interview process in mid-April 2014 (place TBD).
5. Must be able to take one Saturday (half day) training class in Fremont; date to be determined (between 5/1/14 to 6/7/14). CBC will pay for the training expense.
6. Must be available to meet for orientation and one mandatory meeting during the summer for Interns' Progress report at CBC's summer BBQ event.
7. Must have reliable transportation to/from designated internship office.

At the End of the Program, You Will Receive:

1. Community Service Learning Hours
2. Certificate of Completion Awarded from both CBC and Internship Office at the Annual CBC Interns' Appreciation Luncheon in November 2014.
3. Possible Recommendation Letter from an Elected Official

The office assignment will be done after the interview at CBC's discretion. If you are interested in participating in

this program, please contact: Anna T. Muh, CBC Internship Co-Chairperson after you have carefully read through the information, Application and Waiver, by phone at (510) 468-6666 or via e-mail at annatmuh@yahoo.com.

Complete the CBC Internship Application 2014 available at www.cbcsfbay.org and mail along with the Liability Waiver Form to:

Ms. Anna Muh
CBC Summer Internship Program
44927 Parkmeadow drive
Fremont, CA 94539

Application and Waiver Form must be received **prior to Saturday, March 29, 2014.**

SBCC 2013-2014 Scholarship Applications Available



CBC's sister organization, South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC), now has their 2013-2014 scholarship e-application available.

The primary purpose of the South Bay Chinese Service Club is to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors of Chinese descent. Only students **residing in Fremont, Newark and Union City** or children of SBCC club members in good standing are eligible to apply. Eligible students and their parents may request the application forms by sending an email to sbcc.scholarship@gmail.com with "2013-2014 Scholarship Application Request" on the subject line and including the following information in the body of the email:

- 1) The student's full name and the city of residence
- 2) Name of High School currently attending
- 3) The email address to receive the application forms

Once the request email is received, the student can expect to receive the application file and the instructions within a couple of days. We will accept electronic version of the official transcripts as long as they are sent (emailed) directly from the school administration office. We will also accept electronic versions of the letter of recommendation.

Visit www.sbccclub.org for more information on the organization or application process.

Christmas Party 2013

By Amy Cho

CBC/SBCC recently held the 2013 Christmas party. Christmas seems like a long time ago! This joint event is a tradition that members enjoy every year. Our Christmas party took place on December 14, 2013 at Aegis Gardens Retirement Home in Fremont.



We were treated to a magic show this year! Alan Leeds attended to every detail to make the magic show top-notch. Alan insisted on bringing his own PA system and spent quite a bit of time to set up all his props. To top things off, Alan and his wife stayed for dinner afterwards. During the dinner, Alan again did tricks at each table because he wanted the seniors to be able to fully enjoy. Thanks to Alan for a wonderful afternoon!



Santa distributed presents to seniors at Aegis Gardens as well as seniors from CBC and SBCC. This was an opportune time to get a Christmas/Santa picture for families. Many photos were taken. As for the preparations before, it took a team of people to prepare the hundred-some presents for the seniors. CBC/SBCC members Aliene Yee, Lorrie Wong, Maelene Wong and Cecilia Leon wrapped them each individually! They also made many other preparations. CBC and SBCC leave these little presents as a happy memory for the seniors.

The dinner was superb. CBC/SBCC brought hot, freshly cooked Chinese food and Aegis Gardens topped that off with even more entrees. Dessert, drinks, holiday dinnerware and other materials were all provided by Aegis Gardens. The dining room was festive and very, very cozy. Members had a chance to catch up with friends whom they had not seen for awhile.

Unwrapped toys and food items were collected for the local Tri-City League of Volunteers (LOV) organization. Li Zhou Restaurant delivered the dishes to Aegis Gardens. We greatly appreciate Li Zhou in Fremont for making all these nice dishes and making sure they were warm for us to eat. Committee members included: Lorrie Wong, Aliene Yee, Cecilia Leon, Maelene Wong, Amy Cho, SBCC President Steve Cho and CBC President Ivy Wu. Finally, thanks to all of Aegis Gardens' warm and energetic staff! Aegis Gardens' Director is Emilie Poon and the Program Activities Director is Amy Yang.



The Christmas parties are always memorable. We share Christmas with the seniors, do something for our community with the toy and food donations and have a great time for ourselves...all at the same time! Now that Christmas and the holidays are over, it's time to get on with 2014.



Chinese New Year at the Fremont Main Library

By Amy Cho



CBC along with sister organization South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC), and Association of Northern California Chinese Schools (ANCCS) sponsored the 14th Chinese New Year program at the Fremont Main Library this past January 25, 2014. This program involved many, many people. Many performers participated in an hour-long program. Others demonstrated Chinese traditional art. And still others helped children to work on crafts. We had to get ourselves together quickly because Chinese New Year came a little earlier this year.

Karen Pacheco, Gail Orwig, Joy Tsou and the Fremont Library staff spared no efforts to make us all welcome and comfortable in the library. CBC President Ivy Wu, SBCC President Steve Cho, ANCCS President Ming Wu and Fremont Main Librarian Joy Tsou welcomed the audience. The Fukaya Room was packed with an audience that watched the various performances of singing, dancing, Chinese instruments, Kung Fu and Chinese Yo-Yo. Outside in the Children's Library, children could experience making dough figurines and paper cutting crafts. And in the Storytime Theater, children could see and have hands-on fun with doing other Chinese crafts. The children made Chinese lanterns, fortune cookie pins, and another new craft. It was hard to keep up with the crowds at the craft booths. Fabulous decorations were found everywhere, especially in the Fukaya Room. Chinese firecracker and lantern decorations hung from the ceilings.

The Chinese New Year performance was largely arranged by Peggy Chiou and Amy Cho. Spring Kao and Hsiulin Li coordinated the dough figurine and paper cutting craft areas. Over 10 students from the Mission San Jose High School Chinese Class helped Spring and Hsiulin. South Bay Chinese Club's many members ran all the craft tables in the Story Time Theater. Fremont Bank donated a large amount of New Year's red envelopes, which were needed to make the Chinese lantern crafts. There were also volunteers who helped with seating the audience during the performance. These volunteers were Anna Muh, Joe Zerda and Ron Wong.

The performers included members from the Purple Lotus School (Cultural Dance), Fremont Chinese School (Chinese Yo-Yo), Virtuoso International Flute

Ensemble (Flute Performance with different types of flutes), California Youth Chinese Symphony (Chinese Instruments), Academy of Chinese Performing Arts (Chinese Folk Dance), Legend Kung Fu Academy (Kung Fu demonstration), Friends of Children with Special Needs (Choir), and Happy Tunes Children's Choir (Children's Choir).



Our thanks also go to Emcee Lena Zee, and Decorations Committee: Cecilia Leon, Joe Zerda, Maelene Wong, Aaron Wong, Mark K Lim, Gene Lim, Ron Wong, Lorrie Wong, Aliene Yee, Jack Yee, Linette Young, Les Young, Peggy Chiou, Amy Cho and Steve Cho. SBCC craft tables were organized by: Aliene Yee, Cecilia Leon, Michiko Zerda, Kelsey Leon, Alissa Yee, Maria Yee, Linette Young, Doris Eng, Serena Suranyi, Colleen Woo and Lorrie Wong. Performance Directors responsible for their groups were: Judy Lam (Director/Conductor Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble), Dr Li-Ling Chen (Instructor for Chinese Yo-Yo, Fremont Chinese School), Yongping Tian (Director of the California Youth Chinese Symphony), David Chen (Academy of Chinese Performing Arts), Master Li (Legend Kung Fu Academy), Lian Kai Fa Shi (Principal of Purple Lotus School), Hwei-Min Wu Lu (Director of the Friends of Children with Special Needs choir and Director of the Children's Happy Tunes Choir).

We certainly welcomed the Year of the Horse during that busy afternoon!



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."

2013-2014 Board Directory

- President:**
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- Executive Director**
Kathy Jang.....(510) 790-0740

Committees

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- Community Involvement:**
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- Youth Group:** Irene Yung.....(510) 206-8108
- Senior Liaison:** Whisky Ho.....(510) 623-7636
- Culture Exchange:** Lena Zee(510) 421-6666
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- Website:** Wing Ng(510) 326-1133
- Voter Registration:** Cecilia Chang..... (510) 713-1769
- Internship Program:** Anna Muh.....(510) 468-6666
- Spring Celebration:** Richard Li(650) 207-3804

2013-2014 Board of Directors

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| Cecilia Chang | Wing Ng |
| Carl Chen | David Sheen |
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| Judy Lam | Sharon Yap |
| Cecelia Leon | Garrett Yee |
| Lily Mei | Henry Yin |
| Nina Moore | Irene Yung |
| Anna Muh | 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 kjang25@yahoo.com.

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CBC Membership Dues

The new membership year began on November 1, 2013. See membership renewal form below. Please complete the form and send in your dues. Thank you in advance for being a member of this great organization which gives back to this wonderful community!

Calendar of Events

CBC Annual Spring Celebration

When: **Saturday, April 5, 2014 (5:30 pm)**

Where: Hilton Newark/Fremont
39900 Balentine Drive
Newark, CA 94560

Contact: Kathy Jang (510) 790-0740 or
kjang25@yahoo.com

SBCC Scholarship Banquet

When: **Wednesday, April 16, 2014 (6:30 pm)**

Where: Mayflower Restaurant
34348 Alvarado Niles Rd.,
Union City, CA 94587

Contact: Joseph.Woo@comcast.net



Upcoming CBC Meetings

**Note: 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, March 5, 2014**

~ **Wednesday, April 2, 2014**

~ **Wednesday, May 7, 2014**

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

Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program (TYLP)

Please stay tuned for more information on TYLP. Updated information will soon be available on CBC's website www.cbcsfbay.org.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (November 1, 2013– October 31, 2014)

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"/> \$20 Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> New |
| <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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Please complete the following member(s) (contact person) information:

Member:

Last Name First Name Chinese Name

Spouse:

Last Name First Name Chinese Name

Address:

Street City State Zip

Home Phone # Office Phone # e-mail