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Love and Care in Action



At the CBC meeting on April 30, we invited Marta, the mother of the Fremont Family who lost their home, 2 cars, 2 dogs and everything in a fire recently, to come to and receive the donations that have been collected for her family.

When members of CBC (Citizens for Better Community), SBCC (South Bay Chinese Club) and Fremont Rotary heard the story about a week ago, they quickly organized a donation drive within each of their organization and collected a total of \$2,100!

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President's Message

By Ivy Wu

President Ivy dressed as a "present" at the gala!

Dear CBC Board, Members and Friends,

With everyone's participation and support, CBC had another wonderful Gala this year – "Year of the Horse-Blazing the Trail to Success!" THANK YOU!

As I mentioned at the Dinner and in the Gala Program book, people have different definitions for "success." Since it is the Year of the Horse, I drew the meaning of success from 4 traits and qualities that I observed in the "War Horse" of the Steven Spielberg movie – a coachable Spirit, an enduring Stamina, an overcoming Strength and an undeterred Speed. Further, with clear direction and sheer determination, the War Horse was able to adapt in drastically changing environments, go the distance, endure extreme hardships, and finally find its way home to its master.

However, to me, success means more than just to arrive at our destination; it means to present ourselves as a "present" to other people, and be a blessing to them.

To be a "present", we need to be present. By this I mean to make ourselves accessible and available to others, but not imposing on them. The value of the "present" also lies in its quality. The better the quality, the higher the value of the "present!"

Further, to be a blessing to other people, we need to be able to first count our own blessings in spite of all the trials and difficulties. It is like a tree that stands tall on

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solid ground despite harsh weather and continues to bear fruits. The stronger the tree, the sweeter and tastier the fruits!

Therefore, for us to be a "present" or blessing to other people, it requires us to have a mindset to see every happening in life as a stepping stone rather than a stumbling block. In addition to developing a positive outlook, we need to learn to take good care of ourselves first. This means to eat healthily, exercise properly, rest adequately, have good and quality family/social/recreational/personal time, and maintain meaningful friendships.....

However, like many people who are service-above-self minded, we often tend to lose sight of our own well-being and neglect our own health. We put way too much priority and attention on what are considered critical than what are truly essential. We spread ourselves so thin by keep giving until we get depleted and drained. We are like leaky pipes that end up losing much effectiveness in our much doing to help and serve others!

Dear friends, let's try to lead a healthy, balanced, detoxed, distressed and refreshed life! Remember, we can serve better when we are in better shape emotionally, mentally, physically, socially and spiritually. After all, what good is it if we succeed in checking every item off our to-do list, but lose our health and peace?!

Blessings,

Ivy Wu
吳葦
CBC President 2013-2014

Greetings from the South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC)

By Steve Cho
President, 2013-2014

First of all, on behalf of SBCC's Board and members, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to CBC for sponsoring one of the scholarships at our recent Scholarship Awards Banquet on April 16, 2014. Over \$12,000 was awarded to 18 high school seniors. CBC continues to provide support for this scholarship program. Many CBC members attended the event. Representing CBC, Lena Zee, presented the CBC Scholarship award to Belle Lee of American High

School. Selection criteria for the CBC scholarship include both academics and community service.



Keynote speaker Judge Stuart Hing, CBC Board member Lena Zee and recipient Belle Lee



Scholarship recipients with Scholarship Chairman Joseph Woo, Judge Stuart Hing and SBCC President Steve Cho

Another popular event with a long history of partnership between CBC and SBCC is the annual BBQ. This year the BBQ will be held on **Sunday, July 27, 2014** from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Quail Run Homeowners Association Clubhouse (33783 Whimbrel Rd, Fremont). See page 6 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."** Plans are being discussed to hold events to celebrate this momentous occasion.

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

Spring Celebration 2014

CBC would like to extend their sincerest appreciation to the sponsors for their generous support and contributions to the Spring Celebration.

Silver Sponsors

- Chevron Energy Solutions
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- Robson Homes
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- Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association
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- Lena Zee
- Lily Mei
- Ohlone College Foundation
- Richard Li
- Richard & Anna Muh
- Steve & Amy Cho
- Sugar Bowl Bakery
- The Ivy Group/Tim Tran & City National Bank
- United California Practitioners of Chinese Medicine (UCPCM) & California Certified Acupuncturists Association (CCAA)

We also express our gratitude to our prize donors and in-kind donors. Your charitable gifts are greatly appreciated and are a testament to your devotion to CBC and the community.

To view more pictures from the gala, visit www.cbcsfbay.org.

Congratulations to CBC's . . .

Citizen of the Year



Phong La

Volunteer of the Year



Lily Mei



Guests arrive for the gala



Asian Pacific Caucus Group



Community Percussion Group

Photos courtesy of Nick Gunady and Mary Lynn Pelican



U Music Percussion Group



IDEA Band and Xin Zhang



Guests enjoy dancing to the music

Fremont July 4th Parade

At the last board meeting, CBC board members decided to rest this year and not participate in the Fremont Fourth of July parade. There were a variety of reasons including short parade route due to construction in the area, and the fact that many are out of town that weekend. With this in mind, CBC will not be coordinating groups to enter the parade this year. This will give some the opportunity to view the parade from beginning to end. We usually don't have the opportunity to view the parade because we are actually in it.

Have a nice Summer!

Suzanne Lee Chan Named President of Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials

Press Release from National League of Cities, March 19, 2014



Washington, D.C. – Councilmember Suzanne Lee Chan of Fremont, Calif. was named the 2014-2015 president of the Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials (APAMO) constituency group at the group's annual meeting at the National League of Cities' (NLC) Congressional City Conference in Washington, D.C. APAMO's mission is to provide Asian Pacific American municipal officials and their colleagues with a forum to share ideas and develop leadership experience.

APAMO is the vehicle with which Asian Pacific American (API) elected throughout the country can come together to engage in thoughtful dialogue and exchange of ideas. Our numbers are increasing as is our influence and contribution to our cities and NLC. It is my distinct honor to serve as President of APAMO states Councilmember Chan.

Serving as APAMO's 2014-2015 first vice President is Doris McConnell, councilmember, Shoreline, Wash. Stephen K. Sham, mayor, Alhambra, Calif. is the group's immediate past president.

Established in 1985, APAMO provides a platform for members to discuss problems and explore solutions, debate policy issues and contribute to the success of American cities and towns. The group's board of directors and general members strive to share their experiences in government with other Asian Pacific Americans and local officials. APAMO has a board of directors as well as general members.

The National League of Cities (NLC) is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.



In Memoriam

By Amy Cho

Angela Yang was the Chief Librarian of the Fremont Main Library until she retired. She is often participating in CBC events and has contributed to the Chinese New Year celebrations.

Angela's son, Tsung-Tao Yang 楊宗道, passed away unexpectedly due to health reasons. He was kind-hearted and considerate, a gifted musician, a natural athlete, a brilliant scholar, and a loving son. He was known by his initials T.T. T.T. was born in San Diego and received his Ph.D. in Economics from UC Berkeley. He was the Deputy Director in the East Asian Office of the U.S. Treasury Department in Washington, D.C. He made important contributions to our country and was a caring mentor to many of his younger colleagues. The Department held a memorial for T.T. and just named an annual Service Award in T.T.'s name.

In Angela's words, her son was "like a bright comet that lasted too briefly. It's against the law of nature to have parents outlive their child. I will miss him forever and try to accept God's will and remember how lucky I was to have the privilege of being his mother, even for such a brief time."

We in CBC all share in the loss of T.T. and send our sympathy to Angela and the entire family.



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Upon the presentation of checks and donation items to Marta, she immediately broke into tears! The kindness and generosity from people whom she had never met before deeply moved her! Her tears of joy and gratitude, in turn, greatly moved everyone present!

Even though many members could not come to the meeting to show their personal support to Marta and her family, their presence were felt and appreciated. The picture cannot describe the sweetness and warmth that filled the air at that moment. The power of compassion truly transcends all boundaries! We are blessed to have such a loving and giving community!

Cannery Row Monument

By Gerry Low-Sabado

Some years ago the Cannery Row Company asked me for input regarding the interpretation of a life-sized bronze Chinese figure on a future Cannery Row Monument which would also include the figures of John Steinbeck, Ed Ricketts, Flora Woods, and the founders of the Cannery Row Co. I was honored to work with the Sculptor, Steven Whyte, on the interpretation of the Chinese fisherman. I was delighted that a seat was reserved for me in the VIP area during the monument dedication on February 26, 2014. I was introduced to the audience along with a short narrative about the contribution of the early Chinese people and the tragic burning down of the Chinese Village on May 16, 1906.



Monterey City Council Member Nancy Selfridge & Gerry Low-Sabado

I hope you can visit the Cannery Row Monument and when you see that bronze fisherman, I hope you will think about the tribulations, the strength, the courage, the hope, the tenacity, the perseverance, and the successes of those early pioneering Chinese fishermen and their descendants who still continue to live in Pacific Grove, on the Monterey Peninsula, and beyond. This monument helps to preserve the culture and heritage of the Chinese people.



Monument Sculptor Steven Whyte, Gerry Low-Sabado - 5th Generation Chinese Fishing Village Descendant and Community Preservationist/Activist, Ted Balestreri - Chairman and CEO at Cannery Row Company.

Upcoming Events...

By Judy Lam, VIFE Director and
Carol Carter, Director, Young Life Capernaum Ministries

On behalf of Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble (VIFE), I am happy to invite you to our upcoming concert on **Saturday, June 7, 2014**. VIFE dedicates our performance to serve the community with the gift of music. This is a free admission concert; donation to Young Life is appreciated and will contribute to scholarship for Young Life summer camp. Young Life summer camp is open to kids who are often overlooked and from economically depressed communities. Whether the kids are struggling from the pressures of everyday life or hurting with disabilities, the camp offers them fun, friendship, life direction, spiritual guidance, life changing hope and messages of God's love. I sincerely hope you and your family will join us for a meaningful afternoon with inspiring music.

CONCERT BENEFITS YOUNGLIFE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

Concert Benefits

Tri-City younglife

VIRTUOSO INTERNATIONAL FLUTE ENSEMBLE

VIFE

Directed by Judy Lam

Saturday, June 7th, 2014 at 2:30 PM
Free Admission/Donations Accepted

Centerville Presbyterian Church 4360 Central Avenue Fremont, CA 94536
Contact Younglife Office: 510-505-1750
Contact Judy Lam: 510-979-9263

Young Life thinks kids are great!! We are a non-profit faith based youth organization that has a world-wide, well esteemed reputation. It has been in existence since 1941 and in the Fremont, Newark and Union City area since the late 1960's.

We have programs for Jr. High, High School and Teens and young adults with disabilities. During the school year, there are clubs and small group activities. Our leaders invest hundreds of hours walking alongside teens, building friendships, being strong role models and helping teens navigate their teen years. In the summer months, leaders and kids attend many of the amazing Young Life camps throughout the country. Our mission is to navigate teens away from the many destructive activities that young people find themselves involved in and give them wholesome alternatives along with a strong faith message. Believing that each person has the God given right to hear the Gospel message and make his or her own decision regarding faith. Everyone is welcomed and invited!

CBC's Toastmasters Youth Summer Leadership Program

The summer Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program Opening Ceremony will be held on **Saturday, June 21, 2014**, at 8:30 a.m. at the Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN).

Coaches strive to create different activities to make this program as enjoyable as possible. After four weeks of the training program, the Closing Ceremony will be held on **Saturday, July 26** (the fifth week). The students will conduct a "Program Contest" and "Graduation Ceremony." This amazing opportunity allows parents to see their children build self-confidence and improve their public speaking skills in such a short period of time. The graduation lunch party will follow.

This is a fun and meaningful summer Youth Leadership Program for the high school students. All parents are invited to the Opening and Graduation Ceremonies.

CBC/SBCC to host Annual BBQ

The 14th annual summer BBQ with Citizens for Better Community and the South Bay Chinese Club will soon be approaching! Come and enjoy the afternoon with great friends and delicious food. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 23rd.

Date: **Sunday, July 27, 2014**

Time: Noon – 3 p.m.

Where: Quail Run Clubhouse
33873 Whimbrel, Fremont

RSVP to: Steve & Amy Cho (510)797-6426

Cost: Free for CBC/SBCC members; \$5/guest

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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2013-2014

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- Robert and Lisa Chan & Family
- Wan-Ying Chen and Hengwei Hsu & Family
- Yick Lan Cheung and Eric Chan & Family
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- Lie-Long Hsue
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- Richard Liu and Annie Que & Family
- Amy Wang
- Jennifer Wu and Harry Cui & Family
- Joyce Zhang
- Kelsey Zhang

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

Calendar of Events

VIFE Concert

When: **Saturday, June 7, 2014 (2:30 pm)**
 Where: Centerville Presbyterian Church
 4360 Central Avenue, Fremont
 Contact: Younglife (510) 505-1750 or
 Judy Lam (510) 979-9263

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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, June 4, 2014**
- ~ **Wednesday, July 2, 2014**
- ~ **Wednesday, August 6, 2014**

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

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

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