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## 2015 Summer Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program

**Registration Deadline: May 31, 2015**

Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program (TYLP) is designed under the guidelines of Toastmasters curriculum to develop the public speaking and leadership skills of young adults to better prepare them to meet the demands and challenges of today's world.

This 5-week program will be held on Saturdays from June 20, 2015 through July 25, 2015 (no class on July 4, 2015) at the Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN) Center at 2300 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536.

More details and applications are available on-line: <http://www.cbcsfbay.org/2015-toastmasters-youth-leadership-program/>.

## President's Message

By Ivy Wu



Dear CBC Members and Friends,

It is truly my regret for not being able to join you all at the CBC's 23rd Spring Celebration Gala this year and to personally honor Dr. Jim Morris as our Citizen of the Year, and Ms. Lena Zee as our Volunteer of the Year. I was also not available to take the WeChat call as planned to greet all of our guests at the Gala, because of the lack of wifi connection when I was traveling in the eastern mountainous area of Taiwan with my elementary school classmates celebrating our 45th year class reunion.

From what I heard and from all the photos that I saw, everyone who attended the event had a great time! The performances and entertainment were fun and exciting; and audience participation was warm and enthusiastic! I am really grateful for the wonderful job done by the Spring Celebration Gala Committee under the leadership of CBC Vice President, Dr. Herb Chiu, as well as all the CBC Board members, performers, volunteers and participants.

Even though I missed out on all the fun at the Gala, I did have a fabulous time catching up with 30+ old classmates in Taiwan during this trip, and came up with a few thoughts which I would like to share with you all by way of this message:

1. True friends are precious. Treasure them carefully.
2. Life is very short. Live it intentionally.
3. Opportunities are everywhere. Seize them timely.

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President's message...con't from pg 1

4. Health is absolutely important. Take care of it vigilantly.
5. Water is vital to the wellness of body. Drink it frequently.
6. Words of encouragement are constructive. Say them wisely.
7. Laughter is nourishment to the soul. Find humor & fun and be silly.
8. Song and dance cheer up the heart. Do them in good company.
9. Pain and sorrow shared strengthens relationship. Embrace them gently.
10. Good things often take time to appreciate. Slow down and enjoy them fully.

Friends, I hope you will find this little message helpful. You see, we may not always be able to spend quality time together, but I hope we would share inspiring thoughts and novel ideas with one another whenever and however we can. Hope you will learn, as I do, to truly appreciate our friendship and live a healthy, meaningful and joyful life together!

Sincerely,

Ivy Wu  
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CBC President 2014-2015

## Superintendent of Fremont Schools Named CBC's Citizen of the Year

CBC's Citizen of the Year, Dr. Jim Morris, began his career in education thirty-four years ago as a teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District and currently serves as the Superintendent of the Fremont Unified School District in Fremont, California.



Prior to being appointed Superintendent in Fremont in July 2010, he served as the Chief Operating Officer and Chief of Staff for 900 schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD).

During his thirty year tenure in LAUSD, he worked as a teacher, a principal, and a variety of other administrative positions including Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, and Superintendent of District 2 supervising over 100 schools with 103,000 students

and families in the San Fernando Valley. After serving thirty years in the LAUSD, he was selected as the Superintendent of the Fremont Unified School District where he is in his fifth year of service.

He holds a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo, a Master's degree in Educational Administration, and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA).

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During Dr. Morris' acceptance speech at the Spring Celebration gala, he explained what it meant to be a Citizen of the Year and why is it such a humbling honor.

He has shared his notes with us so those that were not able to attend can "hear" what he had to say:

A summary of the foundational ideas behind CBC:

- Learn New Skills
- Meet New People
- Build Stronger Ties
- Have a Voice
- Share Resources
- Help Strengthen our Community
- Be Informed about Community Events and Issues
- Provide Proper Guidance to Our Youth
- Make Our Community Better
- Gain Gratification

Member of a team that includes

- Board Members
- Mayor, City Council, and their staff
- Community organizations like CBC
- Parents
- Administrators, teachers, and classified staff of the district
- Students

Lessons Learned

- Develop a compelling, driving, shared vision
- The value of working together; every small contribution can help move mountains
- Recognize unique gifts and talents; Celebrate successes.

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Con't...Dr. Jim Morris, Citizen of the Year (from page 2)

*"Finally – I accept this honor – not because I deserve such honor but I accept it in recognition of the support I've received, first from my wife Rose Marie... who is the strength of our family and the heart of our home, from the Board of Education Members who are the most insightful, smart, visionary and committed leaders you'll find, from incredible community leaders like our Mayor and City Council members, from business and community leaders, from parents, and most importantly from the students and children of our community to continue to educate, challenge and inspire me every day." – Dr. Jim Morris*

## **Real Estate Professional Named CBC's Volunteer of the Year**

CBC's Volunteer of the Year, Lena Zee, immigrated from Hong Kong sponsored by the local Centerville Presbyterian Church and was blessed to be born to a Christian family where she learned about serving the community and helping the needy.



Lena received her B.A. at Baylor University and her M.A. at Stanford University and received her "American Education" by volunteering in classrooms from pre-school all the way up until her teenage daughters "discouraged" her because they needed "space" from their over-zealous volunteer mother.

Lena is a lifetime member of CBC for nearly 20 years and serves on the CBC Board, served as its Vice President and chairs the Culture Exchange Committee. She is actively involved in all aspects of CBC activities and CBC sponsored major events including Chinese New Year Celebration, Spring Celebration, Moon Festival, Voter Registration, July 4th Parade, to name a few.

Being head of household with two young daughters, Lena became a reputable real estate professional, crediting her success to being service-oriented.

Lena served as the first female president of Chinese ethnicity at the Rotary Club of Fremont in 2008-2009, tirelessly spearheading an international project called SPAN (Stop Pediatric AIDS Now), raising \$100,000 during the 3-year project and received the Distinguished Service Award as well as receiving

Commendation from the County of Santa Clara and a Proclamation from the County of Alameda.

She enjoys the performing arts, plays the piano and sings at the Centerian Choir, while being a lifetime member of local Broadway West Theatre. Lena translated an entire classical musical drama "Malan Flower" from Chinese to English for the Academy of Chinese Performing Arts in 2005. She serves on the Board of the Fremont Symphony Orchestra as well as being emcee at VIFE Benefit Concerts and supports numerous of other non-profit organizations.

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*(excerpt from Lena's acceptance message)*

*"I feel tremendously honored to be standing here in front of so many of you, as the recipient of the CBC Volunteer of the Year Award. It is definitely a very humbling experience because of all the distinguished predecessors of this award in these past 23 years, and all the very qualified and equally deserving CBC volunteers who chose to honor me this year. Speaking for myself, a single lady with tons of love to give away, these various communities where I serve and volunteer, have all become my caring families, and in turn, my objects of love. Through decades of serving, I have gained so much life enriching lessons that added both depth and meaning to my otherwise mundane and lonely life, broadened my visions, brought me much laughter (sometimes tears), bonded me with numerous caring friends and molded me into the content and happier person that I am now. I feel truly blessed.*

*We immigrants and all citizens need to get involved with the communities around us, no matter how small a role or effort we each play, because the rippling effect is bound to result in a better community, city, county, state, a better America and a more peaceful world at large. At least that's my hope.*

*Don't you agree that fabulous Fremont is a wonderful City and community to live in with people of diverse cultural backgrounds all living together in peace and harmony? I strongly believe that Fremont is an excellent community, partly, yes, at least partly, due to the efforts of CBC who get Citizens involved toward a Better Community! So, dear friends, why don't you join us, become a member of CBC and let us all work together for an even Better Community. CBC is color blind. We have members, board members who are not Chinese.*

*In closing, thank you, CBC for this award. I will always treasure it." – Lena Zee*

## Spring Celebration 2015

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

### Silver Sponsors

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- Milpitas Square, LLC

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- Robson Homes
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- Judy Lam/Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble
- Lena Zee
- Ohlone College Foundation
- Peter & Lily Mei
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- Steve & Amy Cho
- Steve & Sue Chan

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.

***CBC thanks everyone  
who made it a  
successful event!***



Student volunteers pose with the 3rd Prince



Warwick Elementary School Children's Choir



Solo dance by Kristen Wu



Guests after enjoying dinner

## Upcoming Events...

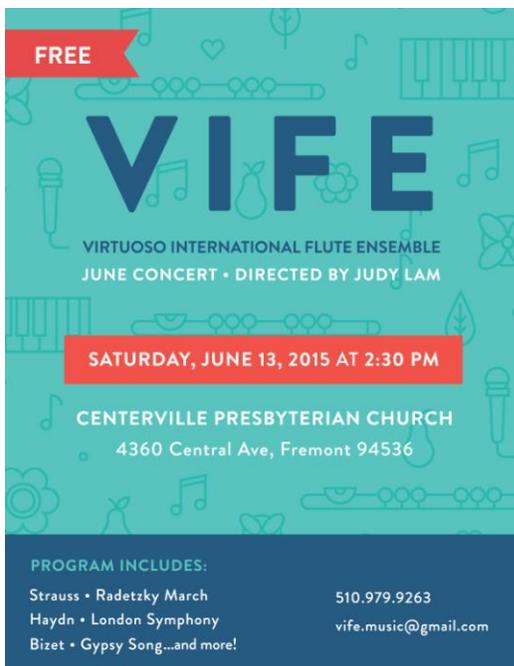
By Judy Lam, VIFE Director

On behalf of Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble (VIFE), I am happy to invite you to our upcoming concert on **Saturday, June 13, 2015**.

VIFE's motto is to serve the community with the gift of music. Whether it is to a fundraiser for school programs; youth programs, special needs community, children and hospice healthcare programs; holiday toy drive; or simply, visitations to our seniors, it gives all Vifers great joy to have partnered with various organizations to support the many good causes in our community.

My goal at VIFE is to nurture young musicians not only in performance excellence but also to becoming a contributing member to our community. And to that, my personal appreciation to Lena Zee for supporting my calling and for mastering the role of Master of Ceremony at VIFE concerts. VIFE is truly blessed to also have seven professional musicians performing at this concert as well. So, please come and meet these ladies and my bunch of amazingly focused "kids" and our professional flautists who will present such challenging repertoire as Haydn's London Symphony, Bizet's Gypsy Song, and more.

I sincerely hope you will find time to give VIFE your encouragement. This concert is opened to the public and admission is free. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.



A poster for the VIFE June Concert. The background is teal with musical icons. At the top left, a red banner says "FREE". The word "VIFE" is in large blue letters. Below it, in smaller white text: "VIRTUOSO INTERNATIONAL FLUTE ENSEMBLE" and "JUNE CONCERT • DIRECTED BY JUDY LAM". A red banner in the middle says "SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2015 AT 2:30 PM". Below that, in white text: "CENTERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH" and "4360 Central Ave, Fremont 94536". At the bottom, a dark blue box contains the text "PROGRAM INCLUDES:" followed by "Strauss • Radetzky March", "Haydn • London Symphony", and "Bizet • Gypsy Song...and more!". To the right of this box, the phone number "510.979.9263" and email "vife.music@gmail.com" are listed.

## CBC's Toastmasters Youth Summer Leadership Program

The summer Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program Opening Ceremony will be held on **Saturday, June 20, 2015**, at 8:30 a.m. at Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN) Center.

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 25** (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 Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program for the high school students. All parents are invited to the Opening and Graduation Ceremonies.



## Homeless Shelter Meal Service

The CBC Youth Group serves meals at Sunrise Village in Fremont. 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 community service hours upon completion.

There are 3 meal services remaining for the year.

- **Sunday, June 21** (lunch)
- Saturday, August 29 (lunch)
- Sunday, November 29 (dinner)

For more information, please contact at [sharonjiang@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sharonjiang@sbcglobal.net)

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## Come Join CBC at Fremont July 4th Parade

By Amy Cho



Plan now to see the Fremont July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade! Even better, if you feel like being part of the parade this year, you are welcome to come and march, too. This year, Citizens for Better Community, South Bay Chinese Club, Friends of Children with Special Needs, Legend Kung Fu Academy are already planning to join the parade. There will be more organizations as the day approaches. We often hear Fremont citizens saying how much they look forward to seeing the Chinese Americans turn out.

To give you some background about the Fremont July 4<sup>th</sup> parades, this will be the seventeenth year of our city's parade. The parade will be going along the same one mile long route as last year and will be held in Central Fremont in the future downtown area. The parade begins around the Fremont Main Library. There are usually some 80 entries, including bands, drill and dance teams, floats, clowns, antique cars to name a few. Thousands of people will watch the star spangled excitement of creative floats, specialty units, and marching musical units. Although the parade takes place on **Saturday, July 4**, 10 a.m. and ends by 12 noon, those who participate in the parade usually need to assemble by around 8:30 a.m. The theme this year is "For the People! By the People!" More details will be coming, but please Save the Date now!

Please call Amy or Steve Cho at (510)797-6426 if you have any questions about joining the parade. We're looking forward to seeing you there bright and early!



## CBC and SBCC to host Annual BBQ

The 15<sup>th</sup> 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 22nd.*

**Date:** **Sunday, July 26, 2015**

**Time:** Noon – 3 p.m.

**Where:** Quail Run Clubhouse

33783 Whimbrel, Fremont

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

**Cost:** \$5/person; under age 10 is free

## SBCC to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

CBC's sister club, South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC), will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on **Saturday, September 12, 2015**, at the Fremont Senior Center, Central Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Some of the plans for the celebration will include a historical presentation of SBCC through the 50 years. It will recognize the founders and charter members of the club and bring back memories of all the activities SBCC was involved with.

More details will follow in the next newsletter.



### **New Members**

Richard Chen and Stephanie Li & Family  
Chiou May Chiu & Family  
Deborah Ann Heng and Justin Liu & Family  
Wendy and Nelson Lam & Family  
James Lee and Tina Lai & Family  
Vicki and Tito Leon & Family  
Yiting Lu and Guan-Jiun Yi & Family  
Chiapin Su and Chiachen Hsieh & Family  
Shirly and Koon Wing Tsang & Family  
Mary Verghese and Family  
Marvin Wong  
Ping Wu and Irene Li & Family  
Lee and Tammy Yeao & Family  
Lucy Zhang and Bo Feng & Family

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

**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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**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 [kjang@cbscfbay.org](mailto:kjang@cbscfbay.org).

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*Have a safe and fun summer!*

## Calendar of Events

### VIFE Concert

When: **Saturday, June 13, 2015 (2:30 pm)**

Where: Centerville Presbyterian Church  
4360 Central Avenue, Fremont

Contact: Judy Lam (510) 979-9263

### CBC Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program Opening Ceremony

When: **Saturday, June 20, 2015 (8:30 am)**

Where: Friends of Children with Special Needs  
2300 Peralta Blvd, Fremont

### Homeless Shelter Meal Service

When: **Sunday, June 21, 2015 (lunch)**

Contact: [sharonjiang@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sharonjiang@sbcglobal.net)

### Fremont's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade

When: **Saturday, July 4, 2015 (meet at 8:30 am  
for 10 am start)**

Where: Central Fremont (same route as last year)

Contact: Steve or Amy Cho (510) 797-6426

### CBC Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program Closing Ceremony

When: **Saturday, July 25, 2015**

Where: Friends of Children with Special Needs  
2300 Peralta Blvd, Fremont

### CBC/SBCC Summer BBQ

When: **Sunday, July 26, 2015 (noon)**

Where: Quail Run Clubhouse

Contact: Steve or Amy Cho (510) 797-6426

## Upcoming CBC Meetings

*\*Note: Meetings have been changed to bi-monthly with special meetings to be determined.*

*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 3, 2015**

**~ Wednesday, August 5, 2015**

**~ Wednesday, October 7, 2015**

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

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (November 1, 2014– October 31, 2015)

**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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