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Save the Date!

CBC's 24th Annual Spring Celebration

Saturday, April 30, 2016

“Return of The Monkey King”

Mark your calendars for one of the biggest celebrations yet! With the holidays right around the corner, CBC's Spring Celebration will be here before you know it! Event co-chairs Herbert Chiu and David Bonaccorsi and the committee members are already making plans for an event that you won't want to miss! More details to come next quarter.

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President's Message

By Ivy Wu



Dear CBC Members and Friends,

This is my final CBC President message. I am thankful for the opportunity to have served as the president of CBC for the past three years and I am really happy and honored to announce that Ms. Judy Lam, a very talented, caring, active and capable CBC Board member and community leader will be our next president.



CBC has been around for more than twenty-three years. For a volunteer organization to continue year after year, it requires not only strong leadership, but also a dedicated team who shares the same vision as well as willingness to work together in one spirit.



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There are many that are instrumental in bringing CBC to where it is today.



I am afraid that I won't be able to name them one by one. I would, however, like to take this opportunity to thank a few individuals who are extra special, because they have given me strong support during my presidency:

1. **Steve and Amy Cho:** Not only have they served as good role models in how to put care for the community in action, they have also extended warm friendship to me by trying to watch over me and include me in fun activities!



2. **Kathy Jang:** Kathy is a gem! As CBC's Executive Director, Kathy does everything quietly and responsibly, often without even being asked! She is detailed, thoughtful, and she goes the extra mile to make sure that CBC is running smoothly and efficiently.



3. **Wilson Hu:** Wilson has served alongside me as CBC Secretary for the past three years, and he is truly a blessing. Not only does he do a fantastic job in keeping the minutes of our meetings, he also brings fresh perspectives on issues. It has been a great delight working with him.
4. **Lena Zee:** Lena has always been encouraging with her kind words, creative with ideas for programs, and enthusiastic about every task that she graciously takes on to promote cultural exchanges and build cultural understanding.



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5. **Anna Muh, Wing Ng, Albert Mo and the TYLP Team:** Anna and her team's commitment to the Youth Leadership Program is truly admirable and impressive. Not only is she well connected, organized and highly capable, Anna also has a special way of getting some really good people like Wing, Albert and many others to work together for the good of our youth.



6. **Herbert Chiu:** Herb has been a wonderful VP to work with. His talent and passion for music coupled with his ability and creativity to organize events really serves CBC well!



7. Last but not least, **David and Judy Lam:** David and Judy have been good friends with me for many years. It is such a joy, privilege, honor and pleasure to know and work with them not only on the CBC Board, but also in other capacities. I know that I can always count on them to be there for me and for people that they serve.



Thankfully,
Ivy Wu
CBC President 2014-2015

CBC Elects Ms. Judy Lam as Next President

*Submitted by Judy Lam
CBC President 2015-2016*

It was in 1999 that David and I moved to Fremont with our children, Jessica (now a 3rd year medical student) and Nick (now a fireman/paramedic). We had lived in Los Angeles until David's expatriate assignment to Singapore in 1997. We relocated back to the US in 1999 and settled in Fremont. Soon after, we had the blessings of befriending **Ivy Wu**, and we all know how much we have enjoyed her services in various capacities in our community. In CBC, Ivy reminds me of a sports coach. She strategizes, she rallies the team, she blows her whistle; we pass the ball, we shoot, and we score. It seems all too simple under her very focused and energetic leadership. And here I am, a humble music teacher, so you can understand my hesitation when asked to consider the new presidency.

Then I reflected on why I was drawn to CBC in the first place. As I recall these interactions with some of you, all the more I am convicted to serve alongside with the respectable members of CBC. Most probably, "you" would not remember these incidents, or had considered your actions as significant and worth mentioning. But those were your genuine, uncalculated actions that I remembered, and I thank "you" for your inspiration.

There are more, but here are my earliest recollections of my interactions with some of you:

1. *I got there early to the club house so I could set up for a short performance at Ivy's School Board campaign kick-off event. You were there early too, moving chairs etc. I knew your name, of course! You were a VIP in Fremont. But I had never met you. I had no clue. Who would have thought? Doing chores as would a custodian? I was impressed with your servitude, I remembered.*
2. *The weekly choir practices were in the early evenings at the Senior Center. The Chinese School choir kids were excited every time you visited and brought them food. That evening, the kids were picked up, all except for one more. The facility had to lock up; we had to wait outside for the parent. You said to me, "Teacher, you go home. It's alright; I'll wait here with the student." You were the Principal; you didn't have to do that! I was touched by your caring concern, I remembered.*

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- I needed your help, but I figured you probably would not have time for me and my students. I was certain that your time and responsibilities for your work and community services would outweigh the importance of our community concerts. Why should you care? Giving up your prime weekends to make more sales? But you went out of your way, time and time again, you were there to give us confidence and encouragement. I was grateful for your sacrifice, I remembered.*

Then my memory took me way back to my childhood. Now I realized how much this incident must have subconsciously impacted my passion to serve the community all along.

It took me over an hour from my comfortable home to get to this school in the low income subsidized housing community. I did not want to be there and dinner had to wait. I was called there to make a visitation to a student's family with the school Principal. The student had been absent. The Principal found out that the single mother was sick in bed. She could not send her kid to school, and they were lacking food and money. So I went along but I was fixated on the food that the Principal bought for them. They cried, yet they were happy because someone cared. I didn't seem so hungry anymore. I learned a lesson of true stewardship, I remembered. The Principal was my mother.

Whether you are a general member, a board member, or a founding member, perhaps you were drawn to CBC by similar inspirations yet in your unique circumstances. I invite all to rekindle your first reasons for joining CBC, and I invite all to actively participate in CBC so we may advance the good missions of CBC together. However insignificant you may think your contribution may be, someone will benefit. And hopefully, someone along the way will be inspired by your actions.

I am thankful that **Herbert Chiu** is staying on as Vice President, as one of CBC's founding members, his vision will serve as great guidance. I am thankful that **Steve Cho** will be our Treasurer, as a pillar figure in CBC and our community; we will continue to rely on his leadership, wisdom and advice. I am equally thankful that **Wilson Hu** is staying on as Secretary, a valuable asset, he is fully loaded with energy and the know how's in the most efficient and effective way. We are fortunate that **David Sheen**, our past president has agreed to be our Legal Counsel. Lastly, there is no denial that our Executive Director,

Kathy Jang, has been a continuous blessing in CBC and I thank her for taking care of business in the most supportive and personal way.

In addition, I am thankful and greatly encouraged to have the support of a strong team of Board of Directors. I am confident that with the wide range of expertise and our common commitment serving in CBC, we will continue to celebrate the heritage and culture of Chinese Americans as well as to advance the welfare of our community at large.

Again, thank you everyone for trusting and supporting me as CBC's new President.

Moon Festival 2015



Alameda County Arts Leadership Award Recipient

Submitted by Lena Zee

On September 29, 2015, Judy Lam was among the six individuals who were recognized by the Alameda County Arts Commission for their outstanding achievements and contributions impacting the arts community and residents of Alameda County. The Alameda County Arts Leadership Award was presented through a commendation ceremony presented in conjunction with the County's celebration of California Arts Day and National Arts and Humanities Month.

We are excited for Judy Lam for being selected as the award winner representing District 1. Judy felt especially honored because she is the first Chinese American among all winners of the Award since the inception of this award program in 2003. Among the noted past recipients who are familiar to our Fremont community were Susan Rose (2009), former General Manager of the Fremont Symphony Orchestra; Lori Stokes (2006), Founder Director of Star Struck Theater, and Michael Morgan, Music Director of the Oakland East Bay Symphony Orchestra and Guest Conductor of the Fremont Symphony Orchestra.

Scott Haggerty, the President of the Board of Alameda County Supervisors introduced Judy. Together with Judy's family, Anna Wang, and other supporters, we listened attentively to the accolades she received from President Haggerty. He then presented Judy with the commendation.



Judy then addressed the Board thanking all members of the Board and the Arts Commission for the recognition. She acknowledged Anna Wang of FCSN for her support and nomination. She spoke of her experience volunteering at FCSN's summer music

camp with her VIFE students. She indicated that she was worried about how they might inspire the autistic children at the camp, but little did they expect that they were actually on the receiving end. She said, in return, they had learned more from those whom they served. Through the interactions between parents and the autistic kids, they learned about love; through the excitement of music making, they witnessed joy; through the caring programs, they understood peace and hope; through the teaching and learning process, they exercised patience, kindness, and self control. She believes that by allowing the students to learn from such experience is the real reward. She then thanked Anna Wang and Lena Zee in the audience for their faithful support, saying that it has been a blessed journey to partner with them for their partnership in grooming the next generation of contributing members in our community. Indeed, it was an exciting week for her family who had traveled from L.A. to attend her conducting the Fremont Symphony Orchestra and then receiving the Arts Leadership Award.

After the Commendation Presentation, there was a group photo session and reception for all 6 recipients and guests. The gathering continued with a few sharing their stories of how their contributions have impacted the community. To Judy, it will remain a memorable blessed day affirmed with love and support from her family and friends. Congratulations to Judy again. CBC is proud of you.

Upcoming Events....

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.

The remaining meal service for 2015 is on:

- **Sunday, November 29** (dinner)

The 2016 Meal Service schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, January 31 (dinner)
- Sunday, May 22 (lunch)
- Saturday, July 30 (dinner)
- Sunday, October 30 (dinner)

For more information, please contact at sherry.y.chang@gmail.com.

Con't... **Upcoming Events**

CBC Installation of Officers and Directors and Intern Recognition Luncheon

The CBC Board of Directors approved the following Executive Officer appointments for 2015-2016:

President: Judy Lam
V.P.: Herbert Chiu
Treasurer: Steve Cho
Secretary: Wilson Hu
Past President: Ivy Wu

The 2015-2016 Board elections are currently in progress; all CBC members in good standing should have received a ballot via US mail. Ballots must be postmarked by today, October 30, 2015. The newly elected Board of Directors will be listed on the Directory page of the next newsletter.

In addition, the summer interns will be recognized for a job well done in the legislative offices. It will be a treat to hear short speeches from the interns about their experience. For some, this may have been their first opportunity to develop insight and skills in a very important area.

CBC thanks Anna Muh and Steve Cho for coordinating the Summer Internship program once again. Also, CBC is very grateful for the partnership from AT&T for their kind donation to the Internship Program.

Everyone is welcome to attend the luncheon.

Date: **Sunday, December 6, 2015**
Time: noon – 2:00 p.m.
Place: FCSN Center
2300 Peralta Blvd
Fremont, CA 94536
Cost: TBD
RSVP: to Kathy Jang at (510) 790-0740 or kjang25@yahoo.com

Come Join Us!

CBC/SBCC Christmas Party

Submitted by Lorrie Wong

CBC and SBCC will again join hands to host the annual Christmas party for the senior residents of Aegis Gardens. Aegis Gardens is an assisted living facility in Fremont, where the focus is on Chinese culture, but where residents enjoy both Chinese and American activities. The Christmas Party Committee is currently working out the details and additional information will follow. CBC and SBCC members are encouraged to put the date on their calendar, and then turn out for some rock-&-rolling, Christmas caroling, and informal dining. Santa and his merry elves will be in attendance too! For more information, please contact Amy Cho or Judy Lam. Watch for online updates as they become available or on either club's website www.cbcsfbay.org or www.southbaychineseclub.org.

Date: **Saturday, December 19, 2015**
Place: Aegis Gardens (across American HS)
36281 Fremont Blvd
Fremont, CA 94536
Time: 3 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Contact: Amy Cho (510) 797-6426 or
Judy Lam (510) 979-9263

CBC to Co-Host Annual Chinese New Year Celebration “Year of the Monkey”

Citizens for Better Community will again co-host the Chinese New Year Celebration on **Saturday, January 30, 2016**, from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Fremont Main Library. This year we will celebrate the Year of the Monkey! The official date for the new lunar year is Monday, February 8, 2016.

This event is for families, youngsters and anyone interested in the Chinese culture. Art and craft booths will fill the library along with an entertainment program. More details to come.



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."

2015-2016 Board Directory

President:

Judy Lam(510) 979-9263

Vice President:

Herbert Chiu.....(510) 471-3777

Secretary:

Wilson Hu.....(925) 480-7305

Treasurer:

Steve Cho(510) 797-6426

Past President:

Ivy Wu.....(510) 252-9890

Legal Counsel

David Sheen(415) 238-1893

Executive Director

Kathy Jang.....(510) 790-0740

Committees

Education:

Yang Shao.....(510) 687-9184

Health:

Herbert Chiu.....(510) 471-3777

Business:

Henry Yin.....(510) 676-7139

Community Involvement:

Albert Wang.....(510) 657-6610

Culture Exchange: Lena Zee(510) 421-6666

Youth Group: Anna Muh.....(510) 468-6666

Social Activities: Amy Cho.....(510) 797-6426

Spring Celebration:

Herbert Chiu(510) 471-3777

David Bonaccorsi(510) 791-1888

**2014-2015 *
Board of Directors**

David Bonaccorsi	Lily Mei
Cecilia Chang	Anna Muh
Carl Chen	Wing Ng
Simon Chen	Yang Shao
Peggy Chiou	David Sheen
Amy Cho	Tim Tran
Whisky Ho	Albert Wang
Ro Khanna	Sharon Yap
David Lam	Henry Yin
Judy Lam	Lena Zee

*2015-2016 Board nominations currently in progress

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@cbcsfbay.org.

Publisher: Kathy Jang

Committee: Herbert Chiu, Steve Cho, Albert Wang

Contributors: Steve Cho, David Lam, Judy Lam, Mary Lynn Pelican, Lorrie Wong, Ivy Wu, Lena Zee



New Members

Paul Cheung and Gina Cao

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

Calendar of Events

Homeless Shelter Meal Service

When: **Sunday, November 29, 2015 (dinner)**
 Where: Sunrise Village
 Contact: sherry.y.chang@gmail.com

CBC Installation of Officers and Intern Recognition Luncheon

When: **Sunday, December 6, 2015 (noon - 2pm)**
 Where: Friends of Children with Special Needs
 2300 Peralta Blvd, Fremont
 Contact: kjang25@yahoo.com or (510) 790-0740

CBC/SBCC Christmas Party

When: **Saturday, December 19, 2015 (3 pm – 6 pm)**
 Where: Aegis Gardens (across American HS)
 36281 Fremont Blvd, Fremont

Chinese New Year Celebration

When: **Saturday, January 30, 2016 (1 pm – 4 pm)**
 Where: Fremont Main Library
 2400 Stevenson Blvd, Fremont

CBC Spring Celebration

When: **Saturday, April 30, 2016 (5:30 pm)**
 Where: DoubleTree by Hilton
 39900 Balentine Drive, Newark

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, December 2, 2015**
- ~ **Wednesday, February 3, 2016**
- ~ **Wednesday, April 6, 2016**

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 Dues

The new membership year will begin on November 1, 2015. The membership renewal form should have been received with your CBC election ballot or can be found on page 8. Please complete the form and send in your dues today!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL (November 1, 2015– October 31, 2016)

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 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Family: Life Membership | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Corporate/Organization: Life Membership | |

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

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