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Save the Date!

CBC's 25th Annual Spring Celebration

Saturday, April 29, 2017

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*“Be A Year of The Rooster
Booster: Dance to Health”*

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.

President's Message

By Judy Lam



Dear CBC Members and Friends,

Greetings! “It has been a humbling and gratifying experience to be actively involved in the community events with our Board members who so graciously help me along,” this was my statement at the beginning of my serving as CBC's President. The same remains true and certainly with an added appreciation of friendship. It is my honor to be serving a second term with your continuous partnership.

CBC's mission is “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.” Whether our role is in volunteering or in public offices, our members are drawn together by the same sense of virtue and integrity which keeps CBC sound and our mission thriving. CBC is grateful to have enjoyed your dedicated services and is proud to have some of the most competent community leaders in our membership. I would like to congratulate our Board members, Gerry Low-Sabado for receiving the Ralph B. Atkinson Award; as well as Ro Khanna, Lily Mei, and Raj Salwan for their success in their respective election campaigns.

To name some of CBC's involvement, we will continue to create education and training opportunities for the youth through programs such as the Toastmasters Youth Leadership Program and Summer Internship program. CBC will also continue to bring good fellowship to our elderlies at senior homes and meals services at the Abode Shelter. In the coming year, CBC hopes to bring awareness and promote programs

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relating to health issues. I sincerely invite your participation in serving the community with CBC.

Finally, we all had enjoyed the few days of long awaited rain last month; it brought about a sense of freshness that we longed for. With that though, I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wish you a joyous holiday season with your loved ones. May we all find peace, joy, hope and blessings!

Respectfully,

Judy Lam
CBC President 2016-2017

Friends of Children with Special Needs (FCSN) Gala a Success!



CBC was one of many sponsors for FCSN's gala held on November 5th. CBC members who attended pose for pictures during the successful gala.

SBCSC Scholarship Applications Now Available



Submitted by Joe Woo,
SBCSC Scholarship Committee Chair

Every year, CBC's sister club, the South Bay Chinese Service Club (SBCSC) awards scholarships to exemplary high school graduating seniors of Chinese decent. Only students residing in Fremont, Newark and Union City or children of club members in good standing with a minimum unweighted grade point average of 3.2 are eligible to apply. The actual number of scholarships will be determined by the amount of donations received. Last year, SBCSC awarded four \$2,000 scholarship, five \$1,000 scholarships, and eleven \$500 scholarships for a total of \$18,500 in awards.

In evaluating the applications, the scholarship committee will consider grade point average, school activities, special achievements, community service activities, and a personal essay.

To apply for the SBCSC 2016-2017 Scholarships, please visit the website at:

<http://www.southbaychineseclub.org/2017-scholarships-information/>

You can browse the website to learn more about the club and last year's scholarship program.

All application materials must be received by **Monday, February 27, 2017.**

All scholarship recipients will be invited as our guests to the South Bay Chinese Service Club scholarship dinner banquet on **Wednesday, April 5, 2017**, at the Mayflower Restaurant in Union City where a guest speaker will address the graduating seniors, family guests, donors and club members. The minimum scholarship amount to be awarded will be \$500. Applicants will be notified by March 16, 2017, whether or not they have been selected to receive a scholarship award. **AWARD RECIPIENTS MUST BE PRESENT IN PERSON** at the April 5th dinner banquet to receive the awards. Unclaimed awards will be used in the 2017-2018 Scholarship Program.

For further information or questions, email: sbcc.scholarship@gmail.com.

Donations are also greatly appreciated. Visit <http://www.southbaychineseclub.org/donate-1/>

Dr. Steven Chan, DDS, Appointed to Dental Board of California

Press Release by Governor's Office
on October 7, 2016



Steven Chan, 64, of Fremont, has been appointed to the Dental Board of California. Chan has been medical staff at Washington Hospital since 1985 and a pediatric dentist with Just Kids Pediatric Dentistry since 1982. He was medical staff at Kaiser Permanente from 2009 to 2012. Chan was teaching staff at the University of California, San Francisco Benioff Children's Hospital and an assistant clinical professor at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine from 1983 to 1990. He was attending staff at Highland General Hospital from 1983 to 1988. Chan is president of the American College of Dentists and was president of the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry from 2012 to 2013 and the California Dental Association from 2002 to 2003. He earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Georgetown University. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Chan is registered party without party preference.

The Dental Board regulates the license and practice of dentistry in CA. It is an appointment by the Governor. The term is 4 years.

Superior Court Judge Keith Fudenna (Fremont) administered the Oath of Office.

Steve is completing his term as President of the American College of Dentists, the national honor society of dentistry in America. Only 3.5% of dentists are accepted into this honor society. He is the first Asian American, (the second one of color) to occupy this seat in the society's 96-year history. He will move on to being the president of their foundation.



New Members

Vandana Bhalla
Shin Choy & Sofia Yeung and Family

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

Ralph B. Atkinson Award for Civil Liberties Ceremony

By Gerry Low-Sabado,
5th Generation Chinese Fishing Village Descendant,
Community Preservationist, Cultural Advisor to the
Monterey Bay Aquarium Summer Deck Show: "Turning the
Tide: The Story of Monterey Bay"

On October 15, 2016, some members of Citizens for Better Community, South Bay Chinese Club, family, and friends traveled to Carmel to attend the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, Monterey County Chapter's Ralph B. Atkinson Award for Civil Liberties Ceremony. I want to thank you, CBC, and SBCC for your continued support over the many years! You have listened to my stories about how I have been trying to bring recognition to the early pioneering Chinese American fishing village stories on the Monterey Peninsula and in Pacific Grove. You have heard me, helped me, and traveled to Pacific Grove and Monterey to attend my Walks of Remembrances. You have come to represent and make the presence of Chinese Americans known. You have helped me to bring about a respect for the once-little-known stories about the Chinese fishermen, women, their neighbors, and their friends in the village. Thank You!

I was honored to be nominated and chosen to receive this ACLU award "for her work preserving the cultural history and struggles of the Chinese Americans who flourished on the Monterey Peninsula a century ago and beyond."

Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Kampe was the Guest Speaker. He gave a wonderful speech and presented to me The Pacific Grove Certificate of Recognition. "The City expresses its deepest appreciation to Gerry Low-Sabado for her tireless work to bring to the forefront the special significance of the Chinese Community from the early days of Pacific Grove to the generation of today. Her persistent inquiry and research has uncovered many of the stories of the early Chinese settlements and of the ancestors who founded a thriving community on our shores. She has documented from those stories the energy, resourcefulness, resilience, and enterprise that created the Chinese fishing village. She has brought into our memory the successes, the struggles, the persecution, and the adaptability of that community within the diverse cultures of the Monterey Peninsula. Her work has reconnected

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descendants of that community and reignited its proud heritage. As a fifth-generation descendant of Quock Mui, the first documented Chinese woman born in the area, she has created an Annual Walk of Remembrance as an uplifting tribute both to the early Chinese settlers and the many descendants who trace their roots to the Chinese Village. I am honored to present to Gerry Low-Sabado this Certificate of Recognition upon her well-earned receipt of the prestigious Ralph B. Atkinson Award from the Northern California Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. Bill Kampe, Mayor October 15, 2016"



In addition, I was honored to receive a Special Congressional Recognition certificate issued by local Congressman Sam Farr "In recognition of your work in preserving the cultural history and struggles of Chinese Americans and bringing recognition for the Chinese Fishing Village." State of California Senator William Monning issued a Certificate of Recognition "For your dedication to preserving Chinese American Cultural History and Heritage on the Monterey Peninsula." A beautiful flower arrangement was sent to me by The Cannery Row Company and Ted Balesteri with a note that told me that they are proud of me.

Thanks to Wendy Wong, Asian Art Society of Monterey Bay, Amber Dela Cruz, & Randy for all the gorgeous roses!!



Theresa Yim, Brandon Sabado, Randy Sabado, Gerry Low-Sabado, Lualhati Sabado, Amber Dela Cruz, Marc Dela Cruz

My husband Randy asked that they not include his name on the event program so that it would be a surprise to me when he got up and spoke about how we met and other personal stories about our life together! That was so sweet!

Sue Parris, Director of the National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI), Monterey Chapter introduced me. She, NCBI, and I have certainly traveled a long road together!! She contacted me eight years ago, when I just didn't understand the enormity of the who, what, where, and how we could work towards "Change With Kindness." I remember sitting in a coffee shop in Pacific Grove relating with her about how I felt and wondering if it was ever possible to change attitudes regarding how Chinese people are represented and treated in history. That day was the very first time that I thought about "Change With Kindness." It was a Dream...a Wish, a Hope! In the years since, she and NCBI members have advised me, stood by me when I was feeling alone in my hope, and given me "tools and strategy" to make my voice heard. Since that time, we have seen Change slowly develop! Recently, we sat in that same coffee shop and looked back in amazement at how far we have come! We are witnessing "Change with Kindness".....Once A Dream..... Now An Emerging Reality!!

Greatest Gratitude to All the many Friends, Organizations, and Allies who have helped to give our Early Pioneering Chinese Fishing Village Ancestors a Voice. Together.... We are many voices now!! October 15th was one of the most important days of my 5th Generation Chinese Village Descendant Life!! Aura Of Good Fortune!!!!



It was great to see so many members from CBC and SBCC travel to Carmel to attend this event. Gerry has worked for many years to bring to light the struggles of the early Chinese settlers in the Monterey Bay area and affect positive change and attitudes. ~ Randy Sabado

Upcoming Events....

CBC Installation of Officers and Directors and Intern Recognition Luncheon

The CBC Board of Directors approved the following Executive Officer appointments for 2016-2017:

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

The 2016-2017 Officers and Directors will be installed at the December 4th luncheon which will include four new Board members. Also, we will thank the outgoing Board members who have unselfishly served on the Board for the past two years. The Board directory can be found on page 7 of this 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 graciously thanks Anna Muh and Steve Cho for coordinating the Summer Internship program once again. In addition, CBC is very grateful for the partnership from AT&T, McGrath Rent Corp and FCSN for their generous support to the Internship Program.

Everyone is welcome to attend the luncheon.

Date: **Sunday, December 4, 2016**
Time: 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Place: FCSN Center
2300 Peralta Blvd
Fremont, CA 94536
Cost: \$10/person
Contact: kjang25@yahoo.com or (510) 790-0740

Come Join Us!

Join Us at the Christmas Party

Submitted by Amy Cho

Citizens for Better Community and the South Bay Chinese Club will again join hands to host the annual Christmas party for the senior residents of Aegis Gardens Senior Retirement Center.

This year, the Christmas party is featuring the "Paramount-Shanghai Night Show" organized by Dr. Hal Lim, Carmelita Chao and UNESCO CID SFS (United Nations' Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization; Conseil International de la Danse, San Francisco Section). There will also be a visit from Santa, holiday sing-alongs, and audience participation dancing. Afterwards, we'll have dinner with the seniors hosted by the two organizations and Aegis Gardens.

Date: **Saturday, December 10, 2016**
Place: Aegis Gardens (across American HS)
36281 Fremont Blvd
Fremont, CA 94536
Time: 3 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (registration 2:45 p.m.)
Cost: \$5 for Adults and Children 10 & over
RSVP: by December 5th to Amy Cho at
amytcho@yahoo.com or (510) 797-6426

If you'd like to share something at this time of giving, please bring an unwrapped toy and/or a canned or non-perishable food item.

Seasons Greetings



Join us for a visit from Santa, holiday sing-alongs and audience participation dancing!

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Christmas Benefit Concert

Submitted by Judy Lam,
VIFE Director and FYSO Artistic Director

The Fremont Youth Symphony Orchestra (FYSO) and the Virtuoso International Flute Ensemble (VIFE) are pleased to invite you to a performance on December 18, 2016.

FYSO was launched under the auspice of the Fremont Symphony Orchestra in September this year. Recruitment started late in the season, yet FYSO successfully started in September. Auditions remain open year-round until all seats are filled. The enthusiastic young musicians meet for the weekly rehearsals on Monday evenings under the direction of Judy Lam as the Artistic Director, Grace Lai as Associate Director and Merna Morse as Strings Director. As mentioned, this Christmas concert is a joint effort to benefit FYSO.

Date: **Saturday, December 18, 2016**
Place: First United Methodist Church, Cole Hall
2950 Washington Blvd (near Fwy 680)
Fremont, CA 94539
Time: 3 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Admission: Free; donation to FSO benefiting FYSO
is welcome

Chinese New Year to be Celebrated at the Fremont Main Library



Submitted by Amy Cho

Citizens for Better Community, South Bay Chinese Club and the Fremont Main Library will again celebrate the Chinese New Year on **Saturday, January 21, 2017**, from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. This year, we celebrate the Year of the Rooster! The official date for the new lunar year is Saturday, January 28, 2017.

This event is for families, youngsters and anyone interested in Chinese culture. Craft booths will fill the library from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Last year, Paper Cutting was featured on one side of the Children's Library. On the other side in the Storytime Theater, other children's crafts could be found. The children have tons of fun while they observe the demonstrations. They also get hands-on experience doing the crafts themselves and taking their own work home!

Don't miss the entertainment program which takes place from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. in the Fukaya Room. The performances include instruments, singing, and dance. It is fascinating to see the talents we have right here in our own community.

Volunteers are always appreciated: We are looking for members who can volunteer 2 hours of their time on Friday afternoon, January 20th around 1:30 p.m. to help decorate. We also can use volunteers on Saturday, January 21st from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the Chinese New Year events. Help is always needed with the children's crafts and many other areas. If you know of others who might have crafts to demonstrate, please also let us know. All the supplies will be provided! We only need your time and effort. Please call Amy Cho at (510) 797-6426.



Last year, the room was filled with spectators as they helped to celebrate the New Year and watched the many performers.

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 2017 meal service schedule is as follows:

- **Sunday, January 22** (lunch)
- **Sunday, April 23** (lunch)
- **Saturday, July 29** (dinner)
- **Sunday, October 29** (dinner)

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

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.”

2016-2017 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

**2016-2017
Board of Directors**

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| David Bonaccorsi | Gerry Low-Sabado |
| Cecilia Chang | Lily Mei |
| Herbert Chiu | Anna Muh |
| Amy Cho | Richard Muh |
| Steve Cho | Wing Ng |
| Whisky Ho | Raj Salwan |
| Larry Hsu | Yang Shao |
| Wilson Hu | David Sheen |
| Robert Kaiser | Albert Wang |
| David Lam | Marvin Wong |
| Judy Lam | Ivy Wu |
| Cecilia Leon | Henry Yin |
| Charles Liu | Lena Zee |

Committees

- Education:**
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- 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

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.

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Committee: Herbert Chiu, Steve Cho, Albert Wang

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Calendar of Events

CBC Installation & Internship Recognition Luncheon

When: **Sunday, December 4, 2016 (11:30 am)**
Where: FCSN Center
2300 Peralta Blvd., Fremont
Contact: kjang25@yahoo.com or (510) 790-0740

CBC/SBCC Christmas Party

When: **Saturday, December 10, 2016 (3 pm)**
Where: Aegis Gardens (across American HS)
36821 Fremont Blvd, Fremont
Contact: amytcho@yahoo.com or (510) 797-6426

VIFE Christmas Benefit Concert

When: **Sunday, December 18, 2016 (3 pm)**
Where: First United Methodist Church
2950 Washington Blvd, Fremont
More info: (510) 936-0570

CBC/SBCC Chinese New Year Celebration

When: **Saturday, January 21, 2017 (1 pm)**
Where: Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont

Homeless Shelter Meal Service

When: **Sunday, January 22, 2017 (lunch)**
Where: Sunrise Village
Contact: sherry.y.chang@gmail.com

Upcoming CBC Meetings

**Note: Meetings are held 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 7, 2016**
- ~ **Wednesday, February 1, 2017**
- ~ **Wednesday, April 12, 2017**
(postponed from April 5)

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, 2016– October 31, 2017)

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:

Member: _____
Last Name First Name Chinese Name

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Last Name First Name Chinese Name

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