



PAGODA POST

THE SOUTH BAY CHINESE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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www.SouthBayChineseClub.org



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, I would like to wish everyone a **Happy New Year!** May you and your family continue to thrive in 2018.

On December 9, SBCC and CBC co-sponsored the annual Christmas Party at Aegis Garden where we provided gifts, entertainment, and supper to the senior citizens. At the request of the seniors, Amy Cho, our chief organizer, brought back the dance troupe from **Bravo Dance Studio** headed by Miss Carmelita Chao and Dr. Hwa A. Lim (趙娟 & 林安士), members of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Conseil International de la Danse (CID). The seniors enjoyed the variety of ballroom dancing demonstrated by the troupe and many joined them on the dance floor at the end of their performance. With our longtime Santa Steve Cho having a conflict due to his performance at the Nutcrackers, Randy Sabado again assumed the duty of Santa this year to bring in gifts to the seniors with the help of his helper Gerry Sabado. With Amy's sister Beverley at the piano, officers from SBCC and CBC (including President Joe Woo and President Charles Liu, respectively) joined in to sing Christmas Carols. The evening ended with a delicious Chinese Buffet dinner. Many thanks to Amy and her team for putting on another successful event which brings so much joy to our senior citizens year after year.



In 2018 the **Year of the Dog** will fall on Friday, **February 16, 2018**. As part of our club's mission statement: "to preserve the culture and customs of the Chinese heritage", we will be hosting two events to celebrate Chinese New Year. We will again co-sponsor the **Chinese New Year Celebration** at the Fremont Main Library with CBC and the Fremont Library on **Saturday, February 24** from 1 to 4 p.m. Our slightly overworked Amy Cho will again be organizing this event. She will need help to setup at the Fremont Library the day before (Friday, February 23 between 1 and 2 p.m.) Please contact Amy if you are available to help with setting up the day before and/or helping with the event – SBCC will man the craft tables from 2 to 4 p.m.



2018 Year of Dog

The second event related to Chinese New Year will be our annual **Chinese New Year dinner** at the Mayflower Restaurant in Union City. Linette Young will provide more information when it becomes available. At the December 18 Board meeting, Aliene Yee announced that our annual **Elder's Dim Sum Luncheon** date has been set for **Saturday, March 17, 2018**. That will be followed by the **SBCSC Scholarship Award Banquet** on **April 11, 2018**.

As you can see, after a short one to two months of quiet time, we are starting to get very busy with multiple social and cultural events in the next few months. I hope many of you will show up to support these events that our committee members have spent a lot of time preparing for.

Joe Woo

SBCC President 2017-2018



CHINESE NEW YEAR TO BE CELEBRATED AT THE FREMONT MAIN LIBRARY ON FEBRUARY 24, 2018

By Amy Cho

The South Bay Chinese Club, Citizens For Better Community and the Fremont Main Library will again celebrate the Chinese New Year on Saturday, February 24, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. This year we celebrate the Year of the Dog! The official date for the new lunar year is February 16, 2018.

This event is for families, youngsters and anyone interested in Chinese culture. Craft booths will fill the library. Last year Paper Cutting was featured on one side of the Children's Library and on the other side in the Storytime Theater, other 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 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Fukaya Room. The performances include instruments, singing, and dance. It is fascinating to see the talent we have right here in our own community. Crafts will be open 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., right after the performances end.

Volunteers are always appreciated: We are looking for members who can volunteer 2 hours of their time on Friday afternoon, February 23 around 1:30 pm to help decorate. We also can use volunteers on Saturday, February 24 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm for the Chinese New Year event. Help is always needed with 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, 510/797-6426.





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 Fremont, CA 94538
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 (888)663-0660-TTY
 www.aclibrary.org



Year of the Dog

February 24, Saturday
1pm – 4pm



Program 活動內容:

- ✚ Entertainment 娛樂表演 (Dance, Music Instruments, Songs, Kung-Fu, etc./跳舞, 樂器演奏, 唱歌, 功夫等)
 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm at Fukaya Room
- ✚ Crafts/ 手工藝品
 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at Children's Storytime Theater

Sponsors 活動贊助



- Fremont Main Library 費利蒙圖書館總館
- Citizens for Better Community 華人權益服務社
- South Bay Chinese Club 南灣華人會

WELCOME ALL TO CELEBRATE WITH US

歡迎與我們同慶

Interesting Things to Know If You Were Born in the Year of the Dog

(From: <http://www.chinesezodiac.com/dog.php>)

Personality

Occupying the 11th position in the Chinese Zodiac, the Dog symbolizes character traits such as loyalty, compatibility and kindness. Dogs frequently offer kind words and useful advice, always listening and lending a shoulder when necessary. Dogs often become deeply involved in others' lives and are sometimes perceived as nosy. Ensuring others are happy is more important to the Dog than wealth, money or success.



Dogs are determined individuals; always wanting to master a new subject before moving on and always finishing what they start. Dogs value friendships; they're loyal, honest, trustworthy and reliable and have strong morals and ethics.



A well-kept, organized home is very important. Keeping a clean home and helping at work stems from the Dog's need to be active and involved. Dogs spend money wisely, passing on luxury goods in favor of practical items. Dogs also prefer saving money to cover future expenses.



Dogs at times can also be temperamental, narrow-minded and stubborn. When this happens, the Dog takes off alone in order to make things right again inside its head. Dogs can benefit by learning to relax and being more rational.

Health

A happy Dog is a healthy Dog and it's easy to tell by the Dog's sad or depressed appearance that it's not feeling right. Dogs are resilient, especially when fighting illness.



Relationships

Although Dogs are trustworthy, they have trouble trusting others. It can take a long time before a Dog feels at ease with another person. When Dogs don't build trust they're judgmental and rough towards others.

When it comes to romance Dogs often have a tough time. Others are often scared off by the Dog's insecure, worrisome and frequently anxious nature. Dogs are known to be cold emotionally and critical.



Career

Coworkers can always count on Dogs to help out, especially if it means the Dog will learn something new or alleviate the workload of others. Dogs are seen as valuable employees. Good career choices for Dogs include: police officer, scientist, counselor, interior designer, professor, politician, priest, nurse, clerk and Judge.



Compatibility

The Dog is most compatible with the Horse or Tiger and incompatible with the Rooster and Dragon.



January 1, 2018

Dear South Bay Chinese Club Members,

As 2018 begins the South Bay Chinese Club is entering into its 48th year of awarding scholarships to exemplary high school students of Chinese decent in our local community. Children of club members and students residing in **Fremont, Newark, or Union City** are eligible to apply. Students residing outside of the tri-city area are also eligible to apply if their parents are members of SBCC in good standing since fiscal year 2016-2017. The purpose of the scholarship program is to recognize and award these talented students for their academic achievement, community service, extra curricular activities and to assist them in their future educational pursuits.

The scholarship application form is now available online at our website: www.SouthBayChineseClub.org. We are continuing to improve the scholarship application process to make it easier for our applicants.

Last year, with a record high donations from many of our members and major sponsors such as Fremont Bank, Comcast, Dutra Enterprises, and Citizens for Better Community, we awarded a total of \$25,000 in scholarships to 18 students. This year, with your help, our goal is to generate an equal or higher amount for our scholarship fund. You should have already received a donation request letter and form in November.

The names of the donors who make this program possible will be included in the program and on other printed materials. Donations of \$125 or more are entitled to receive complementary dinners at the scholarship banquet and all donors will receive written acknowledgement for their tax-deductible contributions.

For your convenience, we are accepting donations using major credit cards on our website: www.SouthBayChineseClub.org. If you prefer to send us a check, please use the form on the next page.



The scholarship awards will be presented during the annual scholarship banquet to be held in the evening of **Wednesday April 11, 2018** at the Mayflower Restaurant in Union City. Our guests will include applicants, donors, former award winners, club members, high school counselors, and local officials. This year we are honored to have **Sue Chan** as our guest speaker. A long time community activist and leader, Sue was elected to the Fremont City Council in 2008 and served as Vice Mayor in 2011 and 2015. Sue proudly represents the Asian Pacific Islander community with passion and heart that has led to leadership positions on local, county, state and national levels. She is the Immediate Past President of the League of California Cities, API Caucus where she also services on the Board of Directors and the National League of Cities Asian Pacific American Municipal Officers.

Sue is currently co-teaching an Asian Pacific Islander Leadership course at Cal State East Bay – in a continuing effort to inspire, encourage, and mentor the next generation as they become leaders in their own right. She also serves on a number of Regional Boards and is active in many non-profit groups.

Sue and her husband, Dr. Steven Chan, are lifetime members of SBCC and chaired the scholarship committee for many years.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Scholarship Banquet and supporting one of the longest running scholarship programs in the Chinese Community.

Sincerely,

Randy Sabado
SBCSC Scholarship Committee Chair



South Bay Chinese Service Club

SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY

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2017-2018 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Enclosed is my donation for the amount of:

\$2,000 (Incl. 6 dinners)

\$500 (Incl. 4 dinners)

\$125 (Incl. 1 dinner)

\$25

\$1,000 (Incl. 5 dinners)

\$250 (Incl. 2 dinners)

\$50

Other \$ _____

{Your donations will be recognized in the 2018 SBCSC Scholarship Banquet Program if submitted by March 31, 2018}

Send this form with your check to:

SBCSC
c/o Gordon Jang
38742 Glencoe Drive
Fremont, CA 94536

Check here if you would like information about joining the South Bay Chinese Service Club or visit our website www.SouthBayChineseClub.org.

Your personal comments and/or suggestions about this program are welcome. Thank you very much for your consideration and support.

✂ ----- (Detach and save for your records) ----- ✂

South Bay Chinese Service Club Scholarship Program 2017-2018
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Chinese Historical & Cultural Project 中華歷史文化協會



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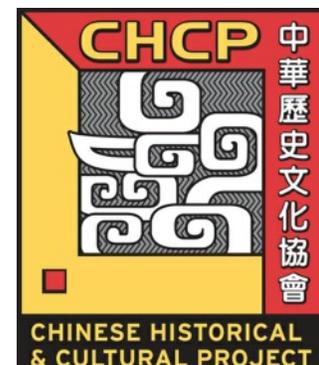
The Chinese Historical and Cultural Project (CHCP) celebrated its 30th Anniversary a few months ago, and as the co-founder and one of the Gala Event's co chairs, I wanted to thank those SBCC members and friends who came and/or supported its fundraising campaign. Over 500 patrons attended the Fairmont Hotel gala dinner, symbolizing that the Fairmont Hotel location was the actual site of the first San Jose Chinatown of the mid 1800s. Thanks to the community support coming from all who believe in the importance of preserving and promoting Chinese American history, over \$180,000 was raised for an education program.

The money raised will be used to provide funding for any school's 4-6th grade students in Santa Clara County to come to the History San Jose park for an educational field trip. The curriculum of the field trip is titled "A Case for Immigration: What's Your Story?" which hopes to bring awareness of the past contributions immigrants have made to California's history and continue to make today. Students will visit the Chinese American History Museum, the Vietnamese Museum and Portuguese History Museum in the HSJ park. Due to overwhelming capacity response from the schools of this offering, over 1500 students will be participating in this CHCP funded trip in this present school year, and this all-volunteer group plans to continue funding the program for at least the next 5 years.

It is wonderful to see all Chinese Americans banding together to promote more awareness and interest in our Chinese American ethnic history. CHCP invites the South Bay Chinese club to a personalized special trip to the History San Jose Park and the Chinese History Museum anytime in the future for a combined meeting of the two groups.

Contact: Gerrye Wong for information on museum visit, gerryewong@comcast.net

All continuing support is welcome – www.chcp.org



Your Community News



Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project

Submitted by Gerry Sabado

The Chinese American Citizens Alliance is pursuing a Congressional Group Gold Medal for the Chinese American veterans who served during World War II and whose contribution has not been recognized. Begun in December 2016, the Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project seeks the medal for the estimated 20,000 servicemen and women who volunteered or were drafted and served without reservation even though the discriminatory Chinese Exclusion Act was still in place (repealed in 1943). The project involves C.A.C.A. membership actively soliciting their congressional representatives to support passage of the Congressional Gold Medal Act for Chinese American WWII Veterans; educating the public about their efforts and accomplishments in service to the country; and preserving their legacy for future generations. Many of these veterans are and were members of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance. For more information on Chinese American WWII Veterans Recognition Project:

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WHY PLAY?



Active seniors play golf to keep physically healthy and fit. It's fun, can improve your coordination, balance and flexibility, as well as boost your energy levels. Think about it!

On December 3, 2017 four SBCC members were sworn in as Board Members of the Foon Hay Golf Club. They are President ***Fran Gin***, Secretary ***Willy Yichoy***, Treasurer ***Victor Gin***, and Tournament Director ***Ron Wong***.



Members of Foon Hay Seniors Golf Club come from all around the Bay Area. They play monthly tournaments at various golf courses in the area and also have an annual 2-day "Road Trip" to different regions like Napa, Marin County or Monterey. Club members are also eligible to participate in the Federation of Chinese Golf Club tournaments that occur twice a year. Currently, there are openings for new members so if want to join this friendly,

no-pressure group of golfers, please visit their club website: <http://cbakkennet.ipage.com/foonhay/> and drop the webmaster a note indicating your interest.



JANUARY

- 01 - Arlene Chang
- 02 – Brian Gin
- 03 – Rose Lee
- 16 – Jonathan Chang
- 19 – Richard Muh
- 19 – Theresa Gee
- 20 – Harold Chew
- 22 – Bernadette Chinn
- 25 – Kenneth Chinn
- 30 – Fran Gin

FEBRUARY

- 09 – Rodney Chew
- 12 – Thomas Tang
- 15 – Orson Leong
- 21 – Mamie Wong
- 26 – Jade Hsiung

MARCH

- 01 – Ben Chew
- 03 – Roland Chew
- 06 – Frank Louie
- 08 – Jon Heywood
- 14 – Dorothy Louie
- 18 – Jean Louie Willett
- 24 – Serena Suranyi
- 25 – Teresa Yin Wong



2018

- Feb. 16, Friday* *Year of the Dog begins*
- Feb. 24, Saturday* *Chinese New Year Event at Fremont Main Library*
- Feb. 26, Monday* *Board of Directors meeting 4*
- Feb. or Mar. TBD* *Chinese New Year Celebration Dinner*
- Mar. 17, Saturday* *Elder's Dim Sum Luncheon*
- Mar./Apr.* *Elections*
- Apr. 16, Monday* *Board of Directors meeting 5*
- Apr. 11, Wednesday* *SBCSC Scholarship Awards Banquet*
- May 21, Monday* *General Meeting – Announcement of Election Results*
- May 20, Sunday* *Annual SBCSC Golf Tournament Scholarship Benefit*
- June 18, Monday* *Board of Directors meeting 6*
- June TBD* *Installation of 2018-19 Officers and Directors*



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