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MARTHA'S MUSINGS

The year is off to a tremendous start. We've added ten new members who are all excited and looking forward to the benefits of membership in Friendship Force. I hope that you all make a point of meeting them and welcoming them. Picking up on their excitement will certainly renew your commitment to being involved in this unique and dynamic club.

We are committed to building a close knit and vibrant club. Towards that end, we have scheduled many more social events this year. We hope to have something to appeal to everyone. We had a great time at Tulip Mania, thanks to RoseMarie Everett for organizing this event. It was a post-card perfect day in San Francisco and the tulips were at their prime. Following our floral tour, some of us had lunch at Neptune's Palace on Pier 39, while others enjoyed lunch at the Ferry Building.

The Mongolian Hot Pot was the scene of our first "Dining Out" venue. Karen McCready was the event planner. Ten diners sat at a large communal table complete with bubbling pots of broth, meat and vegetables. We were all chefs for the evening as we plunged our delicacies into the hot pots to cook. Later, we gathered for coffee and dessert at the home of Karen and Barry and enjoyed a lively conversation trying to predict the Oscar winners on Sunday.

Our first Game Night will take place on Saturday, March 15th. I don't think that anyone will be taking our games too seriously, so it promises to be fun. We are starting off with Trivia and then there will be games galore for just about any taste. I asked, and Candyland is *not* available. Dee and Dave Gustavson have offered their home for the event. They have lots of rooms, so we can cheer and laugh and generally carry on without disturbing more serious gamers, if there are any. I look forward to it and hope to see you there. Remember to sign up for these events early enough to reserve a spot. Unfortunately, some of our members missed out on the Hot Pot because they didn't call and reserve early enough.

I also hope that you will join us for the California Youth Symphony on Sunday, March 23rd. The musicians, according to Dee and Dave, are even better than some all-adult orchestras. It will be at Jackson Theatre at Ohlone College in Fremont and the price is incredibly reasonable. Join the group after the concert to eat at the Spin-A-Yarn Restaurant, which has been in Fremont forever, and serves a continental cuisine that is really quite good. Read Dee's article for details, and contact her for tickets.

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APRIL EVENT—AN HISTORIC WALK IN SF

Join FFSFBA for a walk in San Francisco with a City Guide on Saturday, April 26th. The walking tour is entitled Gold Rush City and will take us around the historic part of San Francisco that survived the fire of 1906. Learn about the Vigilance Committee, a fleet of abandoned ships and Emperor Norton while walking on the "shores" of Yerba Buena, the original water front. It will not be a long walk but will take about an hour and a half.

We will break for lunch and then proceed to the California Historical Society exhibit on Juana Briones. In this exhibition about the life and times of Juana Briones (1802–1889)—pioneer, founder, healer—we experience the transformation of California under three flags: Spain, Mexico, and the United States. We navigate alongside Juana—without a formal education, yet dynamic, strategic, and resourceful—through the social, economic, political, and legal upheavals of nineteenth-century California.

In her time, this remarkable Californian of Spanish and African descent managed a farm and a dairy in Yerba Buena (later San Francisco)—one of the town's earliest residents. She purchased and operated a 4,439-acre ranch in present-day Palo Alto. She adopted Native American orphans and used her skills as a curandera (healer) in the community. She filed for an ecclesiastic separation from her abusive husband—a rarity in her time. She successfully defended her land claims in U.S. courts, becoming one of the state's first women to own property.

Tentative start will be at 11 a.m. at the Transamerica Building, a short walk from the BART Embarcadero Station. Costs should be around \$17 plus lunch. Details will follow.

—Don Pelland

GOLD RUSH EXCHANGE WELCOME PARTY JUNE 10TH

On June 10th FFSFBA will welcome 20 ambassadors from around the world, including India, Australia, Brazil, Netherlands, Canada and parts of eastern USA. Our Welcome Party will be on June 10th at Michael's Restaurant in Mountain View from 4 to 7 p.m. A social hour before dinner will give everyone a chance to become acquainted and talk about the upcoming adventure. The cost and menu have yet to

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I certainly can't fail to give you an update on upcoming exchanges. Don Pelland and RoseMarie Everett are working hard coordinating events for our very first Themed Exchange. Our club will co-host "How Gold and Silver Built the West," with the Napa-Sonoma, Sacramento, and Reno clubs. It all kicks off here in San Francisco in June. We are awaiting 20 ambassadors from all over the world. Please get involved and help us showcase this first themed exchange. We are still in need of home hosts. Contact Don, RoseMarie or Louise Heiduk if you can accommodate one or more visitors.

Votre Francais est a jour? Nous sommes tres heureux d'accueillir le club de Biarritz. Did you get that? Well, some of us have been brushing up on our French with weekly French lessons in Fremont. Not to worry! Most of their members speak perfect English. They were so hospitable to us in 2011 when we took 20 members of our club to France. Who says the French are cold and snobby? They couldn't prove it by us! We had the time of our lives; beautiful scenery, wonderful food and drink and most importantly, lots of laughs. We are so excited about showing them the best here in California. Wouldn't you like to meet these fun people? If you can host one or two ambassadors, contact Louise Heiduk. Karen Rice is doing an extraordinary job planning our reunion.

The group which left for Australia in February is due back any day. We can't wait to hear about Tasmania and Murray Bridge and all of their new friends. I am sure that Wendy Dewell and the other club members, from not only our club, but an international entourage, will have much to tell us.

Isn't it exciting that you can travel with ANY club provided that they have slots available? Due to scheduling issues, we will not have another outbound exchange until November of 2015. If you are like me with a pent up urge to travel, go to the World of Friends catalog and look for other available exchanges. I am actively looking. Would some of you like to form a small travel contingent from our club?

I am awaiting an "It's a Match" response from FFI in Atlanta to confirm that we will be going to Costa Rica in November 2015. Our inbound exchanges will be from Nuernberg/Bavaria, Germany and Recife, Brazil. We had a marvelous exchange last year in Germany. I am personally excited about seeing our old friends. We had such a great time and it will be a pleasure to show them the SF Bay Area. Doesn't Recife, Brazil sound great? Maybe we can arrange a reciprocal. I would love it!

Here's hoping that you can join us for many, if not all, of our upcoming events. From experience, we have found that the best exchanges are with clubs that have close bonds with their membership. We are working toward that goal. I am pleased to count each one of you as a FRIEND.

—Martha LeRoy, President

be determined, but the estimated cost is around \$35. Everyone is invited.

Ambassadors will be picked up at various airports at various times on Tuesday, June 10. On Sunday, June 15 we will bring them to SFO where they will be met by a representative from the Napa-Sonoma club for a bus ride to Petaluma. We have a budget to compensate drivers for these two necessities.

This exchange will be our first Global, Themed Exchange. The theme of the exchange is "How Gold and Silver Built the West." Four clubs—FFSFBA, Napa-Sonoma, Sacramento and Reno—will be hosting the group.

Plans are being developed to include walking tours through the historic parts of San Francisco and through Chinatown. We plan to visit the Maritime Museum at the Maritime National Historical Park, take a Bay Cruise and, of course, a cable car ride and a visit to Pier 39 are a must. We have also arranged a tour of the Patterson House at Ardenwood Park in Fremont. George Washington Patterson arrived in California for the Gold Rush, but after a year and a half gave up mining for farming, where he did quite well. Construction on the Patterson house began in 1857.

We still need Home Hosts for about 5 ambassadors, and Day Hosts are needed to accompany the ambassadors on their trips to activities in San Francisco and Fremont. At this time we are trying to work in a "Free Day" for the ambassadors to spend with their hosts or return to San Francisco for more sightseeing.

—Don Pelland

HOT! HOT! HOT!

And that's good when we're talking about the food at Union City's Mongolian Hot Pot. Ten of us, three couples and four singles, donned our chef's demeanor and cooked up a delicious array of meat, chicken, fish, seafood, veggies, noodles, and more on Saturday, March 1st. Because of limitations on our special deal with the restaurant, we had to turn down a few late applicants. We hope they will be first on the list for our next outing, probably not until May.

These expert "chefs" joined Barry and me: Louise and Wil Heiduk, Barbara Day, Judy Smith, Martha LeRoy, Marty and Joe Fraga, and Elaina Habel. Our table for ten was equipped with four burners. The servers brought divided cauldrons that contained a basic herbal broth and a much spicier chili broth. With our server's careful directions, we learned how to use the implements and how long to cook each ingredient. Voila! We savored every bite of the tender morsels as we dipped them out of the bubbling herbal broth. In this case, a team of cooks did NOT spoil the broth!

After our hour and a half long feast, the satiated diners drove over to our house a mere mile away to enjoy some light desserts and coffee and each other's company.

Hosted by Barry Rader and Karen McCready

Stay tuned for the next Dining Out Together event at Giorgio's in Milpitas, possibly in May.

—Karen L. McCready
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NEW MEMBERS

JOSIE LIM

My name is Josie Lim, currently living in Emeryville, CA. I am happy to have the opportunity to join FFSFBA. After meeting the friendly members in Pier 39 at the Tulip Mania event, I realize this is a fun group.

I consider myself an active senior enjoying life. I like traveling, hiking, playing table tennis, visiting museums, food/cooking and a circle of friends engaging in different interests. I have two married sons, a single unmarried daughter and five lovely grandchildren, who all live close by in the East Bay.

I am looking forward to all the unique, exciting, learning, and sharing experiences.

JUDITH (JUDY) PEMBERTON

I came to California from West Virginia, courtesy of the United States Air Force, in which I served for 4 years. I worked in insurance (claims handling) for umpteen years, went to law school, and have been a defense attorney (civil) for another umpteen years. I'm now cutting back on work and looking for ways to travel and people to travel with. I love taking photos, and now I want to develop some skills at it. I love cats, love scrapbooking, love murder mysteries. I really enjoyed my first FF meeting.

RON & JOY RAGON

I have spent most of my working life in the process industries working in management. I worked for multiple pharmaceutical companies overseeing quality functions. I have an undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of Colorado and studied chemical engineering at Colorado School of Mines. I still consult some, and currently work in Menlo Park for Corium International as a quality consultant. This assignment is scheduled to end in May.

Joy has multiple graduate degrees including a law degree from the University of Colorado. Joy continues to work as a MFT in Berkeley. Joy and I have three children and 6 grand children. Two of our children live in California, and the other lives in Tokyo, Japan. Regarding travel, Joy and I have visited about 25 countries together, and I have been to an additional 10-15, so traveling is something we enjoy.

We have lived in California for the last 22 years, and lived in Vermont prior to moving to California. We lived and grew up mostly in Colorado, but Joy was born in Montana and I was born in Texas.

We look forward to being a host family and contributing to the Friendship Force in all manners.

—*Warm Regards, Ron and Joy Ragon*

SAVE THE DATE

A reception is planned for new members on May 3 in Fremont. Details about the time and place will follow.

WORLD FRIENDSHIP FAIR 2014 A ROUSING SUCCESS!

If I do say so myself! This year's celebration of Friendship Force International's founding was a departure from the usual more formal meeting. As people poured in to Cole Hall at Fremont's First United Methodist Church on January 25th, they were encouraged to tour several display tables and sign up for various activities: day and home hosting for the Gold Rush Exchange in June and the Biarritz Exchange in September and new social activities—Game Nights, Dining Out Together, Singing, and Petanque. Each guest's name was put in the hat for a chance to receive a free one year membership. For chances to win a door prize, all participants received a free game ticket at each display they visited.

Membership Chair Carol Easter reported that "we had excellent attendance—40 members, plus about 20 non-members, 4 of whom joined that day, and another 3 picked up applications and mailed them in later that week." Whatever was in the air was catching!

The second half of the program was "Fun Facts about Australia," narrated by FFSFBA members leaving soon for the Australian Outbound Exchange: Jan Gordon, Katharine Kleinke, Gayle Howell, Eddie Hernandez, Gee-Gee Lenhart, and Wendy Dewell (ED). We learned, for example, that in spite of its history as a place of internment for convicts, Australia has a much lower percentage of crime than ours. However, its colloquial language, affectionately called "strine," reflects that earthy past. Who knew that the Australian term for Brits, POME, stands for "prisoner of Mother England"?

As hoped, the World Friendship Fair seems to have launched the year's activities and helped to "put wind under the wings" of the organizers. Each of the social activities had several sign ups and all are well underway. Both the singing and dining out groups have met already, and the first Game Night will be held on March 15. We hoped to organize activities that would attract members old and new and seem to have accomplished that. Now we just need to sign up enough day and home hosts for both the June and September groups and then we'll have all our bases covered. Many thanks to those who set up the displays, shared your enthusiasm and travel stories with the visitors, looked for ways to get more involved socially, and got behind our home hospitality program.

—*Karen McCready, World Friendship Fair Event Planner*

JE PARLE UN PEU FRANCAISE!

Just speaking for myself.... Now into our second round of five week sessions, our French conversation class stands at six regulars. Started as a way to open up more conversation with our guests coming from Biarritz in September, this Saturday morning (usually) class has attracted several non FFSFBA members from the Niles District of Fremont. We hope that they will want to interact with our guests, perhaps day hosting or meeting them at a potluck.

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Anyone not a total beginner at French who would be interested in joining the group should contact me: Our experienced instructor charges \$50 for 5 classes, the best deal you're likely to find.

—Karen L. McCready

THE JOYS OF HOME HOSTING FOR FRIENDSHIP FORCE

As you read through this edition, you will notice a few separate appeals for home hosts to accommodate our visitors—for the Gold Rush Exchange from June 10–15 and for the visitors from Biarritz, France from September 15–21. Don Pelland and I put our heads together to compose a general explanation about what's involved in hosting and how much our lives have been enriched by the experience. Ultimately, we decided that no one says it better than our eloquent president, Martha LeRoy. Here is an excerpt from her welcome letter for the New Member Handbook.

"[When we visit other clubs] We are diplomats bringing smiles and hugs to members in over 60 countries. Sitting at a kitchen table in France or South Africa sharing stories and food, you come to realize what a great organization this is. You are able to see the people and not governments.



A few home sweet homes

"Hosting foreign ambassadors in our own homes is of equal importance. It is wonderful to share our lives with other cultures. One of the things that struck me about Friendship Force was that our members come from all different walks of life and economic backgrounds. Whatever you have to share is authentic and represents the many and varied lifestyles of real Americans. At first, I worried that my home was not grand enough to host foreign visitors. On one of my first exchanges, I realized that it did not matter. The club that hosted us in France was as varied as we are. Some of their members lived in grand mansions, some in small cottages, and some in apartments. But it struck me then, as it always does, it is about sharing and hospitality. You will be expected to provide a clean bed, possibly a separate bathroom, and then breakfast for your guests in the morning. Club activities take up most of the day and often into the evening. You may choose to participate with your ambassador or you can arrange for day hosts to escort them or just give you a bit of a break. I guarantee that, once you give it a try, you will be as hooked as I am."

Thanks, Martha, for capturing the spirit of Friendship Force hospitality!

Louise Heiduk may be calling you soon to ask how you can help. If you would like to share the joys of hosting one of these visiting groups, go ahead and contact her:

—Karen McCready and Don Pelland

KAREN AND BARRY IN FLORIDALAND

Last year FFI informed everybody about an exchange in Sarasota, Florida from February 1–9 that would expose the participants to Western Florida Culture. Karen and I applied along with another 125 members from all over the world. We learned we were chosen in October of 2013. YEAH! Then we had to decide what else to do in the Sunshine State. That comes later in the article.

So we were going to spend nine days going to symphony, theater, backstage, ballet (I had to decide whether to go the ballet, already paid for, or watch the Super Bowl; you know what I did, UGH), chamber music, museums, art classes, circus and the amazing Ringling home and miniature circus. Along the way we met wonderful ambassadors from all parts of the U.S., Canada, Western Europe and Asia.

Our host and hostess, Barbara and Wayne, went out of their way to make our experiences memorable. Wayne is a four year, stage four pancreatic cancer survivor, who has an amazing will to live. Barbara managed to be the perfect hostess for us while orchestrating all the details of home and day hosting. She had made sure that transportation was provided for every ambassador for every event, overseeing everyone's successful arrival at each event from "Mission Control" at home. She could provide a transportation template for all of our clubs.

We were day hosted most of the time in a seamless manner, which gave us the opportunity to spend time with several other local club members. This was the BEST organized exchange I have ever participated in, except, of course, those that Karen and I organized. When problems came up, and they do with 26 ambassadors and 70 plus hosts and helpers, they were solved perfectly. Transportation, meals, parties involving us all went off magnificently.

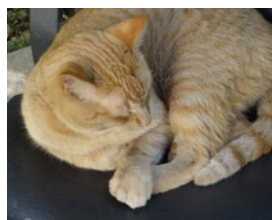
The exchange was a success, but then came the next nine days on our own in FloridaLand. On day one of nine we went to see the Dali Museum and a large Chihuly glass gallery in St. Petersburg. Both were first class experiences. On days two, three and four we immersed ourselves in Disney World. Downtown Disney, Epcot and Hollywood Studios took up our time. The highlight for me was eating at the Brown Derby (home of the \$22 hamburger), which I had done when I was a child in Beverly Hills. Except for getting drenched by horizontal rain returning to our hotel from Hollywood Studios, it was amazing fun, especially getting the lowdown on how stunt doubles carry off the Indiana Jones and auto race scenes. Day five was spent at Cape Kennedy learning about our accomplishments in space and touching a moon rock. Day six was spent driving to Key Largo, yep, that Key Largo, and witnessing a once in a lifetime sunset. Days seven and eight were spent in Key West enjoying the causeway, visiting Hemingway's home, watching the six-toed cats, learning about Truman's Key West compound, watching butterflies, and drinking at a drag show. Day nine was spent in Miami exploring the Art Deco in Miami Beach, then home to Fremont.

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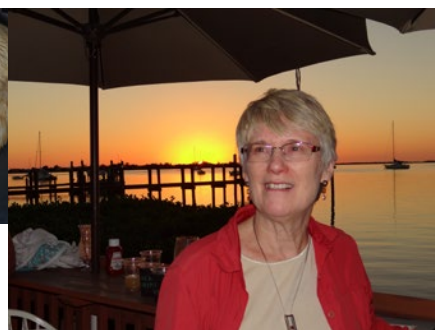
We rented a new Ford Fusion and enjoyed every mile spent driving it. We also were assigned bulkhead seating on the planes due to Karen's healing knee.

So 19 days of fun, friendship, travel, learning, excellent food, great entertainment and health added up to a fabulous time in FloridaLand.

—Barry Rader



Six Toes!



Karen and Key Largo sunset



Wayne and Barbara



Cape Kennedy



Barry on Dali bench



ROSEMARIE EVERETT IN FLORIDA

Here you see a picture of me, 3rd from the left (in grey jacket), and nine members from the Shelby, North Carolina Friendship Force, on the first full day of our Sea-Sand-Sun exchange to the Florida Suncoast, March 2–9. We had just taken an exciting one-hour cruise on the Little Toot boat in the Gulf of Mexico to watch the many dolphins and their young frolicking in the sea while swimming all around us.

Prior to our cruise, my day host, Marilyn, brought me to Clearwater, where I met the group I'd be traveling with. Nine wonderful friendly people were eager to meet me, as I was to meet them. Several members from the Floridian Chapter group came as well to welcome us. As we ate brunch, we looked onto white sandy beaches of Clearwater on the Gulf. Although it was a pleasant day, none of us wandered out to bask in the sun in the little blue rented tents on the beach front. We just enjoyed watching young Floridian college students enjoy the sandy beaches and a swim in the Gulf.

In the evening at the Welcome Party on March 3, we were invited to the lovely home of our ED, Kalada, and her hus-

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band, Bryon. Over forty people were there for a delicious catered dinner.

The highlight of my second day was visiting the Salvador Dali Museum. His art was featured in this gorgeous museum of "Surrealism." Not knowing much about the modern interpretation of Surrealism, I asked many questions of our personal guide. Although it's not my favorite expression of Art, it gave me food for thought to investigate it further to enhance my appreciation of his art. That evening we attended casual home hosted dinners, with ten people, including four of us Ambassadors. We had a delightful time sharing stories of our travels and the people we have met along the way. The North Carolinians were delighted to have a little break from their freezing cold weather. I was fortunate to be able to get away to visit another state with Friendship Force, while knowing that my hubby, Terry, was in safe hands.

Our third day was journeying to Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park in a rented van. This made it possible for all 14 of us to be together on the 90-minute trip. The guides at this park were informative and witty in their talks about marine mammals like manatees, birds indigenous to Florida, reptiles and a variety of other animals. We also took a platoon boat down several canals. It was a very enjoyable day and the weather was ideal. The late afternoon was spent at the Greek village, Tarpon Springs. This community was settled by Greek immigrants who developed the sponge-diving industry there. Here I bought my second natural sponge. (My first was purchased off a boat in Greece 50 years ago on my first trip abroad.)

I thoroughly enjoyed myself on my adventure to the Suncoast of Florida. What an enriching experience I had in Florida with the North Carolina Friendship Force Club. I encourage all my fellow Friendship Force friends to travel with our club, but also to be adventuresome and travel with other clubs worldwide.

—RoseMarie Everett
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Chihuly Glass (Florida)



Miniature Circus (Florida)

TULIP MANIA

Our February 22 adventure at Pier 39!



GAME NIGHT, MARCH 15TH

Please join us on Saturday, March 15th, 7 p.m. for a Game Night at Dave and Dee Gustavson's home in Los Altos. Karen McCready will start the group out with Team Trivia, then the group will break up into smaller groups for card and board games. Bring a plate of finger food to share. Coffee and tea will be provided. Bring any other beverage you favor. Call Dee at 650-961-3539 to RSVP and get directions. Bring a friend to share in the fun!

CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY CONCERT, MARCH 23RD

Dave and Dee Gustavson are organizing an afternoon at the symphony. On Sunday, March 23rd at 2:30 p.m., the California Youth Symphony will perform in Jackson Theater at Ohlone College, 43600 Mission Blvd. in Fremont. You'll be amazed at the exceptional quality of this orchestra! Adrian Lin, the featured marimba soloist, will play *Concerto for Marimba* by Creston. The group's also playing *Harrison's Parade*, Strauss' *Don Juan*, and Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*.

RSVP to Dee at 650-961-3539 if you want to attend, and she'll get tickets ahead of time. Group rates will be less than \$10, depending on the number attending. Meet Dave and Dee at the main door of the theater between 2 and 2:15 to get your ticket. You can pay them that day. If you arrive late, or prefer to buy your own tickets that day, the price is \$10 for seniors, \$15 for general admission.

Those who wish can also join Dave and Dee for an early dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Spin-a-Yarn Restaurant, located at 45915 Warm Springs Blvd. in Fremont. Let Dee know if you want to dine out, so she can make reservations ahead of time. This is a great chance to bring friends to meet Friendship Force members. It's also possible to join us only for the dinner.

DAN EGGERDING MOVED TO WISCONSIN

Our webmaster, Dan Eggerding, moved to Madison, Wisconsin last month. However, he offered to continue as webmaster for our club, because thanks to modern technology, he can do that from anyplace in the world. We greatly appreciate his past services, and are grateful that he'll continue to be webmaster, as well as creator of exchange booklets.

Dan plans to join the Madison Friendship Force Club, and has already received contact information for one of their members from our member, Don Pelland. Let Dan know if you know other people that he can contact in that area.

Dan enjoyed being a member of our club. He loves to travel, and hopes to link up with our club's members again, perhaps on a future outbound exchange.

IN MEMORIAM

We're saddened to learn of Lucile Craven's death on January 2 of this year. She was more than 90 years old. Lucile and her husband, Howard, were married for 68 years. They were active in our Friendship Force Club for many years. They went on exchanges and hosted welcome parties and other events in their San Jose home. Howard founded our Friendship Forest and was liaison with Prusch Park and our club. He watered the trees that our club planted to commemorate exchanges. Howard and their daughter, K.C., participated in our club's exchange to Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan in the early '90s. K.C.'s husband, Saaku Sarr, is currently one of the faithful tree waterers in our Friendship Forest.

INCONCLUSIVE TRAVEL PLANS FOR 2014

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

And, sometimes I think I am in Vincible but life shows me I am not.

People keep telling me I'm in Denial but I'm positive I've never been there before!

I may have been in Continent, but I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

You might want to adopt this rule for your everyday behavior: "Life is short. Smile while you still have your teeth."

(Author unknown. Many variations of this are circulating.)

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2014 CALENDAR

**February 20–
March 15**

Outbound Exchange to
Murray Bridge, Australia
and Hobart, Tasmania

March 15

Game Night at the
Gustavsons, Los Altos,
7 p.m.

March 23

California Youth Symphony
Ohlone College, Jackson
Theater, 2:30 p.m.

April 6

Board Meeting, home of
Karen McCready, Fremont

April 26

San Francisco guided walk

May 3

Reception for New Members
(time and place TBD)

June 10–15

Joint Inbound Exchange,
Gold and Silver Rush,
5 days in Bay Area

**September
15–22**

Inbound Exchange, from
Biarritz, France

October 14–16

Friendship Force World
Conference,
Auckland, New Zealand

December 6

Holiday Luncheon
Location TBD

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