

Dear Members,

Thanks for your presence at World Friendship Day on March 10. One report said we had 82 present, and that's a nice number. I'm very pleased with the turn out! Of that total, there were 36 guests. It's great that you invited them! I'll be sending a note to follow up to those who left an email address, in addition to the Membership Chair following up.

Martha LeRoy and her committee did a beautiful job of decorating the tables and displaying the food. Thanks to all who provided food, helped decorate, set up and take down. Following World Friendship Day, about 25 members and guests enjoyed eating dinner together at Estrellita's Mexican Restaurant in Los Altos.

If anyone took photos at World Friendship Day, would you please send them to me? I'd like to submit an article with photos to the **Los Altos Town Crier**, so I'm hoping to receive a few good ones from some of you. I hope that many of you had a chance to meet Jeremi, President/CEO of FFI in Atlanta. His enthusiastic message was inspiring!

For those who couldn't attend, or who didn't read my last newsletter which I emailed on March 6, our club has been matched with Moscow, Russia for our Outbound Journey for August of 2019. We will receive Kiel, Germany in April of 2019 for the Inbound Journey.

Watch your emails for the location of April's 5th of 5 (It will probably be on the West Bay side this time.) There won't be a 5th at 5 in May, due to the Mini-homehosting which our club is providing May 6-9, after the Super Western Regional Conference in Sacramento on May 3-6. Louise Heiduk has offered to be Host Coordinator for the homestay that our club offered. So far, there are four conference attendees who have applied for home-hosting in the SF Bay Area. There's still time to register for the Sacramento Conference. if you'd like more information, email me at: dee@gustavson.info

The next Let's Eat Out is Breakfast at Buck's Restaurant in Woodside at 9:30 on Sunday, April 22, hosted by Dee Gustavson. (I suggest you arrive 15 minutes early to explore the interior of Buck's, which is like a Museum. You'll be amazed to see how many interesting objects are exhibited inside. A large whale, carved of wood, graces the parking lot!) An optional tour of Filoli Estate will follow at 11 a.m., organized by RoseMarie Everett. The flowers and gardens should provide a gorgeous display of color this spring! Complete details will be emailed about April 1.

May 12th is the date of our next general event, when we'll celebrate our 34th birthday with a potluck lunch. The party will be held in the large community room at the Dominican Sisters, off Mission Blvd. in Fremont. An Art Show by members displaying their work will take place, along with a program consisting of photos and experiences by our club's ambassadors on their recent homestay in Nairobi and safari in Amboselli and Masaai Mara in Kenya. Please add May 12 to your calendar! More information will be emailed in a few weeks.

Attached is a copy of the calendar, which I promised. (It's exactly the same as the handout at World Friendship Day.)

Feel free to contact me by email or phone (650-961-3539) if you have ideas, questions, comments! Start contacting friends to invite them to our future events! We really need new members!

In harmony,

Dee Gustavson
FFSFBA President
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FFSFBA Calendar of Events for 2018, As of 3/10/2018

Fifth at 5's and Let's Eat Out (LEO's) are held mostly monthly on alternate sides of the Bay. (5th at 5's are held at restaurants or bars for drinks and appetizers/dinner on the 5th of the month at 5 p.m.) LEO's are listed further down.

All members (and guests) are welcome to participate in the following scheduled activities:

March 10 - World Friendship Day, 2-4 p.m., Los Altos Youth Center, Speaker is Jeremi Snook,

CEO/Pres. of FF International of Atlanta

April 5 - 5th at 5, hosted by Carol Easter, location TBD

April 21 - Train trip to Sacramento (CANCELLED)

April 28 - Saturday, 12 noon. Salute to Arbor Day. Lunch at Friendship Forest, Prusch Park, S.

King Rd. at Lido, San Jose. Karen McCready, Host. kmccready60@yahoo.com

May 3-6 - Super Western Regional Friendship Force Conference in Sacramento: All members are encouraged to attend. Email dee@gustavson.info for more information.

May 6-9 - Post-Conference home-hosting offered by our club. (Home hosts needed for 10 people) Contact Louise Heiduk, 408-243-4822.

May 12 - Potluck Luncheon, program, FF Board Meeting, and art exhibit at Dominican Sisters in Community Room in Fremont, to celebrate our club's 34th Birthday. Time TBD

July 1 - Annual Potluck/Picnic/Bar-B-Q at Carol Easter's home, mid-afternoon, 7868 Hazelnut Dr., Newark, 510-579-3797. Time TBD

July 14 - Special Event: Flower Piano in Botanical Gardens in Golden Gate Park, 100 John F. Kennedy Dr., San Francisco, hosted by RoseMarie Everett, 510-793-5201.

September 9-16 - Inbound Journey from Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, RoseMarie Everett, Host Coordinator, 510-793-5201 (Home hosts needed)

September 15 - Annual Meeting & Farewell Party for Medicine Hat Club from Alberta, Canada.

October 31 -Special Event: Precita Eyes Murals Studio, followed by meal in Mexican Restaurant, RoseMarie Everett, host, 510-793-5201.

November 8-14 Inbound Domestic Journey from Long Island, New York (Need Host Coordinator and Home hosts)

December 8 - Holiday Luncheon, Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant, Mountain View

Contact Dee Gustavson, President, by email: dee@gustavson.info or phone, (650-961-3539) for information, to share ideas, and concerns.
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Let's Eat Out Events for rest of 2018

Sunday, April 22, West Bay, Breakfast at Buck's Restaurant, 3062 Woodside Rd., Woodside, 9:30 a.m., hosted by Dee Gustavson, 650.961.3539; followed by optional visit to Filoli Gardens at 11 AM, Woodside, hosted by RoseMarie Everett 510.793.5201

Thursday, May 17, East Bay, Lunch at El Patio Restaurant, 37311 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, 11:30 AM. Host, Glenn Fountain 510.793.0270

June West Bay, Darlene Boyanich & Roger Riffenburgh, hosts, 408.749.1897; Date, lunch or dinner, and time TBA

Sunday, July 1 East Bay. Annual Potluck/Picnic/Bar-B-Q at Carol Easter's, mid-afternoon, 510.579.3797

August East Bay, Martha LeRoy, host, 510.793.3676; Date, lunch or dinner, and time TBA

September West Bay, Barbara Ross, host. 513.310.8561; Date, lunch or dinner, and time TBA

Considering Spanish tapas

October East Bay, Carol Halbe, host, 925.200.5738; Date, lunch or dinner, and time TBA

November North Bay, Ron & Gloria Greenwald, hosts, 415.648.6488; near a San Francisco Bart Station, Date, lunch or dinner, and time TBA