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GIVING BACK OR PAYING IT FORWARD, FFSFBA STYLE

Twice this year I've been on WebEx conference calls with other Western Region presidents. I listen to reports of dwindling membership and members' apathy and feel fortunate and grateful for everything that our club is doing. Participation is high for most of our events, and we owe a debt to those who make them happen.

K.C. Sarr deserves high praise and gratitude for stepping in as acting Exchange Director when Barry and I were unable to go on the Outbound Exchange to Brazil in June. She earned the admiration of every ambassador who traveled with her. We can't thank her enough.

As you will see in Louise Heiduk's schedule for the October 18-25 Inbound Exchange from Sapporo, Japan, she and her committee have developed a program that offers English lessons on 4 to 5 days along with two group events and plenty of afternoon activities when the lessons are over for the day. Barbara Day has brought her expertise in teaching ESL to develop materials for all of the sessions. Two carefully organized teams, led by Martha LeRoy in the East Bay and K.C. Sarr in the West Bay, have put hours of planning into these streamlined programs. This is leadership and teamwork at its best, and I am so proud of all the members who are involved in the exchange.

Our social calendar is packed with a variety of activities to suit every interest. Note the articles about the theater events, the September 25th activities in San Jose's Japantown, and the visit to Guide Dogs for the Blind, all organized by RoseMarie Everett, with co-chairing the Guide Dog event.

RoseMarie and K.C. Sarr have taken turns arranging the Let's Eat Out (LEO) dinners, which alternate between East and West Bay. Carol Easter, our Membership Chair, hosted the Annual BBQ and New Member Reception, a rousing success that brought out 49 participants, a large percentage of our membership. Carol also continues to plan the popular, almost-monthly 5th @ 5:00 events. Many more enticing events are coming for the remainder of this year, as you will see in this newsletter.

Looking ahead to 2017, I expect many members to sign up for the Outbound Exchange to Sapporo, Japan in June. Their club can host 20, and at least 25 have expressed an interest already. I don't look forward to having to eliminate some of

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NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome two of our newest members, Arlene Tsang and Dianne Dorn! Arlene lives in Fremont, and Dianne lives in the Hayward hills. And they both found us through meetup, and we are so glad they did! Please be on the lookout for them at our upcoming events and give them a warm Friendship Force welcome. —Carol Easter, Membership

TOUR A JAPANESE BUDDHIST CHURCH WITH ROSEMARIE EVERETT BEFORE OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Join RoseMarie Everett and 13 others (so far) to participate in a Japanese Buddhist Church Service, a rare opportunity to see and participate in this service in English. Call RoseMarie at, to reserve your space, and mail your check for \$10 for the buffet lunch to her

. The luncheon payment must arrive by August 30.

Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016 Japanese Buddhist Church Betsuin Service & Lunch, 640 N 5th St San Jose, CA,

FF Japanese Cultural Experience. You can opt for church service, or buffet lunch, or both. If you wish to carpool, meet at 9am at Rose's house, . There

will be a Farmer's Market Sunday morning, so allow extra time to park. I suggest you park by 9:50am near Akiyama Wellness Center, 110 Jackson St., San Jose, and walk 2 blocks to the Japanese Buddhist Church, Betsuin Annex (Ceremony for the Japanese Elderly, "Keiro Kai" & buffet luncheon). Hosts: RoseMarie Everett and Karen McCready.

10:00 Join us in this unique experience, attending their service in English. They have 3 gorgeous altars in bright red, black and gold. This is a unique and very beautiful church.

11:00 Meet & Greet the congregants in the church garden. Restrooms are available.

11:20 Ask for the Friendship Force tables for the Japanese buffet in the next door Annex building.

11:30 Enter the Annex for the "Keiro Kai" 80+ Special Ceremony for the elderly in their congregation.

1:30 Walk to Akiyama Wellness Center, 110 Jackson St. Restrooms are available.

2:00 FFSFBA General Meeting, Elections, Speech by San Jose State College Professor Yasue Yanai. She will speak on "The Culture of Modern Japan." Light refreshments.

4:00 Help clean up, then return home.

—RoseMarie Everett, Vice President

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these. Our club established guidelines for eligibility several years ago, mainly having to do with the applicants' amount of participation in the club. Here are the criteria, as stated in our Standing Rules.

We shall look for an array of objective, measurable factors that qualify applicants as "great ambassadors." Those who screen applicants shall take the following into consideration, with no particular prioritization.

- New to the exchange experience (especially to encourage new members); we set aside up to four spaces, depending upon the total number who can be hosted, for applicants who have not participated in a FF exchange.
- Service to the club as a board member
- Attendance at club general meetings
- Evidence of supporting the goals of Friendship Force on at least one earlier exchange (to be verified by the ED or president)
- Participation in other organizations with similar humanitarian and goodwill objectives (e. g., Peace Corps, Sister Cities, service clubs) may serve as a recommendation for non-club members or new members.
- Participating in inbound exchanges: home host, day host, potluck host, committee member

I don't have to tell you that the underlying message of these criteria is giving back to a club that offers a unique and meaningful way to travel and learn about other cultures as well as a host of social activities throughout the year.

I write this column prior to a board meeting at which FFI is asking us to predict how many groups our club can host and will want to visit in 2018. No crystal ball can tell us how many of our members will be able and willing to host one or two guests when we have not yet called upon them to host visitors from Memphis and Nagasaki in 2017. Besides finding enough homes, we need to know that day hosts will step in to escort visitors for some of the activities and that others will help organize these activities. We have enough active, capable members that we should be able to rotate these responsibilities without depending upon the same stalwarts all the time, right?

Even if you do not plan to apply for the outbound exchange to Sapporo for next year, I hope that you have enjoyed all of our programs enough this year that you will be asking how you can help. Please think about what you would like your role in FFSFBA to be so that you will be prepared when you get a call asking for your help on an inbound exchange in 2017.

Thanks in advance for all that you are prepared to do to help redefine the true purpose of Friendship Force. What does it mean to you besides having a good time with compatible friends?

All the best, in friendship,

—Karen L. McCready, FFSFBA President

A SALUTE TO OUR WEBMASTER, DAN EGGERDING!

Dan is the unsung hero who has been updating and maintaining our website, ffsba.org, for several years. For the past few years, he has been doing it long distance, from Madison, Wisconsin! He became attached to the job and decided not to give it up when he moved after retirement. If you haven't visited our website to see his handiwork, please check it out soon. On the home page, he posts the calendar of events and features the major events coming up soon, complete with graphics. Not all of our members know that they can check the home page for reminders about current events. A potential new member figured that out though and used the information to track down our recent Annual BBQ and New Member Reception. Thanks, Dan, for helping this gentleman find his way to us!

I often boast about our website that it is the repository—the archives, so to speak—of much of the important information and history of the club. It includes every newsletter published since 2003, with all the personal contact information removed, thanks to Dan. It also explains the significance of Friendship Forest and lists all the trees we have planted since 1994 to honor our international visitors. Our entire exchange history, inbound and outbound, is recorded there. Although we have paper copies of much of this information and more, moved from one president's garage or spare room to another, the website is our more durable record.

Hats off to Dan! Hip, hip, hooray! We are indebted to you!

—Karen L. McCready, President

SAPPORO IS COMING HERE!

We're really gearing up for our incoming Sapporo Japan Exchange in October. Here are some activities in which you may be interested. On October 19 at 1:30, we're having a Welcome Buffet Luncheon at the Spin-a-Yarn Restaurant at 45915 Warm Springs Blvd. in Fremont. The cost is \$30 per person. We hope you can join us! If so, please fill out the accompanying form on page 6 in this newsletter (for both the Oct. 19 & Oct. 22 event below), and return it with your check to Louise Heiduk

On October 22 we're scheduling a unique event in place of a Farewell Party. Our Japanese visitors are preparing a cultural program for us, which will feature dances, crafts, and music, starting at 10:00am at the First United Methodist Church, 2950 Washington Blvd., Fremont, in Cole Hall (behind the church). This will be followed by a Sandwich Luncheon, which will cost \$13 per person. We will then travel to the Friendship Forest in Prusch Park in San Jose for the tree planting. All members are invited to join us. The schedule for the week of the exchange is also on page 6.

—Louise Heiduk, ED

OUR SECOND LET'S EAT OUT (LEO), JUNE 29

The West Bay dinner at the Ephesus Mediterranean Cuisine in Mountain View was a great success, with 15 people in attendance.



K.C. Sarr, Gee-Gee Lenhart, Martha LeRoy, Katharine Kleinke, and Gary ?? of Fremont.



Roger and Darlene and Rose posing with the owner before dinner.

Photos courtesy of RoseMarie Everett

FFSFBA ACTIVITIES FOR THE REST OF 2016

Thurs., Sept. 1—Let's Eat Out (LEO) East Bay

5:45pm, order from menu

Ray's Sushi, 3100 New Park Mall, Newark, CA

Close to 880 Mowry Exit in Newark, on the corner of Mowry & New Park Mall, next to McDonalds. There is a large parking lot in front. <http://rayssushi.com>, 510-790-9158

Kathy Bray will be your hostess. RSVP

Thurs. Sept. 15—a play "Dr Jekyll & Mr. Hyde"—Broadway West Theatre, 4000B Bay St., Fremont, 7:30pm, \$5. A fun

thriller. Hostess: Edith Miranda. Edith will be wearing her FF badge and wearing a beige hat with flowers.

Sun. Sept. 25—San Jose Japantown, see article on page 1

Thurs. Oct. 6—Let's Eat Out (LEO) West Bay, Hostess: June Nielson Cademartori, call to RSVP.

5:30pm Ristorante Don Giovanni, 235 Castro St. (near Villa St.) Mountain View. Parking in the back.

Oct. 18–25 Japan Inbound—English Immersion—Activities will be announced later. (See Sapporo schedule and reservation on page 6.)

Sat. Nov. 5—Board Meeting—Open to the membership. 11–1 at Dee & Dave Gustavson's home,

Thurs. Nov. 10th—Dinner 'n Play—\$18. Inclusive set menu, dinner 5:45pm at Myanmar Tea Garden—Burmese Cuisine—41063 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, near Indian Market and behind liquor store, there is a walkway. Hostess: RoseMarie Everett,

7:30pm play—"Miracle on 34th Street." \$5. Meet at bottom of the stairs, Broadway West Theatre Company, 4000-B Bay St., where Bay St., Fremont & Washington Blvds come together. Hostess: Elaina Habel—RSVP

Fri. Nov. 18—Field Trip to Rosie the Riveter National Park in Richmond, 9-4:30. Transportation either by private cars or Fremont BART to Richmond BART.

If coming by BART, your transportation round trip and lunch will be paid for by BART!

We'll see an outdoor display, walk along the Bay Trail by the Richmond Marina, have lunch, continue walking to indoor Rosie Riveter Museum, see the exhibits of Rosie the Riveter Home Front WWII.

12:50—Downstairs to enclosed classroom where we'll meet and hear the stories of 3 or 4 Rosie's who worked in the Richmond Shipyards during 1941–45.

2:30—Park Ranger Jessica Sloan (FF member June Harris' granddaughter in law) will give us an outdoor talk on the men & women who built more than 450 ships here.

2:58 Leave by bus #74, return to Richmond BART Station

3:20 Richmond to Fremont 4:21

Sat. Dec. 3—Holiday Luncheon—Massimo's Fine Italian Restaurant in Fremont, CA

12–2:30pm Massimo's, 5200 Mowry Ave. 510-792-7041 Your choice of 3 main entrees, \$35: Chicken Parmigiana, Filet Tilapia, or Veal Scaloppini.

Send your \$35 check made out to FFSFBA, write your entrée selection in the memo on the check.

Mail to Judy Smith, 3

—RoseMarie Everett, Vice President

WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN RENO, NV

In early May, six members of our club made their way to Reno for a conference. Among them were Wil and Louise Heiduk, Rose Marie Everett, Dee Gustavson, Carol Easter, and Judy Smith. Workshops were conducted by various attendees on interesting topics, such as “the Electronic Age,” “How to Interest Younger Members,” “Publicity,” “How to Fill Exchanges,” and “Tips when Attending an International Conference,” presented by Dee Gustavson.

The Reno hosts did a marvelous job of organizing the 3-day conference. We all enjoyed meeting members from other clubs in the western region and sharing ideas and problems with each other. (It was difficult to walk by all the gambling machines in Reno’s El Dorado Hotel, the location of the conference. Probably most attendees slipped in a dollar, maybe more, now and then, just to test their luck!) —*Dee Gustavson*, Conference Participant

FIFTH AT 5

Fourteen people enjoyed the fabulous weather on the dock of Lake Chalet restaurant for our August Fifth at 5. And 5 hardy souls walked around the lake first, to work up a great appetite! If you have not been to Lake Chalet, please check it out sometime. It’s an easy walk from Lake Merritt Bart Station, and has a beautiful view of the lake.

Due to Labor Day weekend, we will not be having a Fifth at 5 in September. Stay tuned for October’s location!

—*Carol Easter*, Membership

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL IN 2018?

Help us choose at the September 25th meeting! At our Annual Meeting on September 25th, members will vote to select the destinations we will submit to FFI for our travel in 2018.

Some of our board members are researching clubs in regions of the world our club has not recently visited. They will present 4 or 5 choices to us, describing the exotic destinations that they know will appeal to you. We will ask you to rank your choices and then will submit those to FFI for the matching process. One of the best features of traveling with Friendship Force is that our international headquarters will let us know early next year where we will be traveling in the following year, giving even working folks the chance to schedule vacations.

Come to the September 25th meeting, vote for next year’s officers, hear a fascinating talk about the Japanese culture, and make your vote count for the next outbound exchange!

—*Karen L. McCready*, FFSFBA President

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE JUNE 2017 EXCHANGE TO SAPPORO, JAPAN:

Immediately following the meeting at Akiyama Wellness Center, stay for a meeting about the home stay in Sapporo, Japan and optional pre-tour.

Submit your application and a check to cover our club fee and the host club’s fee. Call Karen—for more information.

—*Karen L. McCready*, President

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Members of the Nominating Committee were Julie Winter, June Harris, and Dee Gustavson. After much careful consideration, they presented the following slate for 2017 to the FFSFBA Board, which approved it on August 20th, 2016.

President—Karen McCready

Vice-President—K.C. Sarr

Secretary—Barbara Ross

Treasurer—Judy Smith

Election of officers will be held at the September 25th general meeting at the Akiyama Wellness Center in Japantown.

In accordance with FFSFBA’s bylaws: “Nominations may also be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been secured. A quorum being present, a simple majority shall elect the officers. If there is only one nominee for an office, voting for that office may be by voice vote; otherwise, voting must be by ballot. In the event of a tie vote, another ballot shall be taken immediately.”

—*Dee Gustavson*, Appointed Chair, Nominating Committee

Darlene
Boyanich and
Barbara Day



Ika and Mitch
Gilbert



Maureen and
Hank Butt



FRIENDSHIP FORCE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA EXCHANGE TO BRAZIL JUNE 3 – JUNE 18, 2016

In June, ten people representing the San Francisco FF Club went on an exchange to Brazil. Attending from the San Francisco Bay Area were K.C. Sarr (ED replacement for Barry and Karen), RoseMarie Everett, Olga Pekelny, Edith Miranda, Judith Pemberton, Barbara Day, Jennifer Lam, and Barbara Ross. Joining us from San Diego were Mike and Susie Boyko, who are active members of their club.

The group spent an initial week in São Paulo, which is one of the largest cities in the world, with a population of approximately 12 million people.

Although we knew that it was winter time in southern Brazil, historical records did not prepare us for cold that we found there. The eternal images of Rio and Copacabana with sun and palm trees prevented some of us from believing that it could reach down into the 40s, and thus few of us packed correctly for the cold and rain that we found there. The rain and the cold meant that a number of scheduled outdoor activities had to be canceled or altered, and the logistics of commuting through such a large city from widely separated suburbs meant that it was difficult for some of us to join in the activities that were planned.

Nevertheless, the warmth of the Brazilians more than made up for the chill in the air. They had a lovely welcome party at the house (estate) of one of the Exchange Directors. It was on the grounds of an old English golf course on an enormous reservoir (Represa Billings) in the hills above São Paulo. We were served traditional Brazilian food (feijoida—black bean dish with all the trimmings, and caipirinha—Brazilian-style cane alcohol, sugar, and lime juice drink). They had a wonderful local musician who played traditional Brazilian music for us as we ate and got to know our new hosts.

We then spent a week visiting the sights of São Paulo that included museums, parks, and the highlight for all, I think, the beautiful ocean-side port and beach town of Santos. Although this was a long day, it was wrapped up with a spectacular sunset view from the top of a neighborhood mountain of the long arc of the Santos beach, lined with palm trees and elegant condominiums, with various islands dotting the sparkling bay. I have not been to Rio, but I do wonder if it is more beautiful than Santos.

Our week with the Paulistas was wrapped up with a rousing good-bye party in a high rise apartment at one end of town. Because our departure coincided with the Brazilian mid-winter festival (Festa Junina), this party's theme was tantamount to a "hoe-down," Brazilian style. Everyone dressed like country folk—gingham dresses for the women, freckles applied to their faces, and hair braided like country lasses, men dressed in jeans, plaid shirts, and straw hats. There was typical festival food like boiled corn, popcorn, and various stews, and lots of dancing. Although they told us there would be square danc-

ing, what they presented was more like line dancing, which they called a quadrille. This festival celebrates the end of the harvest season and also Brazilian Valentine's Day—perhaps because after the harvest is in, country folk can turn their attention to more romantic pursuits.

The next day, we all arrived at the airport early and, after our goodbyes to our hosts and hostesses, flew to Curitiba, the capital of Parana state, which is just south of São Paulo. Some of our members had already caught bad colds in nippy São Paulo, but our hosts warned us that Curitiba, being at higher elevation, would be even colder. They were not wrong. In fact, at our welcome party that night, ice was starting to form on the small lake that was in front of the party facility, so in fact, it was down to freezing. And, by the way, no one has central heating and few even have space heaters in their houses. So layering was the mode of the moment—layering with almost every piece of clothing we had brought with us. There were times when I managed to get just comfortably warm, but it required 5 layers of clothing. But the extremely warm people of the Curitiba Club warmed us up.

We were met at the airport by their group, all sporting bright yellow Friendship Force windbreakers, so we could spot them at once. The city was much easier to get around in than São Paulo, given that the population is just under 2 million rather than 12. Some aspects of downtown streets reminded me of San Francisco, especially in the bright sunlight that we managed to get for our entire week there.

The Curitiba Club was very well organized. Many of their members are still working, but they had a mini-van that we met up with on most days that transported us to a site or activity, accompanied by two rotating day hosts. We visited an interesting national park, museums, local parks, and took a spectacular train ride through the Atlantic rainforest down to the coast for a day in some old seaside towns. They threw a lovely Goodbye Party for us in the common room of an elegant high-rise apartment, which included many spectacular and delicious dishes. There were more than a few tears when we said goodbye at the airport the next day and flew off for Rio, Iguassu Falls, or back home. —K.C. Sarr, Acting ED



Barry Rader, at our
Barbecue and New
Members party,
July 30 at
Carol Easter's

FFSFBA'S MAY BIRTHDAY MEETING— CELEBRATING OUR CLUB'S 32ND BIRTHDAY & OUR SOUTH ASIAN (INDIAN) NEIGHBORS

The warm, all inclusive feeling that pervaded the room on May 21st at Niles Discovery Church in Fremont supported and amplified the celebration of this group that makes up a large percentage of the Bay Area population. The audience listened intently as the five eloquent and earnest panelists shared their lives with us. Our original title was "The Journey of South Asians to Silicon Valley," and we meant to bring in representatives from different countries in the Indian diaspora. By happenstance, all five were directly from India, all first generation, but they came from a variety of regions and subcultures. All have advanced degrees, each specializing in a different field.

- Jayshree Merchant, retired Director of the Pathology Laboratory at Children's Hospital in Oakland and a renowned Gujarati poet;
- M. Zishan, a venture capitalist and actor in South Asian productions;
- Rahul Deokar, marketing director at Cadence Systems and author of an acclaimed novel, *Quest for Kriya*, ranging from India to Silicon Valley;
- Sachin Bansal, engineer and graduate of the Indian Institute of Technology;
- Anu Natarajan, former Fremont City Councilwoman who ran for Mayor in 2012, with a degree in architecture, who works for nonprofit urban development firms.

Most vivid are always the stories. A particularly memorable one was M. Zishan's account of his Muslim religion becoming an issue after 9/11. Suddenly, he was subjected to searches and questioning on trips abroad. Jayshree Merchant reflected upon the culture shock of moving to America with her husband and two young children in the 70's. She feels that now, in a world that has become global, the transition is much easier. Sachin Bansal covered the history of IIT, which has produced such a large percentage of the engineers and entrepreneurs of Silicon Valley. Anu Natarajan, the first Indian elected to public office in the Bay Area, revealed that establishing equal status in city government as a woman was equally significant. Throughout the program, the tone was conversational, personal, and informal, like a visit among friends. The audience went away with a greater understanding of some of their neighbors.

—Karen L. McCready, President

SAPPORO EXCHANGE SCHEDULE

- October 18 Arrival
- October 19 AM Language Activities, 1:30pm Welcome Party
- October 20 AM Language Activities, PM Individual activities as arranged with host or day host
- October 21 AM Language Activities, PM as on 20th
- October 22 AM Japanese Culture Day, Sandwich Luncheon, Tree Planting
- October 23 AM Language Activities, PM as on 20th
- October 24 Free Day
- October 25 Departure from San Francisco

—Louise Heiduk, Exchange Director

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Sunday, September 25, 2016, 2:00–4:00 pm, Akiyama Wellness Center, 110 Jackson Street, San Jose.

Our featured speaker is Yasue Yanai, who will speak on "The Culture of Modern Japan."



As Associate Professor of the Department of World Languages and Literatures at San Jose State University, Professor Yanai's expertise is in cross-cultural communication, sociolinguistics and Japanese language education. She leads

students to Japan as part of the Global Education and Initiatives Program. Her program in Eastern and Western Japan includes field trips to historical sites, landmarks, and Japanese companies, and provides cultural hands-on workshops and lectures, such as Haiku, tea ceremony, Kabuki, and the World Heritage Washoku (Japanese cuisine). Professor Yanai holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Sociolinguistics from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and an M.A. in Japanese Language and Culture and a B.A. in Japanese Literature from Ochanomizu Women's University in Tokyo.

RESERVATIONS FOR SAPPORO EVENTS

Join us for the Welcome Party for the Sapporo Exchange:

October 19, 2016 1:30pm
Buffet Luncheon at Spin-A-Yarn
45915 Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont, CA
Cost: \$30 per person

Also join us for the Japanese Cultural Meeting:

October 22, 2016 10:00am
First United Methodist Church
Cole Hall (behind the church, use the driveway to the left)
2950 Washington Blvd, Fremont, CA, which will be followed by a Sandwich Luncheon for \$13 per person.

Fill out the form below by October 1, 2016 and mail it with your check (made out to FFSFBA) to: Louise Heiduk,

Name: _____
Number in Party _____
Welcome Party (\$30 per person) Amount included ____
Sandwich Luncheon (\$13 per person) Amount included ____
Total _____

Japan

Japan will be a major theme for FFSFBA through this year and 2017:

- October 18-25 Guests from Sapporo will stay in our homes and receive English lessons.
- **June 2017** Twenty of our members will travel to Sapporo to stay with club members. [See meeting notice below.]
- November 2017 Guests from Nagasaki will be staying in our homes.

To prepare for our immersion in the Japanese culture—

Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers

Sunday, September 25, 2016 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Akiyama Wellness Center

110 Jackson Street, San Jose' 95112

Program: "The Culture of Modern Japan": Professor Yasue Yanai

***4 P.M. Informational Meeting for those applying for the
Outbound Exchange to Sapporo, Japan in June 2017***

**Immediately following the annual meeting—
an informational meeting about the Outbound Exchange to Sapporo**

- The dates and home stay itinerary
- Options for a pre-tour to other sites in Japan
- Costs for FF fees and extended travel options
- Explanation of FFI's and our requirements for ambassadors
 - How selections will be made if more than 20 apply
[See the President's Column for more about this.]

Your attendance is vitally important, especially if you want to have some input on the group's decisions. If you have another commitment at that time, contact Karen in advance: _____

Light refreshments to be served.

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2016 CALENDAR

September 1

Let's Eat Out, East Bay, Ray's Sushi,
Fremont, 5:45 pm

September 15

Play at Broadway West Theatre,
Fremont, 7:30 pm

September 15-19

FF World Conference in Marrakech,
Morocco

September 25

Annual Meeting & Election of
Officers, Japantown

October 5

Fifth at 5, Location TBD

October 6

Let's Eat Out, West Bay, 5:30pm,
Ristorante Don Giovanni,
Mountain View

October 18-25

Inbound Exchange from Sapporo,
Japan

November 5

FF Board Meeting 11-1pm
Gustavsons, Los Altos

November 10

Let's Eat Out, Fremont, 5:45pm
Dinner, 7:30 play

November 18

Field Trip to Rosie the Riveter Nat'l
Park, Richmond, 9-4:30

December 3

Holiday Luncheon, 12 noon,
Massimo's Restaurant, 5200
Mowry Ave., Fremont

2017 CALENDAR

March 12-19

Inbound Exchange from Memphis,
TN

June

Outbound Exchange to Sapporo,
Japan

August 24-27

FF World Conference, Manchester,
England

**Late September-
early October**

Outbound Exchange to Oklahoma
City & Denver

November

Inbound Exchange from Nagasaki,
Japan

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