

The Friendship Force San Francisco Bay Area June 2022 News

Our club traveled to Germany May 2 through May 17



Above are our intrepid travelers posing in front of our hotel the day we arrived in Hamburg, Germany. From left to right are Jim Mulleague, Jennifer Lam, Katharine Kleinke, Christine Farrell, KC Sarr, Saaku Sarr, Carol Halbe, Shirley Foreman, Darlene Boyanich, Roger Riffenburgh, Maureen Butt. Not pictured but also members of our traveling team are Hank Butt, Dee Gustavson and Stuart Yusem. Our group had a great time visiting many different places including Hamburg, Luebeck, Kiel, and Munich. We especially enjoyed visiting our Friendship Force friends in Kiel. Some of us ventured as far as Innsbruck, Salzburg and Neuschwanstein Castle. Unfortunately, two in our group, Darlene Boyanich and Christine Farrell, encountered medical issues. Both are on the mend and are either back home already or returning home very soon.

Celebrating our club's 38th Birthday – Sunday, May 29th at Prusch Park

Twelve members got together to do weeding, plaque clean-up and to honor Karen Rice and other volunteers at Emma Prusch Farm Park, Sunday, May 29th. We also celebrated our club's 38th birthday with cupcakes, fruit, and beverages. The members who celebrated are Maureen Butt, Shirley Foreman, Dee and Dave Gustavson, Linda Guyer, Katharine Kleinke, Jennifer Lam, Karen McCready, Eric and Suzan Miller, David Rice, and Stuart Yusem.

A hearty welcome to Linda Guyer, a new member of our club!

Let's Eat Out at Mission Coffee House with a visit to Palmdale Gardens – Friday, June 24, 2022, 10:30 – 3:00 Host: RoseMarie Everett.

Come to Fremont for a new adventure! Here is the timeline:

10:30 AM We'll meet at Mission Coffee House located at 151 Washington Blvd. Fremont, CA 510.623.6920. Park either across the street in a dirt lot or next door at a building to lease at the corner of Ellsworth & Washington Blvd. Be careful crossing the street; go to the signal on the corner. We'll each order our own lunch to be ready at 2:00 PM. Mission Coffee House makes great box lunches; other items are also on the menu. I enjoy their salads. We'll request eating in their nice outdoor courtyard.

11AM we'll walk together up Washington Blvd and then go left on Mission Blvd for about a third of a mile to Palmdale Gardens. I'll point out our meeting place just before a bridge. So, take your time strolling through the garden. Palmdale Gardens is a beautiful 5 area meditation garden. The garden has 200 horticultural species, with specimens from around the world including a Monterey Cypress that is over 300 years old. Paths wind through the plantings and cool fountains, ponds and grottoes.

The Gardens at Palmdale is one of the last remaining fragments of the famous Mission San Jose which is celebrating its 225 year anniversary.

12:45. We'll meet at the entrance to the bridge to walk back; right on Mission, then, right on Washington Blvd.

1:15 We'll stop at Olive Hyde Art Gallery just down from the corner of Washington Blvd & Mission Streets. We'll see this delightful 3 room art gallery with works in mixed media created by local artists.

2PM - 2 doors down is Mission Coffee House where we'll enjoy our lunch or dessert together.

3:00. You'll be on your way home.

RSVP with Rose Marie Everett. by June 23rd, 2022

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Kenya/Tanzania Inbound Journey is coming July 19 through July 26

We will be hosting 7 ambassadors from Kenya and Tanzania July 19 through July 26.

We will welcome our ambassadors with our club banner in baggage claim when they arrive at the San Jose International airport around 1:30 pm July 19th.

Welcome Party – The evening of Tuesday, July 19th we welcome our ambassadors at the Welcome Party which will be held at Shirley Foreman's home located at 744 Yale Lane, Santa Clara. The Welcome Party will begin at 5 pm and conclude around 8 pm. All members are invited but you must sign up in advance on the ffsfba.org website. The club will offer barbequed hamburgers and chicken sausages. Members whose last names begin with A – K please bring a salad or side dish. Members whose last names begin L – Z please bring dessert. You must be fully vaccinated to attend. If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend. Please sign up on the Local Events Calendar menu (log in first) so we know how much food to purchase.

Farewell Party – The Farewell Party will coincide with the club's Annual Barbeque which will be held July 24th at Wil and Louise Heiduk's home, 1422 Thunderbird Avenue, Sunnyvale. The BBQ will begin at 4 pm and conclude around 8 pm. All members are invited but you must sign up in advance on the ffsfba.org website. The club will offer barbequed chicken. Please bring a side dish to share. You must be fully vaccinated to attend. If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend. Please sign up on the Local Events Calendar menu (log in first) so we know how much food to purchase.

The Kenyan and Tanzanian ambassadors are making financial sacrifices to come on the journey. In addition, our club is subsidizing their visit. At the Welcome and Farewell Parties, the club's Happy Piggy Bank will be out; please consider donating.

Annual Meeting - The plan is to hold our Annual Meeting Sept. 4th, 1 – 3 pm. At the Annual Meeting we will vote for 2023 officers and vote for 2024 journey destination preferences. Our club's intrepid photographer, Stuart Yusem, will show a selection of photos from our club's May, 2022 Germany journey and there

will also be an update on our Australia/New Zealand journey from Eric Miller and Carol Halbe.

In Other News

Australia and New Zealand Outbound Journey

We travel to New Zealand and Australia in the mid October time frame and return mid-November. Planning is well underway, and it promises to be a very memorable journey. The journey begins in New Zealand with a homestay. Then, the group has a one-week private tour on New Zealand's South Island. The group then travels to Australia for its Mount Gambier homestay. Eric Miller and Carol Halbe are journey coordinators. Please contact them if you are interested in this journey.

2023 Outbound Journeys

Our club received one Outbound international journey for 2023. It will be a visit to County Durham located in the United Kingdom. This journey will take place in May 2023.

2023 Inbound Journeys

Currently, we have no Inbound Journeys assigned.

We may want to go on a domestic journey in 2023. What destinations would you like to visit? Please email ideas to foreman.shirley@gmail.com

Three Day Journey to the Southern Oregon Club

When clubs are busy it is sometimes difficult to find a good time to visit. Our current proposal to the Southern Oregon Friendship Force club is to visit them in July of 2023. We want to visit them at a time which coincides with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon which opens in April and runs through October 30th. Stay tuned!

Please join the friendship force international member portal

If you have not already done so, please go to my.friendshipforce.org and create your membership. Be sure to select “San Francisco Bay Area” as your club. Once you have created your account, our club admin will approve it and you are on your way! It’s important to do this because in the future we will sign-up to go on journeys via the member portal.

Please designate our club in your Amazon Smile account

This is something each of us can do now!! Steps:

- a. Enter smile.amazon.com in your browser and Log in
- b. To set FFSFBA as the charity, select the menu item “AmazonSmile”
- c. From the drop-down, select “Change” to change the charity.
- d. Enter “Friendship Force of the Bay Area” and press Search.
- e. When the name is found (Sunnyvale, CA) press Select and the charity is set.

Thank You for doing this because for everything you buy on smile.amazon.com FFSFBA will get .05% and this will help our club stay financially solvent.

Reminder: Please Welcome our club’s 2022 Board of Directors

These are our 2022 board members with their responsibilities:

Shirley Foreman (President and coordinator of 2022 Kenya/Tanzania inbound journey)

Karen McCready (Vice-President and head Forester)

Eric Miller (Treasurer)

Megan George (Secretary)

Carol Halbe (co-coordinator of 2022 Kiel/Munich outbound journey)

Darlene Boyanich (Merchandise/Sunshine)

RoseMarie Everett (Activities)

Louise Heiduk (Membership/Publicity)

Martha LeRoy (Journeys Manager)

Karen McCready (Friendship Forest)

Bunny Sprunger (Hospitality)

Stuart Yusem (Webmaster and club photographer)

Our Mission and Vision

These are now posted on our ffsfba.org website, so check it out!!

Let’s remind ourselves of our club’s Mission and Vision:

Our Mission

The Mission of FFSFBA is to promote global peace, understanding, and friendship through homestays.

Our Values: Mutual Respect, Cultural Diversity, Cultural Exploration, Service

Our Vision

Our Vision: Each individual will make a contribution to global goodwill.

The Friendship Force worldwide network of clubs and individuals will overcome differences among people and nations.

By connecting the world one friend at a time we will create a world of friends that becomes a world of peace.

The Friendship Force Pledge

Also, let's remind ourselves of the Friendship Force Pledge:

As a member of the Friendship Force

I recognize that I can make a difference,

I recognize that I have a mission.

That mission is to be a friend

To the people of the world.

As I embark on this adventure

I know that others are watching me.

I know that through my example to my own fellow citizens

And people of other nations,

The cause of Friendship, Love and Peace can be furthered.

I can make a difference!

That's the news.

All the best in friendship,

-Shirley