

## The Friendship Force San Francisco Bay Area July 2023 News

### Annual Member Barbeque is this Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

That's right! You read that correctly. Our Annual Member Barbeque is just a few days from now: Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 4 – 8 pm. Host: Shirley Foreman  
Please join us for hamburgers, chicken and vegetarian sausages, and fried chicken for our Annual Member Barbeque. Guests sponsored by members are welcome to attend. There is no cost but please bring a salad or side dish to share. Sodas and water provided. We will have root beer floats for dessert. We will also have prizes for lucky winners! The location of the BBQ is:  
Shirley Foreman's home  
744 Yale Lane  
Santa Clara  
Please register for this event on the [ffsfba.org](http://ffsfba.org) website so we know how much food to purchase. For more information, please contact Shirley at [foreman.shirley@gmail.com](mailto:foreman.shirley@gmail.com) or 408 985-6715.

### Calgary Outbound is still on

It's not too late to sign up!! The Calgary journey for the first part of September is still on; it may become a five-day journey to accommodate schedules better.

The completed Application and payment of \$50 Application Fee are due. Please contact Journey Coordinator Rose Marie Everett at 510 363-0531 or Linda Guyer, [lguyer14@gmail.com](mailto:lguyer14@gmail.com), if you are interested or have any questions.

### 2024 Officer Positions

The Nominating Committee of David Rice, Judy Walter, and Renee Henderson are identifying candidates for the 2024 term. If you are interested in volunteering and serving as an officer for our club, please contact David Rice at [daver273@gmail.com](mailto:daver273@gmail.com).

### Chile Inbound June 17 – 23

Twelve ambassadors visited us in June arriving June 17 and departing June 23. Rose Marie Everett was our intrepid Journey Coordinator. We had a great visit with our Chilean ambassadors. We toured Mission San Jose, Santa Cruz, Stanford University, and San Francisco. What a great week that zoomed by very quickly.

### Reminder: Our club's 2024 Journeys Are Announced

Our club's journeys for 2024 are:

Inbound: the Connecticut club will visit us.

Outbound: our club will visit two clubs in Japan: Greater Sendai and Hiroshima. The timing of this outbound journey is expected to be August 2024 at this point.

Please stay tuned as we work with our partner clubs to determine the details.

### Upcoming Club Events in August, September, & October

**Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, Blackhawk Museum** Hosts: Zendra Zehner & Mike Holmes. We will arrive about 10 AM to visit the exhibition at the Blackhawk Museum located at 3700 Blackhawk Plaza Circle at the Blackhawk shopping center. There are exhibits on: the Spirit of the Old West, Classic Cars, African Art, China, and the World of Nature. If we have 10 people attending, we will get a discount on the price plus we will have a docent to guide us through the Old West exhibit 10:30 – 11:30 and a second docent guided tour of the Classic Car Collection exhibit 12:00 – 1:00. After the tours we will have lunch (possibly Choza Mexican restaurant). The cost of the guided tours is expected to be \$8.00/person (if 10 sign up) and lunch is on your own. After lunch we can return to the museum to see other exhibits at our leisure. Please contact Zendra Zehner for more information. [Zendra.zehner@vcuhealth.org](mailto:Zendra.zehner@vcuhealth.org) Note: This event is not posted yet on the FFSFBA.ORG website but should be posted soon.

**Our Club in Photos & Annual Meeting - Cupertino Library, 10800 Torre Avenue, Cupertino, Saturday, September 2nd, 2 - 4 pm.**

Join us for the Annual Meeting and Photo Share from recent Journeys!

We welcome GUESTS to join us so that we can show our friends what Friendship Force is all about.

Please spend an enjoyable afternoon attending a photographic journey of our recent journeys along with voting for 2024 officers.

These are the topics for the meeting:

- a. Election of 2024 officers.
- b. Photoshare (Eric Miller & Stuart Yusem)
- c. Members share their experiences with Friendship Force.

For more information, please contact Shirley Foreman at 408 985-6715

**Friday, October 13th Elkhorn Slough Excursion** Hosts: Shirley Foreman & Megan George. With so many events in June/July we decided to move this one to October! Enjoy the otters and other wildlife at Elkhorn Slough on a boat tour. Let's carpool to arrive by 10:45 for the 11:15 AM tour. The tour lasts about 1.5 hours. After the tour, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. The tour price (not including lunch cost) for Seniors is \$45.

**Please remember to wear your badge** at FFSFBA events. By wearing our badges, we spread our message of cross-cultural friendship. Interested people nearby may enquire about Friendship Force and who knows – they may even become members helping to make a difference in our world today!

## Other Club Journey Opportunities

There are journeys with other FF clubs that are available. The FFI member portal has a list of outbound journeys with openings, so if you want to travel with a Friendship Force club you can! To see the list of journeys:

- a. Log in to your account on the FFI Member Portal <https://my.friendshipforce.org>
- b. Log in with the same email address that you use for our club's website [ffsfba.org](https://ffsfba.org). If you haven't logged into the portal before you will need to set your password. The first time you may need to click Forgot Password.
- c. Once logged in, on the Home Page click on FFI Journey Catalog and follow the instructions to view Journeys with available spaces along with the contact information for each journey.

**Individual-to-Individual Journeys** - FFI is offering a new type of journey: Individual-to-Individual journeys. How these journeys work is a person in another club has offered to host a person from another club. Fill out an application form and send it in! And you as a member of our club can offer your own Individual-to-Individual journey. You are not obligated. Check them out!! To view the available journeys, log in to the FFI member portal and click on the FFI Journey Catalog.

## 2023 Events Summary

July 8 – FFSFBA BBQ

August 19 – Blackhawk Museum Excursion

September 2 – Our club in photos & Annual Meeting

October 13 – Elkhorn Slough Outing

December 14 – Holiday Luncheon

**Volunteer and be proud! Make your membership count by helping our club carry out its Mission**

These are the most needed volunteer opportunities:

- a. become a website assistant – For this job you work with our webmaster, Stuart Yusem, to design and carry out small, easy updates to our website. For example, you might update the photos on the Home page. Training is included!
- b. help maintain our Facebook page – Do you use Facebook? Become a member of our Social Media team and help maintain our Facebook page.

Please contact Stuart Yusem or Shirley at (408) 985-6715 or [foreman.shirley@gmail.com](mailto:foreman.shirley@gmail.com)

**We are a non-profit** – Everything we do is financed by members through membership fees (\$25 of the \$55 fee goes to FFI), event fees, and donations. Your donation is tax deductible. To donate please donate online (press the Donate menu item) or send a check made out to FFSFBA to:

FFSFBA

c/o E. Miller, Treasurer

P. O. Box 620345

Woodside, CA 94062

## **In Other News**

### **Friendship Forest Post Rejuvenation Project**

Over the years some of the posts marking the trees in the Friendship Forest have gone missing or been damaged. This project proposed by Friendship Forest lead forester Karen McCready and approved by the FFSFBA.org board is continuing and is in process to plant new plaques/posts being created by members Eric Miller and Dave Gustavson.

### **Check it out! The friendship force international member portal**

All active members have accounts on the Friendship Force International member portal ([my.friendshipforce.org](http://my.friendshipforce.org)). When you log in for the first time you will need to create a password. The member portal is the new way that we interact with FFI and there is a ton of great information on the website!! Check it out!! For example, journeys with other clubs are advertised here (that you can go on!).

### **Our Mission and Vision**

These are posted on our [ffsfba.org](http://ffsfba.org) website, so check it out!!

Let's remind ourselves of who we are by reading 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