

Dear FF members,

Breakfast at Buck's and the Filoli Tour are happening on Sunday, April 22nd. Thanks to RoseMarie Everett for organizing these events.

We have a new member, Gladys Castro of Sunnyvale. She plans to attend the breakfast at Buck's, so several of you will have a chance to meet her there.

Plan to attend **Salute to Arbor Day, Saturday, April 28th, 12 noon to 1:30 p.m., in Prusch Park, So. King Rd. at Lido, in San Jose**, hosted by our club's Forester, Karen McCready. Please RSVP through her evite, mailed March 28 and reminder on April 20, or email her at [kmccready60@yahoo.com](mailto:kmccready60@yahoo.com) or phone her at 510-794-6844 with questions. Light refreshments will be offered.

Plans are being made for our 34th Birthday Celebration on **Saturday, May 12th, 1-4 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Dominican Sisters, 43326 Mission Circle, Fremont, CA**. The **Potluck Lunch will begin at 1 p.m.** Bring food to serve 8-10 people. If your last name begins with A-G, bring meat or a main dish; H-N bring a side dish or appetizer; O-Z bring salad or fruit.

Tableware, birthday cake, lemonade, and water will be provided. Everyone is welcome! Please invite your friends. This is a great way to introduce them to FF. There's no charge for this event, but donations are gladly accepted. Due to the increased cost of renting meeting rooms these days, donations are needed.

The May 12 program will begin at 2 p.m. and will highlight the Ambassadors to Nairobi, who will share experiences of their February Journey and safari through stories and a slideshow.

During the afternoon, you'll have several chances to bid on **Silent Auction** items. We're holding a fundraiser to add \$ to boost our club's treasury. Please email me, Dee Gustavson, at [dee@gustavson.info](mailto:dee@gustavson.info) to indicate what you'd like to donate for the Auction. You can bring your items the day of the event, but please let me know ahead of time what you're bringing. There are endless items to donate, and here are a few ideas:

new or gently-used items

a service: 1-2 hours of gardening advice; computer, art, music instruction,

Lead a 1 to 2 hour hike for 1-4 people or more, and possibly include bag lunch or dine out afterward

Offer to host a breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, picnic, or tea for 1-10 people in your home, in a park, or in a restaurant (themed or not).

Share your season ticket or pass to a movie theater, museum, sports' game, aquarium, theater play

Donate 1 night (could even be in your home) a week-end, or a week in your condo or cabin for a getaway.

Ask your favorite restaurant, spa, hair dresser, manicurist, motel to donate a gift certificate

The following items have already been donated: 2 new suitcases, 2 hours of Clutter Cutting, 2 tickets to Aurora Singers concert in Palo Alto on 6/2/18, a Raclette Cheese dinner for 4 people

(in fall or winter), Tea for Two in Lisa's Tea Treasures in downtown Los Altos, Visit to DeYoung Museum and lunch with Donor in San Francisco, visit to Filoli Gardens and lunch with donor. You must pay for your purchased items on May 12 before removing them. The donors should pick up the items that don't sell that day, or they can leave them to sell at the July 1 Bar-B-Q. Detailed Rules for the Silent Auction will be sent soon.

Also on **May 12th**, there will be an **Art Show of members and friends' talents**. Works of art, crafts, sewing, crocheting, writings, and anything you've made and want to exhibit will be displayed on tables along the wall. You may offer it for sale, if you wish. There's no charge to exhibit, but if you sell something, we request that you pay FF 10% of the sale of each item. If you wish to display any kind of art (or even a small collection), contact me to reserve one or two oblong tables. Also, let me know if you'd like to help to organize the Art Show. Each artist is responsible for setting up their own table, providing change, and staffing it. Neither FFSFBA members nor the Dominican Sisters organization is responsible for loss, removal, or damage to any exhibit. Details will arrive soon.

There will be no Fifth at 5 event in May, but watch your inbox for a dinner in Fremont on May 6. Details will arrive early next week.

On Thursday, **May 17th**, you're all invited to Lunch in Fremont for a **Let's Eat Out Event**, hosted by Glenn Fountain. Arrive at **11:30 A.M. at the El Patio Restaurant at 37311 Fremont Blvd, in Fremont**. To RSVP, contact Glenn at 510-793-0270.

**May 29th, a tour of 9th District Federal Courthouse in San Francisco**, by RoseMarie Everett. Meet at Civic Center BART Station 10:15 a.m. Eat lunch in the City and end with a walking tour 1:30-3 p.m. Cost is \$10. Details will follow in early May.

On **July 1st, our Annual Bar-B-Q** will again take place at 4 p.m. in Carol Easter's back yard, 7868 Hazelnut Drive in Newark. Details will follow.

On **July 14th, RoseMarie Everett** will host a **Special Event: Flower Piano in Botanical Gardens in Gold Gate Park, 100 John F. Kennedy Dr., San Francisco**. Details will follow.

About 13 Ambassadors from **Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada** plan to visit our club, **September 9-16**. Host Coordinator, RoseMarie Everett held a meeting in early April to organize committees, and start lining up day and home hosts. Louise Heiduk has been contacting members to compile a list of home hosts and their availability for this Journey, as well as the incoming **Long Island Club's visit on November 8-14**, for which Carol Halbe has offered to be Host Coordinator. If Louise hasn't reached you yet, please call her at 408-243-4822 to indicate your ability to host.

I'll see some of you on April 22nd, and I hope to see all of you at the May 12th Birthday Event! I'll send a revision of the calendar soon. Please email or phone me at 650-961-3539 with comments, concerns, questions, and I'll try to get back to you. Let me know how you'd like to help grow our club!

In harmony,  
Dee Gustavson