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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Time goes fast when you're having fun. I just returned from a great exchange to Australia. Now it's back to business. The first thing that comes to mind is the upcoming visit from the Devon, England, club. Plans are moving along and it's time to review the needs for volunteers. This is a great way for newcomers to get involved. If you'd like to help, contact Gail Boyd or email her.

We're also looking for a new board member to handle the Friendship Force merchandise (pins etc.) for our club.

Don't forget our next meeting, on September 12, 2004. We will be welcoming our visitors at that time. We will also be electing new officers for next year. I'm sure it will be a good meeting and who can resist a party? Hope to see you there!

—*Louise Heiduk*, President@ffsfba.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

There are still a few spaces for the Hawaiian Chieftain Sunset Sail on September 29th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., \$40.00 per person. Please send checks payable to Elizabeth Shumway.

Remember—this may be your last chance, because the boat is up for sale.

—*Elizabeth Shumway*

INBOUND DEVON EXCHANGE HERE SOON!

We are in a count-down mode for our ambassadors' arrival from England via Napa/Sonoma on Sunday, September 12th, 2004. The ambassadors and their hosts will meet at 1:30 p.m. before the FFSFBA General Meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, 35450 Newark Blvd., Newark, CA 94560.

At 2:00 p.m. the rest of us will arrive to greet and welcome our guests. Because this will be our Welcome Party, Club members are asked to bring petite sandwiches, snacks and dessert delicacies for Afternoon Tea. This will be a great opportunity to bring out that favorite recipe, or stop off at the bakery on your way to the meeting.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the hosts who have graciously opened their homes to the incoming ambassadors, and to Lynn Teifert for her match making skills. Our hosts for this inbound exchange are Gail Boyd, Elizabeth Shumway, Joy Hillman, Will & Louise Heiduk, Dean & Bernice Batchelder, Darlene Boyanich and Roger Riffenburgh, John & June

Cademartori, Martha Stirm, Lynn Teifert, Katherine Kleinke & Janis Maurry (Share Hosting), and Joy Hewett.

We still need a few day hosts! Please call if you are available.

We hope to see everyone on September 12!

Itinerary for the week of September 12th through 19th

Sunday 12 th	1:30 p.m. Welcome Party—Afternoon Tea
Monday 13 th	9 a.m. City Tour & Bay Cruise to Alcatraz (optional—call Gail Boyd to reserve a place.)
Tuesday 14 th	Free day
Weds. 15 th	Cultural day—points of interest in your local communities
Thurs. 16 th	Prusch Park tree planting—to be confirmed. Farewell Party at 5:00 p.m. at Chef Chu's, Los Altos, \$23 each. (No charge for ambassadors.) Send your reservations by September 10 to Joy Hewett. Make checks out to FFSFBA.
Friday 17 th	Free day —optional SF Hidden Treasures tour (tentative)
Saturday 18 th	Free day
Sunday 19 th	Departure—ambassadors to be delivered to San Francisco Ocean Beach at the Beach Chalet at 9 am. (More information to follow.)

—*Gail Boyd and Joy Hillman*

POT LUCKS FOR DEVON EXCHANGE

At the time of this writing, Area Coordinators are setting up pot lucks for ambassadors from the Devon Exchange in the areas where they will be staying. A barbecue is being arranged for the ambassadors staying in San Francisco or north on Saturday, September 18 at the home of Gail Boyd. Other ambassadors will be staying in areas 4 to 7.

If you want to be included, contact your area coordinator or June Cademartori ASAP. Dates will vary to fit schedules.

—*June Cademartori*, Coordinator

EXCHANGE TO AUSTRALIA WAS WONDERFUL!

Nine ambassadors left the Bay Area on July 21st with a destination of Sydney, Australia (where we arrived on the 23rd of July). Because there was an insufficient number of people to

qualify for group travel, seven traveled via United Airlines with two arriving via Qantas Airlines.

All of us stayed at the same hotel in Sydney, providing time to get acquainted and participate in some group activities. It was raining in Sydney, but no one complained. They have been in a drought condition, which required water restrictions. Having been through a similar situation, we welcomed the rain along with the Australians. The group activities included a harbor cruise with a seafood luncheon, followed by a tour of the famous Sydney Opera House in the afternoon. Our hotel was located in the district known as the Rocks, Sydney's first village and colonial port.

Sunday, July 25th, found us at the airport for our flight across the continent of Australia to the western most city of Perth. The world's most isolated capitol city, Perth is capitol of Western Australia, the largest state in Australia. It extends over a third of the continent's land mass. The majority of the 1.8 million people live around the coast or the hinterland, with about two-thirds of the population living in Perth and its environs. The Swan River runs through the city, and the vistas from Kings Park are breathtaking. The lifestyle is friendly, easy-going, and the locals are eager to share their city with their visitors. Our remaining two ambassadors, Linda Sekiguchi and Bruce Mitchener, from the Reno/Tahoe Club, joined us on Monday, July 26th for the exchange in Perth. Linda was attending an international conference in Perth the second week; therefore, they did not join us for the exchange in Melbourne.

Activities in Perth included a bus tour of the city and environs, and a visit to the Mint, where we witnessed a gold pour.

Another day's outing included a day in the Australian bush at the home of one of their members who had planned and built (with the expertise of a young Danish architect) a totally passive solar house. We learned a lot about conservation of our natural resources during our week in Perth—it was winter with cold weather! We learned that one can live without such luxuries as central heat and clothes dryers. The port city of Fremantle was established by Capt. Charles Fremantle in 1829, where the first group of convict laborers was brought to work on constructing roads and buildings in 1850. Of great interest is a war memorial located on a hill in the city—the people are still grateful to the United States for providing protection during World War II.

Katharine Kleinke brought away from Perth a certificate that she had rung the Swan Bells at the Bell Tower. In 1988, to mark Australia's Bicentenary, the well-known church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields in London donated its famous bells to Western Australia. The 18 bells are rung for an hour at noon every day, and can be heard throughout the city. Two of our ambassadors were guests at a "football" game, courtesy of our exchange director in Perth.

Sunday, August 1st, found us again at the airport to bid farewell to our hosts in Perth, and begin our second exchange, in Melbourne. We were met at the airport by our hosts and hustled off to a friendly Welcome Party in the home of one of the members.

On our first day in Melbourne, Victoria, some of us were treated to a visit to historic Williamstown and Hobsons Bay. Lunch companions were the black swans! The second day was a trip to Phillip Island with morning tea with the pelicans; then on to the Koala Conserva-

tion Centre and the Penguin Reserve after lunch. We experienced rain showers off and on, but that did not dampen our adventurous spirits. Those of us who experienced feeding the birds at the Dandenong's had a special treat. The cockatiels left their mark when they landed on your arms! We were escorted as a group by three of our day hosts on a downtown Melbourne tour. The visit to Federation Square, a most unusual collection of buildings, and the elevating experience of the observation tower in the Rialto building were memories to be cherished. Our last day of touring as a group included a day trip to Mornington Peninsula. Morning tea at Arthur's Seat vista point and lunch in Sorrento were highlights of our day.

Bidding our hosts goodbye, we all made our way to Alice Springs, either by plane or the Ghan train from Adelaide. Included in our venture to the Outback was a tour of the Royal Flying Doctors facility in Alice Springs and the School of the Air (for all the school children living in the remote regions of the outback); Ayers Rock at sunrise and sunset; the Olgas; and dinner in the desert. To complete our Australian adventure, the ladies went to Cairns in Queensland for a day on the Great Barrier Reef and a day in the rainforest with a skyrail ride in gondolas over the forest to a small village filled with Aboriginal art stores. Back in Sydney our last night, we reflected that we DID IT ALL in 27 days!!

Food for thought: We requested this exchange to Perth in 2003 when our annual requests were submitted. Out of our total membership, 6 members supported the exchange. One ambassador of this exchange is a member of the Willamette FF in Oregon; two ambassadors were from the Reno/Tahoe FF club; and two ambassadors were totally new to the organization, having been recruited for this exchange. At the same time the request for Perth was made, an outbound to China was requested (and granted), but this one had to be cancelled for lack of interest. We have now requested an exchange to Kenya for 2005, and our request has been granted. Will we support it? —Colleen Scott, Exchange Director

REGIONAL MEETINGS AREA COORDINATORS ALERT:

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 12 at 11:00 a.m. for a meeting at Karen McCreedy's in Fremont. More details later.

FFSFBA COORDINATOR NEWS

Because our FFSFBA Club is so scattered geographically, we are attempting to keep united by having get acquainted gatherings in the various areas on the months when there are no regularly scheduled meetings.

Share your event with other members! Email an article and photos (if possible) to the newsletter editor, newsletter@ffsfba.org soon after your event. —June Cademartori, Coordinator

AREA 1, 2 AND 3 MEETING JUNE 19TH

On June 19th Areas 1, 2 and 3 met at Ron and Gloria Greenwald's for a delightful potluck lunch plus a fabulous view of San Francisco. Attending were Ron and Gloria Greenwald, Dean and Bernice Batchelder, Helen Serverietti

(a new member), Jean Behse, Doris Maez, Lynn Teifert, Betsy Steinaecker, Dottie Schaefer and Elizabeth Shumway.

After lunch we discussed ways to get new members. The suggestions were passed on to the President. —Elizabeth Shumway

AREA 4, 5, AND 6

On June 23, Area 4, 5, and 6 members June Cademartori, Herb Clough, Dave and Dee Gustavson, Louise Heiduk, and Elinor Wilnor met for lunch at Fresh Choice in the Stanford Shopping Center. Following lunch, the group toured Cantor Museum on the Stanford University campus.

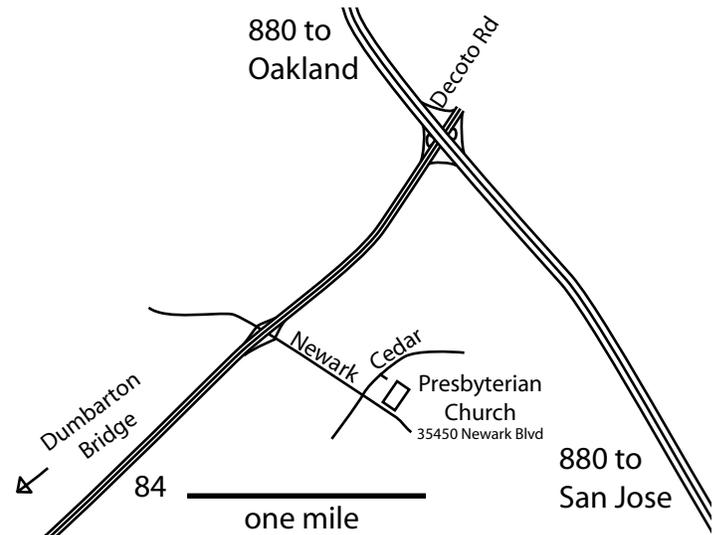
—Dee Gustavson, Area 5 & 6 Coordinator

AREA 9 & 10 JOIN FORCES FOR FRIENDSHIP

The East Bay was abuzz with conversation on Saturday, August 21, when twelve members of groups 9 and 10 gathered for lunch at the McCready/Rader house in Fremont. Karen and Barry hosted Rita and Dick Hammer, Carolyn Linnard, Pat and Dave Fortmeier, Alice Needham, Harriet and George Anderson, Faye Butler, and Bob Cowen. Representing Kensington, Hayward, Pleasanton and Fremont, we brainstormed a dream list of many activities we might enjoy together. For an ideal outdoor October event, we chose a CityGuides (free) tour of the Civic Center. Most of us will take BART in, coordinating departure times if possible. **All FFSFBA members are invited to join us on Thursday, October 7, 11:45 a.m., at San Francisco's Civic Center.** After the tour, we will enjoy our sack lunches and, perhaps, a 2:00 p.m. tour (also free) of the Sheraton Palace Hotel on lower Market Street. Call Karen and Barry if you would like to join us.

—Karen McCready

Mari Perry and grandsons at the FFSFBA Annual Picnic, Prusch Park, July 11, 2004



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12,
GENERAL MEETING—2:00 P.M. AT THE
NEWARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

The Sunday, September 12, general meeting will offer the customary fun and fellowship of all FFSFBA gatherings plus the opportunity to welcome and meet the Devon, England, ambassadors arriving that day. (See separate article for details about the welcome party that will follow a brief meeting.) **We would like to ask everyone to bring petite sandwiches or sweets for a traditional tea.**

The Newark Presbyterian Church was also the location of our recent leadership conference. It is located two long blocks off Hwy. 84 in Newark, just east of the Dumbarton Bridge. **Going north on 880,** take the Decoto Road/Hwy. 84 exit west. Take the first exit—Newark Blvd.—and then turn left under the freeway. Proceed to the second left—Cedar Blvd. Turn left at Cedar Blvd. and then a quick right into the church parking lot. The church is on the corner of Newark and Cedar.

Coming across the Dumbarton, take the second exit—Newark Blvd.—and continue right to Cedar Blvd.

Don't miss this opportunity to show our hospitality to our Devon guests. See you there!

—Karen McCready



Lucile & Howard Craven, Margaret Kingery, and Joy Hillman at the Annual Picnic, Prusch Park, July 11.

Holiday Luncheon

Sunday, December 5, 2004, 12–3 p.m.

Location: Michaels at Shoreline in Mountain View
More information about reservations will be coming by November 1.

Mark December 5th on your calendar and plan to join us!

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2004 CALENDAR

September 12-19 Devon, England,
incoming exchange
September 12 General Meeting, 2p.m.
Newark Presbyterian Church
October 24 Board Meeting
Louise Heiduk's
December 5 Holiday Luncheon, 12-3
Michael's at Shoreline,
Mountain View

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