

Dear FF Members and Friends,

Watch your email about August 25 for the 2019 Slate of Officers announcement. Thanks to the Nominating Committee, Martha LeRoy, Judy Smith, and K.C. Saar, for asking people to be officers on our club's Board. And thanks to those who responded YES to accept the opportunity and responsibility to serve on the Board. The club members in attendance at the Annual Meeting/Farewell Party for the Medicine Hat visitors on Saturday afternoon, September 15, will vote on the slate of officers for 2019.

RoseMarie Everett and her Committee have been busy making plans for the incoming Journey of the Medicine Hat Club of Alberta, Canada. It's happening soon!

On September 9th, nine Canadian Ambassadors will arrive, to be hosted by our club through September 16th. I hope you can attend the group events our club has planned during their visit. Come to give the visitors a big welcome and make new friends! If you'd like to volunteer to help with events or to dayhost while they're here, please contact Carol Halbe at 925-200-5738.

First, the **Welcome Party is Sunday, September 9th** and will be held at Iron Construction Company, located at 1955 The Alameda, in San Jose. This is a classy, state-of-the art building, designed by Claudia, owner, and daughter of our member, Barbara Ross, who reserved the site for us. The driveway is on McKendrie Street and leads to free parking in back. Some spaces are tandem parking, so drive your car toward the front. If the lot is full, you can also park on the street, if space is available (no parking meters). Don't be put off by the fact that we're meeting at a company this time. Don't expect to see any machines, because they're stored in a warehouse at another site. I guarantee that you'll be impressed by this beautiful facility and all that it offers. We're grateful to Barbara and Claudia for permitting us to use this space.

The Welcome Party begins at 2:00 PM with socializing. **PLEASE NOTE the change of time to 2 p.m.** A program follows, including Saaku Sarr's African

drumming and singing, and K.C. Sarr's slide show presentation introducing Silicon Valley.

At **3:30 PM**, lunch will be provided, catered by Tacos El Campo. Three types of meats are included: chicken, asada (steak), and al pastor (marinated pork) with sides of fajita bell peppers, tortillas, two types of salsa (green and red), limes, cilantro, chopped onion, shredded cheese, sour cream, guacamole, pico de gallo, chips, quesadilla, beans, and rice. Yum!! Soft drinks and water will also be available. The cost per person for the Welcome Party lunch is \$24. Bring a sunhat and sunscreen, in case the meal is served outdoors.

On **Monday, September 10th**, the Canadian visitors will hop on a boat for a cruise on the Bay. We hope that blue skies will prevail, so they can enjoy great panoramic views of San Francisco and the Bay's bridges. Our club's members and guests are welcome to join the Canadians and their hosts on the cruise. Meet the group at 1:30 PM at Pier 43 ½, next to Pier 39, for the cruise's departure. The cruise costs \$26.

On **Wednesday, September 12th**, the Canadians and day and home hosts are touring Alcatraz. Two extra tickets can be purchased for the tour at \$35.25. Meet the group at Pier 33 at 10:30 a.m. (To purchase, see details below.)

The **Farewell Party** for the Canadians is on **Saturday, September 15th** at the Los Altos Youth Center, 1 North San Antonio Road in Los Altos. Gather at 12:30 PM for socializing. At 1 PM the Annual Meeting will take place, including the election of FFSFBA officers for 2019. Be sure to sign up for our club's 2019 outbound Journeys! You can also volunteer to be a Host or Journey Coordinator.

The A Cappella Continuum Singers will perform. Attendees will be invited to participate in an interactive skit written by MayLou Bartlett and Judy Walter. A buffet luncheon will begin at 1:30 PM, catered by Chef Chu's of Los Altos. Their famous Chinese Chicken Salad will be served, along with Sweet and Sour Prawns, Broccoli Beef, Sichuan String Beans, Vegetable Chow Mein, Rice and Fortune Cookies. Double Yum! The cost for lunch is \$24 per person.

If you'd like to participate in any of these activities, **please make your reservations by September 4th**. Please make your check payable to

FFSFBA, and indicate on the check which events you're paying for.. Mail your check, and the form below to:

Shirley Foreman

2592 Borax Drive

Santa Clara, CA 95051

NAME (S): _____

Tel. #: _____

_____ \$24. Welcome Party (Lunch), Sunday, September 9

_____ \$26. Bay Cruise, Monday, September 10

_____ \$35.25 Ticket for Alcatraz Tour, Wednesday, September 12 (only two available)

_____ \$24. Farewell Party (Lunch), Saturday, September 15

_____ TOTAL

_____ Check if you can help with day hosting, and/or set up, take down for Welcome and Farewell Parties. Your assistance is much appreciated. Please RSVP by September 4..

More future events:

Monday, August 27, 11:30 a.m. Let's Eat Out Lunch at Jack's Restaurant and Bar (American Cuisine) at 1029 Newpark Mall Road in Newark. Salads range from \$10-16, sandwiches \$10-\$19, entrees \$16-\$19. Contact host Martha LeRoy to RSVP by Saturday, August 25. Martha's [email: MLEROY1106@att.net](mailto:MLEROY1106@att.net) Bring your friends and introduce them to our friendly FF group!

Wednesday, September 5, at 5 p.m. Fifth at 5 at Courtyard by Marriott, 4320 El Camino Real in Los Altos. (It's about 3 blocks north of San Antonio Road.) Everyone is welcome. Invite friends! (Board members will meet prior to this event at 3 p.m.)

Friday, October 5, Fifth at 5, at 5 p.m. Place TBD (probably East Bay)

Monday, October 29 - Special Event: Precita Eyes Murals Studio in San Francisco, followed by a meal in a Mexican Restaurant, hosted by RoseMarie Everett, 510-793-5201.

Monday, November 5, Fifth at 5, at 5 p.m. Place TBD (probably West Bay)

Due to the holiday season, no 5th at 5 is scheduled for December.

Saturday, December 8, Holiday Luncheon at Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant, Mountain View, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Our Club's Inbound and Outbound Journeys for 2019:

Kiel, Germany coming to SF Bay Area in April 2019

Long Island, New York outbound in mid-June 2019

Moscow, Russia, outbound in August 2019

Other Opportunities to consider for 2019:

Festival at Sea Cruise, 15-day voyage on Holland America's ship "Zandaam" (South American Passage from Argentina to Chile)

Friendship Force World Conference, July 23-27, in Boulder, CO. It's nearby next year, only 2-1/2 hours away by plane. Plan to attend to meet people and make friends from all over the world; participate in workshops. Anyone can attend. The conference isn't just for officers. I enjoy meeting people from different countries and cultures. (I've attended at least twenty conferences in various parts of the world.) Plan to join me in Boulder next year! (This conference was originally scheduled for Puerto Rico, but due to the hurricane, the location was changed.)

If the timing or destinations of our club's Journeys don't suit you, check online at FriendshipForce.org for other trips offered in late 2018 or 2019. You can link up with other clubs (if space is available) or join a Discovery Trip that's going to Indonesia (with Jeremi Snook), New Zealand, South Africa, South America, Russia, Mongolia and Siberia, Spain and Portugal, or go hiking in the Swiss Alps. These are just a few of the many exciting trips offered.

Hope to see you soon! Contact me, **Dee Gustavson**, President, by email: dee@gustavson.info or phone (650-961-3539) for information, to share ideas, and concerns. Our club's website: ffsfa.org