



# The Friendship Force of the San Francisco Bay Area

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE FFSFBA PRESIDENT

**G**reetings in this the first FFSFBA Newsletter of 2003. We begin the year viewing changes in the structure of Friendship Force International and uncertainty over what the year will bring. Happily those changes have not affected our club, in that the expected exchanges will be happening, and in the short run things will not change.

The policy changes will provide challenges for our club and its board. We will need to take more responsibility for the basic plans of our exchanges. This will necessitate our developing our own travel policy for outgoing exchanges. This has become apparent during the planning stage of our own outgoing exchange for this year.

As I have been pondering what to write I reread Norm Crane's message in the last newsletter and felt that he summarized our needs better than I, as follows:

- What do we do about shrinking membership? Should we do anything?
- How can we make Friendship Force more visible in our communities so that more people know what we do and why?
- How do we get more match-ups and exchanges per year?
- What are ways to get more members involved in our activities?

Looking at the last question I realize that many of you have been very involved in the past and deservedly want to take a rest. So I direct the attention to the second and third questions that he posed.

These items were discussed at our first board meeting this year. We developed a committee to work on a club travel policy. We discussed publicity and will be developing a brainstorming group to see what we can decide. You may be contacted to participate, and I hope that you will.

*Louise Heiduk, President*

## WANTED: FFSFBA SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

If you have equipment (e.g. fax machine) or supplies that belong to the FFSFBA club, you are asked to return them to Nina Davidson or to contact her. Nina suggests you bring club equipment and supplies with you when you come to the February 9 meeting.

## FFSFBA 2003 EXCHANGES

### OUTBOUND TO CAUSEWAY COAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

May 2003

Wil Heiduk, Exchange Director

### INBOUND FROM WESTERN WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND

August 2003

## SPECIAL EVENTS

We have 23 members and guests signed up for the Reno Snow Train on March 4th. It should be a great trip.

Watch for scheduled dates for:

- Charles M. Schulz Museum (April)
- Japanese Gardens in Saratoga
- Obester Winery, Half Moon Bay
- Hawaiian Chieftain (August or September)

All daytime events will probably include lunch. Special Events are a good way to get together with other Friendship Force members.

—*Elizabeth Shumway*

## REGIONAL MEETINGS

### REPORT ON REGIONAL COORDINATORS MEETING

A meeting of the Coordinators of the ten Areas of the FFSFBA was held on January 16, 2003, a potluck luncheon at the home of Barbara Lamparter. All but two of the ten areas were represented. Discussion centered around the activities in the individual areas. A suggestion was made that the next membership list include the areas of the members. Hopefully this can be accomplished to facilitate more participation of the membership. Most of the area coordinators reported gatherings which had taken place or were to take place within the next two months.

The next meeting of the Coordinators is scheduled for April 25th at 12:00, tentatively at the home of June Cademartori. If you would like to attend or have ideas to share, please give her a call.

—*June Cademartori, Captain, Central Section*

## MARIN AND SAN FRANCISCO MEETING (AREAS 1 AND 2)

The Marin and San Francisco Area Groups met January 11th for a potluck lunch at the home of Bernice and Dean Batchelder in San Rafael. Eleven members were present: The Batchelders, Joy Hillman, Elizabeth Shumway, Nina Davidson, Ron and Gloria Greenwald, Jim and Velda Draper, George and Alyce Zahorsky. We also had two guests who had many questions regarding Friendship Force. There was a lot of discussion regarding exchanges, the way they are arranged, etc. It was a very good meeting. Our next meeting will be April 12th at the home of Ron and Gloria Greenwald. We hope to have more people next time.

—*Elizabeth Shumway*, Coordinator

## LOS ALTOS, MOUNTAIN VIEW, SUNNYVALE DESSERT (AREA 5)

Twenty-two people gathered at Katharine Kleinke's Sunnyvale home for dessert on January 29. Katharine is so enthusiastic about her recent FF Exchange trip to Japan that she persuaded thirteen of her friends to come to hear all about the Friendship Force! We hope that these new and interesting San Jose, Los Altos, Sunnyvale, and Palo Alto residents who attended will join us at our next meeting in Redwood City on February 9.

Other Bay Area Friendship Force Club members who shared their memorable people-to-people experiences were Diane Demo, June and John Cademartori, Sara Turner, Joy Hewitt, Louise Heiduk, and Dave and Dee Gustavson.

—*Dee Gustavson*, Coordinator

## FREMONT MEETING (AREA 8)

The Mission San Jose (Fremont) group met for a late Sunday afternoon potluck hosted by Margaret and Pat Kingery on January 5th. Included in the 22 members present were our International Field Representative June Cademartori and her husband, John, who brought us up to date on FFI changes.

Previous get togethers included a Spring Coffee, a Game Evening and an Oktoberfest Pot Luck dinner. Plans are in the making for a St. Patrick's Day party.

—*Gerry Shannon*, Coordinator

## CLUB DUES FOR 2003

Due to the restructuring of Friendship International, all clubs now have to pay dues to Atlanta (singles \$10, couples \$15). Therefore, our club's dues for the year 2003 will be: Singles \$30 and couples \$50. Note that these dues do not include a subscription to the FFI magazine—you can read the magazine online at the FFI web site, or you can subscribe there to have a copy mailed to you, for an additional \$15/year.

Renewal notices will be sent out the week of January 20th. Please return the filled out form to Yvonne Bretoi no later than February 20th. She will be happy to accept completed forms at our February 9 meeting.

## CHANGES TO THE AUGUST 2002 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER: EMAIL ADDRESSES

Emails for the following members have changed or are new:

Reinstate Andrea Uram

Add Harry and Ruth Edwards

Change email address for

Howard and Lucile Crave

Add Wanda McAdams

Change email address for

Cy and Doris Donaldson

Change email address for

Frances Kaplan

Add Bob and June Joyce Schultheis

Change email address for

Becky Stafford

Since many of our club messages are now being sent via e-mail, it is **imperative** that you keep the following two people informed of all changes:

- George Anderson
- Yvonne Bretoi

—*Yvonne Bretoi*, Membership

## EXCHANGES

We are busy developing requests for exchanges in 2004. Even though the response from the email poll was small, we did use that information in developing our list of requests.

The 2003 exchanges are our immediate concern. Plans are developing for the outgoing exchange to Ireland. Surprisingly, since we were overbooked earlier, there are now spaces for at least 3 people. If you are interested contact Wil Heiduk.

We have an incoming exchange from New Zealand coming in the fall and need an Exchange Director. If you would like to volunteer, contact Louise Heiduk.

We have a continuing need for new Exchange Directors. We will be holding a training session for new EDs in the next few months. If you have never done this, you might find it a rewarding experience. If you would like to be included, contact Louise Heiduk.

## FORESTER

We welcome Bob Rockett as our new Co-Forester, sharing the Forest responsibilities with Don Dillon.

Our Friendship Forest in San Jose's Prusch Park grows by one tree for every incoming exchange. We plant a tree that is native to the visiting group's country. Thanks to our mild climate, most parts of the world have some trees that will also grow here. (We buy them legally in the US—we aren't planting trees that were sneaked past the Agriculture inspectors!)



In one of the last photographs of her life, Adelaide, center, is holding her new grandson, Bradley. Her daughters are Pamela, left, and Patricia, mother of Bradley.

—Photo courtesy of Pamela Metcalf



Dee Gustavson and Norm Crane, FFSFBA President, leading the carol singing at the December 1 Holiday Luncheon held at Nick's Restaurant in Pacifica.

—Photo by Dave Gustavson



Exchange to Gifu and Ehime, Japan, October 2 - 24, 2002, with children's English class in Matsuyama. Adults from left: Dean and Bernice Batchelder, hostess Sachiko Mori.

—Photo courtesy of Bernice Batchelder

### IN MEMORIAM: ADELAIDE METCALF

Adelaide Metcalf passed away Dec. 21, 2002. She and her husband Verne were longtime members of the FFSFBA club, joining in its second year. They were known as good Ambassadors—they traveled together on several FF exchanges, and hosted many international people in their home. Adelaide was preceded in death by her husband, Verne. She is survived by two daughters, Patricia Wadsworth of Sunnyvale and Pamela Metcalf of Fremont.

### NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2003

#### SANDPIPER COMMUNITY CENTER

797 Redwood Shores Parkway, Redwood City

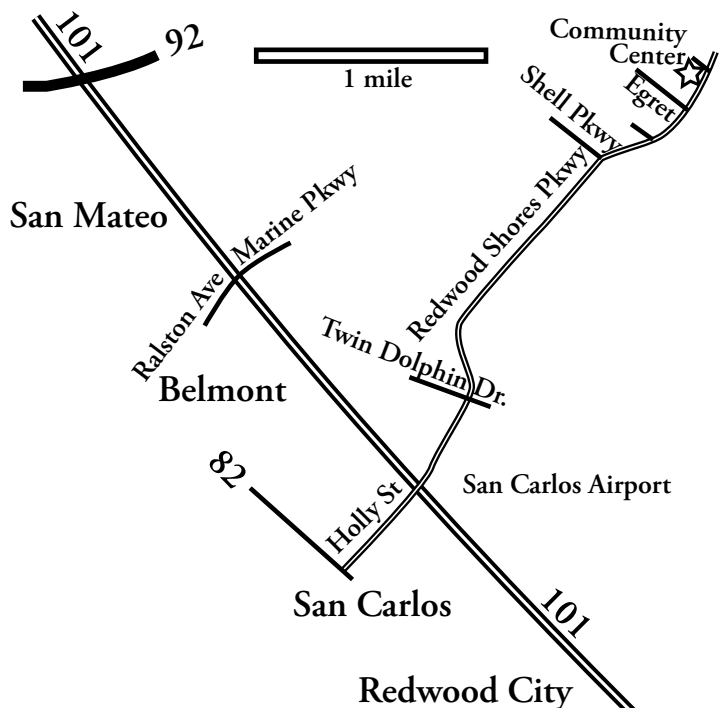
**Directions:** From the north, go south on Hwy 101, exit at Holly St., and loop over 101 to go east (toward the Bay) onto Redwood Shores Parkway, continue as directed below.

From the south, go north on Hwy 101 (toward San Carlos), exit at Holly St., turn right toward the Bay, going east onto Redwood Shores Parkway.

Pass Shell Parkway, then Egret Lane (on left), then turn left into the Community Center parking lot.

Come at 2pm to visit with friends; the meeting starts at 2:30. You will hear about the Japanese Exchange, the Dallas Conference, find out why our dues have increased and learn about future exchanges.

—Louise Heiduk, President



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## 2003 FFSFBA BOARD MEMBERS

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Louise Heiduk  
President Elect: Joy Hewett  
Secretary: Colleen Scott  
Treasurer: Joy Hillman

### EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

International Field Representative:  
June Cademartori

### STANDING COMMITTEES

Activities: Nina Davidson  
Membership: Yvonne Bretoi  
Newsletter: Dave & Dee Gustavson  
Mary Alice van Doorn  
Parliamentarian: Norm Crane

### EXCHANGE DIRECTORS

#### *Outbound*

Causeway Coast, Northern Ireland:  
Wil Heiduk

#### *Inbound*

Western Waikato, New Zealand:

### SUPPORT COMMITTEES

Exchange Banker: Bernice Batchelder  
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Co-Forester: Bob Rockett  
Co-Forester: Don Dillon  
Program: Karen McCready 4  
Regional Coffee Chair: June Cademartori  
Special Events: Elizabeth Shumway  
Sunshine: Lois Williams  
Webmaster: George Anderson

## 2003 CALENDAR

February 9 General meeting  
March 30 Board meeting  
April 27 FFSFBA Birthday Party  
June 1 Board meeting  
July 13 Annual Picnic  
27 Board meeting  
September 14 Annual meeting  
November 2 Board meeting  
December 7 Holiday Luncheon

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