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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello folks! Whew, half the year has gone already! How many people have you introduced to F.F. this year? How many of our new brochures have you given to others? Let's get on the ball and see what YOU can do to increase our membership. There are so many people working hard in our club, you would be amazed at the work some people have accomplished. So next time you see a board member or someone who has helped out, give them a big thank-you.

Alas, our first effort at the 'open world' program will not happen this year, in spite of all the work done by Alice Needham. We will try next year with more time for planning.

The picnic is coming up soon, and I do hope all of you will be there to enjoy our special kind of friendship.

Our friends from Japan are hovering in the wings for our upcoming exchange, so help Darlene make this a fun experience for them and you.

What a great time we had in Atlanta! We had a little trouble with the southern language but were treated royally by our hosts, and "southern hospitality" is alive and well. It was fun having FFI President George Brown at our farewell dinner. He was quite inspiring about future plans for our organization.

Some of us are off to Canada today, so we will soon tell you more than you ever wanted to know about our trip to the far north!

Working for a world of PEACE,

—Joy Hewett, President@ffsfba.org

## FFSFBA IN FREMONT PARADE JULY 4

The 2005 Fourth of July Parade in Fremont will have a FFSFBA entrant. Steve Cooper's White VW "Thing" will have green crepe paper around the rollbars, a circle of Flags of the World on the back deck, green & white balloons flying, led by our FFSFBA banner carried by some grandchildren involved, on the one mile parade route in No. Fremont. We'll be handing out FFI green flyers and singing "Let There Be Peace On Earth."

We invite 20 or more participants to join us to advertise our wonderful club that spreads Peace in the World.

—Mary Alice vanDoorn

## DOMESTIC EXCHANGE

Our Club will host the Milwaukee Friendship Force Club from October 25-29. There will probably be an opportunity for our members to go there in 2006. If you are interested

in hosting or being the exchange director for this exchange, please call Elinor Wilner.

## ANNUAL PICNIC AT PRUSCH PARK

The FFSFBA's annual picnic and general meeting will be July 10th, at Prusch Park in San Jose, from noon to 3pm. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends to hear more about what FFSFBA is all about. Sharing stories at this informal event can enlighten family, friends, new and potential members.

Please look for the reservation form that is inserted within this newsletter, as it requires your prompt RSVP. —Gail Boyd

## JAPANESE CONSULATE MEETING JULY 13TH

This meeting, arranged by Alice Needham, is an opportunity for us to visit a foreign consulate and learn about Japan, as well as serving as the cultural meeting for the Japan exchange in August. It should be fun. Our speaker will be Matthew Kohut, the Cultural Affairs Coordinator.

All Friendship Force members and interested friends are welcome, but hosts for the Japan exchange are especially urged to attend. There is space for 100, but a head count is needed a week in advance, so that sufficient materials will be available.

Join us on Wednesday, July 13th at 2pm, at the Consulate General of Japan, 50 Fremont St., Suite 2200, San Francisco. It is one block off Market Street. Montgomery or Embarcadero are equally convenient BART stops.

There is some talk about meeting for lunch beforehand. I will let you know more later on that. Please phone or email by the end of June if you wish to attend.

—Darlene Boyanich, Japan Exchange Director

## INCOMING JAPAN EXCHANGE AUGUST 22-28

We are working on plans for the incoming exchange from Osaka, Japan. We expect the Japanese to arrive from Colorado at SFO on Monday, August 22 at 10:30 am and depart Sunday, August 28 at 12:30 pm. There are now only 8 Japanese coming on this exchange. —Darlene Boyanich, Japan Exchange Director

## AREA 7 SAN JOSE, JULY 23 LUNCHEON

You are invited to a potluck luncheon in the backyard of Karen Mitchell and David Rice, on Saturday, July 23 at 12 noon. The hosts will provide barbecued chicken and hamburgers. Please RSVP by phone or e-mail and

## AREA 7 EVENT IN SAN FRANCISCO

indicate what you can bring. Suggested dishes include green, potato, pasta, or any other salad, dessert, or drinks.

Karen will have just returned from her first FF exchange to Vietnam (July 2-18) and will be happy to share her adventures, experiences and pictures with you.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## AREA COORDINATOR'S MEETING

The next FFSFBA Area Coordinator's meeting will be a potluck on July 18 at 11 a.m. at Karen McReady's home in Fremont. Area coordinators from the seven areas will convene to share past and present activities, as well as brainstorm about new ideas for future events. —*June Cademartori*, Coordinator

## AREA 1 & 2 MEETING

On May 29th Area Groups 1 and 2 spent a fabulous day in Marin. We had a great brunch at Dipsea Restaurant in Mill Valley and then went to Gabriella Moore-Gordon's houseboat "The Hippo" in Sausalito. Her paintings are wonderful—African wildlife, birds, flowers, portraits and farms of Africa.



Artist Gabrielle Moore-Gordon, in her houseboat "The Hippo" in Sausalito. Photo courtesy of Roger Riffenburgh.

After looking at the paintings, Gabriella gave us the opportunity to experience our own interpretation of several of her paintings, which we all discussed. It was very interesting to hear the different views. Attending were Gail Boyd, Elizabeth Shumway, Lori English (a new member), Dottie Schaefer, Darlene Boyanich, Roger Riffenburgh, two friends of Gail—Dee Stuever and Ann Hayward (a prospective new member). I'm sorry more people couldn't attend. You missed a wonderful outing. —*Elizabeth Shumway*

On May 2, Area 7 organized a trip to San Francisco to visit the Opera House, Davies Hall, and the Herbst Theater. The group enjoyed a wonderful lunch at nearby Trader Vic's. Elizabeth Shumway was honored to be serenaded by our glorious voices on her birthday. —*Janis Maurry*, Area 7 Coordinator

## AREA 7 MAY OUTING

Planning the May outing at the Feb. 26 potluck lunch at Janis Maurry's Los Gatos home, Area 7 attendees decided to visit the Scharffen Berger Chocolate Maker in Berkeley. On Monday May 23, Joanne and Norm Crane and Laura Sternberg learned that the company started manufacturing in 1997, after being founded a year earlier by a doctor and his patient, and moved to the restored 1906 brick building in 2000.

During the introduction, we sampled generous samples of the four kinds of chocolate. After a tour of the factory, we lunched at Cafe Cacao (pronounced ka-cow'). We declined the pressed chocolate sandwich but not the chocolate mousse for dessert. And we stopped back by the store to buy chocolates to take home, as well as for one more sample of the unique Scharffen Berger hot chocolate. —*Laura Sternberg*

## ATLANTA EXCHANGE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

Nineteen ambassadors from our club traveled to gorgeous springtime in Atlanta, Georgia in April for a five day exchange. We were housed very comfortably in the homes of our hosts. The day after we arrived, the Atlanta club had arranged a tour of the city for us. We rode through the Buck Head neighborhood of lovely estates, visited the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial and attended the presentation at the Cyclorama. After lunch we had a tour of CNN headquarters. Roger even had a chance at being a (practice) news anchor.



Roger Riffenburgh gives us the straight scoop as news anchor on CNN in Atlanta. Photo courtesy of Darlene Boyanich.

In the evening there was a picnic at Stone Mountain with a fantastic laser light show. The following day the club took us to the Cabbage Patch doll "nursery." After a southern buffet lunch, we took a hike to twin waterfalls through the woods covered with spring wildflowers. Some of the ambassadors were treated to a progressive dinner and others were invited to a barbecue. The following days we went separate ways, which included a visit to the Jimmy Carter Center for most.



Nina Davidson, George Brown, and Joy Hillman at the Atlanta Farewell Party. Photo courtesy of Joy Hillman.

The exchange was capped off by a farewell dinner at a restaurant. With our new friends in Atlanta we had the privilege of an address by George Brown, President of FFI, outlining the challenges and his vision for Friendship Force. If this sounds like fun to you, and you would like to meet some very nice people, sign up for the next exchange and enjoy the experience yourself! —*Katharine Kleinke*, Exchange Director

### INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL AT STANFORD

Our club was represented at the International Festival at Stanford University's International Center on May 7. F.F. members June Cademartori, Dave and Dee Gustavson, Louise Heiduk, Karen Mitchell, and David Rice helped staff the table, answer questions, and disseminate information. It's amazing how many people we meet who have never heard of Friendship Force, so it's important to use every opportunity to spread the word about our organization. —*Dee Gustavson*, Facilitator

### HELP! WE NEED A PORTABLE LANDMARK!

We seem to be missing the windsock that our late member Jo Ann DeRoos made for our club. It would be great to have something prominent to display beside our meeting place. If anyone is interested in creating a green and white windsock, banner, or some equivalent, please contact President Joy Hewett.

### NEW BROCHURES AVAILABLE!

Thanks to our publicist, Alice Needham, and committee members Karen McCready, Barry Rader, and Roger Riffenburgh, our club has new brochures. We appreciate all their efforts in producing these great looking green brochures! The brochures will be available at the July 10 picnic, so take home a handful to distribute to friends, at service club functions, to display on bulletin boards, etc.

They also created a green flyer, which is now available. Let's think of creative ways to spread the word about our fabulous organization!

### SILENT AUCTION WAS HELD MAY 15

Thirty-three members and guests attended the May 15 F.F. General Meeting in San Rafael. Many of the attendees enjoyed competing for successful bids at the Silent Auction.

Thanks to all who participated by donating items and services and to those who purchased items, we took in \$1,448.50. This amount will be sent to FFI in Atlanta, earmarked for the Legacy Fund, which will help start new clubs in various parts of the world. Thank you all for your generosity!

We are very grateful to our donors: George & Harriet Anderson, Darlene Boyanich, Gail Boyd, John & June Cademartori, Don & Mary Ann Dillon, Dave & Dee Gustavson, Joy Hewett, Karen McCready, Peter and Juthica Stangl, Ken and Lan Tran; and to our buyers: George & Harriet Anderson, Bernice Batchelder, John & June Cademartori, Herb Clough, Diane Demo, Lori English, Dave & Dee Gustavson, Joy Hillman, Margaret Kingery, Karen McCready & Barry Rader, and Karen Mitchell.



Joanne Crane, George and Harriet Anderson, and Yvonne Bretoi at our San Rafael General Meeting. Photo courtesy of Joy Hillman.

There were a few remaining items, which will be offered by Silent Auction at the September 11 General Meeting at the Los Altos Library. The proceeds from these items will be donated to our club treasury. There's still time to join in on the fun and donate an item or a service. If you have items, please call Dee Gustavson or email her.

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## 2005 CALENDAR

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| July 10      | Picnic, Noon to 3 PM<br>Annual Picnic &<br>General Meeting,<br>Prusch Park, San Jose |
| July 13      | Japanese Cultural event,<br>SF Consulate   |
| August 7     | Board Meeting, 2 PM  |
| September 11 | General Meeting, 2 PM<br>Los Altos Library   |
| October 16   | Board Meeting, 2 PM  |
| November 3–6 | FFI International Conf.<br>São Paulo, Brazil   |
| December 4   | Holiday Party, Noon  |

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# **The Friendship Force of the San Francisco Bay Area Annual Friendship Picnic**

**“A world of friends is a world of peace.”**

**Sunday, July 10**

**Citrus Garden Area**

**(the site of our Friendship Forest, at Hwy. 101 and 680)**

**Noon to 3:00 PM**

**Prusch Park, San Jose**

Please join us for this wonderful annual occasion when we renew old friendships and make new ones. This is also a good opportunity to introduce prospective members to the organization.

**Please bring a dish to share—either a dessert or a salad.  
All other food and drinks will be provided.**

**(Reminder: no alcoholic beverages allowed)**

Directions: From the south—north on 101, east on Story Rd., left into the park  
From the north—south on 101, east on Story Rd., left into the park  
or south on 280, exit at King Rd., turn right and then right into the park  
From the East Bay—680 to exit at King Rd., go under the freeway, right into the park

*Please copy and send this form with your check by July 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*Make checks payable to FFSFBA.*

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Name(s) (including all guests) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Dish to share: Dessert \_\_\_\_\_ Salad (specify type) \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$5 each Number \_\_\_\_\_ Check to FFSFBA for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Beverage choice(s) (Indicate number of each.) \_\_\_cola \_\_\_ uncola \_\_\_water  
(included in cost) *(Please specify diet.)*

*Special favor: Please call Gail if you can bring a large ice chest filled with ice.*

Mail to Gail A. Boyd.