

Hello, FF members and guests,

A lot has happened in our club since the last newsletter was emailed on May 2. We welcome new member, Denise Crangle, of Fremont, who joined our club on May 12.

Here are future dates and activities:

Wednesday, June 13, Let's Eat Out at 1 p.m., at a popular Mexican Restaurant: the Zona Rosa at 1411 The Alameda, in San Jose, (Tel.#: 408-275-1411), hosted by Darlene Boyanich. RSVP to Darlene at 408-749-1897 or Roadrunnermum@aol.com by Tuesday, June 12th. Join the group for lunch and bring friends!

Sunday, July 1, Annual Potluck Bar-B-Q at Carol Easter's, 4 p.m., 7868 Hazelnut Drive, in Newark. RSVP through your e-vite invitation sent by Carol Easter on June 7. If you didn't receive one, please email Carol at cdeaster56@yahoo.com Here's a guide for bringing food:

This year, the hosts will provide the chicken sausages, buns, condiments, and table service. For everyone else, please bring enough food for at least 8 according to this list :

A-F Appetizer

G-M Salad

N-Z Dessert

BEVERAGES: Water and lemonade will be provided. If you prefer something else, please BYOB.

Please invite friends to share this fun activity with, and introduce them to our FF Club! Call Karen McCready at 510-794-6844 if you have questions about this event.

There will be a table displaying a few additional items from the Silent Auction held on May 12 (a hike to Picchetti Ranch and Winery and box lunch with donors, Dave and Dee Gustavson, for the buyer plus one; a visit to Filoli Gardens in Woodside and lunch in the Quail's Nest for buyer and donor, Dee Gustavson; and jewelry.) Bring your cash or checkbook. Contact Dee Gustavson if you'd like to bring other items which you wish to donate to the Silent Auction.

Additional Events on the calendar:

Thursday, July 5, Fifth at 5 cancelled.

Saturday, July 14, Flower Piano in the Botanical Gardens in Golden Gate Park, 100 John F. Kennedy Dr., hosted by RoseMarie Everett, 510-793-5201. Details soon!

Sunday, August 5, Fifth at 5, location TBD.

September 9-16 - Inbound Journey from Medicine Hat, Alberta Canada, RoseMarie Everett, Host Coordinator. Call RoseMarie if you can help by home-hosting, dayhosting, or working on a committee. About 13 Ambassadors plan to visit our club.

Saturday, September 15, Annual Meeting and Farewell Party for Medicine Hat Club from Alberta, Canada, Los Altos Youth Center, #1 No. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, Afternoon: exact time TBD.

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

November 8-14, Inbound Domestic Journey from Long Island, New York, Host Coordinator, Carol Halbe, 925-200-5738. Call Carol if you'd like to provide day or home hosting, or if you wish to participate in planning their stay here. About 15 Ambassadors plan to visit our club.

December 8 - Holiday Luncheon, Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant, Mountain View at 12-2:30 p.m.

News of past events:

April 28 - Thirteen people attended the **Salute to Arbor Day** in San Jose's Prusch Park, hosted by Friendship Forester, Karen McCready.. Karen provided us with a history of Friendship Forest, which began in 1995, when the first tree was planted to commemorate the visit of the Izmir Club of Turkey. She listed the names of all twenty-five trees that were planted for an incoming exchange since 1995. Most trees are still living and many have grown tall, so tall that in some areas, it truly feels like a forest now. We are grateful for the TLC Karen has provided these trees over the years, not to mention her time spent on the Prusch Park Board and negotiating with the staff. Other foresters who have faithfully helped water the trees are Don Dillon, MaryAlice vanDoorn, Karen and Dave Rice, and Saaku and K.C. Sarr. MaryAlice assembled a memory book of the Friendship Forest, which I'm storing. If this tradition is to be continued, then a new site must be located, because there are only two more spaces for new trees.

May 4-6 Western Regional Conference in Sacramento; Attendees: RoseMarie Everett, Glenn Fountain, Louise and Wil Heikuk, Dee and Dave Gustavson.. About 130 FF members attended the conference, participated in workshops, learned new techniques, and made many new friends.

May 6-9 RoseMarie Everett coordinated the **Mini-Homestay Journey** for four Regional Conference attendees. They enjoyed their welcome dinner at the Biker's Bar in Niles. In fact, one of the visitors had been a biker herself! RoseMarie hosted Dianne and Herb Durda of Medicine Hat, Canada, and Judy Walter hosted Judith Single of British Columbia, Canada, and Marilyn Garner of Ft. Collins, Colorado. RoseMarie guided the four visitors on a grand tour of San Francisco one day, and June Harris and Wil Heiduk accompanied the visitors to Livermore for a wine tasting, tour, and lunch at Concannon Vineyard.

May 12 - It was a pleasant afternoon for forty-two attendees to celebrate the **Club's 34th birthday party** at the Dominican Sisters in Fremont. The Art Exhibit and Silent Auction were added attractions, as well as Velva's beautiful singing. Thanks to the many generous donors and purchasers, the club raised \$1,750 from the Silent Auction, to be used for future club events and activities.

May 17 - Memorial Service for Kathy Bray in Fremont. Several of our members attended. We extend sympathy to her family.

June 4 -Cal and Mary Morris of Los Altos hosted a **Reunion of Nairobi Ambassadors** in their home to reminisce and exchange photos. Carol Higgins, Bunny Sprunger's sister, flew in from Portland to join the party.

June 5 - Fifth at 5 was cancelled. July's 5th at 5 won't be held, due to it being close to the dates of the July 1 Bar-B-Que and the July 4th holiday. Watch your emails to hear about the location for the next 5th at 5, to be held on August 5th.

Please email me if you have questions, comments, concerns, or ideas how we can do things better!

In harmony,

Dee Gustavson,
FFSFBA President, 2018