

Dear FF members,

Please note two attachments: a flyer for the Birthday meeting on Saturday, May 12, and also an updated calendar.

Let's Celebrate and have fun!

WHO: Friendship Members and guests are invited. Please invite your friends! This is a great way to introduce them to what we're about: traveling on a journey, making new friends, spreading peace around the world!

WHAT: Celebrating our club's 34th Birthday; Eating a potluck lunch together; Watching and listening to the Nairobi Ambassadors describe their fantastic experiences through photos of being hosted in a Friendship Force member's home in Kenya; Participating in the Silent Auction; Observing the Art Exhibit presented by our members and friends.

WHEN: May 12th, 1-4 p.m. Lunch will begin at 1 p.m.; the program will begin at 2 p.m. Guitar Music will be followed by the Nairobi presentation. You'll have a chance to bid on the silent auction items to benefit our club's activities, and to view the Art Exhibit throughout the afternoon. Check the Silent Auction items frequently to make sure someone doesn't outbid you on your favored items.

WHERE: Dominican Sisters in the Assembly Room, 43326 Mission Circle, in Fremont. Directions will be emailed next week. Green and white balloons will mark the turns, after you've turned on Mission Circle.

I urge all members in the Fremont area to print flyers (from the attachment) and distribute them to your friends, post them in places you frequent, and anyplace that has a bulletin board. Let's strive for 75 attendees!

Everyone is invited to this free event, but donations are greatly appreciated.

What to bring: a dish of food to serve 8-10 people. Last names beginning with A-G bring meat or main dishes, H-N bring sides or appetizers, O-Z bring salad or fruit. Tableware, birthday cake, lemonade, and water will be provided. We have use of a kitchen, so things can be heated after you arrive, as necessary.

Be sure to bring cash and your checkbook to purchase items from the Silent Auction. Proceeds will benefit our club's activities.

WE NEED MORE ITEMS for the Silent Auction! Here are some suggestions for items for the Silent Auction:

new or gently-used items

a service: 1-2 hours of gardening advice; computer, art, music instruction

Lead a 1 to 2 hour hike for 1-4 people or more, and possibly include bag lunch or dine out afterward

Offer to host a breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, picnic, or tea for 1-10 people in your home, in a park, tea room, or in a restaurant (themed or not).

Offer to share your season ticket or pass to a movie theater, museum, sports' game, aquarium, theater play

Donate 1 night (could even be in your own home), a week-end, or a week in your condo or cabin for a getaway.

Ask your favorite restaurant, spa, florist, barber, hair dresser, manicurist, deli, motel, winery to donate a gift certificate.

Please email me, Dee Gustavson, at dee@gustavson.info or phone 650-961-3539 to indicate what you'd like to donate for the Auction. I encourage each member to donate at least one item. You can bring your items the day of the event, or deliver them to me, but please let me know ahead of time what items you're donating.

Thanks to donors for the following donations:

2 new suitcases - Martha LeRoy

2 hours of Clutter Cutting - Dee Gustavson

2 tickets to Aurora Singers concert in Palo Alto on 6/2/18 - Dee Gustavson

Raclette-Cheese dinner for 4 people - Dee and Dave Gustavson

Tea for Two in Lisa's Tea Treasures in downtown Los Altos - Dee Gustavson

Visit to DeYoung Museum in San Francisco, including Lunch with Donor - Dee Gustavson

Visit to Filoli Gardens, including Lunch with Donor - Dee Gustavson

Hike to Picchetti Ranch for buyer plus 2 people, including Lunch - Dee Gustavson

One week's Lodging in an apartment in Spain - Karen and David Rice

Silk Flower Arrangement - Edith Miranda

Landscape Consulting - Karen McCready

Jewelry - Gina Hudson

Earrings - Karen McCready

American Indian Sand Painting - Mary Morris

You must pay for your purchased items on May 12 before removing them. Donors should pick up the items that don't sell that day, or they can leave them for Dee to collect and offer for sale at the July 1 Bar-B-Q. Detailed Rules for the Silent Auction will be sent soon.

Also on **May 12th**, there will be an **Art Show of members and friends' talents**. Works of art, crafts, sewing, crocheting, writings, and anything you've made and want to exhibit will be displayed on tables along the wall. You may offer your art for sale, if you wish. There's no charge to exhibit, but if you sell something, we request that you pay FF 10% of the sale of each item. If you wish to display any kind of art (or even a small collection), contact me to reserve one or two oblong tables. Or if you only have one or two items, you can share a table with someone else. Also, let me know if you'd like to help to organize the Art Show. Each artist is responsible for setting up his/her own table, identifying the art, providing change, and staffing his/her table. Neither FFSFBA members nor the Dominican Sisters organization is responsible for loss, removal, or damage to any exhibited item. Displaying artists will be asked to sign a Release Form. Details will be sent early next week.

Email or phone me at 650-961-3539 if you have any questions!

Dee Gustavson



The Friendship Force:

Experience Different Views, Discover Common Ground

The mission of the Friendship Force is to build friendships with people around the world through homestay or hosting exchanges. More than 16,000 people in 63 countries have already subscribed to the idea that we can build a more peaceful world by getting to know people in other countries, share our homes and meals with them, and view their cultures through their eyes. Friendship Force members are ordinary people who travel or host in the name of global friendship.

COME CELEBRATE OUR 34th BIRTHDAY

Saturday, May 12th 2018

1:00 – 4:00 PM, Dominican Sisters,

Assembly Room, 43326 Mission Circle, Fremont; Look for green balloons

Potluck Luncheon 1-2 P.M. Last names beginning with A-G bring meat or main dishes, H-N bring sides or appetizers, O-Z bring salad or fruit.

Tableware, birthday cake, lemonade, and water provided

Program at 2 p.m.

Stories, Experiences, and Photos of Journey to Nairobi, Kenya

The public is welcome to this FREE event. (Donations gladly accepted)

Display of Arts and Crafts by Members and Guests

Silent Auction: Bring items to sell; Buy Gifts and Services

to Benefit Club Activities

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Questions? Call 650-961-3539

FFSFBA Calendar of Events for 2018, As of 4/22/2018

Fifth at 5's and Let's Eat Out (LEO's) are held mostly monthly on alternate sides of the Bay. (5th at 5's are held at restaurants or bars for drinks and appetizers/dinner on the 5th of the month at 5 p.m.) LEO's are listed on the back.

All members and guests are welcome to participate in the following scheduled activities:

April 28 - Saturday, 12 noon. Salute to Arbor Day. Light lunch at Friendship Forest, Prusch Park, S. King Rd. at Lido, San Jose. Karen McCready, Host. kmccready60@yahoo.com

May 3-6 - Super Western Regional Friendship Force Conference in Sacramento: All members are encouraged to attend. Email dee@gustavson.info for more information.

May 6-9 - Post-Conference home-hosting offered by our club. (4 visitors will be homehosted in the Bay Area.) Contact Louise Heiduk, 408-243-4822.

May 6 - dinner at 4 p.m. for members and guests to welcome 4 visitors (3 from Canada, 1 from Colorado), at The Florence Bar, 37349 Niles Blvd. in Fremont, \$16. RSVP to host RoseMarie Everett, 510-793-5201.

May 12 - Celebrate our club's 34th Birthday, 1-4 p.m. Potluck Luncheon at 1 p.m., Program at 2 p.m., Silent Auction, and Art Exhibit in Community Room at Dominican Sisters, 43326 Mission Circle, Fremont

May 29 - Tour of 9th District Federal Courthouse in San Francisco by RoseMarie Everett. Meet at BART Station (Civic Center) at 10:15 a.m. Eat lunch in the City, followed by walking tour 1:30-3 p.m. Cost for Tour is \$10.

July 1 - Annual Potluck/Picnic/Bar-B-Q at 4 p.m. in Carol Easter's home, 7868 Hazelnut Dr., Newark, 510-579-3797.

July 14 - Special Event: Flower Piano in Botanical Gardens in Golden Gate Park, 100 John F. Kennedy Dr., San Francisco, hosted by RoseMarie Everett, 510-793-5201.

September 9-16 - Inbound Journey from Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, RoseMarie Everett, Host Coordinator, 510-793-5201 (Home hosts needed)

September 15 - Annual Meeting & Farewell Party for Medicine Hat Club from Alberta, Canada, time and place TBA.

October 31 -Special Event: Precita Eyes Murals Studio, followed by meal in Mexican Restaurant, RoseMarie Everett, host, 510-793-5201.

November 8-14 Inbound Domestic Journey from Long Island, New York (Need Home hosts)

December 8 - Holiday Luncheon, Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant, Mountain View

Contact **Dee Gustavson**, President, by email: dee@gustavson.info or phone, **(650-961-3539)** for information, to share ideas, and concerns. ffsfba.org (local) www.friendshipforce.org (int'l)

Let's Eat Out Events for rest of 2018

Sunday, April 22, West Bay, Breakfast at Buck's Restaurant, 3062 Woodside Rd., Woodside, 9:30 a.m., hosted by Dee Gustavson, 650.961.3539; followed by optional visit to Filoli Gardens at 11 AM, Woodside, hosted by RoseMarie Everett 510.793.5201

Thursday, May 17, East Bay, Lunch at El Patio Restaurant, 37311 Fremont Blvd., Fremont, 11:30 AM. Host, Glenn Fountain 510.793.0270

June West Bay, Darlene Boyanich & Roger Riffenburgh, hosts, 408.749.1897; Date, lunch or dinner, and time TBA

Sunday, July 1 East Bay. Annual Potluck/Picnic/Bar-B-Q at 4 p.m., Carol Easter's home, 7868 Hazelnut Drive, Newark, 510.579.3797.

August East Bay, Martha LeRoy, host, 510.793.3676; Date, lunch or dinner, and time TBA

September West Bay, Barbara Ross, host. 513.310.8561; Date, lunch or dinner, and time TBA
Considering Spanish tapas

October East Bay, Carol Halbe, host, 925.200.5738; Date, lunch or dinner, and time TBA

November North Bay, Ron & Gloria Greenwald, hosts, 415.648.6488; near a San Francisco Bart Station, Date, lunch or dinner, and time TBA