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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES! TRAVEL WITH FFSFBA FRIENDS FROM 2002-2017

It started with a chance comment from Colleen Scott, former president of FFSFBA, on a birding field trip. We were carpooling, and she happened to mention that she knew one of the couples in the birding group from Friendship Force. Little did I know what a “force” this group would have in Barry’s and my life. When Colleen explained what the group was, she added, “We’re going to Japan in October.” This was 2002, and Barry and I had spent New Year’s 2002 in Tokyo. We couldn’t sign up fast enough to deepen our experience and understanding of this culture that had so fascinated us on that first trip.

After the awe-inspiring home stays with two clubs in Japan, we began exploring every possibility to travel with FFSFBA and with other clubs. As of this year, we have visited a total of 36 clubs in 15 countries and stayed in at least 36 homes. Just as valuable as the friends we have made abroad are the club members we have come to know. Of course, one of the best features of Friendship Force is being able to travel with congenial, compatible people.

Our experience as high school teachers and department and school administrators seemed to make us eligible for FFSFBA’s board positions. I joined the board as early as 2004 and Barry soon after. Together and sometimes separately, we have led eight outbound journeys and two inbounds. Barry served as club president for two years and then three years as Western Region Field Representative to FFI. I served as president from 2008 to 2009 and am finishing my 2016–2017 term. We have watched the club grow, not in number of members, but in more activities that bind us together and allow us to feel more a part of the group and more inclined to travel. Our recently revised and updated Bylaws and Standing Rules reflect our awareness of the changing needs and interests of our members and our greater reliance on electronic media.

This has been an amazing, life-changing journey for both of us. We wish Dee and her new board all the best and thank all the members for the many ways that they have enhanced our lives.

In friendship,

—Karen L. McCready, President

WANTED: A HOST COORDINATOR FOR THE MEDICINE HAT INBOUND

What a charming name for a town, right? Medicine Hat is in Alberta, sandwiched between B.C. and Ontario. It’s about the only Canadian province our club hasn’t visited, and this is our chance to show them our brand of hospitality. We know we’re going to like them because everyone knows how friendly and polite the Canadians are, eh? The dates are set for September 12–19 (departing on the 19th), 2018. For those who will be helping to plan the itinerary, these dates get us nicely past Labor Day weekend and the start of the school year. No longer will we be competing with tourists so much in San Francisco. The weather may be warm, but at least it will be dependable. We will be hosting only 12 ambassadors, as that is the limit for the Southern Oregon Club, which they will visit the week after they are with us.

Here’s the deal: after we recover from the holidays, we will need to assemble a committee to plan the group events for the week’s visit. So plan to take a break from watching football, and attend a planning meeting to put in your two cents’ worth about where we should take them and to volunteer to organize one of the events or to coordinate hosting, potlucks, or day hosting.

Aha! Of course, we need one or more leaders to pull all of this together. That would be the Host Coordinator(s). Don’t all step up at once! Actually, we have found lately that it’s mighty encouraging and creative to team up for this job. At least, Elaine and Sara have had a great time exploring many of the highlights of the Bay Area together as they’ve planned for the Nagasaki Inbound. So talk this over with a friend or family member and be the first to call Dee Gustavson to volunteer.

Thanking you in advance,—Karen L. McCready, President

FFSFBA MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR 2018

Our board has determined that all members, singles and couples, should pay one even rate, the current single rate of \$50 per person. As in past years, you can deduct \$5 each if you send the membership renewal application and the check by January 31, 2018. Carol Easter, our Membership Chair, will be sending the renewal forms to your homes soon.

We certainly want to encourage your continued membership in every way we can. The practical reality is that

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our income, based entirely on your membership fees, does not cover the club's expenses. We pay FFI a \$15.00 fee for each of our members, in addition to renting meeting facilities, hiring speakers for programs, supporting Friendship Forest, publicizing events, and compensating members for inbound journey and administrative expenses. We do not charge for any of our general meetings. Even if we wished to charge for the meetings, the public libraries we use for most of our meetings would prohibit that.

I hope that you feel we give you value for your money and that you understand our reasoning.

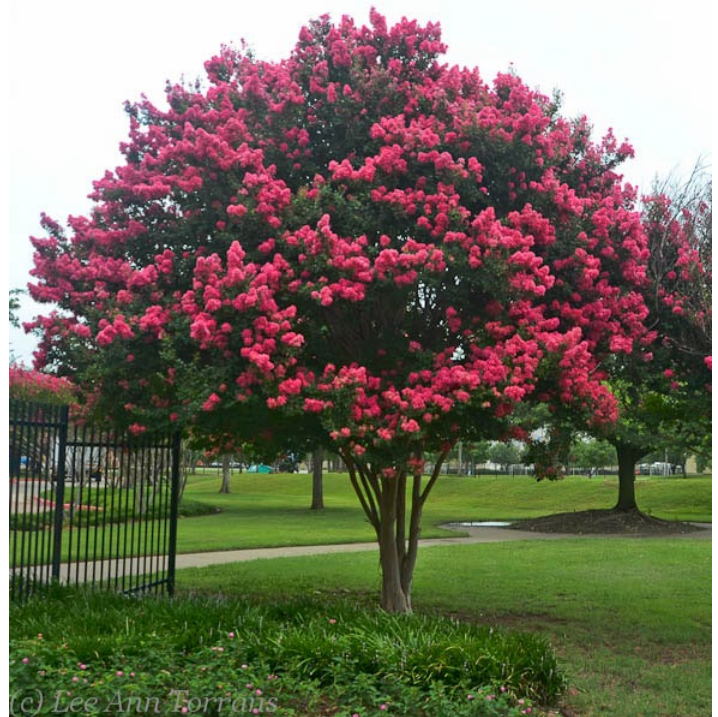
Thank you for your support.—*Karen L. McCready*, President

OUR GIFT TO NAGASAKI—A CRAPE MYRTLE FOR FRIENDSHIP FOREST!

Some of our newer members may not be aware of an arboretum at the corner of Story Road and South King Road in San Jose, where our club has planted a tree to commemorate every visit of an international club since 1994. K.C. Sarr's father, Howard Craven, aided by a few other members, arranged with the City of San Jose to begin this arboreal gesture of friendship in an undeveloped portion of Emma Prusch Farm Park. Today, the park is well used by the surrounding community, and the city has added some attractive structures to set off our Friendship Forest. The only vehicle entrance to the park is on South King Road, just off 680 at the King Road exit. Enter the park at the Lido stoplight, park in the parking lot as close as possible to the big white house headquarters, and head down the right fork of the path in front of the house towards the barn-like structure at the far end. That structure, a bonafide work of art, is called "The Last Barn," a tribute to the agrarian history of this plot of land. Facing the "barn" is our display cabinet, which contains a list of all the trees we have planted, including some that couldn't tough it out in the San Jose climate. We continue to search for species that grow well in both the visitors' climate and ours, and we succeed the majority of the time.

The "Tuscarora" Crape Myrtle is an appropriate choice for Nagasaki, because Japan is one of the Far Eastern countries from which the original Crape Myrtles came. We think our visitors will understand why we chose the coral pink variety instead of the original white. Our wholesale nurseryman will plant the 15-gallon tree for us on Friday, November 3rd, and we will dedicate it after the Welcome Brunch on Tuesday, November 7th. Each of the Nagasaki ambassadors will be able to throw a shovelful of dirt around the tree and have a photo taken for posterity.

If you haven't visited Friendship Forest, I encourage you to spend an hour or so there any day but Monday. Although the gardening staff at Prusch Park take care of much of the maintenance of the Forest, it will survive only as long as we, the members, continue to take an interest in it and invest in the trees and display items as needed. The Forest belongs to all of us, and this lasting gift to our visitors is one of the unique features of our club.



If you have any questions about Friendship Forest or would like to meet me there sometime to assess how we can improve it, call me.

Thanks on behalf of the Forest! —*Karen L. McCready*, President

OKLAHOMA & DENVER, ROSEMARIE EVERETT

FFSFBA had a successful Domestic Journey to Oklahoma City, Sept. 24–Oct. 1. The fifteen members who participated from our club included Karen McCready, Barry Rader, Gina Hudson, Edith Miranda, Glenn Fountain, RoseMarie Everett, Kathy Bray, Judy Walter, Judy Pemberton, Darlene Boyanich, Roger Riffenburgh, Katharine Kleinke, Olga Pekelny, K.C. Sarr, and Jennifer Lam. Ron and Sandy Hartley joined the group from the Santa Barbara Club.

Ken Coy, the Ambassador Coordinator from Oklahoma City, kept us very busy from 9–4 the week we were there. We all had a fabulous time meeting new people, seeing the sights, and learning new things about Oklahoma City and the surrounding area.

Following the week in Oklahoma City, thirteen ambassadors flew to Denver on October 1 for a week of homeshosting there. These included Karen, Barry, Gina, Edith, Glenn, RoseMarie, Kathy, Judy, Darlene, Roger, Katharine, K.C., and Jennifer. Dee Gustavson, Karen Rice, and Jan Boelke joined the group in Denver.

Viewing buffalo, seeing the first snowfall of the season, riding the carousel, visiting museums, and meeting all the great people were all highlights of our stay in Denver. We enjoyed reuniting with Denver's host coordinator, Luree Miller, and her husband, Scott, who were members of our club, when they lived in San Francisco.

—*RoseMarie Everett*, Ambassador Coordinator

OKLAHOMA & DENVER, KATHY BRAY

I went on this, my first journey, so I could see the memorial in Oklahoma City and some park/mountain area outside of Denver. I saw that and so much more. I was in awe of the sites and events both clubs arranged for us, and found special experiences in both places. In OKC I attended the soft opening of the host's son's new restaurant. It was a year in the planning, and it was great to see it come to fruition. It was a relief to mother and son alike. In Denver our hosts had a dog named Ellie who was a sweetheart and who entertained a dog named Paige while her owners entertained another couple and us.

I will never think of the two cities in the same way again—the people are truly full of fun, loving, gracious, people who are interested in sharing their worlds with others. —*Kathy Bray, Ambassador*

DENVER, JAN BOELKE

My first exchange with Friendship Force (to Denver, Oct. 1–7) was outstanding and far exceeded my expectations. I totally enjoyed all the activities planned by the Denver Club. My home hosts, Bob and Carolyn Wrapp, were so welcoming and generous. An added attraction was getting to sample Bob's home cooking. The week in Denver was truly a wonderful experience! —*Jan Boelke, Ambassador*

OKLAHOMA, JUDY WALTER

Oklahoma was a wonderful trip. Well planned, terrific food, great hosts, great information, beautiful home, and outstanding day host.

I arrived at a beautiful house on a lagoon with my nephew and his 4 year old son, who drove me from his home in Tulsa. After seeing my lovely room and bathroom, we were all invited to go for a boat ride around the lagoon to view the lovely houses, boats and herons. Our host invited us to accompany her to a friend's home where we played Bunko and ate a delicious dinner with 20 of her friends that evening.

Our day host picked us up the next day for a drive around Oklahoma City pointing out historic areas, Brick Town, telling us history and pointing out special sights around the city including the 9/11 National Memorial Museum. We noted many times that we were on the historic Route 66.

The National Weather Center was very educational, a training center for meteorologists and a prediction center for storms and disasters. It was a truly inspiring and memorable experience. The guide was very knowledgeable and happy to share her vast information.

Other days we saw the National Cowboy Museum, Clydesdale horses, buffalo, Sam Noble Natural History Museum in Norman, Marland Mansion and Estate (The Oklahoma oilman), the Guthrie Masonic Temple, the Territorial Museum and monumental bronze statues of horses and wagons running to stake their claim, Museum of Modern Art, Botanical garden, Oklahoma History Center Pioneer Women. The scheduling was perfect and the lunches and dinners superb. At pot luck dinners we greatly enjoyed learning of all the activities of our Oklahoma hosts. We attended church with our hosts before departing on Sunday and were grateful for their hospitality, friendship and kindness. —*Judy Walter, Ambassador*

OKLAHOMA & DENVER, K.C. SARR

This was my first trip to Oklahoma City and my second to Denver. I really enjoyed getting to know both cities better. In Oklahoma City, I stayed with a couple who lived in a hundred-year-old house in a beautiful tree-lined neighborhood. The house had a wrap-around porch, so on the warm evenings we would sit out there and chat. The evenings were quiet with very few cars passing; this home was only 10 minutes from the downtown city center. It was lovely.

Our visit to Oklahoma City began with a poignant visit to the National Memorial Museum, which was constructed to commemorate the 168 people who were killed in the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in 1995. There are several indoor and outdoor elements to the museum, and I found them all very moving. Besides this memorial, Oklahoma City had some other world-class museums. I was especially impressed by The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, which held a breath-taking range of Western art and artifacts in a beautifully architected building. While getting to know our hosts better, we also visited a beautiful indoor tropical botanical garden in a gorgeous park right in the middle of downtown, a fascinating Masonic temple in nearby Guthrie. We got to peer over the shoulders of the scientists and forecasters at the National Weather Center in Norman, Oklahoma. In addition to getting to know Oklahoma City, we also became acquainted with some of the native populations out in the countryside, including a visit to a Bald Eagle sanctuary on tribal lands, as well as a visit to a bison-raising outfit run by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Indians. Our hosts and hostesses were all very warm and accommodating and I really enjoyed my visit.

Denver is also a beautiful city. At this time of year, we found the weather is quite variable: we had to bundle up against 40 degree weather one day, and put on T-shirts and light slacks on another when the temperatures climbed into the high 70s.

We got an overview of the city on the Western-styled Banjo Billy tour bus. We visited the state capitol, and the museum house of one of the founding families of Denver. We had a brief introduction to the college town of Boulder where we had lunch in a tea house that had been carved and decorated in Tajikistan and then sent as a kit to Boulder. We visited a nearby town where a very unusual and fun carousel has been rebuilt by a veteran of the Vietnam War. We drove through the mountains and saw some of the first snows on the pine trees and aspens.

Many of us also visited the world-famous Denver Botanic Gardens on a warm, sunny day, where most plants were still in bloom. These blossoms hosted a huge flock of migrating "painted lady" butterflies, which also added beauty to the day. Our Denver hosts were all terrific people, and it was a pleasure to get to know them while we became acquainted with their beautiful area. —*K.C. Sarr, Ambassador*



Ambassadors in Victoria, B.C.

Natalie Heling is in a light blue shirt with sunglasses, third from left, third row from back. Mary Lou Hudson of St. Louis, MO, (Dee Gustavson's frequent travel buddy), is blonde, in black dress, third from left. —Photo courtesy of Natalie Heling.

NATALIE WENT TO VICTORIA

On October 2nd I traveled to Victoria, British Columbia to join 15 other ambassadors to celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary. The journey was sponsored by the Friendship Force of Metro Vancouver, and was open to all clubs.

What a grand time they showed us! After 2 nights and a full day in Victoria, we ferried to Vancouver, where we met our hosts. Sights included a historic salmon canning factory, tours of Gastown, Stanley Park, the Museum of Anthropology, the Conservatory at Queen Elizabeth Park, stunning views of the harbor, and so much more. There were dinners and potlucks, topped off by celebrating Canadian Thanksgiving in small groups at hosts' homes.

Do try an international exchange if you haven't already done so. It is a great opportunity to visit a new place and meet lovely people from all over the world.

—Natalie Heling, Ambassador

DENVER, DEE GUSTAVSON

Ijoined the group in Denver for my first Domestic Journey. Although I've been to Denver at least 35 times (my brother lived there, so we visited him and his family annually), I felt that I wanted to experience it in a new way. All the Denver club's activities were new to me, except Red Rock Amphitheater, which I'd visited nearly 50 years ago to attend a Billy Graham Crusade, during which a thunder storm came up, and the whole crowd dispersed to move across town to the Civic Auditorium. This time I got to see the giant red rocks in the gleaming sun, with bright blue sky in the background.

Other highlights of the Denver week were: viewing the colorful Botanic Gardens; riding on the fascinating carousel in Nederland and meeting the man who carved all 26 animal figures; seeing the gorgeous marble in the capitol building; and visiting the Art Museum in downtown Denver with its interesting architecture. The Denver club members were very friendly, and K.C. and I had magnificent hosts.

—Dee Gustavson, Ambassador

FF WORLD CONFERENCE

Dave and I were among 325 delegates who met in Manchester, England's Midland Hotel for the Friendship Force World Conference August 24–28. What a grand celebration of 40 years of Friendship Force International! At the Welcome Party, we were greeted by "Elvis" (Jeremi Snook, FFI President) and Susie Smith, daughter of FFI founder Wayne Smith, who belted out songs from the 70's. Tables of eight competed with each other to "Name That Tune."

The Farewell Party was fabulous, too, as it was held in the hangar of the last Concorde. After enjoying the scrumptious banquet, we were ushered up the long stairs to tour the plane's interior.

In between parties, we attended workshops, reunited with long-time friends that we often meet at these conferences, including Hanna, my 2002 host from Cairo, Egypt, and also our friends, Luree and Scott Miller, former residents of San Francisco and members of our club, whom we reconnected with on a sightseeing tour of the walled city of Chester.

We learned that many other clubs are struggling—just like ours is—trying to increase our membership and to retain what we have. We need to investigate FFI's ideas that include youth and families.

You can view the highlights of the conference by going on FFI's website: <http://friendshipforce.org/> Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Recap of 40th Anniversary." Learn what new ideas were discussed by clicking on "workshops."

The next FF World Conference is scheduled for 2019 in Puerto Rico. (FFI has decided the conferences will be held every two years now, instead of annually.)

—Dave & Dee Gustavson, Members of FFSFBA for 33 years

KENYA IN FEBRUARY 2018

Come join us on a Friendship Force Journey to Kenya from February 10th–February 23rd. This includes a one week homestay in Nairobi and a week's safari visiting various game parks.

Places are filling up fast, so if you are interested in going on this trip, please contact K.C. Sarr, the Ambassador Coordinator. Applications and a deposit of \$325 are due to K.C. by November 15th. To contact K.C. for more information, send e-mail to

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, DECEMBER 9, 2017

Join us at the Holiday Buffet Luncheon next month, Saturday, December 9, at Michael's at Shoreline Restaurant, 2690 No. Shoreline Blvd., in Mountain View. We have thirty-one reservations so far, and we hope to get many more! Invite friends to join you! It's a great way to start the holiday season. Come to hear about two fantastic Journeys that took place this year: Japan in June, and Oklahoma and Denver this fall. The new officers will be installed, and we'll be entertained by a jubilant a cappella choir from Mountain View High. Make your reservation by December 1 by sending your check for \$28. (See page 7 for reservation details.)

NEXT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In January, I'll take the reins from Karen McCready, who so capably led our club the past two years, as well as in 2008–2009. Thanks, Karen, for your dedicated efforts and support to our club throughout the years since joining in 2003. You are a hard act to follow!

I look forward to working with all of you in 2018. I **need** your **support!** Together we can make our club **thrive**.

I urge you to get involved by volunteering to serve on a committee, and offer to homestay and dayhost when our club has visitors.

Here are the committees that need to be filled:

Newsletter Editor: this position can be shared.

Membership (consists of 3 members): Carol Easter will continue on database management, but we also need a mentoring person, and a recruitment/publicity person, who will work with the publicity chair.

Publicity

Host Journey Coordinator (formerly Inbound Exchange Director)

Please tell your friends, and those you meet, about Friendship Force and invite them to an event. Let's Eat Out (L.E.O.) and the 5th at 5 are excellent events to which to invite them, to introduce them to our purpose and to other members. Offer to give them a ride. Think of ways to include them when our club is hosting visitors, to provide your friends an opportunity to make new friends and experience another culture. Give them a business card with our club's website address on it: ffsfba.org (These cards will be available at the Holiday Luncheon on December 9.)

I hope you're receiving regular newsletters from Friendship Force International via email. I urge you to subscribe by going on their website (friendshipforce.org) and scrolling to the bottom of the screen, clicking on "subscribe," then type in your email address. FFI provides so much information, including the 40th anniversary, the 2017 World Conference, how to donate to the fund, FFI's goals, journeys that other clubs are planning, and scheduled festivals, three of which I'll mention here:

FFI's **Festival at Sea Cruise**, April 22–May 10, 2018 on Holland America's MS Zuiderdam. It will be a transatlantic voyage from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to Copenhagen, Denmark. Workshops on Friendship Force will take place each day. Prices for a cabin range from \$1949–2529 per person. There's also the **Ranch and Rodeo Festival**, which is scheduled for March 6–11, 2018 at Westgate River Ranch Resort and Rodeo in River Ranch, Florida. Space is limited to 80 cowboys and cowgirls. The festival fee is \$900 per person, based on a shared room. Are you a birder? Sign up for the **Journey to the Sandhill Crane Capital of the World**, March 17–24, 2018. This one takes place in Nebraska, and is sponsored by the Lincoln FF club. Reservations are due by December 1.

There are many other travel opportunities listed. Click on the arrows on both sides to view a range of trips offered. You

can also click on "View All Journeys" to see more listings. Poke around to get acquainted with all their features.

Did you know that I've been recycled? Can you guess which year I first served as our club's president, and where our club had an exchange that year? Email me at with your answers. If you get one answer correct, I'll buy you coffee in your favorite coffee shop or cafe. If you get both answers correct, I'll take you out to lunch. (No fair asking Dave, Karen or Barry, who probably know both answers!)

—Dee Gustavson, Incoming President

CLUB FROM NAGASAKI, JAPAN ARRIVES

Seventeen Nagasaki Ambassadors are visiting hosts in the Bay Area this week, November 6–13. Exciting events are planned to show the guests a splendid time in San Francisco, Sausalito, Stanford, San Jose, Fremont, and all the hosts' cities.

Reservations are now closed to the various restaurants, but here's a reminder about the events for those who bought tickets:

Welcome Breakfast: will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 10–12 noon at Omega Restaurant, 90 South Park Victoria, Milpitas.

Dinner in San Francisco: will be held on Wednesday, November 8 at Pompeii's Grotto, 340 Jefferson St., (near Wharf, between Jones and Leavenworth Streets) at 5 pm (this was changed from 6 pm.)

Farewell "Thanksgiving Dinner": will be held Sunday, November 12 at 4 pm (time was changed from 5 pm) at Harry's Hofbrau, 360 Saratoga Ave., San Jose (between Kiely and Stevens Creek), featuring entertainment by the Nagasaki FF Club.

We are grateful to all participants. We hope everyone enjoys sharing their homes and culture with the visiting Ambassadors!

—Elaina Habel & Sara Rozzano, Co-Coordination

WANTED:

NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR FOR 2018

Dave and Dee Gustavson are retiring from being co-editors, after 15+ years of service. (Dave is the newly elected president of the Community Committee for International Students at Stanford's International Center, with over 300 American volunteers plus many more internationals, so he's extra busy. Dee can't publish it alone, because she's not a layout-software person, and because she will be very busy as President of FFSFBA next year.)

So, this is the last Newsletter until someone else volunteers for the job! (Everyone was warned in the previous issue!)

The newsletter is published four or five times a year. This position can be shared, if you wish. For example, it has really worked well to have a "content" editor and a layout/printing person, especially if both can proofread and check each other. Contact us by phone at or email:

and we'll be happy to discuss details and train you. —Dave and Dee Gustavson, Newsletter Co-Editors

DID LEO GET YOUR GOAT?

Fifteen members and two guests enjoyed an evening meal at Birreria Tapa in San Jose on Sat. Oct. 21st. Many tried the specialties, goat stew or goat tacos, while others had a variety of Mexican dishes. Comments were very favorable about the food and the early Saturday hour of 5 pm before the restaurant got crowded (we could actually hear each other as we carried on conversations!) and we finished early enough to get home before dark.

—Karen Rice, Coordinator



Nine members and one guest enjoyed lunch together at CoCurry Thai Cuisine in Newark on November 2. Thanks to June for hosting the event. Left side of table, front to back: Judy Bray, Edith Miranda, Gina Hudson, RoseMarie Everett, Aurora Doré (Judy Walter's guest), Judy Walter, Glenn Fountain, June Harris, Judy Smith, and Martha LeRoy.

—Photo courtesy of RoseMarie.



Dushanbe Tea House in Boulder. From left to right: Barry Rader, Karen Rice, Dee Gustavson, Donna Robinson (Dee & K.C.'s host), Karen McCready, K.C. Sarr, Judy Pemberton, Katharine Kleinke.

Back row: Denver host, Denver host, Jan Boelke (partial view), Jennifer Lam, Judy Bray, and Glenn Fountain.

—Photo courtesy of RoseMarie.



Dancing at the Chicasaw Nation Cultural Center: Front row, left to right: Kathy Bray, Judy Pemberton, (center with blue jacket), far right, Gina Hudson, and Glenn Fountain.

—Photo courtesy of RoseMarie.



Dee Gustavson rode on the carousel's frog.

—Photo courtesy of Dee.



Scott and Luree Miller at Red Rock Amphitheater, near Denver

—Photo courtesy of Dee.



RoseMarie Everett and Glenn Fountain in Oklahoma, with buffalo in the background. They saw buffalo in Colorado as well.

—Photo courtesy of RoseMarie.

Friendship Force Holiday Buffet Luncheon

Saturday, December 9, 2017 12-2:30 P.M.

Michaels at Shoreline, 2960 No. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, CA

12:00-12:30 P.M. Social Time

12:30-1:00 P.M. Program

1:00 P.M. Buffet Lunch will be served

1:45 P.M. Musical Entertainment

The buffet includes salads, entrees, seasonal vegetables, French Rolls, dessert, and drinks: Coffee, Decaf and Tea Service (Iced tea costs \$1 extra, per service).

The **total cost** for the buffet meal is **\$28**, which includes tax and tip.

Directions to Michaels at Shoreline

Exit 101 at Shoreline, northward (approximately at junction of 85 and 101). Follow Shoreline toward bay. Michaels is on your left just past the golf links parking, nearly at the end of Shoreline.

To make reservations, send the bottom half of this form and your check to :

Martha LeRoy

Fremont, CA 94536

Make out your check to FFSFBA for **\$28 per person**, and include it with this form. Make your reservation by December 1. If you have questions, call Martha at .

Number in your party: _____ Total Amount of your check: \$ _____ (\$28 per person)

Names of Attendees:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



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2017–2018 CALENDAR

**November
6–13**

Inbound Journey from Nagasaki,
Japan

November

No FF Board Meeting this month

December 5

5th at 5 cancelled due to holidays

December 9

Holiday Luncheon, 12–2:30pm at
Michael's at Shoreline, 2690 N.
Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View

January 5

5th at 5, location TBD

**February
10–23**

Outbound Journey to Nairobi,
Kenya, and optional safari

March 3 or 4

World Friendship Day, location,
date and time TBD

April TBD

Brunch at Buck's at Woodside,
followed by tour of Filoli Estate

May 3–6

Super-Regional Conference in
Sacramento
(all members are invited)

May 6–8

Our club will host 10 Conference
attendees.

**September
12–19**

Inbound Journey from
Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada

FFSFBA website: <http://ffsfba.org>

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