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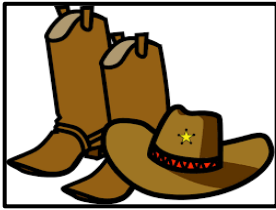
A NEWSLETTER FOR THE RETIREES OF THE
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JUNE BBQ PICNIC



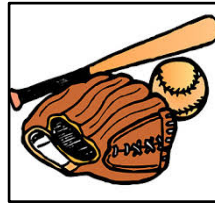
Howdy! The annual FODARA picnic is **Thursday, June 16**, 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Cuesta Park in Mountain View (see page 7 for reservation form and directions). The picnic, one of our biggest social functions of the year, is a great opportunity to bring a friend or colleague, reconnect with old friends, and enjoy the party. This year, like last year, new retirees are invited at no cost. The more people, the more fun, so come on down!

Last year the weather was perfect and we are expecting Thursday, June 16, to be just as nice. We will have delicious food, drinks (wine, beer, sodas, water), and dessert. We are going with a Country Western theme, so, round up your country western shirt, blue jeans, cowboy hat, and boots. The menu for this special event continues the theme: we will serve wrangler BBQ chicken, portabella mushrooms, Texas chili beans, farmer's salad, bronco bread, and dessert.

Please return the reservation form with your check no later than **Monday, June 13**. You can still attend last minute but reservations are encouraged. If you miss the deadline, the form has a phone number to call to be included. I have fun at the picnic every year, so please come and say howdy!

Mike Paccionetti

AUGUST GAME & BBQ



It's that time of year again for a delicious BBQ dinner, warm weather, and fun at a baseball game. Bring your family and friends and join your FODARA colleagues at the San Jose Giants vs. Rancho Cucamonga Quakes game on **Saturday, August 20, 2016**, at the San Jose Municipal Stadium. Gates will open for the BBQ around 4:30 pm, and the first pitch will be about 6:00 pm. As usual, the pre-paid package includes reserved seating in the General Admission area and a delicious dinner of ribs, chicken, or sandwich item (including a vegetarian option); side dishes; and a beverage. The Kid's Package includes General Admission, hot dog or hamburger, chips, and an apple juice.

The cost is \$29 per person with alcohol, \$27 per person without alcohol, and \$16 for children 12 and under. Prepaid parking is available for \$9 per vehicle (game day price is \$10).

Please send in the reservation form (see p. 6) by **Tuesday, August 9**. I will pick up the tickets August 15 and immediately mail them to the address on the form unless previous arrangements have been made.

One more thing. . . at the game, please pay attention and stay alert: we are there to enjoy the game and the company, not to get to know the paramedics, like a member of our group did last year!

Bill Lewis

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FODARA 2015-16 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 1	Tues	Board Meeting	10:30 am	Toyon Room FH (Rm 2020)	Open to all
Oct 29	Thurs	Pizza Thing	3:00 pm	Tony & Alba's	Open to all
Nov 3	Tues	Board Meeting	10:30 am	Toyon Room FH (Rm 2020)	Open to all
Dec 11	Fri	Holiday Party	11:30 am	De Anza Campus Conference Rooms A & B	Open to all
Jan 12	Tues	Board Meeting	10:30 am	Toyon Room FH (Rm 2020)	Open to all
Feb 11	Thurs	Valentine Lunch	11:30 am	Blue Pheasant Restaurant	Open to all
Mar 1	Tues	Board Meeting	1:30 pm	1365 Wright Ave, Sunnyvale	Open to all
Apr		TBA			Open to all
May 3	Tues	Board Meeting	10:30 am	Toyon Room FH (Rm 2020)	Open to all
Jun 16	Thurs	Picnic	3:00-5:00 pm	Cuesta Park, MV	Open to all
Aug 20	Sat	SJ Giants Game & BBQ	4:30 pm >	San Jose Municipal Stadium, SJ	Open to all

FODARA COMMITTEES/MEMBERS

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THE LATEST FODARA BENEFITS NEWS: 1 ITEM

The Joint Labor Management Benefits Council (JLMBC) recently signed, along with the District, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) detailing health benefits for the 2017 plan year (January 1-December 31, 2017). The good news is there are no changes from last year; below is a brief summary of four key points:

- ❖ The Plan Provider remains CalPERS;
- ❖ Qualified employees/retirees continue to have the option to enroll in any of the plans offered by CalPERS available in the participant's geographic area;
- ❖ Contribution rates for Plan Year 2017 are unchanged from Plan Year 2016;
- ❖ For retirees who qualify for District benefits, the entire CalPERS monthly

premium continues to be deducted from the monthly warrant (STRS or PERS pension check), and the District reimburses the retiree the difference between the CalSTRS/CalPERS deduction and the required monthly contribution. Retirees who do not qualify for District benefits may participate in the District's medical health insurance plans by contracting directly with CalPERS, and those who qualify may also participate in the District's Bridge Program.

Tom Strand, Faith Milonas

FODARA Benefits Representatives

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Don't forget to check out De Anza College's Flint Center Celebrity Forum Speakers Series (www.flintcenter.com). The 2015-16 season ends May 18-20 with Bill Maher interviewed by Fran Liebowitz. The 2016-17 season, running October through May, will feature George Takei, Jay Leno, Scott Kelley, and others.



If you like British mysteries and live performances, attend the Foothill College Theatre Arts Department staging of *Appointment With Death*, by Agatha Christie, celebrating her 125th anniversary year. The show runs three weeks only, May 27-June 12. Call the box office at 650.949.7360 for details on showtimes and ticket prices.

NEW FHDA RETIREES



The online District Board meeting minutes indicate eleven folks will retire during or at the end of Spring Quarter 2016 (apologies if anyone was inadvertently excluded or mistakenly included). We wish all retirees a happy and healthy post-employment life and invite them to join FODARA: sign up for the email listserv (send your current email address to cindycastillo@comcast.net), volunteer to serve on a FODARA committee, or attend a FODARA special event (see p. 2).

- ✦ *Michael Brandt, DA Auto Tech*
- ✦ *Michael Loceff, FH PSME*
- ✦ *Diane Mathios, DA PSME*
- ✦ *Blanche Monary, DA Student Services*
- ✦ *Paul Olejniczak, DA PSME*
- ✦ *Joe Ragey, FH Fine Arts/Communication*
- ✦ *Linda Robinson, FH LA/Library*
- ✦ *John Mummert, FH Workforce Dev*
- ✦ *Donna Stasio, DA Language Arts*
- ✦ *Margaret Stevens, DA Soc Sci & Hum*
- ✦ *Carmela Xuereb, FH DRC & Vet Services*

FOOTHILL COLLEGE'S NEW PRESIDENT



Thuy Thi Nguyen will be the new president of Foothill College as of July 1. For the past twelve years, she has worked for community colleges and their students. "I am extremely grateful to Chancellor Judy Miner for the opportunity to lead a nationally top-ranked community college," said Nguyen. "Foothill has a long tradition of academic excellence, and I look forward to working with the exceptional faculty and staff in fulfilling the college's commitment to student success for all."

Nguyen is the first Vietnamese American to become a community college president in California. At the age of three, she and her family fled Vietnam and eventually settled in Oakland. In high school, she embarked on a path of community leadership; upon graduation, the mayor of Oakland declared June 23, 1993, "Thuy Thi Nguyen Day" in recognition of her service. After earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Yale University and a law degree from UCLA, she started her career at a small law firm in Emeryville, providing legal assistance to school districts. In 2003, she became general counsel for the Peralta Community College District. Then, for six months, she was interim president/CEO of the Community College League of California, the chief advocacy organization for community colleges. Since 2015, Nguyen has served as the interim general counsel for the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. To read more about Nguyen, go to Foothill College website.

FODARA 2016-17 BOARD OPENINGS

Nominations for 2016-17 FODARA Board officers are now open. We always love to have new volunteers on the FODARA Board. If you are interested in volunteering for any office, email Cindy Castillo at cindycastillo@comcast.net. Eight positions are available: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Members at Large (3), and Member at Large & Webmaster.

Board members are highly encouraged to attend all five Board meetings a year, which start in September and typically end in May. The main "job" is to assist in planning upcoming events. The president is in charge of meetings—making room reservations and drafting/emailing agendas—and of initiating communications with other Board members. The secretary takes minutes and provides a .pdf copy to the webmaster. The treasurer collects funds, pays bills, and presents an updated report at meetings. The webmaster keeps the

website current, administers the FODARA listserv, and oversees the mailing of paper After-Words. The members-at-large assist with the mailing and proofreading of After-Words, provide support as needed to the Board, and represent the variety of employees who make up retirees from FHDA.

Please consider joining FODARA by volunteering for one of these positions; also, if you like to plan parties, the Social Committee is still in need of two volunteers!



IN MEMORIAM

*Leo Contreras
Charles Crampton
Genie Deex
Irv Roth*

FUN FACTS: MYTHS ON WHERE/HOW SENIORS LIVE

According to an Age Wave survey by Merrill Lynch (as reported in NextAvenue.org, a PBS website), most things we think about where and how seniors live are wrong.

- ❖ Seniors relocate to sunny weather abodes: **generally not**. 83 percent of seniors who moved last year stayed in the same state though only 48 percent say the weather there is "pleasant."
- ❖ Seniors downsize their homes: **sometimes**. About 50 percent of seniors downsize when they move; 30 percent who moved after retirement actually bought larger houses, mostly to make room for family to visit or live with them.
- ❖ Seniors remodel for aging concerns: **not so**. Fewer than 10 percent of retirees

added items such as ramps or bathroom aids. In fact, the most popular home improvement was adding a home office.

- ❖ Seniors live around other seniors: **not so**. About 75 percent of seniors prefer neighborhoods with diverse ages and generations, and only about 7 percent of retirees live in age-restricted communities.
- ❖ Seniors have to compromise on homes: **not so**. About 67 percent of seniors say they are living in the best homes of their lives (free to choose what/where) and those who don't like their current abode say they plan to find a better place.

The only *somewhat* unexpected answer on the survey is that the #1 reason to move and the #1 reason not to move is the same: being near family.

FUN FACTS: AT-HOME JOBS FOR SENIORS

Looking for different and interesting things to do? According to author Jean Chatzky—money editor at NBC's Today and AARP's financial ambassador—retirees have new options for at-home jobs.

• Let your fingers do the working

If you are a wiz with word processing, consider work with a transcription service, such as Rev.com. To apply, you need to take a test by transcribing an audio file. If accepted (only about half of applicants are), you decide what and how much work to take on. Pay is based on the length of the audio files (in minutes), so the faster you type, the more money you make. A very, very good typist could earn as much as \$100 in one day.

• Tap your expertise

Experts in a particular field—calculus or taxes, for example—can check out websites such as HelpOwl.com, PrestoExperts.com, or JustAnswer.com, at which you answer questions from the public or businesses for

a small percentage of the user fee. Applicants take a subject matter test, or in some way verify expertise, and are often subject to a background check.

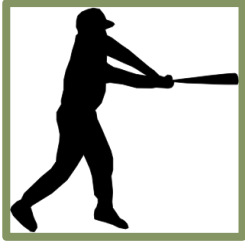
• Use your social skills

If you like to chat, consider call-center positions. Such work is often needed round-the-clock, good news for early risers. Travel and hospitality fields tend to have more open positions. Use search terms like "call center," "customer service/support" and go outside your own state; many call centers are in Utah and Georgia. You need only a dedicated phone line and internet access.

FODARA SCHOLARSHIPS



The Foothill and De Anza students selected for the FODARA Scholarships will be featured in the September After-Words issue.



FODARA BASEBALL & BBQ
San Jose Giants
vs
Rancho Cucamonga Quakes



- When:** Saturday, August 20, 2016
 4:30 pm BBQ 6:00 pm Game Time
- Where:** San Jose Municipal Stadium,
 588 E. Alma, San Jose 95112
- Cost:** Baseball and BBQ Group Package
 \$ 27 Adults General Admission and a tasty dinner of ribs,
 chicken, or sandwich item (including vegetarian option)
 plus side dishes, and a non-alcoholic beverage
 \$ 29 Adults same as above **with** an alcoholic beverage
 \$ 16 Children 12 and under
 \$ 9 Parking fee paid in advance (\$10 on game day)

RESERVATION FORM: **Mail by August 9 or earlier**

Please note: this is a firm deadline (can't be extended)

Name _____

Address: _____

Street

City

Zip

Phone _____

Number Attending: _____ Adults with non-alcoholic beverage (\$27)
 _____ Adults **with** alcoholic beverage (\$29)
 _____ Children 12 and under (\$16)
 _____ Parking in advance (\$9)

\$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

Make check payable to "FODARA" and mail with form to Bill Lewis, FODARA
 1380 Elwood Drive
 Los Gatos, CA 95032
 408.639.9919

FODARA ANNUAL JUNE PICNIC



Country Western BBQ



- When:** Thursday, June 16, 2016, 3:00–5:00 pm
- Where:** Cuesta Park, Mountain View, CA
(between Grant and Miramonte on Cuesta)
- Directions:** Westbound on Hwy. 85:
- Exit at Grant Rd., cross El Camino
 - Right on Cuesta (1/2 mile), left into first parking lot.
- Eastbound on Hwy. 85:
- Exit at Fremont Rd.
 - Left on Fremont
 - Right on Grant (1 mile)
 - Left on Cuesta (1 mile), left into first parking lot.
- Group picnic area is upper end of parking lot near restrooms

RESERVATION FORM: **Please mail by Monday, June 13 or earlier**

Please reserve _____ total places for the picnic.

Your Name _____ Guest Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email _____

Please indicate dollar amounts below:

_____ Picnic per person (\$ 21)
 _____ 2016-17 FODARA voluntary membership dues (\$ 10)
 _____ FODARA Scholarship Fund

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____ Make check payable to "FODARA"

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