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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

June 13 Summer Picnic 3:00-5:00 pm, Cuesta Park, Mt. View

One of our biggest social events of the year is the annual FODARA June picnic. It's a great party at which you can reconnect with friends and former colleagues and meet new people. As always, new retirees are invited to attend at no cost, so, if you have friends among the seventy-six folks retiring by



the end of June (see p. 7), invite them as your guest and indicate "new retiree" on the reservation form—the more people, the more fun! This year's event will have an Italian theme; the menu will include these delizioso foods to devour: pasta, salad, Italian-style chicken, French and focaccia bread with dipping sauce. And, of course, plenty of drinks will be provided, including Chianti and other wines, beer, Peroni, sodas, and water. Please return the reservation form on p. 10 with your check no later than **Monday**, **June 10**. If you miss this deadline, my phone number/email are on the form. We all have a lot of fun at the picnic every year—so see *you* there!

Mike Paccioretti

August 10 BBQ & Baseball 3:30 pm, SJ Stadium

Don't miss the annual San Jose Giants (Class A California League) game with your family/guests and former colleagues. This year the San Jose Giants are playing the Modesto Nuts with the first pitch scheduled for shortly after 5:00 pm. And we have a special treat: the SJ Giants have two promotions that night. The first is Hispanic Heritage Night, with themed food and music, and the second is San Jose Churros Night, which includes a re-branded evening of special player's jerseys, giveaways, and, of course, the opportunity to purchase a churro. The "Churros" moniker plays tribute to the fun associated with the snack, and the logo hat is a nod to the region's rich agricultural history and iconic vendor Hippolito's background as a vaquero. The first 1,000 fans to the game receive a churro doll giveaway. But before all that is Turkey Mike's BBQ dinner at 3:30 pm, where we can relax and socialize before we make our way to our general admission reserved seating area. See the reservation form on p. 11 for packages, food



options, and costs. This is a great time of the year to get out of the house and relax. The 5:00 pm start means we miss the hottest part of the day—the sun is behind us—and the game usually ends before it is cool enough to require a sweater or jacket. Please send your reservations and payment to me by **Monday**, **July 22**. If you miss the deadline email me no later than August 2.

Bill Lewis

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Jun 13	Thurs	Summer Picnic	3:00 pm	Cuesta Park, Mt. View	Open to all
Aug 10	Sat	BBQ & Baseball	3:30 pm	San Jose Giants Stadium	Open to all
Sept 10	Tues	Board Meeting	10:30 am	FH Toyon Room (2020)	Open to all
Oct TBA	TBA	Pizza "Thing"	TBA	TBA	Open to all
Nov 05	Tues	Board Meeting	10:30 am	FH Toyon Room (2020)	Open to all

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Social Events Need two volunteers



The FODARA Board is changing! Bob Hubbs will "retire" at the end of May and two long-time members are taking on new assignments: Cindy Castillo, previously Member-At-Large/Webmaster, is now Webmaster & Listserv Administrator, and Maureen Gates, formerly in charge of Mailings, has switched to Member-At-Large. Also joining the Board as a Member-At-Large is Linda Conroy, a recent retiree from De Anza's Child Development Program. Though

four is the usual number of Members-At-Large, more people are *always* welcome—more ideas, more perspectives! If you're interested in joining the Board, the duties of a Member-At-Large are to attend the five Board meetings per year (January, March, May, September, November) and to assist President Mike Paccioretti and others in planning social events and brainstorming new ways to inform and engage retirees. Email Mike Paccioretti (pacciorettimike@comcast.net) with questions or come to the next Board meeting in September—see calendar p.2.

HEALTH CARE BENEFITS UPDATE

No benefits update is available for this issue; the next meeting of the Joint Labor Management Benefit Committee (JLMBC) is scheduled for May 23. If time-sensitive or retiree-related information is discussed at that or a subsequent meeting, FODARA will send out an email alert. Reminder: the September issue of After-Words, uploaded to the FODARA website by or before September 20, always includes a benefits update article with the latest CalPERS and District information to help retirees decide whether or not to make changes to their health coverage during open enrollment.

CaISTRS PENSION UPDATE:

- Some faculty who retired between 2002 and June 2016 have receive—or will soon receive—a letter from CalSTRS indicating their pension amount has been adjusted due to "...either additional employer reporting or an internal correction to your account." The cause of this adjustment is as follows: In 2002, CalSTRS changed its reporting requirements for unused **Excess Sick Leave**, i.e., any hours accumulated from teaching overload assignments. During this time period, the District did not report any Excess Sick Leave, so affected faculty did not get the appropriate amount of service credit factored into their pension calculation. Since late last year, the District has been working on submitting the unused Excess Sick Leave for this time period to CalSTRS. Retirees in this group should see a slight increase in their monthly pension amount due to additional sick leave reported.
- Some faculty who retired between July 2016 and the present might soon receive the same letter from CalSTRS indicating a pension adjustment. During this time period, the District did report some Excess Sick Leave to CalSTRS, but a recent CalSTRS audit determined some District numbers were inaccurate; therefore the District is now correcting these reports. Retirees in this group will see either a slight increase or decrease in their monthly pension amount, depending on if their Excess Sick Leave was over- or underreported.

SPRING WINE TASTING SOCIAL

On Thursday, April 25, 2019, a small group of retirees and guests met at the Cooper-Garrod Estate Vineyards patio in the hills above Saratoga for socializing before proceeding to the tasting room for our second annual wine tasting event. Though unusually warm a couple of days before, the temperature cooled for us, so it was an absolutely perfect afternoon.

We were greeted in the Tasting Room by Cory Bosworth, granddaughter of the estate founder, and her assistant who explained the transformation of the estate from farming, to organic farming, to now stables for riding/boarding and organic vineyards;



they pointed out particular decorations in the tasting room and described how Cory's cousin took apart used wine barrels to make the tasting room counter. We then had our flight tastings of Chardonnay, two blends of Pinot Noir, and a Syrah. As each was poured, there were plenty of questions and answers. Some of us purchased a few bottles to enjoy at a later date before proceeding to the patio.

April 28 Live Music 1-4pm
ft. Johnny Neri Duo
*The Wine Ride 10am-12pm
(RSYP w/Stables)

May 4 Walk W/the Winemaker
11am; Complimentary!

May 5 Live Music 1-4pm

There was no need for sweaters as we consumed crackers, several cheeses, salami, dried sweet cherries, hummus, cream cheese spread, and cream de menthe mints while socializing. About 3:00 pm, we packed up for our short drives back to reality. As you see from the photo at left, Cooper-Garrod hosts several fun events each month, and they invite you to come by; call 408.867.7116 or check their website (www.cgv.com) for the schedule of activities. We will probably have this social again next year near the end of April and encourage you and your guests to join us. Before that, there is FODARA's annual Summer Picnic June 13 and the annual San Jose Giants BBQ & Game August 10. Please join other retirees and guests at these upcoming get-togethers—reservation forms for both are included in this issue. See you there!

Bill Lewis











Our FODARA friend Jack Hasling composed the following poem in honor of poetry month and to celebrate his sister's birthday—enjoy! Jack's many books are available on Amazon.com.

ON MY SISTER'S BIRTHDAY

We need to have folks who are age ninety-five to give us perspective today.

There aren't enough people with wisdom and judgment—you hear what I'm trying to say?

The youngsters are thinking they have a rough time if they don't have a color TV

But back in The Day we were lucky to have kaleidoscope pictures to see.

We need to have folks who are age ninety-five—
I know that they sometimes were frugal.
But still they could quote from the classical works without having access to Google.

We need to have folks who are age ninety-five who knew what the children should know.

The stories of Kipling and Edgar Rice Burroughs and Browning and Daniel Defoe.

What happened to Stevenson, Carroll, and Poe?
and Longfellow, Thayer, and Service?

Does anyone read Mary Shelley these days,
or does Frankenstein make people nervous?

We need to have folks who are age ninety-five
whose musical taste doesn't shock.

Don't mention the Stones, or the Doors or the Dead I mean Beethoven, Mozart, and Bach.

We need to have folks who are age ninety-five who didn't mind simplified living.

They honored the natural beauty of things and took joy in the pleasure of giving.

At least we have one who has turned ninety-five who embodies the things I have stated.

I know that she does, 'cause she's taught me a lot and I'm happy to say we're related.

In Memoríam

Rowland "Kim" Chase was the District Director of Community Services during the '60s and '70s. Following the passage of Proposition 13 in 1978, his entire department was slated for elimination, and he and I spent the remaining months of his service attending to all of the contractual and legal issues associated with the resulting staff layoffs and other consequences of the shut down. Kim retired from the District in December of 1978, on his 60th birthday.

He had a long and fulfilling life after he left the District. We were very close friends and regular backpacking partners, heading out once or twice a year for nearly twenty years following his retirement. Even later, after he was no longer up to putting a fully loaded pack on his back, we hiked into the hills with the help from an outfitter who would cart our gear in and out by mule. Kim died May 4, just months after his one-hundredth birthday in December of last year.

Peter Landsberger Vice President, THDA Board of Trustees

De Anza Retirees Honored



The San Jose Earthquakes announced March 25 that **DAVE OBENOUR**—FODARA's chef extraordinare at the June picnic and other social events—has been elected to the Earthquakes Hall of Fame. He, along with player Richard Mulrooney, will be inducted May 18 during halftime of the team's match against the Chicago Fire. Dave worked for the Earthquakes from 1974-80 as the club's first-ever athletic trainer. He also served in a variety of other capacities, such as overseeing equipment, team administration, and public relations. He was critical in the

successful launch of the Earthquakes during their inaugural season in the North American Soccer League. He made numerous appearances around the Bay Area on behalf of the club to promote the team and the sport. After his time with the Quakes, Dave went back to serving as the physical trainer at De Anza College until his retirement in August 2000. He remains a loyal follower of the club and is heavily involved in the team's alumni relations efforts.

April 24, **JIM LINTHICUM**, long-time De Anza Track & Field Coach, was honored with a "re-dedication" of the Track Shed. Jim touched the lives of countless alumni, coaches, and staff through the years, many of whom attended the ceremony and gave testimonials on his influence as a coach, mentor, and friend. The annual Invite Track & Field Meet will be renamed the Jim Linthicum Invitational starting next year.

Jim began his De Anza career in 1965, when the campus first opened, as a physical education instructor. After two years, he became the track and cross-country coach until he retired in 2004.



For five of those years, he served as the Division Chairman of Physical Education. Retirement was not a difficult transition because he eased into it by continuing to teach additional years under *Article 19*. During this time, he and his wife, Diane, traveled a bit, including a trip to Australia and New Zealand. Jim enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and watching their activities. He goes to an adaptive P.E. program twice a week and has breakfast with former colleagues every Friday morning. Due to having Parkinson's disease, Jim now lives in a board and care facility—the disease has restricted his activities—but he and Diane go out to various places as often as possible. His advice to new retirees is to travel while you can, don't postpone plans, and spend lots of time with your family.



Where Are You Now? Email your responses to the following prompts (subject to editing) along with one or more photos to After-Words editor Linda Lane (lanelinda@fhda.edu):

- **ℜ** Former FHDA position(s), when and why you retired;
- Thoughts about retirement: advice to those considering retirement or newly retired and 2-3 words that best describe your life as a retiree;
- ₩ Where you now live and what you like most about the area, e.g., favorite places to take visitors and to meet up with friends;
- # Interests and activities you enjoy; volunteer "work" or pet projects to promote;
- ₩ Other information, e.g., URL of personal website/blog.

Or... submit a draft article that would be of interest to other retirees: a recent vacation you enjoyed, an event you've experienced, or a venture you're involved with.



According to the online District Board minutes, the seventy-six people listed below will retire by the end of June 2019, almost all via the Supplemental Retirement Plan (SRP), aka "golden handshake," negotiated last fall. Apologies if any names or job titles are incorrect or if anyone was inadvertently excluded or included.

- Ruben Abrica-Carrasco, DA IIS
- Paul Aguilar, CS ETS
- Janis Bergmann, FH Fine Arts/Communications
- Shelly Bowers, FH Enrollment Services
- Roberta Bloom, DA PSME
- Marv Breen, DA Bus/CS/AT
- Patricia Buchner, DA Bio/Health/ES
- Maria Castillo, DA College Operations
- Michael Chang, DA IIS
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- Kamal Chedid, CS ETS
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- Joseph Cooke, DA College Operations
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- Robert Covington, CS Operations
- Brenda Davis-Visas, FH Admin Services
- Bernie Day, FH Instruction/Institutional Research
- Patrick Dowling, DA Learning Resources
- Michele Dubarry, DA Language Arts
- Gerald Durham, CS Operations
- Susan Edman, DA Language Arts
- Mary Kay Englen, DA Academic Services
- Patricia Gibson, DA Counseling
- Deborah Glenn, DA Child Development
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- Sherwood Harrington, DA PSME
- Pamela Hodges, FH Library
- Mary Holland, FH PSME
- Wilbert Hollins, FH BSS
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- David Huseman, FH Bio/Health Sciences
- David Hutchinson, CS Operations
- Barbara Illowsky, DA PSME
- Melissa Ingalls, DA Bio/Health/ES

- Thomas Izu. DA Social Sciences
- Rosemary Jensen, DA DSPS
- Carol Jones, DA Physical Education
- Sharon Key, FH Bio/Health Sciences
- Ben Kline, DA Social Sciences
- Kryliouk, Iaroslav DA PSME
- Gary Lang, FH Kinesiology & Athletics
- Keith Lee, FH Fine Arts & Communications
- Elvira Leon-Coffin, FH Language Arts
- Rebecca Levin, DA Counseling
- Liye Li, CS Operations
- Lily Liang, DA College Operations
- Yusuf Mathir, CS ETS
- Michael McCart, DA Bus/CS/AT
- Richard Morasci, FH Language Arts
- Isaiah Nengo, DA Social Sciences
- Motosuke Ohtake, DA Creative Arts
- Quan Peng, DA Student Services
- Annette Perez. CS Business Services
- Stephanie Pham, DA Learning Resources
- Diane Pierce, DA Creative Arts
- Adrienne Pierre, DA Counseling
- Peter Rabbit, DA Physical Education
- Charles Ramskov, DA Social Sciences
- Julie Riggins, FH Library
- George Robles, DA Student Services
- Sylvia Rueda, DA Student Services
- Elmano Salazares, CS Operations
- Rebecca Sherwood, DA Bio/Health/ES
- Roberto Sias, FH Finance/Admin Services
- Carol Skoog, CS Business Services
- Cynthia Smith, DA College Fiscal Services
- Phyllis Spragge, FH Bio/Health Sciences
- Sharon Stoeckle, DA College Operations
- Catherine Sun, CS Business Services
- Lori Susi, DA President's Office
- Ariel Tapia, CS Operations
- LaDonna Yumori-Kaku, DA Student Services

We wish all retirees a happy, healthy post-employment life and invite everyone to join and support FODARA. To get the latest health benefits updates and other retiree news, sign up for the FODARA listserv (email cindycastillo@comcast.net). Or bring your talents and skills to FODARA by serving on the Board or another committee pacciorettimike@sbcglobal.net). Last, but definitely not least, attend the annual parties see the events calendar and download reservation forms from the FODARA website: http://www.deanza.edu/fodara/index.html.

WALK THOSE WALKS!

Looking for a summer outdoor fun <u>and</u> educational daytrip or roadtrip? Consider visiting and meandering the paths of public gardens. Hundreds and hundreds of botanic gardens and arboretums are located in the US, with over 60 in California alone—Wikipedia provides an alphabetical list with nearest city (and has lists of gardens in other states).

If you're curious, a main difference between an arboretum and a botanic garden is that the former is typically intended in part for scientific research while the latter usually contains more varieties of plants. If you live in the Bay Area, you can visit both simultaneously at the University of California Santa Cruz Arboretum & Botanic Garden (arboretum.ucsc.edu). One of the largest in the US, it is located on the west side of the campus, encompassing 135 acres overlooking the Monterey Bay; within it are four major gardens—California Natives, Australian, South African, New Zealand—all of which include plants that thrive in our Mediterranean climate: warm, wet winters / hot, dry summers. Smaller collections include the Aroma, Succulent, and Butterfly Gardens.



The plant database contains more than 7,600 species, which translates to over 18,600 accessions (individual plants). Unique to this garden is that over many decades almost all of these plants were collected as seeds or cuttings by staff and curators. You can see them by walking the paved trails and pathways on your own or by scheduling a guided tour via the website. Either way, start your visit with a "scent-event": stop and smell the flowers in the Aroma Garden, across from Norrie's Gift & Garden Shop, with its salvias, lavenders, thymes, and other sweet-smelling perennials. Adjacent is the Succulent Garden with exotically shaped and colorful plants from the coastal areas of California and Mexico and from South Africa; the unusual appearance of many succulents is due to adaptations required to survive in areas where water is scarce.

On the Hummingbird Trail, a round-trip of $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, you'll see parts of the Australian Garden, in which these colorful, tiny birds are frequently seen zipping back and forth on their way to dine from and pollinate the blooms. On the World Tour Trail, a $1\frac{3}{4}$ mile round-trip, you'll hike through or around all of the four major gardens. Along the paths are plant identification labels and special designation icons—e.g., "used by humans," "bee

attracting"—as well as permanent environmentally-themed art installations. Because of the vast variety of species from around the world, plants are in bloom at all times of the year.













The Arboretum provides opportunities for ongoing research: its collections are a resource for teaching classes and training future scientists. Recently three geodesic domes were refurbished into a major art and science project called "Future Gardens," in which species of native plants grow both in a controlled (inside) and natural (outside) environment to assess the effects of climate change. Education and



conservation efforts include an ever-expanding seed-bank of rare and endangered plants, the Native Plant Program, the California Naturalist Program, and the Amah Mutsun Relearning Program. If you're looking for information on particular South African, Australian, New Zealand, California, or numerous other plants, peruse The Lane Botanic Library collection—a searchable database is available online.

Throughout the year, recurring events are the Spring (April) and Fall (October) Plant Sales, Hummingbird Day (May), and a Gift and Wreath Sale (December) along with a variety of other activities: Phenology Walks, the Ray Collett Lecture Series, Nature-Craft Workshops, and classes, such as Yoga & Ethnobotany. Available on the website are an events calendar, a Visitor Guide & Trail Map, Bird and Butterfly lists of those commonly seen at the Arboretum, interactive game maps for children, and a description of and signup form for on-going volunteer opportunities.

The UCSC Arboretum & Botanic Garden is open everyday from 9:00 am-5:00 pm excluding Thanksgiving Day and December 25-28; admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children 6-17 years old. On the first Tuesday of each month admission is free, and on the first Saturday of each month, a guided tour is available with paid admission. Eight memberships levels with numerous benefits and discounts can be purchased online.







Picnic: Italian Theme What:

When: Thursday, June 13, 3:00-5:00 pm Where: Cuesta Park, Mountain View, CA

(between Grant and Miramonte on Cuesta—group picnic

area is at upper end of parking lot near restrooms)

• Westbound on Hwy 85: Exit at Grant Rd., cross El Camino, turn right on Cuesta (1/2 mile), turn left into first parking lot

• Eastbound on Hwy 85: Exit at Fremont Road; left on Fremont, right on Grant (1 mile), left on Cuesta (1 mile), left into first parking lot

RESERVATION FORM: Please mail by June 10 or earlier Your Name Guests (please indicate if a new retiree) Your Address/Phone/Email (*if new*): Please reserve total places for the picnic Number of vegetarian meals Please indicate dollar amounts below: Picnic per person (\$ 21); new retirees free FODARA voluntary membership dues (\$ 10) FODARA Scholarship Fund TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ ______Make check payable to "FODARA"

Mail check and form to Mike Paccioretti, FODARA

3075 Muirdrum Place, San Jose, CA 95148

For questions or last-minute reservations, contact Mike Paccioretti at 408.274.4929, pacciorettimike@sbcglobal.net



FODARA BBQ & BASEBALL





When: Where: Cost:	Saturday, August 10, 3:30 pm BBQ, 5:00 pm Game San Jose Municipal Stadium \$ 27 Adult General Admission & meal with non-alcoholic beverage \$ 29 Adult General Admission & meal with alcoholic beverage \$ 16 Youth (under 12) or Senior (over 65) General Admission & meal with non-alcoholic beverage \$ 13 Parking fee paid in advance (\$15 on game day) \$ 7 for extra beer/wine tickets; \$ 3 for extra water/soda tickets		
4 Dinner Options: 6 Side Options:	Mesquite grilled chicken with 2 side dishes, <u>or</u> BBQ ribs with 2 side dishes, <u>or</u> tri-tip/philly sandwich with 2 side dishes, <u>or</u> two sandwiches with one side dish (sandwich choices: cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey or veggie burger, hot dog; chicken breast; or sausage (Polish, Italian, hot link, chicken apple) Baked beans, corn on the cobb, potato salad, fruit salad, brownie bites, chips		
Name	FORM: Mail by July 22 or earlier Email (if new):		
Total Number:	Adult Package with non-alcoholic beverage (\$27) Adult Package with alcoholic beverage (\$29) Youth or Senior Package (\$16) Parking in Advance (\$13) Extra Beer/Wine Tickets (\$7) Extra Water/Soda Tickets (\$3)		
Donations:	FODARA Voluntary Membership Dues (\$10) FODARA Scholarship Fund TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT ENCLOSED		

Make check payable to "FODARA" and mail with form to Bill Lewis, FODARA 1380 Elwood Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032. If you miss the deadline, contact Bill by August 2: 408.639.9919, billlosgatos@sbcglobal.net

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