

AFTER-WORDS

A NEWSLETTER FOR RETIREES OF THE FOOTHILL-DE ANZA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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FODARA'S JUNE PICNIC

The annual FODARA picnic is Friday, June 20th. This is one of our big social functions of the year, so get a couple of friends and come to the picnic to have fun! New retirees are invited at no cost, so we hope you will attend. A good crowd is always more fun, and it will be an ideal time to reconnect with old friends.

Last year the weather was perfect, and we're expecting June 20th to be just as nice.

We'll have delicious food, wine, beer, sodas, water and cake for dessert. The reservation form is on page 5 of this newsletter; please return it with your check no later than Monday, June 16. If you're delayed, you can still attend at the last minute; just call me at (408) 274-4929 and I'll get you in. I have fun at this event every year, so please come and say hello. *Mike Paccione*

Date: Friday, June 20th

Time: 3:00 —5:30 PM

Place: Cuesta Park, Mountain View
(between Grant and Miramonte on Cuesta)

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The fourth annual FODARA Scholarship Golf Tournament was held this year on April 10 at Seascape Golf Club in Aptos. The weather that day could not have been better. We had a record 25 golfers playing in 6 teams. Not only were there prizes for the team with the lowest score, but also a prize for the longest hit off the tee and for getting closest to the pin on one of the par 3 holes. After the event, another 14 people joined the golfers at Charlie and Betty Elder's place to enjoy a meal and visit with old friends.

The Elders again hosted and helped supply food for the meal on their patio, overlooking the tee box on the second hole. Obie and Margaret Obenour rounded up the rest of the meal. Prizes were supplied by Obie and Jim Custodio.

After expenses, FODARA cleared over \$900. All of the money will be used to fund the scholarships for FHDA students for the 2014-2015 school year. Thanks to everyone who helped out and participated in the event.

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FODARA CALENDAR

Please take this opportunity to mark your calendar

Jun 20, Friday, Spring Picnic, 3:00-:5:30 PM

Cuesta Park in Mountain View

FODARA COMMITTEES

District Benefits.....Tom Strand, Shelley Schreiber

Scholarships.....**Need one person**

Social.....**Needs two people**

Keeping track of folks.....Maureen Gates, gates-m@sbcglobal.net

CUESTA PARK INFORMATION

Westbound on Hwy. 85: Grant Rd. exit, cross El Camino, 1/2 mi., right on Cuesta, left into first parking lot.

Eastbound on Hwy. 85: Fremont Rd. exit, left on Fremont 1 mile, right on Grant, 1 mile to Cuesta, left on Cuesta, left into first parking lot.

Group Picnic area is at the upper end of the parking lot near the restrooms.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Both colleges have selected their two winners each as recipients of this year's FODARA Scholarships. They are:

Nuriya Neumann and Ben Pacho from De Anza College

AND

Hermona Abraham and Jingyi Huang from Foothill

Nuriya is an international student from Israel who has lived in 23 houses on 3 continents and dreams of becoming an occupational therapist.

Ben is a local student who suffered both physical and mental abuse and has found his voice through dance and political activism on campus.

Hermona's family is from Eritrea; she eventually wants to become a lawyer to transform people's lives.

Jinhyi is from China and wants to become a doctor like her grandfather, after witnessing his ability to heal others.

Read the full essays written by our students on our website at <http://www.deanza.edu/fodara/scholarships.html>. You'll be amazed at the lives they have led already!

Each year, FODARA collects \$10 in dues from FODARA members and most of those funds support scholarships at Foothill and De Anza. For that reason, we thank each and every one of you who have paid their dues this year. Members are welcome to donate more to our scholarship program at <http://foundation.fhda.edu/how-to-give/donate-now.html>. Simply select "other" as the program and type in FODARA SCHOLARSHIP to give directly to our account.

FODARA Retiree Gold Cards

Look for an envelope in the mail soon with your new Retiree Gold Card.

The District started using plastic picture ID cards a few years ago for employees, and we're now producing the Retiree Gold Card on a plastic card as well. Retirees will have the option of coming onto campus to have their picture added to the card.

For those who live locally, the Gold Card entitles you to free parking and use of the library among other things.

For those who live farther away, you can activate your fhda.edu email and may be eligible for educational discounts on some purchases.

IN MEMORIAM

Lena (Lee) Fontana

Retirement Party for Jim Haynes, Jeff Forman, Debi Shafer-Braun, and Marcia Maier

A party celebrating the outstanding careers of these folks from the Physical Education/Athletics Division will be held Saturday, June 21 from 12:00 – 4:00 PM at the Blackberry Farms picnic site in Cupertino. Cost is \$35, which includes beer, wine, soda, water and lunch. Please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share. Mail your check and name and number of attendees to Danielle VonMatt, c/o De Anza College Physical Education, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino, CA 95014.

Going...going...our year of transition to paperless!

FODARA is nearing the end of our “year of transition” from paper to paperless (or almost!) For those 200 of you who are currently receiving a paper newsletter, please either:

A) send your email address to our webmaster, at cindycastillo@comcast.net. This will remove you from our paper newsletter list and get you onto our email listserv,

OR

B) send a letter to Cindy Castillo, 1365 Wright Ave, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 requesting that you remain on paper distribution. If you were one of the 27 FODARA members who already sent a letter, you do NOT need to send another letter!

FODARA Book Club

Have you read a good book lately? Do you need a good book to read? Send the title and author of your good book recommendations to our webmaster, Cindy Castillo, at cindycastillo@comcast.net. She will post your recommendations on our website under the new link GOOD BOOKS, <http://www.deanza.edu/fodara/books.html>. Feel free to include a short review of the book you are recommending if you like.

New FODARA members coming soon!

The FODARA Board recently expanded its membership to include **ALL** employees who separate service from the District for the purpose of retiring from STRS or PERS as an annuitant. For FODARA membership, it is no longer a requirement that membership be limited to only those hired before 1997. So, very soon, we will be adding approximately 500 new folks to our organization who have worked at Foothill-De Anza and are receiving retirement benefits from STRS or PERS but were never invited to become members. With the help of HR, we are identifying those folks now and hope to invite them to join us at the June 20 picnic this year. This will also help us to grow our membership into the future.

Update on FODARA Directory

We have had initial discussions with the District technology staff to design an online FODARA Directory within the District’s password-protected portal. Work has begun on the programming and we hope to have it available to you before 2015. Stay tuned.

Cindy Castillo

Retirement Parties for Letha Jeanpierre

President Brian Murphy and the Senior Staff invite you to attend one or both special events in honor of Ms. Letha Jeanpierre, currently serving as Vice President, Finance and Educational Resources. She formerly served as Dean, Business/Computer Systems and was a tenured faculty member in the De Anza Accounting Department. She is retiring after 27 years of service.

Campus Retirement Reception – June 3, 2014 from 3:30 – 5:00 PM in Conference Rooms A & B. Program scheduled at 4 PM. Please consider a donation to provide a gift.

Retirement Party – June 13, 2014 from 5:30 – 9:30 PM at the Saratoga Country Club, 21990 Prospect Road, Saratoga includes dinner, dancing and a no-host bar. \$80. Please provide your gift and/or party reservation remittance(s) to Ms. Christina Espinosa-Pieb, De Anza College, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd, Cupertino, CA 95014 by June 2.



Hello Retirees!

FODARA has recently expanded our definition of "retiree" to include ALL employees who left FHDA for the purpose of retirement, regardless of year of hire. As such, many of you may be hearing from us for the first time. Welcome!

We hold an annual picnic for all members and especially to welcome NEW members. Please send in your reservation form to join us this year. The cost is **FREE** to you as a new member. And, remember to send an email to Cindy Castillo, cindycastillo@comcast.net to get on our listserv. We are paperless now!

FODARA Picnic Reservation Form

Friday, June 20 at 3:00 PM

Cuesta Park, Mountain View

Retiree _____ Guest Name _____
Email _____ Phone _____

Check here if you are a **NEW** member of FODARA _____ (picnic is **FREE** for you!)

Please reserve ____ places at the table for this year's picnic.

Enclose \$20 for each continuing member of FODARA and guest \$ _____

\$10 annual voluntary 2014-15 membership dues \$ _____

Any additional voluntary donation for FODARA Scholarships \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to "**FODARA**". Mail to arrive no later than **MONDAY, JUNE 16** to:
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