## AFTER-WORDS

A NEWSLETTER FOR RETIREES OF THE FOOTHILL-DE ANZA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
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## FODARA'S HOLIDAY PARTY

The Holiday Luncheon is coming soon. Make reservations now for the lunch and party.

> DATE: Friday, December 12
> TIME: $11: 30$ AM - 1:30 PM
> PLACE: De Anza's Hinson Campus Center (Conference Room A \& B)

We'll have good food, fun and door prizes! I really believe that the best reason for attending is to renew acquaintances with friends and colleagues. It's always fun to find out what is happening, hear about recent travels or what is new in each other's lives.

The menu includes a choice of salmon, braised beef, or a vegetarian
 entrée, plus salad, rolls and apple pie with coffee. Please bring your spouse or a friend and contact other colleagues to encourage them to attend. The cost this year is still $\$ 22$ per person. Please fill out the reservation form (PAGE 5) and return it with your check no later than Friday, December 5, to Mike Paccioretti. Make sure you include your menu choices for you and your guest. We need to advise De Anza Food Services as early as possible so they can plan accordingly. If you have not paid your annual $\$ 10$ FODARA dues or would like to contribute to the FODARA scholarship, it will also be appreciated.

I hope to see you December 12.

## Mike Paccioretti

## OCTOBER PIZZA EVENT

This was yet another great year for those who came to FODARA's annual pizza feed. Diane Salciccia, Tony \& Alba's CPO (Chief Pizza Officer) put out a great spread of a variety of enticing pizzas and salad.
About 30 attended, with several new faces. Many folks supplied prizes raffled off by Mike Paccioretti and Cindy Castillo. Over a dozen names were drawn from the pumpkin; rewards ranged from wine to candy, a generous gift certificate from our host, and even a box of dried salmon.
Thanks to all who organized, decorated and supplied the door prizes. It was good to see and visit with old friends. You too can see some of their faces by going to the FODARA website: http:// www.deanza.edu/fodara/ and clicking on "Pictures and Photos!"

## Board of Directors 2014-2015



## FODARA CALENDAR

## Please take this opportunity to mark your calendar

Fri. December 12, 2014 Holiday Party, Hinson Campus Center, De Anza
Tue., January 6, 2015 FODARA Board meeting, 10:30 Toyon Room, Foothill
Th.,February 12, 2015 Valentine's Luncheon (tentative), Blue Pheasant, Cupertino
Tue., March 3, 2015 FODARA Board meeting, 10:30 Toyon Room, Foothill
Fri. April 9, 2015 Annual FODARA Golf Tournament, details TBA
Tue., May 5, 2015 FODARA Board meeting, 10:30 Toyon Room, Foothill
Fri., June 19, 2015 Annual Picnic, details TBA

## 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

## FODARA EVENT SURVEY

Thanks to all who responded to our survey about FODARA events. The executive Board reviewed all the responses at our November meeting and will explore the possibility of adding one new event over the summer as a start.

Over half of the respondents had attended events and the main reason was to see old friends. Most had retired since 2000 and we had a nice split between Foothill, De Anza, and Central Services.

Thank you so much for all the kind words of thanks and encouragement to the FODARA volunteers who plan events and put together our communication to the membership. We appreciate your appreciation!

Here are some of the suggestions for new events:

Game night
Bus trip to local sights
Whale watching

## Casino

Faculty/Staff feedback on exercise programs/ volunteer possibilities/end-of-life

Faculty/Staff speaker with luncheon and update on benefits

Hobby event
Carpooling for those who need a ride
Movie/play night
Wine tasting
Bocce ball

If you think of new ideas, please feel free to share them with any of us.

## Cindy Castille

## REDIRECTING FHDA EMAILS

For those of you interested in having all your emails come to your personal email, it is possible to redirect your fhda.edu emails. The instructions (with pictures!) are on the District's FAQs website at http://ets.fhda.edu/ call center/email. Click on "How do I forward my email to another email address?". It includes answers to other common questions about fhda.edu email as well.

## IN MEMORIAM and RETIREMENT NOTIFICATIONS

Now that we have email for many members we have the opportunity to notify the membership when we hear of the passing or retirement of a former colleague and, sometimes, notification of a memorial service or retirement party.
The FODARA Board approved the idea of sharing this information as it is made known to us in a short email to the membership. We appreciate any feedback as we send out this new information in the coming year. Names are also posted on our website at http:// www.deanza.edu/fodara/memoriam.html.

## FODARA DIRECTORY UPDATE

FHDA staff have completed the preliminary work of creating a FODARA Directory inside MyPortal so that it is NOT available to the public, in fact, ONLY available to other retirees. We hope that it will be moved "into production" by the end of the year.

Retirees will be able to go into MyPortal to choose to either "hide" or "unhide" their information (address, phone, email). More details will be coming once it is in production and available for the FODARA membership.

Jack was our featured speaker at the Valentine's Day lunch. He has written a new poem recently to share with us:

## CHANGES

I sat upon the campus lawn:
those old familiar scenes were gone. It made me feel a little sad
to think about the times we had.

The students are the same, I guess, except, perhaps, the way they dress.
The girls wore pedal pushers in the dayWe thought that things would stay that way.

But style changes weren't so bad when mini skirts became the fad. It seemed that girls were getting bolder just as I was getting older.

A student spoke to me one day And casually went on to say those words that teachers hate to hear, "My mother took your class last year."

And later on came further stress; a girl in psychedelic dress spoke up with just a little sass, "You had my grandma in your class."

And as I sat reflecting still upon the years up on the Hill A student passed and gave a nod; I don't know why I thought it odd.

And then the notion came to me The age that he appeared to be had made me feel a bit forlornI had retired when he was born.

Jack Hasling

July 2014

## FODARA HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION

Friday, December 12 from 11:30-1:30
Hinson Campus Center, De Anza
(Conference Rooms A \& B)
Retiree: $\qquad$
Guest Name (s): $\qquad$


Fill out any information in the box below, but only if it has changed:

| Address: | email: |
| :--- | :--- |
| City/State: $\quad \ldots$ | phone: |

Please check menu choices for you and for your guest(s)

Retiree: Prime Rib $\qquad$ Guest: Prime Rib ___

Salmon $\qquad$
Salmon $\qquad$
$\qquad$
Vegetarian $\qquad$
Mail this reservation and your check to arrive not later than Friday, December 5 to

Mike Paccioretti<br>3075 Muirdrum Place<br>San Jose, CA 95148-2024

Too late to mail? Mail late anyway and reserve your preferences with Mike by phone message or email by DEC 7 at 1(408)274-4929 or pacciorettimike@sbcglobal.net

Please reserve $\qquad$ places for the FODARA HOLIDAY PARTY $\$ 22.00$ is enclosed for each person attending \$ $\qquad$ \$10 for the 2012-2013 FODARA voluntary membership dues . $\qquad$ An additional donation of \$ $\qquad$ for FODARA scholarships. .

TOTAL (check payable to "FODARA"). .
$\lll \lll \ll$ FOLD, PUT IN A STAMPED ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO MIKE (SEE
ABOVE) ADD YOUR CHECK AND MAIL >>>>>>>>>

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