

# AFTER-WORDS

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE RETIREES OF THE  
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Marty Kahn is the new FODARA *After-Words* Editor starting January 2024. He retired spring 2023 after working for many years as the District Archivist and in ETS; his time there was split between video production/webcasting and classroom teaching technologies, so, in the past few years, he often helped FODARA set up and run zoom events. He most enjoyed the Archivist job because he is fascinated by history, both local and of the campuses; much of his time before he retired was spent building a searchable website with documents, photos, videos, and other items from the District archives--everything was saved, he recalls, including the first book of student registration in 1958 and Cal Flint's owl collection. A BIG welcome to Marty!

## Upcoming Social Events – Mark Your Calendar!



**Holiday Party December 7:** Join us for a fun, festive lunch at the De Anza Campus Center, Conference Room B. Send in your reservation form on p.5, also available to download from the FODARA website, by November 28. NOTE: this will be the last Holiday Party with Patrick Gannon at the helm as he is retiring in Fall 2024 and the De Anza dining services will be converted to an outside vendor.



**Valentine's Day Party February 15:** Enjoy delicious chocolates and wine (non-alcoholic varieties available) at this celebration of St. Valentine at FODARA Treasurer Barbara Illowsky's house! In early January, check your email for more details about this fabulous event along with a reservation form.

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## FODARA EVENT CALENDAR 2023-24

<b>Dec 7</b>	Thurs 11:00 am	Holiday Party	De Anza Campus Center
<b>Jan 4</b>	Thurs 1:00 pm	Board Meeting	Board member's house
<b>Feb 15</b>	Thurs 3:00 pm	Valentine Event	Board member's house
<b>Mar 5</b>	Tues 1:00 pm	Board Meeting	Board member's house
<b>May 7</b>	Tues 1:00 pm	Board Meeting	Board member's house
<b>June TBA</b>	TBA	Summer Picnic	TBA

For location of Board meetings, email Tom Roza.

According to the online FHDA District Board minutes, 11 people will retire at the end of Fall Quarter; apologies if anyone was inadvertently excluded or included.



Carlita Alamban, FH Counseling  
 Mary Bennett, DA DSPS  
 Melodie Cheney, DA Student Services  
 Diana Cohen-Hayes, FH Admin Services  
 Christina Espinosa-Pieb, DA Instruction  
 Barry Johnson, DA Student Services

Harold Kirkpatrick, CS Operations  
 Yukbing Kong, DA College Operations  
 Sharon Luciw, CS ETS  
 Duc Phan, DA College Operations  
 Daniel Smith, DA Creative Arts

We wish all retirees a happy, healthy post-employment life! New and "old" retirees are invited to join and support FODARA: sign up for the listserv (email [cindycastillo@comcast.net](mailto:cindycastillo@comcast.net)), contribute voluntary dues (see below), and attend FODARA's many social and Zoom events. Visit our website regularly (<http://www.deanza.edu/fodara/index.html>) to see all of the information and great services FODARA provides to retirees: Scholarship winners, *After-Words* Newsletter archives, Board and Committee Members, In Memoriam, Calendar of Meetings and Events, Email Listserv, Pictures and Photos of recent events, and much more!



Barry Johnson (left) and FODARA Board Members George Robles and Cindy Castillo at Barry's retirement party!

Barry Johnson, Enrollment Services Supervisor at De Anza College Admissions & Records Office, has retired. He started on June 17, 1996, and served over 27 years. Just about everybody on campus knew and loved Barry. He worked with faculty, staff, and students with an elite knowledge of the system, a warm heart, and an incredible sense of humor. He worked tirelessly to be sure class lists were ready for instruction, staff could access records when serving students, and students were respected. He was particularly fond of the international students who worked in A&R over the years, making them feel at home in a new land. If you missed his retirement party and want to send your congratulations, you can send him an email at [JohnsonBarry@fhda.edu](mailto:JohnsonBarry@fhda.edu). He promises to still read his emails even after he's gone!

— *Cindy Castillo*



Sign up for or renew your **FODARA membership for 2023-24!** The \$10 per year voluntary dues go to incidental operating expenses with remaining funds to student scholarships. This year, FODARA will offer four \$1250 scholarships, two at De Anza and two at Foothill, and these days students definitely appreciate financial assistance. Please consider donating more than the \$10 minimum so that we can increase the number of scholarships awarded. Submit your dues (for one or multiple years) by sending a check, made out to FODARA, to Barbara Illowsky, 21363 Dexter Dr., Cupertino, Ca., 95014. Or donate to the FODARA scholarship fund online via the FHDA Foundation: <https://secure.donationpay.org/fhda/>; under Designate Your Gift, type in "FODARA scholarship fund."



## Pizza "Thing" Recap and Photos

More photos are on the FODARA website: [www.deanza.edu/fodara/pictures](http://www.deanza.edu/fodara/pictures)

October 26 FODARA held its annual Pizza Thing at Tony & Albas in San Jose. I was happy to share my collection of Halloween decorations and thank Larry Ching, Dennis Conroy, Gail Paccioretti, and Tina Woo for doing such an outstanding job of transforming the dining area into a fun and enjoyable environment. This first FODARA event of the year was a great success with 31 retirees and guests who had a great time visiting with each other while eating delicious salad and assorted pizza, followed by sugar pumpkin cookies and mini cupcakes. A highlight of the event was having our FODARA historian and 100-year-old retiree Lescher Dowling tell the group how the Pizza Thing started. How wonderful that the tradition of bringing Foothill, De Anza, and Central Service colleagues together to share a good time is still going strong after all these years. Towards the end of the event, La Donna Yumori-Kaku gave out prizes to the first person who signed up and to new members attending their first FODARA event. FODARA thanks Tony & Alba's for their excellent service as hosts of this event and for their gift card and SOCKTOBER donations. Be sure to attend our annual Holiday Party on the De Anza College Campus Thursday December 7, at which beautiful Poinsettia plants will be given to a lucky winner at each table and a drawing will be held for other wonderful prizes. If anyone would like to contribute a prize for the drawing please contact La Donna Yumori-Kaku at [laringo1@me.com](mailto:laringo1@me.com).

— *Linda Conroy*





# FODARA HOLIDAY PARTY



**What:** A delicious lunch  
**Cost:** \$30 for entrée, sides, soft drinks  
**When:** Thursday, December 7, 11:00 am  
**Where:** De Anza Campus Center, Conference Room B

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 RESERVATION FORM: **Please mail by November 28 or earlier**

Retiree Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone (for any last minute changes to schedule): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of menu choices for retiree and guest(s): Prime Rib \_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ total places for the Holiday Party

Indicate dollar amounts below:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 per person for Holiday Party

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 FODARA membership dues (voluntary)

\_\_\_\_\_ FODARA Scholarship Fund (voluntary)

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make check payable to "FODARA" and mail it along with reservation form to Bill Lewis, FODARA, 1380 Elwood Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032. For questions, contact Bill at 408.639.9919 / [billlosgatos@gmail.com](mailto:billlosgatos@gmail.com)

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 For the raffle prize drawing, please fill-in blanks below:

Year of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Your "home" campus: Central Services \_\_\_ De Anza \_\_\_ Foothill \_\_\_

If you have a prize to donate, please email La Donna Yumori-Kaku: [Laringo1@me.com](mailto:Laringo1@me.com)