

AFTER-WORDS

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Tailgating and Football (aka Soccer)



On Sunday, September 21st, twenty-six FODARA members and guests attended FODARA's first-ever Bay FC National Women's Soccer Game against Gotham FC. The event, which was hosted by retired De Anza College Soccer Coach and Director of Athletics Kulwant Singh, took place at

PayPal Park from 2:30 – 7:30 p.m. The beautiful weather was perfect for an athletic event that included a delicious tailgate prior to the game. Since it was Latino Heritage Night, Kulwant and his friends, Tony and Sarah Delany, barbecued some delicious carne asada and marinated pollo. The meat was complemented by assorted side dishes including bean dip, salsa, tortilla chips, greens, potato and macaroni salads, corn on the cob, and dessert. Soccer-themed tablecloths and paper goods added to the ambiance as everyone sat around in folding chairs they brought.



Following the tailgate, everyone walked over to the stadium entry for the game, where a Mariachi band greeted us upon our arrival. During the halftime show, there was a wonderful Ballet Folklorico performance. This was the first time many of us had ever been inside PayPal Stadium, and I found the venue quite impressive. It was an adventure riding the elevator to the very top of the stadium where our seats were located, but we had a great view not just of the soccer field but also of the beautiful East Foothills. We were also able to watch planes taking off and landing from the nearby San Jose Airport.

Retiree Diane Hawley's husband, Jim, who has been a soccer referee for 35 years, said his favorite part of the event was spending time with everyone at the tailgate, eating the delicious food, and walking around the venue and meeting other soccer enthusiasts.

As always, it took a team effort to make this event a success. Special thanks to: Kulwant Singh for organizing this fun event, Cheryl Owiesny for helping with registration, securing the game tickets, and

organizing the tailgate, Cindy Castillo for sending out event reminders, and La Donna Yumori Kaku for taking pictures.

Kulwant would like to thank the FODARA Board for allowing him to organize this fun event. More pictures of this event are on our website at <https://www.deanza.edu/fodara/pictures.html>.

Linda Conroy

Pizza is Still a Thing!

On October 30th, FODARA members and guests gathered at Tony & Alba's Pizza & Pasta for our annual *Pizza Thing* and *Halloween* social gathering. We engaged in lively conversations and shared updates on our hectic lives over a delectable meal of pizza, salad, and refreshing soft drinks.

Beyond the socializing, we actively participated in supporting Dianna and Al's (the owners') "sock drive for farm workers" and their families. Tony & Alba's generously donated a pair of socks for farm workers for each extra-large pizza we ordered (four), and several of us extended our support by donating socks to the families of the farm workers. Additionally, a member who couldn't attend made a generous donation towards purchasing socks for farm workers.



Tony & Alba's (Dianna and Al) expressed their heartfelt gratitude for our generous contributions.

As evident from the photographs, we had a fantastic social event. We encourage you to join us for the holiday gathering at Three Flames Restaurant on December 11, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. More pictures of this event are on our website at <https://www.deanza.edu/fodara/pictures.html>.



*Bill
Lewis*

We are happy to help promote Tony & Alba's Pizza and Pasta Silver Menu Packages for Seniors!

TONY & ALBA'S PIZZA AND PASTA
SILVER MENU PACKAGES FOR SENIORS

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All with Vegetables of our choice. Pasta is Penne only. Packages are cold but not frozen.



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MENUS AVAILABLE

- *PARMASEAN CHICKEN/ MARINARA/ VEG.**
- *GRILLED CHICKEN/CHEESE/SAUTEED SPINACH/ VEG. (Lo-carb)**
- *EGGPLANT PARMASEAN/ MARINARA/ VEG.**
- *MEAT SAUCE PENNE/ MEATBALL/ VEG.**
- *MARINARA SAUCE/ MEATBAL/ VEG.**
- *MEAT LASAGNA/ VEG.**
- *VEGETARIAN LASAGNA/ VEG.**
- *BAKED RIGATONI/ VEG.**
- *CHEESE RAVIOLI/ MEAT SAUCE, MARINARA, ALFREDO/ VEG**
- *MEAT RAVIOLI/ MEAT SAUCE, MARINARA, ALFREDO/ VEG**
- *POLENTA/ MARIANRA, MEAT SAUCE/ PROVOLONE/ VEG.**
- *BIG AL'S BEEF/ SAUTEED SPINACH/ VEG. (Lo-Carb)**

Our *Holiday Party* this year will be December 11 at 11:00 am at Three Flames restaurant in San Jose. We had a great run with Patrick's wonderful meals but we are sure you will like the food at Three Flames. For our sit-down lunch, you have a choice of Tri-Tip, Tilapia, or Mostaccioli Pasta. Please reserve your spot using the RSVP in this newsletter by December 1. Carpool with friends if you like as parking may be a little tight. Help us celebrate the holidays and enjoy a wonderful meal.

Cindy Castillo



FODARA HOLIDAY PARTY 2025

- What:** A delicious lunch with friends
- Cost:** \$40 for entrée, sides, beverage, dessert
- When:** Thursday, December 11, 11:00 am
- Where:** Three Flames Restaurant, 1547 Meridian Ave, San Jose

Please RSVP by December 1 or earlier

Retiree Name _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Number of menu choices for retiree and guest(s) Tri-Tip ___ Tilapia ___ Mostaccioli Pasta ___

Please reserve _____ total places @ \$40 per person \$ _____

Please add any voluntary \$10 FODARA membership dues \$ _____

Please add any voluntary donations toward scholarships \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make check payable to "FODARA" and mail it along with reservation form to:

Michael Paccioretti
3075 Muirdrum Place
San Jose, CA 95148

For questions, contact Mike at 408-623-4601 or pacciorettimike@sbcglobal.net



See you there.....and thanks for coming!





Attention Pre-97 Hires:

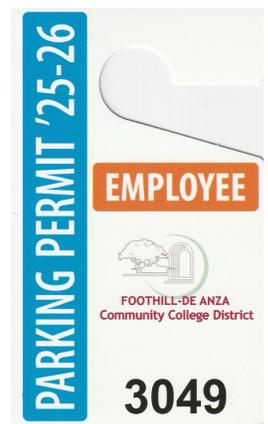
Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount Reimbursement Update

On November 7, Vice Chancellor Dianna Rose sent a message to FA and AMA retirees stating that the District is postponing the Medicare Part B reimbursement changes that were set to take effect on January 1, 2026 and July 1, 2025 respectively. While the review continues, retirees should continue submitting reimbursement requests as usual for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. That same day, the Benefits Team sent a follow-up message to FA and AMA retirees that the 3rd-quarter IRMAA reimbursement will be paid retroactively together with the regular 4th-quarter Medicare Part B reimbursement, scheduled for disbursement before December 31, 2025.

This is the most up-to-date information available regarding the 2025 IRMAA reimbursement. Many questions remain. If you have individual questions about your personal IRMAA reimbursement, contact the Benefits staff at mybenefits@fhda.edu. Our FODARA benefit representatives are following these issues as they unfold. Stay tuned for further updates.

Parking Update

Foothill-De Anza is in a transitional year for parking enforcement on campus. If you are an employee or a retiree who will be parking on campus in staff lots from January – June 2026, you will need to get a free hanging parking permit from the District Police Office at either campus substation to display while parking. You can prove you are a retiree by showing the last issued gold parking sticker that you may still have on your windshield OR by presenting your retiree Gold Card. The District Police Office at either campus will issue a parking permit for you to use during Winter and Spring Quarters 2026. If you need to get the retiree Gold Card, please go to either campus Photo ID Office and present your current identification and the campuswide ID number. They will take your picture and produce the Gold Card verifying your retiree status. Then present your new Gold Card at District Police substation at either campus to get the parking permit. Another new process should be in place for the 2026-27 year, so stay tuned!



Cindy Castillo

Student Scholarship Winners for 2024-25

We have posted the essays from Daniel, Douglas, Hayden, and Peter who were our student scholarship winners just selected this year. We have three future engineers coming to their professions from different angles and one studying psychology and hoping to continue his athletic career at a four-year university. Good luck to all of them!

Their thank you notes which include their life stories are at <https://www.deanza.edu/fodara/documents/FHDA%20FODARA%20Thank%20You%20FH25.pdf>. OR, go to the FODARA website (<https://www.deanza.edu/fodara/>) and click on **Scholarships!**

FROM THE ARCHIVES: **The College Hour**



When Foothill and De Anza opened in their current locations, 1961 and 1967, respectively, both colleges reserved time each week called The College Hour. College Hour was typically two hours each week, sometimes on Monday and Wednesday, other times on Tuesday and Thursday, from 11am-12pm or 1pm-2pm.

Any activity planned for students of a cultural, educational, social, or recreational nature may be scheduled during the College Hour. H.H. Semans, Dean of Instruction at Foothill in 1964, had this to say: “I don’t understand why people come and ask what we’re going to do to save the College Hour when we haven’t lost it. I am as interested in College Hour as anyone; I think it is absolutely essential. We will do our level best to avoid scheduling classes over College Hour.” He felt that the most important considerations in any college are the classes and the credits. But he also stipulated that the College Hour will be continued “under any circumstances.”

During the two decades in which College Hour operated, there were countless opportunities for students to learn and grow. In 1962, Foothill students could see a free show at the college planetarium, courtesy of the Planetarium Physical Science Club. The club gave away tickets at noon at the planetarium door as part of its activities program. The club also planned a talk by Dr. Marcel J. Vogel, IBM staff chemist, on “liquid crystals.”

Over at De Anza, Royal Stanton, a renowned teacher and music arranger for both Foothill and De Anza, announced that the first performance of the Vintage Singers would be Wednesday, Nov. 1, during College Hour in Forum 1. The performance was open to the entire student body and was free. The variety of offerings was quite broad: In 1969, students could sign up for a multi-part, free course in Karate, a “rap” session with Q&A on current religion, and a special presentation called “Institutionalized Racism in Education.” Some intramural athletics were offered during this special hour, including bowling, tennis, volleyball, gymnastics, ping-pong, basketball, and even skin diving. If the student spent the required amount of time in any of these activities, a unit of credit was given.



De Anza College as it looked in 1968

In the 1960s and 1970s, there were many required courses that were taught one hour per day, five days per week, all in physical classrooms— no distance courses were available at that time. This, of course, made scheduling courses and preserving College Hour very difficult. In 1975, it was proposed that the five-day-per-week courses be cut to four days per week, so that College Hour could continue to thrive. But, alas, it was not to be.

Faculty and students were having difficulty with the schedule. In 1975, one teacher said that “the community college element is here for academic pursuits and that the College Hour would cut into efforts to obtain basic required courses; most are five hours a week.” Another teacher labeled College Hour as “a few students propagandizing their fellow students” and forcing this non-academic aspect on the students during the prime time of the day. While opinions differed on College Hour, it nevertheless was abandoned by 1977.

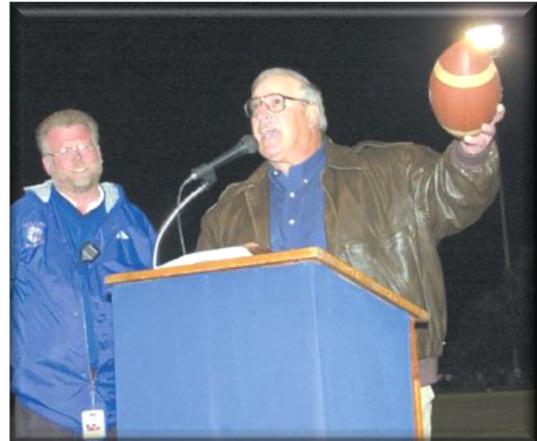


Bob “Coach” Muzzuca

Bob Mazzuca, longtime coach at De Anza College, peacefully passed away at home on September 1, 2025. Bob was a member of the Gilroy High School class of 1956. He received a varsity letter for football (2 years), basketball (three years), and baseball (four years). He also received all league honors for two years in football and four years in baseball. Mazzuca played football and baseball at Stockton College as well as University of the Pacific, where he graduated in 1960. When Mazzuca finished college, he played one year for the A.F.L with the L.A. Chargers.

He taught and coached at Bellarmine Prep, San Jose City College and De Anza College. His daughter, Dodie Mazzuca-Gregory, was an LPGA Tour player for several years.

His life and family were clearly of a sporting nature!



Bob Mazzuca (holding football) is inducted into the Gilroy High School Hall of Fame



Congratulations to the Following Recent FHDA Retirees:

- Ed Breault, Online Education and Learning Resources, De Anza
- Edward Hoffman, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning, Central Services
- Karen Hunter, Human Resources, Central Services

Fun things to do this holiday season:

- The 37th Annual Christmas Crèche Exhibit, the longest-running community-led annual nativity exhibit in the United States, will be held from December 6 to 10, 12:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at 3865 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303. The exhibit features nativities from over 30 countries, festive concerts, marionette shows, artists in action, and hands-on activities for all ages. Everyone is welcome, and admission is free.

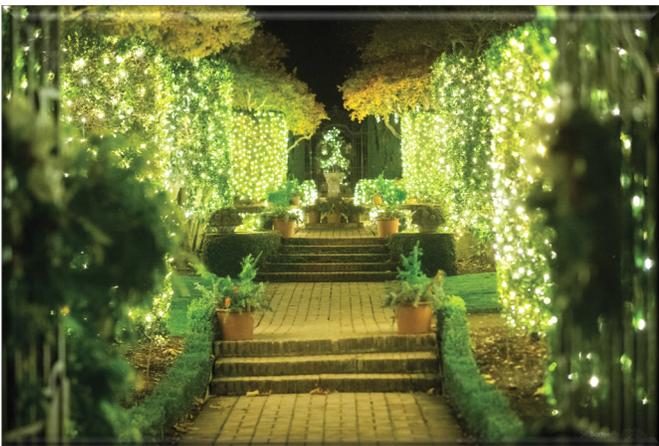


<https://christmascreche.org/about/>

- The 68th Annual Children's Christmas/Holidays Parade will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., rain or shine! The parade will take place in downtown Los Gatos.



<https://www.lgsrecreation.org/parade/>



- If you've never been to the beautiful Filoli Estate & Gardens in Woodside, California, this is your chance to see the estate and gardens decked out in holiday splendor. Linda Conroy, who has a membership that gives her a 20% discount on tickets to Filoli, would like to invite you to join a group to visit and see the holiday lights indoors and outdoors from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. between Monday, December 15th, and Friday, December 19th. The group will meet in the afternoon from 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for \$39. If you're interested,

please call, text, or email Linda at 408 966-5703 or at lsiqcon@aol.com by Friday, November 22nd.

<https://filoli.org/>



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FODARA CALENDAR 2025

Holiday Party	Thursday, December 11, 11am	Three Flames Restaurant - San Jose
Board Meeting	Tuesday, January 6, 2pm	Webmaster's Home