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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



December - My gratitude

I want to thank each one of you for these two wonderful years of being the section president!

Despite the pandemic and the lack of membership rebates/subsidization from the MBCA headquarters, our generous members donated over \$10,000 for our section to pay off our yearly operational expenses and subsidized our holiday parties for these two years. I am proud to say that during my term, we had a total of 21 First Sunday Drives and 18 Member-Only events, allowing us to explore new places, try

new restaurants, and socialize together.

The 2022 Annual Holiday Party was my last holiday party as the section president. I am still incredibly appreciative that the wonderful and talented

Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors (FASCA) accepted our request to perform for us so I could finish my term on a high note. Thirty-three high school students performed Percussion, Lion Dance, Diabolo, Juggling, and Folk Dance for our members. Their performances were exceptional. It was an incredible experience to feel the enthusiasm of these young ladies and gentlemen. I cannot say it better than Paul V. Morris, who wrote, "What an absolutely wonderful event!"

Thank you very much to our generous members, who donated after their performance! I used the funds to treat the students with ice cream at a shop across the street and cater dinner for them to enjoy at their training center in Milpitas. In the Thank-You Messages section, you'll find three students who wrote their appreciation messages for us!

Three events are coming up in 2023; please don't miss them! There will only be First Sunday Drive events in 2023; the first three dates are listed below:

Jan 8th, 2023: (Second) Sunday Drive - San Francisco Presidio – [Click here for detail](#)

Feb 5th, 2023: First Sunday Drive – Concord to Grand Island Mansion – Lunch Buffet registration required – [click here for detail](#)

March 5th, 2023: First Sunday Drive – San Francisco Oscar Movie Tour – Lou Piccinini

We are still looking for a member to step up and accept the presidency. I still feel that if I can do it, anyone can do it without breaking a sweat!

This is my final letter to you as section president, and I'd like to use this opportunity to wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

November First Sunday Drive: Bear Creek Road



Submitted by Gary Pieroni

The first November drive was a delightful mix of history, architecture, wine studies, eating, and scenic driving through the East Bay regional hills and the Alhambra Valley. The event attracted a record-breaking number of attendees for a First Sunday Drive! We gathered on a sunny Sunday morning at Peet's Coffee in Orinda before starting our engines to pursue a scenic drive along Bear Creek Road to Alhambra Valley Road. Bear Creek Road is a broad two-lane road that undulates through the relaxing hills with wide turns. Our first stop was at the historic John Muir house. The US Park Service were our hosts, and they began our tour by showing us an interesting video that summarized John Muir's life and his monumental efforts to protect the nation's vast natural environmental treasures. His efforts were instrumental in the creation of the national park system. After the video, we toured Muir's impressive family Victorian home where he wrote and raised his family. The home was staged with many of his papers and family portraits and period furniture. The highlight of the tour was seeing his home office with his papers scattered and piled on the floor, wondering what he thought about when writing at his desk facing the window overlooking the valley below. The volunteers were very knowledgeable about the history of the home, the orchards and ranching activity in the 1800's in Martinez, and the life and political activities of John Muir. The group was totally into the experience because it was hard to move people onwards to go to the lunch and stay on schedule. Lunch was a short three miles away at Troy's Greek Restaurant in historic downtown Martinez. We filled half the restaurant and engaged in much friendly socializing. After lunch, we traveled a few miles back into the Alhambra Valley to go wine tasting at William Welch Winery. The historic family adobe and winery is still owned by a decedent of the Welch family, who graciously hosted us to sample their incredible wines. The day ended around 5:00 PM after a day well spent.

[November FSD 2022 Photos of Bear Creek Road](#)

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Annual Member Appreciation Party



Article by **Paul V. Morris** - SFBA-MBCA member & Former Mayor of San Pablo

What an absolutely wonderful event!

I was thinking before I left home that 4 hours was going to drag out somewhat. However, I was pleasantly surprised to find that with such an exciting program and venue, that people just wanted to stay. From the great company at my table, the discussion about what else, the Mercedes-Benz they own/drive, to a very well-organized and thoughtful program to feed and entertain the members.

The hors d'oeuvres were terrific – especially the salmon, my goodness it was so good!

Following a very nicely served lunch, the show began; there were 33 students and 7 teachers from 14 Bay Area schools who participated plus others such as the video team who practiced very hard to certainly make their show as professional and as exciting as possible - they obviously worked their buns off and succeeded! Congratulations to Board President John Goode in making this happen! Great job – you and your enthusiasm are going to be missed when you step down from the Prez position!

Following that terrific show, there was the member's tenure recognition and acknowledgement of those members who chipped in more than \$1,000.00 in total toward the cost of bussing the students to the Spinnaker.

The event had to be the most successful MBCA Christmas party ever, and those members who didn't attend – you missed out big time!

Again, congratulations everyone who helped make it a success! It was a sellout!

Holiday Party - 2022 Photos and Videos

I highly recommended that you watch the video clips.

Highlights of the holiday party









Thank-You Messages from the FASCA Students

FASCA Member– Sean Yang

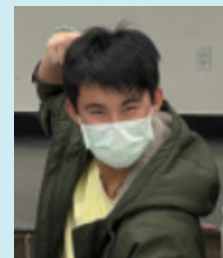
Hi everyone! I am Sean Yang, an incoming spring semester freshmen student at New York University; and it is my fourth year in FASCA. As a student representing the Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors (FASCA), I would like to express my gratitude to the Mercedes-Benz Club of America - San Francisco Bay Area Chapter to give us the opportunity to perform at the Christmas Lunch event, along with also allowing us to show various Taiwanese folk arts and have cultural exchanges with such a diverse community. In addition, we would like to thank the Mercedes-Benz Club for providing us with a luxury bus and a delicious filling dinner, as well as giving us the time to explore the beautiful town of Sausalito. Without your help, this event would not have been as successful and enjoyable! Lastly, I would like to thank the members of the Mercedes-Benz Club for donating funds to FASCA out of their own pocket and supporting us; as a non-profit organization, our only source for funding is donations, so we really appreciate every single cent we get! We will use the funds wisely on various important aspects! We also are welcome and would be happy for the Mercedes-Benz club to invite us again in the future to volunteer or perform for future events! Once again, I would like to express my appreciation to everyone in the Mercedes-Benz Club, a big thank you all!

Sincerely and Best Regards,
Sean Yang 楊榮祥 (Senior FASCA Student)



FASCA-SFBA President 2022-23 - Daniel Tsai

Dear Mercedes-Benz Club,
Being the current student President of the Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors (FASCA), I have been given the privilege in leading 33 students from 14 different high schools all across the bay area (and one from



New York) in this opportunity and excuse given by you to get away from our computer screens and come together as FASCA, to put together a performance that hopefully everyone at the Mercedes-Benz club can enjoy. We rarely have a chance to travel to our events together, but this time we were able to take a bus together thank you for the arrangement. Everyone was so excited after hearing about the bus that the signups were full within 2 days! We had so much fun at Sausalito that we were singing the whole way back. Dinner was great, and we all finished dinner really fast since it was really good.

I'd also like to thank Uncle John, the president of the Mercedes-Benz Club, and all the FASCA adults (especially teacher Lily) for helping to organize this event and giving us this really enjoyable experience as none of us students would be able to do this without the adults.

Thanks again for inviting us to perform at your prestigious club!

FASCA Member - Erik Goode

Dear Mercedes-Benz Club Members!

My name is Erik, and I am John's youngest son. Thank you very much for having us perform for you at the Mercedes-Benz holiday party event! My team members and I were excited to be able to perform for you, and I am very glad that you all enjoyed the whole program.

My dad has shared the pictures, the videos, and the encouraging comments you wrote to our group. It was a lot of fun, and I have gained so much experience hosting and introducing our Dance Team members to you. I look forward to performing in future events for the club soon. Thank you again for sponsoring us to travel to Sausalito and enjoy an incredible event together!

I hope to join my dad at one of the drives and see you all there!



First Sunday Drive, January 8, 2023 **Foster City to Presidio**



Gathering Place: Peet's Coffee

Address: 2292 Bridgepoint
parkway, Foster City

Time: 9:30AM

Start the engines: 10:00AM

Our route to open the 2023 SFBA MB year will take us from Foster City in San Mateo, over Highway 92 to Half Moon Bay, thence to Highway One North to Pillar Point (Princeton-by-the-Sea), then continue on to Devil's Slide and

through the Tom Lantos Tunnels. We will pass through Pacifica, to Land's End in SF, and finally end in the Presidio for lunch at one of the fine restaurants there. Highlights, beside the beautiful coastal scenery: Stop to watch the surfers at Mavericks; rest stop at the Sea Bowl in Pacifica; optional visit to Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park (WPA murals); after lunch, optional visits to the Presidio Officers Club, the nearby Walt Disney Family Museum, and (weather permitting) the newly opened Presidio Tunnel Tops Park.

Organizer: Nadine and Barton Lane

[First Sunday Drive - Foster City to Presidio](#)

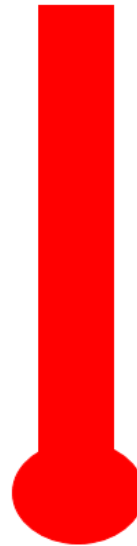
Grand Island Mansion Buffet
Sunday, February 5, 2022
First Sunday Drive
11:00AM - 3:00PM
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2022
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