President’s Column

For most Americans, December is known as the season of giving, not only because of gifts given to family and friends, but also because of acts and donations giving back to the community made during this month. Studies show that between 30 and 50 percent of charitable donations are made during the month of December, notwithstanding the reality that most nonprofits, like Friends, benefit from financial assistance all-year long.

No doubt charitable donations are higher in December because the holidays that fall during this month fuel us to tangibly demonstrate our concern for and desire to help improve the welfare of others not directly related to us—the fact that most organizations concentrate their plea drives during the month, not to mention IRS tax benefits for end-of-year giving no doubt also help many with the timing of their charitable donation.

Regardless of your motivation for giving or your financial situation, please remember that even small efforts to help others has been scientifically proven to cause you to feel better about yourself. And those on the receiving end of your generosity clearly benefit doubly from your tangible donation and your intangible gift indicating that relative strangers care about them. Your donation results in a win-win outcome, and how can you object to a course of conduct that leaves everyone feeling like a winner?

So, here are three ways Friends can help you feel like a winner:

• Your favorable reply to my annual letter requesting your donation will insure everyone is a winner!

• If you shop online at Amazon, then by shopping instead through Amazon’s charitable giving portal – smile.amazon.com (online version of scrip), you will produce another win-win outcome. Please visit smile.amazon.com, designate Friends of the International Center, UCSD, La Jolla, CA as your charitable organization (only need to do one time), and Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases made on the smile.amazon.com portal to Friends. (Note: pricing and inventory is the same as on Amazon.com.) Please share this opportunity with your friends and family, so that they too can be winners! (For more information, please see note on page 5 in this edition.)

• And, for those who like to participate in Giving Tuesday, then I invite you to visit Friends website (icfriends.ucsd.edu) on December 2, 2019 and click on our donate button. Please note our donate button is available year-round, so do not feel limited to December 2nd. Once again, your donation will trigger a win-win outcome.

Whichever way you choose to give, I am hopeful that you will choose to give generously and that you recognize my plea is on behalf of the programs, international visitors, and students Friends support and that rely upon your commitment to making this world the best it can be!

Wishing you happy holidays and many opportunities to experience the joy of giving,

Katya Newmark
PresFIC@ucsd.edu
**FRIENDS HOLIDAY LUNCH**
—by Barbara Fitzsimmons

**Monday, December 2, 2019, Noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Friends and Global Education staff members will gather on Monday, December 2 at noon to enjoy a tasty meal and conversation. We will meet at the Huerta Vera Cruz Room at the Student Center building, adjacent to Mandeville Center. **Sebastian Clark**, a Friends scholarship recipient will be at the lunch to share some thoughts with us about his experiences and Global Seminar in Greece. Door prizes will be featured.

This year the menu will include: vegetable casserole, apple walnut salad, orange-scented couscous salad, grilled vegetables, roasted basil chicken, ginger cookies, pecan bars, brownies, berry cheese bars, coffee, and peach and pineapple infused water.

There will be no charge for the lunch, and we send our thanks to **Professor Chip Schooley**, Interim Faculty Director of Global Education, for funding the luncheon for Friends and Staff alike. The university’s generosity is very much appreciated by all.

**LIMITED SPACE:** Make your reservation by Friday, November 25, to friendsgeholiday2019.eventbrite.com. This is a firm deadline, and reservations made after it or walk-ins cannot be accommodated. We regret that this notice may reach you past the reservation deadline, but hope that you received the invitation via listserve and other means.

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**Support Group Approval**

June 10, 2019

Ms. Katya Newmark
President
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Dear Ms. Newmark,

I am pleased to acknowledge the Friends of the International Center as an official support group of the University of California, San Diego. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Friends members for their significant support of the International Center, and student scholarships, as well as their contributions to the international experiences of our students both here and abroad. For 58 years, the Friends of the International Center have provided an integral part of the university experience for our international students and helped to share the diverse cultural landscape of San Diego.

It is a pleasure to recognize you and the members of your group for your continued efforts and commitment. The Friends of the International Center are an invaluable resource to UC San Diego’s international community. I wish you every success with this and your future endeavors.

With kind regards,

Pradeep K. Khosla
Chancellor
Wednesday Coffee

The Wednesday Coffee group engages in a wide range of activities that in December will include the making of Christmas ornaments, as well as creating ribbon pins under the tutelage of Marie Perroud.

Periodically, participants work on a long-range project, such as sewing stuffed animals under the guidance of Lynn Jahn (who single-handedly makes many herself) to be given for Christmas to the children in the Friends Mommy/Daddy & Me program.

Less time specific is another group project. Wrote Georgina Sham: “We will again work on our rug with the Friends logo. When you have completed a 2-inch square, you will be able to write your name and date on the backing, so that years from now everyone will know you worked at making the rug. It’s a fun and serious project.”

In a very different vein, in late October, the group accepted an invitation from Friends President, Katya Newmark, to meet at her house for a potluck and folk dancing and see her seasonal decorations. Katya reported that there were about twenty adults and two babies in attendance:

“International family members recently visited my home, ostensibly to learn about the traditions of Día de los Muertos and to see an ofrenda (altar). As to be expected everyone enjoyed the abundance of food representing Belgium, China, Denmark, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Hong Kong, Korea, Mexico, and the United States.

“Before our meal, Georgina Sham, a longtime international folk dance teacher, led the group in a series of lively and fun dances that caused everyone, even non-dancers, to break out in wide smiles as they danced around the backyard. I barely contained myself when one participant thanked me for allowing her parents-in-law, who had just arrived from China, to attend and fulfill their desire to become immersed in American culture. Given the language challenges, I am not sure that they realized that they were dancing Israeli and Japanese folk dances, while appreciating Mexican decorations and eating foods from around the world.

“How I love the melting pot Friends offers us all!”
Creativity Rules at Gus’ Table —by Nori Faer

Sometimes a pumpkin is just a pumpkin. That was certainly not the case on October 22, when 15 participants at Gus’ Table tried their hand at carving, painting, and etching would-be Jack-o-Lanterns. Most of our artists had never done this before, but that didn’t deter them from attempting some very ambitious designs.

Among the creative designs were flying bats, toothy grins, and evil cats. Sunil Prasad, who is here as the spouse of a postdoc, used a technique I had not seen before. He carved out just enough pumpkin flesh to create a film which when lit from behind threw an eerie light.

We ended with a showing of the work and had judges from the Study Abroad office. A prize was given, followed by our enjoyment of a delicious cake baked by Susan Graceman.

I have taken home the pumpkin seeds for roasting. Next week the group will enjoy (or not) these salty morsels and take home the remainders.

Holiday Celebrations at Mommy/Daddy & Me —by Yukina Nakazawa

We celebrated Halloween at Mommy/Daddy & Me with pumpkin carving and a Halloween party.

The preschool-aged kids enjoyed the actual process of carving by using simple tools, while the younger ones enjoyed the activity by decorating pumpkins using paints and stickers. Many of the families had not experienced a Halloween celebration before, and some parents found themselves enjoying the act of carving more than their kids!

At our Halloween party, children enjoyed games, Halloween-themed circle time, and trick-or-treating around the International Faculty and Scholars Office. We learned from last year’s experience to keep the games—cleverly
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Fun and Games

In October, there was a beach potluck and notwithstanding the grey and cold skies (yes there was a brief bout of “fall” weather), a very large group of members and internationals gathered to enjoy games, food, s’mores, and, of course, lively conversation.

Another outing had sixteen gathering for an international potluck and an evening of bunco—a great game requiring minimal skills (including language) that had everyone interacting with one another throughout the game.

At times these activities stem from a question raised during conversation and at times because our volunteers are anxious to introduce our international visitors to a particular local experience, and always they arise because of the fellowship created and the desire to get together more often than our official programs meet—a desire shared by both our local and international participants.

Please let us know if you would like to lead a special opportunity and we will help you facilitate. Simply address your note to: ic-friends@ucsd.edu.

Donations

We thank Nancy & Bill Homeyer for their non-restricted donation to Friends programs, as well as Danièle Rodé & Ken McKeown, Christa McReynolds, and Ariana & Hannes Pessentheiner for adding a scholarship donation when making their Ethnic Dinner reservation.

A very special note of gratitude goes to Carol Smith for making a generous contribution to the Carol & Stuart Smith Scholarship earmarked for a graduate student in science. Wrote the 2019 recipient, Margherita Capriotti, an Italian doctoral student in Structural Engineering, “Thank you very much for choosing me, my research, and my commitment to international friendship.”

Beverly French, the 2018 recipient of the Smith fellowship, profusely thanked Friends and Carol for her award that enabled her to conduct research on the ecology of coral reefs in French Polynesia, about which she will speak at the Friends scholarship fundraising dinner on November 16.
Visiting an American Home

Internationals invited to partake of an opportunity to visit and American home often come to UC San Diego with their families. Recent Chinese visitors—Li Lin, husband Le, and son Stephen, asked for a host with children.

Elisabeth Marti, chair of the Friends Visit an American Home program, had to search for a suitable host. “I no longer have hosts with kids at home, ever since Emily Stewart dropped out during her second pregnancy, so I decided that Kurt and I would play hosts ourselves, and invited our friends Rachel and Parker with baby Beck. Unfortunately, Beck came down with a stomach flu and they had to cancel.

“In the last minute, I invited our neighbors and friends to come over to join us and part of the family was available—Leonie Hayworth joined us with two of her daughters, Kaia and Shaelin. It worked out really well, since Le is doing research on lung diseases and Leonie is a physician, as is her husband. Before leaving, Le and Leonie exchanged e-mail addresses.”

The Martis received a prompt thank-you note:

Good evening Elisabeth and Kurt

Thank you so much for your generous invitation today. We really enjoyed it a lot. We’ll see if we have time to attend the dinner December 7 [Friends Dinner Social]; thank you for this information.

You asked us how we thought of the project of “Visiting an American’s home”. When I first heard about it, I immediately thought it attractive. The visit today, however, was even better than I had expected.

In China, I have visited big houses or luxury houses, but I never heard of someone who planted the trees in the courtyard 50 years ago and with good care they grow so tall and strong. I also enjoyed the food today. Everything went perfect.

A hug,

Li

Need some holiday decorations? Don’t forget to head to the Friends ResaleShop, located on Library Walk in UC Building 214. Shop hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. You will find a small but nice display of holiday merchandise, but be sure to do so quickly, because Friday, December 6 is the last day of operation until the coming year 2020.

Proceeds from the sale of merchandise, which ranges from clothing, accessories, small household goods, books, music, and surprises, help fund scholarships and activities related to educational activities.

Wemiss Serena Grädel, who has started a German class for school-aged second language learners and is devoting considerable time to serving as a docent to the children’s program at Torrey Pines Reserve; fortunately, Serena remains available as a Resale Shop substitute.

More recently we have lost Maureen Nichols, who took over her husband’s position as longtime Shop volunteer upon Joe’s death. Maureen is moving to the Bay Area to be near their two sons, and reports: “I have enjoyed my time at the Shop a lot.” Unquestionably, there will be other turnovers, particularly among our student volunteers.

Should you wish to learn more about what being a Shop volunteer entails, please contact icfriends@ucsd.edu; the Shop is short on volunteers and in singular need of a coordinator.

Our thanks to all who donate items to our thrift shop, and special thanks to the volunteers who continue to work in the Shop, making it a welcome place to visit.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
A recipient of two Friends scholarships (2018 and 2019), Maxie Gluckman spoke passionately at the 2018 Global Education Holiday Luncheon about her work with educators and school children in Honduras. Since then, Maxie has widened the scope of her work with children in transitory school situations to include Mexico, and introduced her latest scholarship report with these thoughtful words: “Thank you again for everything and I look forward to interacting with the Friends of the International Center throughout the year in your various events.”

Dear Friends of the International Center,

I am writing to you from Mexico, where I have spent the summer diving into the migratory and educational context for Central American children in Sonora and Nuevo León. While I had spent the better part of the academic year reading about the growing populations of migrant children and families in shelters throughout the country, it was not until this fieldwork experience that I was really able to unpack the complicated picture in these two border states and contemplate where my thesis work can fit in and make a valuable contribution.

In Hermosillo, Nuevo León, I was able to connect with the Seminar for Child Migration at the Colegio de Sonora, to learn about and contribute to their efforts to investigate the experiences of migrant children enrolling in schools in the region, and provide professional development to educators to best meet their needs. I presented on my work in Honduras at two Universities, was interviewed on a local political and rock and roll radio, and spoke with many researchers and practitioners about what kind of supports they feel that they need to meet the changing demographics of migrants traveling through or settling across the state. This was also an important empathy-building experience as temperatures ranged from 90 to 119 degrees during my time there—some of the hottest and most uncomfortable temperatures I have ever experienced. I know that this is just a taste of the harsh conditions that migrants experience when traveling through the Sonoran desert.

When I arrived in Monterrey, it was a completely different experience. A key industrial city surrounded by beautiful mountains, Monterrey is transforming more into a destination site rather than a site of transit. Visiting and volunteering at three shelters in different corners of the city, I was able to see how this shift is changing the needs of the region. As one shelter director said to me: “the schools where the children who stay here enroll are not prepared to meet the needs of these students,” and many families validated this claim. It truly appears from many of my interactions that more work on the educational trajectories of Central American children in Mexico is not only desired but also urgent.

I thank all of the Friends of the International Center for helping support me in diving back into the field. I was humbled by the kind reception on behalf of academic colleagues and community members who welcomed me into their homes, courses, and workplaces. I know that I still have so much more to learn, but I have advanced considerably on my thesis questions, plan, and sites thanks to my ability to have the time and space to develop these connections, as well as give back to the community.

Grateful, full of hope, and excited to get back into the field.

Maxie Gluckman
Ph.D. student, Education Studies

From the Scholarship Committee Chair:

After a mini reunion at my house with two former Friends fellowship recipients (Natalya Gallo, 2015 now an SIO post doc, and Jessica Ng, 2018), Julia Dohner, recipient of the 2019 Ruth Newmark Scholarship, wrote how much she enjoyed getting together with her fellow SIO colleagues and proudly informed that she has passed her qualifying exam, the hurdle for advancing to Ph.D. candidacy at Scripps Institution of Oceanography’s Marine Chemistry and Geochemistry program, and that she was in the midst of preparing for a month-long research trip to Okinawa.
"I’m gathering as many vials and filters as I can fit in my checked luggage and scrambling to collect miscellaneous lab items such as sharpies, notebooks, zip ties and Ziploc bags. I have to say that the Friends of the IC Fellowship has been immensely helpful for this adventure—it’s basically been funding all of my research, since I’m having to find my own funding for this month’s trip. So thank you, thank you, thank you!! It’s very exciting to pull together all my means for getting as much equipment and as many tools as I can to collect as much data as possible while I’m over there. I’m so excited for this fieldwork campaign!"

As to Elisabeth Marchand’s report, I was intrigued by her language study because her assumptions seemed to apply to my own experience. I essentially lost knowledge of my first language, German, when, at age 7, I came to live totally immersed in a Dutch household; by 15, I had come to the United States and there is no question but that English has become my dominant language. Yet, I am slow in manipulating numbers, experiencing a slight delay in comprehension and quite startlingly use the Dutch expression onthouden for carry when adding a column of numbers.

The Influence of Grammar on Mathematical Skills

During the summer of 2018, I traveled to Québec (Canada) in order to collect data for my dissertation on the acquisition of numbers in children. The FIC funding has greatly contributed to the realization of this project by contributing to my plane ticket, materials for testing, the help of a research assistant on the field and monetary compensation to the preschools.

The goal of this project was to investigate the relationship between the grammar of a language and the development of basic mathematical skills. Specifically, I addressed this relationship via the case study of French-speaking children. In French, the number one and the article a are the same words [i.e., un]. In English, very young children learn to interpret these terms differently when children are shown a plate with two strawberry toys and are asked "Is there a strawberry on the plate?" and "Is there one strawberry on the plate?" children answered "Yes" for a strawberry but "No" for one strawberry. This suggests that a receives an inexact interpretation [compatible with sets of 2 objects], while one receives an exact interpretation [compatible with sets of only 1 object]. Thus, compared to English, French’s grammar presents some ambiguity for young learners as there are two possible interpretations of un.

The contrast in the acceptance for sets of 2 between French- and English-speaking children was sharp: unlike the crystal-clear difference in interpretation between a and one in English, the fuzzy French children’s interpretation of un reflected the ambiguity of the environmental input. Taken together, my results raise the possibility that the ambiguity of French grammar may pose a challenge to French-speaking children in acquiring an exact numerical meaning for the word un, potentially causing a delay in number word learning.

I would like to thank again the FIC for their support and contribution to my dissertation projects.

Elisabeth Marchand
Ph.D. student, Department of Psychology

Good morning,
I recently have had some unforeseen events occur within my family. However stressful it was, it got me thinking. The Friends Scholarship allowed me to have the financial security to embark on my Global Seminar [to Scotland]. A trip I consider as the best single month of my life. The schoolwork was hard, but I believe the experience helped me learn a lot about myself and gain confidence. I think I was better at handling the events in my family due to the skills I gained on this trip. I’ve matured enough to provide a greater contribution to my family.

The scholarship really did go a lot further than anticipated; even today I experience benefits from the Global Seminar. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Shahab Banki
Mathematics/Computer Science major

Scholarship Report

To say that I am grateful would be a complete understatement. The Friends of the International Center Scholarship has enabled me to have the best experiences of my life and provided me with a piece of the sublime. I have to say that because of these experiences my outlook on life has broadened and has given me assurance on what I would like to continue to do as I move forward in my career. I am confident that every decision I make will be guided by such experiences. I hope that like me you continue to influence the life of many more people who aspire to study abroad.

Ruben Hernandez
Edinburgh

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Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 10 a.m.
Hi Katya,
I was very glad to meet you in person finally last Saturday. I’d like to express my gratitude for letting my little son eat something before the formal beginning of the event.

The food was very delicious. My family really enjoyed it. The scenery looking down from the 15th floor of the Village was also wonderful. It was the first time I saw the beautiful sunset of Southern California since I arrived in this country. :) Finally, I’m so sorry that I left before the end of the event even though I’m a zealous fan of jazz music. I had to leave because it’s too late for my kids. I really appreciate all the things you prepared for us. I’m looking forward to seeing you again.

Warm regards,
Hyuk Yoon

Comments from two 2019 Scholarship recipients who went on Global Seminars to Scotland; their reports will appear in following Newsletters:

Studying abroad was an amazing experience and I hope to travel more as I get older. The Friends Scholarship played a huge part in this experience for me. 

Nolan Bartnick
Aerospace Engineering major

I hope my report communicates how much the scholarship meant to me, and how much I enjoyed the experience.

Grae Maddox
Marine Biology major
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