

It takes a village to present feast

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The fifth annual Village Feast held in Davis Central Park was attended by 300 guests, sponsors and community members on Saturday, Aug. 22. The event was a success, bringing in \$20,000 for the Davis Farm to School nonprofit, which supports garden-based learning, school lunch waste recycling and improved school lunch programs in the school district.

Slow Food Yolo and Davis Farm to School co-sponsored event, presenting a three-course family-style meal with food sourced from the vendors of the Davis Farmers' Market, prepared and served by the Buckhorn Catering Company.

A presentation of heirloom food varieties by the ARK of Taste was displayed in the center of the 300-person table, along with a hosted wine bar generously donated by Matchbook Wines, a silent auction of many food, wine, garden-related items, along with appetizers of nuts, olives and local endive.

We thank many community members who donated priceless items to the auction. We especially thank local artist Jesse Pruet, who donated a live painting of guests during the feast for the winner of that auction item.

Many thanks to our top sponsors — All Star Rents, who donated all the chairs, tables and umbrellas for the event; Nugget Markets, who donated all the wine for the meal; and Edible Sacramento, who donated advertising space in their magazine. Additional sponsors — Tucos, Wells Fargo, Peak Performance and the Davis Food Co-op — donated cash, services and food items to help with the success of the event.

Copperhill Olive Oil donated olive oil for the preparation of the meal, as well as olive oil bottles for each table, and Village Bakery donated fresh-baked baguettes.

Most events take a crew of volunteers and supporters to make it all happen, and we'd like to thank these groups and people: Grace Valley Christian Center, Slow Food Yolo and Davis Farm to School volunteers, Davis Farmers' Market, and the Village Feast Planning Committee: Talia Hack-Davie, co-chair, Ann M. Evans, Georgeanne Brennan, Moyra Barsotti, Jerry Thompson, Kraig Kraft, Rachael Levine, Nicole Salengo, Gail Feenstra, Jacqueline Clemens and Melanie Bajakian for their time and effort in planning this successful event.

Jamie Buffington
Village Feast chair, Davis

Thanks for supporting fundraiser

I would like to thank the Davis Odd Fellows Lodge, the Davis Rebekahs, the Davis community and The Davis Enterprise for supporting the wonderful "Wine, Notes & Edibles," which was held on Aug. 1 at the Davis Odd Fellows Lodge.

It was a very successful event, headlined by Mumbo Gumbo and emceed by Judge David Rosenberg. Community businesses and individuals donated wonderful items and experiences, which were auctioned off to other community members — a "win-win" all around!

In this era of state budget cuts, as the parent of a Community Employment Services client, I appreciate the community pulling together to support CES, which enables developmentally disabled adults to hold jobs, engage in volunteer work and other ways to be part of the Davis community.

Our son Adam delivers the downtown route for The Enterprise five days a week, rain or shine! CES is a

unique community resource and deserves the community assistance it received at the Aug. 1 fundraiser.

Nancy F. Lea
Woodland

Learn about the world at I-House

Thanks to all those in Davis and throughout Yolo County who helped make four free special events at International House, Davis, a big success. These special events took place during August and attracted almost 200 people.

We had Caryn West, author of "The Trouble with the Alphabet" (which took a look at the worldwide violation of children's rights); a talk on Pearl Harbor by UC Davis Professor Emeritus Don Gibbs; a Spanish-language poetry night; and two Iranian women discussing the culture and politics of Iran.

On Sept. 24, Professor Bahman "Buzz" Fozouni of Sacramento State will give a free talk on "U.S.-Iran Relations in Historical Perspective." His talk will begin at 6 p.m. in the Community Room at I-House, 10 College Park, Davis. Please join us.

Remember that all residents of Davis and Yolo County are invited to support I-House, an independent nonprofit, by becoming a member at \$40 a year. Student memberships at I-House are only \$20 a year.

Elisabeth Sherwin
International House, Davis executive director

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