

Greeting-Sub-Committee of Connections

Annual Report for 2018-19

Co-Chairs: Isabel Berney & Akiko Nakata

Greeting captains: Isabel Berney, Brian Ward, Judy Furr, Steve Keighton, Dennis Moody

Greeters: Bill Baker, Catherine Breese, Sharon Crane, Chris Eagan, Kelly Eagan, Patrick Feucht, Leslie Hager-Smith, Kimberley Homer, Crosby Houston, Rhonda Johnson, Carol Kern, Cynthia Luke, Beth McClellan, Akiko Nakata, Nancy Norton, Irene Peterson, Mary Ratliff, Helen Renqvist, Norine Rensburger, Laura Robinson, Kathie Sewall, Bob Stimson, Polly Stimson, Jon Thomas.

Substitutes: Alison Armstrong, Kirsten Brichler, Pauletta Copenheaver, Liz Craine, Frank DuPont, Connie Zeller

Neighborhood friends: Pauletta Copenheaver, Avi Shroff, Leigh Lally, Bobbie Littlefield, Jane Mahone, Frank & Denise Mathews, Bill Patterson, Jennifer Thomas, Margo Walter

Tour Guides: Bill Conk, Jim Copenheaver

Purpose of the Greeting Committee is to extend a warm hand and smile while welcoming old and new folks, connecting people of like interests, obtaining demographic information. *We support our mission of creating compassionate community as we greet and welcome all. We execute our vision to practice generosity and radical hospitality as we welcome folks and help people feel comfortable at UUC. Part of our mission is to be known as a place of beauty, welcome, joy, and celebration. Greeters are joyful in seeing people come to UUC.*

Goals for the coming year

1. Gather visitor information efficiently.
2. Participate in safety training to practice radical hospitality with joy.

Achievements

- We welcomed 5 new greeters to the team of 32. Between July 1 and April 30, we welcomed 125 (This compares with last year when we welcomed 90) 70 returned (56%). Of those 70, 45 are regular attendees, some active in various groups
- Greeter chairs worked with other UUC groups (e.g., YRUU, Buddy project) who like to perform some greeter tasks.
- Opened doors to Elarth before the service which cut down on foyer clogging.

Lessons Learned

- Clipboards result in more filled out cards.
- It is still challenging to keep the greeter cabinet clear because there is no good space to display various flyers and printed material.
- Open doors to Elarth has helped with crowding in foyer

Budget \$100. Greeting has incurred no expense this year.