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## WHO WE ARE

SolMateo is a volunteer group working to support our local community with issues surrounding mental health. By raising money and awareness for organizations that provide essential services like suicide prevention hotlines, emergency housing for homelessness, and counseling services, we strive to help our neighbors obtain important resources in times of need.

Proceeds raised from the Signature Kitchen Tour will help fill the funding gap for essential local mental health organizations including StarVista's Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Center and Mental Health Association of San Mateo County.







Mental Health Association of San Mateo County

In Memoriam

Marianne Michael Arbeed

Our community will miss Marianne.

She volunteered and supported many organizations and the local schools, making many friends along the way. SolMateo is grateful for her years of support.

She will be long remembered for her kindness, warmth and all the friendships she made.



## WELCOME

It is once again time to open the doors to spring and the SolMateo Signature Kitchen Tour. Epic storms have been replaced with glorious sunshine. Signs of renewal are everywhere, making it the perfect time to shine light on mental health in San Mateo County.

This year we are proud to celebrate our 41st Signature Kitchen Tour. An event that is only possible with the generous support of our homeowners, Event Sponsors, Community Partners, SolMateo members and of course YOU! Thank you for attending this year's event. We are excited to open the doors to five unique homes including a craftsman, Dutch colonial, Tudor and two different takes on modern ranch.

Home is not only a place, it's a feeling. Each of our homeowners has created spaces that reflect their ideas of home. We hope that you are inspired by not only the designs of the homes, gorgeous landscapes and gracious vendors, but the cause for which the tour was all started.

From all of us at SolMateo, thank you for helping us take care of our loved ones and neighbors. By shining light on mental health, they can now obtain important resources in times of need.





StarVista thanks all of you who opened your hearts to support the 2023 SolMateo Signature Kitchen Tour.

## 🗱 StarVista Crisis Center

The Crisis Center provides suicide intervention services and programs for San Mateo County residents, including a 24-hour crisis hotline, mobile youth crisis response team, online and text teen crisis support, and educational presentations to the community and schools.

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## MODERN MAKEOVER, HILLSBOROUGH



his 1974 ranch style home was completely transformed in 2021, with bright white vertical planking and a gray standing seam metal roof for this young, active family. Conceived and implemented by TRG Architecture + Interior Design, the modern exterior transitions into a bright, cheerful interior, inspired by the Mid-Century Modern aesthetic. From the time you pass through the lustre finish Vermont Slate blue front door with horizontal steel banding and an oversized vertical steel pull, you will be in awe.

The open concept living area is drenched in natural light and the newly raised ceilings in the great room, den and dining room enhance the sense of space. Among the furnishings sourced by the interiors team, a pair of Venturi Accent chairs from Lulu and Georgia in the den complement the floating, rift-sawn oak shelving and built-in cabinets. A beautiful watercolor-like rug in shades of blue echo those in Sydney's Bondi Icebergs Pool wall art and says G'day to a cozy, comfortable room.

The three-arm, "Highwire" chandelier in the dining room gives a feeling of night sky against the Benjamin Moore's Alfresco blue-paneled wall that grounds the room. A 10-by-four-foot solid walnut dining table crafted by one of TRG's local artisans features a distinctly Mid-Century Modern, angled base. A collection of iconic Mid-Century dining chairs in curving midnight leather softens the rectilinear lines of the room.

Walking down the hall, peek in at the powder room with its bold geometric, blue and brass wallpaper from Innovations. The floating, rift-white-oak vanity and backsplash offer a quiet backdrop for the brass, wall-mounted faucet by Kohler and porcelain vessel sink by Duravit. The single brass pendant by Visual Comfort adds warmth and drama to the space.

Who will ever think doing laundry is a chore in this bright and happy space? A stackable Electrolux washer/dryer is enveloped in custom cabinetry, painted a playful green called Steamed Spinach by Benjamin Moore, is topped in a clean and bright white quartz by Pental. Retro "Surf Aqua" cement tiles from Villa Lagoon Tile make a statement on the backsplash while giving a nod to the home's 70's beginnings.

#### IN THE HOMEOWNERS' WORDS:

#### What part of the kitchen makes you smile every time you walk in?

"We love the blue island and open oak shelves, and we love all the natural light. We also love how the accordion door allows us to look out at the pool and yard—and feel like we are outside even when we are inside."

The great room and kitchen come together and provide a cohesive space for the family to gather and offer a sweeping view of the pool and spacious backyard. A row of skylights brings abundant brightness in from above and leads your eye to an impressive wall of Bardiglio Marble from DaVinci Marble, which surrounds both fireplace and TV while beautifully anchoring the room. The spacious and functional kitchen features an 8-foot island painted a combination of Benjamin Moore's Marine Blue and Gentleman's Gray and topped with a Calacatta Marble lookalike From DaVinci Marble that is made of porcelain and will not stain or etch. A secondary sink makes it convenient to pitch in and help the main chef with meal prep. In addition, handsome leather high-back counter stools offer comfy seating for friends and family who prefer to simply keep the cook company. The glossy white Tom Dixon pendants above, with their textural, hand-beaten brass interiors, provide ample task lighting. Cubed mosaic Escher tiles from Fireclay Tile fill the walls above the Wolf range and surround the main sink. The pattern is reminiscent of the wallpaper in the powder room. The hood is a simple, clean-lined, paneled cube, painted to match the cabinetry below. Floating rift-white oak shelves, like those above the counter on the adjacent wall, offer easy accessibility to dishes and glassware. The Sub-Zero refrigerator, freezer, and wine refrigerator are concealed behind integrated cabinet panels to blend in with the rest of the cabinetry, as are the two Bosch dishwashers. One of the family's favorite remodel decisions was the addition of a second full-sized dishwasher.

The entire wall of the great room consists of a transom-topped, 8-foot-tall accordion door that can be pushed away to remove the barrier between inside and out, inviting you to step into the back yard. The tranquil but playful interior vibe and the homeowners' clear love of blue in every shade culminate with a large swimming pool that is front and center of the backyard perfect for this family with a passion for all things aquatic.



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## CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW WITH ADU, BURLINGAME



his charming 1940 cottage has been completely transformed into a Craftsman Bungalow. It was remodeled in 2020 and has a landscaped drought-tolerant front garden and stone pathway leading to the front door, painted in a smoky, deep green echoing the surrounding foliage. Its shingled exterior is a warm, brown earth tone.

The feeling of bringing the outdoors in overwhelms you as you step inside, with engineered European Oak wood floors throughout the home. You will notice a dramatic cantilevered tongue and groove ceiling and dormer window, allowing natural light to cascade in. The view to the backyard's lush greenery is framed by multi-slide Kolbe glass doors. The living room's seating area with an L-shaped sofa and over-sized leather ottoman from Room and Board invite you to stay and enjoy. Natural walnut cabinetry and open shelving, custom designed by Architecture Allure, provide a backdrop for the family's collection of landscape photographs. A large oil painting by Benjamin Guffee in moody blues and grays offers a contrasting view of nature's turbulent sea.

To your right is a cozy family room with a large wall-mount television and built in cabinets. This is a great place to gather for movie or game night, as a tall-carved wood giraffe from South Africa looks on.

As you enter the kitchen and dining area, a playful and airy Moooi (Dutch for beautiful) light fixture greets you, floating above the Stickley walnut dining table surrounded by iconic Eero Saarinen chairs. A built-in sideboard offers extra space when entertaining and is backed in hand made and glazed Wide Hex Twist tile, with a custom 3-color pattern installed vertically, from Heath Ceramics. Decorative art pieces adorn the shelves, including a vibrant blue glass Challah plate from Israel.

> IN THE HOMEOWNERS' WORDS:

What part of the kitchen makes you smile every time you walk in?

""I love the movement of the tile in the backsplash." "The lighting adds a sense of warmth to the space that I really like."

This modern kitchen features a wall of custom cabinets designed by Architecture Allure and fabricated by Ralph King Cabinetry. The matching angular hood over the Thermador glass ceramic induction cooktop creates a sleek, integrated look. The island base is natural walnut topped with Caesarstone Quartz in Fresh Concrete and provides ample prep area and functionality. Three bar stools with saddle-like white seats from Design Within Reach invite guests to sit down and relax. The wood tones continue to the set of shelves adjacent to the main Shaw porcelain sink, which overlooks the soothing outdoor water feature by Stone Forest. Who knew doing dishes could be such a Zen experience? Completing the calm outdoor ambiance is the leaf-like Heath Ceramics backsplash, repeated from the dining area.

As you exit the home, you will be transported to the secluded secret garden. A firepit and hot tub are protected by a wall of trees and the patio is perfect for entertaining, with built-in bench seating around the cement and teak table from Crate and Barrel. Industrial gunmetal Tolix Marais chairs from Design Within Reach completes the seating.

The property also has an ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) offering additional living space. Is it an office for a busy couple who often work from home? Is it a TRX suspension training gym? Or is it a broadcast Zoom studio, complete with an authentic "On Air" light from Markertek? It's all that and more! This home has surpassed its mid-century roots and is ready to stay planted for years to come.

> IN THE HOMEOWNERS' WORDS:

## What did it mean to have the right home built for you?

"We were so grateful that we had a wonderful team to help us build our home. If we had to do it all over again, we would work with exact same team which we know it's not that common in the construction space. We hope by participating in the tour we can inspire others who have a similar lot size as ours to consider how they may be able to maximize the space that they have, and also to see how an ADU can be thoughtfully integrated into a rear yard setting."



### STAGING

Robert Buelteman Hudson Grace

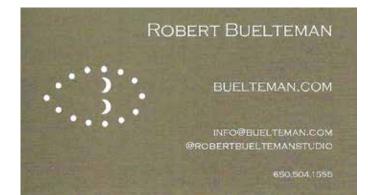
**FLORAL DESIGN** Sarah Padilla Designs

**VENDOR** Julie B Studio

#### HOME RESOURCES

Architect: Architecture Allure, Inc. Kitchen Design: Heather Roehl, Architecture Allure, Inc. Contractor: J. Sullivan Construction









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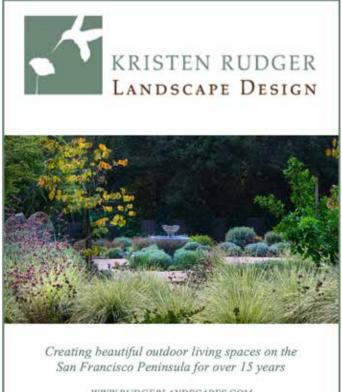
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### DUTCH COLONIAL, SAN MATEO PARK



his prim and proper 1912 home screams tradition on the outside and sophisticated entertaining on the inside. As you ascend the brick steps to the glossy black front door, framed by leaded diamond patterned glass windows, prepare to be wowed.

The entry hall has style in spades, Kate Spade that is. Once inside, look up to a flush mount brass KS light fixture, reminiscent of a vintage crystal brooch. The black and white Carrera marble harlequin floor is the stepping off point to the kitchen, dining room and sizable living room. An animal print runner lines the stairway to the second floor and the walls are covered in an Anna French Bridle wallpaper.

The light filled living room features several heirlooms: an 1870's carved walnut Victorian chest from the homeowner's maternal grandmother and an antique hand-painted screen on Chinese newspaper dating to the late 1800's from her maternal Great Aunt. In contrast to these treasures from yesteryear is the iconic Petite Friture Vertigo Pendant fixture by Constance Guisset, reminding one of a floppy sunhat. It's made of fiberglass with polyurethane ribbons. The fireplace is surrounded by shelving and built-in cabinets and an Asian influenced area rug sits atop the home's original white oak floors with mahogany inlay.

Across the hall, the formal dining room is the setting for special dinners with soft lighting provided by the brass spine-like wall

sconces with shades from Coast Lighting and the beautiful Versailles Black Lacquer and Black Shade chandelier. Asian botanical influences are seen in the Bird and Blossom Chinoiserie Wallpaper by Ronald Redding and Bamboo woven wood blinds complete the look.

Before entering the dramatic black and white kitchen, peek into the charming breakfast room filled with natural light from the bountiful black framed windows and French doors leading to the back patio. Notice the narrow roman shades over the windows on either side made of Dancy fabric in Onyx by Calico in Burlingame.

As you enter the kitchen, your visual senses will be overwhelmed. The pair of Rustic Farmhouse Pendant Crystal Raindrop Chandeliers from Amazon above the large center island twinkle and catches your attention. An iconic brass cable car bell is a family favorite and helpful in calling everyone to gather. The island is topped with Eclipse granite from Brazil in jet black and white, a dramatic contrast to the rest of the kitchen's Empira White Caesarstone. Black Indonesian Rattan bar stools tuck under the island and are upholstered in a Chinoiserie Dragon Tiger print fabric, Kathmandu-Onyx. The glossy white perimeter cabinets are the perfect backdrop for the intricate Estrella Silver Blend Glass Mosaic tile. Featured behind the Wolf six-burner cook top is a custom built stainless and banded hood from Vent-A-Hood. The kitchen's pièce de résistance is a large oxidized copper art piece by Gregory Clark. The red tones in the art are similar to the knobs on the cooktop. He personally delivered it to the home to be sure it had an appropriate place to hang.

Leaving the kitchen, you descend into the family room. A petite powder room is on your left and roars to life with tigers on the wallpaper and a playful gold lion head sculpture facing the door. An entertaining wet bar features a brushed nickel Native Trails sink and hexagonal Shinju Crest hexagon tile by Lunada Bay. The large fireplace is surrounded with Namibia Series, Sunset Bronze Crescent tile and a Sandalus leathered quartzite hearth, creating a very textured look. True to the saying, 'every room needs a touch of black', this homeowner has used it throughout to create drama and draw the visitor's eye to their many treasures.

Stepping out to the pool area, you see a graceful Mayten tree offering some shade on the brick patio, raised vegetable beds and surrounding native plants, showing promise of a spring bounty. Imagine preparing dinner in the outdoor kitchen and then gathering around the brick fireplace for a cordial and conversation, honoring the roots of this historic home.

> IN THE HOMEOWNERS' WORDS:

What part of the kitchen makes you smile every time you walk in?

"My two favorite parts about the kitchen remodel are being able to see the backyard from the entrance hall and see into the family room from the kitchen. The old floor plan had a dark hallway that blocked light to the entry, separated the family room from the kitchen and obstructed the view to the backyard. In removing the hallway, the kitchen area increased approximately 30% and the ceiling was raised to the original 10' height."

"A surprise detail in the kitchen is the dragon! The island stone has a dragon's head running lengthwise that is reminiscent of the Chinoiserie theme throughout the house."





**STAGING** Kerns Fine Jewelry Gabrielle Martin

**FLORAL DESIGN** Henry's Place

**VENDORS** Hydration Station The Lexie Lou Collection Sibby's Cupcakery Raffle

HOME RESOURCES Contractor: Gordon A. Kullberg & Son Architect: Form + One Interior Design: Gabrielle Martin Design Countertops: All Natural Stone



# What Home Means to Me

Home is where I feel safe and belonging, involving the people, memories and spaces I enjoy returning to regularly. To me, home can be ever changing and even multiple places at once. I believe it has a unique meaning for everyone depending on the situation.

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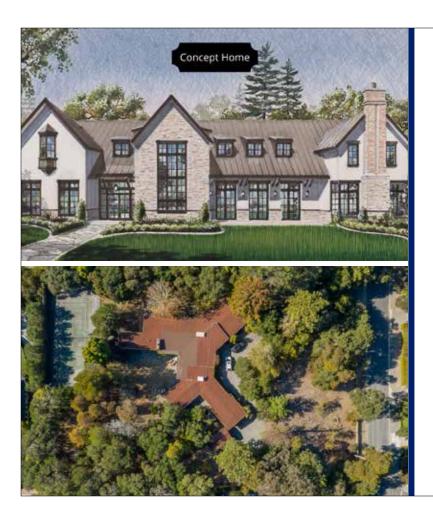
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## TUDOR ESTATE, HILLSBOROUGH



wrought iron gate quietly slides open and you feel as if you are being transported to another place in time. Soaring California Redwoods flank either side of the driveway, luring you in to this secluded Tudor estate. The home was built in 1919 and is surrounded by an acre of park-like grounds, re-designed by Walter Guthrie who worked for nearly a decade with famed Peninsula landscape architect, Thomas Church. The current family is only its second owner.

Patterned bricks lead you up the front porch steps to the massive four-centered arch front door. This style of arch is an architectural element that you will see inside and out as you admire this stately home designed by Edward Bright Hussey, who studied under the tutelage of Julia Morgan and Bernard Maybeck. The two-story entry hall is clad in painted wood, original to the home, and the warm tones are accentuated by Persian carpets from regions in Iran, vintage Venetian style mirrors and wall sconces. Your eye will be instantly drawn up to the over-sized crystal chandelier and intricate ceiling medallion leaving you to wonder what a feat of engineering it took to have it installed!

The rooms off the hallway are concealed with leaded glass doors. The library is filled with floor to ceiling bookshelves and, stocked with some favorites from the previous homeowner's collection. Cozy chairs and an abundance of natural light from the French doors make it the perfect place to curl up with your favorite novel and relax. As you peek into the living room, the furnishings are reminiscent of a French chateau, with gilded white and gold upholstered chairs and sofa. An elegant fainting couch, stacked with interesting toss pillows, is adjacent to the baby grand piano and faces the marble fireplace. Enormous crystal chandeliers sparkle from above and set the tone for entertaining a large group.

Step across the hall to the formal dining room with seating for 12. The ornate chandelier's teardrop crystals cascade toward the walnut glass-topped table, creating an illusion of liquid light. A large round mirror bordered with the Greek key pattern mimics the banding on the dining room table.

Returning to the foyer, a narrow hallway leads to the kitchen via a butler's pantry. Along the way, you will notice a step down into the guest powder room with Venetian plastered walls. A unique nest-like sink pedestal, formed of wrought iron twigs and vines, sits on a floor of stamped Arabesque tile and supports the dense stone basin. The curved back stairway's risers are accentuated with Persian Haft Rang tiles from Isfahan, each trio a different pattern.

As you enter the kitchen, casual dining and family rooms, remodeled in 2016, be prepared to be wowed! They are designed for a family who likes to entertain, with a nine-foot quartzite island, multiple prep areas and sinks. The dual-fuel six-burner Thermador range and custom hood are framed with a beautiful wall of multi-toned Arabesque tiles with a silver border echoing the appliances and sinks. The cabinets and range hood are finished in a wonderful neutral tone, complimenting the warmth of the countertops and dark wood plank flooring. This bright and cheery area is filled with natural light from the many skylights and glass doors leading to the grounds.

Exiting the home to a large wrap-round brick patio, there are multiple seating areas for alfresco dining. Centuries old, White Oak trees' branches twist and turn, reaching out to welcome the guests. Well-manicured hedges, punctuated with gurgling water features and stone statues, surround an expansive lawn. Beyond the circular rose garden and large fountain, children will enjoy a wonderful play area, covered pergola and a whimsical animal topiary. This historic estate has stood the test of time and will continue provide joy to its owners for years to come.

> IN THE HOMEOWNERS' WORDS:

What part of the kitchen makes you smile every time you walk in?

"Our big kitchen island with the beautiful countertop and all the floral arrangements and seasonal decorations!"

"Also, without a doubt our garden! It is incredibly welcoming and soothing. I love the original designs and features and I am blessed to be able to add more to enhance it. Especially the water fountains and just the energy and vibe that overwhelms one with this ultimate feeling of serenity."



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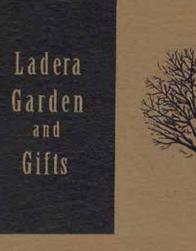
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## **RENOVATED CLASSIC RANCHER, HILLSBOROUGH**



ucked behind a wall of Italian Cypress trees, like sentries standing at attention, is this beautiful single-story ranchstyle home. The exterior is covered in horizontal neutral gray sheet siding and the porch is protected from the elements with an A-frame portico supported by exposed redwood columns. This Rancher's 1950's beginnings are barely detectable after an extensive 15-month renovation. The homeowners knew what their growing family required and extended back of the house in order to gain a primary suite, large open kitchen and separate family room.

Once inside, the formal living room is connected to the dining room, creating a cohesive entertaining space in soothing tones of blue and oatmeal. The Western-exposed wall of windows lets in an abundance of natural light, enhancing the variegated Oak plank flooring. The original ceilings are now vaulted with recessed lighting, culminating in a rustic candle arm wrought iron fixture by Ralph Lauren for Visual Comfort over the patterned wood dining table. Skirted Parson's chairs and cane back faux bamboo chairs offer seating for eight. Large framed photographic art by Marin's Caroline Pacula completes the Bay Area feel.

From the dining room, you enter the kitchen and eat-in dining area. There is a playful nook covered in Schumacher's Pandora in Onyx and Jade, with bench seating and storage drawers finished with leather pulls. The oval bleached wood table is reminiscent of a surfboard and surrounded with rattan metal frame armchairs by Palacek, continuing the calm, coastal vibe.

IN THE HOMEOWNER'S WORDS: What part of the kitchen makes you smile every time you walk in?

"I just love the overall feel. If I have to pick one thing, I would say the high vaulted ceilings and windows which allow for so much natural light."

The kitchen is bright and cheery, with an over-sized skylight and picture window facing the yard and rectangular pool; your immediate impression is the feeling of being wrapped in nature's cobalt and cerulean blues.

The large island has four under counter bar stools and is topped with leathered Macaubas Fantasy quartzite, a natural nonporous and stain resistant stone from Brazil. It also features a prep sink, panel-ready Fisher and Paykel dishwashing drawer and Wolf microwave. The perimeter countertops are a dark gray Adamantium polished granite, offset by a wall of undulating glossy white ceramic tile from Spain by Akdo. Behind the dual-fuel, Wolf six-burner range is a chevron patterned marble backsplash, topped with a custom hood banded in a wood tone to match the flooring.

Laundry will never feel like a chore in this spacious room made possible by removing a small bedroom. The diamond shaped mosaic tiles from Artistic Tile in San Francisco add texture and interest, while the accent wall facing the kitchen features the same wallpaper as in the dining nook.

The powder room is wrapped on three sides by Osborne & Little Marmara Aqua-Pale Grey wallpaper. The marble-topped vanity, backed by a wall of Allison Thassos Marble WJ Mosaic Mixed Finish Stone from Artistic Tile, is beautifully offset by a white honeycomb marble patterned floor.

The family room is large enough for the family to relax and entertain, with high ceilings, built-in shelving and storage surrounding the TV and fireplace. The wet bar has dual Edge Star wine refrigerators and the countertops and backsplash are a black polished Agata Granite, quarried in Brazil. The bronze orb light fixture is from Currey & Company.

The back yard feels very private, surrounded by towering Cypress trees on three sides. A bocce court and putting green have been sacrificed to make way for the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) in progress. As you step across the blue flagstone patio, a sport court, complete with basketball hoop, invites young and old to come play and imagine closing your eyes, dropping your head back and soaring to the skies on the adjacent swing set.

Under the peaked redwood patio covering is a full outdoor kitchen and Wolf barbeque. A cement topped table from Terra in Burlingame and whimsical hanging chairs from Restoration Hardware set the tone for dining under the stars, while enjoying the appropriate mood music with an integrated Sonos sound system. The large double cirque hand-forged fixture, similar to family room's, is from Vermont's Hubbarton Forge. This home is all-season perfect, both inside and out.



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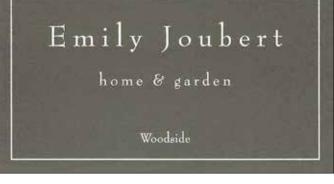
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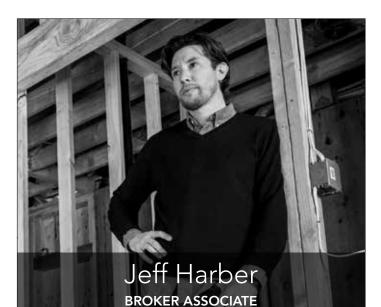
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Our members are so creative and dedicated to supporting MHA, StarVista and SolMateo. This was written in 2022 for our End of Year Luncheon where we presented checks to the agencies we support and celebrated our year long efforts. It sums it all up!

There is a group called SolMateo Making friends, raising funds is just our way-o Thanks for coming to our Year End lunch This a fun, sassy but industrious bunch

Although COVID tried to sideline us
We pivoted and kept making a fuss
We asked, how do we do this? How do we keep our message out?
Zoom meetings, gathering outside, PUNCH magazine that's what we're talking about!

StarVista and MHA need us more than ever People are hurting, feeling alone, we need to be clever So we wrote letters and served lunches in friendship While keeping our own mental health from taking a dip We gathered outdoors, scraping Holiday Auction & Luncheon chores

Instead we did a "Gifts of the Season" mailing ask And filled our coffers, right on task

We hosted tables at the market of farmers Selling tickets and our group, to a few new charmers We donated blood and played some Bingo Learned much about tech and social media lingo We know how to celebrate and then get back to work We thought having the Kitchen Tour this year, just might work

So we got busy remembering how Booking vendors and five homes that really would WOW!

We hoped and we prayed that the people would come And they did and they did in hundreds and some Which happily brings us here to today Celebrating giving our hard earned money away!

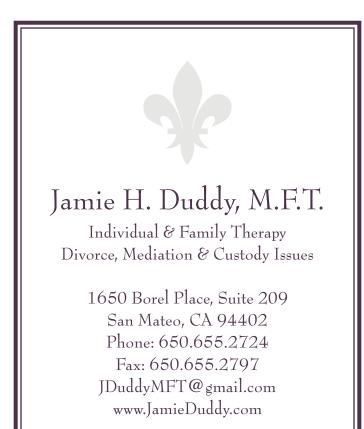
So to our potential new members and invitees I'll be honest we need leaders as well as worker bees Please join us and lend us a hand The rewards come back even greater than grand.

I tip my cap to many in this room I realize this lunch is like your annual bloom Your years of service to this old league Measure in decades without much fatigue.

Now has come the time To end this silly rhyme it's time to raise our glasses & toast To this small, hard working group that does the most!

Cheers! Jenny Smith







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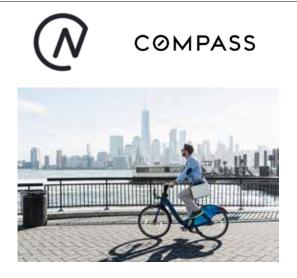
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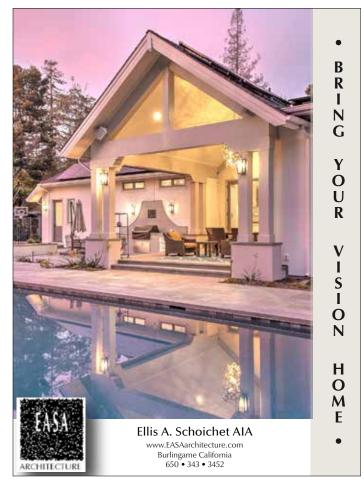
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