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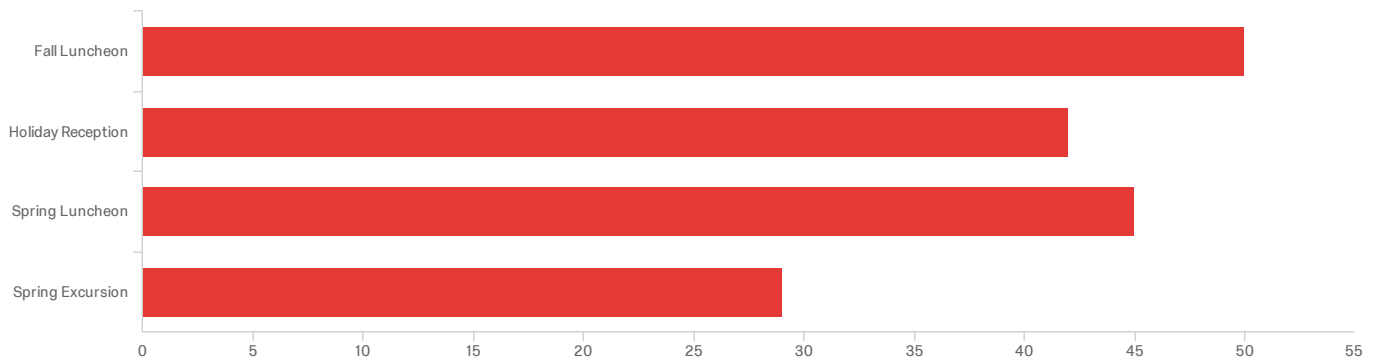
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Q1 - In which of the following ERFA sponsored activities have you participated in recent years? Please mark all that apply.

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Fall Luncheon	30.12% 50
2	Holiday Reception	25.30% 42
3	Spring Luncheon	27.11% 45
6	Spring Excursion	17.47% 29

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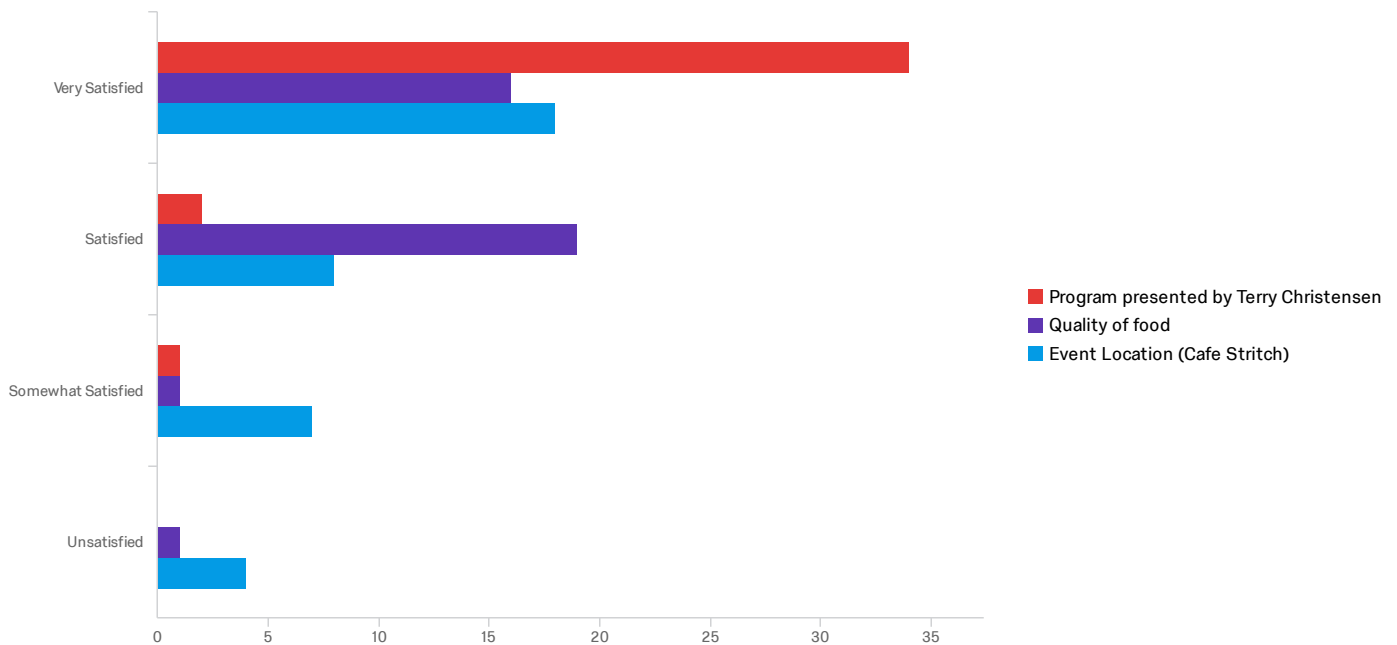
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Q2 - If you have attended the Fall 2018 Luncheon recently, please rate the event,

providing a rating for each item.

#	Field	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Unsatisfied	Total
1	Program presented by Terry Christensen	91.89% 34	5.41% 2	2.70% 1	0.00% 0	37
2	Quality of food	43.24% 16	51.35% 19	2.70% 1	2.70% 1	37
3	Event Location (Cafe Stritch)	48.65% 18	21.62% 8	18.92% 7	10.81% 4	37

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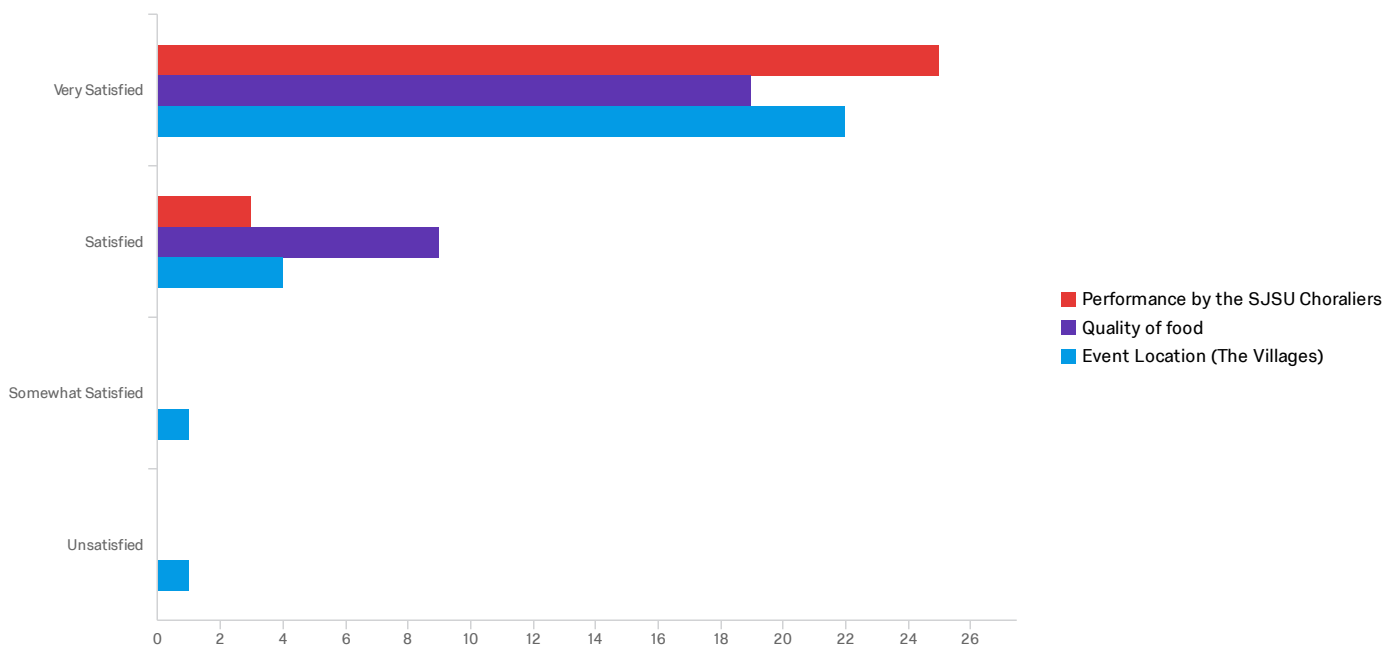
Q3 - If you have attended the Spring 2018 Luncheon recently, please rate the event,

providing a rating for each item.

#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Performance by the SJSU Choraliers	1.00	2.00	1.11	0.31	0.10	28
2	Quality of food	1.00	2.00	1.32	0.47	0.22	28
3	Event Location (The Villages)	1.00	4.00	1.32	0.71	0.50	28

#	Field	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Unsatisfied	Total
1	Performance by the SJSU Choraliers	89.29% 25	10.71% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	28
2	Quality of food	67.86% 19	32.14% 9	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	28
3	Event Location (The Villages)	78.57% 22	14.29% 4	3.57% 1	3.57% 1	28

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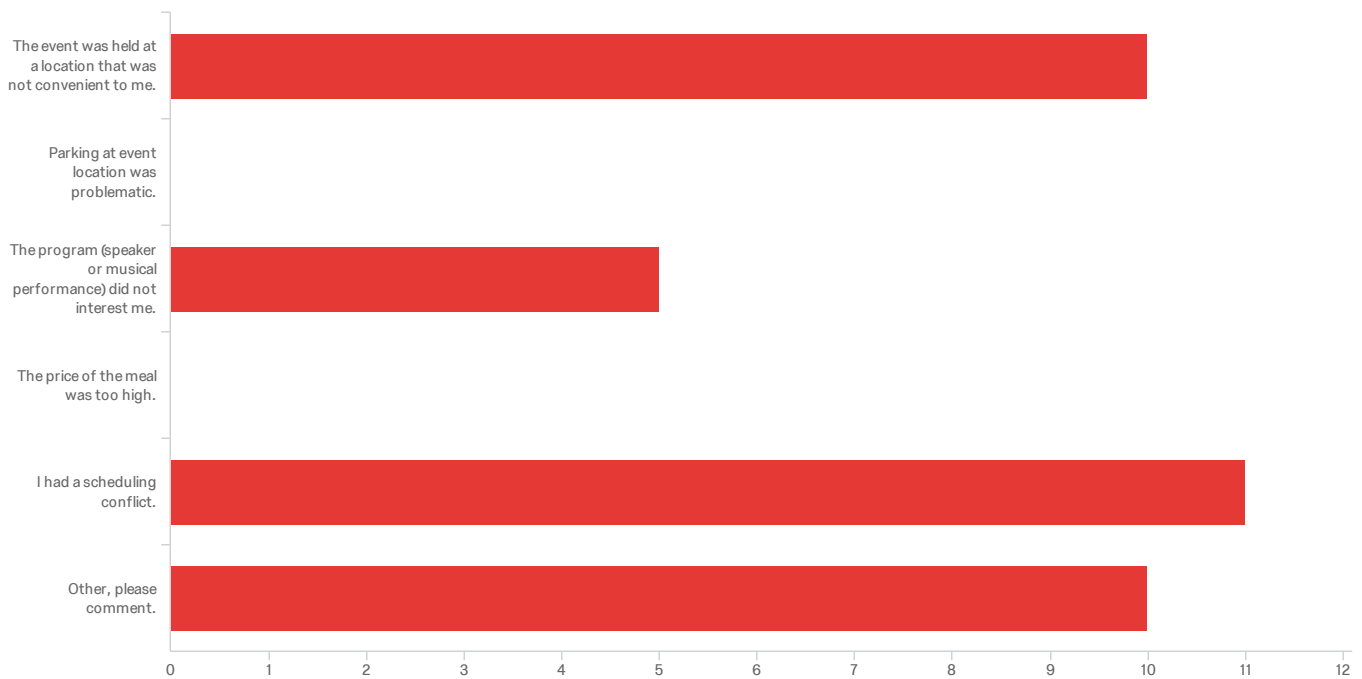
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Q4 - If you did not attend the Fall 2018 Luncheon, what were the reasons why you

decided not to attend? Mark all that apply.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	The event was held at a location that was not convenient to me.	27.78% 10
2	Parking at event location was problematic.	0.00% 0
3	The program (speaker or musical performance) did not interest me.	13.89% 5
4	The price of the meal was too high.	0.00% 0
5	I had a scheduling conflict.	30.56% 11
6	Other, please comment.	27.78% 10

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Q4_6_TEXT - Other, please comment.

Other, please comment.

Other, please comment.

I live outside CA

Luncheons don't interest me

I live in SoCal

not important

Out of town

involved in other responsibilities

miles away

I live in Southern California

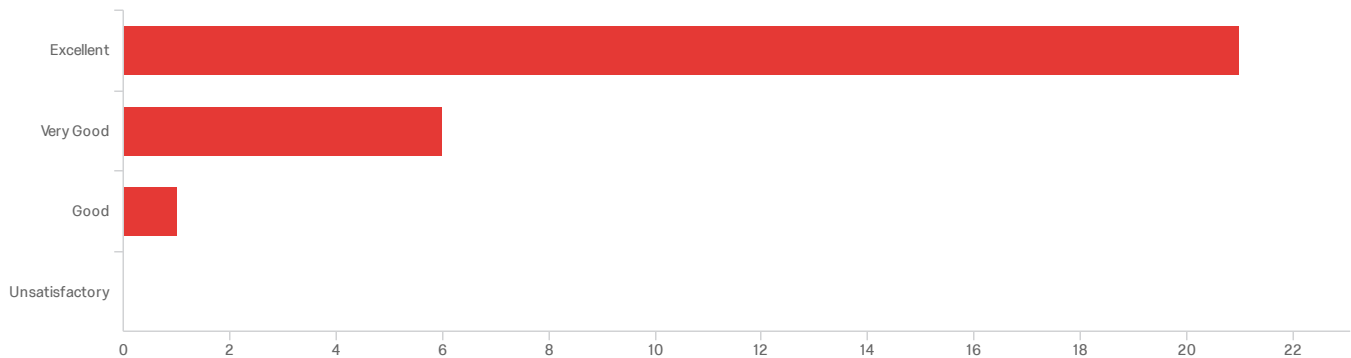
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Q5 - If you attended the Holiday Reception in December 2018, how would you rate your experience?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	If you attended the Holiday Reception in December 2018, how would you rate your experience?	1.00	3.00	1.29	0.52	0.28	28

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Excellent	75.00% 21
2	Very Good	21.43% 6
3	Good	3.57% 1
4	Unsatisfactory	0.00% 0

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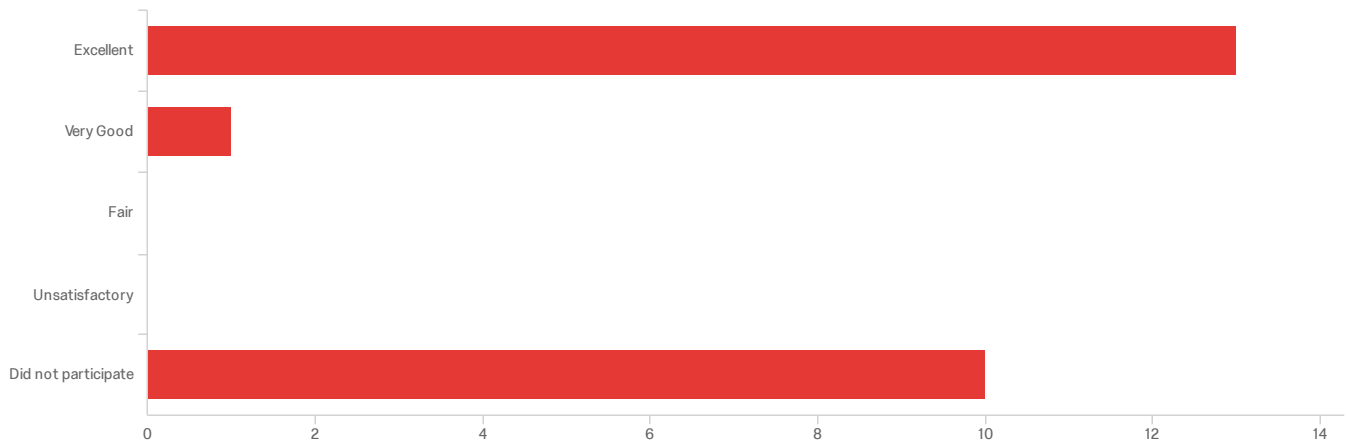
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Q7 - If you participated in the Spring 2017 ERFA sponsored excursion, Rosie the Riveter

Museum, how would you rate your experience?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	If you participated in the Spring 2017 ERFA sponsored excursion, Rosie the Riveter Museum, how would you rate your experience?	1.00	5.00	2.71	1.95	3.79	24

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Excellent	54.17% 13
2	Very Good	4.17% 1
3	Fair	0.00% 0
4	Unsatisfactory	0.00% 0
5	Did not participate	41.67% 10
		24

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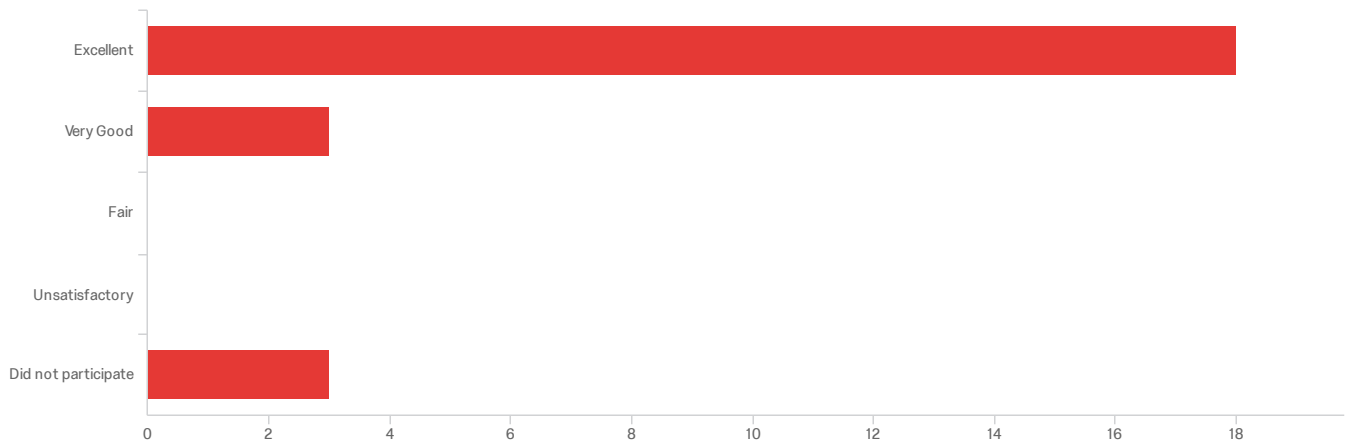
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Q9 - If you participated in the Spring 2018 ERFA Excursion, ELKHORN SLOUGH, how would you rate your experience?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	If you participated in the Spring 2018 ERFA Excursion, ELKHORN SLOUGH, how would you rate your experience?	1.00	5.00	1.63	1.32	1.73	24

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Excellent	75.00% 18
2	Very Good	12.50% 3
3	Fair	0.00% 0
4	Unsatisfactory	0.00% 0
5	Did not participate	12.50% 3
		24

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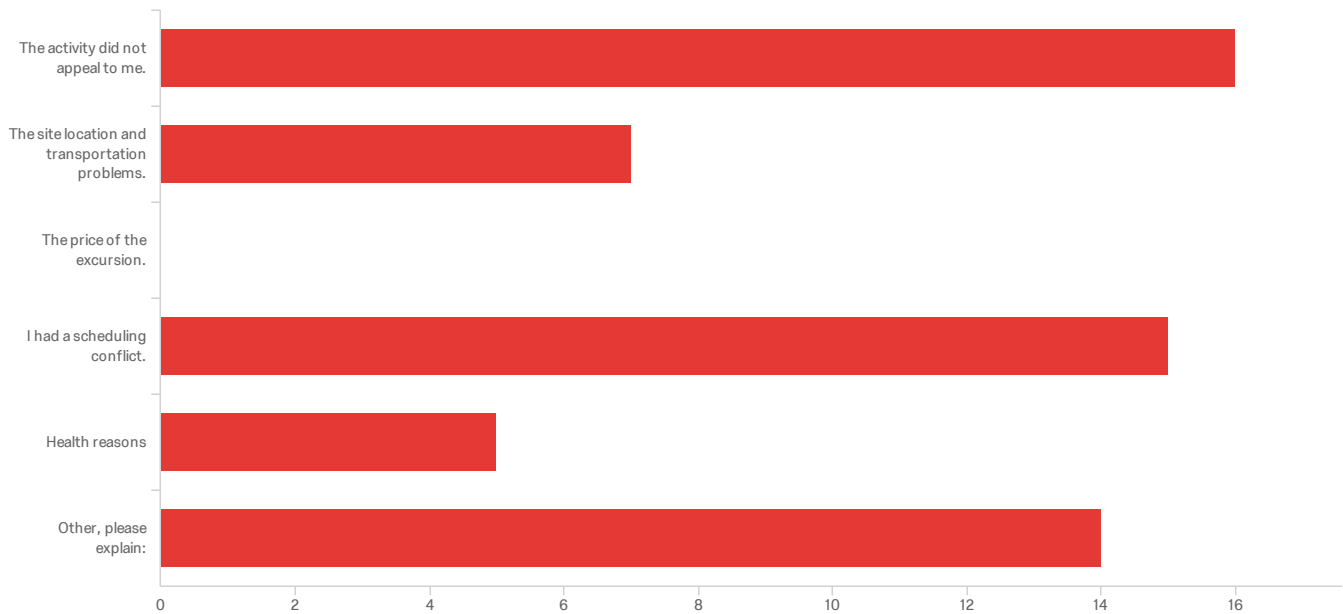
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Q11 - What were the reasons why you decided not to participate in an excursion? Please

mark all items that apply.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	The activity did not appeal to me.	28.07% 16
2	The site location and transportation problems.	12.28% 7
3	The price of the excursion.	0.00% 0
4	I had a scheduling conflict.	26.32% 15
5	Health reasons	8.77% 5
6	Other, please explain:	24.56% 14

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Q11_6_TEXT - Other, please explain:

Other, please explain:

no info received about excursions! To my knowledge...

Other, please explain: ▲

moved

live in SoCal

forget what it was...

This event did not swim into mud ken, as I'm a new ERFA member.

Need more mind challenging events

Mot inportant to me!

It nearly duplicated a recent IBM retirees' tour of Moss Landing.

I live in SoCal

I don't know anyone.

I actually do not remember.

Handicap accessibility

Excursions are very difficult for my wife.

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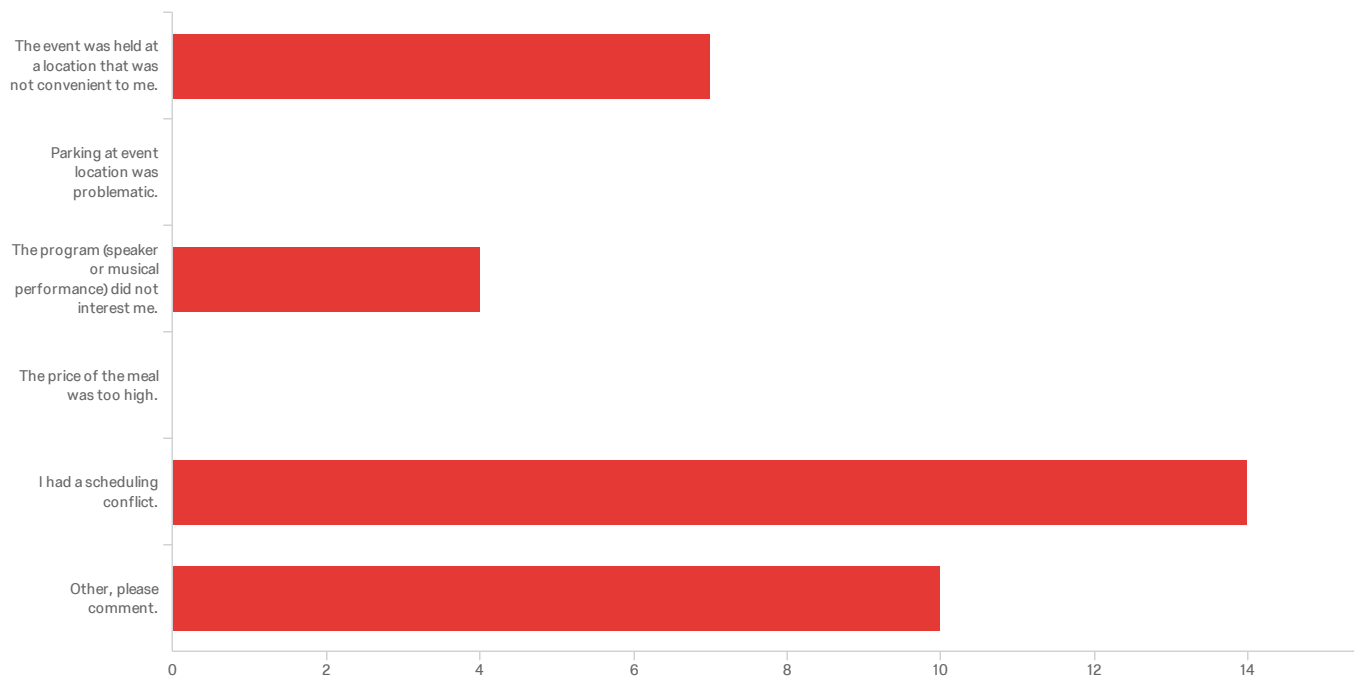
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Q15 - If you did not attend the Spring 2018 Luncheon, what were the reasons why you

decided not to attend? Mark all that apply.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	The event was held at a location that was not convenient to me.	20.00% 7
2	Parking at event location was problematic.	0.00% 0
3	The program (speaker or musical performance) did not interest me.	11.43% 4
4	The price of the meal was too high.	0.00% 0
5	I had a scheduling conflict.	40.00% 14
6	Other, please comment.	28.57% 10

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ERFA Survey Responses from Open Ended Survey Questions 3/19/19

Comments About Luncheons

If you did not attend one of the luncheons, what were the reasons you decided not to attend?

Fall 2018 Lunch – comments concerning other reasons not listed as choices in survey

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Spring 2018 Lunch – comments concerning other reasons not listed as choices in survey

These days I'm a hermit. I no longer drive, but I would attend an excursion like visiting a factory of some sort to see how "things" are made. I could always hitch a ride for something like that. I'm working on finishing my 4th book which keeps me mighty busy. At 88, I'm taking it slow and easy. taking

I do not know

I've moved

I don't know anyone.

miles away

as above

The menu did not meet my dietary needs.

Not important to me!

I live in SoCal

Comments or Suggestions about the Holiday Reception

Short term events downtown make it difficult to park unless you have an SJSU parking and can find a parking space.

I would prefer that the time of the reception be changed to 11 am-2 pm to avoid the commute hours traffic. Venue is OK for me. Could we possibly obtain a reduced rate or comp for parking in garage across from the library?

This was the first Holiday Reception I had to miss in a number of years. Wish I could have been there since I always enjoy the event.

This reception makes we want to try to become more involved. The presence of the H&A Dean was wonderful!

I have not attended one of these receptions. Of all of the events I have attended, I would rank this one last.

I missed this year's reception, but I usually attend and enjoy it very much.

Food was very good and I enjoyed talking to many members! Attendance was down and perhaps moving to a noon or early afternoon event would help especially for people who do not live near the campus and do not want to deal with commuter traffic in the late afternoon.

Thanks for organizing the event

I wish there was music but I know there is a feeling people talk and may have trouble hearing. It could be on a low volume. It just seems to like a missing component for the holidays to not have music.

It would be better to hold it earlier.

Always enjoy the opportunity to see former colleagues. But the event needs to be held earlier in the afternoon--from 1:00-3:00 pm. The current start time of 3:00 pm means that we have to struggle with rush hour traffic when going home. An earlier start time would attract more participants, a late lunch, in effect.

Loved the 2017 reception. Couldn't make it to 2018

Scheduling the reception earlier in the day (12-2 or 1-3) could increase attendance.

It was a pleasant event with opportunity to talks to old friends. I was a little disappointed that there weren't a lot of engineers there.

I would prefer that the Holiday Reception take place between 11 am and 2 pm because there is less traffic during these times. I like that it is Friday as parking is easier on campus. I would prefer that we validated for parking at the San Jose City garage on 4th street as it is closer to the library. If the event remains at the library, then I prefer that it be scheduled on a day when students are not in classes or a Friday. I would also be comfortable with combining the fall reception with the Holiday Reception. It might be a good idea to offer the fall luncheon at Red Lobster by Oakridge, there is parking right in front of the building and it has easy access off of Highway 85.

Excellent as is. However an update on the University would be interesting

Location is difficult for parking

For me, the most attractive event of the year -- as we have plenty of time to talk with each other

Comments About Excursions

Rosie the Riveter Spring 2017

Loved it! Was worth the cost and the travel. Ready to go again.

I would have loved to participate, but this came an awkward time, unable to join the excursion.

I missed this due to travel, but heard such good things that I went on my own. Great choice!

I wish I had been able to participate but I had a scheduling conflict.

Very meaningful and touched by the original Rosies who talked with us.

Was great. Never been there. Wonderful views. Amazing to meet the Rosies!

An absolutely wonderful event--historically interesting and a lovely excursion to a part of the Bay where most of us don't venture.

It was my first visit to the Museum, and I believe that our group experienced a unique opportunity to hear the sagas of five Rosies.

Let's go there again.

Wonderful experience. It was such a treat to meet so many Rossies.

Truly wonderful experience.

Best excursion ever!!!!

Elkhorn Slough 2018

Great combination for an outing--intellect (Moss Landing) and spirituality (the serenity of the slough).

I really enjoyed this excursion. Having the naturalist accompany us on the tour was wonderful and informative. It made the experience. Lunch at Phil's was very good value for the price.

Very educational and refreshing to me! I learned a great deal about wild life there.

Can't think of anything to improve it. Great event!

more time in the slough

I had wanted to visit the slough for many years and found the experience to be informative and enjoyable.

It is OK with me.

Excellent excursion: informative and fun.

Well organized, interesting experience. Would have liked to have met more people than those immediately around me on the bus.

This has been my all time favorite excursion, with a second being the outing to Filoli. I prefer excursions where there is a guide or docent as part of the experience. Do the buses have restrooms? That would be a nice plus.

I loved the event, but we had to stand around for a couple of hours before we launched, which seemed like a long wait.

Once again, a great experience.

Well organized, met every expectation.

This was also a wonderful choice. The lunch was great and the boat ride informative.

This excursion was very popular - good change from museums.

I really wanted to attend; only a family medical situation prevented me. I'm still unhappy about missing what would have been my favorite ERFA excursion ever.

This could be repeated.

Reasons for Not Attending an Excursion

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Comments and Suggestions for Future Excursions

My main reason for participating in this group is to maintain contact with other active academics, ideally to help keep up with constantly changing technologies, including library/research search procedures and methods; to get ideas for how to stay intellectually active and engaged without necessarily going the traditional "publication" and "attend conference" route. I don't feel the need for a social group..I have that through other networks, including my chamber music network. But that does not provide sufficient intellectual stimulation nor engagement with others doing research, especially social science, research. I'd also like to explore how we, as mature educators and academics, can share what we've learned [about teaching, our own research data] with others, within and outside of academia. I feel my "fund of knowledge" is going to die with me! And SJSU is not utilizing an incredible resource called Emeritus Faculty [e.g. as MA thesis advisors etc]. I'm also feeling more and more "obsolete" and "out of data" academically, even basic library/search skills, partially because of the new technologies. I had hoped ERFA would provide such activities/opportunities...and I suppose it's up to us what kind of activities. living in San Mateo [vs. San Jose area] doesn't make it easier, especially as traffic has increased.

Monterey-- The Dali Museum-- full day with films, galleries (150 works produced the last years), and a docent to make and encourage connections. Plus lunch on the wharf or at the hotels.

I think your choices of excursions have been excellent. The settings have been very interesting and places that I would not visit by myself. I enjoy having a lecture, or guide on the tour to provide additional information. The price point has been very reasonable. I would be comfortable paying up to \$60 if tour includes transportation. I like having the excursions over spring break as it simplifies parking on campus.

Maritime academy? Lick observatory? SF Maritime Museum? SF MoMA, De Young, African, Legion of Honor?

A trip to the San Francisco Bay model in Sausalito might be fun. The exhibit is quite extensive and beautifully put together. Anyone who has never seen it has missed a real Bay Area gem.

So many places, so little time! Perhaps Mt Hamilton observatory? I understand that there is a great restaurant en route to this historic site.

Perhaps a theatre event.

The Exploratorium (SF) The Computer History Museum Accessible special events at SJSU, maybe work out access issues for those in walkers or wheelchairs?

The gardens in Gilroy? One of the missions? Even a performance at Montalvo would be fun.

U C Botanical Garden California Historical Society

Anything meaningful and educational in our areas.

To see the new transit center and roof park in San Francisco.

SJSU's Beethoven Center with a demonstration of the early music instruments. Rosicrucian Museum. Montalvo.

None

Steinbeck Center in Salinas. Lick Observatory. NASA Ames.

My husband John Canario! was a member! THANX Penny Canario

The Oakland Zoo with a trip on the Gondola and a guided tour of the new California experience on top of the mountain.

The trip to Elkhorn Slough was a great idea. But for those of us who don't live in San José it meant leaving home at 7 a.m., battling traffic, and that is just the start of the day to get to the departure point. Further the return from the slough would have put me in rush hour traffic, again. Not my cup of tea. I retired because of the traffic headaches, and am not interested in jumping back into a long tedious commute.

We have not gone on any of the excursions. They sound interesting, but I am still too busy with a continuation of my career

I prefer horse races or gambling at a casino.

California Maritime Academy

Please remember that we don't all live in San Jose and points south. Also remember what hell on wheels is commute traffic on 280. Think of us when scheduling.

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