

## **Things to Do & Places to Nosh:**

Since many of you will be in town for several days, and since there will be some down time between our ceremony and reception, we invite you to explore Stanford and its surroundings. Below we've listed just a few of our own favorite spots, activities, and places to eat (mostly places to eat!); please feel free to email Annie at [abchao@stanford.edu](mailto:abchao@stanford.edu) with questions.

### **1) Stanford**

If you've never been to the University before, it would be worth the time to take a stroll around campus, one of the most beautiful in the world. You can see Stanford's distinct architectural style from the top of Hoover Tower (which, for a small admission fee, offers 360° view of campus). Also, check out the Cantor Arts Center (free admission), take a student-led Walking Tour of Campus (departs Memorial Auditorium at 11 am & 3:15 pm daily), and hike or run The Dish (approx. 3.1 miles, paved road with hills). Do some shopping at the Stanford Shopping Center – it's an outdoor mall with lots of opportunities for people watching. Get a gourmet sandwich at Oakville Grocery, stop for coffee and dessert at La Baguette, or do as Annie does after realizing she can't afford to really do anything but window shop – visit See's Candies for a free sample!

### **2) University Ave/Downtown Palo Alto - Lined with restaurants/cafes, including:**

- The Old Pro (541 Ramona St) – Sports bar lined with big screen TVs
- Three Seasons (518 Bryant St) – Vietnamese fusion; small plates
- Satura Cakes (320 University Avenue) – Japanese style pastries
- Mantra (632 Emerson St) – Indian fusion; go for the early (4:30-6:30) or late (9:30 – midnight) Happy Hour at the bar - \$3 beers, \$5 well drinks, and half-off all bar food
- Tamarine (546 University Ave) – Pricier but good Vietnamese fusion
- Osteria (247 Hamilton Ave) – Italian food, call ahead to avoid long waits
- Pluto's (482 University Ave) – Fast and affordable soups, sandwiches, and salads; where Gary and Annie had their first date
- Gelato Classico (435 Emerson St) – Like ice-cream with less air; try a couple of different flavors in the same cup!
- Prolific Oven Bakery (550 Waverley Street) – All kinds of delicious baked goodies; try the zucchini or carrot cake, and yes, it counts as a serving of veggies

### **3) Palo Alto & Surroundings**

- Rojoz Gourmet Wraps (60 Town & Country) – Fast and affordable “California” wraps, meaning that your choices include things like artichokes, salmon, and pesto sauce; Gary likes the Sonora Chicken and Annie likes the Olympian
- Peet's Coffee & Tea (77 Town & Country) – For those that need a morning pick-me-up; order your Venti-Soy-Vanilla-Latte at this Berkeley original; pricier than Starbucks but every drink comes with a double shot
- Mediterranean Wraps (425 South California Avenue) – Great for a casual lunch; try the shawerma and falafel
- Scott's Seafood (855 El Camino Real #1) – Sit in the bar area during their happy hour from 4:30 – 7 pm: cocktails are 40% off, beers are \$3, and all the appetizers are half-off
- Joanie's Café (447 S California Ave) – Gary likes their traditional breakfast: two eggs,

- two pieces of bacon, potatoes, and toast
- The Counter (369 California Ave) – Build-your-own-burger + sweet-potato-fries!!!  
Need we say more? Oh yes, we may: order a milkshake to round out your meal
- Wahoo's (2305 El Camino Real) – good fish tacos, tacky Hawaiian decor
- Happy Donuts (3916 El Camino Real) – Free Wi-Fi and fresh donuts 24 hours a day  
make this a great spot to hit on Stanford undergraduates
- Dashi Japanese Restaurant (873 Hamilton Ave, Menlo Park) – Try their rolls or yakid-  
udon, and save room for the green-tea or mango ice cream
- In N' Out Burgers (1159 N. Rengstorff Avenue, Mountain View) – THE original  
California burger joint; ask for yours “animal style” and increase your patty  
number (2x2, 3x3, etc.) if you dare!
- Stacks (600 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park) – The California version of IHOP, where  
you can get crab meat on your eggs benedict and organic blueberries and whole-  
wheat-germ in your pancakes; expect a wait on the weekends
- Thomas Fogarty Winery (19501 Skyline Blvd, Woodside) - Founded by a Stanford  
surgeon; tasting room and beautiful views of the SF Bay
- Fry's Electronics (340 Portage Ave, Palo Alto) – All Muslims go to Mecca, all  
engineers go to Fry's

**4) Cupertino Village** (*Wolfe Road & Homestead, Cupertino*) – Whenever Gary and Annie have moments of yearning for their ethnic roots, they head to this shopping center to immerse themselves in the throngs of loudly-speaking Chinese people, erratic Asian-female drivers, and the smell of stinky-tofu. If the above doesn't appeal to you, check out Fantasia Coffee and Tea for great pearl milk tea, A & J's for Taiwanese small plates (we recommend the beef-noodle soup and green onion pancakes), Sheng-Kee bakery for breads and buns; or head across the street to Pan Tao (blue-awning restaurant) for dim-sum on the weekends.

#### **5) Los Altos**

- Rancho San Antonio ([www.openspace.org/preserves/pr\\_rancho\\_san\\_antonio.asp](http://www.openspace.org/preserves/pr_rancho_san_antonio.asp)) –  
Several hiking trails of varying length and difficulty (ranging from 2 to 15+ miles,  
unpaved, forested, & hilly)
- Downtown Los Altos – Cute shops and cafes for the rich-of-pocket; check out the  
Goodwill for deals on name-brand clothing donated by the wealthy natives

#### **6) South Bay**

- Santana Row in San Jose – Go on Sunday from 10 am – 3pm to enjoy the Farmers'  
Market; walk down to the very end for a bag of freshly popped kettle-corn, then  
stroll leisurely back down the street for fantastic people watching and free  
samples of over-priced fruit and artisan cheeses. Lots of stores for shopping.
- San Jose Tech Museum of Innovation (201 South Market Street, San Jose) – Gary and  
Annie have never actually been to this museum, but it does sound like a fun and  
nerdy place to spend the afternoon; check out the Harry Potter Imax Movie and  
the “Body Worlds 2” exhibit (and let us know how they are!)
- Hakone Gardens in Saratoga (21000 Big Basin Way, Saratoga) – 18 acres of beautiful  
Japanese gardens

- Palace BBQ Buffet (*1092 E El Camino Real # 1, Sunnyvale*) – If you are still reading at this point, congratulations! Consider yourself rewarded, because the people who stopped reading 2 pages ago will never discover the treasures we are about to reveal to you. Inside Palace BBQ Buffet lies the secret key to Gary’s heart (uh, second to Annie, of course): piles and piles of Korean BBQ meat. The tables are set up so you grill the meat yourself. Amateur eaters can be easily distinguished by the hefty amounts of rice, noodles, and vegetables on their plate; the pros know not to waste their precious stomach capacity on anything but *bulgogi*, *kalbi*, long-ribs, and a few nibbles of pickled *pan-chans*. It is also important to optimize your grilling strategy so as not to have wasted grill-space or “down-time” between batches of meat. Finally, if you plan on going for dinner, we suggest getting there by 8 pm, as the restaurant closes at 10 and there is usually a long wait on weekends.
- Country Gourmet (*1314 S Mary Ave, Sunnyvale*) – Not related to the chain restaurant by the same name; fantastic brunch place with huge omelets and delicious blueberry coffee-cake; there are usually lines but they move fast

**7) San Francisco** – “The City by the Bay”: too many places to list, including Golden Gate Bridge, Fisherman’s Wharf, Lombard Street, Alcatraz Island, Museums, Golden Gate Park, Union Square; also check out <http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/food/top100/2007cuisine> for the SF Chronicle’s top 100 restaurants in the city & Bay Area

**8) Santa Cruz** – Home to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, the only major seaside amusement park on the West Coast. Check out the Giant Dipper roller coaster, one of the oldest wooden roller coasters in America. There are also old-fashioned carnival games and snacks (deep fried Twinkies, anyone?). The rides and games cost money but the beach is free!

**9) Napa Valley** – If you have time, check out <http://www.napavintners.com> for a list of wineries