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**"GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF GOLDEN GATE HOSTELS"
50TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2008, 10:30 A.M. – 3 P.M.**

San Francisco, CA—The Golden Gate Council of Hostelling International USA celebrates 50 years of welcoming the world to Northern California, with a 50th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration on October 26 in San Francisco. The event begins at 10:30 a.m. with an optional pre-luncheon hike along Ocean Beach, and continues at noon at the United Irish Cultural Center (2700 45th Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116) with a social hour, luncheon, live presentation, and silent auction.

The event also marks the unveiling of a special 50th anniversary commemorative publication, which details the history of the Golden Gate Council and of the hostelling movement in Northern California. The publication also includes 20 short stories about hostelling, selected from more than 100 entries in the Council-sponsored "Adventures in Hostelling" writing contest.

Founded in 1958, HI-USA Golden Gate Council is the largest hostel network in the U.S., providing affordable accommodations to travelers of all ages at historic properties in San Francisco, Sacramento, and five State and National Parks in Northern California. Since 1986, the Council has also provided environmental and intercultural education to underserved Bay Area youth, through its Hostel Adventure programs.

A nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, the Council is dedicated to promoting intercultural understanding, environmental stewardship, and world peace through travel. Its mission is "to help all, especially the young, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling." For a detailed history of HI-USA Golden Gate Council, please visit www.norcalhostels.org/50years.

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Hostelling International USA Golden Gate Council

LUNCHEON TICKETS

Purchase tickets online at www.norcalhostels.org/50years, or by phone at 1-800-838-3006.

Individual tickets are \$35 (\$15 for children under 12). Additional Donor and Official Host ticket options are available.

Event proceeds benefit Hostel Adventures, the Golden Gate Council's intercultural and environmental education programs for youth.

"GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF GOLDEN GATE HOSTELS" EVENT SERIES

In addition to the 50th anniversary luncheon, the Council presents a series of seven free-admission events at hostels around Northern California this fall. Visit www.norcalhostels.org/50years for details.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION

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PHOTOS

Download high-resolution photos at www.norcalhostels.org/press-room.

ATTENTION: CALENDAR EDITORS

WHAT: "Golden Anniversary of Golden Gate Hostels" 50th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration

WHEN: Sunday, October 26, 2008, 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116.

ADMISSION: \$35 (\$15, children under 12)

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