

Susan Geanacou I-House Story

When I started school at UC Davis in 1989, I already loved experiencing other cultures through language, dance, travel, music, and food. During my years as a student from 1989 to 1992, my first very happy interactions with International House Davis were attending the monthly international dinners. Each dinner featured a different country's cuisine served family style, along with music, cultural displays, or short talks about that country. I loved these opportunities to take a break from studying and learn something new—all on a student's budget. I think the dinners were \$5.00. What a wonderful memory these dinners are!

Now retired and still living in Davis, I've found that I-House continues to offer an abundance of cultural programs that foster learning and friendship with people from all over the world. I've volunteered as an English practice partner with two wonderful people—one from China and one from South Korea. These weekly gatherings have been fun, educational, and an interactive way to learn about another language and culture while sharing and reflecting on my own. I've also made good friends through these connections.

So far, I've taken classes in Spanish, Turkish, dance, and tai chi. I say "so far" because there are many other offerings that appeal to me, and the list of courses and special programs keeps growing. There's truly something for everyone at International House Davis!