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THIS MONTH WITH BAYCC

BAYCC looks ahead to Compassion Week, a Service Fest honoring Fethullah Gülen, and the Risale-i Nur Reflection Workshop, both inviting all ages to serve and reflect. We also celebrate recent gatherings—the Cooking Club, a warm Birthday Celebration, and the Youth Collective Kickoff, which energized our young members. Read inside for dates, highlights, and ways to get involved.

ABOUT US

Founded in 2002 by volunteers from diverse professional backgrounds, BAYCC harnesses the power of interfaith dialogue, community engagement, and education to promote the well-being of the community and foster stronger connections.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



COMPASSION WEEK SERVICE FEST

This year's Compassion Week, co-hosted by Pacifica Institute and BAYCC, will honor the memory of Fethullah Gülen with a Service Fest that brings the community together to prepare fleece blankets for shelters, hygiene kits for unhoused neighbors, backpacks for transitional youth, and pillowcases and bracelets for unhoused teens—an opportunity for all ages to serve, connect, and reflect on the values of compassion and unity.

- 2:00 – 2:15 PM: Remembrance of Fethullah Gülen
- 2:15 – 5:00 PM: Service Projects

DATE:

October 12, 2025

TIME:

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION:

BAYCC

4701 Patrick Henry Dr BLDG 18, Santa Clara

REGISTER:

- [Hygiene Kits](#)
- [Fleece Blankets](#)
- [Slap Bracelets](#)
- [Pillowcases](#)



RISALE-I NUR REFLECTION WORKSHOP

Join us for an interactive Risale-i Nur Reflection Workshop exploring the First 8 Words through symbolic stories, animations, and visuals. This **ladies-only** program will combine learning with engaging activities to deepen spiritual reflection.

DATE:

November 16, 2025

TIME:

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

LOCATION:

BAYCC

4701 Patrick Henry Dr BLDG 18, Santa Clara

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COOKING CLUB

BAYCC sisters came together for the first session of the Cooking Club. While the main activity was preparing kunafa, the evening was just as much about reflection and connection as it was about food. Participants shared reminders from the Qur'an and Prophetic tradition, and the atmosphere was warm with conversation and support.

The Cooking Club is intended to strengthen sisterhood and create a space where women can learn from one another while also nourishing their faith. It was a simple but meaningful gathering, and one we hope to continue.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

At our cultural center, we came together to celebrate a Cuban brother's birthday. Three continents, three stories, one prayer rug — brothers from different backgrounds stood in prayer led by Brother Mehmet, then shared a meal afterward.

Doctors, engineers, students, workers — side by side, giving their time

SEPTEMBER
13, 2025

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for something bigger than themselves. What began as a birthday turned into an evening of laughter, good food, and conversations about community and service.



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YOUTH COLLECTIVE KICKOFF

The Youth Collective launched its first gathering in Cupertino, bringing together young women professionals for an evening of connection and community. The program included a presentation highlighting past initiatives and upcoming plans, followed by games like Kahoot and Bingo, live music, and a shared dinner.

The kickoff served as both an introduction to the Youth Collective and an opportunity for networking. It set the tone for future events that aim to combine spiritual growth with social activities, and we look forward to welcoming even more participants in the months ahead.



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