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President's Chat

Another year has passed and the festivities of the holiday season are just memories. It is time to plan for some fun in 2016. The committees of the club have lots of opportunities for you to choose from: a trip to Europe? a river cruise right here in the USA? how about a day trip adventure? how about a trip to an Indian casino? And don't forget the ongoing club activities like the June Picnic, the RV Club, the PC Club, the hiking group (page 8), the bowling league (page 6) and the two golf groups, "Tee 2 Tee" and "Par Tee" (page 7). Find your interest and go for it!! Why not ask an IBM alum who is not attending any of the above to join you? Read this newsletter and sign up for an activity.

Have a great February.
George Walker

Annual IBM Alumni Club Picnic



Tuesday June 7, 2016 –10:30 AM to 3:30 PM

The annual Club Picnic will be held at Guglielmo Winery, 1480 East Main Avenue, Morgan Hill. (Coming south on Hwy 101, turn left at E Dunne Ave, left at Condit Rd and right at East Main Ave. Coming south on Monterey Road or Santa Teresa Blvd turn left on Main and go over Hwy 101.) Free parking is available across the street at the High School parking lot. More information and a sign up form will be in the March newsletter.

Mark your calendar now!

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Membership Report

Bev Baker

January 21, 2016

Active Members: 1662
Newsletters mailed: 64
Members who read online: 1441

Change of Address

Please send in your new mailing address, your new e-mail address, your new phone number, or a request for on-line newsletters.

By e-mail: membership@ibmsjrc.org

By U. S. Mail: Walt Cole
5868 Pentz Way
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New Members

none this month

In Memoriam

**Harry L. Hill
Kerry Hayes
Wayne Young**

To report life-changing events, and to find answers to benefit questions, contact:
IBM Employee Services Center

800-796-9876

IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes & See's Candy Discounts
The above items are available at the ticket office at SVL. Everything else the IBM Club offers is available only online.

AMC: gold \$8.25

Regal/United Artists: \$7.00; Cinelux: \$7.25
Century/Cinemark: \$8.00

Payment by check or money order only, made payable to **IBM Club**. No cash. No credit cards.

Ticket Hours:

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

IBM Club Office Contact:

Frank Vitale - 408-927-2106

e-mail: tcsports@us.ibm.com

See other ticket discounts at
www.ibmsjrc.org

Click **IBM CLUB ANYDAY TICKETS**

Discount tickets to many places are online at the IBM Club website:

California Academy of Sciences

Six Flags Discovery Kingdom

Monterey Bay Aquarium

Legoland, Universal Studios

SeaWorld, Disneyland

There is a link on the club web site, "Bay Area IBM Club Discounts," that will get you more directly to the discounts in the above list.

IBM Alumni Club web site:

ibmsjrc.org

**San Jose IBM Quarter
Century Club web site:**

sjqcc.com

IBM Alumni Club Board Meeting

Thursday, February 18, 2016, 10:00 AM

LDS Church

150 Bernal Road

IBM PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2016, 5:00 pm

CES Report—Troy Wolverton

Contact: Walt Cole, 408-972-1178

Sunshine

There is not much to report this month. If you know of anyone who is under the weather or is facing medical problems and could use a greeting card from the Club, please call me. Newsletter publication only occurs if the person named agrees to share.

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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Feb 4, 2016	Murder Mystery Luncheon Show, <i>sold out</i>		—	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
Feb 9, 2016	PC Club - CES Report—Troy Wolverton		2	Walt Cole	408-972-1178
Feb 13, 2016	Hike: Edgewood County Park		8	Leona & Bruce Baumgart	408-799-8998
Feb 18, 2016	IBM Alumni Club Board Meeting		2	George Walker	408 268-7623
Mar 7-9, 2016	Snow Train to Reno		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Apr 29-May 13, 2016	England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales		4	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
May 3, 2016	Casino: Colusa		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
May 12-27, 2016	Sicily, Heart of the Mediterranean		4	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
May 26, 2016	A Day With Doug McConnell		6	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
July 12, 2016	Casino: Feather Falls		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
July 24-29, 2016	Big Hike: Mammoth Lakes area		—	Bill Desler	408-268-3025
July 24-Aug 1, 2016	Inspiring Iceland		5	Bill Bartz	408-971-8928
Aug 2-4, 2016	Reno: Hot August Nights		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Aug 28-Sep 4, 2016	Best of Eastern Canada		5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
Sep 25-Oct 3, 2016	Mississippi River Cruise		4	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437
Oct 11, 2016	Casino: Cache Creek		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314

Krazy Kampers

We are a group of retired IBMers belonging to the IBM Camping Club, the Krazy Kampers. The club has been around for over 20 years and we would like to invite other IBM retirees who like camping to learn about and perhaps join us on our fun campouts. There is a campout almost every month in the area.

Feb 18-21, 2016	Pismo Coast Village	Bruce Reed	408-268-5393
March 17-20, 2016	Marina Dunes	Joe Barcellos	408-776-1533
April 7 - 9, 2016	Paso Robles	Gil Hernandez	408-315-8183
May 12 - 14, 2016	Smithwoods, Felton	Larry Turley	408-629-5371
June 22 - 25, 2016	Jackson Rancheria RV Park	Les Greatbanks	510-234-9271
Sep 15-17, 2016	Bodega Bay	Joe Barcellos	408-776-1533

TAR: Trip Activity Rating

- 1 Limited walking & activity
- 2 Walking limited to facilities within approximately 1 block of the bus or hotel
- 3 Average walking (3 blocks or more) sightseeing in museums and attractions
- 4 Very active walking, may include airport departures, climbing on and off trains and attractions, may involve high altitudes (9000+) and possible weather extremes

Travel Adventures

The Great American Steamboat September 25 - October 3, 2016

The American Queen will bring us down the Mississippi from St. Paul, MN, to St. Louis, MO, during the most beautiful time of the year. Autumn should be ready to show off its vibrant colors and the many shades of foliage.

From Hop-On Hop-Off buses we can comfortably walk right into the different towns to explore their histories, discover interesting places and do some shopping. Great care has been taken to restore beautiful and important buildings—the 1930's Art Deco Theater, the Dubuque Grand Opera House, the Smithsonian-affiliated National Mississippi River Museum and of course, the Dubuque County Jail, where Butch Cassidy once resided. View antique cars at the Dahl Auto Museum, see the friendship and botanical gardens, heritage centers, Native American stores and Historic Nauvoo's Family Living Center and board the Twainland Express for a journey in the spirit of Samuel Clemens. In St. Luke's church, the light is filtered through over 100 Tiffany stained glass windows and in Quad Cities we will be treated to American Roots, music at the River Music Experience.

On our trip from St. Paul, going south to St. Louis, we'll visit Red Wing, La Crosse, Dubuque, Burlington and Hannibal.

This 9-day tour starts at **\$3800** and includes air, transfers to and from airports, luggage handling, hotel in St. Paul, travel insurance, all meals and entertainment aboard ship, free Hop-On Hop-Off bus, complimentary beer and wine for dinner, port taxes, gratuities for dining and cabin steward and more...

For a brochure or for more information, contact **Christina Anhorn**. email: leswede@aol.com; home phone: **831-438-3437**; cell phone: **831-818- 4313**

Exploring England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales

April 29 – May 13, 2016

Discover the cultural treasures of Britain and Ireland on this comprehensive journey through England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. Includes a city tour of London, dining in a British pub, a tour of Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and the changing of the guard. On to Stonehenge with its mysterious formations that date back to the Stone Age. See the elegant city of Bath and visit the 2000 year old Roman Bath Museum. Off across the beautiful Welsh countryside and on to the coastal town of Fishguard, where we'll board a ferry crossing the Irish Sea and arrive in Ireland. Travel to historic Blarney Castle and then on to the Ring of Kerry with its magical scenery. Marvel at the vista of windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. We'll venture through the "Golden Vale" en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. We ferry back to Holyhead, Wales. We will stop at majestic Caernarfon Castle where The Prince of Wales was crowned. Journey on to Lake Windermere, Ambleside, and Grasmere, crossing into Scotland. Stop at Gretna Green and a guided tour of Edinburgh, Scotland's majestic capital city and Castle (home to the Scottish crown jewels). Take a guided tour of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence and former home to Mary, Queen of Scots. Back en route to England visit Hadrian's Wall. In York walk the famous "Shambles" and see the magnificent 13th century Minster. On to Coventry and charming Stratford-upon-Avon as we visit Shakespeare's birthplace, and Anne Hathaway's thatched-roofed cottage.

Deposit to hold your seats is \$250 per person. Included -- 20 meals (13 breakfasts, 7 dinners), round trip air from SFO, air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers, hometown pickup/return, free parking at the secured IBM site on Bailey Road. After October 30, the regular base per person rates are Double \$4949. Single \$5849. Triple \$4899.

Contact: **Sharry and Art Dill** email: arthdill@comcast.net for bro-

Sicily, Heart of the Mediterranean with 2 nights in Rome

May 12 - 27, 2016

Visit the beautiful island of Sicily. We will stay in the lovely cities Taormina, Syracuse, Agrigento, Palermo and Rome. Stroll the markets, visit medieval seaside towns, and take a walk through Corleone, the city made famous in the Godfather novel. We will take an excursion to the Valley of the Temples, see some ancient Greek ruins and the Temple of Concordia, and have lunch with a Sicilian family at their country house. We will have a guided tour of Ortygia, the historical gem of Syracuse where we experience medieval streets, and Baroque structures. In our stay in Taormina, we will visit the city's greatest landmark, the Greco-Roman amphitheater, built in the third century BC. Our tour will take us to towering Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano. In Mitogio, we will experience a traditional home-hosted lunch by another Sicilian family. In Rome, after breakfast, we will have a panoramic tour of the city and see a number of landmarks and monuments that depict the history of this beautiful city.

This amazing 15-day tour is priced at **\$4,345** (air included) per person, double occupancy or single occupancy (yes, no single supplement charge), also includes transportation from San Jose to SFO, air taxes and fees, hotels and 26 meals: 14 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners. Brochure available upon request.

Contact: **Bob Martinez 408-778-2978 cell 408-835-3393**, e-mail: bobloves2travel@yahoo.com

Travel Adventures

The Best of Eastern Canada

Niagara Falls and Toronto, Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa

1000 Lakes region, Niagara-On-The-Lake

August 28 - September 4, 2016

This tour begins in the largest French-speaking city in the world, Montreal. Our city tour takes in Jacques Cartier Square, McGill University, views of Notre Dame and St. Joseph's Oratory, and concludes high atop Mount Royal, with some breathtaking views of the scenery below. Later you can explore the city's famous underground shopping. We now move on to the fabulous Quebec City where we have a sightseeing tour, and that evening enjoy dinner at one of Quebec's fine restaurants. The next day we have breakfast at a local sugar shack in the Quebec countryside. Learn about the traditions of maple syrup making and sample some delicious traditional foods made with maple syrup. We now head for Ottawa, the capital city of Canada. We will visit Byward Market known for fruits, vegetables, flowers, and arts and crafts. While in Ottawa don't forget to try the local specialty pastry, Beavertail, a must. On our way to Toronto, we stop in Rockport to enjoy a memorable cruise of the 1000 Islands region. We end our tour in Toronto, capital of Ontario, where we visit the amazing Niagara Falls and board a ship for an incredible journey under the falls. We will also have some time to visit and shop in the charming town of Niagara-On-The-Lake, a beautiful place to stroll or to take a carriage ride.

This exciting 8 day tour is priced at **\$2,999** per person, double occupancy. Included: hotel, roundtrip airfare, air taxes, hotel transfers and 11 meals: 7 breakfasts and 4 dinners. Brochures available upon request.

Contact me, **Bob Martinez, bobloves2travel@yahoo.com, or phone: 408-778-2978 home, 408-835-3393 cell**

Inspiring Iceland

July 24 - August 1, 2016

Discover Iceland, a land and culture forged by fire and ice. Steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature. Massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. Travel the incredible GOLDEN CIRCLE, a route that encompasses many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Marvel at the beauty of the Gullfoss (Golden Falls) waterfall, a stunning 100 foot double cascade. Journey to the Snaefellsnes Peninsula. Catch a glimpse of Hallmundarhraun, the largest lava field in this region, where lava emanated from the Northwestern slopes of the Langjokull (long glacier). Embark on a true Icelandic cultural adventure as you spend time with a family that keeps alive a 400 year old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland Shark. See the fishing boat that was used by their grandfather, visit the tiny church, and explore the museum to learn more about Iceland's deep relationship with this trade. We travel north and stop at the home of Erik, the Red, now a museum. Enjoy immersing yourself in the nature of Iceland on your horseback riding excursion, or spend the day reflecting and relaxing in the geothermal Myvatn Nature Baths. Travel out to the Reykjanes Peninsula, home of the famed Blue Lagoon. Enjoy a short ferry ride to Videy Island to dine at Videyjarstofa (Vidy House), the original residence of Skuli Magnusson, known as the "Father of Reykjavik," who founded Iceland's first industrial enterprise, woodworking shops.

Includes airfare. 10 meals included: 7 breakfasts and 3 dinners. There are no more than 24 people per tour!

Cost is **\$5199** until January 25, 2016, then it goes to **\$5399**

Contact **Bill Bartz 408-971-8928 email: bartz.bill@yahoo.com**

Day Trips

A Day With Doug McConnell

Thursday, May 26, 2016

Don't miss this special opportunity to spend a day with Doug McConnell from Bay Area Backroads and Open Road. Doug will be your guide as you visit Bear Valley at Pt. Reyes. Spend some time at the visitors center and then take an easy walk along what's called the Earthquake Trail that interprets the huge 1906 quake and how it affected that area. For those who can manage a short, paved, uphill stroll, you'll also visit the Morgan Horse barns and interpretive center. Doug will travel aboard the coach sharing facts and personal stories along the way. A picnic lunch from Whole Foods is included.

Escorted tour includes: roundtrip transportation, guided tour, hosted lunch and driver gratuity. All this for **\$86** per person.

These trips fill up fast so don't wait. For reservation information contact

**Bill Souza at (408) 335-9263 (Cell) or
bsouza6280@aol.com**



Bowling

One More Time League

Cambrian Lanes (Camden & Union)

We just finished our first half of the league.

The standings are:

First Place Team - *Give Us A Break* - Betty Cobarrubias, Nancy Barone, Fred Mitchell, and Dan Thery.

Second Place Team - *Team 7* - Eddie Fahrner, Barbara Pugh, Bill Jeung, and Jim O'Neil.

The Watson Trophy Bowling tournament will be the first Friday in May. Watch for future information to come and plan to join us for the fun and food.

We have lost a few bowlers to surgeries and illnesses and we hope they feel better soon.

HIGH SCORES		
WOMEN	SCRATCH GAME	MEN
236—Faye Fritz	SCRATCH SERIES	269—Kelley Wood
569—Marilyn Bianco	HANDICAP GAME	675—Rich Gavino
266—Faye Fritz	HANDICAP SERIES	279—Jim Porter
713—Marilyn Bianco		741—Kelley Wood

Carol Hughes - secretary 408-224-1739

Casino Trips

All the day trips will be at least a 5 hour stay.

Parking: Capitol Expressway & Hwy 87 Park-n-Ride, South Lot, Section G.

Depart: 7:30 am. Openings exist for all trips. Call today!

March 7-9, 2016, Snow Train to Reno The bus takes us to the train, baggage goes by bus, 2 nights at El Dorado hotel in Reno with breakfast buffet each morning.

May 3, 2016, Colusa Casino

July 12, 2016, Feather Falls Casino

August 2-4, 2016, Hot August Nights, Reno

October 11, 2016, Cache Creek Casino

Contact: **Topsy Thompson, 408-377-4314,
topray4314@att.net**

Tee-2-Tee Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

January 7, 2015: Golf was cancelled due to rain.

The next golf dates are Thursdays, February 4, and March 3, 2016. Play starts at **10:00 am** sharp. Please be there by **9:30 am** to sign in and get your lunch ticket.

If you wish to play, call or email Bill Bartz or Darrel Jensen and bring your check to the golf course on the day of the tournament.

Make checks payable for **\$26.00** to "Tee-2-Tee Golf."

You will receive a round of golf, a sandwich, a soft drink and maybe prize money!

If it rains, call the Deep Cliff Golf Course to find out if we have canceled, 408-253-5357, extension 5.

More Golfers Needed!

Bill Bartz, 408-971-8928, bartz.bill@yahoo.com
Darrel Jensen, 408-371-6652, dj-special.use@att.net

Par Tee Golf

Contact: Andy La Scola @ (408) 371-3329 or lascolandy@comcast.net

Los Lagos December 7, 2015. What a phenomenal way to complete my sixteenth year as Tournament Director! The weather was perfect! Not a cloud in the sky, no wind, and warm weather for the most part. I extend my sincerest thanks to all of you who participate in the monthly tournaments. Thanks also to Terry Gray for chairing the membership of the Par Tee Golf Club, and to my lovely wife, Kathy, who verifies your scorecards. The Shot-of-the-Day goes to Darell Bellah. On #2, a 125-yard par 3, Darell chipped in his 2nd shot from 20 yards for Birdie! Great shot, Darell! The format of play was "Two Best Ball Foursome." We had a large turnout of 59 players. Here are the results:

Place/Score	Team			
1 / 110*	Glenn Yuki	Sidney Wong	Fred Mitchell	Ping Mong
1 / 110*	Jerry Condensa	Marge Condensa	Warren Gannon	Verne Lindsey
2 / 111*	Greg Seaton	Ron Scaglione	Bob Householder	Bob Goetze
2 / 111*	Frank Correa	Larry Villatore	Ram Hays	Richard Mace

* = Tie

<u>Closest-To-Pin</u>	#2	#3	#5	#7	#16
Men	Terry Gray	Dick Liu	Eric Schrader	Ron Scaglione	Dick Mace
	Bob Goetze	Lou Tolbert	Bill Highlander	Sid Wong	John Akeley
	Dave Moulton	Bob Householder	Andy La Scola	Frank Correa	Ken Ferguson
Ladies	Cathy Priest	Nina Correa	Fran Plummer	Bev Rees	Marilynn VanDyke
			Jan O'Sullivan		Jan Hew
			Marge Condensa		Rosalie Baylot

Looking ahead at our schedule:

Date	Course	Cost/Due	Notes
January 4	Coyote Creek-Valley	\$60.00/RAINED OUT	Includes Prize Fund & Cart - 2 Best Ball Foursome
February 8	Coyote Creek-Valley	\$60.00/January 20	Includes Prize Fund & Cart - 2 Best Ball Foursome

Notes:

1. Prices and dates are subject to change. Be sure to check the IBM Alumni Club web site: www.ibmsjrc.org for latest Par Tee Golf information or call Andy.
2. IBM alumni and friends are welcome to play in the Par Tee Golf Club Tournaments.
3. Proper golf attire is required at ALL of the courses that we play. That means Jeans or Levi's are NOT allowed.
4. RENEWALS FOR YOUR 2016 NCGA DUES ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED. The cost to renew is \$52.00. To get an NCGA Membership Card through the Par Tee Golf Club, contact Terry Gray @ (408) 629-8893, or send an email to: tgolf18@aol.com. The cost is \$52.00.
5. Early signups are very much appreciated. Please do not wait to the last minute to sign up. You might not get in!
6. Make all checks payable to "Par Tee Golf." Please make your checks for only one tournament at a time. (If you are signing up for two tournaments, send two checks). The mailing address for signups is:

Par Tee Golf P. O. Box 53535 San Jose, CA 95153-0535

Include your GHIN number and your e-mail address (if I don't have already have them on file). Indicate which foursome you wish to play with, or I will assign you to one. (Note: If you do not sign up as a foursome, your group may be split up.)

Hikes

Edgewood County Park

Saturday, February 13, 2016, 10:00 am

This park is famous for wildflowers, normally later than February. But it is still a pleasant walk on a well-maintained trail with views of the San Francisco Bay, Mt. Diablo in the distance to the east and the Santa Cruz mountains to the west.

The hike will be 5 miles with 880 feet of elevation gain, in a figure 8 loop. Omitting the upper ridge loop makes an easier hike of 4 miles with 600 feet of elevation gain. The trail is half in shady woods and half under open sky.

Directions: drive north on I-280 and exit east on Edgewood Road (exit #29). Drive east on Edgewood Road down the hill. The park will be on your right. Gather at the front door of the Visitors Center.

Car pool: from Los Gatos it takes 30 minutes to get to the trailhead.
from Page Mill Park-n-Ride it takes 10 minutes to get to the trailhead.

I will shuttle folks between the Edgewood Park-n-Ride and the trailhead.

If you are at Edgewood early, do spend some time in the new Visitors Center.

Car pool assembly as follows:

- 9:05 am for the Los Gatos Car pool or
- 9:30 am for the Page Mill Park-n-Ride or
- 9:45 am for the Edgewood Park-n-Ride

Leaders: Leona and Bruce Baumgart

RSVP: bgbaumgart@mac.com day of hike cell 408-799-8998

