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President's Chat

This IBM Alumni Club will end on or before



January 31, 2020.

Since we were unable to define a viable path forward for this club, the executive committee, committee chairpersons and the many members attending the January 19th meeting decided that the club should come to an end. The lack of leadership volunteers, waning participation in activities and the IBM decision to discontinue the business model were the reasons for the action.

A group has been formed to define how we will operate during this interim time frame and I will keep you up to date via this chat.

Activities including Travel, Hiking, Bowling, Golf, PC Club, Kampers, etc., will continue as is for the foreseeable future.

Plans for 2017 are in place with the Picnic scheduled for Tuesday, August 15, 2017. The Holiday Party is on the books for Tuesday, December 7, 2017. As of this writing there are no plans for 2018 so I recommend that if you want to meet fellow retirees in a group, do it this year at one or both of these events.

We will refund lifetime membership dues to those who joined and paid after September, 2016. We will no longer accept paid memberships.

A reminder:

If you get your newsletter via the US postal service you need to renew your subscription before the end of February. (see page 8)

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IBM PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 5:00 pm

**CES Report
Troy Wolverton**

Contact: Walt Cole, 408-674-1401

Membership Report

Bev Baker

January 19, 2017

Active Members: 1661
Newsletters mailed: 48
Members who read online: 1470

Change of Address

Please send in your new mailing address,
your new email address, your new phone
number, or a request for on-line news-
letters.

By e-mail: membership@ibmsjrc.org

By U. S. Mail: Walt Cole
5868 Pentz Way, San Jose, CA 95123

New Members

Gary Deines
Ursala Richter

In Memoriam

**Ernie Bode
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Donna Kendall
George Edward Peters
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Clyde D. Mitchell
Arsen Muger
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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 green tickets: \$9.00
Regal/United Artists: \$7.00; Cinelux: \$7.25
Century/Cinemark: \$8.50

Payment by check or money order only, made paya-
ble 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.*

Sunshine

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
or send an email.

Newsletter publication only occurs if
the person named agrees to share.

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IBM Alumni Club Board Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 2017, 10:00 AM

LDS Church

150 Bernal Road, San Jose, CA 95119

All members are invited.
Driving Instructions: From Bernal turn
on Via Del Oro and drive around the
church and park in back.

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Feb 14, 2017	PC Club: CES Report—Troy Wolverton		2	Walt Cole	408-674-1401
Feb 16, 2017	IBM Alumni Club Board Meeting		2	George Walker	408-268-7623
March 14-16, 2017	Casino: Reno Getaway— <i>New!</i>		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Apr 23-May 8, 2017	Hawaii Cruise from San Francisco		4	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437
May 3-16, 2017	Spain Classics and Portugal— <i>Sold Out</i>		4	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
May 9, 2017	Casino: Redhawk		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
July 11, 2017	Casino: Black Oaks		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
July 17-27, 2017	Alaska Cruise from San Francisco		5	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437
July 23-28, 2017	2017 IBM Alumni Club Big Hike		8	Bill Desler	408-268-3025
Aug 8-10, 2017	Hot August Nights		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Aug 15, 2017	Annual Club Picnic		—	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
Sep 23-Oct 2, 2017	Peru, Land of Mysteries & Machu Picchu		5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
Oct 3, 2017	Casino: Palace (Tachi)		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Oct 7-14, 2017	Albuquerque Balloon Festival		4	Bill Bartz	408-971-8928
Nov 7-20, 2017	Italian Vistas: Rome, Tuscany, Venice, Stresa		5	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Nov 28, 2017	Casino: Jackson Rancheria		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Dec 7, 2017	Annual Club Holiday Party		—	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069

Krazy Kampers

We are a group of IBM Alumni 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 Alumni who like camping to learn about and perhaps join us on our fun campouts. There is a campout almost every month in the area.

2017

February 23-26	Pismo Coast Village	Bruce Reed	408-268-5393
March 16-20	Marina Dunes	Mel Rinehart	530-809-4274
April 5-9	Jackson Rancheria	Les Greatbanks	510-206-2390
May 25-27	Paso Robles	Gil Hernandez	408-315-6163

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

Albuquerque Balloon Festival

October 7 - 14, 2017

Fly from San Jose to Albuquerque, with **Home Pick Up!**

Trip Highlights: La Casa Sena dinner theater, Santa Fe Cooking School dinner/demo, Albuquerque Balloon Festival, Santa Fe, Taos, and Albuquerque city tours, Taos Pueblo and Acoma Sky City Pueblo, Georgia O'Keefe Museum, The International Folk Art Museum, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Billy the Kid Country in Ruidoso, and the White Sands National Monument.

Tour includes: Professional tour guide, home pick ups. 7 nights accommodations, 3 nights in Santa Fe, 2 nights in Ruidoso, and 2 nights in Albuquerque.

13 meals: 7 Breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 5 dinners.

The Balloon Festival is on Day 8.

All applicable taxes and all gratuities for driver and guides are included.

Total package is **\$2995**, double occupancy, \$3645 single occupancy.

Air fares are based on 2016 rates, and may change a bit in 2017.

Deposit with Insurance = \$489, double, \$542 single; without Insurance = \$250 double or single.

Deposit of \$250 per person due at signup. Final payment due July 15, 2017.

The brochure is much more descriptive than I can be here!

Info meeting: Tuesday, February 21, 2:30 pm, Denny's Restaurant at Almaden Expressway & Hillsdale Ave.
Please RSVP.

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

Hawaii

April 23 - May 8, 2017

A fifteen-night cruise on board the Grand Princess sailing round trip from San Francisco

The ship will visit these ports (tours available at each one):

Hilo, Hawaii (the Big Island): a city like a giant greenhouse with tropical flowers at every turn. Only 30 miles away is the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, the home of the active Kilauea Volcano.

Honolulu, Oahu: Home to almost half a million people, offering a wealth of historic, cultural and scenic attractions. Waikiki Beach and Diamond Head are two of the city's enduring symbols. Pearl Harbor is the site of the USS Arizona Memorial, a World War II historical site. The Polynesian Cultural Center transports you into a different world.

Lahaina, Maui: This island boasts stunning landscapes and superb beaches. Mt. Haleakala, a dormant volcano, rises 10,000 feet above the Pacific Ocean. Maui's Iao Valley is a tropical paradise dominated by the Needle, a volcanic monolith towering over the valley floor. Then there is Lahaina, once home to a royal court and a raucous port-of-call enjoyed by 19th-century Yankee whalers. A trip to Hana in an 8-seat limo over 59 bridges, around 620 curves, will take your breath away.

Nawiliwili, Kauai: Named after the Wiliwili trees, which once lined its picturesque harbor, this lovely port of Kauai is your gateway to what many believe to be Hawaii's most beautiful island. On "The Garden Island," nature is truly the star, from the dramatic mountains of Koke'e to the cool rain forests of Haena.

Ensenada, Mexico: 70 miles south of the border.

Prices start at **\$2550** per person double occupancy and includes round trip group transfers to the San Francisco pier, luggage handling, driver and stevedore tips, insurance plus taxes and government fees.

Contact: **Christina Anhorn, 831-438-3437, leswede@aol.com**

Sold Out

Spain Classics and Portugal

May 3 - 16, 2017

We start our amazing journey in Lisbon, the capital city of Portugal, known for its nightlife and excellent cuisine. A welcome dinner talk will introduce you to this vibrant city. The 2nd evening in Lisbon will have us enjoying the local cuisine, wines and Fado music. The 3rd day we visit Fatima and the walled city of Obidos. Then we are on to the lovely city of Madrid where we will visit the Royal Palace and Toledo, the capital of medieval Spain. On the way we visit the Moorish city of Cordoba and the historical old Jewish Quarter. Our next stop takes us to the charming city of Seville with its pedestrian walk ways, lined with shops and restaurants. This evening we will enjoy an authentic Flamenco show. We then head for Granada, where we will visit the impressive, colorful, world famous Alhambra Palace. You don't want to miss this lovely palace with its colorful gardens and waterfalls. We then travel to Valencia, a treasure trove of Roman and Arabic architecture. Our walking tour will introduce us to historic Valencia and its bustling central market and Gothic Cathedral. Next we visit Lladro-City of Porcelain, and learn about the history and creative process of the world famous Lladro figurines. Our journey then takes us to the area where Paella cuisine originated. After a canal boat ride, and a visit to a traditional fisherman's home, we will experience a paella-making demonstration, then enjoy an authentic paella lunch. We now head to Barcelona, one of Europe's most beautiful and exciting cities, located on the Mediterranean Sea. Walk the famous street of La Rambla and take in the street performers and try tapas. Our journey is now over but the memories will go on.

The cost of this 14-day tour, including air, is only **\$4,299** per person double occupancy. This includes round trip air from SFO, hotels, included excursions, transfers, and motor coach transportation from the IBM SVL plant to SFO and back. Also included are 19 meals: 12 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 6 dinners. The trip brochure is available upon request, hard copy or via email.

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

Travel Adventures

Peru, Ancient Land of Mysteries and Machu Picchu

September 23 - October 2, 2017

The tour starts in the lovely city of Lima, Peru, the City of Kings. Witness the Changing of the Guard at the Archbishops Palace, and take in the breathtaking Andes. This evening enjoy a tasting menu of artfully created Peruvian dishes. Next we fly to Cuzco, where we will visit Sacred Valley of the Incas. We will visit the Pisac village to browse the colorful handicraft market and enjoy an authentic Pachamca dinner, cooked on hot stones that are placed in the ground. We will visit the amazing Ollantaytambo Ruins, the only Inca settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. Then we start our amazing adventure to visit the most spectacular site in South America, Machu Picchu. We will travel via a Vistadome train with domed windows so that you can take in the breathtaking views along the way. Our hotel for this night is at the base of Machu Picchu, and we will enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration. In Cuzco we will visit the Cathedral of Santo Domingo, the Plaza de Armas, and visit the central market. We are treated to an authentic folklore show. Then we catch a plane to Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca, known as the birth place of the Inca Empire. Enjoy the lakeside hotel and your evening at leisure. Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating Islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca, who formed these islands from tortora reeds.

The cost of this 10 day tour, with air, is **\$4,299**, double occupancy. This includes hotel, round trip air from SFO, included excursions, transfers and a coach to and from the San Francisco airport. Also included are 15 meals: 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 5 dinners.

Brochures available upon request and we will email them if you like. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me, **Bob Martinez, 408-778-2978**, cell **408-835-3393** or **bobloves2travel@yahoo.com**

Alaska

July 17 - 27, 2017

Ten days on The Grand Princess San Francisco round trip

This is the season when summer evenings linger into the early hours of the night and sun wakes you before it is time to get up.

After a couple of days at sea, the Grand Princess will take us to Juneau, the capital of Alaska with the Russian influence. Cruise Glacier Bay National Park with hopes to see some of the amazing world of marine life. Visit Skagway, the gateway to Klondike, and Ketchikan's steep hillsides where you can watch the salmon trying to climb the ladders up the river. After a relaxing day at sea we reach the lovely town of Victoria, B.C. There are many opportunities on this trip to sightsee. You may visit museums, go to the eagle sanctuary, take a helicopter ride to a glacier, ride the train, pan for gold, tour Butchart Gardens and visit one of the oldest Chinatowns in the U.S.

Cost: **\$2550** (and up) per person, double occupancy.

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

Italian Vistas: Rome, Sorrento, Tuscany, Venice, Stresa

November 7 - 20, 2017

Ah, the essence of 'la dolce vita' is explored through the cuisine, art and landscapes of Italy, from its iconic cities to its brilliant Bay of Naples. Stay in 6 hotels and enjoy taking day trips from your key hotels.

Explore Rome with an expert guide and soak in 2,000 years of history during your discovery of the excavated ruins of Pompeii. A scenic boat ride takes you to the enchanting Isle of Capri. Then to Tuscany and see Michelangelo's famed David statue. Explore medieval towns and UNESCO world sites. Visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa. A special stop is made at a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample local wines & specialties. Cross the Apennine Mountains en-route to Venice where 117 islands are connected by 150 canals and 400 bridges. In Venice explore St. Mark's Square and Basilica, Doge's Palace and the legendary Bridge of Sighs. Embark on yet another boat trip to Murano Island for a glass blowing demonstration. Explore Verona, the backdrop for Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet. Later arrive in the resort town of Stresa in the breathtaking Italian Lakes District and admire the beautiful view of Lago Maggiore. Next day cross into Switzerland and lakeside resort of Locarno. Stay in a resort hotel overlooking our dinner spot on the lovely Isola die Pescatori. Travel there by boat for a wonderful dinner surrounded by beautiful scenery.

Our base price trip of 13 days includes air and land from SFO for **\$4699**. Or use your own air accommodations and purchase the 12 day land only tour for \$3449 per person. Ask about Frequent Traveler Credit. We will also offer a few optional day tours throughout our trip.

Info meeting: Friday, February 17, 2017, 11:00 am, at Mama Mia's in Campbell. Please RSVP.

For information call Art & Sharry Dill at (831) 338-3069, arthdill@comcast.net

Bowling

One More Time League, Morgan Hill Bowl, 650 Tennant Station

We have started the second half and positions change the first week and that makes those that were low on the list move up for a few weeks.

As of right now these are the leaders:

First Place Team: "NBFD" - Bill Bartz, Nancy Barone, Dan Terry, and Fred Mitchell

Second Place Team: "Up Your Alleys"- Marilyn Bianco, Kris Denholm, Bill Hooper, and Dennis Pitchford

High Scratch Game	Men: Fred Mitchell	289	Women: Bev Ross	251
High Scratch Series	Men: Rich Gavino	716	Women: Bev Ross	594
High Handicap Game	Men: Fred Mitchell	293	Women: Bev Ross	281
High Handicap Series	Men: Charlie Camilleri	721	Women: Lize Johannes	713

If you want to join us just call.

Carol Hughes, Secretary, 408-224-1739

Casino Trips

March 14-16, 2017	Reno Getaway
May 9, 2017	Red Hawk Indian Casino
July 11, 2017	Black Oaks Indian Casino
August 8-10, 2017	Hot August Nights
October 3, 2017	Palace (Tachi) Indian Casino
November 28, 2017	Jackson Rancheria Indian Casino

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!*

Contacts: **Topsy Thompson, 408-377-4314, or
Sandy Suekawa, 408-225-5629, sandysuekawa@yahoo.com**



Tee-2-Tee Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

January 5, 2017: The results for the 8 golfers are -

Low Net:		Closest-to-Pin #16:	
1st Bob Rootseart	61	Don Streicher	
2nd Don Streicher	63		
3rd John Verhagen	65		

The next golf dates are Thursdays, March 2 and April 3. Play starts at **10:00 am** sharp. 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.

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

Coyote Creek-Valley January 16, 2017. The "Shots-of-the-Day" go to Rajesh Arora. On #9, a 394-yard par 4, Raj hit his 3rd shot 120 yards into the cup for Birdie and on #18, a 495-yard par 5, he hit his 4th shot from 25 yards into the cup for another birdie! Great shots, Rajesh! We had a very nice turnout of 54 players on a beautiful day! The format of play was 2 Best Ball Foursome. Here are the results:

Place/Score	Team			
1 / 121	Terry Gray	Dennis Niemeyer	Lewis Brady	Dave Carroll
2 / 122*	Dennis Mitchell	Fred Mitchell	Kurt Aichele	Jim Delong
2 / 122*	Frank Correa	Larry Villatore	Ram Hays	Ed Jones
Closest-To-Pin	#7	#11	#13	#17
Men	Ron Scaglione	Lou Tolbert	Eric Schrader	Dick Liu
	Dave Carroll	Dennis Mitchell	Frank Correa	Lionel Mosely
	Darell Bellah	Rajesh Arora	Dave Moulton	Pat Boyd
Ladies	Emi Tuvey		Fran Jones	Rosemary Haeckel
			Mona Nakamura	

Looking ahead at our schedule:

Date	Course	Cost/Deadline	Notes
February 13	Ridgemark Golf Course	\$45.00/January 25	Includes Cart & Prize Fund- Format = 2 Best Ball Foursome
March 13	Spring Valley Course	\$55.00/February 22	Includes Cart & Prize Fund- Format = 2 Best Ball Foursome

Notes:

-) Please send your checks to play in tournaments early! The P.O. Box is noted below. This will eliminate having to wait in line at the golf course and will allow me to better award prizes! Please, please, please help me out on this!
-) IBM Retirees and friends are welcome to play in the Par Tee Golf Club Tournaments.
-) Proper golf attire is required at ALL of the courses that we play. That means "Jeans" or "Levi's" are NOT allowed.
-) 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.
-) 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.)

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