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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

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At the last Executive Board Meeting, we heard the reports for the Annual Picnic and again, Bill Souza and his committee put on an outstanding event!! If you missed this year, I urge you to plan to attend next year! Our thanks and appreciation to all of the volunteers who put this together, also to many contributors. Please review the list of contributing businesses (page 11) and let them know you appreciate them.

The Board discussed the Annual Meeting in October, and we are all planning to make this, our 20th Annual Meeting very interesting and exciting. We are looking forward to a large attendance for this very special meeting! I would like to hear from you if you have history, stories, or just want to be a part of this celebration. The date is Tuesday, October 04, 2005.

The list of names at the beginning of this chat are names of some of the volunteers who keep this Club running so successfully. Maybe you will want to say 'thank you' the next time you see any of them.

Have a great summer!
Ina Havens

Joann Milburn Earns Award

Joann Milburn (Leon's wife) has been given the 2004 Frist Humanitarian Award for her volunteer work in her community. She (and Leon too) volunteer for several organizations. They are Red Cross disaster volunteers and Los Gatos Museum collection managers. They coordinate an outreach effort to help those in the community with needs (grocery shopping, minor house repair, etc.) Also, Joann has been translating material from printed text into Braille for the blind for over 30 years.

Joann has been a volunteer at Good Samaritan Hospital for four years. She primarily works as a 'cuddler' in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) where she cares for premature infants whose parents cannot tend to them daily due to their own health, distance from the hospital, or other responsibilities.

This national HCA award honors outstanding individuals for their humanitarian and volunteer activities. The Frist Humanitarian Award is given annually in recognition of the caring spirit and philanthropic work of the late Dr. Thomas Frist, Sr., a founder of HCA (Hospital Corporation of America.)

Joann's award is the highest an HCA volunteer can receive and includes a \$5,000 donation to the charity of the recipient's choice, \$5,000 in cash and \$1,000 in HCA stock. She enjoyed giving someone else's money to her favorite charities!

Congratulations, Joann!

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Membership Report**Ed Mueller**e-mail: ibmsjrc@hotmail.com**June 16, 2005****Membership History**

Year	May	June
1995	1516	1525
2004	2053	2064
2005	2065	2072

New Members

Hoan "Andy" Au
Pravin Lathigara
Emiko "Amy" Roth

...
plus 3 others

In Memoriam

Jan Dias
Richard Morgan
Bob Pattison
Virginia Price

IBM Retirement Club Web Site:**www.sjpc.org/sjrc**

The current month's newsletter is available at the web site above **before you get it in the mail**. It is there by about the first of the month. Click on **Newsletters** when you get to the web site. The newsletter is in PDF format and can be viewed, saved and/or printed with the free Adobe Reader program. If you don't have it, you can download it from the Adobe web site.

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Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, July 21, 2005
10:00 am,

Hitachi/IBM Cottle Rd. Cafeteria,
Bldg 011, West Room

Change of Address

If your address label is incorrect, or you have moved or are planning to move, please inform Ed Mueller, the Membership Director.

Send your new address and phone number by mail, e-mail or call the club answering machine:
408 256-6364.

Mail: send to:

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e-mail: ibmsjrc@hotmail.com**Sunshine Report**

Martha Jenkins finished her chemotherapy treatments and is feeling better every day. Her husband, **Hal Jenkins**, had a back operation and is doing a lot better now. It was quite a winter for both of them.

Bob Carter sounds a lot better than the first time I talked with him. He had throat surgery. Bob, you will get your regular voice back soon.

I know there are a lot of you folks that don't feel too well and you have good and bad days. Hey, we all have some of those. The good times are a coming. Hang in there. You are gonna start to feel a lot better really soon.

If you or someone you know is under the weather, let me know.

Topsy Thompson,
the Sunshine Lady!!
(408) 377-4314

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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
July 11, 2005	Indian Casino: River Rock Sold Out		12	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 12, 2005	PC Club: Creating Web Pages with HTML		10	Walt Cole	972-1178
July 12, 2005	Benicia Glass Sold Out	2	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
July 13, 2005	Adopt-a-Highway Not Sold Out		9	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
July 15, 2005	Hike: Big Basin Park		10	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
July 21, 2005	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting	1	2	Ina Havens	847-4793
July 31 - Aug 5, 2005	Truckee Big Hike #1		--	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Aug 3-4, 2005	Hot August Nights - Reno Sold Out		--	Ernie & Shirley Veal	224-3584
Aug 11, 2005	Adopt-a-Highway		9	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Aug 21 - 26, 2005	Truckee Big Hike #2		--	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
Sep 11-13, 2005	Reno -- Circus Circus		5	Glen & Ruth Furlong	378-8226
Sep 20, 2005	Sonoma Canines & Marine Mammals Sold Out	2	6	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Sep 28 - Oct 3, 2005	Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta		4	Ernie & Shirley Veal	224-3584
Oct 3, 2005	Indian Casino: Chukchansi		12	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 4, 2005	20th Annual IBM Retirement Club Meeting		1	Ina Havens	847-4793
Oct 8, 2005	Fleet Week In San Francisco Bay	3	6	John & Alice Czerniec	*8 224-6230
Oct 10-21, 2005	New England & Canada Cruise (QCC)		10	Hal Calkins	267-6699
Oct 18, 2005	Bocce & Lunch		6	George & Carole Walker	268 7623
Nov 2-15, 2005	Thailand		4	George & Carole Walker	268 7623
Nov 7-14, 2005	Disney World Orlando		5	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Nov 20, 2005	Teatro Zinzanni, San Francisco		6	Bud & Phyllis Souza	371-2959
Dec 1-4, 2005	Christmas with the Rockettes (QCC)		10	Hal Calkins	267-6699
Dec 10, 2005	Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Show		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 24 - Apr 8, 2006	China		5	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275

TAR: Trip Activity Rating

- 1 Limited walking & activity
- 2 Walking limited to facilities within approximately 1 block to hotels & bus
- 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 Trips

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta & Northern New Mexico September 28 – October 3, 2005

Come with us to the International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque and tour famous sites in New Mexico. At the Balloon Fiesta, we will witness the mass ascension of over a thousand hot air balloons. That night, we will witness the Balloon Glow and then the After-Glow fireworks show.

While we are in the area, we will visit Taos with buildings dating back to fourteenth century and enjoy the Feast of San Geronimo. You will visit El Santuario De Chimayo, a church famous for healing earth. It is called the "Lourdes of the Southwest".

While in Santa Fe for three nights we will tour many interesting museums and historical sites. Tours will include some old mining towns and the Petroglyph National Monument. At this monument, you will get glimpses into a 12,000-year-long story of human life in the area.

On the way back to Albuquerque we will visit the Acoma Pueblo, known as "Sky City". It is on a mesa at 7,000 feet and is the oldest continuously inhabited settlement in the United States. In Albuquerque, we will have a sightseeing tour that includes Historic Route 66 and the University Campus.

Trip includes: Airfare, deluxe motorcoach with refreshments, full time guide, all gratuities and admissions, 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners.

Price is \$1585/person – Double Occupancy
\$350 Single Supplement.

Deposit - \$350.00; Final payment due June 23, 2005

For a reservation and brochure, contact
Ernie or Shirley Veal
(408) 224-3584, or ecveal@juno.com

Last Opportunity To Hear Overview

Kingdom of Thailand November 2 - 15, 2005

\$2,139 per person, 14 days ALL Inclusive

All Air, Hotels, Tips, Insurance, Departure Taxes
Most Meals

Information Meeting

Wednesday, August 17, 2005, 2:30 PM

Mama Mia's, 200 E. Hamilton Ave., Campbell

This is a remarkable trip that is priced at 2002 rates! Fourteen days in Thailand, including roundtrip air, internal flights, hotels, tips, insurance, transfers, departure taxes and most meals for **\$2,139.00!!** We will spend 5 days in Bangkok enjoying leisure time for shopping at the famous tailor shops, cottage industries and the famous Chuiang Mai Night Market. We will experience a dinner cruise on the Chao Praya River and learn the art and history of this exotic and beautiful country. A flight to Chiang Mai brings us to the "Rose of the North" for 6 more days where we will see local artisans, visit an orchid farm and watch the elephants of the famous Maesa Elephant Camp work. In Chiang Mai we will enjoy a cooking demonstration and then enjoy the food. A visit to the Hill Tribe Museum and a visit to their villages will be another highlight of the trip.

This trip is designed to allow for multiple night stays in order to enjoy a leisurely pace.

Also, offered are pre and post trips, which are very exciting and reasonably priced. The pre-trip is a 4 day, 3 night visit at the majestic Angkor Wat, Cambodia with its ornate temples, beautiful landscapes and an exciting elephant trek. The cost is all-inclusive at \$699.00 per person. The post trip, of 6 days and 5 nights, is equally valued and exciting to Vietnam! You will visit Hanoi with its many unique areas of history and culture. You will understand why Halong Bay has been named a World Heritage Site when you take the cruise among the picturesque islands and see the amazing rock formations.

An informational presentation will be held at Mama Mia's, 200 E. Hamilton Ave, Campbell, on Wednesday, August 17, 2:30 pm. Please come join us for dessert and learn about this exciting and well-priced trip. If you would like a flier about it,

Contact:

George Walker at 268-7623

Travel Trips

Summertime Sensation Circus Circus 2 Night Trip To Reno September 11-13, 2005

Price \$97.00/ Per Person, Double Occupancy
\$35.00 Single Supplement

Casino Bonus over \$35.00
\$28.00 Cash/Slot Credit
\$2.00 Food Credit
Breakfast Buffet

Tour Features Include:

Motorcoach Transportation &
Luggage Handling
Two Nights Accommodations at the
Circus Circus Hotel Casino

Area Casino Stops

For a Flyer and more information

**Contact Glen or Ruth Furlong
(408) 378-8226**

email: GFurlongSr@aol.com
1235 Walnut Drive
Campbell, CA 95005-6505

Trip reservations are confirmed in the order
payments are received.

All money's are due by August 15, 2005.

Disney World Magic & Orlando November 7-14, 2005

If you have ever dreamed about a magical vacation experience, this is the year to make the dream come true on our tour to the Walt Disney World Resort in November.

This wondrous World-within-a-world includes over 47 square miles of Disney theme parks, world class recreation, and the themed resort hotels to suit every taste. We will have the convenient unlimited Magic Pass which gives us the freedom to visit any Disney Theme Park whenever we like during our stay in Orlando. We'll visit EPCOT center, an entire world built on imagination and discovery. This is the place where 11 countries sit side-by-side. A place where your imagination is set free. We will experience tomorrow's breakthroughs today.

The secret to enjoying the size and complexity of Disney World is planning ahead. We have done that for you through a dozen visits to the resorts over the years. Come along with us to the "Happiest Place on Earth."

Tour features include:

- Round trip transportation from San Jose to Orlando
- Eight nights, first class accommodations
- Hosted breakfast daily and two hosted dinners
- Five-day Park Hopper pass at Disney World
- Tour of the Kennedy Space Center
- One day admission to Universal Studios-Orlando
- All tips and gratuities & motorcoach transportation

Price: \$1905 per person

For brochure, contact:

Ron or Heidi Harlan, 266-7639

China - Far East Treasures

March 24 - April 8, 2006

Experience 16 days seeing China and cruising the Yangtze river. Starting in Beijing and ending in Shanghi, view such wonderful sights as the Forbidden City, The Summer Palace, the Great Wall, the Terra Cotta warriors, Three Gorges dam, the Li River and the Guilin landscape, the big Wild Goose pagoda, Qutang Gorge, the Bund in Shanghi, Shanghi Museum and a Giant Panda Zoo.

Be entertained by Chinese acrobats and the Tang Dynasty opera, enjoy a delicious Dumpling Banquet and a Peking Duck dinner, plus enjoy 4 nights aboard a 5 star luxury ship. Luxury hotels throughout as you view the treasures of China, with ample time for individual shopping and sightseeing in Beijing and Shanghi.

The trip is almost all inclusive and much like that taken by some IBM retirees in 2003. Visas are required for China and can be obtained in San Francisco. A TAR of 3. Price for double occupancy is \$2949. A Hongkong extension is available.

For brochures or more information:

Contact:

George or Isobel Nale
779-4275 or at geoandizn@cs.com

Day Trips

Sonoma Canines & Marine Mammals

Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Trip Activity rating-2

The trip will start at the Assistance Dog Institute in Santa Rosa, where you will tour the training facility. Assistance Dog is an educational and research institution concentrating on teaching and researching ways to "help dogs help people" Assistance Dogs help people with disabilities be more self-sufficient. They "see" for the seeing impaired, "hear" for the hearing impaired; offer mobility for the physically disabled: offer therapy and love to the lonely and sick. During the tour you will visit classes in session, meet the staff and have hands on experience with the dogs.

Lunch will be at Joseph's in the Hotel La Rosa which is one of the most historic properties in the wine country. Then on to the Marine Mammal Center which is situated on a windswept headland outside San Francisco's Golden Gate. Established in 1975, the center is a private, non-profit organization licensed to rescue and rehabilitate sick and injured marine mammals.

Tour Includes:

Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities, Hosted lunch

All this for \$74.00 per. person

These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

For reservation information,

Contact:

**Madeline or Bill Souza at (408) 356-6280 or
bsouza6280@aol.com**

Fleet Week In San Francisco Bay

Saturday, October 8, 2005

Fleet week is back with "The Blue Angels" precision flying team. Come join us aboard "Celebrations on the Bay Cruise" for a great view of the fleet in San Francisco Bay and the fly-over by the Blue Angels. This is a double deck cruise ship with seating on the lower and top deck.

This tour includes:

- Round trip transportation from building 109 Hitachi/IBM plant site. Board bus at 11:15 am.
- A three (3) hour cruise on the Bay, 1-4 pm
- A Deli lunch on board our cruise ship, 1:30 pm
- Blue Angel Air Show, weather permitting, 3 pm.
- A no host bar
- All gratuities and commissions.

The total cost is just \$95 Each. Call now to reserve your place as this trip will fill up quickly. Trip activity rating 3.

Contact:

John or Alice Czerniec

(408) 224-6230 Dial *8 first then the number to prevent your call from being blocked.

e-mail: jjern@earthlink.net

Bocce Players Needed

Tuesday, October 18, 2005, 11:30 AM

Campo Di Bocce

565 University Ave., Los Gatos

Everyone who attends has a great time so....come join us for food and fun and friends playing the ageless game of bocce. The game of bocce is easy and fun. It is not strenuous and takes no previous experience. Again we will enjoy the cuisine of Italy with antipasti, appetizers, gourmet pizza and dessert. We require a minimum of 32 players. Sign up early as this event fills up quickly. Cost is \$27.00 per person for both food and fun! Send your reservation along with your check made out to **George Walker, 6063 Burnbank Place, San Jose, CA 95120** to secure your spot

Contact: **George Walker, 268-7623**

Teatro Zinzanni

Sunday, November 20, 2005

San Francisco

Live music and a gourmet five course meal. Every show is a unique experience. The show breaks new artistic territory with this intoxicating blend of interactive theatre, spectacle, fine arts and fine dining, put together for a memorable evening. You will quickly discover that the entertainment is not confined to the stage as European clown characters engage, amuse and entertain the entire room. Motorcoach, show & dinner all for only \$135. per person. Reserved seating is limited to 40. So don't wait!

Call for "check payable to:" info:

408 377-6094 or 371-2959

Bud or Phyllis Souza

2511 Ontario Dr.

San Jose, CA 95124

Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Spectacular

Saturday, December 10, 2005

The day begins in the Gold Rush town of Jamestown. After lunch, you will enjoy the fabulous "Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Spectacular", at the Sierra Repertory Theatre. This holiday sequel to the hugely popular "Honky Tonk Angel" continues the comic escapades of three good ole country gals as they re-unite for a Christmas show like none other at "The Hillbilly Club" in Nashville.

Included: Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities, Hosted Lunch

All this for \$75.00 per person

Contact: **Topsy Thompson at (408) 377-4314 or
topray4314@cs.com**

SeniorNet Courses Start Again in August

A new session of computer courses given by SeniorNet starts in August. The classes are fun, tailored for seniors, with a great deal of support from the instructor and coaches. Most classes meet for about 2 hours once a week for 8 weeks. In the Fundamentals course, you learn the basics. And there are a variety of intermediate courses covering various computer applications: Internet, e-mail, word processing, file and folder management, Windows XP, digital image editing, creating a story with your digital photos with music and narration (MS Photo Story 3), etc.

If you are interested, call one of the phone numbers below. Your name will be added to that Learning Center's mailing list and you will receive a brochure containing course descriptions and schedule as well as instructions for registering for the courses.

Local SeniorNet Computer Learning Centers

Cypress SeniorNet Learning Center of San Jose

408-244-1353, 403 South Cypress Ave., (south of Stevens Creek Blvd., east of San Tomas Expy, next registration:

July 27-29, 2005

SeniorNet Learning Center of Almaden, 408-268-1703, temporarily in the Vineland Library, 1450 Blossom Hill Road, west of Meridian, next registration: **July 23, 2005**

The Willows SeniorNet Learning Center, 408-448-6400

2175 Lincoln Ave. (just north of Curtner), next registration: **July 23, 2005**

For more information, visit the SeniorNet Learning Centers of San Jose web site, www.snicsj.org and then click on one of the 3 center location buttons.

Contact: Walt Cole 408 972-1178 opawalt@pacbell.net

Eyeglasses Report

At our annual picnic we collected **156** pairs of glasses, **9** pairs of lenses and a magnifying glass with a handle.

Some keys were attached to a leather strap in one bag of glasses. If you are missing these keys please call me.

From the "One More Time" bowling league, **2** more pairs of glasses were turned in.

Three phone calls produced **16** pairs of eyeglasses.

Earlier this year **60** pairs were given at the Pasta Fest, and **62** came in from various folks during the first two months of the year.

So the total number is **305** pairs of eyeglasses and lenses so far in 2005!

Thanks to everyone for all these eyeglasses donations. It's all for a good cause.

Contact:
Betty Bottoni
377-8593

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

My name is Lenoir Dinga and my husband, Rudy, was a long time employee of IBM.

I recently had an experience that I thought I would share with other IBM retirees. It was taking a class at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute associated with San Jose State University. I enjoyed a class in the program and found it interesting and illuminating. This is a new program only two years old at SJSU. Courses are offered 4 times a year, each season. Fall classes start in September. These classes are exclusively for those of us who are over 50. There are no tests or pressure in these classes. The students that take classes are there because they want to learn. Classes are given in many different subject areas, too many to mention here. But almost anyone would find something of interest to them. Costs are reasonable, even for a retiree.

If you are interested, please visit the following web site: <http://iesweb.sjsu.edu/profdev/osher/index.html>
If that is too much to type (I think it is) type "osher" and "sjsu" into Google and the top search result should take you to the same URL.

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Susan McGough, Director 408 519-1279

Regards,
Lenoir F. Dinga

IBM Club

IBM Club Discounts

Great America Friends & Family Picnic Days July 23 or 24, 2005

Summer's here and so is the fun! Boomerang Bay is three times the size and the IBM Club Great America Friends & Family Picnic Days is three times the smiles! Choose either Saturday, July 23 or Sunday, July 24 -- whichever day suits your schedule the best! Get your tickets now to this dynamite day in the sun for only \$17, which includes all the great attractions at the park and a scrumptious all-you-can-eat BBQ meal. And we're talking serious BBQ here! BBQ ribs and chicken, hot dogs, tortellini pasta, green salad and Baja bean salad -- ice cream and sodas too! The salads are veggie friendly and vegetarian pasta primavera in place of meat is available upon request at the time of ticket purchase. Already have your VIP card? No problem, a meal only ticket is available for you at only \$7! Discount parking is available for \$5. Deadline to purchase these tickets is July 20th. Limit six per employee.

AMC Movie passes

\$5.50 each; no limit. They never expire

Cinelux Movie passes

\$8.00 for 2 admissions. No limit, never expire.

Universal Studios Southern California

Gate price: \$49.75 under 48": \$39.75

IBM Club price: one day ticket: \$41.00

Disneyland

Gate price: \$53.00 3-9 years: \$43.00

IBM Club price: \$47.70 3-9 years: \$38.70

Legoland any day tickets

Gate price: \$45.95

IBM Club price: \$30.95

Bonfante Gardens

Gate price: \$34.99 3-6 years: \$24.99

Season: \$67.99

IBM Club price: \$15.00 Season: \$59.99

**Payment by check or money order only,
no cash, no credit cards.**

**Checks or money orders should be
made payable to IBM Club**

Ticket Hours:

Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am-1:00pm

(San Jose Site: Bldg. 50 lobby)

IBM Club Office Contacts:

Valerie Cowing - 463-2462

Frank Vitale - 463-2455

On Demand Community

Does your favorite charity or school need computer equipment or money to help ensure the success of an important project? As a qualifying active volunteer, you can help make it happen through the IBM Community Grants program!

The Community Grants program provides funding and IBM products to eligible community organizations and schools where IBM retirees are active volunteers and supporters of specific projects, and are registered participants in the IBM On Demand Community. It's a great way for retirees to extend their desire to help a favorite school or charity even further. Here's how to participate:

- If you're registered with the On Demand Community, check to make sure you have enough qualifying hours volunteering with the organization you want to help.
- If you qualify, visit the Community Grants Web site to request a grant.
- If your organization is not already listed, fax or mail a copy of its IRS 501(c)(3) tax exemption documentation to:

Ken Barnett

IBM Corporate Community Relations - Western Area

400 N. Brand Boulevard, Suite 800

Glendale, CA 91203

818-539-3379

FAX 845-432-0496

Not yet registered with On Demand Community? Get registered now so you can start logging volunteer hours leading to your chance to be part of the Community Grants program. This year's program is active until November, 2005 or until grant allocations are depleted.

Go to the club's web site and click on the link "IBM On Demand Community" you will find in the left navigation pane. There you can register as a volunteer. Then you can sign in and record your hours.

The club's web site: www.sjpc.org/sjrc/

IBM Employee/Retiree Discount Web Site

There is a web site that IBM employees and retirees can use to obtain discounts on a wide variety of products from many companies. Included are discounts on a wide variety of IBM PCs. But everything from home electronics to auto insurance is offered. A few of the sites seem to be for employees only, but most can be used by retirees. There are so many things offered that it seems overwhelming. The discounts on many items are not enormous, and may be available via AARP or AAA, etc. But you will have to compare carefully to find out for sure. If you are interested, go to the following URL.

www.beneplace.com/ibmer/

Adopt-A-Highway

Thursday, June 9, 2005

Welcome **Pat Falkowski** and **Alicia Juarez** who had safety orientation on Wednesday and started their litter collecting careers the next day. Their enthusiasm and energy is a great addition to our pool of volunteers. Alicia's quote after the clean: "I enjoy it very much, the people and the work, and it is very well organized" and Pat's quote "I second her motion, I had a great time and I like my new helmet".

Opportunity: During June and July we are giving safety orientations to 9 prospective volunteers. If you are interested just call or e-mail us. You do not have to clean every month, we ask that you go out about 4 times in a year. Our club and Caltrans furnish all the gear you will need. There are areas that we clean that are not close to traffic. Health tip: 2347 steps were registered on a fitness pedometer used by one volunteer during the clean.

Law & Order: We are still interfacing with the law. John Czerniec found a counterfeit 20 dollar bill. Here's what you do if you get a suspected counterfeit bill: take it to the bank, the bank fills out a counterfeit note report for the Secret Service under the Treasury Department, you and the bank employee initial the counterfeit bill, the bank surrenders (mails) the note to the Secret Service on the same day it is received. What a surprise for the secret service when they read the section called remarks: "this bill was found by a litter pickup volunteer on Highway 85N near Santa Teresa off ramp". Pat Falkowski found a homemade knife with a masking tape handle! Thankfully the highway patrol picked it up as it was a nerve racking item to be near. Picture below.

Nature: we were in "weed heaven," oodles of foxtails tried to find homes in everyone's clothes and socks. Where 87 joins 85N, one weed was taller than Howard Hansen (he's 6 ft.) who then found a nest with 2 little white eggs hidden in nearby weeds at Santa Teresa off ramp.

Lost & Found: A sizeable water leak in irrigation system (notified proper agency), Mexican government ID card (turned over to CHP), 2 Christmas cards, gift bag, wrapping paper, and ribbon (somebody was preparing for Christmas), court papers for a lawsuit, orientation manual for CHP academy (turned over to CHP), new moldy-from-rain T-shirt (size 3 toddler), 2 different credit cards, 5 red shop rags, a fairly new muffler that looked like it left its car by exploding, somebody lost their marble, wet box of screws, Oakgrove school district employee ID card, Bosch titanium coated drill bit in original package, usual assortment of rubber gloves, and 3 hub caps.

Freebies: Mark your calendars now for the Retirement Club's annual meeting Tuesday, October 4, 2-4 pm in Bldg. 55 cafeteria and drop by our exhibit. We will have one ladies' gold heavy chain bracelet with a dangling heart, engraved "Juicy Lady," that we will give away. There may be other items you can adopt.

Money: 2 one dollar bills, quarter, dime, several pennies, Chuckie Cheese token and the phony twenty dollar bill. 12 volunteers -- 24 bags; 1460 bags in four years

Schedule: meet in **VTA Parking lot 8:45 AM**
Wednesday, July 13, 2005, second Wednesday
Thursday, August 11, 2005, second Thursday

Contact:

Doug & Evelyn Dean 408-264-9502
dougnevie@comcast.net

Callers: Alice Czerniec **224-6230**
Barbara Pugh **265-2466**

Late News: Four more volunteers just completed Safety Orientation: **Bruce Henry, Sallye Henry, Al Arabia** and **Tracy Zumbahlen**.



Hikes

Big Basin – Buzzard's Roost Hike

Friday, July 15, 2005, 10:00 AM

This month we'll travel to beautiful Big Basin State Park for a challenging hike to Buzzard's Roost. Big Basin, California's oldest state park, was established in 1902. Its 18000 acres are home to the largest continuous stand of ancient Coast redwoods south of San Francisco. The park has a wide variety of environments, ranging from lush canyon bottoms to parched chaparral slopes.

The hike is an out and back route of about 5 miles. We rate the hike as moderately strenuous, as there is a 1,000-foot elevation gain and several sections will require a scramble over rock formations. At the top (2,150 feet) there are panoramic and unobstructed views, and large rock formations to explore. After the climb up, we'll all be plenty hungry so this will be our lunch stop. Once we have finished the hike, you may want to walk the ½ mile Redwood Trail which is near the visitor center and parking lot. Be sure to wear sturdy hiking boots and bring trekking poles if you have them. You will need the traction while climbing up the rocks. Bring your lunch and plenty of water.

We will meet at 10 AM in the parking lot directly across the street from the Visitor Center. Note that there is an entrance fee for each vehicle, which you can purchase at the Center. To get to the park, travel north on highway 85 and exit at Saratoga Avenue. Turn left on Saratoga Ave. Stay on Saratoga Ave. through the village of Saratoga, the street turns into CA 9. Follow CA 9 west until you reach CA 236 (about 14 miles). Drive about 9 miles to the park headquarters.

Carpoolers should meet at the Camden park and ride (Camden and Highway 85) at 8:30 AM. See you there!

Contact: **Gil or Julie Feller, 247-6769**

PC Club Meeting Tuesday, July 12, 5:00 PM, SVL

Lawrence Doutherd, Club member, will give a presentation on how to read, write, and use HTML (hypertext markup language) tags for creating or maintaining your own web pages. Please bring your own lap top if you have one for some hands on instructions. The primary tags used will be identified, and some tips to use when constructing pages will be given. If you are running windows, all you need to construct and edit the files is Notepad. Also some helpful HTML URL's will be identified.

See the PC Club web site for directions:
www.sjpc.org

Contact for questions:
Walt Cole 972-1178 or opawalt@pacbell.net

IBM Quarter Century Club Activities

For those of you that had 25 years of IBM service, you are also a member of the IBM Quarter Century club. They have a web site at **www.sjqcc.com** and their email address is **qcclub@us.ibm.com**. They have events planned that might be of interest to you and are open to not only QCC members, but their friends as well.

- 1) Cruise around New England & Canada, Oct. 10-21
- 2) Christmas with the Rockettes, Dec. 1-4, 2005

Contact:
Hal Calkins
calkinshouse@att.net or (408-267-6699)

RV Camping Club

The IBM Camping Club (Krazy Kampers) is open to all IBM retirees. For a review of the camping schedule go to the website:

www.sjpc.org/camping/

Contact: **Ernie Veal,**
(408) 224-3584, ecveal@juno.com



Annual Club Picnic

Again we had 400 club members and friends attending this years annual event. The success of this event was due to following volunteers:

Terry Milinic and her registration team.

Gil and Pam Wuebker- Database and name tags

Wanda Hammers, Jim and LaNell Byram

Ron and Heidi Harlan and their food servers.

Madeline Souza, Pat Baio, Sam & Olga Walters, Christina Anhorn,
Shirley Stowell, Mort & Alba Sherin, Gino & Betty Bottoni, Isobel Nale,
Bill and Karen Bartz, and Gwen Davis

Getting donations for prizes:

Topsy Thompson, Shirley Stowell, Helen Wehner, Ed Henschel and Glen Furlong, Ron Harlan,
Madeline Souza, Cliff Havens, Nadine Knoth, and Andy LaScola.

Topsy's Bingo team--Bev Turner, Nancy Bowers, Mitzi Stewart,

Hank & Jeannie Riley, and Shirley Snyder

Jim Riley - for leading the walk at the park.

Ernie Veal -- horseshoe contest.

Andy LaScola and his closest to the Pin golf team.

Don Johnson, Otto Hampel, and Jack Fritch

Sam Baio - for the early morning goodies and table setup materials.

Ed Klaus and his setup and cleanup teams.

Evelyn & Doug Dean—Bringing the History Binders

Ed Mueller—Checking out the sound system

As well as all those who stepped in to help where needed.

Donations:

Starbucks Coffee—At Almaden and Curtner for donating all the coffee, condiments and cups as well as gift certificates.

Following Merchants who donated Gift certificates:

Deepcliff and Laguna Seca Golf Courses, Ridgemark Golf & Country Club, Boulder Creek Country Club, C.B.Hannegans, Marie Calendars on Meridian, Willow Street Pizza in Los Gatos, Bucco DiBeppo, Red Lobster, Coco's, Goodies, Union Nails, Taste of China, The King's Head, Sonoma Chicken Coop, Effies, Domino's Pizza-Branham Lane, City Diner, Oakridge Bowling, Cambrian Bowl, Elephant Bar, Sam's BBQ, Fresh Choice, and Trader Joes.

Joan Yoder - Tapestries

As you can see it takes a lot of people to make this event a success and to continue to offer our members an opportunity to visit and see old friends. If anyone is interested in helping next year or has suggestions,

Contact:

Bill Souza—(408)356-6280 or bsouza6280@aol.com

Bowling

One More Time League at Oakridge Lanes 2005 Summer League June 15, 2005

I predict keen competition for this year's summer league as Team #6 and Team #10 square off with 12 wins and 4 losses.

Team # 6
Doug Turner, Ruth Furlong,
Gen Furlong, Bev Turner

Team # 10
Barbara Pugh, Jim O'Neill,
Chila Miller, Eddie Fahrner

The rest of the pack is right on their heels-separated by 1-3 games.

Standings

Men

High Scr. Game	High Scr. Series
287-Bill Jueng	682-Bill Jueng
264-George Zagelow	671-George Zagelow

High Hdcp Game	High Hdcp Series
290-Bill Jueng	728-George Zagelow
283-George Zagelow	701-Sal Garcia

High Average
212-George Zagelow
208-Bill Jeung

Women

High Scr. Game	High Scr. Series
203-Faye Fritz	542-Faye Fritz
194-Ann Wilson	530-Chila Miller

High Hdcp Game	High Hdcp Series
234-Chila Miller	659-Chila Miller
227-Faye Fritz	631-Ruth Furlong

High Average
175-Faye Fritz
162-Ann Wilson

George Zagelow, our President, is certainly making a name for himself in the world of bowling. George had been bowling for 40 years--took a ten year hiatus and returned to bowling by joining the One More Time league last year. By practicing up a storm, George has returned to top form.

Good for you, George! We're all proud of you and happy to be bowling along side of you.

If you would like to join our league, there's always room for one more. Wednesday mornings at 9:30 A.M. Call **Ann Wilson** at **269-1894** or Sue Erlich at Oakridge Lanes at **578-8500**.

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

June 2, 2005 - We finally got to play on a great sunny day. 26 golfers showed up. Format for the day was Low Putts. Winners were.

Men

1st - Lupe Rodriguez - 27
2nd - Jim Betz - 29
John Cabri - 29
3rd - Jerry Condensa - 30
Larry Rosseland - 30
4th - Don Johnson - 31
Gino Bottoni - 31

Women

1st - DeeDee Corral - 34
2nd - Helen Brock - 36
3rd - Kathy Harrington - 39
4th - Kelly Moore - 40
Pat Viallet - 40

No one got closest to the pin on the #10 hole. Better luck in July. The format will be 4 Clubs and a Putter. Don't forget.

The next dates are Thursdays, July 7 and August 4. **We tee off at 10:30 am, sharp. Please be there by 10:00 am to sign in and to pick up your lunch coupon from Helen.** Please send your check for \$22 **15 days in advance** of our golf date (or sooner) to:

Helen Wehner
1561 Park Crest Ct.
San Jose, CA 95118

Or call Helen to let her know you'd like to play that day. Sign ups will be on a first-come-first-serve basis, since there is a limited number of players allowed. Make your check out to the "IBM Retirement Club" and on the memo line write "Short 18 Hole Golf". Handicaps will be figured out after you have golfed at Deep Cliff. If it rains, call the golf course to find out if we have cancelled. Phone 253-5357, extension 5. Also, remember golf at Deep Cliff is on a first come-first serve basis so get your checks in to Helen **right away**.

Happy Golfing from **Clara, Helen and DeDe**

Contacts: Helen Wehner	264-6296
DeDe Corral	378-6470
Clara De Paul	294-7041

Indian Casino Trips in 2005

July 11 -- River Rock,
\$27 with \$20 refund (\$15 cash, \$5 food)
Sold Out

October 3 -- Chukchansi,
\$23 with \$10 for slots and \$5 for food

Contact: **Topsy Thompson 377-4314 or**
Topray4314@cs.com

Par Tee Golf

Contact: Andy La Scola @ (408) 371-3329 or alascola@earthlink.net

Rancho Canada-West June 13, 2005 The "Shots of the Day" go to Jay Myers & Bill Avery. On Hole #16, a 140 yard par three, Jay hit his ball to $\frac{3}{4}$ " **from the hole**. You can't get much closer than that, and still miss a hole-in-one! On hole #15, a 366 yard par 4, Bill knocked his ball into the cup from 140 yards out for "birdie"! Great shots, Jay and Bill! We had a nice turnout of 55 golfers. The format of play was "Two Best Ball Foursome". Here are the results:

<u>Place/Score</u>	<u>Team</u>			
1 / 114	Larry Rosseland	Ray Jelesky	Leroy Wallace	Greg Johnston
2 / 116	Gino Bottoni	Sam Walters	Bill Kurtz	Jim Stonehouse
3 / 117	Don Johnston	Carl Mendel	Tom Siljander	Ralph Lyle
Closest-To-Pin #3	#7		#11	
<u>Men</u>	Nick Nomm	Ralph Lyle	Rich Hiser	Jay Myers
	2' 4"	6' 6"	3' 10"	0' $\frac{3}{4}$"
	Tom Thielbar	Phil Nielson	Ryan Stein	Don Johnson
	4' 8"	10' 2"	4' 9"	4' 10"
	Jerry Condensa	Bill Avery	Lou Tolbert	Jim McGuire
	15' 11"	44' 0"	10' 10"	7' 6"
<u>Ladies</u>	Gloria Nigg		Marge Condensa	Kathy La Scola
	27' 0"		16' 5"	31' 1"
			Carol McGuire	
			26' 6"	

There were sixteen bogey golfers, (gross score of 89 or better), and they are: Jim McGuire 79; Jay Myers 80; Rich Hiser 81; Lou Tolbert & Gill Maes 84; Dale Westen, Mike Higginbotham & Bill Avery 85; Nick Nomm & Pat Arnett 86; Dick Sanfilippo & Don Johnson 87; Ryan Stein, Jerry Condensa, Gino Bottoni & Carl Mendel 89. Congratulations to all the winners.

Looking ahead at our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
July 18	Boulder Creek	\$35.00/June 29	Soft spikes required-Format = 1-2-3
August 15	Poppy Hills	\$75.00/June 29	Includes cart-soft spikes required- <i>Bob Slater Memorial</i> -individual play
<u>Note---I must send in payment by July 5---Get your payment in early!!! No Cancellations!!!</u>			
Sep. 12	Coyote Creek-Valley	\$55.00/July 27	Includes cart-soft spikes required-2 best ball foursome
Oct. 10	Pajaro Valley	\$35.00/Sep.21	Soft spikes required-Format = 2 best ball foursome

Notes:

1. The monthly golf schedule for the entire year, can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.sjpc.org/sjrc
2. To join the Par Tee Golf Club, (membership cost is \$45.00), contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send e-mail to: maxdonmar@comcast.net
3. Prices are subject to change. Be sure to check newsletter or web site for latest information.
4. Make all checks payable to **Par Tee Golf**, (not the IBM Retirement Club). 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**

5. Include you 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 four-some, your group may be split up).

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