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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

The 20th Annual Meeting a huge success!!! Over 500 members attended, the food was delicious, the 'history-tellers' were very interesting, and the 'visiting' was great!

Oops!... That was my dream last night. The real information about the Annual Meeting will come in the next newsletter.

IBM is honoring the Cottle Road site's 50 year history in October. If you retired from the Cottle Road site, you are invited to join in the ***Cruisin' Cottle Carnival***. We are asked to "lend" any historical items of the past 50 years for the celebration. If you have any pictures, newspaper articles, or other items, you can contact me. Details lower on this page.

And speaking of history, I recently had a phone call from Caroline Houston regarding the History of San Jose Museum in Kelly Park. She donated some memorabilia about IBM and Registrar Monica Tucker accepted the items with much enthusiasm. Her phone number is 521-5022 if you wish to donate any items.

Some of you have asked me about my sign-off, "Happy Trails", and why I use it. When my youngest daughter was in college she was the DJ of a radio music show on the college station, and a Forum interview show. She always signed off with a cheerful 'Happy Trails.' I just started doing it myself, as it makes me think of my Cindy and smile. I hope it makes you smile also!

Enjoy your autumn, before you know it, winter will arrive.

Happy trails.... Ina Havens

IBM Retiree ID Card

IBM retirees that have lost, or never had, or just cannot find their IBM Retiree ID card can call and get one.

Call the IBM Employee Service Center:
1-800-796-9876.

Celebrate San Jose Innovation at the *Cruisin' Cottle Carnival*

**Thursday, October 20, 2005
11 AM to 4 PM**

IBM San Jose, 5600 Cottle Road, Building 055

Looking for a way to connect with fellow IBMers and celebrate the company's history in the Silicon Valley? We have an event for you! IBM San Jose is honoring the Cottle Road site's 50 year history at the Cruisin' Cottle Carnival and we'd like you to join us.

The carnival will feature a Cottle Road site history exhibit, barbecue lunch, raffle prizes, carnival games, music and more. The event will be 50s theme, so put on your greaser jackets or poodle skirts and join the fun.

RSVP by October 18 to **Frank Vitale 408-463-2455** or
tcsports@us.ibm.com

We can accommodate up to 250 retirees, so please call Frank as soon as you can to reserve your spot. Because space is limited, we ask that attendance is limited to retirees only, however, if you require transportation assistance please let us know, and then we can accommodate a guest transporter.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Thank you so much for the information on the Discount Web Site. We just switched to Sprint for our cell phone service and I knew to ask for the 25% discount for IBM Retirees. It really makes a difference in the monthly cost.

Although I don't live in San Jose, the newsletter is great for information.

Cam Pilcher

See page 9 for the Discount Web Site URL.

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Membership Report**Ed Mueller**e-mail: ibmsjrc@hotmail.com**September 15, 2005****Membership History**

Year	August	September
1995	1546	1548
2004	2071	2073
2005	2082	2085

New Members

John Gemo
Jerry Goshia

In Memoriam

Sheena Bennett
Carol Brown
Joan Higginson
Margaret Robledo
Wayne Schwantz
Hal C. Stephens
Amo Unguvean
Harold Wicklund

Clarification

Mary Di Cambio asked me to clarify the obituary for Edmund and Mildred Di Cambio in the September IBM Retirement Club newsletter. There was confusion over the fact that their deaths occurred some years ago, but I was notified recently without the dates included. Mary and her husband, Ed Jr., are very much alive. I am sorry for any confusion this posting may have caused.

Ed Mueller,
Membership Director.

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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 or e-mail.

Mail: send to:

San Jose IBM Retirement Club
Dept DKTA/F005 SVL
555 Bailey Ave.
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e-mail: ibmsjrc@hotmail.com**Sunshine Report**

Bob Ramirez had 71/2 weeks of radiation for prostate cancer, and now he is going into the hospital again for a knee replacement. Hey Bob, you are going be as good as new. We all wish you the best of luck.

If I have forgotten any one, it might be because I did not know about you. Please let me know if you are sick, or going in for surgery.

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

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.

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Walt Cole
408 972-1178,
opawalt@pacbell.net

Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, October 20, 2005

10:00 am,
Hitachi/IBM Cottle Rd. Cafeteria,
Bldg 011

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Oct 4, 2005	20th Annual IBM Retirement Club Meeting		1	Ina Havens	847-4793
Oct 8, 2005	Fleet Week In San Francisco Bay	3	7	John & Alice Czerniec	224-6230
Oct 10, 2005	Horse Racing - Bay Meadows		7	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Oct 11, 2005	PC Club: Ripping Music, MS WGA		9	Walt Cole	972-1178
Oct 13, 2005	Adopt-a-Highway		9	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Oct 18, 2005	Bocce & Lunch		7	George & Carole Walker	268 7623
Oct 20, 2005	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting	1	2	Ina Havens	847-4793
Oct 21, 2005	Hike: Point Lobos State Reserve		10	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Oct 28, 2005	Walking Cultural Tour DeYoung Museum, San Francisco		14	Fred Grometer	264-9157
Nov 2-15, 2005	Kingdom of Thailand		4	George & Carole Walker	268 7623
Nov 3, 2005	Howard Lewis Big Hike Potluck Dinner		10	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Nov 7-14, 2005	Disney World Orlando		--	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Nov 9, 2005	Adopt-a-Highway		9	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Nov 11, 2005	Hike: Los Gatos Creek Trail		10	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Nov 20, 2005	Teatro Zinzanni, San Francisco		7	Bud & Phyllis Souza	371-2959
Dec 1-4, 2005	Christmas with the Rockettes (QCC)		--	Hal Calkins	267-6699
Dec 10, 2005	Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Show		--	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jan 9, 2006	Indian Casino: Thunder Valley		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 12-14, 2006	Reno Circus Circus Winter Special		4	Glen or Ruth Furlong	378-8226
Mar 24 - Apr 8, 2006	China		4	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Apr 3, 2006	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 6-21, 2006	New Zealand		5	George & Carole Walker	268 7623
Apr 18-27, 2006	America's Canyonlands		5	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
May 1-10, 2006	Russia/Eastern Europe		6	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
June 9-18, 2006	Portland Rose Parade & Canadian Pacific Northwest		6	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
July 10, 2006	Indian Casino: Blackoak		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 20 - Oct 9, 2006	Greek Islands & Beyond		5	Bud & Phyllis Souza	371-2959

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

Kingdom of Thailand

November 2 - 15, 2005

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

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

This is a remarkable trip that is priced at 2002 rates! Fourteen days in Thailand, including round-trip 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

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 Shanghai, 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 Shanghai, Shanghai 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 sight-seeing in Beijing and Shanghai.

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 Hong Kong extension is available.

For brochures or more information:

Contact:

George or Isobel Nale

779-4275 or at geoandizn@cs.com

Reno Circus Circus Winter Special

March 12-14, 2006

Price \$97.00 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement \$27.00
Bonus \$26.00 cash, \$2.00 Food Credit
Motorcoach Transportation, Luggage Handling,
2 Nights Accommodations at the
Circus Circus Hotel Casino, plus Area Casino Stops

Bonus: \$26 Cash & \$2 Food Credit

Reservations are confirmed when we receive your check. Checks are not cashed until after February 12, 2006

For a flyer and reservation form,

Contact:

Glen or Ruth Furlong at (408) 378-8226

or GFurlongSR@aol.com

Travel Trips

Highlights of New Zealand

April 6-21, 2006

A 16 Day Tour of New Zealand in their fall season. Experience the finest New Zealand has to offer: Christchurch, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Mt. Cook Trans-Alpine Express Railway to Franz Josef, Wellington, Rotorua and Auckland.

All inclusive price with tips, transfers and trip cancellation/medical insurance: \$3866.

Post-tour Option

5 Days in Cairns - Highlighting a Catamaran tour to Great Barrier Reef and Kuranda Rail trip to the Aboriginal Cultural Park.

Space on New Zealand and Australia tours is limited to 25 people. Reserve your space before seats are gone. Call for details.

Information Meeting
October 6, 2005 10:00AM
Baker's Square
5055 Almaden Expressway
Almaden Expressway at Route 85

Come listen to the details of this exciting trip and enjoy refreshments.

Contact:

George & Carole Walker, (408) 268-7623

America's Canyonlands,

April 18-27, 2006

Discover the wonders of our Southwest's unique sights and landscapes as we travel through several national parks. Watch the sun set upon the spectacular Grand Canyon's south rim. Admire the stunning rock formations on a tour of Monument Valley. Enjoy a breakfast cruise on sparkling Lake Powell as the sun dances on the colorful rock walls. More splendid sights await us in Utah's Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park. Watch as the sun brings out the vivid colors of the massive formations, heavily sculpted by wind, frost and water over millions of years. Our fun does not stop there...we spend one night at the famous Casa Blanca Resort and Casino in Mesquite, Nevada, and one night at the New York, New York Hotel in Las Vegas!

Tour Features Included:

- Round trip transfers and air from San Jose to Las Vegas
- Deluxe motor coach transportation
- Guides, Gratuities, tips, taxes, and park admissions,
- Hosted breakfast daily, including the breakfast cruise on Wahweap Bay
- Seven hosted dinners

Price \$2185 per person, For a brochure, contact:
Ron or Heidi Harlan – 408-266-7639

Greek Islands & Beyond

September 20 - October 9, 2006

Land and Cruise

Land:

- * Athens, Peloponnese
- * Kalambaka, Monasteries of Meteora
- * Delphi, Oracle site
- * Olympia
- * Nauplia, Corinth, Mycenae & Epidaurus

Cruise:

- * Piraeus
- * Mykonos
- * Kusadasi (for Ephesus), Turkey
- * Patmos, Greece
- * Rhodes
- * Heraklion
- * Santorini

Price & final itinerary will be in the next newsletter.

Call 408-377-6094 or 371-2959 for more info:

Bud & Phyllis Souza

Travel Trips

Russia/Eastern Europe Featuring Moscow, Novgorod, St. Petersburg, Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius, Warsaw, Krakow, Prague and Vienna.

May 1-20, 2006

This tour begins in Moscow, seat of the Great Russian Empire and former homes of the Czars including Catherine the Great. You will view the Kremlin, Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral. Travel northwest to St. Petersburg, often referred to as "Venice of the North." Here you will visit the Hermitage, which houses the many treasures of the Czars. Your coach will take you through Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic and finally Austria. The tour is set at a leisurely pace permitting time to enjoy the culture and atmosphere of the beautiful countries you will be visiting.

Travel Features Include:

- Airport transfers: Cottle Rd. - SFO
- Airfare: SFO/Moscow/Vienna/SFO
- 17-Night Hotel Accommodations
- 32 Hosted Meals: 18 Break, 14 Dinners
- Private Deluxe motor-coach.
- Sight seeing with local guides: Moscow, St. Petersburg, Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius, Warsaw, Krakow, Prague and Vienna.
- Special Features: Red Square, Citadel, Hermitage, Warsaw Ghetto, Jasna Gora Monastery, Hradcany Royal Castle, and Hofburg Palace.
- All admissions to included features.
- Russian Visa.
- Baggage handling throughout for one suitcase per person.
- Sky Cap Tips and gratuities to Tour Director, Local guides and Driver.
- Pre-trip Orientation with Refreshments.

Cost: \$4250 p/p double, \$1075 single supplement, \$3450 Land only.

TAR 4

**Contact: Art & Sharry Dill
(831) 338-3069 ArtHDill@Comcast.net**

Portland Rose Parade and Canadian Pacific Northwest

*Featuring the other Rose Parade,
Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria,
and the New Whistler Mountaineer train*
June 9-18, 2006

Trip Activity rating-2

The trip will start in Portland with a city tour including Pittock Mansion, Chinese Gardens, International Rose Test Gardens, and an evening at the battle of the bands. Will have reserved seats for viewing the Portland Rose Festival and then it's off to the Bonneville Dam for a guided tour and a Sternwheeler Dinner Cruise. On the way to Seattle, there will be a stop at the Mount St. Helen National Park History Center. A Seattle city guided tour will include Pike Place Market, University of Washington, historic Pioneer Square, and Museum of Flight. You will visit La Conner, a 19th Century Victorian fishing village on the way to Victoria for a two day stay and a guided tour including Butchart Gardens, Victoria City tour, and a Whale Search Cruise. Next is Vancouver for a city tour that includes Stanley Park, Chinatown, Gastown, and Capilano Suspension Bridge. The New Whistler Mountaineer Train will take us to the resort town of Whistler.

Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare
- Tour Director
- Motorcoach transportation
- Ferry transportation
- Dailey sightseeing
- Whistler Mountaineer Train
- Hotel transfers and baggage handling
- 9 Breakfasts-6 Dinners
- All Gratuities

Accommodations:

- 2 Nights Portland
- 2 Nights Seattle
- 2 Nights Victoria
- 3 Nights Vancouver

All this for \$1899.00 per person double;
single supplement \$700.00

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

Day Trips

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.

17 seats still available and need to be filled.

Trip activity rating 3.

Contact:

John or Alice Czerniec

(408) 224-6230

e-mail: jjzern@earthlink.net

Horse Racing at Bay Meadows Monday, October 10, 2005

Attention race fans! This could be the last racing season at Bay Meadows! Long rumored, it may happen. They have shortened the season and close in October. We have secured the only date in October open to us, Monday, October 10. All you race fans who thrill to the sight of thoroughbreds racing around the oval with their brightly jacketed jockeys urging them on can once again challenge the odds.

Enjoy the bus ride up, the air conditioned comfort of the Jockey Club, a nice buffet lunch and the chance to win big. Bay Meadows is a beautiful facility and you can pick your winner as you watch them get saddled up, then watch the race trackside or from your table in the clubhouse.

Cost for the trip is \$48 and the weather is usually beautiful. A nice day with exciting races and pleasant company. To sign up:

Contact:

George or Isobel Nale at 779-4275

or send an email to geoandizn@cs.com

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

Indian Casino Trips in 2005/2006

October 3, 2005

Chuckchansi Indian Casino, SOLD OUT

January 9, 2006,

Thunder Valley Indian Casino

Price \$21.00, Bonus \$ 5.00 Match Play, \$5.00 Food

April 3, 2006,

Jackson Rancheria Indian Casino

Price \$26.00, Bonus \$10.00 cash and coupons

July 10, 2006

Blackoak Indian Casino

Price \$17.00, Bonus \$ 5.00 cash and \$5.00, match play and coupons

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

IBM Club

IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes

AMC: \$5.50 each; Cinelux: \$4.50

Regal/United Artists: \$6.00

San Jose IMAX: \$6.50

Great America

Gate price: \$49.99 3-6 years: \$33.99 VIP: \$84.99

IBM Club price: \$25.00 VIP: \$59.99

Parking pass: \$5.00

Raging Waters

Gate price: \$25.99 IBM Club price: \$16.99

Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

Gate price: \$26.95 IBM Club price: \$20.95

Six Flags Marine World

Gate price: \$47.99 IBM Club price: \$22.99

Disneyland

Gate price: \$56.00 3-9 years: \$46.00

IBM Club price: \$50.40 3-9 years: \$41.40

Legoland

Gate price: \$45.95 IBM Club price: \$30.95

Bonfante Gardens

Gate price: \$36.99 3-6 years: \$26.99

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: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

(San Jose Site: Bldg. 50 lobby)

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Valerie Cowing - 463-2462

Frank Vitale - 463-2455

Discount Web Site for IBM Retirees

There is a new web site that IBM retirees can use to obtain discounts on a wide variety of products and services from many companies. Included are discounts on a wide variety of IBM PCs. But everything from home electronics to auto insurance is offered. If you are interested, go to the following URL.

www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/

ECCC Week of Caring

As part of the Employee Charitable Contributions Campaign (ECCC), IBM will participate in a *Week of Caring*. During the week of October 17 - 21, projects will be scheduled at nonprofits all over the Silicon Valley -- you decide how much time you can offer whether it's a couple of hours or a full day. All volunteers receive a t-shirt to wear on the day they participate.

If you are interested in learning more about a project or would like to participate please send me an email at jhernandez@us.ibm.com, and include the Project ID.

- 2335 -- Hospice of the Valley in San Jose, 10/19/05, 9:30 - 1:30 p.m. Painting and wall repair
- 2299 -- Rebekah Children's Services in San Jose, 10/18/05, 9:30 - 3 p.m. Painting/Landscape Clean Up
- 2275 -- YMCA Santa Clara County in Boulder Creek, 10/21/05, 7 - 3 p.m. (lunch provided) Forest Trail Work - reconditioning camp's upper trail.
- 2311 -- Sunnyvale Community Services in Sunnyvale, 10/18, 1 - 3:30 p.m. Packing 800 food bags for low income residents.
- 2353 -- Grail Family Services in San Jose, 10/20/05, 1 - 4:30 p.m. Assist with after school literacy-- prepare materials then work with children on homework.
- 2251 -- Community Family Services in San Jose, 10/18/05, 9 - 12 p.m. & 1 - 4 p.m. (light lunch served) Organize bookbags, set up database for program, and toy/book lending library that needs to be inventoried and organized.
- 2419 -- Sign Language Class in San Jose, 10/18/05, 9 - 12 p.m. Assist in sign language class -- includes prep or materials and classroom, assisting teacher during class, and returning room to order after class.
- 2515 -- Girls Scouts of America in San Jose, 10/18/05, 9 - 1 p.m. General office work -- filing, sorting, shredding, etc.
- 2395 -- South County Housing Corp. in Gilroy, 10/18/05, 8 - 12 p.m. Install stepping stones at Jasmine Square
- 2581 -- Bill Wilson Center in San Jose, 10/19/05, 10 - 2:30 p.m. Assemble shelves and replace bench seats
- 2533 -- Silicon Valley Independent Living Center, 10/21/05, 10 - 4 p.m. Translating descriptions of programs from English to Tagalog
- 2521 -- 2533 -- Silicon Valley Independent Living Center, 10/21/05, 10 - 4 p.m. Translating descriptions of programs from English to Spanish
- Second Harvest Food Bank in San Carlos 10/17/05, 9 - 11 a.m. and 10/18/05, 1 - 3 p.m.
- Guadeloupe River Park & Gardens in San Jose, 10/18/05, 9 - 12 p.m.

Adopt-A-Highway

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

We welcomed Bruce Henry making his debut as a litter warrior. After the clean we asked what he thought about litter gathering; his reply "there are sure a bunch of messy drivers out there!" Bruce found a battered empty suitcase, a bunch of old carpeting, lots of half full bottles of coke, pair of sunglasses without ear pieces, and a 5 gallon bucket (which he filled with trash).

Pillow talk: I think we found evidence of a huge sleepover. In the VTA lot Fred Groppuso found a gazillion pillows, which he stacked in an abandoned easy chair, as Jose Castaneda was finding a pillow, Visa credit card, gas cap, and an unopened can of tuna in the grassy area by the Santa Teresa off ramp. Meanwhile Alicia Juarez finds one of those fancy spinning hub caps and (you guessed it) another pillow, with pillow case, near the Blossom Hill on ramp.

Bob Price found almost enough tools to fill a tool box, just before the 87 to 85N on ramp. Right angle drill, ratchet wrench, thermometer registering 120 degrees F. (although it was cold to the touch), screw extractor, a punch, drill chuck key, torx driver, and too many more to mention. He adopted some of the tools and the rest will be up for adoption at the annual meeting (the great thing about Bob is...he shares). Ruth Price's find were more domestic. She found what could amount to a table centerpiece kit; fluffy white lei, oodles of artificial flowers, green cloth napkin, and a flower pot.

Money found totaled 89 cents and one Mexican peso. \$2.00 from selling Hub cap.

At the end of the day, 14 volunteers had filled 33 **bags**, bringing our total to **1567**.

Update from last month's litter: the fish heads are still there and still smelly.

Schedule: meet in **VTA Parking lot 8:45 a.m.**
Wednesday, October 13, 2005 2nd Thursday
Thursday, November 9, 2005 2nd Wednesday

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Barbara Pugh 265-2466

PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 5:00 PM, SVL

Walt Cole, Club President & SeniorNet Almaden instructor, will give a presentation on audio ripping which is the process of transferring audio data from an audio CD to a hard disk. There are a number of practical uses for ripping. One is to allow the owners of CDs to listen to their purchased music in a more flexible way. For example, ripping can allow users to create CDs of music from a number of different albums--making a CD of favorites. Ripping can also be used to allow music to be played on portable digital audio players. Also, the new "Windows Genuine Advantage" subject which protects against counterfeit software will be discussed.

See the PC Club web site for directions:

www.sjpc.org

Contact for questions:

Walt Cole 972-1178 or opawalt@pacbell.net

Looking for Tutors

Oak Grove High-school is looking for your help! The school has over 3000 students and the need is greater than ever. You choose the subject you would like to tutor in and it is matched up with a student depending of the time/day are you are available. You choose the time and day -- only one hour per week is needed.

For More Information Please Contact:
Linda Davidson, Program Coordinator,
Oak Grove High School
408-347-6547 or davidsonl@esuhsd.org

IBM Club Jazz Band Needs You!

Are you interested in playing jazz music in a Big Band? The IBM Club has a Big Band sub club and is looking for musicians. All IBM employees and retirees are invited to participate.

If you play alto sax, tenor sax, baritone sax, trumpet, trombone, bass trombone, keyboards, drums, or guitar you've come to the right place. If jazz music is your passion and you would like to get together with others who share your interest, please call the bandleader:

Tom Narcisso 408-463-3421.

Weekly practice sessions are held Mondays, 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the Almaden Research Center

Hikes

Point Lobos State Reserve Hike **Friday, October 21, 10:00 AM**

In October we will be visiting a unique environment where the Monterey cypress makes a last stand. The grove at the Reserve is one of only two native stands of these weather-beaten trees in existence.

Point Lobos is a breathtaking meeting of land and sea at the southernmost end of the Monterey Peninsula. The many birds and marine mammals that live in the preserve provide a noisy backdrop to the natural beauty of the area. There are several miles of trails in the Reserve. If we take time to explore all of them, we may be there for quite awhile as there is so much to see. Plan on a leisurely pace – we don't want to miss the harbor seals, sea lions, cormorants, and the wonderful sea otters. The total distance we hike will depend on the wishes of the group. We could go anywhere from two to six miles, but the trails are not difficult. You'll definitely want to bring your binoculars for this hike. A word of warning - poison oak abounds at Point Lobos, so if you are sensitive to it we recommend long pants and long sleeve shirts.

Point Lobos is located three miles south of Carmel just off Highway 1. There is a state park day use fee per vehicle (\$9 including a map). We will meet at 10AM at the Information Station parking lot. From the Reserve main gate, drive until you see a small kiosk with restrooms nearby. There should be adequate parking, but if the lot is full there is additional parking at the Piney Woods picnic area, a short distance from the meeting area. Don't forget lunch and water.

Carpoolers should meet at the Camden park and ride (Camden and Highway 85) at 8:15 AM. See you there!

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

Los Gatos Creek Trail Hike **Friday November 11, 2005 10AM**

This month we'll stick to a paved route and meander down the Los Gatos Creek Trail starting in Campbell. Last time we did this hike, we walked a little over 6 miles in total, stopping by Vasona Lake for lunch. The route is out and back. Those of you who dislike hills will appreciate this trail, as it is flat and easy. Perfect for admiring the scenery and chatting along the way.

We will meet at 10AM at the Campbell Park parking lot. The lot is located just off Campbell Avenue on Gilman. To get there from South San Jose, drive north on Highway 85 to Highway 17 North. Stay in the right lane and exit onto the San Tomas Expressway off ramp. Turn left at the light to enter San Tomas Expressway. Once on the Expressway, you will turn right at Campbell Avenue and continue until you get to Gilman Avenue, where you will turn right. The parking lot is on your left. See you there – be sure to bring your lunch and water.

Carpoolers can meet at 9:30 at the Camden Park and Ride.

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

Hiking Group **'Howard Lewis Big Hike Potluck Dinner'**

Nov 3, 2005, 5:00 PM

Mark your calendars and reserve Thursday Nov 3rd for our annual Big Hike Potluck Dinner. We'll meet, once again, at the Belwood Recreation Center, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos. The Potluck is open to all those who have attended any of the prior Big Hikes, and to anyone who is interested in learning more about our future Big Hikes.

Please contact one of the following to confirm your attendance and let them know if you will be bringing a Hot Dish, Salad, or Desert. Coffee and Tea will be provided. Don't forget to bring your dinner service items along with the pictures you took at Truckee.

Jim or Dottie Riley 268-5482
Email: jrriley@prodigy.net

Gil or Julie Feller 247-6769
Email: jfeller1@ix.netcom.com

Bowling

One More Time League at AMF Oakridge Lanes 2005 Summer League

August 31, 2005 -- Summer Bowling Recap

1st Place: Team 10 went out in style by capturing First place overall! Barbara Pugh, Jim O'Neill, Chila Miller and Eddie Fahrner

2nd Place: Team 9 ran a close second.
Tom Higa, Paul Haughton, Blind and George Zagelow

Individual Achievements

Ladies

Men

High Averages

174-Faye Fritz
160-Ann Wilson
157-Chila Miller

208-George Zagelow
196-Bill Jeung
187-Sal Garcia

High Scratch Game

212-Chila Miller
205-Faye Fritz
204-Ruth Furlong

300-George Zagelow
287-Bill Jeung
237-Sal Garcia

High Scratch Series

566-Faye Fritz
540-Ann Wilson
530-Chila Miller

707-George Zagelow
695-Bill Jeung
644-Sal Garcia

High Handicap Game

259-Mary Jane Canavan
257-Chila Miller
250-Barbara Pugh
250-Mary Brown- age 90

300-George Zagelow
290-Bill Jeung
261-Bill Furnal

High Handicap Series

685-Barbara Pugh
670-Mary Jane Canavan
659-Chila Miller

728-George Zagelow
701-Sal Garcia
695-Bill Jeung

New Elected Officers for Winter League 2005-2006

President: Earl Bower
Vice President: Barbara Pugh
Secretary: Topsy Thompson
Treasurer: Sue Ehrlich (Not on Board)
Sgt At Arms: Wes Berg

Many thanks to Don Creps, who has done a great job, printing and putting our rules together.

So far, 26 teams have signed up for Winter Bowling.

Contacts:

Ann Wilson 408 269-1894

Topsy Thompson 408 377-4314

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

September 1, 2005--This was our Rusty Campbell Tournament and format was individual golf. We had 27 golfers come out for a great day of golf. Winners were:

Men

1st - Don Johnson - 53
2nd - Gino Bottoni - 54
3rd - Dick Gehrer - 57
4th - Lupe Rodriguez-59

Women

1st - DeDe Corral - 58
2nd - Kathy Herrington - 60
3rd - Hughie Cabri - 66
4th - Clara De Paul - 68

Closest to the pin on Hole # 10

Men

1st - Neil Keever - 17' 10"
2nd - Bill Kurtz - 37' 1 "

Congratulations to the two winners of the tournament:
Don Johnson and DeDe Corral

Next dates are Thursdays, October 6 and November 3.
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

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



Par Tee Golf

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

Coyote Creek-Valley Course September 12, 2005. The shot of the day goes to Fran Plummer. On hole number 14, she chipped in a shot from about seventy-five yards out. Nice shot, Fran! The format of play was "Two Best Ball Foursome." We had a nice turnout of 47 players. Here are the results:

<u>Place / Score / Name</u>		<u>Team</u>		
1 / 116	Larry Rosseland	Ray Jelesky	Mel Rodinsky	Fran Plummer
2 / 121	Joe Keever	Neil Keever	Roger Prow	Ron Carter
3 / 122	Jim Betz	Marge Condensa	Joel Quiaoit	Vicki Perez

<u>Closest-To-Pin</u>	<u>#2</u>	<u>#4</u>	<u>#8</u>	<u>#16</u>
<u>Men</u>	Wayne Balling 7' 9"	Ron Carter 5' 3"	Tom Webenbauer 4' 9"	Alex Lilley 8' 9"
	Tom Siljander 12' 9"	Mike Higginbotham 14' 3"	Andy La Scola 5' 5"	Rich Castillo 14' 10"
	Jim Betz 15' 11"	Joel Quiaoit 31' 1"	Pat Arnett 5' 8"	Joe Guerra 24' 4"
<u>Women</u>		Fran Plummer 21' 6"	Kathy La Scola 33' 7"	

There were six bogey golfers, (gross score of 90 or better), and they are: Nick Nomm 80; Andy La Scola 84; John Grewohl 87; Pat Arnett 88; Tom Siljander 89; and Ron Carter 90. Congratulations to all the winners!

Looking ahead at our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Oct. 10	Pajaro Valley	\$35.00/Sep.21	Soft spikes required-Format = 2 best ball foursome
Nov. 7	Coyote Creek-Tournament	\$60.00/Oct. 19	Includes cart-soft Spikes required- Format=Individual play-Salami Shoot
Dec. 5	Los Lagos	\$47.00/Nov.16	Includes cart-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).

2005 HOLIDAY PARTY DINNER DANCE

Tuesday, December 6, 2005
Lou's Village
1465 West San Carlos, San Jose

No Host cocktails beginning at 6:00 PM
Dinner served at 7:00 PM
Dancing follows dinner

Cost \$29.00 Per Person
Door Prizes and Raffle

Bring some non-perishable food for the Second Harvest Food Bank and old eyeglasses for those that can't afford new ones around the world.

Tables seat 8 or 10. If you would like to sit with friends, all parties must list the names of the members at that table on the form below. There will be a separate table for singles who would like to attend and join other single members. Make sure you indicate this choice on the form below.

Reservations must be received by *November 28, 2005*.
No tickets sold at the door.

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Reservation form for the IBM San Jose Retirement Club 2005 Holiday Party Dinner Dance

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Dinner Selections:

____ Breast of Chicken ____ Cullotte Steak ____ Vegetarian (Pasta Primavera)

Wine may be purchased by the glass, carafe or bottle at the bar. Singles Table ____

We would like to sit with the following people: _____

Make checks payable to the IBM Retirement Club.
Mail this form and check to:

Art Dill
500 Bloom Grade Road
Boulder Creek, CA 950061

**San Jose IBM Retirement Club
San Jose IBM Club
1600 Cottle Road
San Jose, CA 95193**

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Walking-Cultural Tours

The NEW DeYoung Museum

Friday, October 28, 2005

San Francisco, California

Be the first on your block to visit the new DeYoung Museum in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco!! As you probably know, the "old" DeYoung was demolished for earthquake safety. They have also demolished Steinhart Aquarium and the California Academy of Science. We were all shocked to hear that.

Anyway, the new DeYoung has been built on the old site and will open on October 15, 2005. We'll be getting in during the first two weeks. Exciting!! Have you seen it? It's been touted as the most ugly building in the city, maybe even the whole state! But it will be fun to visit anyway. When architects AND artists get together, look out.

There are permanent and temporary exhibits of art. It's hard to get a tour of the current temp exhibit—"Egyptian Art." We'll be taking a general tour of the permanent exhibits (America Indian, South American, African, and Polynesian art). The entrance fee of \$7 for seniors also covers a visit that day at the Palace of the Legion of Honor Museum in Lincoln Park. The traditional European paintings have been moved there.

Let's meet at our usual Park and Ride lot (Highway 85 and Camden) at 10:00 AM for a quick buzz up 280. With gasoline going for \$6 per gallon by that time (probably), riders pay \$5 for gas. Just kidding about the \$6 – I hope! Maybe Henry Hom can find us another Chinese restaurant for lunch. Please call or e-mail Fred for planning. He'll be on vacation until October 16.

Contact:

Fred Grometer (408) 264-9157, e-mail: gfredg@sbcglobal.net.