



San Jose IBM Retirement Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Fall colors, football games, turkey & dressing, pumpkin & pecan pies - the beauty of November!! I hope you all enjoy this time of the year as much as I do, we have so much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

The Annual Meeting on October 4 included 135 enthusiastic retirees, members of the IBM Club and their management team, and our guest speaker, Leigh Weimers from the San Jose Mercury News. Mr. Weimers talked about Silicon Valley and the impact on the world this valley has made. He reminisced about the history of the valley once known as the 'Valley of Heart's Delight', and marveled at the creative changes which have taken place over the years. He feels that one day as historians look at this century and study the changes that have occurred here, Silicon Valley will be compared to the renaissance that took place in Florence.

We also had the privilege of hearing from Mel Olsen and Ed Henschel on the beginning of this outstanding club. Their talks were very enlightening! At the first board meeting, each officer donated five dollars to open a bank account. The first overnite trip was to the Rose Bowl Parade and Ed said there were two full coaches for the trip which set the tone for the Travel Committee. We want to thank both Mel and Ed for their interesting contributions to the meeting.

Betty Bottoni brought the photo albums she began keeping the first full year of the club activities. She carried on this tradition for several years, and we do have an outstanding group of pictures and memorabilia, thanks to Betty. We very much appreciate her gracious contribution to the meeting.

Our outstanding refreshments were courtesy of the IBM Club, and we thank them very much. We also want to thank our Club Representative, Frank Vitale, for his help with the meeting. Frank is the person you contact for the discounted entertainment tickets and he has been extremely helpful to the club, keeping us 'connected' to IBM.

Those of you who attended the '**Cruisin Cottle Carnival**' that IBM invited us to must have had a great time. I have had several phone calls from retirees expressing their appreciation to IBM for including us in this wonderful celebration of 50 years of IBM at Cottle Road. Besides a nice BBQ lunch and a great deal of socializing, many objects of San Jose IBM history were located in the side room, coordinated by historian Dave Bennet. Full models of many disk drives and subsystems were there. Do you remember the 2321 Strip file? Photos, models, drawings, documents completed the collection of what we all worked on since IBM invented the disk drive.

The annual "Holiday Party" is coming up very soon! You will find the reservation form on page 13 in this issue. But you need to mail your reservation and check very quickly to Art Dill.

The next Board Meeting is November 17 in the West Room of the cafeteria, B011 on Cottle Road. You are welcome to join us, we begin at 10:00 am.

Happy Trails, Ina Havens

2005 Holiday Party Dinner Dance
Tuesday, December 6, 2005
Lou's Village, 1465 West San Carlos, San Jose
Reservations must be received by *November 28, 2005*

See reservation form on page 13

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Membership Report

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October 20, 2005

Membership History

Year	September	October
1995	1548	1555
2004	2073	2074
2005	2085	2092

New Members

Harlan Breneman
Stan Ciraulo
Jay Gorud
Sally Large
Norma Norton
Stephen Perry
Tim Phillips
Mel Rabedeau

In Memoriam

Jim Bishop
Williamson D. Cunningham
Karl Hense
Gorden Kusayanagi
Jim Mullarky
Jerome Orsley
Arthur Poenisch
Robert Sabanovich
Robert T. Schilling
Evelyn Williams

Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, November 17, 2005
10:00 am,
Hitachi/IBM Cottle Rd. Cafeteria,
Bldg 011

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Sunshine Report

Bob Rameriez had his second knee replacement September 30. He said he is doing well and hopes to start going for his walks soon. His knee still swells up some, so he is staying off of it for now. But he is doing well.

Lorraine Hryskanich fell in her back yard and broke her shoulder. She had surgery and now she says she feels lots better.

Tawana Shaw called me long distance. Her husband had prostate cancer surgery and then had 2 knee replacements. She had to take care of him, and if you remember, she retired because of failing eye sight and now she is almost blind. Her seeing eye dog passed away and she uses just a cane now. Tawana is going to get a new seeing eye dog next May. She will fly to Oregon and stay there and go through training with her new pup for one month. Then she will get to come home with her new seeing eye dog. She is happy about this. Tawana says hello to everybody.

Irene Walsh had surgery on her knee on October 20.

Anne Stuyvasant (John's wife) had a knee replacement in August.

Gene Anderson had a stroke and had to learn to walk, talk, etc., all over again. His wife said he is doing well.

I hope everyone not feeling well starts getting better soon, and please, stay out of trouble -- no more falls, no more knee replacements. You have all had enough. The winter is coming, along with colds and flu. Soooooooo, stay well.

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

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Nov 2-15, 2005	Kingdom of Thailand		--	George & Carole Walker	268 7623
Nov 3, 2005	Howard Lewis Big Hike Potluck Dinner		10	Gil & Julie Feller Jim & Dottie Riley	247-6769 268-5482
Nov 7-14, 2005	Disney World Orlando		--	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Nov 8, 2005	PC Club: DVD Editing with Nero6		9	Walt Cole	972-1178
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 17, 2005	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting	1	2	Ina Havens	847-4793
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 6, 2005	Holiday Dinner/Dance		1,13	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Dec 8, 2005	Adopt-a-Highway		9	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Dec 10, 2005	SPEBSQUUSA Show		7	Fred Grometer	264-9157
Dec 10, 2005	Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Show <i>Sold Out</i>		--	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		4	George & Carole Walker	268 7623
Apr 18-27, 2006	America's Canyonlands		5	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
May 1-20, 2006	Russia/Eastern Europe		5	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
Aug 23-Sep 10, 2006	Greek Islands & Beyond		5	Bud & Phyllis Souza	371-2959
Oct 2, 2006	Indian Casino: Table Mountain		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 14-22, 2006	Mississippi River Fall Foliage Cruise		6	Ina Havens	847-4793

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

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, 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.

This trip is filling up. If you want to go, get your names on the wait list soon. If there are enough of you, a second bus will be provided.

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

Bus Full - Wait listing

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
Reservations are confirmed when we receive your check. Checks are cashed after February 12, 2006

For a flyer and reservation form, Contact:
Glen or Ruth Furlong at (408) 378-8226
or GFurlongSR@aol.com

Highlights of New Zealand

April 7-21, 2006

A 16-day tour of New Zealand in their fall, our spring, is the perfect trip for 2006! A safe country where English, of a sort, is spoken, water is safe to drink and the natives are welcoming!

We will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Auckland and have some free time to explore this "City of Sails." On our way to experience the Glowworm Grotto we will pass through beautiful farmland and the Mamaku Range of Mountains. We will also take a tour of the Thermal Reserve and in Rotorua will visit the Maori Arts and Crafts Institute and enjoy a traditional Maori hosted dinner. A ferry will take us to Wellington to tour the city on our way to Christchurch, a bit of England in NZ. Near Franz Josef the huge rivers of snow and ice from glaciers will be seen. The Trans Alpine Express will whisk us through snow capped mountains descending into lush rainforests and on into sheep, cattle and fruit growing areas. In Queenstown we will not only tour the city but also take an evening cruise across Lake Wakatipu on a vintage steamer. We will take a Milford Sound Excursion to experience the wonderful scenery of mountains, streams, waterfalls and out to the Tasman Sea. We will over-night in Twizel near Mt. Cook National Park. Spending our last night in Christchurch, we have a day of leisure to further explore this charming city.

The all inclusive price with tips, transfers and trip cancellation/medical insurance is \$3866!

Post Tour Option:

A 4 night post trip will allow us to visit Cairns for 4 nights with time to explore this city set in a magnificent background and also to experience the Great Barrier Reef! We also will take the scenic Kuranda Rail to a unique mountain village and see the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park. \$899 for this extension.

Space is limited to 25 persons. If you are interested in seeing a video on this exciting trip, call George Walker to arrange it. For more information

Contact:

George & Carole Walker, (408) 268-7623

Travel Trips

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

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. The newsletter of QCC is available at the web site.

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 included
- 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

Travel Trips

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
- Daily 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**

Greek Islands & Beyond

August 23 - September 10, 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: \$3295.00 including air from SFO

Options not included: ship cabin upgrade,
insurance, mandatory taxes or pre and post
extensions

**Contact: Bud & Phyllis Souza
408 377-6094 or 371-2959**

American Queen/Fall Foliage Cruise

October 14-22, 2006

Informational Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2005, 2:00 PM

Bakers' Square, Almaden Expressway

RSVP Ina Havens (408) 847-4793

Come join us for a spectacular view
of the fall foliage from the deck of a
majestic steamboat, while cruising
down the upper Mississippi River!

Included Features:

- Transfers to/from Airport
- Round-trip Air
- 7 nights aboard the American Queen
- All Meals

Contact: Ina Havens, (408) 847-4793

Day Trips

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**



SPEBSQSA

**Annual Holiday Show
Heritage Theater, Campbell Center
Campbell, California**

Saturday, December 10, 2005 at 3:00 PM

Take a break from your busy holiday schedule to relax and celebrate the season in song! Come join us in a sparkling holiday show of barbershop singing. The Garden City Chorus (San Jose Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society) will be joined by another men's chorus—Bay Area Metro—in a two-hour presentation of Christmas and Hanukkah music. In addition, we will feature several fabulous barbershop quartets and a youth choir from Monte Vista School.

You'll (Yule) want to hum along to such classics as "Silent Night," "Angels we have Heard on High," "Carol of the Bells." We'll even throw in a few fun things like "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "White Christmas." And can you recall your youth with "Winter Wonderland" and "Silver Bells"? In addition, the audience will be invited to sing along with a few carols. It promises to be a fun-filled event of family entertainment and a refreshing treat for music lovers—young and old.

Tickets will be available through IBM Retirement Club member Fred Grometer who will be singing in the show. All tickets are reserved seats with preferred seating @ \$21 and the others @ \$16. This price includes a one-dollar fee imposed by the city of Campbell for historical preservation. There is a special 10% discount on the basic price for tickets bought together as a set for groups of 10 or more. The show starts at 3:00 PM; the Heritage Theater is the auditorium of the old Campbell High School, Campbell and Winchester Boulevards.

PS: If you'd really like to get into the holiday spirit early, come to hear the Garden City Chorus in open-air caroling...the tree-lighting ceremony at Santana Row, 6:15 PM on November 15, 2005. It's free! Merry Christmas!!

Contact: **Fred Grometer (408) 264-9157.**

Indian Casino Trips in 2006

January 9, 2006

Thunder Valley Indian Casino
Price \$21.00, Bonus \$ 5.00 Match Play, \$5.00 Food
This trip is almost sold out. Contact Topsy soon
If you want to go.

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

October 2, 2006

Table Mountain Indian Casino
Price \$17.00, with bonus of \$5.00 cash

All Indian casino trips will be at least a 5 hour stay.

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

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**



IBM Club

IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes

AMC: \$5.50 each; Cinelux: \$4.50
Regal/United Artists: \$6.00
San Jose IMAX: \$6.50

Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

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

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

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)

IBM Club Office Contacts:

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/

20 Years

20 Years of History Highlights San Jose IBM Retirement Club

12/17/85

First Club Board Meeting with elected Officers.

President:	Gabe Nails
Vice-president:	Ray Henningson
Treasurer:	Mel Olsen
Secretary:	Rusty Campbell
Correspondence Secretary:	Nonie Quilici
Historian:	Betty Bottoni

Note: Each Board member donated \$5.00 to setup a bank account.

06/1986 First Club Picnic was held on the Plant site with 80 members attending.

06/1986 First Club Walk at Vasona Park in Los Gatos had 12 Participants.

12/1986 Club Membership grew to 550

05/1987 Club Logo Design by Ray Harvey was approved.

09/1987 Golf club was started by Earl Weiberg and Bob Slater.

09/1987 Betty Bottoni started recruiting volunteers for Red Cross Blood Drive.

1987 Sunshine committee formed- Al Fillman & Dodie Kelly

10/1988 Bowling started with 10 bowlers and leadership from Ed Henschel.

12/1989 Club membership grew to 906.

1993 Short Golf started-Rusty Campbell

03/1994 SeniorNet computer center started- Phil Carnahan

05/2001 Evelyn and Doug Dean organized a support group for Adopt-a-highway.

09/2005 Membership has grown to 2082

Thank You Bob Slater and Mel Olsen for helping compile this list.

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.

Adopt-A-Highway

Thursday, October 13, 2005

Litter gets religion.

We find lots of dirty litter (x-rated stuff) but now Caroline Houston has found clean litter, a bible (New King James Version) with note paper used as a book mark at Corinthians I. The paper listed bills; i.e. several Doctors, money for lawyer, credit check, pawn call, PG&E, etc. On the back was money paid out. Too bad there is no ID in the bible. If any of you readers has any idea of what to do with this bible please send us an e-mail.

Why one should lock their vehicle's trunk or back doors: Ask Josie Supencheck for more details about the blank checks she found. She felt strongly about calling the phone number on the checks and was told an amazing story. It seems a mail carrier was driving his mail truck when the back doors came open and the mail flew out. Josie was the fourth person to contact them with some of their lost mail.

Take a bite out of trash

Lize Johannes found dentures! They were a little worse for wear so into the trash bag for them along with the last two month's fish heads which are now just bones.

"Don't leave home without it...take your American Express Card." Well somebody did 'cause we found one.

Coinage: \$1.29 (only 1 quarter).

An experiment that didn't work: half of a phony \$100 bill on one side and a half of a \$1 bill on the other side.

For appearance's sake:

One bra, black wig, skirt, T-shirt, red long sleeved sweater, dog tag with a contemporary musician's picture on it, a mop head, a kid's tweed coat used to clean up oil.

At the end of the day, 19 volunteers had filled 31 bags, bringing our total to **1598**.

Schedule: meet in **VTA Parking lot 8:45 a.m.**

Thursday, November 9, 2005 2nd Wednesday

Wednesday, December 8, 2005 2nd Thursday

Contact:

Doug & Evelyn Dean 408-264-9502

dougnevie@comcast.net

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

PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, November 8, 5:00 PM, SVL

Dick Stuart, SJPC Newsletter editor, will show how to edit and copy a DVD using Nero6 Re-code, and how to create a slideshow using Nero6 Express. Nero6 is a CD/DVD burning program that contains many subprograms to manage all your digital media including audio, video, photo and data.

See the PC Club web site for directions:

www.sjpc.org

Contact for questions:

Walt Cole 972-1178 or opawalt@pacbell.net

San Jose Tech Museum of Innovation Volunteer Opportunity Open House

Thursday, November 10 1:30-3:30

Tuesday, November 15 10:00-12:00

Friday, December 9 1:30-3:30

Wednesday, December 14 1:30-3:30

Do you have a few hours during the weekdays to help "Inspire the Innovator" in visitors from around the world? Visit The Tech Museum for an open house and discover how you can become part of The Tech volunteer team. Tour the galleries, enjoy refreshments and learn about the benefits of being a Tech volunteer.

Who Can Volunteer at The Tech?

- Anyone age 15 years or older. No science background or technical training is required.
- Individuals with an interest in learning about science and technology
- Individuals who enjoy meeting new people!

Please RSVP to:

Judy Sanders

at (408)795-6204 or

volunteering@thetech.org

Hikes

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

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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**

Computers to Carving

Raymond Harvey retired in 1984. When the logo contest came out for IBM Retirement Club, he submitted an entry and his design was chosen. He proudly wears the IBM cap that was sent to him as a gift for winning the contest.

Shortly after retirement he took advantage of the offer for classes to enhance retirement. Ray chose wood carving classes and began by taking a class from a nationally well known carver, Larry Barth. He discovered he had an aptitude for wood carving and began taking classes from many world class carvers. Carving has proven to be a wonderful outlet for him. He is a member of the National Woodcarvers, the California Carving Guild, the Santa Clara Valley Wood Carvers and was certified as a carving judge for the California Carving Guild.

Raymond has taught carving locally and at the University of Montana. His carvings have won many ribbons at local and state competitions and in several other states. He has carvings in collections in many states, Canadian provinces and England.

Raymond and his wife Barbara live in The Villages in San Jose. It's been a long journey from computers to carving and he has enjoyed every step.

Eyeglasses Report

I recently received a call from Dwight Johnson to say he was happy to read in our newsletter the collection of eye glasses is still being continued. In 1989 Dwight was the first person to collect eye glasses and did so until he and his wife Vivian moved to Walnut Creek in 2000. While they were serving as volunteers overseas, they observed the need for eye glasses in third world countries such as Malawi.

When the Johnsons moved, Ed Warwick collected the eye glasses until his death in October, 2004. His wife, Arlene, called to ask me if I wanted to take over the collection and I gladly said yes.

Collections in 2005: January - June: 305 pairs
July - October 5: 212 pairs

Donated eye glasses and lenses are given to Dr. Arthur Basham, a Los Gatos ophthalmologist for grading and dispensing during his volunteer eye clinics in various Far Eastern countries.

To donate any kind of sun, plain, magnifying or prescription eye glasses to this ongoing project, call me, or bring them to the Holiday Party on December 6.

Betty Bottoni
408 377-8593

Bowling

One More Time League at AMF Oakridge Lanes 2005/2006 Winter League October 18, 2005

1st Place: Team 21: Don House, Pat Viallet,
Phyllis House, Sal Garcia

2nd Place: Team 7: Bill Furnal, Sec DeCecco
Dave Curry, Jan Curry

Individual Achievements

Ladies

Men

High Averages

164-Jan Curry
164-Faye Fritz
161-Chila Miller
161-Ann Wilson
158-Marilyn Bianco

203-Jim Balistreri
200-Bill Jeung
199-Ron Bianco

High Scratch Game

224-Marilyn Bianco
209-Phyllis House
209-Faye Fritz
195-Jan Curry

257-Dan Thery
249-Jim Balistreri
247-Bill Jeung

High Scratch Series

568-Faye Fritz
535-Marilyn Bianco
514-Chila Miller

690-Jim Balistreri
660-Dan Thery
642-Ron Bianco

High Handicap Game

276-Marilyn Bianco
264-Phyllis House
256-Nell Ramsey

281-Sam Walters
279-Joel Resnick
274-Dick Lake

High Handicap Series

691-Marilyn Bianco
683-Joanne White
676-Faye Fritz

709-Joel Resnick
700-Dick Nakamoto
696-Dan Thery

On July 22, we had the privilege of watching **George Zagelow** bowl a perfect **300** game and on October 18, we had the pleasure of being present when George was presented with a gorgeous ring commemorating the event. Go George!!!

Hey guys, let's get the word out that we need more IBM retirees to join the One More Time League.

Contacts:

Ann Wilson 408 269-1894

Topsy Thompson 408 377-4314

Sue Erlich at Oakridge Lanes 408 578-8500

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

October 6, 2005----- Individual golf was played by 30 golfers. Some great scores were posted. Winners were:

Men

1st - Jim Betz - 54
2nd - Dick Gehrer - 56
3rd - Lupe Rodriguez - 57
Dick Lake - 57
Bill Bartz - 57
4th - Earl Bowers - 60

Women

1st - Marge Condensa - 59
Helen Brock - 59
2nd -Hugie Cabri - 62
3rd - Helen Wehner - 66
4th - Clara De Paul - 68
Vivian Brown - 68
Kelly Moore - 68

Closest to the pin on Hole #10

Men

1st - Neil Rowland - 1' 6"
2nd - Don Johnson - 29' 7"
3rd - Gino Bottoni - 41' 9 "
4th - Bill Bartz - 42' 10"

Women

Helen Brock - 49' 10 1/2"

The next dates are Thursdays, November 3 and December 1. **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**.

Have a Great Thanksgiving.

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

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

Par Tee Golf

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

Pajaro Valley October 10, 2005 - I don't know what it is about Pajaro Valley Golf Course, because for three years in a row, we have had a "comical shot of the day!" This year it goes to Marge Condensa. On Hole # 9, her second shot went left, hit a tree, bounced back and landed in the lap of her husband, Jerry, who was sitting in their golf cart! We think she should have played that next shot "as-it-lies", but Jerry didn't like that idea. Unfortunately, she incurred a two stroke penalty, but she says the laugh was worth it! And, on Hole #1, Mel Rodinsky chipped in a shot from a green side bunker for birdie! Great shots Marge and Mel! The format of play was "Two-Best Ball-Foursome". We had a nice turnout of 39 players. Here are the results:

<u>Place / Score / Name</u>		<u>Team</u>		
1 / 119	Andy La Scola	Kathy La Scola	Don Johnson	Gil Feller*
2 / 121	Leroy Wallace	Greg Johnston	Bill Jeung	Glen Yuki
3 / 124**	Rich Hiser	Ray Jelesky	Rich Campbell	Ken Schreiner

* = Blind Draw ** = Tie Breaker Used

<u>Closest-To-Pin</u>	<u>#3</u>	<u>#7</u>	<u>#11</u>	<u>#14</u>
<u>Men</u>	Rubin Seehaffer	Eric Schrader	Don Johnson	Rich Casey
	16' 8"	8' 2"	10' 10"	22' 10"
	Alex Lilley	Bob Martin	Bob Araldi	Jim Betz
	19' 4"	9' 6"	27' 0"	16' 7"
		Greg Johnston	Gil Maes	Ken Schreiner
		11' 7"	29' 11"	33' 3"

There were ten bogey golfers, (gross score of 90 or better), and they are: Eric Schrader & John Grewohl 83; Andy La Scola & Don Johnson 84; Glen Yuki & Rich Hiser 86; Nick Nomm & Tom Webenbauer 89; and Santiago Delao & Rich Casey 90. Congratulations to all the winners!

Looking ahead at our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
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
Jan. 9	Ridgemark-Gabilan	\$40.00/Dec. 21	Includes cart-soft spikes required-Format = Individual play

Notes:

1. The monthly golf schedule for the entire year, (2006 will be added soon) can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.sjpc.org/sjrc
2. **Renewals are now due for the "Par Tee Golf Club." Renewals before December 5 are \$40.00. After December 5, or no previous NCGA number, are \$45.00. Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email 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 95006

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

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