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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year! Just a few changes have occurred for this year's board membership. Sally Large has retired as Club Secretary and Dave Sloan has taken her place. Thanks, Sally, for all your wonderful efforts and we look forward to working with Dave. Topsy Thompson, who has always given so much of herself, has turned the reins of the Sunshine Committee to Terry Milinic' who, as most of us know, is a former Club President. Thanks for your efforts, Topsy, you did a great job. Walt Cole and Ed Mueller, the unsung heroes of the Retirement Club, will maintain their positions as Communications Director and Membership Director. I thank the Lord for that. Tom Clark remains Treasurer, George Walker remains VP, Bernie Coullahan, Millie Wiedemer and Ron Harlan remain Directors at Large. We are always looking for new Board Members. If you are interested in participating as such, please contact me.

The Board would like to see attendance at our events increase. We can only guess what you expect or might like at events such as the Holiday Dinner Dance and Picnic. Please take the time to e-mail me and let me know what you personally would do to increase attendance. I promise any reasonable suggestion will be considered. The Annual Meeting to be held in October is in need of a guest speaker. If anyone can offer help in this area, please let me know.

There will be no hardcopy newsletters mailed in January. I'll post this same article in February's newsletter. May you all have a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year! Also, have a happy Valentine's Day.

Art Dill

Retirement/QC Club Pasta Fest

Saturday, March 22, 2008

Once again we are pleased to have our annual Pasta Fest at the Almaden Research Lab. No need to change a winning menu, so you will have your choice of several pastas, salad, garlic bread, ice cream and other desserts, wine, soft drinks and coffee. Social hour starts at 2:00 PM, with food served at 3:00 PM.

There are usually around 200 retirees and Quarter Century members at these affairs, and it is a very heartening experience to see the smiling faces as old friends and former workmates get reacquainted with each other. It is a purely social gathering with no program, so conversation and fellowship, with time out for some very well prepared and presented food, are the order of the day.

To sign up, use the form on page 13 and mail to Terry Milinic', who has been kind enough to handle this duty for several years. We are able to hold to last year's price of \$17.50 and checks will not be cashed until March 15, which is the final registration date.

George Nale, George Walker, Chris Bhola, Jim Lucke

Annual Club Picnic

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mark your calendars for the Annual Club Picnic which will be held at Cunningham Park in San Jose. Your Picnic Committee will be busy planning this event over the next few months. This is the club's major event (with approximately 400 people) where you can meet new people, renew old friendships, and catch up with what has been happening. C.B. Hannegan's will be catering again and serving their outstanding selection of BBQ meats with all the trimmings. The day will start at 10:30 AM, lunch at noon and games starting at 1:30 PM. Will be back with more detail in later newsletters.

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December 20, 2007

Membership History

Number in () is how many folks are receiving their newsletters via the Internet instead of the US Mail

Year	November	December
1997	1644(0)	1654(0)
2006	2116(245)	2116(249)
2007	2167(504)	2166(509)

New Member

Gary Wagner

In Memoriam

Walt Arrufat
Wayne "Buck" Gillette
Ralph Golub
Harry Halberstadt
James McTighe
Albert Sasao
Frank Winter

Change of Address

If your address label is incorrect or your e-mail address has changed, or you have moved or are planning to move, please inform the Membership Director, Ed Mueller. Send your new address and phone number by mail or e-mail. Ed will also set you up for "read on line" to save paper, if you request that. Be sure your request includes your name & address, so he corrects the right person.

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**Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, January 17, 2008
10:00 AM**

IBM Almaden Research, Bernal Road
Enter at Lobby entrance

Sunshine Report

Mary Brown was bitten by her cat the Monday before Thanksgiving. The bite got infected and she went to the hospital. She stayed there for 8 days, since she was weak and her oxygen level was low. Her nephew and his wife came from Ohio and moved her back to Ohio on December 14, 2007. She will be in a "care" home until she can go to her own place in an assisted living home. Mary Brown's wish was to go to the IBM Christmas Party and that she got to do, with the help of Pat Falkowski. Mary Brown is 92 years young. She bowled with us until October, 2007. Mary, your bowling friends sure do miss you. We will not say good-bye. We will just say so long until we meet again. We all wish you the best, and a Happy New Year.

DeDe Coral had hernia surgery last week, and she is doing well. She is even doing what her son tells her to do: no climbing trees, no mowing lawns, no working in the garden, etc., just taking it easy. DeDe, we all wish you well, so keep up the good work, and doing what your son says, and you will be in the swing of things before long.

To all the rest of you that haven't felt too well, please get better. I know it is cold outside so stay indoors where it is warm.

To everyone I have talked to in the past, I am saying "So Long." This is the last report you will get from me, since my eyes are giving me some trouble. So I have asked a wonderful person to take over this job. Terry Milinic' will be the "Sunshine Person" from now on. I enjoyed talking to all of you, and I will miss you so very much. I am right here if you want to talk, so just call. Thank you for all the help you have given me in the past. I love you all, and I want to wish you all well in the Year of 2008.

**Topsy Thompson,
the Sunshine Lady!!
377-4314**

**Terry Milinic'
the new Sunshine Lady!!
265-5908**

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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Jan 8, 2008	PC Club: Adobe Photoshop Elements 6		10	Walt Cole	972-1178
Jan 9, 2008	Adopt-a-Highway		10	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Jan 17, 2008	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Jan 24, 2008	Hike: Año Nuevo State Reserve Sold out		9	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Jan 28, 2008	Indian Casino: Cache Creek		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Feb 2, 2008	Horse Racing - Golden Gate Fields		7	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Feb 14, 2008	Adopt-a-Highway		10	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Feb 14, 2008	Valentine's Day Special Event	2	7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Feb 29, 2008	Hike: Los Alamitos Creek Walk		9	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Mar 9-11, 2008	Circus, Circus, Reno		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 22, 2008	IBM Retirement/QC Clubs Pasta Fest		1, 14	George Nale George Walker	779-4275 268-7623
Apr 4, 2008	A Taste of Many Treasures	3	9	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Apr 21, 2008	Indian Casino: Blackoak		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 2, 2008 May 15, 2008	Safari West	3	8	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
May 7-15, 2008	Great Lakes Adventure		6	Ina Havens	847-4793
May 20, 2008	IBM Retirement Club Annual Picnic		1	Bill Souza	356-6280
May 29-Jun 11, 2008	South America	4	4	Art & Sherry Dill	831 338-3069
Jun 9, 2008	Indian Casino: Chukchansi		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jun 20, 2008	Western Railway Museum	2	7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
July 8, 22, 2008	KQED Behind the Scenes	2	8	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
July 13-16, 2008	Wild West Casino Trip		4	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 27- Aug 3, 2008	Columbia, Snake and Willamette Rivers		4	Phyllis Souza	247-7335
Aug 28-Sep 7, 2008	England/Scotland	3	5	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Sep 25-Oct 5, 2008	Trains through Switzerland & Austria		6	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Sep 14-16, 2008	Reno: Circus Circus		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 7, 2008	A Journey Through Time - Steinbeck	2	8	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Oct 20, 2008	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 22-Nov 4, 2008	Mediterranean Cruise		5	George & Carole Walker	268-7623

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

South America May 29 - June 11, 2008

♪ *Tall and tan and young and lovely* ♪, the girls from Ipanema Beach might be seen on this tour! You will be staying at a beautiful resort hotel on Copacabana Beach. Included are tours of Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Iguassu Falls and Santiago, Chile, among many other activities.

Trip Highlights:

- Welcome Cocktail Party -Hot hors d'oeuvres
- Sugarloaf Mountain Sunset Tour via cable car
- Samba Dinner Show at famous Plataforma
- Cogwheel train-Mt. Corovado; Christ the Redeemer
- Tijuca National Park via Jeep Safari
- Eco Train to "Devil's Throat"-Iguassu Falls
- Spectacular Tango Dinner Show in Buenos Aires
- Gaucho Festival-Buenos Aires-BBQ, folkdance +
- Santiago-Neoclassic Moneda Palace and Government Seat
- San Cristobal Hill-View of Andes mountains
- Chili-Pacific Coast full day tour with highlight stops.
- Wineries

The price of the tour including airfare is \$3,995. Single Supplement \$825.00. Main tour includes Brazilian visa (\$100), all air flights, transfers, entrance to shows and tours per itinerary, baggage handling, 11 breakfasts, 3 main meal lunches, 3 other dinners.

An optional 4-night, 5-day tour of Lima, Cuzco, and Machu Picchu is available, June 11 - 15.

- Lima Archaeological Museum + more
- Cuzco Urubamba Valley + more
- Ollantaitambo ruins-Cuzco
- Vista Dome Train to Machu Picchu + tours

Peru extension is \$1550 pp. Single Supplement is \$385. Peru Extension Features include all air flights, transfers, entrance to tours per itinerary, baggage handling, 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches.

Not included in this trip: arrival and departure taxes to be paid in cash for each country, visa pictures, tips, trip insurance.

Prices are based on airfares as of 6/20/07 and subject to change until ticketed.

Contact:

Art and Sharry Dill for brochure.

(831) 338-3069

TAR 4

Columbia, Snake and Willamette Rivers July 27 - August 3, 2008

Join us as we explore some of America's most historic and scenic rivers aboard a small and elegant ship. We will follow the footsteps of Lewis and Clark and the Oregon Trail pioneers.

Trip Highlights:

- Board the ship in Portland
- Daily shore excursions
- Open fine dining
- Evening social hour, with hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting
- On board Historian
- Welcome Reception
- Captain's Welcome Aboard Dinner Party and entertainment after dinner
- Hood River/Stevenson
- Umatilla/Pendleton – follow the route used by the Oregon Trail Pioneers
- Clarkston/Lewiston
- Columbia River cruising
- Longview/Mt. St. Helens
- Astoria/Fort Clatsop

The ship "Queen of the West" is meant to showcase the wide-open vistas. Four decks offer panoramic viewing from every angle. Guests aboard enjoy outside staterooms where scenic views change by the hour. Dine in the opulent Lewis and Clark Dining Room, where the emphasis is on fine fresh regional cuisine.

Outside stateroom: \$3298.00.

Contact:

Phyllis Souza for a complete brochure
(408) 247-7335

Wild West Casino Trip July 13-16, 2008

Stay 3 nights at the Riverside Hotel & Casino Resort in Laughlin, Nevada, on the Colorado River. At the resort you'll get a free buffet meal and have gaming and live entertainment. Visit Oatman, Arizona, for a day. Along the way see fascinating desert vegetation and beautiful rock formations. Oatman is an "authentic" old western town with burros in the streets, with old saloons, and plenty of shopping. You may even see a gun fight. On the way home, stop at Harris Ranch for a hosted hearty ranch style meal.

All this for only \$180 per person, double occupancy (single supplement is \$50.)

Contact:

Topsy Thompson

(408) 377-4314, or e-mail topray4314@cs.com

Travel Trips

England/Scotland

August 28 - September 7, 2008

England and Scotland are wonderful to visit but pricey because of the value of the dollar. So we are trying to maximize enjoyment of the trip and get the best bang for the buck. Many travelers tell us they dislike long bus rides and changing hotels regularly. We will use a hub and spoke arrangement which concentrates on major cities, yields longer stays in nice hotels and lets you see the areas close by.

Our trip goes into London for 3 plus days, we fly to Inverness on day 5 and go to Edinburgh for the rest of the trip. One could easily spend weeks in London and Edinburgh, so there is no shortage of great things to see and experience.

In London we tour Westminster Abbey and its chapels, the Tower of London, catch the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, tour Hampton Court, spend a half day sightseeing and then have free time to see historic sites such as St. Paul's Cathedral, Victoria and Albert Museum, the British Museum, Parliament, and the Shakespeare theater.

Our visit to Inverness allows us to see Fort Augustus, cruise Loch Ness looking for Nessie, and visit the Culloden Visitor Centre and Battleground. On our way to Edinburgh we visit Stirling Castle, Argyll's Lodging, the National Wallace Monument and the Bannockburn Heritage Centre.

Edinburgh is a lovely ancient city with Edinburgh Castle towering above it. We tour the castle and then go down the Royal Mile to Holyrood Palace. The Royal Mile is replete with historic structures, St. Giles Cathedral, specialty shops and pubs. We will visit Glasgow Cathedral and the tall ship in Glasgow harbor, then take a short cruise on Loch Lomond. We will have free time to see the rest of historic Edinburgh and its surrounding environs, even St. Andrews if we have any ardent golfers. Our trip concludes with a Scottish night where you acquire your brogue for the trip home.

The trip is priced at \$2970 per person, with the usual add ons for fuel surcharges, airport departure taxes and some tips to drivers. A tour manager will be with us all the way.

The trip activity rating is 3. For further information call **George or Isobel Nale at 408 779 4275**, or email us at gr4na@aol.com

Mediterranean Cruise

Athens to Rome

Stopping in the Holy Lands

October 22 - November 4, 2008

Take advantage of this opportunity to visit some of the most beautiful and exotic places on the Mediterranean, as well as the holy cities of **Galilee**, **Nazareth** and **Jerusalem**. This trip, on the intimate **Pacific Princess** with only 650 passengers and 70% balconies, allows the comfort of a cruise and the flexibility of visiting some of the world's most important historical venues. The timing of this cruise gives us the best weather and fewer crowds.

Our adventure begins in **Athens**, home of 7,000 years of Greek culture and history, and continues to beautiful **Santorini**, one of the most beautiful of all the Greek islands. From atop the rim of an ancient volcanic caldera, the delightful towns of the island offer stunning views of the Aegean in every direction! The next stop is the island of **Patmos**, famous for the exiled years of St. John and believed to be the spot where the book of Revelation was written. We then visit **Kusadasi, Turkey**, and the ancient city of **Ephesus**. This is the largest ancient archeological site in the world, dating from the second century.

After a day of sailing on the beautiful Mediterranean Sea, we arrive in the port of **Haifa, Israel**, and from there we'll explore **Galilee** and **Nazareth**, two of the most important cities in Christian history. The next day we will visit the historical city of **Jerusalem** for 13 hours, giving us ample time for touring. There are a number of tours that you can choose from.

Our next stop is **Port Said, Egypt**, which itself is worthy of a day of exploration, or we can visit **Giza** and one of the Wonders of the World, the **Pyramids!** Again, we will spend enough time in port to cover much of the ancient history of this fascinating area. The next day we can go exploring while docked in the ancient port of **Alexandria, Egypt**, at the mouth of the mighty Nile River.

The next two days are relaxing ones on the Pacific Princess as we make our way toward the beautiful island of **Capri, Italy**. There will be lots of time for a walk around Sorrento and maybe some pasta and wine! We disembark in beautiful, eternal **Rome**. Extensions are possible so that all of the art and culture of this wonderful city can be enjoyed.

Cost will vary by cabin choice: interior double \$4525 to balcony suites at \$5075 inclusive of air fare. However, if you have frequent flier mileage this could be a great time to use it to bring the price down considerably. Included in the price are all transfers, taxes and insurance.

Extensions: either pre-trip in Athens or post-trip in Rome can be arranged.

**For more information call:
George or Carole Walker at 408 268 7623.**

Travel Trips

Switzerland and Austria Trains of the Alps September 25 - October 5, 2008

Discover breathtaking Alpine vistas as we journey on some of the most dramatic railway lines and roads that pass through Switzerland, Italy and Austria. Experience Swiss train travel in all its glory, renowned for its special engineering and impeccable service, as we travel on four great Alpine trains. Enjoy the stunning beauty of the magnificent Alps, charming traditional villages, and grand castles, and the distinctive cultural treasures found in this pristine corner of Europe.

Trip Highlights Include:

- Glacier Express
- Golden Pass Panoramic Train
- Gornergrat Cogwheel Railroad
- Bernina Express Train
- Geneva, Montreux, Lausanne, Gstaad
- Zermatt, St Moritz, Innsbruck, Salzburg
- 16 meals: 9 breakfasts, 7 dinners

Price of the tour including airfare is \$3799.
Land only price is \$2299.

Contact:

Ron or Heidi Harlan at 408-266-7639 or
Bob Martinez at 408-927-1307 for
brochures and arrangements.
Seats are limited.

Great Lakes Adventure May 7 - 15, 2008

Tour Highlights:

- Chicago City Tour
- Holland Tulip Festival/Dutch Village
- Veldheer Gardens/Traverse City
- 2 nights Mackinac Island
- Grand Hotel Lunch
- Green Bay / Door County
- Fish Boil Dinner
- Wisconsin Dells Cruise
- House on the Rock
- Lambeau Field

Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare - SJC
- 14 Meals/Deluxe Motorcoach
- Professional Tour Director
- Baggage Handling
- Daily Sightseeing
- Admissions per Itinerary
- Hotel Transfers
- Tips & Gratuities
- All inclusive cost: \$2079 pp

For questions or brochures, contact:
Ina Havens, (408) 847-4793
email: cliffina@verizon.net

Joke

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married -- for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought. He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she'd first married a banker when she was in her early 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, later on a preacher when in her 60's, and now in her 80's, a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers. She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

Day Trips

Western Railway Museum

Friday, June 20, 2008

Trip Activity rating-2

Start your day in Suisun City at the Western Railway Museum to experience California as it was 100 years ago. You will take an electric train trip through the peaceful, picturesque Montezuma Hills over the original historic main line of the Sacramento Northern Railway. You will have time to take a tour of the living history museum where we will find over 100 pieces of preserved railroad equipment. The collection of historic electric railway artifacts is one of the most complete and diverse in the world. You will stop off at a restaurant for a hosted lunch. The Point Waterfront Restaurant, known for superb food and friendly efficient service, is set overlooking the beautiful Sacramento River. Your entrée selections are BBQ Tri Tip with Roasted Potatoes, Chicken Marsala with Seasoned Rice, or Calamari Steak with Seasoned Rice. All meals include fresh vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee or tea and ice cream for dessert. Your final stop is a visit to the ever-famous Jelly Belly Factory where you will have a guided tour and time to shop for those flavorful candies. There's a bird's eye view of their production floor where thousands of pounds of candy are made.

Tour includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities and a hosted lunch.

All this for \$64.00 per person

These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

Contact:

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

Valentine's Day Special Event

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Trip Activity Rating – 2

We will travel to the world famous **Brookdale Lodge**, set under stately giant redwoods in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Today's visitors will find a refreshing and delightful experience of dining beside the gentle brook in this unique and rustic setting. The original lodge was built in 1890 by Judge J.H. Logan at the site of the Grover lumber mill. In the early 1920's, Dr. F. K. Camp built the beautiful dining room with the natural brook running through it. A feature in Ripley's Believe It or Not served to make the Brookdale Lodge world famous. Throughout the years, the Brookdale Lodge has been a popular destination for romantic getaways. Your meal selections will include—Brook Salad, Prime Rib, Salmon Béarnaise, or Lemon Linguini and black olives, non-alcoholic drinks and dessert. Jerry Saucedo will be performing a two-hour Valentine's Day Special Program. The versatile and talented Jerry Saucedo will be performing a two-hour Valentine's Day Special Program. As a vocalist-guitarist-keyboardist-entertainer, Jerry is without a doubt one of the best entertainers in the Bay Area. His musical vision encompasses the best of all styles, and his renditions range from Frank Sinatra ballads to the music of Carlos Santana.

Trip includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities, lunch and entertainment. All this for \$88.00 per person.

These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

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

Indian Casino Trips

Cache Creek, Monday, January 28, 2008

Price: \$25.00, bonus \$5.00 cash,
\$5.00 match play, \$2.00 food credit

**Circus, Circus, Reno, Sunday-Tuesday,
March 9-11, 2008**

Price: \$99.00 per person double occupancy &
\$38.00 single supplement;
casino bonus: \$30.00 cash &
\$7.00 food credit

Black Oak, Monday, April 21, 2008

Price: \$18.00, \$5.00 cash,
\$5.00 match play & coupons

Chukchansi, Monday, June 9, 2008

Price: \$20, \$10.00 EZ play & \$5.00 food credit

**Circus, Circus, Reno, Sunday-Tuesday,
September 14-16, 2008**

Price: \$99.00 per person, double occupancy &
\$38.00 single supplement; casino bonus: \$30.00
cash & \$7.00 food credit

Jackson Rancheria,

Monday, October 20, 2008

Price: \$25.00, \$10.00 cash & coupons

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

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

Contact:

Topsy Thompson 377-4314

or e-mail topray4314@cs.com

Thoroughbred Races at Golden Gate Fields

February 2, 2008

A table in the Turf Club, a nice high calorie lunch, 8 or 9 races featuring beautiful horses, colorfully clad jockeys and thrilling finishes. And always the possibility of being a big winner! That is what awaits racing fans who want to go to Golden Gate Fields.

For \$48.50 PP you get a comfortable bus ride, a day of camaraderie with knowledgeable racing fans, the chance to see the horses being shown and saddled up, and the opportunity to go down track side to catch the action if you desire.

It is usually a fine day starting around 11:00 AM when we catch the bus and getting us back around 6:00 PM. To sign up or get more information call **George or Isobel Nale at 779-4275** or send a note to gr4na@aol.com.

Day Trips

Safari West

Friday, May 2, 2008

Thursday, May 15, 2008, (added)

Trip Activity Rating – 3

Journey to Northern California's Wine Country where oak trees with glittering leaves dot green rolling hills, and where a red barn faces a field fringed with dainty wildflowers in every color. But, what is that giraffe doing? Are those – ostriches over there? What's that goat-like critter with the weird, twisted horns... well, take a deep breath...you're in Sonoma County's own Serengeti, Safari West. Upon arrival we will board the African Queen, a 25-foot long trailer adapted with benches and a thatched grass roof for a journey through their savannah grasslands and breathtaking view of Watusi Lake, and then it's time to explore on foot! The second half of the tour allows us to stroll through the inner compound, where we'll encounter giraffes, primates, and birds in their open-air aviary! After the tour we'll have a bountiful, hosted lunch consisting of BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Pork & Beans, Green Salad, French Bread, Dessert, and Iced Tea or Coffee. On our way back to the Bay Area we will take a walk down memory lane and remember good things and good times. We all have pleasant and vivid memories of the places where we went as children to get our favorite candy, whether it was the corner store or Grandma's candy dish. Powell's Sweet Shoppe, the Smithsonian of candy stores, is a nostalgic re-creation of that classic and bygone era and has been featured on the regional TV shows. We will have time to reminisce and shop.

Trip includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities and lunch. All this for \$80.00 per person. These trips fill up fast so don't wait. **Note: a second bus has been added.**

Contact:

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

Behind the Scenes

Tuesdays, July 8 and 22, 2008

Trip Activity rating-2

The day will begin at KQED Studios in San Francisco for a "Behind-The-Scenes Tour" of their FM facility, working studio, master control room & TV studios with a docent guide. KQED is San Francisco's primary public broadcasting outlet. First taking to the airwaves 50 years ago to broadcast "educational tv," KQED television and radio have always been flagships of the national public broadcasting networks. Next stop, Caesar's Italian Restaurant for a hosted lunch. Dine at an old-fashioned restaurant "where the Italians eat" in North Beach. Please select one of the following entrée choices: Veal Parmigiana; Roast Beef Au Jus; or Combination Seafood Plate (Scallops, Prawns and Filet of Sole). All entrées include Salad, Pasta of the Day, Spumoni Ice Cream for dessert, and Coffee. After lunch, visit the Boudin Bakery & Museum. Discover Boudin's culinary history and learn about its origin in 1849. Today, 150 years later, they continue to bring you a culinary collection that represents the Bay Area's best. Learn the art & science behind "the original San Francisco sourdough." Get an up-close "baker's view" through Boudin's 30-foot observation window and a glass-walled catwalk at this demonstration bakery. Enjoy sampling the freshly baked bread, hot right out of the oven. Before heading home, we will end our day with a no-host dessert at Mel's Drive-in on Geary (the same Mel's Diner used in the film, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner.")

Tour includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities and a hosted lunch.

All this for \$63.00 per person. These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

Due to the large interest in this trip, we are currently accepting reservations for a second bus for this trip. It will be scheduled for Tuesday, July 22.

Contact:

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

A Journey through Time

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Trip Activity rating-2

Visit the National Steinbeck Center with a docent-led tour and experience the world of John Steinbeck, where literature jumps off the printed page and into your imagination. Discover Steinbeck's works and philosophy through interactive, multisensory exhibits, priceless artifacts, entertaining displays, educational programs and research archives.

Lunch is at Phil's Fish Market at Moss Landing, which has been in business since 1982. Then you will visit the museum at the Watsonville Agriculture History Project. Enjoy a docent-led tour and discover the history of agriculture in this area, including the crops, people, artifacts and farming practices that have made the Pajaro Valley what it is today. The last stop is at Gizdich Ranch for a no-host sweet stop. Tour this family ranch and breathe in the country atmosphere. Purchase a jar or two of fresh homemade berry jam and enjoy a slice of the best pie this side of the Rockies. Visit the antique shop next to the barn.

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities, Hosted Lunch, and Docent Tours

All this for \$71.00 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

Day Trips

A Taste of Many Treasures

Friday, April 4, 2008

Trip Activity rating-3

The Gardens at Heather Farm: A docent will lead a tour of this living museum, outdoor classroom, and public garden. This is a beautiful place for everyone to enjoy a broad range of plants situated in more than twenty demonstration gardens and learning sites. The gardens demonstrate low maintenance, water conservation, and environmentally friendly pest management methods, as well as stunning landscape techniques and designs, all with handicapped accessible pathways.

Hosted Lunch at Pyramid Brewing Company: The group will enjoy a family style meal including mixed green salad with cucumbers, diced tomatoes, green onions and croutons; mango glazed salmon with Alehouse rice pilaf and grilled honey cilantro chicken breast with wild rice pilaf, salsa fresca, and cilantro sour cream. Non-alcoholic beverage and a cookie for dessert are included with meal. (Vegetarian option available upon request.)

Blackhawk Museum: Established to ensure that significant automotive treasures blending art, technology, culture and history would be exhibited for public enjoyment and educational enrichment. A 70,000 square foot architectural masterpiece showcasing rolling sculptures in a unique "jewel box" setting which includes two 2,000 square foot galleries of traveling exhibits. A docent-led tour of this magnificent facility will include over 90 cars, many of which are on loan from museum friends from all over the world

Loard's Ice Cream & Candy: Introduced some 50 years ago when not much attention was paid to high-fat, low-fat and heaven forbid non-fat! People just knew they liked Loard's ice cream and how it tasted – rich and creamy! The truth is, then and now, Loard's ice cream is not a reduced fat menu item and they are proud of it. A no host stop will be made at Loard's in quaint downtown Pleasanton for those who would like to enjoy a premium ice cream treat!

Tour Includes:

Deluxe Motorcoach

All Gratuities

Hosted Lunch, and Docent Tours

All this for \$83.00 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

Hikes

Los Alamitos Creek Walk

Friday, February 29, 2008

10:30 AM

Celebrate Leap Year with an invigorating walk on the Los Alamitos Creek trail. It's flat, paved, and pretty. There will be a couple of distance options, too. We will begin near Pfeiffer Park and travel south. When we reach a point on Harry Road near the IBM research facility entrance (about 2.9 miles), our fellow hiker Ray Holly has offered to ferry us to his home nearby, where we can enjoy our lunches. Ray's home has a large deck with wonderful views of the Almaden Valley. If it's raining, we can eat indoors. After lunch, Ray will drive us back to the pickup point and we can walk back to our cars. This option will total about 5 miles. Or, if you wish, he can take you back to the walk's starting point.

To get to the meeting area from Highway 85, take Almaden Expressway south to Camden Avenue where you will turn left. Continue on Camden to Mt. Forest (there is a Mormon Church on the right). We will meet at the parking lot across the street from the church at 10:30. Bring your lunch and water. You also might want to bring rain gear just in case it's wet.

Contact:

Gil & Julie Feller

(408) 247-6769

jfeller1@ix.netcom.com

Ray Holly

(408) 997-0478

Año Nuevo State Reserve Hike

Thursday, January 24, 2008

Please note the date change.

This hike is sold out.

If you wish to get on the wait list, call Gil or Julie.

Contact:

Gil & Julie Feller

(408) 247-6769

jfeller1@ix.netcom.com

Adopt-A-Highway

Thursday, December 13, 2007

Crisp, cold, sunny weather and an enthusiastic crew created the perfect day for our cleanup.

A new volunteer, Donna Courtney, joined our litter brigade. She and her husband Bob, retired IBMer, were brought aboard by John and Barbara Warner. The four of them are adopt-a-highway volunteers with the Corvette Club. Donna's quote about the day: "It sure looks beautiful when it's finished!"

Speaking of John Warner, he found another long extension ladder, this one too damaged to be used. We officially dubbed him "The Ladder Man."

14 volunteers filled 36 bags bringing our total to 2221 bags to date. 17 were signed up but last minute two had colds and one broke his tooth and the dentist was available that morning. Nick Clason (tooth) brought coffee and donuts along with his regrets. No one drank coffee, (no roadside porta potties), so we took the coffee over to the Goodwill trailer guys who have been keeping their area clean.

It must be open season for off ramp road signs. We reported 3 downed highway signs to Caltrans. The one on the Almaden off ramp has been down for 6 months. The other two were down on the Santa Teresa off ramp: "vertical clearance" sign and "pedestrians prohibited" sign.

Mel Olsen is retiring from adopt-a-highway due to a back that refuses to cooperate. He was one of our first volunteers and has missed very few cleanups in 6 years. Mel was one of our crew chief backups. He has the most seniority here on earth of any of our volunteers. We are grateful for his cheerfulness, dedication, and effectiveness.

Money: \$2.23, one dollar bill and the rest coins.

Thanks to our Retirement Club annual meeting committee: Bernie Coullahan delivered the leftover bottled water from the annual meeting.

Schedule: Meet in VTA Parking Lot at 8:45 AM

Second Wednesday, January 9, 2008

Second Thursday, February 14, 2008 What a nice thing to do on Valentine's Day!

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

Contact: **Doug & Evelyn Dean 264-9502** dougnevie@comcast.net

San Jose 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 a free Adobe Reader program. You can print only the pages you want, or none at all. Your choice.

PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 5:00 PM, SVL, Room K152 (not the cafeteria this month)

Scott Maiden, Club member and SeniorNet instructor, will give a presentation on Adobe Photoshop Elements 6.0, the latest version. See how the main Organizer screen has had a complete rework in look and feel; how the functionality is more logical although the users of prior versions will be a little confused by the changes. Find out what Smart Albums are! See what has changed in the editor screen. You will have to see the new Quick Selection Tool in action to believe it. You'll learn how they have improved the Healing Brush and Cloning tools and how easy it is to make a perfect group shot. See a demonstration of these features and more. For more information, go to <http://www.adobe.com/products/photoshopelwin/>.

For directions to the meeting see: www.sjpc.org

Contact for questions: **Walt Cole 972-1178** or opawalt@gmail.com

IBM Club

IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes

AMC: silver \$6.00; gold \$7.50
Regal/United Artists: \$6.00
Cinelux: \$6.00 - no restrictions
Century/Cinemark: \$7.00 - no restrictions

Universal Studios

Gate price: \$64.00, ages 3 and up \$55.00
IBM Club price: \$47.00 Three day ticket!

Disneyland single day-one park

Gate price: \$66.00 3-9 years: \$56.00
IBM Club price: \$52.80 3-9 years: \$44.80

Disneyland 1-day park hopper

Gate price: \$91.00 3-9 years: \$81.00
IBM Club price: \$72.80 3-9 years: \$58.40

Disneyland 2-day park hopper

Gate price: \$132.00 3-9 years: \$112.00
IBM Club price: \$105.60 3-9 years: \$89.60

Disneyland 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$189.00 3-9 years: \$159.00
IBM Club price: \$151.20 3-9 years: \$127.20

Disney World single day-one park

Gate price: \$75.62 3-9 years: \$63.90
IBM Club price: \$60.50 3-9 years: \$51.12

Disney World 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$264.12 3-9 years: \$230.04
IBM Club price: \$211.30 3-9 years: \$184.04

Legoland

Gate price: adults \$69.00 3-12 years \$56.00
IBM Club price: \$39.00 all ages, 3 and up

SeaWorld

Gate price: \$65.00 3-9 years: \$55.00, 2 days
IBM Club price: \$44.50 3-9 years: \$39.00, 2 days

Sees Candy

IBM Club price: \$10.75 1 pound gift certificate

Ski Lift Tickets

Squaw

IBM Club Price: \$57.00 1-day general admission

North Star/Sierra

IBM Club price: 23+ years: \$58.00
13-22 years: \$48.00
5-12 years: \$17.00

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Valerie Cowing - (408) 927-3059

Ticket Hours:

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

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**.

IBM Club Web Site for Retirees

In the past, in order to access the IBM Club web site, you had to be an IBM employee. Retirees could not access the site. Now IBM has made an IBM Club web site available for IBM retirees. It is a global web site containing information about IBM Clubs all over the world.

In order to access this web site, you must first register. Then you can subscribe to whatever IBM Club is closest to where you live or to multiple IBM Clubs. Our local club is the Silicon Valley IBM Club.

The address of the web site: www.ibm.com/ibm/ibmclub

Once you get there you will need to provide an e-mail address and provide a password in order to register. You must also specify which IBM Club you are interested in.

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

Swap'N'Shop

Do you remember the old Swap 'N' Shop board in the cafeteria? You could submit a 3x5 card and it would be posted describing the things you wanted to sell or buy. Well, it is now online. IBM employees and retirees can participate. On the first day, more than 100 items were posted and 10 times that number of employees browsed through the site.

www.employeeswapnshop.com/ibmer

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.

www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/

Bowling

**One More Time League
at Club 300 (Oakridge Lanes)
2007/2008 Winter League
December 5, 2007**

1st place: Team #7, "**Odd Balls**" Jim Viallet, Dick Lake,
John & Hugheen Cabri
2nd place: Team #6, "**Almost**" Ted & O'Lynda Head,
Marge & Roger Hargraves

Individual Achievements

Ladies

Men

High Scratch Game

230-Jan Curry
225-Shirley Beyler
221-Mitzi Stewart

268-Dennis Pitchford
267-Keith Balch
260-Dan Thery

High Scratch Series

552-Jan Curry
549-Shirley Beyler
543-Faye Fritz

703-Dennis Pitchford
696-Keith Balch
690-George Zagelow

High Handicap Game

280-Mitzi Stewart
277-Beverly Higa
272-Helen Gendler

278-Keith Balch
275-Ike Andes
270-Dennis Pitchford

High Handicap Series

716-Mitzi Stewart
705-Betty Cobarrubias
698-Sheila Desorbo

733-Paul Fellows
730-Keith Balch
709-Dennis Pitchford

Average

170-Faye Fritz
166-Jan Curry
164-Ann Wilson

198-George Zagelow
196-Keith Balch
195-Dan Thery

Well, there you have it. You even have some new names. We still could use some more bowlers. If you would like to give us a try, come on down on Wednesday mornings and join us. We start to bowl at 9:30 AM.

Come on, we need you!

When you read this it will be year Two-Zero-Zero-Eight!! Can you believe it? Anyway, I hope you had a very Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year.

Topsy,
377-4314

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

December 6, 2007: We had no golfers since we were rained out. Everybody stayed home or went home and told everybody what a great golf day it was since what they remembered was only holes-in-one. Winners were everybody, even those who don't play golf, since California needs the rain.

Closest to Pin #10

Everybody

Congratulations to all the winners.

Late news: The golfers did go out on January 3 and some played. Results next month. But I don't think probably anybody played golf on January 4.

The next fun golf date is Thursday, February 7, **at 10:00 AM, sharp. Please be there by 9:30 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.**"

If it rains, call the golf course to find out if we have canceled. Phone 253-5357, extension 5.

**Wishing you all Happy and Healthy Holidays,
Clara, DeDe and Helen**

**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 and employees. 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

Los Lagos, December 3, 2007 - The "Shot(s) of the Day" go to Rich Campbell, Frank Wilson & Ernie Bonelli. On hole #3, a par 3, Rich chipped his second shot into the cup from 20 yards out for "Birdie"; On hole # 4, a par four, Frank chipped his third shot into the cup from 40 yards for "Birdie"; and, on hole # 16, a par 3, Ernie hit his second shot past the green, but had enough back spin to come back onto the green and roll into the cup for "Birdie"! Three great "Birdies" Rich, Frank & Ernie!

This completes my eight year as Tournament Director. I extend my sincerest thanks to all of you who participate in the monthly tournaments. Thanks, also to Don Johnson, for chairing the membership for the Par Tee Golf Club, and to my lovely wife, Kathy, who verifies your scorecards. The format of play was "Two Best Ball Foursome." We had a nice turnout of 59 players. Here are the results:

Place/Score**	Team			
1 / 105	Jim McGuire	Carol McGuire	Jim Miller	Mel Rodinsky
2 / 110*	Jerry Condensa	Marge Condensa**	Rich Campbell	Gwen Kaefer
3 / 110*	Cathy Priest	Patrick Arnett	Greg Johnston	Ernie Bonelli**
	* = Tie Breaker Used		** = "Blind" Draw	

Closest-To-Pin	#2	#3	#5	#7	#16
<u>Men</u>	Mark Willhoft 7' 10"	Craig Carveiro 4' 2"	Tom Siljander 3' 1"	Chris Carveiro 5' 4"	Glenn Yuki 1' 10"
	Carl Mendel 8' 1"	James Taubodo 7' 6"	Gil Feller 6' 8"	Nick Nomm 10' 4"	Andy La Scola 2' 7"
	Jim McGuire 12' 8"	Tim Conley 25' 0"	Jerry Condensa 21' 3"	Ken Schreiner 12' 6"	Greg Johnston 2' 10"
<u>Ladies</u>	Cathy Priest 53' 5"	Gwen Kaefer 26' 11"	Helen Bonelli 15' 1"	Marge Condensa 19' 10"	Barbara Schrader 31' 3"
	Chris Oba 61' 2"		Carol McGuire 38' 2"		

There were twenty-one bogey golfers, (gross score of 86 or better), and they are: Nick Nomm 74; Glenn Yuki & Christopher Carveiro 76; Erick Schrader, Mark Willhoft & Lou Tolbert 78; Jim McGuire & Dave Glowacki 79; Rich Campbell & Jasper Bell 80; Andy La Scola, James Taubodo & Tom Siljander 81; Patrick Arnett & Jerry Condensa 82; Craig Carveiro 83; Chris Carveiro & Rajesh Arora 84; and Gil Feller, Carl Mendel & Don Johnson 86. Congratulations to all the winners!

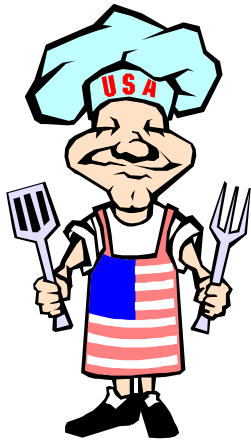
Looking ahead at our schedule:

Date	Course	Cost/Due	Notes
Jan 21	Ridgemark-Gabilan	\$45.00/Jan. 2	Includes cart-soft spikes required - Format = Individual play
Feb. 4	San Jose Municipal	\$38.00/Jan. 23	Cart optional at \$7 each; Format = 2 best ball foursome
Mar. 10	Ridgemark-Diablo	\$45.00/Feb. 20	Includes cart; Soft spikes required; Format = 2 best ball foursome

- Notes:**
- The monthly golf schedule for the entire year (2008 calendar will be updated shortly) can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.sjpc.org/sjrc
 - **Renewals are now due for the "Par Tee Golf Club." After December 7, or no previous NCGA number, are \$50.00. Contact Don Johnson (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: maxdonmar@comcast.net**
 - Prices and dates are subject to change. Be sure to check the newsletter or club web site or call Andy La Scola for latest information.
 - 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 95123-0535

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

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



**Joint
IBM Quarter Century Club
and
IBM San Jose Retirement Club**



PASTA FEST

Saturday, March 22, 2008
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Almaden Research Lab Cafeteria
Entrance off Harry Road or Bernal Road

Reservation Deadline: March 15, 2008
No Tickets Will Be Sold At the Event!!

2:00 PM Social Hour
3:00 PM Dinner

Menu

Various Pastas
Salad
Garlic Bread
Ice Cream

Wine, Coffee or Soft Drinks

Don't forget to bring old eyeglasses to help those who need them.

Your checks will be held until the reservation deadline before they are deposited.
Cancellations must be received by March 15, 2008, if you wish a refund!

No tickets will be mailed. You pick them up at the registration table the day of the event.

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Reservation Form

IBM Quarter Century Club & IBM San Jose Retirement Club PASTA FEST

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Phone: _____ 2nd Guest: _____

Please Reserve: # of persons: _____ \$17.50 each (total number of persons who will attend)

Please make checks payable to IBM RETIREMENT CLUB, and mark them PASTA FEST in the memo field.

**MAIL TO: Terry Milinic'
1480 Bryan Ave
San Jose, CA 95118-1705**