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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

The annual meeting of the IBM Retirement Club will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 2:00 PM, at the Almaden Winery Community Center, 5730 Chambertin Drive, 95118. Carl Guardino, CEO of Silicon Valley Leadership Group, will share his outlook for the Silicon Valley. There will be a time for you to ask question of Mr. Guardino concerning the future of the valley. A normal business meeting with the election of officers, financial report and various committee reports will occur. Refreshments will be served. See you there!

George Walker, President

50th Anniversary of the IBM 1401

Please join us on Tuesday, November 10, at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, for a special celebration of the 50th anniversary of the announcement of the legendary IBM 1401 Data Processing System, the world's most popular computer during much of the 1960s. Activities will include presentations by the original 1401 chief architect (Francis Underwood), engineering program manager (Chuck Branscomb) and the marketing team lead (Shel Jacobs), a synopsis of the Museum's 1401 restoration project (Robert Garner), and a Q&A panel session. During the day, beginning at 2:00 PM, the 1401 restoration team will conduct tours of the Museum's operational 1401. The event is being hosted by Jon Iwata, IBM's SVP of Marketing and Communication.

The IBM 1401 Data Processing System was the most popular computer during much of the 1960s and one of IBM's earliest transistorized computers. In 1965, half of all computers installed in the world were IBM 1401s or members of its compatible family. Announced in October 1959, the 1401 moved thousands of businesses from electromechanical plugboard accounting machines to stored-program computing while its tape and disk systems freed users from the decades-old practice of storing data on endless numbers of punched cards. Growing demand for 1401 software applications contributed to the expansion of the early software industry.

In order to register for the (free) event at the Computer History Museum, please visit:

<http://www.computerhistory.org/events/index.php?id=1246917465>

2009 Holiday Party Dinner Dance

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Mariani's Inn & Restaruant, 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

6:00 PM: No Host bar serving cocktails, beer and wine – Dinner served at 7:00 PM

Cost: **\$33.00** per person

Raffle tickets sold at the event - lots of great prizes!

Tables seat 10. If you would like to sit with friends, all parties must list ALL the names on the reservation forms. Singles will be seated with other singles if requested. Handicapped facilities are available.

Seating is limited – get your reservation in soon – first come, first served. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Reservation Form

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest _____ Phone: _____

Dinner Selections:	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Castroville	included:	Garden Salad
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fillet of Sole Almondine		French Rolls and butter
	<input type="checkbox"/> Roast Marinade of Tri Tip		Chef's Choice of Dessert, Coffee or Tea
	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian Choice		_____ 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:
IBM Retirement Club, c/o Art Dill, 500 Bloom Grade Road, Boulder Creek, CA 95006, (831) 338-3069

San Jose IBM Retirement Club

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Membership Report

Ed Mueller

August 20, 2009

History

August, 1999: 1711

August, 2008: 2153

August, 2009: 2161 (+0)

Currently reading online: 1330 (+1)

Currently receiving paper copy: 328 (-1)

Currently not doing either: 517 (+0)

Numbers in (); changes since last month

Change of Address

Send new addresses, phone numbers and requests for on-line newsletters or requests for mailed paper newsletters to Ed Mueller:

By e-mail: membership@ibmsjrc.org

By U. S. Mail:

Ed Mueller
1269 Peralta Dr.
San Jose, CA 95120

In Memoriam

Doug DeGraffenreid

Ed Hoskinson

Hem Lata Joshi

Josie Ynegas

To report life-changing events, and to find answers to benefit questions, contact:

IBM Employee Services Center

1-800-796-9876

New Members

Georgia Fuller
Norman J. Pass

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IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes

AMC: silver \$6.25; gold \$7.75

Regal/United Artists: \$6.25

Cinelux: \$6.25 - no restrictions

Century/Cinemark: \$7.25 - no restrictions

See's Candy

Regular price: \$15.60 - IBM Club price: \$12.25 1 pound gift certificate

Sea World

Gate price: \$65.00 3-9 years: \$55.00

IBM Club price: \$51.00 2-day ticket!

\$45.50 3-9 years

Universal Studios

Gate price: \$69.00, 3 years & up

IBM Club price: \$57.00, 2-day ticket!

Legoland

Gate price: \$77.00, 3-9 years: \$54.00

IBM Club price: \$45.00, 2-day ticket

Gift Check America Coupon Book for Santa Clara County

Price: \$9.00

That dynamite, fun coupon book that's such a bargain you can't afford to miss it! Great gift for anybody you give gifts to, including yourself!

Pick one up at SVL on Wednesdays, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Discount tickets to other places are available online at the IBM Club web site:

Great America, Gilroy Gardens, Raging Waters, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, 6 Flags Discovery Kingdom. See page 8.

Payment by check or money order only, made payable to **IBM Club**. No cash. No credit cards.

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Frank Vitale - (408) 927-2106

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Valerie Cowing - (408) 927-3059

Ticket Hours:

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

San Jose IBM Retirement Club

web site:

ibmsjrc.org

Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, September 17, 2009, 10:00 AM

Meriwest Credit Union
Chesbro and Blossom Hill Road

IBM PC Club General Meeting

September 8, 2009, 5:00 PM, ARC

Laptop Heating and Ergonomics

www.sjpc.org

Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

Sunshine Report

Lida Parry had surgery. Despite complications, Bill tells me she is now doing well.

Laura Woodard had emergency surgery. After an 8-day hospital stay, she is home doing fine.

On behalf of the board, I wish our retirees good health. Thanks for the calls and e-mails, and please continue to keep me informed.

Terry Milinic'

theresano1@yahoo.com

265-5908

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Sep 8, 2009	PC Club: Laptop Heating & Ergonomics		2	Walt Cole	972-1178
Sep 9, 2009	Adopt-A-Highway		7	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Sep 10-19, 2009	France & Bavaria in the Fall		-	Bob Martinez, Ron Harlan	927-1307
Sep 11, 2009	Hike: San Francisco		7	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Sep 17, 2009	Santa Cruz Follies		-	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 17, 2009	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	George Walker	268-7623
Sep 20-23, 2009	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 4-9, 2009	Monterey Big Hike		-	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
Oct 5-6, 2009	Indian Casino: Red Hawk/Gold Country Sold out		-	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 8, 2009	Adopt-A-Highway		7	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Oct 9, 2009	Hike: Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge		7	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Oct 12, 2009	Bees, Trees and Wine Tasting	2	5	Bill Souza	356-6280
Oct 13, 2009	IBM Retirement Club Annual Meeting		1,7	George Walker	268-7623
Nov 10, 2009	1401 50th Anniversary, Computer History Museum		1	Walt Cole	972-1178
Nov 10, 2009	de Young Museum - Tutankhamun	2	5	Bill Souza	356-6280
Nov 14, 2009	Golden Gate Fields Horse Racing		5	George Nale	779-4275
Dec 6, 2009	Christmas My Way - Sinatra	2	-	Bill Souza	356-6280
Dec 8, 2009	Holiday Dinner/Dance		1	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Jan 12, 2010	Indian Casino: Cache Creek		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Feb 14, 2010	Special Valentine's Day Event		8	Bill Souza	356-6280
Feb 19-Mar 5, 2010	India & Nepal	4	4	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Mar 7-9, 2010	Silver Legacy, Reno		-	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 13, 2010	Indian Casino: Black Oak		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 23, 2010	Asparagus Festival		8	Bill Souza	356-6280
May 6-22, 2010	Panama Canal Cruise		4	Bill Bartz	971-8928
May 10, 2010	Into the Wild, Vision Quest Ranch, Salinas		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 20-29, 2010	Oberammergau		4	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
June 8-14, 2010	Branson in Springtime		4	Ron & Heidi Harlan Bob Martinez	266-7639 927-1307
June 15, 2010	Old Sacramento River Cruise		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 13, 2010	Indian Casino: Chukchansi		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314

*Most sold-out trips have wait lists. Call the trip host to add your name.

TAR: Trip Activity Rating

- 1 Limited walking & activity
- 2 Walking limited to facilities within approximately 1 block of the bus or hotel
- 3 Average walking (3 blocks or more) sightseeing in museums and attractions
- 4 Very active walking, may include airport departures, climbing on and off trains and attractions, may involve high altitudes (9000+) and possible weather extremes

Travel Trips

India - Land of Enchantment Including 3½ Days in Katmandu, the capital of Nepal February 19 - March 5, 2010 TAR: 4

Magical, mysterious, fabulous -- all have been said of this fascinating country. Join us as we travel through a blend of the ancient and modern wonders of India. Visit medieval bazaars that exist beside modern cities such as Delhi. We will see the famous Red Fort, the largest monument in India, as well as the Raj Ghat, the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi on the banks of the river Yamuna. Fly from Delhi to Katmandu to explore this famous city, visiting the royal residence and the Temple House of Kumari, which is the house of the living Goddess. We will take excursions to Patan and Swayambhunath. Visit nearby cities of Pashyatinath, Boudnath and Bhadgaon, with the magnificent Himalayas in the background. Fly back to India to continue our exploration of this complex country via boat cruise, train, rickshaw, motor coach and, if you so desire, on elephant back. Thrill to the magnificent Taj Mahal, "a teardrop on the cheek of time." Set butter lamps afloat on the water of the Ganges as evening falls. Thrill to a sound-and-light show set against the backdrop of the famous Khajuraho Temples. We will visit archaeological museums, ancient temples and the colossal Stupa, plus so much more.

INCLUDED: Roundtrip airfare San Francisco to Delhi, airport transfers, all internal flights within India and Nepal. 13 nights at first class hotels, 16 meals including daily breakfast, local guides in each city, all entrances and tours as listed in the brochure, all baggage handling. 15 days for \$3988 per person, double. Single supplement is \$1050.

Call or e-mail for brochure: **Art and Sharry Dill, (831) 338-3069**, e-mail: arthdill@comcast.net

Branson in Springtime

June 8-14, 2010

A seven-day springtime tour to America's entertainment capital. If you enjoy a variety of music....country, pop, R&B, Broadway style revues, comedy and dazzling acrobats....Branson is the place. Springtime in the Ozarks will include a two hour tram ride through Dogwood Canyon Nature Park, a lunch cruise on Lake Taneycomo aboard the new Landing Princess yacht and the gourmet Sunday Brunch at the beautiful Big Cedar Lodge.

Included features: trip insurance, round trip air (San Jose to Kansas City), deluxe motorcoach, six nights accommodations, thirteen hosted meals, admission to eight shows, baggage handling, airport transfers and all gratuities.

Shows include: Twelve Irish Tenors, Broadway/Osmonds, "Noah The Musical," The Platters, Acrobats of China, Jim Stafford and more.

Price per person: \$2195. For more information and a brochure contact **Ron or Heidi Harlan at (408) 266-7639** or **Bob Martinez at (408) 927-1307**.

Cruise The Panama Canal

May 6-22, 2010

Fly from the Bay Area to Ft Lauderdale, spend the night there, and then board the Sea Princess for the cruise through the Panama Canal and back to San Francisco.

First we'll stop in Aruba and Cartagena (Colombia). Then we'll transit the canal, and stop at Puntarenas (Costa Rica), and Huatul and Acapulco (Mexico) before returning to San Francisco.

The trip includes all bus transfers, air fare and gratuities.

The price of all this is only \$2695 for inside cabins. The next best price for inside cabins is \$2890. A deposit of \$400 will hold a spot. There is an optional insurance premium of \$239. A second payment of \$1000 is due by October 1, 2009, with the balance due by February 1, 2010. Credit cards are accepted! Any reservation made 6 months or more before departure receives a \$25 discount, or \$50 per couple.

Information meeting

**Fresh Choice, Almaden and Blossom Hill
Monday, September 21, at 2:00 PM. Please join us.**

For more information and/or forms, call **Bill Bartz, (408) 971-8928**, or e-mail bartz.bill@yahoo.com

Limited Tour Space Available! Salzburg Now Included! Oberammergau

May 20 - 29, 2010

The **Imperial Cities Tour**, which includes the famous **Passion Play of Oberammergau**, is now \$5159, including air. We will tour Budapest, Hungary, beautiful Vienna, Austria, and spend an evening in Grinzing enjoying the wine and music. Our next stop is Prague, Czech Republic, the "Golden City." Salzburg, the backdrop for "The Sound of Music," is the last stop before the highlight of the trip, the Passion Play, one of the most powerful shows on earth.

Interested? Call George or Carole for a mailed brochure or e-mail them for a soft copy.

Contact: **George and Carole Walker, (408) 268-7623** or e-mail gcwalker95120@yahoo.com

Day Trips

Horse Racing at Golden Gate Fields November 14, 2009

Are you looking for a day filled with excitement, good food and great thoroughbred racing? All this and more is available from your club house seat at Golden Gate Fields on the edge of San Francisco Bay.

Pick your horse from the tout sheets, or visit the paddock to size them up, place your bet and cheer them home. Win or lose—it is a great day.

The bus leaves for the track at 10:00 AM so that we can catch all the action, including video of races at other tracks. The cost is very reasonable at \$55 per person, a bargain in today's economy.

Call **George or Isobel Nale at (408) 779-4275** for reservations.

Vision Quest Ranch Salinas

Monday, May 10, 2010

See wild animals now retired from Hollywood—birds, large cats, bears, elephants, alligators and more. Next, enjoy a hosted lunch at Phil's Fish Market. Then onto Gizdich Ranch, for hosted pie a la mode. For this wonderful day, the price is only \$73.00 per person. Won't you join us?

Call Topsy for a flyer: **(408) 377-4314**

Old Town Sacramento Paddle-wheeler Luncheon Cruise

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Please join us for a hosted lunch and cruise aboard the **Spirit of Sacramento**.

We will have time to enjoy the historic Old Town Sacramento area.

This wonderful day costs only \$77.00

Call Topsy for a flyer. **(408) 377-4314**, or topray4314@att.net

Indian Casino Trips

**Cache Creek Indian Casino
Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

Price: \$30.00, Bonus: \$10 cash
\$5 food credit

**Black Oak Indian Casino
Tuesday, April 13, 2010**

Price: \$21, Bonus: \$10 cash

**Chukchansi Indian Casino
Tuesday, July 13, 2010**

Price: \$27, Bonus: \$20 cash
\$5 food credit

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

Parking:

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

Depart: 8:00 AM

Contact: **Topsy Thompson
(408) 377-4314**

or e-mail: topray4314@att.net

Bees, Trees and Wine Tasting

Monday, October 12, 2009

Trip Activity Rating - 2

Taking reservations for a second bus.

Travel to **Marshall's Honey Bee Farm**, American Canyon, for a guided tour and honey tasting. The beekeeper, Spencer Marshall, will be your guide. You'll learn about his hand-crafted approach to traditional honey production, and you'll visit the charming country store on the site. Then you'll be treated to a private gourmet picnic in the beautiful tree-covered picnic area on the estate grounds of the **V. Sattui** winery. A winery tour and tasting are included. The marketplace at V. Sattui is not to be missed with a gourmet cheese shop offering over 200 types of cheeses, and wine/cooking gift items. The day will continue with the breathtaking drive to the **Petrified Forest** in Calistoga. Upon arrival enjoy a docent-led meadow walk which will include the history of the Petrified Forest.

Tour includes all gratuities, hosted lunch, & docent tour.

All this for **\$80.00** per person.

For reservation information, contact:

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

Las Vegas - Fun Tour

September 20-23, 2009

We will stay in the downtown Golden Nugget hotel for 3 nights. Day 2 is a free day: gamble, shop or take in some live entertainment. Day 3 we will visit the Ethel M. Chocolate factory for a tour with tasting, tour the Botanical Cactus Garden and finally stop at the Cannery Casino.

Cost: \$275 per person, double occupancy, singles add \$80.

Contact: Topsy Thompson

(408) 377-4314 or e-mail: topray4314@att.net

de Young Museum - Tutankhamun Exhibit

Tuesday, November 10, 2009, Trip Activity Rating-2

We are now taking reservations for a second bus

The "Boy King" returns to the de Young Museum. *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs* is a glorious exhibit of over 130 outstanding works from the tomb of Tutankhamun. You'll also find many new and exciting elements not seen in previous versions of the exhibit. We've arranged for a private docent-led tour of this fabulous exhibit! Our visit will also allow for time on your own to explore the museum.

Enjoy a hosted 3-course luncheon at The Van's on the Hill restaurant in Belmont. After lunch we'll visit the San Mateo County Historical Museum, housed within the restored San Mateo County Courthouse, and considered to be one of the best museums in California.

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities, Hosted Lunch

All this for \$89.00 per. person

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

Bowling

One More Time League at Club 300, San Jose (behind Oakridge) 2009 Summer League, August 5, 2009

1st Place: Team #1: "Just 4 Fun," Carl & Marian Wisbar,
Sally & Diego Nicholls
2nd Place: Team #8: "Shirley & the Guys," Shirley Veal, Bill Jeung,
Sal Garcia, George Zagelow

	Women	Men
HIGH SERIES	559-Shirley Beyler	673-George Zagelow
SCRATCH	550-Ruth Furlong	622-Bill Jeung
HIGH SERIES	706-Barbara Pugh	no iBMs
HANDICAP	703-Shirley Beyler 702-Beverly Higa	
HIGH GAME	234-Shirley Beyler	258-George Zagelow
SCRATCH	213-Kris Denholm 209-Shirley Veal	235-Bill Jeung
HIGH GAME	282-Shirley Beyler	271-George Zagelow
HANDICAP	270-Shirley Veal 263-Kris Denholm 262-Marian Wisbar	270-Ernie Veal
HIGH	163-Ruth Furlong	201-George Zagelow
AVERAGE	158-Shirley Beyler	182-Bill Jeung 177-Sal Garcia

The summer league ended on August 26. Final results next month. The fall league meeting and no-tap bowling will be on September 2. League play starts on September 9. If you would like to join this fun league, call Topsy or Sue. Bowling takes place every Wednesday morning.

Topsy Thompson: 377-4314
Sue Ehrlich: 578-8500 (at the bowling center)

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

August 6, 2009: The format for the day was Low Putts. We had 23 players and quite a few low scores were made. Winners were:

	Men	Women
1st	Dave Fitting 26	1st DeDe Corral 31
2nd	Les Harlow 28	2nd Clara DePaul 32
	Jerry Condensa 28	3rd Marge Condensa 34
3rd	Dick Lake 29	4th Helen Brock 35
4th	Dick Gehner 30	
	Neil Rowland 30	
	Don Johnson 30	
	Ray Jelesky 30	

Closest to Pin #10: Sam Walters 10 ft

The next golf date is Thursday, September 3, the Rusty Campbell Tournament. Let's have a good showing for this one. The golf date after that is October 1.

Play starts **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 \$25 **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. Make your check 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.

Happy golfing, Clara DePaul (294-7041)
DeDe Corral (378-6470) & Helen Wehner (264-6296)

Par Tee Golf - To see the full report, go online and look for "Par Tee Golf"

Poppy Hills, August 24, 2009. This was our annual "Bob Slater Memorial Golf Tournament." Bob Slater was the person responsible for starting the Retirement Club golf tournaments. The "Shots-of-the-Day" go to: Rich Greene – On hole #9, a 490 yard par five where Rich hit his third shot into the cup for Eagle. Paul Cavagnolo – On hole #10, Paul used his putter to hole a shot from 25 feet from the green. Pat Arnett – On hole #11, Pat chipped in his second shot for Birdie. Great shots, guys! The format of play was "Two Best Ball Foursome." We had a large turnout of 67 players. Here are the results:

Place/Score	Team	
1 / 118	Jim McGuire	Carol McGuire
2 / 120	Fred Anderson	David Anderson
3 / 122	Don Johnson	John Mai
	Bob Burton	Sharon Burton
	Dave Czarny	Joe Parisi
	John Akeley	Bill Highlander*

* = Blind Draw

Closest-To-Pin #2	#6	#11	#15	#17	
Men	Rich Greene 2' 3"	Darell Bellah 1' 0"	Joe Parisi 8' 4"	Dave Czarny 0' 9"	Dick Liu 0' 11"
	David Anderson 5' 5"	Jerry Jones 11' 2"	Mauro Novara 10' 0"	Phil Nielsen 8' 11"	Lew Johnson 6' 10"
	Dan Tautges 7' 5"	Andy La Scola 14' 2"	Jim McGuire 10' 5"	Graham Kelly 14' 10"	Bob Burton 11' 5"
Women	Mona Nakamura 8' 8"	Sally Armstrong 2' 9"			Dora Moutafian 9' 5"
	Carol McGuire 21' 0"	Cathy Priest 9' 9"			Danuta Eustice 45' 11"
					Mary Ann Jones 46' 11"

There were fifteen bogey golfers (gross score of 90 or better) and they are: Jerry Jones 78; Bob Burton 79; Graham Kelly 80; Fred Anderson & Joe Parisi 84; Dave Czarny & Lou Tolbert 85; Lew Johnson 86; David Anderson, Art Johnson & Jim McGuire 87; Darrell Bellah & Patrick Arnett 88; and Rich Greene & Andy La Scola 90. Congratulations to all the winners!

Future:	Cost/Due Date		
Sep 21	Aptos Seascap	\$55.00/Sep 2	Includes cart
Oct 5	Pajaro Valley	\$40.00/Sep 16	Cart optional
Nov 9	Spring Valley	\$65.00/Oct 21	Includes cart
Dec 7	Los Lagos	\$48.00/Nov 16	Includes cart
			- Format = 2 best ball foursome
			- Format = 2 best ball foursome
			- Format = individual play, Salami Shoot
			- Format = 2 best ball foursome

Notes:
Annual Par Tee membership cost is \$50.00. Contact Don Johnson (408) 997-9452, or maxdonmar@comcast.net, about joining. 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**
Contact: Andy La Scola @ (408) 371-3329 or alascola@earthlink.net

Adopt-A-Highway

The sun was promising and delivering heat on Thursday, August 13. We had 17 volunteers and the work went quickly as we filled 22 bags (2,463 to date) and nabbed a shopping cart. At our meeting before going out, Doug announced our tailgate treat would be popsicles. He warned us to take along plenty of water, and, if the heat got to us, to call Evie on her cell and she would pick us up. Only a minute later, while still in the parking lot, Evie's cell rang, She heard a weak voice pleading "Evie, pick me up. I need a popsicle." Confused, Evie looked around and saw a grinning Bernie Coullahan with his mobile to his ear. There's no better way to start a clean than a good laugh from a fine practical joke.

Rock of Ages litter tale: Chuck Jackson was seduced by litter and ended up in a church's adopted litter zone. His companions found him and brought him back to our area. He summed it up, "I once was lost and then I was found, Amen."

Numbers game: Josie Supencheck found 5 dollar bill, and a nickel (\$.05), and five lottery tickets! Is 5 her lucky number?

Happy sounds: Several of our litter trappers heard "thank you" yelled from passing motorists.

Economic indicators: We found \$6.11, our tailgate treat cost \$5.50, so we made 61 cents. Is this a sign of better economic times?

Fashion tip: Women never look more beautiful nor men more ruggedly handsome than when clad in hard hats and vests accessorized with litter pickers and water bottles.

Schedule: Meet in the VTA parking lot at 8:45 AM on Wednesday, September 9, and Thursday, October 8.

Caller: **Barbara Pugh 265-2466**

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

Hikes

San Francisco City Hike

Friday, September 11, 2009, 10:00 AM

Our city hike this year will be a 6 mile meander in beautiful Golden Gate Park. We will begin the hike on the ocean side of the park and will follow paved paths for the entire walk. No hiking boots required – just comfortable walking shoes. The mostly flat route will take us about as far into the park as the DeYoung museum, at which point we will loop back to the starting point.

We will meet at the ocean side parking area at the intersection of the Great Highway and Lincoln Way. To get to the meeting area, drive north on Highway 280 from San Jose to San Francisco and take the Highway 35 (Skyline Blvd) exit. Follow Skyline for quite a ways until you see the sign for the San Francisco Zoo, where you will turn left. Drive on the Great Highway until you see the parking area on the left (near the Beach Chalet). That is our meeting area. There are other quicker, less scenic ways to get you there but this is our favorite route. We will meet at 10:00 AM. Allow at least 1-1/4 hours to get there. Bring your lunch and water (or you can buy at the DeYoung). We will stop along the way to eat lunch.

Contact: **Gil & Julie Feller, 247-6769, jfeller1@ix.netcom.com**

Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge (Alviso) Hike

Friday, October 9, 2009, 10:00 AM

We will wander through restored wetlands at the south end of San Francisco Bay. The 5-1/2 mile walk is completely flat on dirt trails. If we are lucky, we will see many species of waterfowl as we walk around the sloughs. We'll picnic at the end of the walk by the environmental education center at the refuge. We'll meet at the refuge parking lot.

Directions: From I-880 or Highway 101, exit on Highway 237 toward Alviso. Turn north onto Zanker Road. Continue on Zanker Road to the Environmental Education Center entrance road (a sharp right turn at Grand Blvd). The distance from 237 to the entrance road is 2.1 miles.

Contact: **Gil & Julie Feller, 247-6769, jfeller1@ix.netcom.com**

San Jose IBM Retirement Club Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Mail-in Ballot

The Club Board submits the names of the following candidates for Club officers in 2010:

President:	George Walker	Write In _____
Vice President:	Bill Souza	Write In _____
Secretary:	Marian Wisbar	Write In _____
Treasurer:	Dave Sloan	Write In _____
Membership Director:	Ed Mueller	Write In _____
Communications Director:	Walt Cole	Write In _____
Directors at large:	Jerry Bemis, Betty Bradley, Tom Clarke	Write In _____

Please mail to:

George Nale
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Morgan Hill, CA 95037

There are no bylaw changes recommended by the IBM Retirement Club Board this year.

More Day Trips

Asparagus Festival

Friday, April 23, 2010

Trip Activity Rating-2

The Stockton Asparagus Festival is a 25-year tradition that is held at the downtown Stockton waterfront. Please join us for this multi-event, food and entertainment festival, which celebrates asparagus. The festival features two performing stages, an Asparagus Alley with the best deep-fried asparagus found anywhere, one of the finest celebrity chef cooking demonstration kitchens, a fabulous "Spear-Its of the Valley" wine and beer pavilion, a craft show, 600 booths, displays and exhibits. A return trip goodie stop will be made at Knudsen's Creamery, Castro Valley.

Includes deluxe motorcoach and all gratuities.

All this for **\$45.00** per person. These trips fill up fast so don't wait. For reservation information contact Bill Souza at (408) 356-6280 or bsouza6280@aol.com

A Very Special Valentine's Day Event

Sunday, February 14, 2010

Trip Activity Rating-2

J'LaChic Theatre39, conveniently situated at the entrance to Pier 39 on San Francisco's historic Fisherman's Wharf, is presenting a special performance by Pete Escovedo and his orchestra. He is an Emmy-nominated musical director/producer of the four-time Emmy-winning "Wayne Brady Show" and has earned recognition not only as a percussionist, but also as a singer, songwriter, and television personality.

He has been a major force in Latin music since the late 1960's. Prior to the show we will enjoy a hosted group luncheon at Castagnola's, the oldest continuously operating restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf.

Included are a deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities, hosted lunch, and the show.

All this for **\$90.00** per person. These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

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IBM has redesigned its web page for IBM retirees. There used to be multiple items, all in separate web sites. Now, there is one web page that has links to all of the others. This is a big improvement. It includes the following: IBM Club, Discounts for IBMers, Employee Purchase Programs, On Demand Community, Matching Grants, NetBenefits, and others. To see the entire list, visit our web site, ibmsjrc.org, and click on **AfterIBM**. Some of the sites require that you register and give your e-mail address and a password.