



Silicon Valley IBM Retiree & Alumni Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Thank you to the membership for selecting me to be Club President for 2013. I will do my best to earn your trust as we embark on an exciting new journey. You may have noticed the club name is now changed at the top of the newsletter to "Silicon Valley IBM Retiree & Alumni Club" and we also have a new logo. Those of you receiving the newsletter via e-mail will see the new logo in vivid color.

Our new charter has expanded the membership to include all IBM alumni. You may want to let your IBM alumni friends know about this change as they may want to join us at our events. This year we will again be doing our Picnic in May, Day at the Vineyards in August, Annual Meeting in October, concluding the year with our Holiday Dinner Dance in December. A special thanks to all the behind the scenes members who have helped the Club Officers this past year. Your help has made our club events very successful.

Wishing you a Safe, Healthy and Happy New Year,
Bernie Coullahan-President

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

December 12: Eight volunteers left 19 bags, 2 shopping carts, a car fender, and a chair for Caltrans to pick up. Current grand total is 2931. It looks as if we will hit a milestone of 3000 bags by the end of 2013.

We received two T-shirts for our participation in California cleanup day and we presented them to John Alteri and Chuck Jackson for rarely missing a cleanup. Motto on this year's shirt: *"Every piece of trash you remove reveals something beautiful."*

Our sign is still down (4 months now) and as our volunteers stepped over it, they realized our sign is now litter! It's hard to clean cheerfully when the acknowledgement of 12 years of work & dedication has become garbage. Caltrans is still promising to restore it.

A review of our first aid kit revealed that we have had almost no injuries. We have used a couple Band-Aids, the "New Skin" bottle had been opened but still full, and the Benadryl expired in 2004.

Christmas shopping must give people less money to lose. We found only 1 dime and a penny.

Schedule: Next cleans are Wednesday, January 9 and Thursday, February 14. Meet in the VTA Parking Lot 8:45 A.M.

Caller: **Barbara Pugh 408-265-2466, kenosha@juno.com**

Contact: **Doug & Evelyn Dean, 408-264-9502, dougnevie@comcast.net**

IBM Volunteers Help Local Community Organizations with IVOC Grants

More than 70 IBM employees and retirees in the South Bay area who volunteer their services at a wide variety of educational and nonprofit organizations received grants for those organizations totaling \$20,000 from the IBM Volunteer Outreach Council (IVOC) in 2012. Sixteen organizations whose diverse missions range from teaching seniors new skills and finding employment for disabled workers to helping middle and high school students explore careers in science, engineering and classical music received grants of up to \$1500 from IVOC.

Four elementary schools in San Jose where IBMers work with classroom teachers received grants to help support MOUSE Squad or Lego Robotics programs. The schools are Los Arboles, Bertha Taylor, Rita Ledesma, and August Boeger. Students from schools throughout Santa Clara County who are passionate about music perform with the San Jose Youth Chamber Orchestra, which also received a grant to support its concert series. IBMers who work with organizations focused on providing services for low-income at-risk families also facilitated IVOC grants for Sacred Heart Community Service, Sunnyvale Community Services, South Valley Family YMCA, and Meals On Wheels.

Other 2012 grant recipients with IBM volunteers on board include SeniorNet Learning Center in Willow Glen, TransAccess, and Alzheimer Association of Northern California. Project Linus received a grant for materials used by more than 50 local IBMers who made blankets during Week of Caring to help provide comfort to hospitalized children.

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**Silicon Valley
IBM Retiree and Alumni Club web site:
ibmsjrc.org**

Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, January 17, 2013, 10:00 AM
Meriwest Credit Union
Chesbro and Blossom Hill Road

IBM PC Club Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 5:00 PM
GoFlex NAS
www.sjpc.org
Contact: Walt Cole, 408-972-1178

Membership Report

Ed Mueller

December 20, 2012

Total Members: 2146
Newsletters mailed: 328
Members who read online: 1327
Members we don't know about: 477

Change of Address

Send your new mailing address, your new e-mail address, your new phone number, or a request for on-line newsletters or a request for mailed paper newsletters to Ed Mueller.

By e-mail: membership@ibmsjrc.org

By U. S. Mail: Ed Mueller
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New Members

Daniel Rhoads
Joseph Tondreau
from December newsletter
Claude Bastianelli
Peter Duke
Gnei Falaldeen
Mung Le
Sushil Patel

In Memoriam

Margaret "Elaine" Brooks
Pete Gallo
A. A. "Casey" Kassay
Ron Pearsall
Hubert Tse
from December newsletter
Jack M. Baldwin
Iva Lee Bianchi
Jack Clemens
Marguerite Harrington
Jim F. Kelly
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Evelyn Santillan
Laura E. Walker
Marian Wisbar

To report life-changing events, and to find answers to benefit questions, contact:
IBM Employee Services Center
800-796-9876

IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes

AMC: silver \$6.75; gold \$8.25
Regal/United Artists: \$6.75
Cinelux: \$7.25
Century/Cinemark: \$7.75
Camera Cinemas \$6.30

See other ticket discounts at
www.ibmsjrc.org

Click **IBM CLUB ANYDAY TICKETS**

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

IBM Club Office Contact:

Frank Vitale - 408-927-2106
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Ticket Hours:

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

Discount tickets to many places are online at the IBM Club website:

California Academy of Sciences
Six Flags Discovery Kingdom
Monterey Bay Aquarium
See's Candy
Legoland
Universal Studios
SeaWorld
Disneyland

*There is a new link on
the club web site,*

*"Bay Area IBM Club Discounts,"
that will get you more directly to the
discounts in the above list.
It is on left side of home page just
above the "After IBM" link*

Sunshine Report

Don House is enduring health issues, but Phyllis tells me he is much better and hopes to return to his normal activities soon.

On behalf of the members of the Retirement Club Board, I wish Don and all retirees a healthy, peaceful new year.

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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Jan 8, 2013	PC Club – GoFlex NAS		2	Walt Cole	408-972-1178
Jan 9, 2013	Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up	3	1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	408-264-9502
Jan 15, 2013	Indian Casino: River Rock	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Jan 17, 2013	IBM Retiree & Alumni Club Board Meeting		2	Bernie Coullahan	408-356-5311
Jan 25, 2013	Hike: San Francisco Stairway Walk	4	8	Gil & Julie Feller	408-247-6769
Feb 14, 2013	Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up	3	1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	408-264-9502
Mar 6, 2013	California Academy of Science	2	6	Bill Souza	408-356-6280
Mar 6-15, 2013	Israel, A Journey to the Holy Land	3	4	George Walker	408-268-7623
Mar 10-12, 2013	Reno Casinos	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Apr 15-25, 2013	The Netherlands		4	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
Apr 25-May 10, 2013	Hawaiian Cruise (<i>cancelled</i>)		–	Maria Stout	408-677-3909
May 13-14, 2013	Casinos: Feather Fall, Gold Country	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
June 3, 2013	San Francisco Magic Bus Tour	2	6	Bill Souza	408-356-6280
July 9, 2013	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
July 14-27, 2013	Central and Eastern European Cities	2	5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
July 31, 2013	RESPECT, a Musical Journey of Women	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Aug 23-30, 2013	Islands of New England		5	Maria Stout	408-677-3909
Sep 8-10, 2013	Reno Casinos	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Sep 20-Oct 2, 2013	Portugal, the Azores and Madeira Islands	3	5	George Walker	408-268-7623
Sep 26-Oct 1, 2013	Showtime Branson	3	4	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437
Oct 8, 2013	Indian Casino: Chukchansi	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Oct 21-Nov 4, 2013	French Waterways Cruise	4	5	Art Dill	831-338-3069

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 Adventures

Israel, A Journey to the Holy Land

March 6-15, 2013

*Tel Aviv; Jaffa; Caesarea; Tiberias; Sea of Galilee; Nazareth;
Jericho; Dead Sea; Qumran; Jerusalem; Wailing Wall;
Bethlehem; Church of the Nativity; Mount of Olives; Mt. Zion*

Experience this inspirational trip to the Holy Land to visit some of the most ancient sites in the world. Our trip begins in Tel Aviv, then on to Jaffa, visiting the UNESCO World Heritage site on Mount Carmel and ending the day in Tiberias on the Mount of Beatitudes. We will sail on the Sea of Galilee, have lunch at a Kibbutz and see the River Jordan. Cana, site of the first miracle, Nazareth, and Jericho will be stops for us. We visit another UNESCO site, the Masada, and float in the Dead Sea and then on to Jerusalem. This city is the birthplace of 3 major religions and we will have 4 nights to explore this most holy place.

The cost per person is **\$3,869** (double); \$4,569 (single); and includes air, hotels, 15 meals, and transfers.

Contact: **George & Carole Walker at gcwalker95120@yahoo.com or call 408-221-2063**

The Netherlands

April 15 – 25, 2013

*Belgian Chocolates , Paris Crepes, and
delicious Amsterdam Gouda cheese*

Take a walk through the historic medieval city of Bruges, visit the seaside village of Volendam, tour through Belgium and Amsterdam, and walk the avenues of the amazing city of Paris. Cruise the canals of Amsterdam by candlelight, and visit a famous diamond-cutting artisan workshop. We will travel through the French countryside, have dinner at the Eiffel Tower and boat down the Seine River. See and smell the amazing flowers of the world-famous Keukenhof Flower Gardens, watch historic windmills turn, and visit a cheese farm.

The cost of this 11-day tour, with air, is **\$3,899** per person, double occupancy. This includes hotel, roundtrip air from SFO, excursions, transfers and a coach to and from the San Francisco airport. Also included are 13 meals: 9 breakfasts and 4 dinners.

*Info meeting, Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 3:00 PM
Sweet Tomato's restaurant, 113 Bernal Road, San Jose. Please RSVP.*

Brochures are available upon request, and can be e-mailed.

Contact: **Bob Martinez, 408-778-2978 or bobloves2travel@yahoo.com**

Showtime in Branson

September 26 – October 1, 2013

We will enjoy seven world class shows: * The Twelve Irish Tenors * "Joseph," the musical, with a backstage tour * Two-hour dinner cruise on the Branson Belle Showboat; includes a musical show * Presleys' Jubilee, a four-generation family entertainment * Clay Cooper's Country Musical Express * The Legends, imitating the look and sound of famous stars * The talented music group SIX.

The Cedar Lodge Brunch is much anticipated by those who have been there before, as is a dinner at the Cracker Barrel. This time we will also enjoy Andy Williams' Moon River Grill, Plaza View and in Kansas City a genuine BBQ at Fiorella's Jack Stack.

Dogwood Canyon and a visit to the College of the Ozarks give us a peek at the lovely surroundings plus there will be leisure time for those who like to shop, both in downtown Branson and in nice shops very close to the Radisson where we are staying for the duration.

Tour Price is **\$2190** double occupancy. \$350 single supplement.

This includes round trip airfare, deluxe motor coach throughout, five nights accommodation, admission to 7 shows, all tours as listed in itinerary, baggage handling and ten hosted meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 brunch and 5 dinners and all tips and gratuities.

For brochure and/or questions contact:

**Christina Anhorn at 831-438-3437,
e-mail: leswede@aol.com
Heidi Harlan at 408-266-7639**

IVOC Grants, continued from page 1

For a complete list of organizations that received grants, visit the Grants page on the IVOC web site <http://goo.gl/5733I>

Are you a current IBM employee or IBM retiree who volunteers for a school or nonprofit organization that could benefit from receiving a grant from IVOC? Any volunteer who is registered with the IBM On Demand Community is eligible to apply. Learn more about IVOC and how you can request a grant for your organization: <http://goo.gl/NrY71>

Contact: **Bev Baker, bjb1950k@gmail.com**

Travel Adventures

Islands of New England

August 23 - 30, 2013

New England's miles of sandy beaches, majestic coasts, and rolling surf invite relaxation. The "Islands of New England" tour spends eight days exploring New England's charms, from the cobblestone streets of Nantucket to a traditional cranberry bog. Step back in time at Plimoth Plantation. Enjoy a lobster feast and a gourmet meal on the Cape Cod Dinner Train. Visit Boston and Providence, the Gilded Age mansions of Newport, the lively artist colony of Provincetown and the beautiful islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

The cost of this 8-day tour with air is **\$2349** per person, double occupancy. This includes hotel, round-trip air from San Jose Airport, air taxes and fees, and transportation to and from the airport. Also included are 11 meals.

Brochures are available upon request and can be e-mailed.

*Info meeting - Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 2:00 PM
Sweet Tomato's restaurant, 113 Bernal Road, San Jose.
Please RSVP.*

Contact: **Maria Stout, 408-677-3909,**
mariastout@comcast.net

Portugal, the Azores and Madeira Islands

September 20 - October 2, 2013

Visit sunny Portugal, the Azores and the Madeira Islands! Explore medieval towns as well as charming coastal villages. Included are 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, areas of regional wines and some of the world's most striking scenery. The art of the area is well represented in the famous painted tiles. The wines and foods of this Portuguese Riviera will be featured in the 18 meals which are included. An evening of the famous Fado music will be enjoyed.

Flying to Madeira Island will bring us to outstanding mountains, charming villages known for their specialty crafts and goods, and three days of discovering one of the region's most beautiful natural settings. We will stroll the fishing villages, visit colonial mansions and 15th century cathedrals, and shop at local markets. Growing on these islands are pineapples, flowers and tea. In the Azores we will tour the largest town and continue on to the beautiful twin lakes of the region's volcanic national park.

The price is **\$4199** per person, double occupancy. Save \$250 if you sign up early!

Call **George Walker** for information and fliers.
408-268-7623 or e-mail **gcwalker95120@yahoo.com**

Magical French Waterways Cruise Provence & Spain

October 21 - November 4, 2013 (15 days)

This tour starts with 3 nights in romantic Barcelona in Spain. Then we enjoy a deluxe 7-night cruise including wine, gourmet food and day tours in Spain and France. We will take the high speed TGV train from Lyon to Paris and spend 3 nights there with guided sightseeing tours.

Headsets will be available for guided day tours. Use of bicycles will be available to explore on your own. During our experience we will be seeing 5 UNESCO World Heritage Sites (see brochure for details).

Onboard, enjoy free Internet, hit movies, folklore dancers, lectures, theme dinners, onboard music performances, and afternoon and evening piano music.

We have blocked rooms for only 24 travelers and space is limited in each category and is available on first-come first-served basis. All cabins are 170 square feet with outside windows. There are 4 categories available.

Prices range from **\$4980** (fixed window) to **\$5685** (French Balcony). Price does not include airfare. Airline cost will be available January, 2013. It will be a good time to use your frequent flyer miles.

*Info meeting - Thursday, January 10, 2013, 11:00 AM
Sweet Tomato's restaurant, 113 Bernal Road, San Jose.
Please RSVP.*

Contact **Art & Sharry Dill** for a brochure and/or questions.
831-338-3069 or e-mail: **arthdill@comcast.net**

The Magnificent Cities of Central and Eastern Europe

July 14 - July 27, 2013

*14 Days of Europe's most beautiful cities,
including Vienna, Prague, Budapest and Warsaw.*

In the 'Golden City' of Prague, we will visit the Hradcany Castle, take a walk through Prague's old town, and see the astronomical clock. Then it is on to the vibrant city of Vienna, Austria where you will see many architectural marvels as you stroll the boulevards and sip some Viennese coffee. Next we travel the picturesque Hungarian countryside to the lovely city of Budapest. In Krakow, we will visit the Wawel Castle. Then it is on to Warsaw, where we see first hand the concentration camps of Auschwitz. We will also travel to Berlin, where we get to see the remains of the Berlin Wall and pass through the area that was once Check Point Charlie.

The cost of this 14 day tour, with air, is **\$4,289** double occupancy. This includes hotel, round trip air from SFO, excursions, transfers and a coach to and from the San Francisco Airport. Also included are 18 meals: 12 breakfasts and 6 dinners. Brochures are available upon request, hardcopy or e-mail.

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Please RSVP.*

Contact: **Bob Martinez, 408-778-2978** or
e-mail: **bobloves2travel@yahoo.com**

More Adventures

California Academy of Sciences

Tuesday, March 6, 2013

Join your IBM Retirement friends for a 4 hour visit to the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, in beautiful Golden Gate Park.

Admission includes access to all museum and aquarium exhibits, including the rainforest, planetarium, and living roof. The visit will also include access to the new Earthquake exhibit that has everyone talking. Excite your senses with a new, visually stunning planetarium show that journeys through the San Andreas fault, delves into the Earth's core and explores the seismic science of earthquakes throughout our world. It's certain there will be something for everyone to enjoy! With several dining options, a no host lunch break can be made at your convenience.

Deluxe motorcoach, museum admission, all gratuities included. All this for **\$65** per person. These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

Contact: **Bill Souza at 408-356-6280 or bsouza6280@aol.com**

Respect, a Musical Journey of Women

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

This international hit musical tells the exciting story of women through popular music and the real adventures of women -- dreams realized, lost loves, relationships and careers. The song list includes "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey," "Someone to Watch Over Me," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend," "I Enjoy Being a Girl," and dozens more.

Tour Includes: round-trip transportation, matinee performance of R.E.S.P.E.C.T. at the East Sonora Theater, and a hosted preshow luncheon at the historic Columbia City Hotel.

The price is **\$98** per person.

Contact: **Topsy Thompson, 408-377-4314, or topay4314@att.net**

Magic Bus Tour -- it's a trip

Monday, June 3, 2013!

Travel back in time aboard a Mobile Time Machine that blends sightseeing, film, and theater for a tour that traces San Francisco's history back to the 60's. Large screens roll down over the bus windows, revealing documentary footage, and oral histories and classic tunes give splashes of psychedelic color to each passing landmark. Singing along and dressing in brightly colored attire for this time warping tour is optional and encouraged!

Our day in San Francisco will include free time at Pier 39 and a hosted lunch at the Hard Rock Café.

Deluxe Motorcoach, hosted lunch, bus tour, all gratuities --

All this for **\$65** 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

Bowling

One More Time League

at "300 San Jose"
(behind Oakridge)

Winter League Standings

As of December 12

First place: Team #3, *Shame on You*, Betty Cobarrubias, Nancy Barone, Fred Mitchell, Dan Thery
Second place: Team #5, *Never a Doubt*, Eddie Fahner, Barbara Pugh, Joanie Francis, Jim O'Neil

MEN

Scratch Game
258-Fred Gulizia
257-Rich Gavino
244-Dan Thery
SCRATCH SERIES
652-Tom Higa
649-Rich Gavino
633-George Zagelow
HANDICAP GAME
274-Ernie Veal
268-Bernie Coullahan
266-Paul Gendler
HANDICAP SERIES
703-Tom Higa
680-Bob Goetze
674-Bernie Coullahan

WOMEN

SCRATCH GAME
219-Shirley Beyler
203-Nancy Barone
203-Aloma Lazeter
SCRATCH SERIES
568-Faye Fritz
540-Marilyn Bianco
525-Jan Curry
HANDICAP GAME
257-Mae Nakamura
257-Shirley Beyler
253-Judy Siliga
HANDICAP SERIES
690-Helen Gendler
685-Faye Fritz
681-Mae Nakamura

"I'm back," and thank you for your phone calls and cards. They helped me to get better more quickly. I even started to bowl again.

Just a reminder, we do need you to come down to the lanes as we need bowlers. We know there are some new members of the SVIBMR&A Club who have bowled. Please come join our Wednesday morning league. 9:30 AM.

Topsy Thompson, Secretary, 408-377-4314

Casino Trips

River Rock

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Reno Casinos

March 10-12, 2013

Feather Fall, Gold Country

May 13-14, 2013

Jackson Rancheria

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

Reno Casinos

September 8-10, 2013

Chukchansi

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

All these trips will be at least a 5 hour stay.

Parking:

Capitol Expressway and Hwy 87
Park-n-Ride,
South Lot, Section G.
Depart: 7:30 AM

Contact: **Topsy Thompson**

son
408-377-4314,
or e-mail:

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Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

December 6, 2012: The weather was beautiful, but the course was muddy. It was so muddy that on the way to the Ladies tee box on hole #3, Les Harlow & DeDe Corral (who were sharing a cart) got stuck in the mud! Les, being the gentleman that he is, told DeDe to get behind the wheel and steer and he would get out and push! Chris Oba offered to help as well. Then, Les told DeDe to step on the gas! Well, what do you think happens when you spin wheels in mud? Yes, mud starts to fly. It splattered.....not on Chris and DeDe, only on Les! The poor guy was covered from head to toe! (His comment: "I should have called AAA.") The format of play was "Count-Your-Putts." We had a nice turnout of 14 players.

Men		Women	
1st Darrel Jensen	31	1st Clara DePaul	31
2nd Les Harlow	32	Helen Brock	31
3rd Leroy Wallace	33	2nd DeDe Corral	34
Ray Jelesky	33	Chris Oba	34
4th Bill Bartz	34		
Armin Kluth	34		

Closest-to-Pin #16:

Men	Women
1st Darrel Jensen 41' 0"	1st Helen Brock 41' 7"
2nd Dick Lake 44' 0"	2nd Chris Oba 55' 0"

The next golf dates are Thursdays, January 3, February 7 and March 7, 2013. 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 Clara.

Please send your check for **\$26 15 days in advance** of our golf date (or sooner) to:

Clara DePaul, 910 N. 3rd St., San Jose, CA 95112

Or call Clara 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 408-253-5357, extension 5.

Happy Golfing to All!
Clara DePaul 408-294-7041
DeDe Corral 408-378-6470

Par Tee Golf

Los Lagos December 3, 2012. After the torrential cloud bursts that we had on Saturday, the Rain Gods decided that we had enough rain and turned off the waterworks! However, the course was pretty saturated, so golf carts were restricted to "Cart Path Only."

This completes my thirteenth year as Tournament Director.....Now, on to the fourteenth. I extend my sincerest thanks to all of you who participate in the monthly tournaments. Thanks, also, to Terry Gray, for chairing the membership of 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 50 players on a beautiful sunny day! Here are the results:

Place/Score	Team			
1 / 109	Mel Rodinsky	John Akeley	Pat Boyd	Jorge Gonzalez
2 / 113	Terry Gray	Dennis Niemeyer	Mike Henson	Jack Zogg
2 / 114*	Rich Saito	Khanh Nguyen	Ken Ferguson	Kevin Fagalde

* = Tie Breaker used

Closest-To-Pin	#2	#3	#5	#7	#16
Men	Darell Bellah 4' 0"	Greg Seaton 4' 4"	Jorge Gonzalez 14' 1"	James Taubodo 2 4"	Ken Ferguson 5' 10"
	John Akeley 16' 5"	Bob Goetze 6' 3"	Chris Groh 27' 7"	Patrick Arnett 2' 7"	John Grewohl 18' 9"
	Mel Rodinsky 24' 6"	Khanh Nguyen 9' 1"	Eric Schrader 33' 0"	Dennis Niemeyer 6' 0"	Mike Henson 29' 11"
Ladies	Mary Ann Jones 46' 6"			Chris Oba 24' 1"	

Future	Course	Cost/Due Date	Notes
January 14	Ridgemark-Gabilan	\$45.00/December 30	Includes cart - Format = 2 best ball foursome
February 4	Ridgemark Diablo	\$45.00/January 16	Includes cart - Format = 2 best ball foursome

- Notes:**
- Check the IBM Retirement Club web site www.ibmsjrc.org for Par Tee Golf information, rules and results. The 2013 schedule has not been updated yet.
 - **Renewals for your 2013 NCGA dues are now being accepted. The cost for reinstatement or renewals is \$52.00.**
 - If you have never had an NCGA card, you may get one by joining the IBM Retiree Par Tee Golf club. The cost is \$52.00. Contact Terry Gray 408-629-8893, or send an email to tgolf18@aol.com
 - Prices and dates are subject to change. Be sure to check newsletter, web site, or call Andy, for latest information.
 - Make all checks payable to "Par Tee Golf." 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 sign ups is
Par Tee Golf, P.O. Box 53535, San Jose, CA 95153-0535
 - Include your GHIN number, home phone number, and your e-mail address, if I don't already have them. Indicate which foursome you wish to play with, or I will assign you to one. (Note: 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

Hikes

San Francisco Stairway Walk

Friday, January 25, 2013, 10:00 AM

The last time we did this walk everyone said it was most enjoyable, so we are doing it again. It is an urban trek, almost all on paved streets and walkways. But oh, what walkways these are! We will use the city's stairways to navigate hills that are too steep for cars. When we scouted the walk, we counted a total of 550 stairs going up, probably about the same going down. So bring your most comfortable walking shoes and tune up your knees for this challenging walk.

We found the walk in a delightful book called "Stairway Walks in San Francisco." Our route takes us through Golden Gate Heights, an area south of Golden Gate Park. It's a quiet residential neighborhood with a lovely park and great views.

Other than the stairways we'll navigate, your other challenge will be finding a place to park. We will be meeting on the corner of 15th and Lincoln, across the street from Golden Gate Park. We noted that there was available parking on Lincoln, with no time limit. Probably your best bet to get to the city will be the 280-19th Avenue route. When you get to Lincoln (just before Golden Gate Park), turn right and begin your search for a space. Carpooling is highly recommended! Carpoolers - meet at the normal place - Camden Park and Ride (Camden at 85), at 8:30 AM.

We didn't find a great place to stop for lunch along the walk, so we recommend bringing a snack and drink for munching along the way. Once we finish the walk there is a wide variety of restaurants nearby around 9th avenue (we'll direct you) where you can replenish the calories you burned.

If you plan to join us, please let us know as we'd like to have an idea of who will be going. We'll do the walk rain or shine.

Contact: **Gil & Julie Feller - 408-247-6769 or 408-314-1546**

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Details next month or look on the web site.

Krazy Kampers

We are a group of retired IBMers belonging to the IBM Camping Club, the Krazy Kampers. The club has been around for over 20 years and we would like to invite other IBM retirees who like camping to learn about and perhaps join us on our fun campouts. There is a campout almost every month in the area. The upcoming events with contacts are listed at the right.

January 17 – 20, 2013	Cal Expo/Sacramento	Jim Dack	408-266-6951
February 21 – 25, 2013	Pismo Beach	Mel Rinehart	408-225-1677
March 14 – 17, 2013	Marina Dunes	Rich Haggerty	408-227-4087
April 11 – 14, 2013	Paso Robles	Dale Jelsema	408-842-1310
May 9 – 12, 2013	Smithwoods	Ted Head	408-440-7137
July 18 – 21, 2013	South Lake Tahoe	Bill Bartz	408-971-8928