



Silicon Valley IBM Retiree & Alumni Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

For some time your Board has been in discussions about the venue for our Annual Picnic. The facilities at Cunningham Park, where we have traditionally held our picnic, have significantly deteriorated over the past years. Items include restroom cleanliness, the duck poop all around the grounds, trash pickup, and increased usage fees and the \$6 parking charge year round. (Previously the parking was free until June.) We don't have any confidence this situation will improve in the near future and have decided to hold this year's picnic at the Guglielmo Winery in Morgan Hill. See Picnic News on page 5.

It's time to mark your calendars for our upcoming social events:

Picnic:	Tuesday, June 10, 2014
Day at the Vineyards:	Tuesday, August 5, 2014
Holiday Party:	Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Bernie Coullahan, President

Adopt-A-Highway

January 8, 2014 - On a nice January morning, 6 volunteers removed 9 bags of stuff from the environment, making a 13½ year total of 3115 bags. (John Alteri, Walt Cole, Doug & Evie Dean, Chuck Jackson and Patricia Motta.)

An SUV driver gave Patricia a thumbs up and a big smile.

John Alteri found a fork in the road, literally.

On the Almaden off ramp, Walt found a purse so I could practice my detective skills. Summation: a wallet with coins and receipts all from December and November, 2012. Other things led me to believe the purse belonged to a female college student who chews peppermint gum, bought a hat and sunglasses at Target, has long hair, uses blusher, and is named Veronica. The purse was probably lost or stolen a year ago and the recent mowing of weeds and bushes exposed its hideout.

We are winding down. As we said last month, we are resigning effective May 2 which is the end of our 13th year.

We will have bags and pickers that people can have for removing litter in their own environments.

People can pick them up at our house or we will bring them to the picnic.

Next clean: **Thursday, February 13, 2014**. If it rains or has been rainy the day before, we will cancel in the interest of safety. Evie & Doug

Schedule: Meet in the Blossom Hill 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 Support Local Community Organizations with \$20,000 in IVOC Grants in 2013

At the request of IBM employees and retirees who volunteer their services, fourteen schools and community organizations in the Bay Area received grants totaling \$20,000 from the IBM Volunteer Outreach Council (IVOC) in 2013. These organizations received grants of up to \$1500 each to support STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) programs and to provide needed social services.

Continuing IBM's tradition of supporting STEAM projects, IVOC grants helped teachers establish MOUSE Squads at two elementary schools in San Jose: Bertha Taylor Elementary School and Seven Trees Community Schools (which combines Los Arboles and Daniel Lairon schools). MOUSE Squad is a national program that enables students to learn computer technology, problem solving, communication, and leadership skills while providing services and tech support to their schools.

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IBM Retiree & Alumni Club**

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George Walker, Bill Souza

Silicon Valley

IBM Retiree and Alumni Club web site:

ibmsjrc.org

Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, February 20, 2014, 10:00 AM

CSR Real Estate Services
5330 Camden Ave., 2nd floor,
just north of Kooser Road

IBM PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 5:00 pm

Almaden Community Center
6445 Camden Ave., 2nd floor

Android Tablets

www.sjpc.org

Contact: Walt Cole, 408-972-1178

Membership Report

Ed Mueller

January 16, 2014

Total Members: 2104 (-48)
Newsletters mailed: 330
Members who read online: 1336
Inactive Members: 439
Missing Members: 4
Dropped: 47

Change of Address

Please send in your new mailing address,
your new e-mail address, your new phone
number, or a request for on-line newsletters.

By e-mail: **membership@ibmsjrc.org**

By U. S. Mail: Ed Mueller
1269 Peralta Dr.
San Jose, CA 95120

New Members

James Dumanowski

In Memoriam

Tom Apple

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Rick Fitch

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Wilma L. Madden

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and to find answers to benefit
questions, contact:
IBM Employee Services Center
800-796-9876

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Movie passes

AMC: silver \$7.00; gold \$8.25
Regal/United Artists: \$7.00
Cinelux: \$7.25
Century/Cinemark: \$7.75
Camera Cinemas \$6.30

See other ticket discounts at
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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

Ray Thompson was hospitalized with
pneumonia and is now home.

Don Walker is dealing with health issues.

Ron Bianco is in a care facility but hoping
to return home soon.

Clara De Paul underwent surgery to re-
pair a broken collar bone which she sus-
tained in a fall.

As always, to all retirees, especially Ray,
Don, Ron and Clara, on behalf of the SV
IBM Retiree and Alumni Club, I send best
wishes.

Thanks to everyone for your telephone
calls and e-mails.

Please continue to let me know of any
retiree who is ill. I will attempt to call
them, but names will not be published
without their permission.

Terry Milinic' 408-265-5908
theresano1@yahoo.com

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Feb 4, 2014	Indian Casino: Graton Rancheria	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Feb 11, 2014	PC Club - Android Tablets	3	2	Walt Cole	408-972-1178
Feb 13, 2014	Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up	3	1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	408-264-9502
Feb 18, 2014	San Francisco Exporatorium		–	Bill Souza	408-356-6280
Feb 20, 2014	IBM Retiree & Alumni Club Board Meeting		2	Bernie Coullahan	408-356-5311
Feb 21, 2014	Hike: Pacific Grove Walk		8	Jim & Maya D'Anjou	408-607-7687
Mar 6-26, 2014	Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos	3	4	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Mar 9-11, 2014	Reno	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Mar 27, 2014	Steinbeck Discovery		6	Bill Souza	408-356-6280
Apr 1, 2014	Indian Casino: Black Oak	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Apr 3-11, 2014	Discover the French Riviera (<i>Cancelled</i>)		–	Maria Stout	408-677-3909
Apr 29-May 1, 2014	Yosemite in the Spring		6	Bill Souza	408-356-6280
May 6, 2014	Indian Casino: Thunder Valley	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
May 9, 2014	Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous, SF		–	Bill Souza	408-356-6280
June 10, 2014	Annual Club Picnic		1, 5	Bill Souza	408-356-6280
June 29, 2014	Beach Blanket Babylon, SF	2	5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
July 8, 2014	Indian Casino: Palace	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
July 13-18, 2014	Seattle & San Juan Islands		5	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437
July 27-31, 2014	Big Hike	2	8	Bill Desler	408-268-3025
July 30-31, 2014	Hot August Nights	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Aug 5, 2014	Day at the Vineyards	2	–		
Sep 7-9, 2014	Eureka Getaway	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Sep 18-30, 2014	Switzerland, the Alps, Germany & Austria		4	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
Dec 2, 2014	Annual Club Holiday Party		–		

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.

February 20-23	Pismo Coast Village	Mel Rinehart	408-225-1677
March 20-23	Marina Dunes	Rich Haggerty	408-227-4087
April 24-27	Paso Robles	Dale Jelsema	408-842-1310
May 8-11	Smithwoods	Joe Siliga	408-723-1382
June 19-22	Jackson Rancheria	Les Greatbanks	510-234-9271
October 16-19	Marble Quarry	Jim Dack	408-266-6951
November 20-23	Casa de Fruta	Mel Rinehart	408-225-1677

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

Three Kingdoms of Indochina

Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos
March 6 – 26, 2014

19 days of incredible exploration and fascinating travel

Begin with a welcome dinner on a rooftop garden. Enjoy a tour of Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). Sail overnight on beautiful Halong Bay in a luxury junk boat. Marvel at the thousands of limestone islands that dot the waters of this gorgeous bay. Cruise the Mekong Delta and see the floating markets. Enjoy a leisurely lunch in a lush tropical garden, then explore local villages and temples. Venture to UNESCO World sites. Follow the Thu Bon River to a cooking class at a local market using traditional ingredients and freshly grown herbs. Cruise on the Perfume River to the Thien Mu Pagoda and forbidden Purple City. Admire the lotus-shaped One Pillar Pagoda resting on a single stone pillar emerging from the water. Ride in a sampan and visit a floating village. Watch the sunset before sharing a seafood feast. Join a Tai Chi class. Explore ancient Pak Ou Caves, home to thousands of Buddha statues. Participate in the offering of alms to hundreds of saffron-robed monks. Visit an Elephant Village nestled in a jungle valley on the banks of a river, and opt to take an elephant ride. Lunch by a waterfall. Revel in your visit to Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious building and the symbol of Cambodia. Remain until sunset when the golden light creates an awe-inspiring sight.

Included in price: Round trip air from San Francisco, internal air flights, air taxes/fees/surcharges, hotel transfers. Home town pickup to/from SFO.

Price: Double occupancy, **\$5899** per person. Call for single and triple prices.

Not included in price: cancellation waiver and insurance of \$220 per person, and any necessary country visas.

Contact: Art & Sharry Dill for information and a brochure.
831-338-3069, arthdill@comcast.net

Switzerland, the Alps, Germany & Austria

*Danube River Cruise, Bavarian Castles,
Chateau de Chillan & the Black Forest*

September 18–30, 2014

Come join me on this amazing trip, as we travel through Europe's Alpine countries. We will visit the beautiful countries of Switzerland, Germany, and Austria. Walk the streets of Salzburg, see the Golden Roof in Innsbruck, and stay in the charming village of Oberammergau, home of the Passion Play. We will visit some of Europe's most picturesque countries and tour their quaint villages.

Take time to explore Vienna, with its amazing architecture, dine at the centuries old St. Peter's restaurant in Salzburg, and visit Mozart's birthplace. Enjoy the scenery of the spectacular Alps as we travel to enchanting Innsbruck. We will visit the Black Forest region, famous for its artisans who create cuckoo clocks, Hummel figurines and wood carvings. Enjoy a lovely train ride to the enchanting pedestrian village of Zermatt in the Swiss Alps. We will end our tour in the lovely town of Lucerne, Switzerland, where you can enjoy a local favorite, cheese fondue. Oh yes, don't forget the pastries.

Cost per person is **\$3,999**, with early sign up, which includes air, hotel, all transfers, most meals and itinerary listed excursions.

**Contact: Bob Martinez, 408-778-2978,
cell: 408-835-3393,
bobloves2travel@yahoo.com**

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High School Robotics Teams at Leland and Monta Vista received IVOC funds that enabled them to compete in First Robotics Competitions and mentor First Lego League teams at other schools such as Lawson and Kennedy Middle Schools, helping to expand the number of students at various levels who are exposed to the value of science and engineering through robotics.

The nonprofit Science Is Elementary received an IVOC grant to provide workbooks and supplies for experiments for numerous students from low-income communities who are mentored by volunteers from the science and engineering sectors in Silicon Valley. Dozens of kids from the Best of Bay region of Destination Imagination (a program from California Creativity Association) will compete in tournaments showcasing their ability to solve challenges incorporating STEAM skills and team learning thanks to an IVOC grant that helps defray the tournament costs.

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Travel Adventures

Seattle and San Juan Islands *Seattle, Friday Harbor and Boeing Museum* July 13 – 18, 2014

July should be wonderful in the Northwest with its long evenings and Seattle is full of life with many different places and things to explore. We are going to The Museum of Flight at the Boeing plant where the new Dreamliners are manufactured and visit the new Future of Flight as well. Riding The Ducks is a fun and informative tour on board an amphibious landing craft. We will enjoy Afternoon Tea at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel, a fun food tour at Pike Place Market that will surprise you with the sights, sounds and smells of this one-of-a-kind culinary landmark. The Victoria Clipper will take us to Friday Harbor where we will spend one night and the following day to stroll among charming shops, the harbor and parks or maybe to take a trip to Roche Harbor with beautiful parks and lots of historical sites. There is free time to explore Pacific Science Center, the artistry of Dale Chihuly, or a trip up the Space Needle and of course imbibe the Starbucks liquid gold, The Coffee!

Price \$2150, per person, double occupancy, \$700 single supplement.

Contact **Christina Anhorn, 831-438-3437**
leswede@aol.com

Day Trips

Beach Blanket Babylon & Dinner Sunday, June 29, 2014

Join us for a performance of Beach Blanket Babylon in San Francisco. This show is America's longest running musical revue in theatre history.

Hailed as "a constant cascade of showstoppers" by the San Francisco Chronicle, Beach Blanket Babylon follows Snow White as she takes a fast-paced journey around the world in search of her "Prince Charming." Along the way she encounters a star-studded, ever-changing line-up of hilarious pop-culture characters, including President Barack & Michelle Obama, Gangnam Style, Prince William, Kate Middleton and the Queen of England, Honey Boo Boo, Governor Jerry Brown, Justin Bieber, Nicki Minaj, Hillary & Bill Clinton, Oprah Winfrey, Nancy Pelosi, Michael Jackson, Adele, General David Petraeus, "50 Shades of Grey," and The San Francisco Giants.

Great view seats have been secured in the center balcony. One flight of stairs is required walking.

- Cost: **\$136** per person
- Tour includes: transportation, show, shopping at Pier 39 and dinner at Pompei's Grotto
- Depart: San Jose at 1:30 pm from Hwy 87 & Capitol Expwy, Park n Ride, Lot G. Return by 9:30 pm

For reservation information, contact
Bob Martinez, 408-778-2978 (home),
408-835-3393 (cell)
or at **bobloves2travel@yahoo.com**



Picnic News Tuesday, June 10, 2014

The Annual Picnic will be held at Guglielmo Winery, 1480 East Main Avenue, Morgan Hill. This venue offers advantages over our prior location, such as free parking, a party atmosphere, clean facilities and a gift shop. In addition there will be no-host wine tasting, wine for sale by the bottle and/or the glass. Hannegans will be serving their great BBQ and all the trimmings. More information will come in the future but mark your calendars now.

Contact: **Bill Souza**

Day Trips

Hot August Nights July 30-31, 2014

This claims to be the largest classic car show and nostalgia event in the United States. It has been held every year since 1986. It features a parade of classic cars, rock and roll entertainment and lots of open casinos. The overnight stay in Reno will be at Circus Circus. This has been an annual trip enjoyed by club members for years and usually sells out quickly. **\$78** p/p double occupancy, \$21 single supplement. A big deluxe motor coach will provide transportation to and from San Jose instead of a group of classic cars. Sorry.

Contact **Topsy Thompson** for more information and a reservation form. **408-377-4314**

Yosemite in the Spring April 29-May 1, 2014

This trip features a guided Mariposa history tour, an overnight stay at the Tenaya Lodge with a hosted welcome banquet dinner and hot breakfast, a Yosemite guided tram tour of the valley floor, a hosted lunch at the Ahwahnee Hotel and free time to explore. The second night is at the Chukchansi Casino Resort with a \$10 Free Play bonus and a \$10 Dining Credit. There is a hosted lunch at Wool Growers. Optional Trip Cancellation Insurance available.

Round-trip luxury motor coach transportation is included. **\$580** p/p double occupancy--\$180 single supplement

For reservation information, contact **Bill Souza**
408-356-6280, 408-540-8406(cell) or
bsouza6280@aol.com

Eureka Getaway September 7-9, 2014

This trip features a 2-night deluxe hotel stay at the Bear River Casino with a welcome banquet at the Samoa Cookhouse. We will take a guided tour of the Loleta Cheese Factory. We will have step-on guided tours of Founders Grove, Redwood State Park, Avenue of the Giants including the visitors' center and gift shop. We will have a hosted luncheon at the historic Benbow Inn.

Baggage handling and breakfast vouchers are included. All this for **\$394** p/p, double occupancy, \$72 single supplement. Round trip motor coach transportation provided.

For reservation information, contact **Topsy Thompson,**
408-377-4314

Bowling

One More Time League Now at Cambrian Lanes (Camden & Union)

January 15, 2013 Winter League Standings

The One More Time League had its first roll-off.

Winners will be included in the next newsletter.

More bowlers are needed. Why don't you give us a try?

Topsy Thompson, Secretary, 408-377-4314

Casino Trips

Graton Rancheria Casino Tuesday, February 4, 2014

Reno Trip
March 9-11, 2014

Black Oak Casino
Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Thunder Valley Casino
Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Palace Casino
Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Cache Creek Casino Tuesday, November 4, 2014

All the day trips will be at least a 5 hour stay.

Parking:

Capitol Expressway &
Hwy 87 Park-n-Ride,
South Lot, Section G.
Depart: 7:30 am
Openings exist for all
trips. Call today!

Contact: **Topsy Thompson**
408-377-4314,
topray4314@att.net

Steinbeck Discover Tour With Gail Gallagher Thursday, March 27, 2014

Experience Monterey, Cannery Row, Pacific Grove & Salinas Valley through the eyes of John Steinbeck. Meet this famous author through biographical sketches, anecdotal information and readings that will come to life en route to the National Steinbeck Center as we pass the actual locales mentioned in several of his novels: Tortilla Flats, Cannery Row, East of Eden, Long Valley, Pastures of Heaven, Of Mice & Men, Red Pony, and Travels with Charlie. Our day will include a hosted 3-course luncheon at the Steinbeck House, the Queen Anne style Victorian birthplace and boyhood home of John Steinbeck.

Deluxe motorcoach, guided tour, hosted lunch, all gratuities included for **\$98** per person.

For reservation information contact Bill Souza at
408-356-6280, 408-540-8406(Cell) or
bsouza6280@aol.com

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

January 2, 2014: The weather was beautiful and the course was in much better shape than last month. So, come on people, dust off those golf clubs and join us for a fun day. The Format-of-Play was Individual Golf! We had a turnout of 11 players! Here are the results:

Men	Women
1 st Place Dick Lake 62	1 st Place Helen Brock 64
2 nd Place Darrell Jones 63	2 nd Place Chris Oba 69
2 nd Place Jim Stonehouse 63	

Closest-to-Pin #16

Men	Women
1 st Place Ray Jelesky 25' 7"	None
2 nd Place Jim Stonehouse 39' 2"	

The next golf dates are Thursdays, February 6, March 6 and April 3. Play starts at **10:00 am, sharp**. Please be there by **9:30 am** to sign in and to pick up your lunch ticket.

Make checks payable to the "IBM Retiree & Alumni Club." On the memo line, write **Short 18 Hole Golf** and the month you are playing, and send your check for **\$26, 15 days in advance** of our golf date (or sooner) to:

DeDe Corral, 137 Cherry Lane, Campbell, CA 95008

Note: Clara will be out of commission for 6 to 8 months. So, do not send any checks to her.

Or, call DeDe to let her know you'd like to play that day. Sign-ups are on a first-come-first-served basis. If it rains, call Deep Cliff Golf Course to find out if we have canceled, 408-253-5357, extension 5.

Happy Golfing to All!

DeDe Corral 408-378-6470 & Clara DePaul 408-448-4078

Par Tee Golf

Ridgemark-Gabilan January 6, 2014. We had a "Freeze Delay" until 9:00 am! The Shot-of-the-Day goes to Marty Satalino. On #15, a 186-yard par three, Marty chipped his second shot from 40 yards into the cup for Birdie! Great shot, Marty! We had a nice turnout of 43 golfers. The format of play was "Two Best Ball Foursome". Here are the results:

1 / 122 Terry Gray	Mike Henson	Jason Kosol	Greg Seaton**
2 / 123 Andy La Scola	Kathy La Scola	Darell Bellah	Bill Irish
3 / 124* Tony Scalora	John Grewohl	Eric Schrader	Al Carlson
3 / 124* Rich Campbell	Chris Oba	Carl Woodland	Darrell Jones

* = Tie ** = Blind Draw

Closest-To-Pin:	#4	#9	#12	#15
Men	Darell Bellah 6' 7" Mike Kuhn 15' 6"	John Grewohl 33' 7" Bill Irish 60' 0" Rich Campbell 60' 10"	Mike Henson 18' 9" Tony Scalora 19' 9" Bob Foote 23' 9"	Ray Sanchez 17' 11" Terry Gray 44' 6" Dick Liu 45' 2"
	Ladies	None		

Future	Course	Cost/Due Date	Notes
February 3	Ridgemark-Diablo	\$45.00/January 15	Includes Prize Fund & Cart, Format = 2 Best Ball Foursome
March 3	Coyote Creek-Valley	\$60.00/February 19	Includes Prize Fund & Cart, Format = 2 Best Ball Foursome
April 7	Laguna Seca	\$40.00/March 19	Includes Prize Fund, Cart optional, Format = 2 Best Ball Foursome

Notes:

- The monthly golf results and the 2014 schedule can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.ibmsjrc.org
- To get an NCGA Membership Card through the Par Tee Golf Club, contact **Terry Gray 408-629-8893**, or send an email to: tgolf18@aol.com. The cost is **\$52.00**. Prices and dates are subject to change. Be sure to check the newsletter, web site, or call Andy, for latest information.
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- 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 lascolandy@comcast.net

Hikes

Pacific Grove Walk

Friday, February 21, 2014, 10:00 am (please try to arrive at about 9:45 am)

Join us for a Pacific Grove walk. We start at the Monarch Butterfly sanctuary where we spend time observing butterflies who are wintering there (11,000 as of the first week in January). Afterward we will walk a loop out to the Point Pinos Lighthouse and the public walkway along the Monterey coast perhaps as far as Cannery Row and eventually back to our cars. We should finish about 1:30 pm. You may bring your lunch or make plans to have lunch in the area afterwards. If you are planning to come please confirm with the D'Anjous by email or phone as the details of the trip may be refined before the actual date. Also, you will want to be notified if the walk must be cancelled due to rain.

Contact: **Jim and Maya D'Anjou**, jimdanjou@gmail.com, 408-607-7687

2014 IBM Retiree & Alumni Club Big Hike

July 27-31, 2014

The San Jose IBM Retiree & Alumni Club yearly "Big Hike" will be in Graeagle, California starting on Sunday, July 27. We will have hikes on Monday through Thursday and check out of the hotel on Friday, July 31. There will be a final night banquet on Thursday evening.

Each day there will be three to four hikes available that range from mostly flat for a few miles to more demanding hikes that may range between 5 and 10 miles. Arrangements have been made for a limited number of rooms at the Chalet View Lodge. <http://www.chaletviewlodge.com/> Most rooms have been spoken for but the Lodge has rooms available if we need to increase our room count. The cost per couple will be about \$630 for room and banquet. The money is collected in early May.

If you are interested please contact **Bill Desler** at desler@pacbell.net or 408-268-3025

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An after-school Homework Club and Academic Summer Academy run by Sacred Heart Community Service used an IVOC grant to purchase science books for the library used by 165 students in grades 1 through 8. IVOC funds helped an elementary school in Aromas purchase ten classroom printers to facilitate teachers' ability to distribute student information efficiently.

Each year IVOC supports organizations that have become part of its giving history, and adds new organizations to its family of recipients. In 2013 IVOC again granted funds for materials to Project Linus, which engages many IBM volunteers in the process of making fleece blankets to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise needy local children. A first-time grant recipient in 2013 is the San Jose Auxiliary to Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. The Auxiliary helps support the hospital's Teen Health Van, a mobile unit that provides comprehensive health services for uninsured and homeless youth in several Silicon Valley communities.

Other 2013 grants were awarded to a fine arts program for adults at a California branch of the Alzheimer's Association, which has three locations in the Bay Area; a classical music program at the San Jose Youth Chamber Orchestra; water safety and swim lessons for low-income at-risk kids from various elementary schools in San Jose at South Valley Family YMCA; and a subsidized lunch program at the Center for Employment Training in San Jose.

For a complete list of organizations that received grants, visit the Grants page on the IVOC web site. 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 by visiting the web site listed below.

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

<https://www-01.ibm.com/ibm/ondemandcommunity/home/index.jsp>

or <http://goo.gl/pBKPhG> (This URL will take you to the same web page.)