

Silicon Valley IBM Retiree & Alumni Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Happy Groundhog's Day! Happy Valentine's Day! Happy President's Day!

There is a lot to celebrate this month! The IBM Retiree & Alumni Club celebrates life in many ways and we need your help!! The club is entirely a volunteer organization and as the club ages we need new volunteers. Areas needing new helpers include golf, bowling, hiking group, and organizing both the picnic and the holiday party. Another area looking for new leaders is the Travel Committee. Training is provided for you in each area. Please consider helping by contacting any of the committee chairpersons. A special thanks to those members who, recognizing the need, provided us with a financial gift. If you would like to contribute, please contact one of your board members.

George Walker, President



Annual Silicon Valley IBM Retiree & Alumni Club Picnic

Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM, Guglielmo Winery 1480 East Main Ave., Morgan Hill \$24.00 per person

Reservation Deadline: June 3, 2015. No Tickets Will Be Sold At the Event!!

Menu: C. B. Hannegan's BBQ meats, and all the trimmings

Cancellations must be received by June 3, 2015, if you wish a refund!

Directions to Winery: go south on 101 or on Santa Teresa, go east on East Dunne Ave., left at Condit Road, right at East Main Ave. There is free parking across the street in the High School parking lot.

Schedule: The facility is ours for 4 hours

11:30 am - 12:30 pm - Visiting, Drinks, Gift Shop

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm - Lunch

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm - Announcements, Raffle

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm - Games (Bingo and Golf Putting)

This facility does not require setup so we will not have morning coffee or goodies. Sorry.

There will be wine for sale by the bottle or the glass.

Their gift shop will be open.

Picnic Reservation Form

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

Don't forget to bring old eyeglasses.

Name:		Spouse/Guest:		
Phone:		2nd Guest:		
	Total number of persons who will	attend the Picnic	X \$24.00 = \$	
	Please make checks payable to \$	Silicon Valley IBM Retire	ee and Alumni Club.	

Please make checks payable to Silicon Valley IBM Retiree and Alumni Club, and write PICNIC in the memo field.

MAIL TO: Bill Souza, 2251 Coronet Dr., San Jose, CA 95124

Silicon Valley

IBM Retiree & Alumni Club

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

Next Club Board Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2015, 10:00 AM

LDS Church 150 Bernal Road San Jose, CA 95119

IBM PC Club Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 5:00 pm
Future Devices from CES

Contact: Walt Cole, 408-972-1178

Membership Report

Bev Baker January 15, 2015

Active Members: 1654 Newsletters mailed: 301 in January Members who read online: 1373

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: Walt Cole 5868 Pentz Way San Jose, CA 95123

New Members

none this month

In Memoriam

Jim Balistreri
John Louis Copper
Walter Crooks
Tollef (Larry) Rosseland
Alicia Sakata
Art Ude
Jim Viallet

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

IBM Employee Services Center

800-796-9876

Eyeglass Report

This year the IBM retirees brought 66 pairs of eyeglasses to various club events. They have been delivered to Dr. Basham's office in Los Gatos to be recycled for use in the doctor's work in foreign countries. Ruth Price at 408-356-8975 or ruthprice@comcast.net is the contact for collecting eyeglasses.

This newsletter is intended for use by members of the Club and their families. Contributions are the sole responsibility of the authors and should not be construed to represent an official position of the Club or the IBM Corporation.

IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes & See's Candy Discounts The above items are available at the ticket office at SVL. Everything else the IBM Club offers is available only online.

AMC: gold \$8.25

Regal/United Artists: \$7.00; Cinelux: \$7.25 Century/Cinemark: \$8.00

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

Ticket Hours:

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road IBM Club Office Contact: Frank Vitale - 408-927-2106

e-mail: tcsports@us.ibm.com

See other ticket discounts at www.ibmsjrc.org
Click IBM CLUB ANYDAY TICKETS

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

California Academy of Sciences

Six Flags Discovery Kingdom
Monterey Bay Aquarium
Legoland, Universal Studios
SeaWorld, Disneyland

There is a 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

Beverly Haughton (Ken Haughton's wife) was recently released from the hospital and is now at home recuperating nicely.

If you know of anyone who could use a note from the Club, please call me.

Pat Motta 408-264-5821 paelgin@yahoo.com

Quarter Century Club Invitation

The IBM San Jose Quarter Century Club invites any of the members of the IBM Retiree & Alumni Club who worked at IBM for 25 years or more to also receive the IBM San Jose Quarter Century Club email newsletter. If you are interested please reply to:

qccsj@comcast.net

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR						
Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone	
Feb 3-11, 2015	Cuba!! (sold out)	4	_	George Walker	408 268-7623	
Feb 10, 2015	PC Club - Future Devices from CES	3	2	Walt Cole	408-972-1178	
Feb 10, 2015	Indian Casino: Graton Rancheria	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314	
Feb 19, 2015	IBM SV Retiree/Alumni Club Board Meeting		2	George Walker	408 268-7623	
Feb 27, 2015	Hike: Mount Sutro OSP, San Francisco		8	Chuck & Kathy Cruse	415-334-2236	
Mar 3, 2015	CA Statewide Museum Collections Center		6	Bill Souza	408-356-6280	
Mar 6-21, 2015	Panama Canal Cruise		4	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437	
Mar 8-10, 2015	Reno Casinos	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314	
Apr 2, 2015	Tour of Pleasanton & Livermore		_	Bill Souza	408-356-6280	
Apr 19-26, 2015	New Orleans, Memphis & Nashville cancelled	2	_	Ina Havens	408-429-8038	
May 5, 2015	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314	
May 18-31, 2015	Japan in Depth - A Spring Tour	4	-	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069	
May 21, 2015	Canepa Autosport Museum & Roaring Camp Railroad		6	Bill Souza	408-356-6280	
June 9, 2015	Annual Club Picnic		1	Bill Souza	408-356-6280	
July 7, 2015	Indian Casinos: Red Hawk	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314	
Aug 5-6, 2015	Hot August Nights	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314	
Sep 15-29, 2015	Greece and its Islands		5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978	
Sep 30-Oct 12, 2015	Prague & Blue Danube River Cruise		4	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069	
Oct 18-20, 2015	Reno Getaway	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314	
Nov 7-15, 2015	Tropical Costa Rica		5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978	
Apr 29-May 13, 2016	England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales	4	4	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069	

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 2015 events with contacts are listed at the right.

Pismo Coast Village	Mel Rinehart	530-809-4274
Marina Dunes	Rich Haggerty	408-227-4087
Yanks RV Resort, Greenfiel	d Ted Head	408-440-7137
Smithwoods, Felton	Joe Siliga	408-723-1382
Jackson Rancheria	Les Greatbanks	510-234-9271
Marble Quarry, Columbia	Jim Dack	408-266-6951
Casa de Fruta	Mel Rinehart	530-809-4274
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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

Old World Prague & Blue Danube River Cruise

September 30 - October 12, 2015

This is an opportunity to see and explore what is considered some of Central Europe's most beautiful destinations. Among the unique featured attractions are 3 nights in beautiful Prague with included city tours of such historic capitals as Vienna, Durnstein, Budapest and more. You'll also enjoy free time to explore these unforgettable locales on your own. Prague was the seat of the Holy Roman Empire during the 15th century and later was the vital center of the Habsburgs. It is home to world class museums and architectural masterpieces that span a thousand years. Enjoy UNESCO World Heritage Sites such as the gorgeous medieval town of Cesky Krumlov. We embark our ship in Linz and throughout our river cruise we will hear "Port Talks" that will describe the approaching port area and town. Salzburg, Austria is a charming and medieval city home to Amadeus Mozart and the filming of The Sound of Music. We will explore the Melk Abbey and the breathtaking Wachau Valley, one of the most beautiful sections of the Danube. On to Vienna with its famed concert halls and an optional Musical Vienna Tour. We will then see the famous Spanish Riding School, home of the fabulous Lipizzaner performing horses. On to Slovakia and the city of Bratislava, once the capital of Hungary! So much history and exploration. We will enjoy a home-hosted visit and an opportunity to hear about life after communism. On to Budapest, situated on both sides of the Danube, which is truly one of the most beautiful cities in all of Europe. Buda is on the western bank and Pest is on the eastern bank, joined by the famous Chain Bridge.

Cabins and this 13-day tour start at \$4895 pp double, including international air. If you pay in full with a check before January 31, 2015, you will receive a 4% off the cost of your trip.

For a brochure and further information please contact:

Art & Sharry Dill, 831-338-3069, arthdill@comcast.net

A New Travel Adventure

Exploring England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales April 29 – May 13, 2016

Discover the Cultural Treasures of Britain and Ireland on this comprehensive journey through England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. Join us on a city tour of London which blends the traditional and modern. Dine in a British Pub, and then on to a local guided city tour of Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, and the changing of the guard. You will have plenty of leisure time to further explore as you wish. On to Stonehenge with its mysterious formations that date back to the Stone Age. See the elegant city of Bath and visit the 2000 year old Roman Bath Museum. Off across the beautiful Welsh countryside and on to the coastal town of Fishguard, there board a ferry crossing the Irish Sea and arriving in Ireland. Travel to historic Blarney Castle and then on to the Ring of Kerry with its magical scenery, marvel at the vista of windswept cliffs, rugged mountains, lakes and picturesque villages. We then venture through the "Golden Vale" en route to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Join in the festivities at a traditional Irish Night Show. Explore so many more cities and experiences in Ireland before we then ferry back to Holyhead, Wales. We will then stop at majestic Caernarfon Castle where The Prince of Wales was crowned. Journey on to Lake Windermere, Ambleside, and Grasmere, crossing into Scotland. Stop at Gretna Green and a guided tour of Edinburgh, Scotland's majestic capital city and Castle (home to the Scottish crown jewels). Take a guided tour of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's official residence and former home to Mary, Queen of Scots. Back en route to England visit Hadrian's Wall. In York walk the famous "Shambles" and see the magnificent 13th century Minster. On to Coventry and charming Stratford-upon-the-Avon as we visit Shakespeare's birthplace, and Anne Hathaways's thatch-roofed cottage.

BOOK NOW AND SAVE \$200 PER PERSON -- Double \$4749. Single \$5649. Triple \$4699. Deposit to hold your seats is \$250 per person. Price is good through October 30, 2015 (seat reduction date). Included -- 20 meals (13 breakfasts, 7 dinners), round trip air from SFO, air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers, hometown pickup/return, free parking at the secured IBM site on Bailey Road. After October 30, the regular base per person rates are Double \$4949. Single \$5849. Triple \$4899.

Trip Presentation: Thursday, April 16, 2015, 11:30 AM
Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant
113 Bernal Road, San Jose

Contact: Sharry and Art Dill email: arthdill@comcast.net for brochure and further questions. 831-338-3069

Travel Adventure

Tropical Costa Rica November 7-15, 2015

Exotic wildlife, lush forests, stunning waterfalls, and miles of sandy beaches. Enjoy an all-inclusive beachfront resort, walk the sandy beaches and relax as you watch the sunset. We will visit the Doka coffee estate, travel into the Monteverde Cloud Forest with its 100-foot trees, and take a nature walk. We will visit a vast butterfly garden that has more than 30 species of tropical butterflies. There will be amazing views of a volcano and then we take a cruise on Lake Arena, Costa Rica's largest and most important lake. We will then check into a typical lodge overlooking the majestic Arenal Volcano. Now on to the remote 20,000 acre nature preserve of Cano Negro, to view its vast indigenous wildlife. There will be small towns for shopping, a visit to a local market and beautiful parks to stroll through.

The cost of this 9-day tour, including air, is only **\$2,399** per person, double occupancy.

This includes round trip air from SFO, hotels, included excursions, transfers, and motor coach transportation from the IBM SVL plant to SFO and back. Also included are 14 meals: 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 5 dinners.

The trip brochure is available upon request, hard copy or via email. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email me.

Info Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 11:30 AM
Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant
113 Bernal Road, San Jose
Coffee and muffins. Please RSVP.

Bob Martinez, 408-778-2978 home, 408-835-3393 cell, or bobloves2travel@yahoo.com

Exploring Greece and its Islands

September 15-29, 2015

15 amazing days in the beautiful country of Greece Take in breathtaking scenery and such fascinating sites as Athens, the Acropolis, the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace and the Olympic Stadium. Travel the Gulf of Corinth to the historical City of Olympia. We will see ancient artifacts and have a traditional tavern feast while enjoying the local wines in the historic Plaka district. We will sail across the Aegean Sea for two unforgettable island stays in the beautiful whitewashed island cities of Mykonos and Santorini. Here we will have some leisure time for taking in the breathtaking Aegean Sea and enjoying the evening sunsets. Spend time exploring the islands and shopping at the local markets.

The cost of this 15 day trip, including air, is **\$4,899** per person, double occupancy. This includes round trip air from San Francisco, hotels, included excursions, transfers, and motor coach transportation from IBM SVL to SFO. Also included are 22 meals: 13 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 8 dinners.

The trip brochure is available upon request, hard copy or via email. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or email me.

Bob Martinez 408-778-2978 home, 408-835-3393 cell or at bobloves2travel@yahoo.com

Panama Canal Cruise March 6 – 21, 2015

Full Transit Aboard the Beautiful Island Princess

Cruising down the Pacific Coast will prove to be an interesting and diverse trip. You will have an opportunity to visit at least ten World Heritage sites and will discover Mayan history, diverse nature and ancient cities.

Costa Rica lies between two oceans and two continents and flaunts high rugged mountains, rainforests and beaches. There are coffee plantations, an aerial tram in a rain forest, a sky walk on a suspension bridge and zip lining for the brave. Pura Vida!

In Panama City, there are many different options for experiencing this colonial city and its interesting surroundings. View the historic quarter with its treasured artifacts at the Old Panama Museum, or maybe take a trip on the railroad for a close-up look at the locks and wildlife of Gatun Lake.

In Cartagena, Colombia, the seawalls, narrow streets and colonial architecture with balconied houses offer glimpses of earlier times. The city is well known for Folkloric ballet, lovely leather and beautiful emeralds.

Aruba with its Dutch influence is charming. Horseback riding, snorkeling, viewing the lighthouses and shipwrecks, and visiting a butterfly farm are just a few of the activities available.

This promises to be a great trip whether you are up for adventure or just want to hang out on the well-appointed ship to relax and enjoy the amenities.

Airfare, motor coach to/from San Jose/ship/airports, port taxes, government fees and Travel Guard Group Protection is included. Prices start from \$3700

Contact: Christina Anhorn 831-438-3437

email: leswede@aol.com

Day Trips

CA Statewide Museum Collections Center Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Come to see some of the history of California at the Statewide Museum Collections Center (SMCC), located on the site formerly known as McClellan AFB. SMCC serves as a repository for over 1 million historic objects and artifacts from parks throughout the state. They have carefully assessed, researched, documented, and preserved the irreplaceable items that reflect and illustrate the story of California's rich heritage. Our group will take a guided, 90-minute walking tour of the museum. Prior to the museum visit we'll make a no-host lunch stop at Brookfield's Restaurant, Sacramento. Included are a deluxe motorcoach and all gratuities -- all for \$66 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

Roaring Camp Railroad Thursday, May 21, 2015

Visit Canepa Motorsport Museum in Scotts Valley. This is unlike any car collection or shop you may have visited before. The front doors open to a sales showroom featuring exotic and classic cars, along with a collection of historical race cars from all over the world. Next, we'll head into the Motorsports Museum featuring an astounding collection of vintage race cars. We'll learn about the process that creates these magnificent machines, and the state of the art restoration techniques, maintenance, and detailing.

Afterward head into Felton for a chuck wagon BBQ and "from-trees-to-shining-seas" beach train excursion. Departing from the Santa Cruz Mountains, travel through Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park, down the scenic San Lorenzo River Gorge, across a 1909 steel truss bridge and through an 1875 tunnel before arriving at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk to meet our bus.

Included are a deluxe motor coach and all gratuities -- all for **\$96** 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 Now at Cambrian Lanes (Camden & Union)

January, 2015.

1st place: **Team 14** - Eddie Fahrner, Barbara

Pugh, Bill Jeung, Jim O'Neil

2nd place: **Team 3** - Betty Cobarrubias, Nancy Barone, Fred Mitchell, Dan Therv

High Scores:

Men: Women:

Scratch Game

Rich Gavino 269 Shirley Beyler 246

Scratch Series

Bill Hooper 664 Nancy Barone 551

Handicap Game

Dennis Pitchford 265 Sally Nichols 264

Handicap Series

Fred Mitchell 693 Pat Falkowski 691

We had 2 new bowlers a few weeks ago and can use a few more, so come join us at Cambrian Lanes on Wednesdays at 9:30 am. We do have a lot of fun and fellowship.

Carol Hughes, secretary, 408-224-1739

Casino Trips

Graton Rancheria
Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Reno Casinos March 8-10, 2015

Jackson Rancheria Casino Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Red Hawk Casino Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Hot August Nights, Reno August 5-6, 2015 Reno Getaway
October 18-20, 2015

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

Spread the Word

Many ex-IBM employees don't know about our SV IBM Retiree & Alumni Club. Some know about the Quarter Century Club, if they worked for IBM for 25 years. Many think the two clubs are one and the same. Wrong.

So if you know such people who once worked for IBM (it doesn't matter how long), give them the web site address and encourage them to join.

ibmsirc.org

Tee-2-Tee Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

January 8, 2015: We had 11 golfers show up for a great day of golfing weather. The fairways and greens were dry and fast, which made for some interesting golf shots!

Low Net: Men

1stBill Bartz562ndRich Campbell663rdJim Stonehouse68Don Streicher68

Closest-to-Pin #16: Armin Kluth – 6' 11" Patrice Haggerty – 11' 4"

The next golf dates are Thursdays, March 5 and April 2.

Play starts at **10:00** am sharp. Please be there by **9:30** am to sign in and get your lunch ticket.

If you wish to play, call or email Bill Bartz and bring your check to the golf course on the day of the tournament.

Make checks payable for \$26.00 to "Tee-2-Tee Golf."

You will receive a round of golf, a sandwich, a soft drink and maybe prize money!

If it rains, call the Deep Cliff Golf Course to find out if we have canceled, 408-253-5357, extension 5.

More Golfers Needed! Bill Bartz, 408-971-8928 bartz.bill@yahoo.com Darrel Jensen, 408-371-6652

Par Tee Golf

Coyote Creek-Valley, January 5, 2015. The Shot-of-the-Day goes to Darell Bellah. On #2, a 174-yard par three, Darell chipped his third shot from 20 yards into the cup for par! Great shot, Darell! We had a nice turnout of 40 golfers. The format of play was "Two Best Ball Foursome". Here are the results:

Place/	Score	Team

1/126*	Patrick Arnett	James Taubodo	Ray Sanchez	Rich Hiser
2 / 126*	Jim Sitter	Dick Liu	Bob Foote	Dan Tautges
3 / 127	Terry Grav	Mike Henson	Lewis Brady	Patrick Arnett**

Closest-To-Pin:	#2	#4	#8	#16
Men	Ray Sanchez 20' 5"	Bob Foote 3' 10"	Jorge Gonzalez 2' 11"	Wayne Adachi 18' 8"
	Frank Correa 44' 0"	Patrick Arnett 7' 6"	Len Procker 23' 10"	Jim Sitter 30' 1"
		Dennis Mitchell 7' 11"	Bill Irish 38' 7"	James Taubodo 45' 9"

Future Course Cost/Due Date Notes February 2 Ridgemark \$45.00/January 14 Includes Prize Fund and cart, 2 best ball foursome March 9 Coyote Creek-Tournament \$60.00/February 18 Includes Prize Fund and cart, 2 best ball foursome April 6 Laguna Seca \$40.00/March 18 Includes Prize Fund, cart optional, 2 best ball foursome

Notes:

- The monthly golf results and the rules can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.ibmsjrc.org The entire 2015 schedule will be there soon.
- Proper golf attire is required at ALL of the courses that we play. That means "Jeans" or "Levi's" are NOT allowed.
- Renewals for the NCGA for 2015 are now being accepted. Renewals are \$52.00. Contact Terry Gray 408-629-8893, or send an
 email to: tgolf18@aol.com
- If you have never had an NCGA Membership Card, you may get one by joining the Par Tee Golf Club. Contact **Terry Gray 408-629-8893**, or send an email to: **tgolf18@aol.com** The cost is **\$52.00**.
- IBM Alumni, Retirees and guests are welcome to play in the Par Tee Golf Club tournaments.
- Prices and dates are subject to change. Be sure to check the newsletter, web site, or call Andy, for latest information.
- Early signups are much appreciated. Please do not wait to the last minute to sign up. You might not get in!
- 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 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

Mount Sutro Open Space Preserve Hike

Friday, February 27, 2015, 10:00 am

Join us deep in the heart of San Francisco for our monthly hike. It's in the UCSF Mount Sutro Open Space Preserve just south of the UCSF Medical Center. The Mount Sutro OSP has been recently developed to ensure this unique forested area in the center of San Francisco at an elevation topping 908'. The trails are both paved and unpaved, generally rolling with no serious ups and downs in elevation. The walk takes a couple of hours through the trees and some managed gardens along the way. Bring your lunch and water, and bathroom facilities are very limited. We'll meet at the corner of Twin Peaks Blvd. and Clarendon Ave. at 10:00 am.

To get there from the South Bay: Take I-280 North to San Francisco. Exit following CA Route 1 North. This will turn into 19th Avenue at the stoplight. Continue north for approximately 2.5 miles to Taravel Street, turn right and continue for about 1 mile to a small traffic circle. Go 3/4 way around the circle, exiting at Dewey Street. Go straight on Dewey to the stoplight, go straight through to what becomes Laguna Honda Street. Stay straight for about 1/4 mile to a stoplight. Turn right on Clarendon Avenue, go up the hill about 1 mile to the intersection of Twin Peaks Boulevard. Park either on Calrendon Avenue or Twin Peaks Boulevard. We start walking at 10:00 am. RAIN CANCELS! Please reply to our email address if you are coming so that any changes can be addressed or questions answered.

Hike Leaders: Chuck and Kathy Cruse, 415-334-2236, clcruse@aol.com

IBM Volunteer Outreach Council (IVOC)

The IBM Volunteer Outreach Council (IVOC) supports the local community with grants to qualifying organizations that are being supported by the efforts of IBM volunteers. Through this program the IVOC promotes volunteerism by IBM employees and retirees and identifies outstanding community organizations to be considered for additional support from IBM.

In 2014, 6 grants submitted by IBM Retirees were approved. We want to encourage retirees who participate as volunteers in community organizations or schools to submit a request in 2015. To submit a request, go to the IVOC website, which is a link on the club home page in the yellow column on the left. Look for IVOC.

Here are the 6 approved grants given in 2014:

Retiree	Retiree Requestor	Event date	Amount	Sponsor	Organization
Υ	Doug DeFrees	04/01/2014	\$1,500	Susan Fisher	South Valley Family YMCA
Υ	Susan Fisher	04/30/2014	\$1,500	Reinhard Wolter	San Jose Auxiliary Benefiting Packard Children's Hospital Thrift Box
Y	Reinhard Wolter	06/01/2014	\$1,000	Ira Dearing	San Jose Chamber Orchestra
Y	Alan Baker	06/01/2014	\$1,000	Beverly Baker	Sacred Heart Community Service
Y	Donald Cull, John Petrak	9/1/2014	\$1,000	Glenn Vonderwerth	Bertha Taylor Elementary School
Y	Ira Dearing	12/31/2014	\$750	Reinhard Wolter	California Alliance of African American Educators/Greene Scholars Program

If you have any questions, contact Bev Baker, bjb1950k@gmail.com