



Silicon Valley IBM Retiree & Alumni Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

It's good to be back after my prolonged absence due to surgery. I want to thank everyone who sent cards, prayers and good wishes during that time. I especially want to thank Pat Motta and the Sunshine Committee for all they do for our members. I really understand now how much that means. Thanks to Bernie Coullahan and Bob Goetz for standing in for me.

ANNUAL MEETING

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 15, 10:00 AM at the Church of the Latter Day Saints on Bernal Road.

Two countries that have been in the news frequently in the past year are Greece and Cuba. The travel club has visited both of these countries and the group leaders will give overviews of their experiences at the Annual Meeting.

Also, a recommendation that we shorten the name of the club to "IBM Alumni Club" will be addressed.

George Walker, President

SeniorNet Learning Centers of San Jose

A number of IBM retirees volunteer for this organization in San Jose. The goal we have is to bring as many seniors as possible into the modern world. We have many courses for learning how to use a PC or an iPad or an iPhone. We invite any of you to join this group as either a volunteer to help teach or as a student who wants to learn. Some of our previous students now help teach others.

There are two locations in San Jose where classes are held: Almaden and Willows.

The Almaden classes are held at the Almaden Community Center at 6445 Camden Avenue, San Jose 95120

The Willows classes are held at the Willows Community Center at 2175 Lincoln Avenue, San Jose 95125

Registration for the next session of courses (mid-September until Thanksgiving) is on Saturday, September 12.

11:30 AM for Almaden

1:30 PM for Willows

All the details describing the courses, schedules, registration information and fees are online.

www.snlcsj.org **SeniorNet Learning Centers of San Jose**

You can also pick up a printed copy of this information at either the Almaden or Willows locations.

If you have any questions about this program, call one of the people below.

Contacts: Almaden: **Don House 408-677-7698**
Walt Cole 408-972-1178

Willows: **Jeff Ferrier 408-247-8653**
Libby Harbour 408-371-3999

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IBM Retiree and Alumni Club web site:

ibmsjrc.org

San Jose IBM Quarter Century Club
web site:

sjqcc.com

Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, September 17, 2015, 10:00 AM
LDS Church
150 Bernal Road
San Jose, CA 95119

IBM PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 5:00 pm

The Print Shop

Contact: Walt Cole, 408-972-1178

Membership Report

Bev Baker

August 20, 2015

Active Members: 1654
Newsletters mailed: 58
Members who read online: 1437

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

Candy Richards

Ronald Blake

from August newsletter

John Doll

In Memoriam

Margaret Guifrida

Cedric Robert Morgan

Greg Taylor

from August newsletter

Raymond Bernal

Barney Byle

John Cabri

Ian Murray Croll

Don Fast

Roger Golitz

Bill Johnson

Alex Lau

Raymond Amand Lorie

Jim Lyon

Grace Sautter

Hajime Seki

Theodore Wendall Werman

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

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 pay-
able 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*

**IBM Club 2015
Events Calendar**

go to ibmsjrc.org

and click

IBM Club 2015 Events

in yellow left column

Sunshine Report

Mary Jane Canavan had a very success-
ful surgery. She is at home recuperating
with the help of her two daughters and
is feeling much better.

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

Newsletter publication only occurs if the
person named agrees and wants to
share.

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

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Sep 8, 2015	PC Club -The Print Shop		2	Walt Cole	408-972-1178
Sep 15-29, 2015	Greece and its Islands		5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
Sep 17, 2015	IBM SV Retiree/Alumni Club Board Meeting		2	George Walker	408 268-7623
Sep 18, 2015	Hike: The Pogonip, Santa Cruz		8	Bev Baker	408-930-3618
Sep 30-Oct 12, 2015	Prague & Blue Danube River Cruise		4	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Oct 15, 2015	Annual Club Meeting		-		
Oct 18-20, 2015	Reno Getaway	2	7	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Nov 7-15, 2015	Tropical Costa Rica		5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
Dec 1, 2015	Annual Club Holiday Party		-	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Dec 3, 2015	Christmas at Filoli Home and Gardens		6	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
Jan 5, 2016	Casino: Thunder Valley	2	8	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Mar 7-9, 2016	Snow Train to Reno	2	8	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Apr 2-14, 2016	Eastern Europe to the Black Sea	4	6	Bill Bartz	408-971-8928
Apr 29-May 13, 2016	England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales	4	4	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
May 3, 2016	Casino: Colusa	2	8	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
May 12-27, 2016	Sicily, Heart of the Mediterranean		5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
July 12, 2016	Casino: Feather Falls	2	8	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Aug 3-4, 2016	Reno: Hot August Nights	2	8	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Sep 25-Oct 3, 2016	Mississippi River Cruise		5	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437

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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 2015 events with contacts are listed at the right.

Sep 10-13	Bodega Bay	Mel Rinehart	530-809-4274
Oct 22-25	Marble Quarry, Columbia	Jim Dack	408-266-6951
Nov 19-22	Casa de Fruta	Mel Rinehart	530-809-4274

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.

All this and only unpack 2 times.

Cabins and this 13-day tour start at **\$4895** pp double, including international air. For a brochure and further information please contact:

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

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, where we'll board a ferry crossing the Irish Sea and arrive 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'll 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 ferry back to Holyhead, Wales. We will 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-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.

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.

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

The Great American Steamboat

September 25 - October 3, 2016

The American Queen will bring us down the Mississippi from St. Paul, MN, to St. Louis, MO, during the most beautiful time of the year. Autumn should be ready to show off its vibrant colors and the many shades of foliage.

From Hop-On Hop-Off buses we can comfortably walk right into the different towns to explore their histories, discover interesting places and do some shopping. Great care has been taken to restore beautiful and important buildings—the 1930's Art Deco Theater, the Dubuque Grand Opera House, the Smithsonian-affiliated National Mississippi River Museum and of course, the Dubuque County Jail, where Butch Cassidy once resided. View antique cars at the Dahl Auto Museum, see the friendship and botanical gardens, heritage centers, Native American stores and Historic Nauvoo's Family Living Center and board the Twainland Express for a journey in the spirit of Samuel Clemens. In St. Luke's church, the light is filtered through over 100 Tiffany stained glass windows and in Quad Cities we will be treated to American Roots, music at the River Music Experience.

On our trip from St. Paul, going south to St. Louis, we'll visit Red Wing, La Crosse, Dubuque, Burlington and Hannibal.

This 9-day tour starts at \$3800 and includes air, transfers to and from airports, luggage handling, hotel in St. Paul, travel insurance, all meals and entertainment aboard ship, free Hop-On Hop-Off bus, complimentary beer and wine for dinner, bottled water and soft drinks aboard, port taxes, gratuities for dining and cabin steward and more...

For a brochure or for more information, contact **Christina Anhorn**. email: leswede@aol.com; home phone: **831-438-3437**; cell phone: **831-818-4313**

Sicily, Heart of the Mediterranean

with 2 nights in Rome

May 12 - 27, 2016

Visit the beautiful island of Sicily. We will stay in the lovely cities Taormina, Syracuse, Agrigento, Palermo and Rome. Stroll the markets, visit medieval seaside towns, and take a walk through Corleone, the city made famous in the Godfather novel. We will take an excursion to the Valley of the Temples, see some ancient Greek ruins and the Temple of Concordia, and have lunch with a Sicilian family at their country house. We will have a guided tour of Ortygia, the historical gem of Siracusa where we experience medieval streets, and Baroque structures. In our stay in Taormina, we will visit the city's greatest landmark, the Greco-Roman amphitheater, built in the third century BC. Our tour will take us to towering Mount Etna, Europe's largest active volcano. In Mitogio, we will experience a traditional home-hosted lunch by another Sicilian family. In Rome, after breakfast, we will have a panoramic tour of the city and see a number of landmarks and monuments that depict the history of this beautiful city.

This amazing 15-day tour is priced at **\$4,345** (air Included) per person, double occupancy or single occupancy (yes, no single supplement charge), also includes transportation from San Jose to SFO, air taxes and fees, hotels and 26 meals: 14 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 7 dinners. Brochure available upon request.

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

Travel Adventure

Eastern Europe to the Black Sea, April 2 – April 14, 2016

A twelve-day small ship (140 passenger) river cruise - along the Danube River to the Black Sea, stepping ashore in five Eastern European nations to enjoy guided tours in Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Romania – to visit both old world villages and rejuvenated world capitals. Enjoy a home-hosted lunch in Croatia, witness nature's amazing Iron Gates (Life Under Communism) while cruising between Serbia and Romania. Discover what life is really like here during exclusive discovery discussions with the locals, and much more. After you conclude the cruise portion of your vacation in the historical port city of Constanta, you'll travel by land to Bucharest, where you'll spend a day amidst the tree-lined boulevards of Romania's capital city.

Cabins on this 12 day tour start at **\$2,795 – 3,895** pp double occupancy (single accommodations are available for an extra \$595) – plus international air fare departing from San Francisco at \$1,300 – a big convenience for locals. We will board the M/S River Concerto, a ship that has a 95% 'Ship Excellence' record.

The price includes 32 meals: 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, and 11 dinners. These include all beverages: beer, wine, soft drinks, etc. **Book now – reserve your cabin with a \$500 deposit!**

For further information, please contact:

Bill Bartz (408-971-8928), email: bartz.bill@yahoo.com

Day Trips

Christmas at Filoli Home and Gardens

Thursday, December 3, 2015

Don't miss the beautiful, historic Filoli House Holiday Traditions event, with the entire first floor and Visitor's Center turned into a wonderland of lights, with all sorts of gift items and crafts. This annual Filoli event is a Bay Area treasure that has touched hearts and lives for years, showcasing holiday décor and traditions unlike anything folks have seen. Afterward we'll enjoy a hosted dinner at Holder's Country Inn with a choice of coulotte steak charbroiled to your preference, breast of chicken with mushrooms, sun-dried tomatoes, spinach & garlic in a white wine sauce, or vegetarian lasagna, bread pudding dessert and nonalcoholic beverage. Our day away will end with a magical drive through the Vasona Park Holiday Light Display. The view will be spectacular with the motor coach height and large windows!

Deluxe Motorcoach, Gratuities -- All this for \$105.00 per person

These trips fill up fast so don't wait. For reservation information contact Bill Souza at **408- 335-9263** (Cell) or bsouza6280@aol.com

Bowling

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

We have finished the summer league and will have the meeting for the fall league on Wednesday, September 2, at 9:30 am and No Tap bowling after the meeting.

The league will start bowling on September 9, at 9:30 am. If you want to join us, just call Carol Hughes so she can put the teams together. Carol will contact the bowlers from last fall's league.

Our Summer league results are:

1st place Team: **"Just Throw It"** - Bev Ross, Stu Mass, and Rick Oliver

2nd Place Team: **"3 80's and Somebody Else"** - Faye Fritz, Don Creps, Bill Hooper, Fred Mitchell

WOMEN

SCRATCH GAME

233 Bev Ross

SCRATCH SERIES

570 Faye Fritz

HANDICAP GAME

289 Diane Mayeda

HANDICAP SERIES

671 Mitzie Stewart

MEN

SCRATCH GAME

267 Bill Hooper

SCRATCH SERIES

729 Rich Gavino

HANDICAP GAME

284 Dave Fitting

HANDICAP SERIES

729 Rich Gavino

Carol Hughes, secretary, **408-224-1739**

Tee-2-Tee Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

August 6, 2015: Due to some course repair work, we played the same 9 holes twice. Here are the results for August:

Low Net:

1 st	Armin Kluth	52
2 nd	Dick Lake	54
3 rd	Chris Oba	56
4 th	Bill Kurtz	57
	Ray Jelesky	57

Closest-to-Pin #16:

Don Striecher	15' 4"
Chris Oba	20' 11"

The next golf dates are Thursdays, September 3 and October 1. 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, artz.bill@yahoo.com

Darrel Jensen, 408-371-6652

Par Tee Golf

San Juan Oaks August 10, 2015. The Shot(s)-of-the-Day go to James Taubodo and Sidney Wong. On #2, a 476-yard par 5, James chipped in his 4th shot from 20 yards out for a birdie! On #12, a 130-yard par 3, Sidney blasted his 2nd shot out of a greenside bunker into the cup for birdie! We had a nice turnout of 56 players. The format of play was 2 Best Ball Foursome. Here are the results:

Place/Score

			<u>Team</u>	
1/120	Greg Seaton	Ron Scaglione	Bob Goetze	Bob Householder
2/122*	Graham Kelly	Ryan Kelly	Lew Johnson	Art Johnson
3/122*	Glenn Yuki	Sidney Wong	Dennis Mitchell	Rich Campbell

* = 2-way-tie

Closest-To-Pin:

	#6	#8	#12	#16
Men 1st	Kyle Davis	Bob Foote	Dennis Niemeyer	Ryan Kelly
2nd	Pat Boyd	Ray Sanchez	Dick Liu	Bob Householder
3rd	Greg Seaton	Andy La Scola	Rich Campbell	Steve Mayne
Ladies 1st	Jan Hew	Mona Nakamura	Nina Correa	Rosalie Baylot

Future

	Course	Cost/Due Date	Notes
September 14	Aptos Seascape	\$50.00/August 21	Includes Cart-Includes Prize Fund. Format = 2 best ball foursome
October 5	Pajaro Valley	\$40.00/ September 16	Cart Optional-Includes Prize Fund. Format = 2 best ball foursome
November 2	Spring Valley	\$65.00/October 14	Includes Prize Fund & Cart –Don Johnson Memorial-Sandwich Shoot- Everybody wins – Individual Golf
December 7	Los Lagos	\$48.00/November 18	Includes Prize Fund & Cart. Format = 2 best ball foursome

Notes:

- The monthly golf results, rules and 2015 schedule can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.ibmsjrc.org
- 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**.
- 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

The Pogonip, Santa Cruz

Friday, ~~September 18~~, 2015, 9:30 am Changed to September 25

Ten minutes from downtown Santa Cruz lies a lush city greenbelt with spectacular views overlooking the town and Monterey Bay. It is sandwiched between the San Lorenzo River and the UCSC campus. Pogonip's 640 acres and 8 miles of trails serve up prime Santa Cruz hiking, walking through a redwood forest, oak woodland and remnants of coastal terrace prairie, plus some good old-fashioned, totally nonnative, yet-fetching-nonetheless grassland and a field of cairns. Pogonip still has four old-growth trees that were too funky to chop. One of them towers over the Spring Box Trail. A few feet away from this botanical behemoth lies a koi pond. The favorite Pogonip sampler platter loop starts at the end of Golf Club Drive and winds through grassland, redwood forest, oak woodland and abandoned clubhouse grounds.

Let me know if you plan to attend. Bring a hat, water and a lunch.

4 miles; 2 hours; moderate

Meeting point: Limited parking on Golf Club Drive, just off River Street (not far from Costco).

Hike leader: **Bev Baker, 408-930-3618, bjb1950k@gmail.com**

Casino Trips

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

October 18-20, 2015, Reno Getaway

January 5, 2016, Thunder Valley Casino

March 7-9, 2016, Snow Train to Reno, the bus takes us to the train, baggage goes by bus, 2 nights at El Dorado hotel in Reno with breakfast buffet each morning.

May 3, 2016, Colusa Casino

July 12, 2016, Feather Falls Casino

August 3-4, 2016, Hot August Nights, Reno

October 16-18, 2016, Reno Getaway

Nominations for 2016 Board Officers

PRESIDENT:	George Walker
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Bob Goetze
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