



IBM* Alumni Club Newsletter



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President's Chat

My last President's Chat will focus on three areas, early club history, final finances, and to give THANKS.

History

Our Club founders gathered in late 1985 to establish a Club for San Jose area IBM retirees. The 1st board meeting was held 35 years ago, December 17, 1985. Officers were elected and a club structure was proposed, giving birth to the SJ IBM Retirement Club. Over the next couple of months surveys were sent to retirees to determine interests in social events, travel, and other activities and to find volunteers to lead these activities. The response was very positive. By mid Summer 1986 over 500 retirees had joined the club with participation in the first summer picnic, golf tournament, and day trips.

Regarding Money

Three years ago the decision was made to sunset the club on January 2020 using the existing funds to subsidize the 3 remaining annual picnics and holiday parties and minor administrative expenses. As it turned out we slightly under ran our budget. Your current board distributed some of the remaining funds to the PC Club who had previously agreed to cover the costs to host our web site for the next couple of years.

For several years our Board meetings were held at 2 different churches, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and Trinity Presbyterian Church. Some of the remaining funds were donated for using their facilities.

Thank You!

A special THANKS to all our club board and committee members, both Current and Past for their service to the club. You have orchestrated many successful events/activities over the years. Several have served the club for 30 years with many others over 20 years. Finally, thanks to all of you for participating and supporting Club activities.

Finally, the continuing activities and web site information is on the next page. Also, there are some picture albums and our past club records available to any member who wants them. if you would like them, please contact me.

Saying Good Bye with the song of my childhood hero and heroine:

*Happy trails to you, until we meet again
Happy trails to you, keep smilin' till then
Happy trails to you, till we meet again*

It's been a pleasure serving and making many new IBM friends,
Bernie Coullahan, President Ret., 408-656-2907

IBM* Alumni Club web site:

ibmsjrc.org

The website will continue to have information about travel and golf activities but the newsletter will no longer be published. The PC club has agreed to fund the costs to keep our web site active for a few more years. Thank you, PC Club!

The Golf and Travel groups will continue as long as the current committee volunteers are willing to host these activities. (Note: the Day Trips will only continue thru 2020). If you wish to stay in the loop for these activities you should contact the activity volunteers below to make sure you are on their personal email distribution lists. The list below will also be available on the web site:

Here are the Travel and Golf contacts.

Day Trips:	Sandy Suekawa	sandysuekawa@yahoo.com	408-316-0731
Day Trips:	Topsy Thompson	no email	408-377-4314
Long Trips:	Bob Martinez	bobloves2travel@yahoo.com	408-835-3393
Long Trips:	Art & Sharry Dill	arthdill@comcast.net	831-338-3069
	https://arthdill.wixsite.com/ibm-alumni-travel		
Long Trips:	Christina Anhorn	leswede@aol.com	831-438-3437
Golf:	Andy La Scola	lascolandy@comcast.net	408-371-3329

The Quarter Century Club will continue because of a few dedicated volunteers. They have a quarterly newsletter. It is available online at:

qccsj.org

Travel Trips, Day Trips are planned for 2020. They are described in the November-December, 2019, newsletter which is available on the website.

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Editors Note:

I was the editor for about 20 years. I have learned a lot about updating websites and using my computer for doing things I would never had learned otherwise. It's been fun. Thanks to everyone who sent me material and keeping me on the straight and narrow. Send me email anytime. I will keep the website going for awhile longer.

Walt Cole, opawalt@gmail.com

In Memoriam

Joseph Michael Baginski

Ron Cimoli

Ina Havens

Gerri McConnell

Bill Nichols

John Oliver

Leo Rinsler

Dan Roberts

Frank Vettorel

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