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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Holiday Party Dinner/Dance

Thursday, December 2, 2004, Lou's Village

Cost: \$29 per person

The deadline is fast approaching for sending in your reservation for the Holiday Party! DJ Robin Renee from "Sounds Like Fun" will be playing a variety of music for your dancing and listening pleasure. You will hear selections from the 'oldies' such as Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra, as well as selections from the 'rock 'n roll oldies' such as Credence Clearwater, Dan Fogelberg, and Elvis! Our DJ will add some country-western for your dancing pleasure, making for an assortment of music for a fun evening.

Lou's Village will have some appetizers for us before dinner, and Jim Riley will have the raffle drawing after dinner. You'll find plenty of parking in the back of Lou's Village. See page 13 for the reservation form.

At the annual club meeting on October 26, guest speaker IBM retiree Glenn Larnerd, now the Chief Operating Officer for Hitachi Global Storage Technology, spoke about what has been happening in the disk drive business. One item was the fact that many, many Hitachi 4 Gbyte Compact Flash II disk drives have been sold to Apple for their mini iPod. Hitachi is having a bit of trouble satisfying Apple's desire which amounts to millions of units per quarter, at least in some quarters. The consumer marketplace is taking over as the prime market for disk drives. Glenn also discussed the plan for the Cottle Road site, with the outside perimeter of the land to be sold to a developer for mixed use. That means homes, shopping and commercial sites. Hitachi would retain the core of the property for their disk drive business. Hitachi is working with the city of San Jose in getting the land re-zoned. The most important problem to solve is that of increased traffic along Cottle Road. This is all in the planning stage.

George Walker

Wanted: **Volunteer Tutors for Oak Grove High School - All subjects**

If you could spare just one hour per week you could be part of the fabulous team of tutors from IBM/Hitachi who are presently helping Oak Grove students. It is rewarding, fun and challenging. Watching a student improve and seeing "the light" finally come on is a great feeling. The students need help, not only in mathematics, but also in English, reading, physical and living sciences.

If you are interested in joining the program, please contact Linda Davidson, Volunteer Coordinator at Oak Grove. Her phone number is: (408) 347-6546 or you can email her at Linda1205@aol.com. Thanks!

PS: I've been tutoring math at Oak Grove since retirement in 1991 and I really enjoy it. It's good to give back some of the knowledge we have. Those kids really need the help and role modeling from us who have the time, the ability and an interest in the future of America. Don't let that knowledge just drift away. You can also call me if you have any questions.

Fred Grometer, (408) 264-9157

IBM Jazz Big Band Sub Club, Join Now!

Interested in joining a recreational big band? The IBM Club is forming a new big band jazz sub club and is searching for musicians now. If you play alto sax, tenor sax, baritone sax, trumpet, trombone, bass trombone, clarinet, keyboards, drums, bass or guitar, your talent is welcome.

Weekly practice sessions will be held at the Bailey Avenue SVL cafeteria, K222, Mondays, 5 - 7 p.m. All IBM regulars, supplementals, co-ops, LOAs and retirees are invited to participate.

If music is your passion and you'd like to get together with others who share your interest,

Contact: the band leader:

**Tom Narcisso, day time: (408) 463-3421
or by e-mail at narcisso@us.ibm.com**

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Membership Report

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October 21, 2004

Membership History

Year	September	October
1994	1494	1505
2003	2057	2061
2004	2073	2074

New Members

Jack King
& 2 others

In Memoriam

Catherine "Kitty" Bushnel
Leroy Hulse
Norman I. Langlo
Rudy Lissner
Clare McCormack
James Moore
Bob Schlee
Charles C. Wesson

IBM Retirement Club Web Site:
www.sjpc.org/sjrc

The current month's newsletter is available at the web site above *before you get it in the mail*. It is there by the first of the month. Click on Newsletters when you get to the web site. The newsletter can be viewed, saved and/or printed. It is in PDF format. So you will need the free Adobe Reader program installed on your computer. Call Walt Cole (972-1178) if you have questions about this.

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Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, November 18,
10:00 am,

Hitachi/IBM Cottle Rd. Cafeteria,
Bldg 011, West Room

Change of Address

If your address label is incorrect, or you have moved or are planning to move, please inform Ed Mueller, the Membership Director.

Send your new address and phone number by mail, e-mail or call the club answering machine, 408 256-6364.

Mail: send to:

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5600 Cottle Road
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Change of Newsletter Delivery

If you wish to stop the delivery of this multi-page, tree-wasting newsletter to your old fashioned mailbox and view the newsletter on line, please send your request to Ed Mueller, the Membership Director.

His e-mail address is:

femuell@mindspring.com

If you do access the newsletter online, you can print only the pages you want, so you waste fewer trees.

Sunshine Report

Clara DePaul was in and out of the hospital for minor surgery. She is now home and doing well.

I've talked to a lot of you who are not feeling well, but didn't want your names here. Get well soon.

If you or someone you know is under the weather, let me know.

Take care,
Topsy Thompson,
the Sunshine Lady!!
(408) 377-4314

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Nov 3, 2004	Adopt-a-Highway		8	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Nov 4, 2004	Hiking Group Potluck Dinner		8	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
Nov 6, 2004	Fifties Rock 'n Bowl		7	IBM Club	
Nov 9, 2004	PC Club - Making a Photo Collage		7	Walt Cole	972-1178
Nov 9, 2004	San Francisco		10	Ina Havens	847-4793
Nov 12, 2004	Hike: Fremont Older		9	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Nov 13, 2004	Cultural Walk: Pigeon Point		9	Fred Grometer	264-9157
Nov 16, 2004	Bocce and Lunch	2	10	George Walker	268-7623
Nov 18, 2004	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting	1	2	George Walker	268-7623
Nov 27-Dec 5, 2004	Nashville, Memphis, Branson		4	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Nov 28-30, 2004	Reno - 2 nights - Robert Goulet		4	Glen & Ruth Furlong	378-8226
Nov 29-30, 2004	Reno - 1 night - Robert Goulet Cancelled		4	Ernie & Shirley Veal	224-3584
Dec 2, 2004	Adopt-a-Highway		8	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Dec 2, 2004	IBM Retirement Club Holiday Dinner/Dance		1,13	Ina Havens	847-4793
Dec 5-13, 2004	European Christmas Markets		4	Ray Orr	377-8294
Dec 17, 2004	Beach Blanket Babylon, Sold Out		10	Bud & Phyllis Souza	371-2959
Dec 18, 2004	Barbershop Holiday Show		10	Fred Grometer	264-9157
Jan 10, 2005	Indian Casino: Thunder Valley		10	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Feb 11 - 24, 2005	Kenya, Africa Wildlife Safari, Sold Out		5	Art & Sharry Dill	(831)338-3069
Mar 10-24, 2005	South America		5	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Apr 4, 2005	Indian Casino: Cache Creek		10	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 31-Apr 10, 2005	Voyage of a Lifetime - QM2	4	6	Bud & Phyllis Souza	371-2959
May 9-17, 2005	Washington DC & Historic East		5	Cliff & Ina Havens	847-4793
May 22-23, 2005	Konocti/Clear Lake Resort	3	6	Bud & Phyllis Souza	371-2959
June 23-30, 2005	Trains, Southwest Nat. Parks		6	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
July 11, 2005	Indian Casino: River Rock		10	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 3, 2005	Indian Casino: Chukchansi		10	Topsy Thompson	377-4314

Travel Trips

Robert Goulet Show Two Night Trip to Reno November 28 - 30, 2004

Price \$137.00 per person, double occupancy
\$35.00 single supplement

Casino Bonus - \$60.00
\$30.00 Cash/Slot Credit, \$10.00 Food Credit
2 for 1 breakfast buffet
Complimentary El Dorado Dinner Buffet

Tour Features Include:

- Motorcoach Transportation * Luggage Handling
- Two Nights Deluxe Accommodations at the Eldorado Hotel Casino
- Admission to the Eldorado Showroom for Mr. Robert Goulet Show (6:00 pm show)
- Stops at Boomtown, Silver Legacy, Reno Hilton, Silver Club

Trip reservations are confirmed in the order payments are received. All money's are due by October 23, 2004.

This is a 2 night 3 day trip. Ernie Veal is sponsoring a 1 night 2 day trip to Robert Goulet's 8:30 Show. Both trips are with the IBM Retirement Club.

For a Flyer and more information

Contact:

Glen or Ruth Furlong
(408) 378-8226
GFurlongSr@aol.com

Robert Goulet Show One Night Trip to Reno November 29 - 30, 2004

Cancelled

Price \$102.00 per person, double occupancy
\$18.00 Single Supplement

Casino Bonus - \$45.00
\$23.00 cash/slot credit
2 buffets
2 for 1 breakfast buffet

Tour Features Include:

- Motorcoach Transportation * Luggage Handling
- One Night Deluxe Accommodations at the Eldorado Hotel Casino
- Admission to the Mr. Robert Goulet Show at the Eldorado Showroom (8:30 pm show)
- Stops at Boomtown, Reno Hilton, Sparks Nugget

This is a 1 night 2 day trip. Glen Furlong is sponsoring a 2 night 3 day trip to Robert Goulet's Early Show. Both trips are with the IBM Retirement Club.

Contact:

Ernie or Shirley Veal
(408) 224-3584
ecveal@juno.com

European Christmas Markets, No 2! December 5 - 13, 2004

Were you among the fortunate few who accompanied us on the European Christmas Markets trip of 2001? Were you unable to join us that year? Good news! We are going back again! Once again we will be seeing Christmas celebrated in the loveliest part of Europe. We will enjoy authentic native Christmas markets in 4 countries. We will see handmade crafts, many created by the people displaying them. There will be Christmas booths made from wood of the regions with roofs of pine boughs. Wonderful smells coming from the food booths which offer regional sausages, sizzling over open grills, hard rolls, crusty and warm, all kinds of beer and wine, hot or cold!

Does all of this sound too rustic for you? Don't despair! We will also be visiting two of the most beautiful and modern cities in Europe: Munich and Innsbruck! These are large well-laid out walking cities where you can sightsee and stroll and buy lovely beautiful things. They have many coffee shops where you can rest a bit, indulge in all sorts of goodies and various kinds of coffee. Then off to shop again.

This is an outline of our trip: European Christmas Markets, No. 2 will be a 9-day trip. We offer an escorted tour, which will begin in Munich and end in Bern, Switzerland. The IBM Retirement Club invites you to experience the Christmas Spirit as displayed in the regional Christmas markets of Europe. This happens just once a year, so come and be part of it.

Highlights include:

Four different Christmas Markets.
Spectacular scenery of the snow-capped Alps.
World-renowned wood carvings.
Quaint houses hundreds of years old.
Small villages, with winding cobblestone streets.

Costs include:

13 meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 dinners.
Round trip air from SFO. (includes cancellation waiver and medical insurance, hotel transfers and departure tax)
First-class hotels, First-class motor coach.
Guides throughout the trip, All Gratuities.

The cost of the trip is just \$1857/person. If you are interested, please reserve your space early, as this is a unique trip and will fill up quickly. The deposit is \$350 per person which will minimize air costs and guarantee your spot. Final payment will be due 10-06-2004. There will be cobblestone streets and steps as well as possible ice and snow so please plan accordingly. TAR-4

Contact:

Ray Orr (408) 377-8294

Travel Trips

Kenya, Africa Wildlife Safari February 11 – 24, 2005

Sold out

14 Days – all meals while on safari
stop over in Amsterdam
Nairobi * Karen Blixen Home * Ark Lodge
Mt. Kenya Safari Club * Lake Nakuru
Masai Mara * Wildlife Safaris

For the stout-hearted, this first-time-ever offering by the Retirement Club provides the opportunity of a lifetime to view and photograph the wilds of Africa. Landrover vehicles will bring you within petting distance of Africa's most majestic animals from a safe vantage point. Special seating in these vehicles gives everyone an outside view. Pack your cameras and binoculars and join us on this great adventure.

Highlights:

- Visit the Chimp Sanctuary in Sweetwater.
- Feed a giraffe at Langata Giraffe center.
- Game drive at Amboseli in the Aberdare National Forest with a back drop of Mt. Kilimanjaro.
- Visit the Mt. Kenya Safari Club, formally owned by the actor William Holden.
- Visit Lake Nakuru famous for the many thousands of flamingos and the big five: lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhino.
- View a Massi traditional dance performance.

Tour price \$3999 per person. Price includes Kenya Visa of \$100. TAR-4

For a brochure and additional information regarding this tour,

Contact:

Art or Sharry Dill
(831) 338-3069 or email
ahdill@attglobal.net

See South America

March 10-24, 2005

Discover the amazing landscape, history and culture of our South American neighbors: Argentina, Brazil and Chile. See the natural wonder of Iguassu Falls in the jungle on the borders of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay. Few of us have been to this colorful continent, but many have heard of Buenos Aires (the Paris of South America), Rio de Janeiro, and Santiago.

Rio de Janeiro has world famous beaches Copacabana and Ipanema, the statue of Christ the Redeemer and Sugarloaf mountain. Buenos Aires is a very European city with lovely architecture, lively boulevards and quaint sidewalk cafes, a famous opera house and a pink presidential palace. From there one can also visit gaucho country--the pampas. Santiago is perched between the Pacific ocean and the Andes and is Chile's political, commercial and cultural capital with 16th century overtones. An additional tour to Machu Picchu is also available.

The cost is \$3599 plus \$200 for insurance. A visa is also required for Brazil and there are departure taxes from Santiago. For further information and a brochure:

Contact:

George or Isobel Nale at 779-4275 or
e-mail us at geoandizn@cs.com

Washington D.C. & the Historic East **May 9-17, 2005**

The trip you've been asking for! We will tour Philadelphia and Valley Forge and also the historic Gettysburg Battlefield. One of highlights of the tour is the tour of the Amish community of the Lancaster area. We include a tour of Amish Farms and a local Farmers Market, ending the day with an Amish Family Dinner.

Other highlights include a Chesapeake Bay Cruise and a tour of the United States Naval Academy. We include 4 nights in Washington D.C. giving us time to tour the city and the Smithsonian Institute. Another highlight is the "Illumination Tour" of the historical monuments. We have 4 nights in Washington, D.C. and 3 nights in the Lancaster area with the first night in Philadelphia.

Trip includes airfare, Deluxe Motorcoach, all sightseeing & tours per itinerary, all lodging, gratuities, breakfasts every day and 4 dinners for only \$1979 per person.

Contact: Cliff or Ina Havens
(408) 847-4793 or cliffina@juno.com

Travel Trips

Two Trains & Four Corners Featuring Arches, Canyonlands, and Mesa Verde National Parks June 23-30, 2005

This is a new tour that combines 2 sightseeing historic train rides and visits to 3 National Parks as well as the Four Corners Monument. This is the only place in the United States where four states intersect at one point. You will also tour several old western towns revisiting vestiges of the past with time to explore. Hotel accommodations have been setup to enjoy 3 two night stays to minimize packing and unpacking.

Tour Highlights:

Salt Lake City Tour
Aches National Park
Canyonlands National Park
Mesa Verde National Park
Durango Colorado
Durango/Silverton Narrow Gauge Rail
Cumbres Toltec & Scenic Train
Four Corners National Monument
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Old Town-Albuquerque
Cowboy Dinner and Stage Show

Tour Includes:

Roundtrip airfare from San Jose
12 Meals
Motorcoach transportation
Admissions & sighting per itinerary
Hotel transfers, baggage handling, and all gratuities.

Tour price is \$1749.00 per person double occupancy with a \$500 single supplement. For a flyer, reservations, and additional information,

Contact: **Bill & Madeline Souza**
(408) 356-6280
bsouza6280@aol.com

Voyage of a Lifetime aboard the *Queen Mary 2* March 31 - April 10, 2005

Featuring:

- Full day guided tour of NY, including
- Ground Zero and a Ferry to Ellis Island
- 8 nights aboard the QUEEN MARY 2 on a Caribbean Cruise

Tour Inclusions:

- Round trip transfers to/from Airports/Hotel/Pier
- Round trip airfare from San Jose to New York
- Two nights accommodations at the Marriott Marguis Hotel
- Full Day guided sightseeing tour of New York
- Hosted lunch, browsing and shopping at South St. Seaport
- Taxes and tips on all included features
- Baggage handling

Don't miss this vacation of a Lifetime!

From \$2610 to \$3340 per person double occupancy. Space is limited in each cabin category and on a first come first served basis.

For Itinerary, Brochure & Reservation info call:
Bud or Phyllis Souza
408-377-6094 or 408-371-2959

Konocti Harbor Resort & Spa **On Beautiful Clear Lake** May 22-23, 2005

Tour Features:

- * Deluxe Motorcoach
- * 1 nights stay at Konocti Resort & dinner
- * Guided Tour of Copia, Napa
- * Outdoor Passion Play
- * Hosted breakfast cruise on Konocti Princess
- * Wine tasting & winery hosted buffet lunch
- * Guided tour of Corner Stone Festival Gardens
- * Baggage handling
- * All fees for included features
- * All taxes & driver tip.

Possible Options ?:

Indian Casino (nearby) & evening show at the Resort.
All this for \$285 per person. Don't miss this one. Call!!!

Contact:
Bud or Phyllis Souza
408-377-6094 or 371-2959

PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, November 9, 2004, 5:00 PM, SVL

John Zimmerman, Club Membership Chairman, will describe and demonstrate many of the features of Adobe Photoshop Elements. Adobe Photoshop Elements is an affordable, easy-to-use digital imaging program, designed for amateur photographers and photo hobbyists who want to create high-quality images. After retirement from IBM, John joined the Light & Shadow Camera Club in 1995. In recent years, he has moved from darkrooms and chemical processing to the digital world of Photoshop. Although he uses Photoshop version 5.0 for most of his work, he will be using Photoshop Elements 2.0 to demonstrate its capabilities in creating a collage print from a number of individual photographs.

Contact for questions:

Walt Cole 972-1178 or opawalt@pacbell.net

RV Camping Club

The IBM Camping Club (Krazy Kampers) is open to all IBM retirees. Campouts are on the 4th weekend of each month. If you would like to receive our monthly campout announcement and invitation, please call or e-mail. For a review of the camping schedule go to the website:

www.sjpc.org/camping/

Contact: Ernie Veal, (408) 224-3584,
ecveal@juno.com



TAR: Trip Activity Rating

- 1 Limited walking & activity
- 2 Walking limited to facilities within approximately 1 block to hotels & bus
- 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

IBM Club Discounts

AMC Movie passes
\$5.50 each; no limit. They never expire

Great America

Gate price: \$47.99 Children 3-6: \$33.99
IBM Club price: \$24.00

\$5.00 Parking passes available

VIP Pass: \$62.50 unlimited use: Great America + free parking and Bonfante Gardens

6 Flags Marine World

Gate price: \$45.99 Child 48" and under: \$24.99
IBM Club price: \$21.99

Universal Studios Southern California

Gate price: \$49.75 under 48": \$39.75
IBM Club price: two day ticket: \$33.00

Disneyland

Gate price: \$49.75 3-9 years: \$39.75
IBM Club price: \$44.78 3-9 years: \$35.78

Santa Cruz Boardwalk

Unlimited Rides Gate price: \$25.95
IBM Club price: \$19.95

Bonfante Gardens

Gate price: \$32.99
IBM Club price: \$15.00

Ticket Hours:

Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am-1:00pm
(San Jose Site: Bldg. 50 lobby)

IBM Club Office Contacts:

Valerie Cowing - 256-8778
Frank Vitale - 256-2749



**Fifties
Rock 'n Bowl**

Oakridge Lanes

**Saturday, November 6
7:30pm-11:30pm**

Car Show, 50's Flashback!,
Bowling, DJ, dancing,
food, games, prizes

\$12.00

**Rock & Bowl
IBM CLUB**

The poster features a yellow banner at the top with stars and confetti. Below the banner, the text is arranged in a central column. At the bottom, there is a circular graphic with a red and white design, possibly representing a bowling ball or a similar theme.

Adopt-A-Highway

Thursday, October 15, 2004

We had an uneventful clean up and filled 39 bags bringing our total to almost 1300 in the 42 months we have been highway housekeepers.

We found a lot of little stuff. One of our volunteers said this is the first time he had not found any money! We only found 55 cents but a found Volkswagen hub cap that we sold to Hub Cap City for three dollars.

Howard Hansen found two more baseballs bringing his total for the year to 8.

Volunteer Litter Pickers Needed

About 25% of our clean up crew have dropped out, mostly due to moving away. So that means there is a need for more participants. If you would like to join this group and help find treasures along Highway 85, please call Doug or Evie.

Schedule:

Odd months: 1st Wednesdays,
Even months: 1st Thursdays,
9:00 am to 11:30 am

Next Treasure Hunts: Wednesday, November 3
Thursday, December 2

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

Callers: odd months: Alice Czerniec 224-6230
even months: Barbara Pugh 265-2466

Hikes

Walk & Wine at Fremont Older Friday, November 12, 2004 10:00 am

This month we'll be visiting a preserve that's part of the Midpeninsula Open Space District. Located on the fringe of Saratoga, Fremont Older is a 739 acre preserve named for a noted San Francisco newspaper editor who owned a portion of the preserve for 60 years. The terrain is open rolling hills, with chaparral and oak covered ridges dropping steeply to Stevens Canyon. Our hike will begin just outside the preserve on the grounds of the Cooper Garrod Winery, where we will have lunch after the hike. From the parking area we'll climb about ½ mile to the park entrance. Once in the preserve, the trails are up and down (naturally) but they are wide, well graded, and not rocky. Note that these trails are dirt, so if there has been rain they may be muddy. Along the way, there are two promontories with great views (optional climb!) if you want a little extra challenge. The hike will total about 4 miles, and will be a loop route.

When we have finished, we will have lunch at the picnic grounds of Cooper Garrod. For those who are interested, we will finish off the activities with a visit to the tasting room.

To get to Cooper Garrod, travel north on highway 85, exiting at De Anza Boulevard. Go west (towards Saratoga) on De Anza 1 mile. Go right at Pierce Road, and drive 1.8 miles to Mt. Eden Road, where you will turn right. Go 1 mile on Mt. Eden Road, then turn right on Garrod Road. We will meet in the parking lot at the winery. Those wishing to carpool can meet at 9:15 at the Camden Park and Ride near Camden Avenue and Highway 85. Bring lunch and water. See you there!

Contact:

Gil & Julie Feller

247-6769 or jfeller1@ix.netcom.com

There will be no hike in December. January hike information will be in the December newsletter.

Walking Cultural Tours

Pigeon Point Lighthouse Celebration: Anniversary of Fresnel Lens Pescadero, California Saturday, November 13, 2004

Note: this event is on a SATURDAY!! It will be a rare occasion to celebrate the 132nd anniversary of the first lighting of the Fresnel lens, first installed on November 15, 1872. A Fresnel lens is a special condensing lens which has only the curved surfaces, not all the heavy glass. Even at that, the Pigeon Point lens weighs 8,000 pounds and has 1008 prisms. It is 16 feet tall and six feet in diameter. It is no longer used for the lighthouse beacon (replaced by modern technology), but each year on its anniversary, it is lit after dark in celebration.

Darkness comes about 6:00 PM in these parts in November. The lamp will be turned on at 6:00 and be stationary for five minutes so that all the shutterbugs can get their pictures. It will then rotate until 8:00 when the service converts back to the modern aero beacon.

We plan to arrive at this state park at about 3:00 PM to find a decent place to park. Our own Siefkin Krieger is a docent and may give us a little special attention away from his usual duties. There will be an open house with lighthouse videos, historic exhibits and light (pun) refreshments. We can stroll down to the ocean and tide pools before we gather by the lighthouse for one of our traditional potluck picnics.

Please bring your sandwich, a drink and something to share with us all. If you don't like to eat standing up, also bring chairs and a folding table. You'll need a flashlight so that you can find your way back to the car. It may be chilly on the coast in November; dress accordingly.

If you wish to ride pool, meet at 2:00 PM at the Park and Ride lot at Camden and Highway 85. Riders, pay \$4 for gasoline and expect to return to the lot at 8:30 or so. If you drive alone, Pigeon Point is on Highway 1, about 27 miles north of Santa Cruz and 20 miles south of Half Moon Bay. Don't miss this exciting tour as we explore the coast and learn about the lighthouse. We'll thrill as the Fresnel lens is lit and hope for just a little moisture (fog) in the air to show off the 24 separate beams of light. Let's pretend that we are guiding those sailing ships of old to keep them off the rocky coast. No limit on the number of guests, but you may wish to notify Fred anyway.

Contact: **Fred Grometer (408) 264-9157**

Day Trips

Beach Blanket Babylon's Christmas Show

Friday, December 17, 2004

Your chance to see the longest running musical in the U.S. Its Christmas Show is outstanding. No other show has come up with such exotic costuming. Musical selections run the gamut.

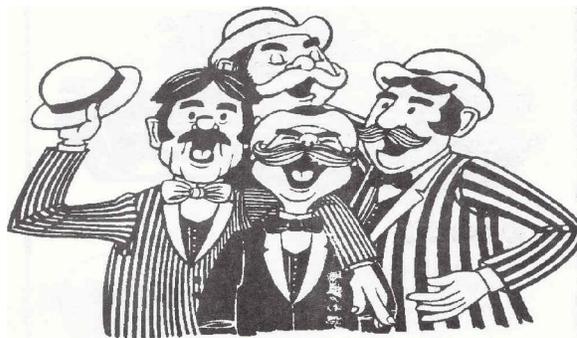
We have the best seats in the house; Center Balcony Also, enjoy the food at Pompeii's Grotto. A landmark in Fisherman's Wharf area not far from the theatre. Price per person \$107.00

Only 40 seats available; **Sold Out**

Contact:

Bud or Phyllis Souza

408-377-6094 or 408-371-2959



SPEBSQSA/Sweet Adelines Annual Holiday Show "It's a Wonderful, Musical Life" Heritage Theater, Campbell Center Campbell, California

Saturday, December 18, 2004, 2:00 & 8:00 pm

Take a break from you busy holiday schedule to relax and celebrate the season in song! Come join us in a sparkling holiday show of barbershop singing. The men's Garden City Chorus (San Jose Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society) will join the ladies' Sweet Adelines Mission Valley Chorus in a two-hour presentation of Christmas and Hanukkah music. In addition, we will feature several fabulous barbershop quartets.

You'll (Yule) want to hum along to such classics as "Silent Night," "Angels we have Heard on High," "Carol of the Bells." We'll even throw in a few fun things like "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "White Christmas." And can you recall your youth with "Winter Wonderland" and "Silver Bells"? The audience will also be invited to sing along with a few carols. The finale of each show will be spectacular: over 100 voices raised together to bring in the new year with "Auld Lang Syne." It promises to be a fun-filled event of family entertainment and a refreshing treat for music lovers—young and old.

Tickets will be available through IBM Retirement Club member Fred Grometer who will be singing in the show. All tickets are general admission: \$16 with a special 10% discount for tickets bought together as a set for groups of 10 or more. The shows start at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM. The Heritage Theater is the auditorium of the old Campbell High School—Campbell and Winchester Boulevards.

PS: If you'd really like to get into the holiday spirit early, come to hear the Garden City Chorus in an open-air caroling at Santana Row, 7:00 PM on November 16, 2004. It's free!

Contact:

Fred Grometer (408) 264-9157.

Bocce Players Needed

Tuesday, November 16, 2004; 11:30 am
Campo Di Bocce
565 University Ave., Los Gatos

Everyone who attends has a great time so..... come join us for food and fun and friends playing the ageless game of bocce. Again we will enjoy the cuisine of Italy with antipasti, appetizers, gourmet pizza and dessert. The game of bocce is easy and fun. It is not strenuous and takes no previous experience. We require a minimum of 32 players. Sign up early as this event fills up quickly. Cost is \$25 per person for both food and fun!

Contact:

George W. Walker at 268-7623

Indian Casino Trips in 2005

January 10 -- Thunder Valley,
\$25 with \$15 refund

This trip is filling up, get your reservation in soon.

April 4 -- Cache Creek,
price next month

July 11 -- River Rock,
\$27 with \$20 refund (\$15 cash, \$5 food)

October 3 -- Chukchansi,
\$23 with \$10 for slots and \$5 for food

Call Topsy for flyers

Contact: **Topsy Thompson 377-4314 or
Topray4314@cs.com**

Bowling

One More Time League at Oakridge Lanes 2004/2005 Winter Bowling League October, 2004

As of mid-October, Team 4 (Doug Turner, Bill Bartz, Bev Turner & Helen Wehner) are in first place with 19 wins. In second place is Team 2 (Glen Furlong, Nancy Bowers, Ruth Furlong & Earl Bowers)

We are well into our 6th week of bowling. Many good scores are being recorded. Mary Jane Canavan had her first 210. Congratulations!

Men

High Scr. Game High Scr. Series

269----Don Creps	675----Sal Garcia
268----Dennis Pitchford	658----Jim Balistreri
243----Dan Thery	649----Bill Jeung

High Hdcp. Game

276----Don Johnson
271----Bill Christiansen
253----Nick Clason
253----Cliff Grimes

High Hdcp. Series

710----Bill Furnal
709----Ed Bernhardt
699----Joel Resnick

High Average

194----Bill Jeung
190----Jim Balistreri
188----Dan Thery

Women

High Scr. Game

213----Jan Curry
213----Mitzi Stewart
203----Ruth Furlong
192----Mae Nakamura

High Scr. Series

581----Faye Fritz
546----Ann Wilson
537----Jane Brode

High Hdcp. Game

250----Kay Layman
247----Carol Hughes
244----Clara DePaul

High Hdcp. Series

678----Mary Jane Canavan
664----Pat Falkowski
664----Shirley Veal
663----Barbara Pugh

High Average

171----Ann Wilson
171----Faye Fritz
166----Ruth Furlong
163----Jan Curry

Ann Wilson... 408 269-1894

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

October 7 - Low Putts was the format for the day. 22 players showed up. It was a good day and not too hot. Winners were:

Men

1st- Jim Viallet - 28
2nd- Darrel Jensen - 30
3rd- Dick Gehrler - 31
Jim Betz - 31
4th - Don Johnson - 32

Women

1st- Helen Brock - 31
2nd- Kathy Herrington - 34
3rd- Dede Corral - 36
4th- Clara De Paul - 41

Closest To Pin #10

Men:

1st - Dick Gehrler - 11' 1"
2nd - Les Harlow - 12' 21/2"

The next dates are Thursdays, November 4 and December 2. **We tee off at 10:30 am, sharp. Please be there by 10:00 am to sign in and to pick up your lunch coupon from Helen.** Please send your check for \$22 ten days in advance of our golf date (or sooner) to:

Helen Wehner

1561 Park Crest Ct.
San Jose, CA 95118

Or call Helen to let her know you'd like to play that day. Sign ups will be on a first-come-first-serve basis, since there is a limited number of players allowed. Make your check out to the "IBM Retirement Club" and on the memo line write "Short 18 Hole Golf". Handicaps will be figured out after you have golfed at Deep Cliff. If it rains, call the golf course to find out if we have cancelled. Phone 253-5357, extension 5.

Also, remember golf at Deep Cliff is on a first come-first serve basis so get your checks in to Helen, *right away*.

Everyone have a very happy Thanksgiving.
Happy Golfing,

Clara, Helen and DeDe

Contacts: Helen Wehner	264-6296
DeDe Corral	378-6470
Clara De Paul	294-7041

Par Tee Golf

Contact: Andy La Scola @ (408) 371-3329 or alascola@earthlink.net

Pajaro Valley October 11, 2004. The comical shot(s) of the day goes to a golfer that will remain, for obvious reasons, anonymous. (And no, it was not me!). On hole number 18, his tee shot went left, hit a tree, and bounced back behind the white tee markers. His second shot went right, hit a tree, dropped straight down, and left him with an "unplayable lie". (He is not past the ladies tee, yet.) So he took a drop, (a one stroke penalty), and finally hit one down the fairway. Our advice? Carry a chain saw, and get even with those stupid blankety-blank trees that get in your way! The format of play was "1-2-3". We had a nice turnout of 52 players. Here are the results:

<u>Place / Score</u>	<u>Team</u>			
1 / 110	Jim McGuire	Carol McGuire	Joel Quiaoit	Cathy Priest
2 / 112	Gino Bottoni	Sam Walters	Earl Bowers	Neil Rowland
3 / 116	Joe Keever	Neil Keever	Roger Prow	Bill Kurtz
<u>Closest-To-Pin</u>	<u>#3</u>	<u>#7</u>	<u>#11</u>	<u>#14</u>
<u>Men</u>	Mike Filice 28' 5"	Dale Westen 5' 4"	Greg Johnston 13' 5"	Rich Hislip 22' 8"
	Ralph Lyle 31' 9"	Earl Bowers 8' 2"	Dan Thery 24' 1"	Gil Maes 31' 7"
	Rich Campbell 37' 4"	Lou Tolbert 11' 0"	Joel Quiaoit 32' 2"	Jay Myers 38' 6"
<u>Ladies</u>			Cathy Priest 32' 1"	

There were nine bogey golfers, (gross score of 90 or better), and they are ; Nick Nomm 76; Jay Myers 78; Eric Schrader 79; Lou Tolbert 81; Jim McGuire 83; Gil Maes 85; Andy La Scola 87; Gino Bottoni & Dale Westen 90. Congratulations to all the winners!

Looking ahead at our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Nov. 1	Coyote Creek-Tournament	\$60.00/Oct. 13	Includes cart-soft Spikes Required- Format=Individual play-Turkey Shoot
Dec. 6	Los Lagos	\$47.00/Nov. 17	Includes cart-soft spikes required-2 best ball foursome
Jan. 10	Ridgemark-Gabilan	\$40.00/Dec. 22	Includes cart-soft spikes required- Format = Individual play

Notes:

1. The monthly golf schedule for the entire year, (**2005 will updated soon**), can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.sjpc.org/sjrc
2. **Renewals are now due for the "Par Tee Golf Club". Renewals before December 3 are \$40.00. After December 3, or no previous NCGA number, are \$45.00. Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: maxdonmar@comcast.net (This is a new email address for Don.)**
3. Prices and dates are subject to change. Be sure to check newsletter, web site, or call Andy, for latest information.
4. Make all checks payable to "Par Tee Golf", (Not the "IBM Retirement Club"). 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 signups is:

Par Tee Golf
P. O. Box 53535
San Jose, CA 95153-0535
5. Include you GHIN number, and your e-mail address, (If I don't have already have them on file). Indicate which foursome you wish to play with, or I will assign you to one. (Note: If you do not sign up as a four-some, your group may be split up).

2004 HOLIDAY PARTY dinner dance

Thursday, December 2, 2004

Lou's Village

1465 West San Carlos

San Jose

No Host cocktails beginning at 6:00 PM

Dinner served at 7:00 PM

Dancing follows dinner

Cost \$29.00 Per Person

Door Prizes and Raffle

Bring some non-perishable food for the Second Harvest Food Bank and old eyeglasses for those that can't afford new ones around the world.

Tables seat 10. If you would like to sit with friends, all parties must list the names of the members at that table on the form below.

There will be a separate table for singles who would like to attend and join other single members.

Make sure you indicate this choice on the form below.

Reservations must be received by November 26, 2004.

No tickets sold at the door.

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Reservation form for the

IBM San Jose Retirement Club 2004 Holiday Party Dinner Dance

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Dinner Selections:

_____ Breast of Chicken _____ Cullotte Steak _____ Vegetarian (Pasta Primavera)

Wine may be purchased by the glass, carafe or bottle at the bar.

Singles Table _____

We would like to sit with the following people: _____

Make checks payable to the IBM Retirement Club.

Mail this form and check to:

C.E. "Sandy" Fiehmann
1676 McGregor Way
San Jose, CA 95129-3741

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