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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Greetings Folks! It's October which means it's annual meeting time for the members of the San Jose IBM Retirement Club. Our 21st Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, at the cafeteria at the IBM SVL site (formally STL) located at 555 Bailey Avenue. Attendees must obtain a visitors badge at the desk of the main lobby and will be escorted to the cafeteria located on the second floor. The meeting will begin at 2:00 PM and should end around 3:30 PM. Coffee and cookies will be served. This year's special guest speaker is **Chief of Police of San Jose, Rob Davis**. Please try to attend. I'm looking forward to seeing you.

This month's newsletter contains a variety of new Day Trips and Travel Trips for 2008. Please take a look and if you are interested in one or more, phone or e-mail the contact person. The Day Trips especially sell out quickly.

Due to the holiday rush, the Club's board of Directors has voted to NOT mail the January, 2008, newsletter. January's newsletter will be available on-line only at: <http://www.sjpc.org.sjrc/>

Happy Halloween!
Art Dill

October Marks the 30th Anniversary of the IBM Silicon Valley Lab

SVL (STL) retirees are invited to join a celebration on October 11, 2007, 2 to 4:30 PM, SVL, K222 and Perna Plaza
Agenda: 2 PM: SVL: past, present, future, K222

Special Guests: - Don Haderle, "Godfather of DB2" Janet Perna, "Database Queen" Charles "Lickel-Friday"
- Plus photos/video from SVL's 30 years

3 PM: A Toast to 30 Years (Champagne toast, 3 PM sharp)
Beer/Wine/Appetizers, SVL Trivia

SVL photo contest winners announcement

RSVP to: tcsports@us.ibm.com if you'd like to come - 200 spots available.

San Jose IBM Retirement Club — Annual Meeting Thursday, October 25, 2007 Mail-in Ballot

Maintaining our goal of being cost effective, yet still offering the opportunity for you to express your wishes, we submit the names of the following candidates as officers of the Club for 2008. This "clip and mail" ballot allows you to vote for your "write-in" candidates if you wish to vote for someone other than the candidates listed.

Candidates are:

President:	Art Dill	Write In _____
Vice President:	George Walker	Write In _____
Secretary:	Dave Sloan	Write In _____
Treasurer:	Tom Clarke	Write In _____
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Communications Director:	Walt Cole	Write In _____
Directors at large:	Bernie Coullahan, Ron Harlan	Write In _____

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Membership Report Ed Mueller

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September 20, 2007

Membership History

Number in () is how many folks are receiving their newsletters via the Internet instead of the US Mail

Year	August	September
1997	1620 (0)	1625 (0)
2006	2110 (238)	2112 (241)
2007	2161 (398)	2161 (456)

New Members

Dave Chhabra
Paul Gendler
Ronald Rech
Maria Stout

In Memoriam

Peter Cusimano
David Enders
Charles Harris
Klass Klassen
Jacob Mulkey

Change of Address

If your address label is incorrect or your e-mail address has changed, or you have moved or are planning to move, please inform the Membership Director, Ed Mueller. Send your new address and phone number by mail or e-mail. Ed will also set you up for "read on line" to save paper, if you request that. Be sure your request includes your name & address, so he corrects the right person.

Mail: send to:

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Ed Mueller,

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Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, October 18, 2007, 10:00 AM
IBM Almaden Research, Bernal Road
Enter at Lobby entrance

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Sunshine Report

Well hi there, I have been told some of you are not feeling too well. Examples: I heard that a young lady got tangled up with a chair and hurt her toe but in a few days she will be off on yet another trip. I also heard that another young lady ended up in the hospital over night with some stomach trouble, but she is doing well now. Just watch what you eat. Also heard another young lady had a heart attack and was in the hospital for a few days, but is home now taking it easy. And would you believe, I heard that another young lady had to go to ER the other night, but she is home and taking it easy. Well to all my "young ladies," please do what the Dr. says, and you will be feeling so much better real soon.

Patrick (Pat) Hall has stomach cancer and is in treatment. He says he is doing o-k, but the treatments make him tired and "you have no get up and go" for a few days. But Pat, I hope you keep that smile on your face, because before long, you will have that "get up and go" back.

Evie Dean was helping a friend out of the car, slipped and fell, and broke her wrist. She too ended up in ER. She will be out of commission for awhile, but I know Evie will be at it again soon. Another young lady had open heart surgery not too long ago, and now she tells me she had to go in again for some more heart surgery. Come on now, once is enough. We all will say a little prayer for ALL of you. If I have missed someone, it is because I didn't know. So please let me know if you are sick or recovering.

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

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 about the first of the month. Click on **Newsletters** when you get to the web site.

The newsletter is in PDF format and can be viewed, saved and/or printed with a free Adobe Reader program. You can print only the pages you want, or none at all. Your choice.

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Oct 8, 2007	Indian Casino: Gold Country		--	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 9, 2007	PC Club - Adobe Photoshop Elements 5		--	Walt Cole	972-1178
Oct 10-16, 2007	New Mexico & Balloon Fiesta		--	Ina Havens	847-4793
Oct 11, 2007	Adopt-a-Highway		10	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Oct 16, 2007	Central Valley Adventure, Sold out,	2	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Oct 18, 2007	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Oct 19, 2007	Hike: Garrapata State Park Canceled		--	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Oct 25, 2007	IBM Retirement Club Annual Meeting (NOT canceled, NOT sold out)		1	Art & Sherry Dill	831 338-3069
Nov 6, 2007	Bocce in Los Gatos		7	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
Nov 14, 2007	Adopt-a-Highway		10	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Nov 16, 2007	Hike: Shoreline		10	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Nov 18, 2007	"Wigged Out" Show		7	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Dec 8, 2007	Holiday Party		13	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
Dec 9, 2007	The Christmas Revels Sold out	2	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Jan 28, 2008	Indian Casino: Cache Creek		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Feb 14, 2008	Valentine's Day Special Event		7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
May 2, 2008	Safari West		8	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
May 7-15, 2008	Great Lakes Adventure		6	Ina Havens	847-4793
Mar 9-11, 2008	Reno: Circus Circus		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 29-Jun 11, 2008	South America		4	Art & Sherry Dill	831 338-3069
Jun 9, 2008	Indian Casino: Chukchansi		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jun 20, 2008	Western Railway Museum		8	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
July 8, 2008	KQED Behind the Scenes		8	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
July 27- Aug 3, 2008	Columbia, Snake and Willamette Rivers		4	Phyllis Souza	247-7335
Aug 28-Sep 7, 2008	England/Scotland		5	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Sep 25-Oct 5, 2008	Trains through Switzerland & Austria		6	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Sep 14-16, 2008	Reno: Circus Circus		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 20, 2008	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Late Oct, 2008	Mediterranean Cruise		5	George & Carole Walker	268-7623

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

Travel Trips

South America May 29 - June 11, 2008

♪*Tall and tan and young and lovely*♪, the girls from Ipanema Beach might be seen on this tour! You will be staying at a beautiful resort hotel on Copacabana Beach. Included are tours of Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Iguassu Falls and Santiago, Chile, among many other activities.

Trip Highlights:

- Welcome Cocktail Party -Hot hors d'oeuvres
- Sugarloaf Mountain Sunset Tour via cable car
- Samba Dinner Show at famous Plataforma
- Cogwheel train-Mt. Corovado; Christ the Redeemer
- Tijuca National Park via Jeep Safari
- Eco Train to "Devil's Throat"-Iguassu Falls
- Spectacular Tango Dinner Show in Buenos Aires
- Gaucho Festival-Buenos Aires-BBQ, folkdance +
- Santiago-Neoclassic Moneda Palace and Government Seat
- San Cristobal Hill-View of Andes mountains
- Chili-Pacific Coast full day tour with highlight stops.
- Wineries

The price of the tour including airfare is \$3,995. Single Supplement \$825.00. Main Tour Included features are: Brazilian visa (\$100.), all air flights, transfers, entrance to shows and tours per itinerary, baggage handling, 11 breakfasts, 3 main meal lunches, 3 other dinners included.

An optional 4 nights, 5-day tour of Lima, Cuzco, and Machu Picchu is available, June 11 - 15.

- Lima Archaeological Museum + more
- Cuzco Urubamba Valley + more
- Ollantaitambo ruins-Cuzco
- Vista Dome Train to Machu Picchu + tours

Peru extension is \$1550 pp. Single Supplement is \$385. Peru Extension Features are: All air flights, transfers, entrance to tours per itinerary, baggage handling, 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches included.

Not included in this trip: arrival and departure taxes to be paid in cash for each country, visa pictures, tips, trip insurance.

Prices are based on airfares as of 6/20/07 and subject to change until ticketed.

Contact:

Art and Sharry Dill for brochure.

(831) 338-3069

TAR 4

Columbia, Snake and Willamette Rivers July 27 - August 3, 2008

Come and join us exploring some of America's most historic and scenic rivers aboard a small and elegant ship. We will follow the footsteps of Lewis and Clark and the Oregon Trail pioneers.

Trip Highlights:

- Board the ship in Portland
- Daily shore excursions
- Open fine dining
- Evening social hour, with Hors d' Oeuvres and wine tasting
- On board Historian
- Welcome Reception
- Captain's Welcome Aboard Dinner Party and entertainment after dinner
- Hood River/Stevenson
- Umatilla/Pendleton – follow the route used by the Oregon Trail Pioneers
- Clarkston/Lewiston
- Columbia River cruising
- Longview/Mt. St. Helens
- Astoria/Fort Clatsop

The ship "Queen of the West" is meant to showcase the wide-open vistas. Four decks offer panoramic viewing from every angle. Guests aboard enjoy outside staterooms where scenic views change by the hour. Dine in the opulent Lewis and Clark Dining Room, where the emphasis is on fine fresh regional cuisine.

Early bird prices for deposits received prior to 11/15/07. Outside stateroom: \$3198.00, First Class stateroom with verandah: \$3,429.00. These prices reflect early bird pricing.

Contact:

Phyllis Souza for a complete brochure

(408) 247-7335

Travel Trips

England/Scotland

August 28 - September 7, 2008

England and Scotland are wonderful to visit but pricey because of the value of the dollar. So we are trying to maximize enjoyment of the trip and get the best bang for the buck. Many travelers tell us they dislike long bus rides and changing hotels regularly. We will use a hub and spoke arrangement which concentrates on major cities, yields longer stays in nice hotels and lets you see the areas close by.

Our trip goes into London for 3 plus days, we fly to Inverness on day 5 and go in to Edinburgh for the rest of the trip. One could easily spend weeks in London and Edinburgh, so there is no shortage of great things to see and experience.

In London we tour Westminster Abbey and its chapels, the Tower of London, catch the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, tour Hampton Court, spend a half day sightseeing and then have free time to see historic sites like St. Pauls Cathedral, Victoria and Albert Museum, the British Museum, Parliament, the Shakespeare theater, etc.

Inverness gives us the ability to see Fort Augustus, cruise Loch Ness looking for Nessie, visit the Culloden Visitor Centre and Battleground. On our way to Edinburgh we visit Stirling Castle, Argyll's Lodging, the National Wallace Monument and the Bannockburn Heritage Centre.

Edinburgh is a lovely ancient city with Edinburgh Castle towering above it. We tour the castle and then go down the Royal Mile to Holyrood Palace. The Royal Mile is replete with historic structures, St. Giles Cathedral, specialty shops and pubs. We will visit Glasgow Cathedral and the tall ship in Glasgow harbor then take a short cruise on Loch Lomond. We will have free time to see the rest of historic Edinburgh and its surrounding environs, even St. Andrews if an ardent enough golfer. Our trip concludes with a Scottish night where you acquire your brogue for the trip home.

The trip is priced at \$2970 per person, with the usual add ons for fuel surcharges, airport departure taxes and some tips to drivers. A tour manager will be with us all the way.

The trip activity rating is 3. For further information call George or Isobel Nale at 408 779 4275, or email us at gr4na@aol.com

Mediterranean Cruise

Athens to Rome

Stopping in the Holy Lands

Late October, 2008

Don't miss this opportunity to visit not only some of the most beautiful and exotic places on the Mediterranean but also take advantage of the chance to visit the holy cities of **Galilee**, **Nazareth** and **Jerusalem**. This trip, on the intimate **Pacific Princess** with only 650 passengers and 70% balconies, allows the comfort of a cruise and the flexibility of visiting some of the world's most important historical venues. The timing of this cruise gives us the best weather and fewer crowds.

Our adventure begins in **Athens**, home of 7,000 years of Greek culture and history and continues to beautiful **Santorini**, one of the most beautiful of all the Greek islands. From atop the rim of an ancient volcanic caldera, the delightful towns of the island offer stunning views of the Aegean in every direction! The next stop is the island of **Patmos** famous for the exiled years of St. John and believed to be the spot where the book of Revelation was written. We then visit **Kusadasi, Turkey**, and the ancient city of **Ephesus**. This is the largest ancient archeological site in the world dating from the second century.

After a day of sailing on the beautiful Mediterranean sea we arrive in the port of **Haifa, Israel**, which is the port city from which to explore **Galilee** and **Nazareth**, two of the most important cities in Christian history. This tour is included in the price of the trip. The next day we will visit the historical city of **Jerusalem** for 13 hours giving us ample time for touring. There are a number of tours that you can choose from.

Our next stop is **Port Said, Egypt**, which itself is worthy of a day of exploration or we can visit **Giza** and one of the Wonders of the World, the **Pyramids!** Again, we will spend enough time in port to cover much of the ancient history of this fascinating area. The next day will also allow us to continue to explore as we will be docked in the ancient port of **Alexandria, Egypt**, at the mouth of the mighty Nile River.

The next two days are relaxing ones on the Pacific Princess as we make our way toward the beautiful island of **Capri, Italy**. There will be lots of time for a walk around Sorrento and maybe some pasta and wine! We disembark in beautiful, eternal **Rome**. Extensions are possible so that all of the art and culture of this wonderful city can be enjoyed.

Cost will vary by cabin choice: interior double \$4400 to balcony suites at \$4948 inclusive of air. However, if you have air mileage this could be a great time to use it to bring the price down considerably. Included in the price are all transfers, taxes and insurance.

Extensions either pre trip in Athens or post trip in Rome can be arranged.

Information meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 10:00 AM at Baker's Square, Almaden Expressway.

**For more information call:
George or Carole Walker at 408 268 7623.**

Travel Trips

Switzerland and Austria Trains of the Alps September 25 - October 5, 2008

Discover breathtaking Alpine vistas as we journey on some of the most dramatic railway lines and roads that pass through Switzerland, Italy and Austria. Experience Swiss train travel in all its glory, renowned for its special engineering and impeccable service, as we travel on four great Alpine trains. Enjoy the stunning beauty of the magnificent Alps, charming traditional villages, and grand castles, and the distinctive cultural treasures found in this pristine corner of Europe.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED:

- Glacier Express
- Golden Pass Panoramic Train
- Gornergrat Cogwheel Railroad
- Bernina Express Train
- Geneva, Montreux, Lausanne, Gstaad
- Zermatt, St Moritz, Innsbruck, Salzburg
- 16 meals: 9 breakfasts, 7 dinners

Price of the tour including airfare is \$3799.
Land only price is \$2299.

Contact:

Ron or Heidi Harlan at 408-266-7639 or
Bob Martinez at 408-927-1307 for
brochures and arrangements.
Seats are limited.

INFORMATION MEETING:

***Tuesday, October, 30, 2007, 2:00 PM.
Mama Mia's, 200 E. Hamilton Ave.,
Campbell
RSVP to Ron Harlan, 408-266-7639.***

Great Lakes Adventure May 7 - 15, 2008

Tour Highlights:

- Chicago City Tour
- Holland Tulip Festival/Dutch Village
- Veldheer Gardens/Traverse City
- 2 nights Mackinac Island
- Grand Hotel Lunch
- Green Bay / Door County
- Fish Boil Dinner
- Wisconsin Dells Cruise
- House on the Rock
- Lambeau Field

Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare - SJC
- 14 Meals/Deluxe Motorcoach
- Professional Tour Director
- Baggage Handling
- Daily Sightseeing
- Admissions per Itinerary
- Hotel Transfers
- Tips & Gratuities
- All inclusive cost: \$2079 pp

For questions or brochures, contact:
Ina Havens, (408) 847-4793
email: cliffina@verizon.net

Day Trips

Wigged Out

Sunday, November 18, 2007, 2:00 PM Show

Wigged Out is a uniquely original, fast paced, singing and dancing musical comedy experience. The all new production involves a mysterious secret at the hair salon--a secret at Victoria's Hair On Stage salon in Danville. This East Bay musical comedy performs in this most unique theater venue.

At all **Wigged Out** shows we expect a healthy dose of icons, celebrities and household products showing up on stage. At times, the audience becomes part of the show. It's a fun afternoon, lots of good laughs. The Contra Costa Times stated, "You'll hurt yourself laughing and be amazed at the talent."

Prior to the show, we will have lunch at the Brass Door near the theater in Danville. Lunch choices will be roast prime rib or roasted rosemary chicken.

The price is \$90.00 per person which includes the show, lunch, motor-coach and all gratuities.

Contact:

Ron and Heidi Harlan at 408-266-7639.

This event is hosted by the IBM San Jose Retirement Club and is open to all IBM Club and QCC members and friends.

Valentine's Day Special Event

Thursday, February 14, 2008
Trip Activity Rating – 2

We will travel to the world famous **Brookdale Lodge**, set under stately giant redwoods in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Today's visitors will find a refreshing and delightful experience of dining beside the gentle brook in this unique and rustic setting. The original lodge was built in 1890 by Judge J.H. Logan at the site of the Grover lumber mill. In the early 1920's, Dr. F. K. Camp built the beautiful dining room with the natural brook running through it. A feature in Ripley's Believe It or Not served to make the Brookdale Lodge world famous. Throughout the years, the Brookdale Lodge has been a popular destination for romantic getaways and other special gatherings. Your meal selections will include—Brook Salad, Prime Rib, Salmon Béarnaise, or Lemon Linguini and black olives, non alcoholic drinks and dessert. Jerry Saucedo will be performing a two hour Valentine Day Special Program. Today, as a vocalist-guitarist-keyboardist-entertainer-beatmaster, Jerry is without a doubt one the best entertainers in San Jose or the Bay Area. Versatile and talented, Jerry's musical vision encompasses the best of all styles from his renditions of Frank Sinatra to Carlos Santana.

Trip includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities, lunch and entertainment. All this for \$88.00 per person.

These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

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

Indian Casino Trips

Cache Creek, Monday, January 28, 2008,

Price: \$25.00, bonus \$5.00 cash,
\$5.00 match play, \$2.00 food credit

**Circus, Circus, Reno, Sunday-Tuesday,
March 9-11, 2008**

Price: \$99.00 per person double occupancy
& \$38.00 single supplement;
casino bonus: \$30.00 cash &
\$7.00 food credit

Chukchansi, Monday, June 9, 2008

Price: \$20, \$10.00 EZ play and \$5.00 food
credit

**Circus, Circus, Reno, Sunday-Tuesday,
September 14-16, 2008**

Price: \$99.00 per person, double occupan-
cy & \$38.00 single supplement; casino bo-
nus: \$30.00 cash & \$7.00 food credit

**Jackson Rancheria, Monday, October
20, 2008**

Price: \$25.00, \$10.00 cash & coupons

All Indian casino trips will be
at least a 5 hour stay.

Parking: Capital Expressway and Hwy 87
Park-n-Ride, South lot, Section G

Contact:

Topsy Thompson 377-4314
or e-mail topray4314@cs.com

Bocce Players Needed

Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 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. The game of bocce is easy and fun. It is not strenuous and takes no previous experience. Again we will enjoy the cuisine of Italy with antipasti, appetizers, gourmet pizza and dessert. We require a minimum of 32 players. Sign up early as this event fills up quickly. Cost is \$30.00 per person for both food and fun! To secure your spot, make out a check to George Walker. Then send it to:

George Walker
6063 Burnbank Place
San Jose, CA 95120 .

Day Trips

Safari West

Friday, May 2, 2008

Trip Activity Rating – 3

Journey to Northern California's Wine Country where oak trees with glittering leaves dot green rolling hills, and where a red barn faces a field fringed with dainty wildflowers in every color. But, what is that giraffe doing? Are those – ostriches over there? What's that goat-like critter with the weird, twisted horns... well, take a deep breath...you're in Sonoma County's own Serengeti...Safari West. Upon arrival we will board the African Queen, a 25-foot long trailer adapted with benches and a thatched grass roof for a journey through their savannah grasslands and breathtaking view of Watusi Lake, and then it's time to explore on foot! The second half of the tour allows us to stroll through the inner compound, where we'll encounter giraffes, primates, and birds in their open-air aviary! After the tour we'll have a bountiful, hosted lunch consisting of BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Pork & Beans, Green Salad, French Bread, Dessert, and Iced Tea or Coffee. On our way back to the Bay Area we will take a walk down memory lane and remember good things and good times. Everyone has an extremely vivid and pleasant memory of where they went as a child to get their favorite candy whether it was the corner store or their Grandma's candy dish. Powell's Sweet Shoppes are a nostalgic re-creation of that classic and bygone era and has been featured on the regional TV shows. Powell's Sweet Shoppe is the Smithsonian of candy stores. We will have time to reminisce and shop.

Trip includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities and lunch.

All this for \$80.00 per person

These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

Contact:

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Behind the Scenes

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Trip Activity rating-2

The day will begin at KQED Studios in San Francisco for a "Behind-The-Scenes Tour" of their FM facility, working studio, master control room & TV studios with a docent guide. KQED is San Francisco's primary public broadcasting outlet. First taking to the airwaves 50 years ago this year to broadcast "educational tv," KQED television and radio have always been flagships of the national public broadcasting networks. Next stop, Caesar's Italian Restaurant for a hosted lunch. Dine at an old-fashioned restaurant "where the Italians eat" in North Beach. Please select one of the following entrée choices: Veal Parmigiana; Roast Beef Au Jus; or Combination Seafood Plate (Scallops, Prawns and Filet of Sole). All entrées include Salad, Pasta of the Day, Spumoni Ice Cream for dessert, and Coffee. After lunch, visit the Boudin Bakery & Museum. Discover Boudin's culinary history and learn about its origin in 1849. Today, 150 years later, they continue to bring you a culinary collection that represents the Bay Area's

best. Learn the art & science behind "the original San Francisco sourdough." Get an up-close "baker's view" through Boudin's 30-foot observation window and a glass-walled catwalk at this demonstration bakery. Enjoy sampling the freshly baked bread, hot right out of the oven. Before heading home, we will end our day with a no-host dessert at Mel's Drive-in on Geary (the same Mel's Diner used in the film,) "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner."

Tour includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities and a hosted lunch,

All this for \$63.00 per person

These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

Contact:

Madeline or Bill Souza at (408) 356-6280 or bsouza6280@aol.com

Western Railway Museum

Friday, June 20, 2008

Trip Activity rating-2

Start your day in Suisun City at the Western Railway Museum to experience California as it was 100 years ago. You will take an electric train trip through the peaceful, picturesque Montezuma Hills over the original historic main line of the Sacramento Northern Railway. You will have time to take a tour of the living history museum where we will find over 100 pieces of preserved railroad equipment. The collection of historic electric railway artifacts is one of the most complete and diverse in the world. You will stop off at The Point Waterfront Restaurant for a hosted lunch. The Point Restaurant, known for superb food and friendly efficient service, is set overlooking the beautiful Sacramento River. Your entrée selections are BBQ Tri Tip with Roasted Potatoes, Chicken Marsala with Seasoned Rice, or Calamari Steak with Seasoned Rice. All meals include fresh vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee or tea and ice cream for dessert. Your final stop is a visit to the ever-famous Jelly Belly Factory where you will have a guided tour and time to shop for those flavorful candies. There's a birds eye view of their production floor where thousands of pounds of candy are made.

Tour includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities and a hosted lunch.

All this for \$64.00 per person

These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

Contact:

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IBM Club

IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes

AMC: silver \$6.00; gold \$7.50

Regal/United Artists: \$6.00

Cinelux: \$6.00 - no restrictions

Century/Cinemark: \$7.00 - no restrictions

Universal Studios

Gate price: \$65.00, ages 3 and up \$55.00

IBM Club price: \$47.00 Three day ticket!

Disneyland single day-one park

Gate price: \$63.00 3-9 years: \$53.00

IBM Club price: \$50.40 3-9 years: \$42.40

Disneyland 1-day park hopper

Gate price: \$83.00 3-9 years: \$73.00

IBM Club price: \$66.40 3-9 years: \$58.40

Disneyland 2-day park hopper

Gate price: \$122.00 3-9 years: \$102.00

IBM Club price: \$97.60 3-9 years: \$81.60

Disneyland 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$159.00 3-9 years: \$129.00

IBM Club price: \$127.20 3-9 years: \$103.20

Disney World single day-one park

Gate price: \$71.36 3-9 years: \$59.64

IBM Club price: \$57.09 3-9 years: \$47.72

Disney World 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$252.41 3-9 years: \$218.33

IBM Club price: \$201.93 3-9 years: \$174.66

Legoland

Gate price: adults \$69.00 3-12 years \$56.00

IBM Club price: \$39.00 all ages, 3 and up

SeaWorld

Gate price: \$65.00 3-9 years: \$55.00, 2 days
IBM Club price: \$44.50 3-9 years: \$39.00, 2 days

Sees Candy

IBM Club price: \$10.75 1 pound gift certificate

Gilroy Gardens (Bonfonte Gardens)

Gate price: \$39.99 3-6 years: 28.99

IBM Club price: \$22

Great America

Gate price: \$46.95 parking pass: \$10

IBM Club price: \$27.95 ages 3 and up

Parking pass: \$5

6 Flags Discovery Kingdom (Marineworld)

Gate price: \$49.99 parking pass: \$15

IBM Club price: \$24.99 ages 3 and up

Parking pass: \$10

Raging Waters

Gate price: \$27.99 Season: \$58.99

IBM Club price: \$19.99 Season: \$38.99

Payment by check or money order only,
no cash, no credit cards.

Checks or money orders should be
made payable to IBM Club

Ticket Hours:

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

IBM Club Office Contacts:

Valerie Cowing - (408) 927-3059

Frank Vitale - (408) 927-2106

e-mail: tcsports@us.ibm.com

IBM Club Web Site for Retirees

In the past, in order to access the IBM Club web site, you had to be an IBM employee. Retirees could not access the site. Recently, IBM has made an IBM Club web site available for IBM retirees. It is a global web site containing information about IBM Clubs all over the world.

In order to access this web site, you must first register. Then you can subscribe to whatever IBM Club is closest to where you live or to multiple IBM Clubs. Our local club is the Silicon Valley IBM Club.

The address of the web site: www.ibm.com/ibm/ibmclub

Once you get there you will need to provide an e-mail address and provide a password in order to register. You must also specify which IBM Club you are interested in.

Contact: **Walt Cole, 972-1178, opawalt@pacbell.net**

Swap'N'Shop

Do you remember the old Swap 'N' Shop board in the cafeteria? You could submit a 3x5 card and it would be posted describing the things you wanted to sell or buy. Well, it is now online. IBM employees and retirees can participate. On the first day, more than 100 items were posted and 10 times that number of employees browsed through the site.

www.employeeswapshop.com/ibmer

Discount Web Site for IBM Retirees

There is a new web site that IBM retirees can use to obtain discounts on a wide variety of products and services from many companies.

www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/

IBM Retiree ID Card

IBM retirees that have lost, or never had, or just cannot find their IBM Retiree ID card can call and get one. Call the IBM Employee Service Center: **1-800-796-9876**.

Adopt-A-Highway

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

Brief column due to your reporter's broken wrist

Notes from the field:

- Found a filled white bag that turned out to be one of ours from last month. It must have escaped from the Caltrans pick up last month. (Should we maybe count these bags twice? As of 9/30/2007, Caltrans had not picked up the September bags. A broken wrist leads to a lax Caltrans, apparently.)
- Purple workout pants were found and recycled via Goodwill.
- Three homeless camps were discovered by their smell.
- 200 self tapping sheet metal screws
- 1 Giants hat, obviously from a fan not happy with this past season.
- 8 foot tree trimming ladder and a dollar bill
- volleyball, tennis ball, whiffle ball

14 volunteers filled 31 bags bringing our total to 2149 bags to date.

Schedule: meet in **VTA Parking lot 8:45 a.m.**

Thursday, October 11, 2007 second Thursday, Wednesday, November 14, 2007 second Wednesday

Callers: Alice Czerniec 224-6230

Barbara Pugh 265-2466

Contact: **Doug & Evelyn Dean 264-9502**, dougnevie@comcast.net

Bowling History

In 1987, the One More Time bowling league was born with the help of Ed Henschel. He walked into the Oakridge Bowling Lanes, and asked if he could start a league with maybe only 10 bowlers, all IBM retirees, and they said yes. So Ed and Enise Henschel, Jeanie and Dick Kile, Leana and Harold Stevenson, and two more couples got together and starting bowling on Wednesday mornings, at a cost of \$3.00 a person. On 11/17/1987, Oakridge Lanes invited the IBM Retirement Club to a "FREE" bowling party. The next month's newsletter says they had 22 retirees show up for the free bowling. Also as of 12/16/87, the league had 16 bowlers--the ones above plus Nancy Melosi, Ky DeVieger, John Maa, Art Eldridge, Leana Stevenson, Harold Stevenson, and a few more.

In February 1988, in the newsletter, it read: Nancy Melosi had high scratch series(542), scratch game(203), and high HDCP game (254), and high HDCP series(695.) John Mapa had scratch series of 549, Ed Henschel had a high HDCP series of 667, Art Eldridge had scratch 228. In September of that year, Oakridge Lanes gave us another free bowling party for IBM Retirement Club bowlers.

Now look at us! We are still bowling at Oakridge Lanes, only now it is called "Club 300." We have 108 bowlers. We only pay \$10.00. And would you believe Ed Henschel and Jeanie Kile are still bowling with us? Leana moved away, but on a recent Wednesday, we had a party and Lena came all the way from Arizona to be with us. We sure do miss her, but we also miss a lot of our other bowlers that have left us. Thank You, Ed Henschel, for starting this league, and to all of you wonderful bowlers for keeping our wonderful league going.

So how about it? Want to have fun? Then come on and bowl with us. Don't give the answer, oh I hurt here or there, or we like to travel, etc. Cause you know what? So do we. We hurt here and there, we still travel, but yet we still bowl too. Come on have fun with us. See page 11 for contacts.

***Congratulations, One More Time Bowling League
Happy Anniversary on your 20th!***

Hikes

Shoreline Hike 9:30 AM

Friday, November 16, 2007

This month we will take a nice flat walk at Shoreline Park in Mountain View. Our route will begin at Shoreline's lake area. From there we will continue through wetlands and marshlands, where the peninsula meets San Francisco Bay. This area is prime habitat for all kinds of waterfowl. When we scouted this walk, there were birds everywhere - from Canadian Geese to a white tailed hawk looking for lunch in the bushes. The trails here are either paved or gravel, so good athletic shoes will be sufficient. And there are no hills to worry about. We will be taking an out and back route of about 6 miles...more if the group wants to go farther. The trails are wide open, and it can be windy, but the surroundings are quite different from those of our usual hikes and we think there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

After the hike, we will have lunch on the patio overlooking Shoreline Lake. This time you can have a choice of bringing your lunch or buying it, as there is a café where you can purchase lunch if you like. We noticed that the café's deserts looked very tantalizing.

We will begin the hike at 9:30, since we are having lunch at the end of the walk. Here's how to get to the Shoreline Lake parking lot. Travel north on Highway 101 or Highway 85 towards San Francisco, exit at Shoreline Boulevard. Make a right turn at the stoplight onto N. Shoreline Blvd. heading east. Stay on Shoreline, going past the guard shack at the entrance to the park. Continue going on the park road following the signs to the lake and boathouse (the road ends here). We'll meet in the parking lot by the boathouse. See you at 9:30. Don't forget your water, and lunch if you prefer not to buy at the café. Carpoolers, meet at the Camden park and ride at 8:45AM.

Contacts: Gil or Julie Feller 247-6769

Bowling

One More Time League at Club 300 (Oakridge Lanes) 2007 Summer League Final Results

Here are the final results of our Summer Bowling League.

Individual Achievements

Ladies

Men

High Scratch Game

226-Pat Falkowski
207-Shirley Beyler

243-Bill Hooper
225-Ed Henschel

High Scratch Series

570-Faye Fritz
566-Ann Wilson

645-George Zagelow
593-Sal Garcia

High Handicap Game

253-Mitzi Stewart
245-Mary Brown*

274-Paul Houghton
264-Sam Walters

High Handicap Series

686-Shirley Veal
662-Carol Hughes

728-Ernie Veal
701-Sal Garcia

George Zagelow, Sal Garcia, Bill Jeung, and their secret weapon, Shirley Veal, won first place. Jim O'Neill, Chila Miller, Eddie Fahrner and Barbara Pugh slipped into second place at the last moment.

*I don't want to embarrass any one, but dear sweet Mary Brown is a "little" over 90 and look at her score. She is still doing great. **Shirley and Ernie Veal top the handicap series award. They don't bowl on the same team so maybe that is the key.

The winter league began on September 12. The league celebrated (with a cake) the 20th anniversary of fun, strikes, spares and splits. There are a few new bowlers and there are a few vacancies. If any retired IBMers would like to bowl with us on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM, "Come on down" or contact:

Sue at Club 300 San Jose, 408-578-8500
Topsy 377-4314
Barbara 265-2466,

if you want to join this exciting league.

Winter League Officers

President: Shirley Beyler
Vice President: Ike Andes
Secretary: Topsy Thompson
Sgt. at Arms: John Cabri

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

September 6, 2007 - The Rusty Campbell Tournament was held. We had 22 players playing absolutely stupendous golf. Winners were:

MEN

1st Bill Kurtz 53
2nd Don Johnson 56
3rd Dick Gehrer 57
4th Bill Bartz 60
Darrel Jensen 60
Neil Rowland 60
Jerry Condensa 60

WOMEN

1st Marge Condensa 53
2nd Hughie Cabri 62
3rd Kelly Moore 65
4th Clara De Paul 69
De De Corral 69

Closest to Pin #10

MEN

1st Bill Bartz 30'1"
2nd Lupe Rodriguez 31' 3"
3rd Jerry Condensa 36' 9"

Congratulations to all the winners .

For those who don't know, Rusty started this golf club; she has since passed on.

The next fun golf dates are Thursdays, October 4 and November 1, **at 10:00 am, sharp. Please be there by 9:30 AM to sign in and to pick up your lunch coupon from Helen.** Please send your check for \$22 **15 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."

If it rains, call the golf course to find out if we have canceled. Phone 253-5357, extension 5.

Clara, DeDe and Helen

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

RV Camping Club

The IBM Camping Club (Krazy Kampers) is open to all IBM retirees and employees. For a review of the camping schedule go to the website: www.sjpc.org/camping/

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



2007 Holiday Party Dinner Dance

Saturday, December 8, 2007

San Jose Elks Lodge

444 West Alma Avenue, San Jose

No Host cocktails beginning at 6:00 PM

Dinner served at 7:00 PM

Dancing follows dinner

Cost \$30.00 Per Person

Door Prizes and Raffle

Tables seat only 8. If you would like to sit with friends,
all parties must list the names of the members at that table on the reservation form.

Seating will be assigned as received.

If you want to be seated near the dance floor,
please get your reservation form in early.

Singles will be seated with other singles if requested.

Handicapped facilities are available.

Reservations must be received by November 23, 2007.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

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Reservation form for the

IBM San Jose Retirement Club 2007 Holiday Party Dinner Dance

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Dinner Selections:

_____ Beef _____ Fresh Fish _____ Vegetarian

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:

**Ernie Veal
5974 Dunn Ave.
San Jose, CA 95123**