



San Jose IBM Retirement Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

I can't believe it's March already. With the projections for snow on the valley floor and the current cold weather on our thoughts, don't forget to sign up for the Club Picnic which will be on Tuesday, May 24, at Cunningham Park. Don't miss it. The Club interface to the IBM Centennial plans is Board Member Bev Baker (408-354-4850 or bjb1950k@gmail.com). She reports that IBM is sending out postcards to 100,500 retirees March 2nd, inviting you to participate in its Centennial celebrations website. She is also looking for IBM artifacts, pictures, flyers, posters, old IBM newspapers, product or tooling products that can be borrowed for an IBM historical showcase at the sites. More information from her report will be posted on our website. We will continue to report details for those who cannot get to the website. Spread the word.

Hope to see you at the picnic,
Bill Souza—President

Adopt-A-Highway

February 10, 2011 - I guess Mother Nature wanted the freeway clean because she blessed us with the only Thursday in February that permitted litter collecting. 14 volunteers stuffed 39 bags for a grand total of 2661! We haven't cleaned since October 14, 2010. The only thing that rained down on us were thank you's! One was a salute from a motorcyclist, and there were some cheery yells from cars. Bob Price adopted a beautifully broken-in square nose shovel. Other stuff included a motorcycle fairing, vice grips, and a set of keys. Marge Condensa found a penny, then a crisp one dollar bill for a total of \$1.01. She thought, "Hey, wait a minute, am I on 101? I thought I was on 85." Money found: \$1.44. Bernie Coullahan found the upper ¼ of a dollar bill and Bob Schneider found a lost wallet. We are in process of finding the owner and returning it. Pat Motta baked banana bread for us.

Schedule: Meet in the VTA Parking Lot at **8:45 AM, Wednesday, March 9 and Thursday, April 14.**

Caller: **Barbara Pugh 265-2466, kenosha@juno.com**
Contact: **Doug & Evelyn Dean, 264-9502, dougnevie@comcast.net**

Do You Volunteer?

After retirement, **Alan Baker** began volunteering at Sacred Heart Community Service, an independent non-profit agency that provides food, clothing, housing assistance, education and other services to the poorest families in our community. He provides computer support and leads a group that sorts and bags groceries for those in need. For more information, contact Alan at (408) 227-9414 or baker@alanbaker.net.

We would be interested in hearing about the volunteer work of other retirees.

Contact: **Terry Milinic'**
265-5908 or theresano1@yahoo.com

Annual IBM San Jose Retirement Club Picnic

Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Cunningham Park, San Jose, \$19.00 per person

Reservation Deadline: May 17, 2011. *No Tickets Will Be Sold At the Event!!*

10:30 AM: Coffee; 11:00 AM: Walk; Noon: BBQ Lunch; 1:30 PM: Games

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

Cancellations must be received by May 17, 2011, if you wish a refund!

Picnic reservation form

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

Don't forget to bring old eyeglasses to help those who need them.

Name: _____ **Spouse/Guest:** _____

Phone: _____ **2nd Guest:** _____

Total number of persons who will attend Picnic _____ X \$19.00 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to IBM RETIREMENT CLUB, and mark them PICNIC in the memo field.

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Membership Report

Ed Mueller

February 17, 2011

History

February, 2001: 1785
February, 2010: 2166
February, 2011: 2163 (+2)
Currently reading online: 1374 (+8)
Currently receiving paper copy: 335 (+5)
Currently not doing either: 488 (-3)

Numbers in () = changes since
the previous month

Change of Address

Send your new mailing address, your new e-mail address, your new phone number or a request for on-line newsletters or a request for mailed paper newsletters to Ed Mueller.

By e-mail: membership@ibmsjrc.org

By U. S. Mail:

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In Memoriam

Carl W. Cannon

Patricia Hughes

Henrietta Mintzer

John Popper

Albert Joseph Vivian

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

IBM Employee Services Center

1-800-796-9876

New Members

Nobody this month.

You must know someone who once
worked for IBM who is not a member of
our club. Invite them to join!

IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes

AMC: silver \$6.25; gold \$7.75*
Regal/United Artists: \$6.75
Cinelux: \$6.25*
Century/Cinemark: \$7.50*
Camera Cinemas \$6.30*
* no restrictions

See's Candy

Regular price: \$16.10 - IBM Club price:
\$13.25 1 pound gift certificate

Sea World

Gate price: \$67.00 3-9 years: \$55.00
IBM Club price: \$57.00 2-day ticket!
\$45.50 3-9 years

Ski Lift Tickets

Squaw

IBM Club price: \$72 (reg \$86)

NorthStar/Sierra

IBM Club price: \$66, adult (reg \$88)
Young adult (13-22) \$56 (reg \$76)
Child (5-12) \$21 (reg \$39)

California Academy of Sciences, SF

IBM Club price: 15% off

www.calacademy.org/etickets

User ID: IBMClub, password: alligator

Discount tickets to other places are avail-
able online at the IBM Club web site:

**Great America, Gilroy Gardens, Raging
Waters, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk,
6 Flags Discovery Kingdom**

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

IBM Club Office Contact:

Frank Vitale - (408) 927-2106

e-mail: tcsports@us.ibm.com

Ticket Hours:

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

San Jose IBM Retirement Club
web site:

ibmsjrc.org

Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, March 17, 2011, 10:00 AM
Meriwest Credit Union
Chesbro and Blossom Hill Road

IBM PC Club Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 5:00 PM
Build Your Own Website!

New location, see web site!

www.sjpc.org

Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

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the Club and their families. Contributions are
the sole responsibility of the authors and
should not be construed to represent an
official position of the San Jose IBM
Retirement Club or the IBM Corporation.*

Sunshine Report

I only have news on one retiree this month.
I am happy to report **Sally Nicholls** has recu-
perated quickly from her knee surgery.

Please continue with your calls and e-mails.
Names will not be published without per-
mission

As always, on behalf of the board, I wish all
retirees good health and an enjoyable re-
tirement.

Terry Milinic'

265-5908 or theresano1@yahoo.com

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
March 3-17, 2011	Israel, Jordan, and optionally, Istanbul	2	–	George Nale	779-4275
Mar 6-8, 2011	Reno Getaway - Silver Legacy Hotel Casino	2	7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 8, 2011	PC Club – Build Your Own Web Site		2	Walt Cole	972-1178
Mar 9, 2011	Adopt-A-Highway		1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Mar 17, 2011	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Bill Souza	356-6280
Mar 24, 2011	Intel Museum & NASA Ames/Moffett Field	2	–	Bill Souza	356-6280
Mar 25, 2011	Hike: Sweeney Ridge		8	Bev Baker	354-4850
Apr 4-18, 2011	Australia and New Zealand	3	4	Bob Martinez	778-2978
Apr 5, 2011	Indian Casino: River Rock	2	7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 14, 2011	Adopt-A-Highway		1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Apr 15, 2011	Hike: Four Parks - Wildflowers & Views		8	Henry Bender	225-3039
Apr 29, 2011	Luther Burbank Home/Garden/Canine Companions	2	7	Bill Souza	356-6280
May 2-3, 2011	Gold Country Getaway	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 14, 2011	Famous Movie Sites of San Francisco	2	8	George Nale	779-4275
May 15-17, 2011	Russian River to Pacific Ocean	2	5	Bud Souza	340-0082
May 24, 2011	Annual IBM San Jose Retirement Club Picnic	2	1	Bud Souza	340-0082
June 2, 2011	Villa Ca'toga	2	7	Bill Souza	356-6280
June 7, 2011	Indian Casino: Table Mountain	2	7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 30-Aug 12, 2011	Northern European Cruise	2	4	Art Dill	(831) 338-3069
Aug 1, 2011	Luncheon Bay Cruise & Bay Bridge Exploration	2	–	Bill Souza	356-6280
Aug 9, 2011	August in the Vineyard		–	George Nale	779-4275
Sep 1-3, 2011	Reno, Silver Legacy, Rib Cook-Off	2	5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 4, 2011	Novato History, Lunch & Show	2	6	Bill Souza	356-6280
Oct 11, 2011	Indian Casino: Cache Creek	2	7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 18-30, 2011	Ireland	3	5	George Walker	268-7623
Nov 1, 2011	Indian Casino: Chukchansi	2	7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Nov 6-7, 2011	A Central Coast Getaway	3	5	Bud Souza	340-0082
Nov 10-14, 2011	Branson Holiday Extravaganza	2	4	Phyllis Tripp	247-7335
Dec 4-12, 2011	European Christmas Markets		5	Bob Martinez	778-2978

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 Trips

Central Coast Getaway

Sunday-Monday, November 6-7, 2011

Visit the village of Cambria. We will enjoy a hosted lunch at Linn's Fruit Bin, famous for homemade pies! Visit 100 head of Clydsdale horses on 200 acres of Covell's Ranch. Then we will check in to the Serena Inn, Morro Bay. In the evening we'll enjoy a hosted Chablis Yacht Dinner Cruise. The next day enjoy Morro Bay and then visit special wineries in Paso Robles.

This wine tour is like no other! All of this for only **\$327**. Singles add **\$70**.

Contact: **Bud Souza: (408) 340-0082**,
e-mail: **buds2@mindspring.com**

Australia and New Zealand

April 4-18, 2011

Visit the amazing Great Barrier Reef, a crocodile farm and see some cuddly koalas. Take a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbour with a grand view of the Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Venture to New Zealand where a local family will welcome us to dinner in their home and we can learn about their home life. We will cruise the picturesque Milford Sound, see the famous fjords, and visit Mt Cook. This amazing 15-day tour is priced at **\$4599** per person, double occupancy. Included in the price is Cancellation Waiver Insurance, air taxes and fee/surcharges, hotel, and roundtrip air from San Jose. Also included are 20 meals: 12 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 6 dinners. Brochures are available upon request. Contact:

Bob Martinez, (408) 778-2978 or cell (408) 835-3393 or
e-mail: **bob.martinez47@yahoo.com**

Branson Holiday Extravaganza

November 10-14, 2011

Old mixed in with the new. Your favorite old shows with lots of new ones added. This trip includes Shoji Tabuchi, Yakov Smirnoff, the Andy Williams Christmas Show, the Dixie Stampede Show, Presleys Country Jubilee, the Brett Family Singers and the Red Hot and Blue Show.

Entertainment includes the biggest Veteran's Parade in the USA, tours of Branson scenic areas, College of the Ozarks, Ralph Foster Museum, the Truman Library, shopping, and viewing the Christmas lights and animations.

Cost of trip **\$1,698** double occupancy

Contact: **Phyllis Tripp, (408) 247-7335**,
phyllissouza@sbcglobal.net

North Sea Adventure Cruise

July 30 – August 12, 2011

Enjoy the windswept landscapes of Scotland and Norway's fjord-scalloped coast. Northern Europe is a midsummer night's dream. This is a 12-day cruise aboard the M/S Eurodam. Oh, the comfort of cruising and unpacking only once!

In Copenhagen, Denmark, the Little Mermaid greets you at the harbor of this lighthearted city. The city center gardens of Tivoli are said to have inspired Walt Disney. Oslo, Norway, is spotless, sophisticated and brims with sights from Thor Heyerdahl's Kon Tiki to the Vigeland Sculpture Park. Our scenic cruising will pass the deep, wide magnificent Sognefjord. Have your cameras ready for wide open landscapes, narrow fjord arms, blue glaciers, small villages and isolated farms, lush valleys and sparkling waterfalls. Kristiansund is a colorful, cosmopolitan fishing town set across three islands connected by bridges.

At our stop in Bergen, stroll Bryggen pier, lined with wooden warehouses dating back to the Middle Ages. Step back and enjoy the ancient architecture of the city of Alesund. It is known for its surrounding fjords, the high peaks of the Sunnmore Alps, and the nearby island of Runde where visitors can take a bird safari. Be thrilled by Geirangerfjord with its gushing waterfalls. Enjoy the scenic cruising of Cromarty Firth, Scotland. Two precipitous rocks known as the "Sutors" guard the entrance to this deep, wide firth on Scotland's east coast. Be ready to photograph the Clyde's scenic islands, dolphins and seals, crystal-clear lochs and rolling hills. At Invergordon, the plaintive skirl of Highland bagpipes calls you ashore. Nearby is the deep Loch Ness, holding secrets that have captured imaginations worldwide. At South Queensferry, view Scottish jewels in Edinburgh Castle. Visit the home of Mary Queen of Scots, now Queen Elizabeth II's official Scottish residence.

Cabins start at **\$2795** per person plus air fare.

Contact: **Art & Sharry Dill**
(831) 338-3069 or arthdill@comcast.net

IBM Volunteer Outreach Council

Are you an IBM retiree in the Silicon Valley? Do you volunteer for a local nonprofit organization that is sponsoring an upcoming program or event which serves the local community? The IBM Volunteer Outreach Council supports the local community with grants to qualifying organizations that are being supported by the efforts of IBM volunteers/retirees. The web link below will provide you with access to the online grant application form. If you have questions, contact:

Bev Baker (bjb1950k@gmail.com) or
Reinhard Wolter (rwolter@sbcglobal.net).
tinyurl.com/ibm-volunteer/

Travel Trips

Russian River to Pacific Ocean May 15-17, 2011 *changed date*

We will visit Kendall-Jackson & Korbel wineries and have a gourmet lunch. On to Dawn Ranch Lodge on the Russian River for a 2-night stay. Tour the Roadhouse Restaurant and have a 3-course meal. A historian will lead us on a tour of the area including the "California Carnivores," 400 insect-eating plants. We will have a hosted lunch and shop at Duncan Mills. Then to a 3-course coastal evening meal in the Bodega Bay area.

We will visit the Bensinger family winery and have a tram tour of the ranch. Lunch will be on the way to Cornerstone Sonoma. 3 days, 2 nights: **\$469**

Contact: **Bud Souza: (408)-340-0082**
e-mail: **buds2@mindspring.com**

Shades of Ireland (including Northern Ireland) October 18-30, 2011, TAR=3

How many shades of green are there? It's been said there are 40 in the landscape of Ireland! Join us as we tour the beautiful isle learning its history and culture. We will visit the places you hear about in song and story in both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. We begin with a tour in Dublin, continuing to Kilkenny and then Waterford where we visit the crystal center. We'll see the Muckross House and kiss the Blarney Stone. Traveling through the Lakes of Killarney brings us to Limerick and a visit with a farm family. The Cliffs of Moher trail will end in Galway and then on to a visit at the famous Belleek pottery center and the woolen shops of Donegal Town, with its medieval walls and cathedrals.

The coach will bring us to Northern Ireland past the Giant's Causeway into Derry, with unforgettable panoramic views. With a guided tour of Belfast and a visit to a culture center our visit will conclude with a stay at the 16th century Cabra Castle where we will have a farewell banquet.

Cost: **\$2449** - land transportation, tips, transfers, insurance, most meals.
Air available at **\$1250**. Arrangements can be made for your air miles to be used.

Information meeting:

**Tuesday, March 22, 2011, 10:00 AM, Refreshments & Door-prizes
Fresh Choice, 5353 Almaden Expressway, San Jose**

Contact: **George Walker (408) 268-7623, gcwalker95120@yahoo.com**

European Christmas Markets Tour

December 4-12, 2011

Enjoy dazzling Christmas lights and shop for handmade ornaments, Santa wood carvings, Hummels and cuckoo clocks. What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than to visit Europe's traditional Christmas markets. Treat yourself to delicious German sausage, apple strudel, hot apple cider and the famous spiced wine, called gluhwein. Our tour takes us to Austria, Switzerland, and of course through the amazing Bavarian Alps in Germany. We will stay in the charming mountain-top town of Oberammergau and visit the lovely city of Strasbourg, France. Our journey then goes into the Black Forest region and then on to view the famous Neuschwanstein Castle. The snow-capped Alps give us an amazing backdrop for this wonderful visit to Europe and the Christmas Markets. One of our evenings begins with a private choir concert performed in an 850-year-old church and ends with a traditional Black Forest dinner. One of our stays is in the lovely city of Lucerne, known as the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." We will also visit the Christmas Markets of Innsbruck, Austria and Bern, Switzerland.

This wonderful 9-day holiday tour is priced at **\$2,774 (air included)** per person, double occupancy. Included in the price is the cancellation waiver insurance of \$175, air taxes/fees of \$150, hotel, and roundtrip air from San Jose. Also included are 12 meals: 7 breakfasts and 5 dinners. Brochures are available upon request and will be available at most Retiree Club functions. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Information meeting:

**Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 10:00 AM, Refreshments & Door-prizes
Fresh Choice, 5353 Almaden Expressway, San Jose**

Contact: **Bob Martinez, (408) 778-2978, cell (408) 835-3393** or e-mail: **bob.martinez47@yahoo.com**

Best in the West, Nugget Rib Cook-off

September 1-3, 2011

September 1 Depart: 8:00 AM
Cal Neva, Reno: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM,
Bonus \$8
2-night stay at Silver Legacy Hotel:
5:15 PM

September 2 Depart Silver Legacy: 9:45 AM
Nugget, Sparks: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM,
Bonus \$10
"Best in the West Rib Cook-Off"

September 3 Check out: 9:45 AM
Boomtown, Verdi: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM,
Bonuses \$5 cash & \$5 food
Return to San Jose: at about 7:00 PM

All this for only **\$130** per person, double occupancy

Contact: **Topsy Thompson, (408) 377-4314, or e-mail: topray4314@att.net**

Day Trips

Dynamic Tour, Lunch & Show in Novato

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Enjoy a historic tour of Novato with step-on guide, John Trimble, an honorary member of the Novato Historical Guild.

A 3-course lunch at beautiful Ricky's Restaurant follows. Then on to the charming Pacheco Playhouse for a live cabaret revue, a scintillating "toe tapping" journey through Vaudeville, Broadway and Hollywood.

All this for **\$89** per person

These trips fill up fast so don't wait. For reservation information contact

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

Gold Country Getaway

May 2-3, 2011

May 2 Depart 8:00 AM

Feather Falls Casino: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Bonus \$10

Overnight stay: Gold Country Casino: 3:30 PM, Bonus \$10

May 3 Depart 10:00 AM

Fenton's Ice Creamery: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM, Lunch

Budweiser Factory: 1:45 PM - 3:15 PM, tour factory, tasting

Return to San Jose, at approximately 5:00 PM

All this for only **\$133** per person, double occupancy

Contact: **Topsy Thompson, (408) 377-4314,**
or e-mail: **topray4314@att.net**

Par Tee Golf

Ridgemark-Diablo February 7, 2011. The "Shot-Of-The-Day" goes to Dan Jackson. On Hole # 5, a 515 yard par five, Dan used a 7 iron to knock his 3rd shot from 150 yards into the cup for Eagle. Great shot, Dan! And, the "Best Gross Score" ever to be recorded for the Par Tee Golf Club was accomplished by Kyle Davis! He shot a "Two-Under-Par-70"! (By the way, Kyle is a "Scratch Golfer"!) We had a nice turnout of 50 golfers. The format of play was Two Best Ball Foursome. Here are the results:

Place/Score	Team				
1 / 112	Tony Scalora	John Grewohl	Al Carlson	Tim Connolly*	
2 / 117	Mel Rodinsky	Dan Jackson	Kyle Davis	Dave Moulton	
3 / 118	Don Johnson	Carl Mendel	Tom Siljander	Dan Tautges*	
	* = Blind Draw				
Closest-To-Pin	#4	#8	#10	#15	#17
Men	Eric Schrader 19' 3"	Dan Jackson 2' 9"	Tony Scalora 9' 7"	Carl Mendel 9' 8"	Graham Kelly 20' 10"
	Pat Arnett 19' 6"	Terry Gray 4' 10"	Mel Rodinsky 13' 5"	Dave Moulton 10' 3"	Dennis Niemeyer 39' 4"
	Ray Jelesky 19' 10"	Len Procker 14' 6"	Tom Siljander 27' 8"	Milton Loo 11' 8"	Don Johnson 68' 10"
Ladies	Marge Santa 26' 9"				Mary Ann Jones 73' 7"

There were fourteen bogey golfers, gross score of 90 or better, and they are Kyle Davis 70; James Taubodo & John Grewohl 79; Patrick Arnett 81; Terry Gray & Dan Jackson 82; Tom Siljander & Eric Schrader 83; Dennis Niemeyer & Dennis Mitchell 86; Tony Scalora 87; Darrell Bellah 89; and Graham Kelly & Carl Mendel 90. Congratulations to all the winners!

Future	Course	Cost/Due Date	Includes cart -	Format =
March 14	Ridgemark- Gabilan	\$45/February 23	Format = 2 best ball foursome	
April 11	Laguna Seca	\$40/March 23	Cart optional -	Format = 2 best ball foursome
May 2	Spring Valley	\$52/April 20	Cart included -	Format = 2 best ball foursome

Notes:

- NCGA Renewals (\$52.00) are due for the Par Tee Golf Club, if you haven't already paid yours. Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: maxdonmar@comcast.net
- The complete Par Tee Golf schedule and rules are not ready yet.
- 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 sign ups is: **Par Tee Golf, P.O. Box 53535, San Jose, CA 95153-0535**
- Include your GHIN number, home phone number, and your e-mail address, if I don't 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 foursome, your group may be split up).

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

Day Trips

Luther Burbank Home/Garden Tour & Canine Companions

Friday, April 29, 2011

Start with a guided tour of the Luther Burbank Home & Gardens. Tour the home and furnishings, the green house, the carriage house, and a portion of the gardens all while learning about Burbank's life and achievements. Next to a hosted Italian lunch at the historic Union Hotel Restaurant. Then you're off to a guided tour of Canine Companions for Independence. (This is not the Guide Dogs for the Blind.) Learn how they select, breed, and train dogs to be of service to people with disabilities.

All this for **\$83** per person

These trips fill up fast so don't wait. For reservation information contact

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

Villa Ca'toga

Thursday, June 2, 2011

Villa Ca'toga has enough beauty and splendor to take your breath away. Artist Carlo Marchiori will enchant you with a guided tour of the villa, gardens and grounds of Villa Ca'toga. Offering magnificent murals, classic Roman architecture, and whimsy...you never know where the next turn will take you. You'll enjoy a hosted 3-course lunch at Brannan's Grill, Calistoga. After lunch there will be free time to visit the quaint downtown Calistoga.

All this for **\$85** per person

These trips fill up fast so don't wait. For reservation information contact **Bill Souza at (408) 356-6280 or bsouza6280@aol.com**

Indian Casino Trips

Reno Getaway

Silver Legacy Hotel & Casino
March 6-8, 2011

\$130 per person, double occupancy

River Rock Casino

Tuesday, April 5, 2011, **\$31**

Table Mountain Casino

Tuesday, June 7, 2011, **\$31**

Cache Creek Casino

Tuesday, October 11, 2011, **\$31**

Chukchansi Casino

Tuesday, November 1, 2011, **\$33**

All these trips will be at least a 5 hour stay.

Parking: Capitol Expressway and Hwy 87
Park-n-Ride,

South Lot, Section G, Depart: 8:00 AM

Contact: **Topsy Thompson, (408) 377-4314,**
or e-mail: **topray4314@att.net**

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

February 3, 2011: We had a great day! The sun came out and stayed with us all day. 24 golfers played great golf and the winners were:

Men		Women	
1st	Jim Viallet 56	1st	DeDe Corral 58
2nd	Jerry Condensa 60	2nd	Helen Brock 63
3rd	Le Roy Wallace 61	3rd	Gwen Kaefer 65
4th	Bill Bartz 62	4th	Clara De Paul 67
	Jack Buchanan 62		Marge Condensa 67
	Ray Jelesky 62		
	Rich Campbell 62		

Closest to Pin #16

1st	Rich Campbell 4' 7"	1st	Kathy Herrington 25' 6"
2nd	Jerry Condensa 8' 5"		
3rd	Darrel Jensen 7' 2"		
4th	Don Johnson 29' 9"		

The next golf dates are Thursdays, March 3, and April 7, 2011. Play starts **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 **\$25 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. Make your check 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.

Happy Golfing!

Clara DePaul (294-7041)

DeDe Corral (378-6470) & Helen Wehner (264-6296)

Bowling

One More Time 2010 Winter League at "300 San Jose" (behind Oakridge)

Winter League Scores, February 9, 2011

1st Place: Team #16, "Up Your Alley,"	Jim Balistreri, Marilyn Bianco, Ann Webb, Bill Hooper
2nd Place: Team #14, "Pin Topplers,"	Sandy Suekawa, Jan Curry, Dave Curry, Sec DeCecco

Individual Achievements

	Women	Men
HIGH SERIES	599-Marilyn Bianco	709-George Zagelow
SCRATCH	582-Jan Curry	684-Tom Higa
	682-Fred Mitchell	
HIGH SERIES	728-Marilyn Bianco	757-Fred Mitchell
HANDICAP	695-Lisa Johannes	726-Bill Souza
	685-Lanh Hoyle	723-Tom Higa
HIGH GAME	229-Marilyn Bianco	289-George Zagelow
SCRATCH	215-Jan Curry	256-Mario DeHaro
	213-Ruth Furlong	
HIGH GAME	272-Marilyn Bianco	289-George Zagelow
HANDICAP	258-MJ Canavan	275-Dave Curry
	258-Lisa Johannes	
	257-Hugheen Cabri	
AVERAGE	165-Jan Curry	201-Mario DeHaro
	159-Marilyn Bianco	201-George Zagelow
		181-Tom Higa

IBM Senior Watson Bowling Tournament

Friday, May 6, 2011, 9:30 AM, for those 55+, \$15 per person

You get 3 games and lunch. You must sign up and pay by April 29, 2011. Make checks out to "AMF" and write "Watson Tournament" in the memo field. Sign up with Topsy on Wednesdays, with Sue at the bowling alley or Frank at IBM ARC. All the fun is at "300 San Jose" (behind Oakridge Mall.)

Topsy Thompson, Secretary, 377-4314

Hike, Day Trip, Camping

Sweeney Ridge Hike, Friday, March 25, 2011, 10:00 AM

Sweeney Ridge is a hilly hiking area of ridges and ravines between San Bruno and Pacifica with many surprises, including views of the SF Airport, SF Bay and, from the top, Pacifica below out to the Farallon Islands, and from Montara Mountain north to Mount Tamalpais, with the Golden Gate Bridge in the foreground. This (minus the bridge) is what explorer Don Gaspar de Portola saw in 1769.

This 5.7 mile out and back hike is moderately easy, with about 600 feet in elevation change takes about 2.5 hrs. Sneath Lane Trail climbs steadily, with one short steep section. Sweeney Ridge Trail is nearly level.

Getting there & meeting spot: From Interstate 280 in San Mateo County, exit Sneath Lane (exit 43b). Drive west about 2 miles to the trailhead at the end of the road where there is a parking lot for about 15 cars. No restrooms. No maps. Lock all valuables in your trunk. Bring lunch and water. Read more at Trails.com: www.nps.gov/goga/planyourvisit/upload/sb-sweeney-2008.pdf

Contacts: **Bev & Jim Baker (408) 354-4850** or bjb1950k@gmail.com

Next hike: Friday, April 15, 2011 - Four Parks - Wildflowers and Views - SF Peninsula Open Space, more details next month, or see web site.

Contact: **Henry & Barbara Bender, (408) 225-3039**

Another Day Trip: Famous Movie Sites of San Francisco, Saturday, May 14, 2011

San Francisco has been the locale for the filming of all or part of many famous movies. Take a bus ride down memory lane by joining Craig Smith, a noted tour conductor, who will take us to the locations where scenes from many great movies were filmed. Most are viewed from the bus, and feature legendary stars from the past such as Buster Keaton, Greta Garbo, Mae West, Valentino, Humphrey Bogart, Fred Astaire, Jimmy Stewart, Kim Novak, Burt Lancaster and many more. Do you remember The Birds, The Maltese Falcon, Dirty Harry, Vertigo, Return of the Thin Man, Pal Joey, Charlie Chan at Treasure Island, Fog over Frisco, Sudden Fear? Over 80 film clips from these movies and others will be shown and commented on during the tour.

Lunch at the Fog Harbor Fish House and a shake or sundae at Mel's Drive-In are included in the price of \$71 for the bus to SF and the tour. Bus driver tips not included.

Contact: **George or Isobel Nale at 408 779 4275** or email us at georgesbest30@live.com

Krazy Kampers

We are a group of retired IBMers belonging to the IBM Camping Club (club name is 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. Here are some of the upcoming events with contact people listed.

March 17-20, 2011	Marina Dunes	Rich Haggerty	(408) 227-4087
April 14-17, 2011	Wine Country RV Resort	Enzo Buscema	(408) 225-2318
May 12-15, 2011	Coloma Resort	Ted Head	(408) 440-7137
June 23-25, 2011	Bodega Bay	Bill Bartz	(408) 971-8928
September 14-18, 2011	Tahoe Valley Campground	Bob Rootsart	(408) 559-3318
October 20-22, 2011	Marble Quarry, Columbia	Jim Dack	(408) 266-6951
November 17-20, 2011	Casa de Fruta	Larry Turley	(408) 629-5371