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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Happy Valentine's Day!- If you are looking for something different to do, we are still taking reservations for a second bus for the Golden Girls Cabaret Luncheon Show day trip on February 14. See details on page 6.

Annual Picnic: It's that time of the year. You need to mark your calendars and send in your reservations for the Annual Club Picnic --Tuesday, May 22, 2012. It's a chance to meet and visit with old friends and enjoy C B Hannegan's BBQ. See the reservation form on page 9.

General Meeting:-The planning committee for this event has received several inputs requesting that the time for the meeting be changed from 2:00 PM in the afternoon to 10:00 AM in the morning. If you agree please contact Pat Motta--(408) 264-5821 or paelgin@yahoo.com

Looking forward to seeing you,
Bill Souza—President

Newsletter Format

This February newsletter is not being printed nor mailed. It is only available online. To make it somewhat easier to read on a computer screen, the format has been changed to landscape, with the long dimension horizontal.

If you download the newsletter (a pdf file), and then view it with your pdf reader program (Adobe reader or Foxit reader) then you can view it full screen.

I would like some feedback as to whether or not you think this is a good idea. Please send an e-mail to Walt Cole.

If you have a question, phone me or use e-mail.

Thanks for reading,

Walt Cole (408) 972-1178, or e-mail: opawalt@gmail.com

Adopt-A-Highway

January 11, 2012 - We had a busy return to the litter wars. 12 litter magicians made 32 bags of debris disappear. In 10 1/2 years we have cleared 2803 bags of stuff from Highway 85 North, Blossom Hill Road to Almaden Expressway.

On litter pick-up day - Doug Dean was cleaning in a narrow canyon north of the Santa Teresa off-ramp and below the Highway 87 on-ramp from 85N. He heard a woof-woof sound that lasted about 3 seconds and then a scraping sound followed by a crashing sound. A van taking the 87 on-ramp above Doug had crashed in the guard rail and stopped.

Doug climbed up to the scene and a very nervous young woman (new driver) was sitting behind the wheel. Her passenger (probably her mother) explained that the van was out of control and the young driver had over corrected. The mother said she couldn't get out of the van because she thought she had a broken ankle.

Another man at the scene was calming the van occupants. His vehicle was stopped about 100 feet further toward 87 at the far side of the road. Doug thought the other man was involved in the accident, but it turned out he was a Good Samaritan.

The Good Samaritan checked the vans tires on one side; Doug checked them on the other. The tires were OK and we got the driver to pull away from the guard rail and park on the far side until she felt like driving to a safer place. About five minutes later the van was on its way with some damage to the front end and the driver's side.

Day after litter pick up day - Bank robbers crashed in our area. That closed the freeway for hours. The picture in the newspaper showing the wrecked getaway car also shows a couple of our litter bags along the guard rail. This happened at 11:30 AM, 24 hours after we had left the day before.

Tribute and thanks - We say goodbye and thank you to Nick Clasen, a retiring volunteer litter warrior of many years. He is retiring due to health reasons. When Nick didn't feel up to litter collecting he would bring his litter mates coffee and donuts.

Money - \$1.03, a dollar bill and 3 pennies.

Tailgate - Leftover cookies from the annual meeting; don't worry, they had been frozen.

Schedule: Meet in the VTA Parking Lot 8:45 AM,

Thursday, February 9 and Wednesday, March 14

Caller: **Barbara Pugh 265-2466, kenosha@juno.com**

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

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Membership Report

Ed Mueller

January 19, 2012

Membership Numbers:

January, 2002: 1868

January, 2011: 2160

January, 2012: 2152 (0)

Currently reading online: 1361 (-2)

Currently receiving paper copy: 332(-1)

Currently not doing either: 504 (+2)

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: Ed Mueller
1269 Peralta Dr.
San Jose, CA 95120

New Members

None this month

In Memoriam

Wyeth Falkowski

Richard J. Galli

Jane Gretchen Madden

Martha Salmassy

Sidney Henry Smith

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

IBM Employee Services Center

(800)-796-9876

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

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

Discount tickets to many places are
online at the IBM Club website:

Great America

Gilroy Gardens

Raging Waters

California Academy of Sciences

6 Flags Discovery Kingdom

Monterey Bay Aquarium

Computer History Museum

Universal Studios

SeaWorld

Knotts Berry Farm

Disneyland

*There is a new link on
the club web site,
"Bay Area IBM Club Discounts,"
that will get you more directly to the
discounts in the above list.
It is on left side of home page just
above the "After IBM" link*

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of the Club and their families. Contributions
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Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, February 16, 2012

10:00 AM

Meriwest Credit Union
Chesbro and Blossom Hill Road

San Jose IBM Retirement
Club web site:

ibmsjrc.org

IBM PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2012

5:00 PM

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Create your own news feed!

www.sjpc.org

Contact: Walt Cole, 972-1178

Sunshine Report

Ernie Friesen has returned to San Jose from Murphys due to the illness of his wife, Adeline. He is now receiving help with her care from local family members.

O'Lynda Head is home recuperating from surgery and doing extremely well.

Vincenzana Bartasi is recovering at home from a broken hip bone caused by a fall.

To these retirees and all others who are coping with health issues, I send best wishes on behalf of the board.

Please continue to call or e-mail. Names are not published without permission.

Terry Milinic'
(408) 265-5908
theresano1@yahoo.com

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Feb 9, 2012	Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up	3	1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Feb 14, 2012	PC Club – RSS Feeds		2	Walt Cole	972-1178
Feb 14, 2012	Golden Girls of Pop Luncheon	2	6	Bill Souza	356-6280
Feb 16, 2012	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Bill Souza	356-6280
Feb 24, 2012	Hike: Shoreline Park		8	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
March 4-6, 2012	Reno: Silver Legacy	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 14, 2012	Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up	3	1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
March 16, 2012	A Sea-Glass Adventure	2	6	Bill Souza	356-6280
March 17, 2012	A Day at the Track- Horse Racing	2	5	George Nale	779-4275
Mar 30, 2012	Hike: Almaden/Guadalupe		8	Ray & Mary Ann Holly	997-0478
April 3-13, 2012	Mexican Riviera Cruise	2	4	Christina Anhorn	(831) 438-3437
May 7-19, 2012	Italian Vistas	2	4	Bob Martinez	778-2978
May 8, 2012	Indian Casino: Palace	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 22, 2012	Annual Club Picnic		9	Bill Souza	340-0082
June 10-18, 2012	The Wonders of Iceland	3	4	George Walker	268-7623
July 10, 2012	Indian Casino: Black Oak	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 12, 2012	Belvedere & Tiburon Landmarks	2	6	Bill Souza	340-0082
Aug 30, 2012	Coastal Creations	2	5	Bill Souza	356-6280
Sep 7-20, 2012	China, Yangtze River Cruise	3	4	George Walker	268-7623
Sep 9-11, 2012	Indian Casinos:Reno	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 18, 2012	Kendell Jackson, Kozlowski & Alembic	2	6	Bill Souza	356-6280
Oct 24-Nov 5, 2012	Breathtaking South Africa	4	5	Art Dill	(831) 338-3069
Nov 6, 2012	Indian Casino: Thunder Valley	2	6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314

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

Italian Vistas

May 7 - 19, 2012

Visit the beautiful cities of Rome, Venice, Florence, Vietri-Sul-Mare and Stresa. Ride along the breathtaking Amalfi Coast, with views of its spectacular sparkling blue seas. We will visit the ancient Colosseum and Forum in Rome, step back 2000 years in time to the city of Pompeii, see the Bay of Naples and the charming hillside villages. A scenic boat ride takes us to the enchanting Isle of Capri where you can stroll through the town's quaint streets, and past charming cafes. Travel through Tuscany, with its beautiful scenery, colorful countryside and vineyards. Visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa, see the amazing marble sculpture of David, and take in the breathtaking Italian Lakes district of Stresa. We visit the picturesque lakeside resort of Locarno in Switzerland. Just a boat ride away, our farewell dinner will be at the scenic Isola dei Pescatori.

This amazing 13-day tour is priced at **\$4,599** (air included) per person, double occupancy and also includes transportation from San Jose to SFO, air taxes and fees, hotel and 25 meals: 18 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 6 dinners. Brochure available upon request.

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

Mexican Riviera Princess Cruise

April 3-13, 2012

Ports of Call:

- San Francisco, Catalina Island, Puerto Vallarta, Mazatlan, Cabo San Lucas, San Diego

Included Cruise Features:

- 10-night Star Princess Cruise
- Roundtrip transfers to/from San Francisco Pier
- All meals and entertainment aboard ship
- Driver & Stevedor Tips
- Port Taxes (\$250.00) per person & Gov't Fees (\$75.00)
- Travel Insurance is included for pre-existing medical conditions.
- One bottle of wine per cabin
- Luggage handling
- No airplane problems...

Get your reservation in early for the best available cabin.

This will fill fast so don't dilly-dally...

Cabin prices start at **\$1685** while they last!

Contact:

Christina Anhorn, (831) 438-3437 or e-mail: LeSwede@aol.com

The Wonders Of Iceland

June 10-18, 2012

Join George and Carole Walker and discover the dramatic contrasts of the landscape forged by fire and ice. The fascinating history of Iceland dates back to the Vikings yet this island nation has a proud, progressive society. We will see steaming fumaroles, hot springs, spectacular two-tiered waterfalls, go on a glacier cruise and spend time at a Puffin sanctuary. We will visit an Icelandic horse farm and quaint fishing villages. The cost of this trip will be \$3,649 per person, double occupancy, including air, taxes, hotels, most meals, surcharges and transfers.

For more information, contact
George Walker (408) 268-7623 or
gcwalker95120@yahoo.com.

China – Cruising the Yangtze River

September 7-20, 2012

(optional Hong Kong post tour)

Our tour starts in cultural and old traditional Shanghai and includes an amazing acrobatic show. We will savor a Peking Duck dinner, a dumpling meal and see the fascinating process of noodle throwing! We will board a river cruiser to experience four days of cruising the Yangtze River. We will marvel at the natural beauty of the Three Gorges and progress by the Dam and through the five-step ship locks. In Chongqing we will see the pandas and have free time to shop in Guilin. Next stop is Xian, the home of the famous Terra Cotta soldiers. In Beijing we tour the famous sights you have only read about. Our last days will include the Great Wall, the valley of the Ming Dynasty and we will even see the Olympic venues. This trip is \$5,054 per person, double occupancy, and includes air, taxes, surcharges, cancellation insurance, all meals, hotels and transfers.

An optional 3 day guided tour to Hong Kong is available following this. A great way to get your holiday shopping completed!

Contact:

George Walker (408) 268-7623
or gcwalker95120@yahoo.com.

Travel Trips

Breathtaking South Africa

October 24 – Nov. 5, 2012. A BUCKET LIST must do! Optional 3 night Victoria Falls Extension

Experience breathtaking mountain scenery, winding coastlines, abundant wildlife, a country with a world of treasures. You will be staying in the famous Kruger National Park, along the Garden Route & the breathtaking Featherbed Nature Reserve, on to the Stellenbosch Mountains and the beautiful wine lands. Delight at the whales in Walker Bay and then on to the wonders of Cape of Good Hope. Visit Cape Town with gorgeous Table Mountain, Victoria and Albert Harbor. The city shows traditions of French, German and Dutch influences and charming coastal scenery. No Euro exchange. US\$ still strong in South Africa.

Trip Highlights:

- Travel the spectacular Drakensburg Mountain Range and Blyde Canyon.
- Kruger National Park –6 Safari Game Drives. Dazzling herds of African wildlife.
- Lake St. Lucia World Heritage Site & lagoon cruise.
- Fly to the beginning of the famous Garden Route.
- Stellenbosch Mountains and lunch at the winery.
- Captivating Cape Town. We'll take a panoramic tour of this beautiful harbor-side city.
- Cape Point, & penguins at Boulder Beach
- Traditional African dining experience.
- Be a special guest of a prominent Hermanus family for a lobster dinner (if we can catch enough lobster.) These folks know how to party.

Included:

The price of the tour including all airfare is **\$5575** per person double occupancy and includes current taxes and surcharges. Tour limit is 18 persons.

Single Supplement **\$998**. IBM/SFO and all transfers, entrance fees to visits and tours per itinerary, baggage handling, daily breakfast and many other meals. Optional Victoria Falls extension is **\$930** per person (double).

Contact: **Art and Sharry Dill** for brochure **(831) 338-3069** www.arthdill@comcast.net

Day Trips

A Day at the Races

Saturday, March 17, 2012

Join us for a day at beautiful Golden Gate Fields. The best jockeys in our part of the USA will be racing for the big bucks, pushing their thoroughbred mounts as they gallop for the finish line. Lots of color and excitement, either from the very comfortable clubhouse or down by the track. Have an excellent buffet lunch and watch the action on the track as well as at other tracks around the country (via TV feed).

Tour includes round trip transportation via luxury coach, turf club admission, racing program and the buffet.

Total cost to go, excluding betting and drinks, is **\$80** per person. It is usually a grand day, particularly if you pick a couple of winners.

For reservations, contact

George or Isobel Nale at (408) 779-4275 or georgesbest30@live.com.

Coastal Creations

Thursday, August 30, 2012

Visit Magnus Sanbloom, the Firewood Farms woodcarver, and be delighted as you watch a carved bear created. You might even be the lucky person who gets to take it home...free of charge! Time will allow for shopping next door at the Spanish Town featuring unique shops including beautiful art and antiques, Nepalese/Tibetan/Indian imports, and very colorful Mexican jewelry and gifts, and a wonderful statuary shop. Included is a hosted lunch at Half Moon Bay Joe's.

After lunch we're off to the Gamble House & Gardens. We'll visit this beautiful 2.5 acre property touring the home, carriage house and gardens guided by a knowledgeable docent who will share historical and horticultural information.

Deluxe motorcoach; all gratuities included.

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

Day Trips

Kendall Jackson Wine Center, Kozlowski Farms & Alembic Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Visit Kendall Jackson Wine Center for a guided tour of the extensive gardens, including the wine sensory, culinary herbs & edible flowers, international cuisine and stunning flower gardens. Wine tasting is included. Then visit Kozlowski Farms for shopping, tasting, and picnic lunch at this fantastic family farm, apple orchard, and retail shop. Next enjoy a guided tour to see master craftsmen at work at Alembic whose goal is to create the finest quality American made instruments ever known. While they are best known for basses, they also make outstanding guitars, preamps, and accessories.

Deluxe motorcoach; all gratuities -- all this for **\$72** 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**

Golden Girls Of Pop Lunchtime Cabaret

Valentine's Day, February 14, 2012

Long-time favorite Marianne Kent sings songs made famous by female pop vocal stars at a lunchtime cabaret show at Castagnola's in San Francisco. From Peggy Lee to Judy Garland, Rosemary Clooney to Doris Day, this is a live cabaret revue with musical nostalgia, remembering some of our favorite female entertainers. There will be free time to browse waterfront shops prior to the performance.

Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities -- for **\$95** 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**

Belvedere & Tiburon Landmarks Day Tour

Thursday, July 12, 2012

Spend the day touring the picturesque waterfront towns of Belvedere and Tiburon with noted historian Gary Holloway as your guide. See the iconic Old St. Hilary's Landmark Carpenter Gothic Church and Wildflower Preserve, China Cabin, the restored Victorian Social Saloon of the SS China (1856) now a fixture on the waterfront and the Railroad and Ferry Depot Museum. We'll take a midday break in Tiburon for lunch at Sam's Anchor Cafe.

Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities -- All this for **\$95** 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, Silver Legacy
March 4-6, 2012

\$136 per person, single add \$48

Palace Casino
Tuesday, May 8, 2012, **\$37**

Black Oak Casino
Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Reno Casinos
September 9-11, 2012

Thunder Valley
Tuesday, November 6, 2012

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**

A Sea-Glass Adventure

Friday, March 16, 2012

We're headed to Watsonville to visit ANNIEGLASS, a recognized name in the artistic, entertainment and hospitality industries. ANNIEGLASS is sold at luxury retailers such as Neiman Marcus, Bergdorf Goodman and Bloomingdale. We'll see artists at work and have the opportunity to shop for beautiful glassware pieces as well. Midday we'll visit the Davenport Roadhouse Restaurant for a 3-course hosted luncheon. In the afternoon we'll enjoy a guided tour of a working marine laboratory, Seymour Marine Discovery Center, featuring exhibit halls, aquarium, touch tanks, Ocean Discovery Shop, and unsurpassed vistas of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities -- for **\$86** per person.

For reservation information contact

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

Bowling

One More Time 2011/2012 Winter League at "300 San Jose" (behind Oakridge)

Results as of January 18, 2012

1st Place: Team #5, "Ernie's Girls"

Marian Wisbar, Maria Stout,
Mitzi Stewart, Ernie Veal
(In November, 2011, this team
was in 19th place)

2nd Place: Team #16, "Up Your Alley"

Marilyn Bianco, Kris Denholm,
Bill Hooper, Jim Balistreri

Individual Achievements

Women

SCRATCH SERIES

578-Jan Curry
548-Marilyn Bianco
542-Sandy Suekawa

SCRATCH GAME

235-Maria Stout
212-Diane Mayeda
210-Shirley Beyler

HANDICAP SERIES

723-Andi Jackson
671-Bev Higa
671-Kris Denholm

HANDICAP GAME

268-Mitzi Stewart
253- Shirley Veal

Men

719- Mario Deharo
664-George Zagelow

258-Bernie Coullahan
235-Bill Jeung

720-Fred Mitchell
674-Jim O'Neill

269-Sal Garcia
265-Ted Head

The IBM Watson Senior Bowling Tournament is coming up soon. This fun one-day event is open to all IBM Seniors. After bowling is over, everyone enjoys a wonderful lunch. There will be more details next month. Save the date even though we don't know when it is yet.

Have a Great Valentine's Day!
Topsy Thompson, Secretary, 377-4314

Par Tee Golf

Ridgemark-Gabilan, January 16, 2012. Didn't someone say we were in danger of Global Warming? I wonder what planet they were talking about! We had a Frost Delay until 10:00 AM! The Shot(s)-Of-The-Day go to Ken Ferguson, Rich Hislip and Patrick Arnett. On hole #11, a 378-yard par four, Ken chipped in his fourth shot from 20 yards out to save par. On hole #12, a 190-yard par three, Rich & Patrick each made their extremely long Birdie putts...Rich from 29' 10" and Patrick from a whopping 76' 10"! Great shots Ken, Rich and Patrick! We had a nice turnout of 56 golfers. The format of play was Two Best Ball Foursome.

Here are the results:

Place/Score	Team			
1 / 119	Rich Saito	Khanh Nguyen	Ken Ferguson	Kevin Fagalde
2 / 120	Jim Sitter	Dan Tautges	Dick Liu	Bob Foote
3 / 122	Terry Gray	Dennis Niemeyer	Greg Seaton	Bob Housholder

Closest-To-Pin	#4	#9	#12	#15
Men	Bob Foote 14' 2"	Khanh Nguyen 24' 6"	Rich Hislip 29' 10"	Bob Ciraulo 22' 2"
	Jim McCarthy 21' 9"	Jorge Gonzalez 35' 0"	Patrick Arnett 76' 10"	Keith Nelson 23' 6"
	Jim Sitter 23' 6"	Len Procker 84' 7"		Terry Gray 28' 2"

There were twelve bogey golfers, gross score of 90 or better. They are John Grewohl 75; Larry Villatore 81; Dennis Niemeyer 84; Dan Jackson & Patrick Arnett 85; Terry Gray & James Taubodo 88; Ken Ferguson & Bob Foote 89; and Khanh Nguyen, Jorge Gonzalez & Dick Liu 90. Congratulations to all the winners!

Future	Course	Cost/Due Date	
February 6	Ridgemark-Diablo	\$45.00/January 18	Includes cart - Format=2 best ball foursome
March 5	Gilroy Golf Course	\$25.00/February 15	Cart optional @ \$9 per player- Format=2 best ball foursome

Notes:

- The monthly golf results & schedule can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.ibmsjrc.org
2012 has not been updated as yet.
- To get an "NCGA Membership Card" through the Par Tee Golf Club, contact Terry Gray @ (408) 629-8893, or send an email to: tgolf18@aol.com. The cost is \$52.00. Golfers without NCGA Handicaps will be charged \$2.00 per tournament to compute their handicaps or they will forfeit all prizes won.
- Prices and dates are subject to change. Be sure to check newsletter or web site, or call Andy for latest information.
- Make all checks payable to "Par Tee Golf." Please make your checks for only one tournament at a time. (If you are signing up for two tournaments, send two checks). The mailing address for sign ups is:
Par Tee Golf, P.O. Box 53535, San Jose, CA 95153-0535
- Include your NCGA number, 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

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

January 5, 2012: On a beautiful sunny day, 22 players came out for Individual Golf. Winners were:

WOMEN

1st	Marge Condensa	55
2nd	DeDe Corral	58
3rd	Gwen Kaefer	60
4th	Helen Brock	62

MEN

1st	Bill Kurtz	54
2nd	Jerry Condensa	58
3rd	Darrel Jensen	59
4th	Les Harlow	63

Closest to Pin #16 - MEN

1st	Jerry Condensa	6' 7"
2nd	Jim Stonehouse	9' 9"
3rd	Darrel Jensen	15' 0"
4th	Bill Bartz	16' 6"

Closest to Pin #16 - WOMEN

Helen Brock	35' 4"
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The next golf dates are Thursdays, February 2 and March 1. 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 \$25 check **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 are 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 to All!
Clara DePaul (408) 294-7041,
DeDe Corral (408) 378-6470
& Helen Wehner (408) 264-6296

Hikes and Camping

Hike: Shoreline Park

Friday, February 24, 2012, 10:00 AM

Time for another flat but scenic hike, this month at Shoreline Park in Mountain View. We'll be walking about 6 miles on paved or gravel trails, so good athletic shoes will be sufficient. We hope to see many varieties of waterfowl in the marshy wetlands.

After the hike, we will have lunch on the patio overlooking Shoreline Lake. This time you have a choice of bringing your lunch or buying it, as there is a café where you can purchase lunch if you like.

To get to the Shoreline Lake parking lot where we will be meeting, travel north on Highway 101 or Highway 85 toward San Francisco, and 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 and continue till the road ends at the lake and boathouse. Don't forget your water, and lunch if you prefer not to buy at the café. Heavy rain cancels the hike.

Contact: **Gil or Julie Feller at (408) 247-6769 or giljulief@gmail.com**

Hike: Almaden/Guadalupe

Friday, March 30, 2012, 9:30 AM

Details next month. Save the date.

Contact: **Ray & Mary Ann Holly, (408) 997-0478**

Krazy Kampers

We are a group of retired IBMers belonging to the IBM Camping Club, the Krazy Kampers. The club has been around for over 20 years and we would like to invite other IBM retirees who like camping to learn about and perhaps join us on our fun campouts. There is a campout almost every month in the area. Here are some of the upcoming events with contact people listed.

February 23-25, 2012	Pismo Beach	Mel Rinehart	(408) 225-1677
March 15-17, 2012	Marina Dunes	Don Walker	(408) 779-5961
April 19-21, 2012	Paso Robles	Dale Jelsema	(408) 842-1310
August 9-11, 2012	Bodega Bay	Bill Bartz	(408) 971-8928

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The **Tech Musuem of San Jose** is Actively Seeking Additional Volunteers

The Tech Museum, in downtown San Jose, is currently seeking volunteers. IBMers have a reputation at The Tech as being outstanding volunteers. I volunteer at The Tech, and as an IBMer (retired 2009) I want to share some of my experiences in the hope that other IBMers would consider offering their services.

When I first started, I was proud to see that IBM was one of the several companies in the late 90's that helped establish the museum it is today: a unique, engaging, and hands-on kind of place. IBMers have been volunteering at The Tech since the very beginning and I often run into fellow IBMers while working there. When I was considering where I might volunteer I thought about what I had to offer. As a software engineer at IBM and a "techie" in general, an assignment that leveraged my technical background came to mind. Yes, I could have found a charitable organization where I could help keep their computers running but what I really wanted to do was excite and motivate younger people to consider science and technology as a career. Well, that is what The Tech is all about.

The Tech has over a half million visitors a year, and over 100,000 are from school groups. But the museum doesn't have enough volunteers, and The Tech, unlike many other museums, cannot operate without its volunteer workforce which is nearly 500 strong. As a volunteer you are on the front line motivating the technical and science education of our youth. I can't tell you how satisfying it is to see a young person light up with excitement about something that I helped them experience at The Tech. That is why I am there. It is as simple as that. Though I am retired, there are people with full time jobs who volunteer there as well. The Tech is open weekends and they often have special evening events, which allow volunteers with day jobs to help out. I recently worked at an evening event with 1200 Googlers! It was a blast.

If you think you might be interested go to **www.tech.org/about/volunteer** and check it out. If you apply you will be invited to an informational meeting where you can learn more and decide if volunteering at The Tech is right for you.

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WANTED: VOLUNTEERS For "ENGINEERS WEEK" SCHOOL Visits

Looking for an opportunity to go "Back to School" and try your hand at teaching? We have 244 teachers waiting for your signup.

Why not take advantage of National Engineers Week (EWeek)?

EWeek (www.eweek.org), founded in 1951 by NSPE, is dedicated to raising public awareness of engineers' and scientists' positive contributions to the quality of life. It promotes recognition among parents, teachers and students of the importance of a technical education and a high level of math, science, and technology literacy, and motivates youth to pursue engineering careers in order to provide a diverse and well educated engineering workforce.

The 2012 week is "officially" February 19-25. (Note: visits to schools need not all take place during the Feb. 19-25 time period.) The program needs enthusiastic volunteers (employees and alumni / retirees) who are interested in presenting information about technical careers to young students at their school; volunteers with the willingness to share personal experiences related to academic choices and careers to encourage all students to study math and science.

All it takes to get involved is one hour of volunteer time at a school and a willingness to share your expertise and experience with local students --- you pick the grade, kindergarten all the way up to 12th grade. You don't need to have an engineering or technical background, but you DO need a passion to inspire kids to seek careers in science and engineering. You will be able to plan classroom visits to fit your schedule.

We provide volunteers with Powerpoint Eweek presentations, free educational activity kits and class giveaways. For more information on the resources available contact Bev Baker (bevbaker@us.ibm.com) or Lynn Guest (lguest@us.ibm.com). To sign up for an EWeek school visit go to <http://www.svec.org/DiscoverE/engrsnup.html> (**Search Criteria:** County, School, City, Zip, Teacher, Subject, Category)

Annual IBM San Jose Retirement Club Picnic

Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM, Cunningham Park, San Jose, \$19.00 per person

Reservation Deadline: May 17, 2012. *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, 2012, 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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