



Silicon Valley IBM Retiree & Alumni Club Newsletter



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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Reminder: Our upcoming Annual meeting is on Thursday, October 16, at 11:00 am, at the LDS Church, 150 Bernal Road, San Jose, 95119.

As I mentioned last month, there are some significant membership and term limit changes your board is proposing. Your vote at the Annual Meeting to approve or reject is important. Also, we have arranged for a speaker who will talk about the Computer History Museum. A light snack will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. Looking forward to a large turnout.

Several months ago I mentioned that Evie and Doug Dean were retiring after 14 years of stewardship of our Adopt-a-Highway program. In addition to picking up lots of trash, the group occasionally found coins and bills that went into a "Road Kill Fund," growing to approximately \$100. At the suggestion of several of the volunteers, rather than place this money in our general operating fund, your board has decided to donate this money to American Brain Tumor Association in memory of the Deans' son and daughter who died of this terrible disease.

On a sad note, Ernie Veal, a past president of our Club, died on October 1 after a lengthy battle with cancer. His presence will be missed and I will miss the times we shared Zinfandel wine. His spirit will remain in our hearts. Ernie's family has requested complete privacy. Please respect their wish.

Bernie Coullahan, President

2014 Holiday Party Dinner Dance Reservation Form

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Mariani's Inn & Restaurant, 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

5:00 PM: No host bar serving cocktails, beer and wine – Dinner served at **6:00 PM**

Cost: **\$31.00** per person Raffle tickets sold at the event - great prizes!

Tables seat 10. If you would like to sit with friends, all parties must list ALL the names.
Singles will be seated with other singles if requested. Handicapped facilities are available.

Please provide your phone number or email address to receive a receipt of your reservation.

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Singles Table _____

Dinner Selections: ___ Half a Roasted Garlic Herb Chicken ___ Poached Salmon with Lobster Sauce
 ___ Roast Marinade of Tri Tip ___ Pasta Primavera

Included: French Rolls and Butter, Garden Salad, Chef's Choice of Dessert, Coffee or Tea. Wine available for purchase.

We would like to sit with the following people:

**Make checks payable to the IBM Retirement Club. Mail this form and check to:
Art Dill, 500 Bloom Grade Road, Boulder Creek, CA 95006 - 831-338-3069**

**Silicon Valley
IBM Retiree & Alumni Club**

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ibmsjrc.org

Club Annual Meeting:

Thursday, October 16, 2014, 11:00 AM
LDS Church
150 Bernal Road
San Jose, CA 95119

IBM PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, October 14 2014, 5:00 pm
Almaden Community Center
6445 Camden Ave., 2nd floor

YouTube Favorites

Contact: Walt Cole, 408-972-1178

Membership Report

Ed Mueller

September 18, 2014

Active Members: 1688

Inactive Members: 296

Missing Members: 2

Newsletters mailed: 320

Members who read online: 1378

Change of Address

Please send in your new mailing address,
your new e-mail address, your new phone
number, or a request for on-line newsletters.

By e-mail: membership@ibmsjrc.org

By U. S. Mail: Ed Mueller
1269 Peralta Dr.
San Jose, CA 95120

New Member

Hugh McDevitt

In Memoriam

Phil Bowser

Charles Chiou

Chris Lyffyt

Howard "Ole" Olson

Harlan Sano

Robert Schauer

Roger D. Spencer

Ernie Veal

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and to find answers to benefit
questions, contact:

IBM Employee Services Center
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2015 Board Officers**

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Dave Sloan

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Walt Cole

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IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes & See's Candy Discounts

*The above items are available at the
ticket office at SVL. Everything else the
IBM Club offers is available only online.*

AMC: silver \$7.00; gold \$8.25

Regal/United Artists: \$7.00; Cinelux: \$7.25

Century/Cinemark: \$7.75

Camera Cinemas \$6.30

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

Ticket Hours:

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

IBM Club Office Contact:

Frank Vitale - 408-927-2106

e-mail: tcsports@us.ibm.com

See other ticket discounts at
www.ibmsjrc.org

Click **IBM CLUB ANYDAY TICKETS**

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

California Academy of Sciences

Six Flags Discovery Kingdom

Monterey Bay Aquarium

Legoland, Universal Studios

SeaWorld, Disneyland

*There is a 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*

Sunshine Report

John Warner has completed chemo, ra-
diation and surgery and has been given a
clean bill of health. He is celebrating his
victory.

Claire LeClair has been dealing with
some serious health issues for a few
years and is now on the mend. She is
training for a hiking trip in Spain next year.

If you know anyone who could use a
cheer-up message from the Club, please
call me at 408-264-5821.

Pat Motta 408-264-5821
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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Oct-14, 2014	PC Club - YouTube Favorites	3	2	Walt Cole	408-972-1178
Oct 16, 2014	Annual IBM SV R&A Club Meeting		16	Bernie Coullahan	408-356-5311
Oct 21, 2014	Quicksilver Mining Museum		6	Bill Souza	408-356-6280
Oct 24, 2014	Hike: Mt. Madonna County Park		8	Dick & Dianne Oswald	408-295-0094
Nov 4, 2014	Indian Casino: Cache Creek	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Nov 21, 2014	Hike: Long Ridge Open Space Preserve		8	Bill Desler	408-205-5207
Dec 2, 2014	Annual Club Holiday Party		1	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Dec 16, 2014	Holly Jolly Christmas Day Trip Sold Out		–	Bill Souza	408-356-6280
Dec 27-Jan 4, 2015	New Years Caribbean Cruise		4	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437
Jan 13, 2015	Indian Casino: Chukchansi	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Feb 10, 2015	Indian Casino: Graton Rancheria	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Feb 3-11, 2015	Cuba!!	4	5	George Walker	831-338-3069
Mar 6-21, 2015	Panama Canal Cruise		4	Christina Anhorn	408-221-2063
Mar 8-10, 2015	Indian Casinos: Reno	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Apr 19-26, 2015	New Orleans, Memphis & Nashville	2	5	Ina Havens	408-429-8038
May 5, 2015	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
May 18-31, 2015	Japan in Depth - A Spring Tour	4	4	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
July 7, 2015	Indian Casinos: Red Hawk	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Sep 15-29, 2015	Greece and its Islands		5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
Nov 10, 2015	Indian Casinos: Colusa	2	6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314

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. The upcoming events with contacts are listed at the right.

October 16-19, 2014	Marble Quarry	Jim Dack	408-266-6951
November 20-23	Casa de Fruta	Mel Rinehart	408-225-1677
January 22-25, 2015	Cal Expo	Larry Turley	408-629-5371
February 26-March 1	Pismo Coast Village	Mel Rinehart	408-483-2567
March 26-29	Marina Dunes	Rich Haggerty	408-227-4087
May 7-10	Smithwoods	Joe Siliga	408-723-1382

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 Adventures

Ring in the New Year on a Western Caribbean Princess Cruise

December 27, 2014 – January 4, 2015

Join me on the Emerald Princess for eight days in the lovely Caribbean to start the New Year off right and celebrate the end of 2014 in true Princess style with live music, champagne and party favors on the Sun Deck. It is guaranteed to be a memorable New Year's! On this large luxury ship the choice of activities is endless – ScholarShip@Sea courses, leisurely spending a day in the piazza-style atrium, making new friends in the International Café over a glass of wine, enjoying the freshwater pools, watching some live entertainment, trying your luck in the two story Casino or just finding a spot and people-watch. We will visit Roatan, Honduras where you can go zip lining, snorkeling or take a tour of the island. Belize, on the Yucatan Peninsula, offers many good shore tours to Mayan sites, tubing in limestone caves or snorkelling. Cozumel has its ruins, Mayan temples Tulum and Chichen Itza, plus good shopping for handicraft and jewelry. The last day, arriving early in Houston, we will transfer to the NASA Space Center and take the NASA Tram tour highlighting astronauts training for the International Space Station and other exhibits.

The cost per person starts at **\$2675**, double occupancy, depending on the choice of cabin. It includes air and round trip transfers to the SF airport, port charges and taxes.

Contact: **Christina Anhorn, 831-438-3437**

leswede@aol.com

Panama Canal Cruise

March 6 – 21, 2015

Full Transit Aboard the Beautiful Island Princess

Cruising down the Pacific Coast will prove to be an interesting and diverse trip. You will have an opportunity to visit at least ten World Heritage sites and will discover Mayan history, diverse nature and ancient cities.

Costa Rica lies between two oceans and two continents and flaunts high rugged mountains, rainforests and beaches. There are coffee plantations, an aerial tram in a rain forest, a sky walk on a suspension bridge and zip lining for the brave. Pura Vida!

In Panama City, there are many different options for experiencing this colonial city and its interesting surroundings. View the historic quarter with its treasured artifacts at the Old Panama Museum, or maybe take a trip on the railroad for a close-up look at the locks and wildlife of Gatun Lake.

In Cartagena, Colombia, the seawalls, narrow streets and colonial architecture with balconied houses offer glimpses of earlier times. The city is well known for Folkloric ballet, lovely leather and beautiful emeralds.

Aruba with its Dutch influence is charming. Horseback riding, snorkeling, viewing the lighthouses and shipwrecks, and visiting a butterfly farm are just a few of the activities available.

This promises to be a great trip whether you are up for adventure or just want to hang out on the well-appointed ship to relax and enjoy the amenities.

Airfare, motor coach to/from San Jose/ship/airports, port taxes, government fees and Travel Guard Group Protection is included. Prices start from **\$3700**

*Info meeting, Wednesday, October 15, 2014, 2:00 pm
at Mama Mia's, 200 E. Hamilton Ave, Campbell*

Contact: **Christina Anhorn 831-438-3437**

email: **leswede@aol.com**

Japan in Depth – A Spring Tour

May 18-31, 2015

Japan - Land of Mystery, Beauty, & Culture

Join us as we explore fascinating destinations. Enjoy breathtaking scenery at every turn. We will drive to Mt. Fuji, take river cruises, ride the Shinkansen bullet train, ferry to small islands for a Sake Tasting and Tea Ceremony. We will take a boat ride to Oboke Gorge with panoramic views of the valley, one of the three hidden mountain regions of Japan. Learn about Japan's largest natural whirlpool and the engineering innovations of its massive bridges. Spend a night in a Japanese-style spa resort nestled in the woods. Experience the celebrated Hot Springs of Beppu, famous for "hells" dramatic pools of bubbling water, mud and geysers. While in the island of Miyajima join your guide for a tour of the open air food market (yatai). Remember, the water and food are safe in this clean country. Tour castles in Kyoto & Himeji, visit amazing sacred temples, the Geisha Quarter, and the vermilion-colored Fushimi Inari Shrine (a 4Km long tunnel of scarlet tori gates). Visit the Nishijin Textile Center. We will stay at the Onsen Ryokan at Kanzaiji where you can soak in therapeutic waters of a spa bath and feast on a traditional Japanese Kaiseki banquet. Visit the Nagasaki Peace Park and Glover Garden. Have an adventure on the Mt. Aso and Hakone Ropeways for spectacular views of hot springs and hot rivers. Visit the Toyota Kaikan Museum, with displays of Toyota's new car models and technologies. Ask us for a brochure that will give details of this incredible trip.

Price per person land only: **\$4850** per person double occupancy, paid by check, or **\$4995** for credit card payment. Single supplement **\$998**. Airfare is approximately \$1150 per person; firm air prices and schedules will be available in mid-2014.

Contact: **Art & Sharry Dill, 831-338-3069**, use *82 if your caller ID is blocked. email: **arthdill@comcast.net**

Travel Adventure

Cuba!

February 3-11, 2015

PRICE REDUCTION! Reduced by \$435.00 PER PERSON

Just the word, Cuba, brings to mind images of coffee, cigars, Latin culture, cuisine, music and great old cars. Come with us as we explore all that and more of the mysterious country so near to us and yet so unexplored. Travel to Cuba is slowly opening up and we have been given time in February to make a visit.

An easy flight from Miami will bring us to Trinidad, Cuba, a cobblestone and pastel-colored town for a 4-night stay as we travel to see many interesting areas. We will experience local food and music as our group learns about the history of Cuba. We will see arts, crafts and local economic industries visiting Manaca Iznaga and Cienfuegos. Harvard University has ties to the Province Botanical Gardens, which we will visit. Here we will also visit a cigar factory, after which we will visit the opera house for a choral performance.

Day 5 we will drive toward Havana past the Caribbean Sea, stopping for a fresh fish lunch. We will board a steam train to be whisked through farmlands and stopping to have conversations with farmers. We arrive in Havana to stay for 4 days of exploration of the educational system, health care system, care of the elderly, meet business owners and meet antique car owners and take a ride with them! We will also interact with National Dance performers and meet with local artists. We have a unique opportunity to hear about US/Cuba policies from a Cuban scholar before we return to Miami.

The cost of the trip including air, fees, hotel and insurance: **\$4,854**, per person, double occupancy.

Info presentation with light refreshments:

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 11:15 am,

Sweet Tomatoes, 113 Bernal Road, San Jose, please RSVP

For more information call **George Walker, 408-221-2063** or email **gcwalker95120@yahoo.com**

Exploring Greece and its Islands

September 15-29, 2015

15 Amazing days in the beautiful country of Greece Take in breathtaking scenery and such fascinating sites as Athens, the Acropolis, the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace and the Olympic Stadium. Travel the Gulf of Corinth to the historical City of Olympia. We will see ancient artifacts and have a traditional tavern feast while enjoying the local wines in the historic Plaka district. We will sail across the Aegean Sea for two unforgettable island stays in the beautiful whitewashed island cities of Mykonos and Santorini. Here we will have some leisure time for taking in the breathtaking Aegean Sea and enjoying the evening sunsets. Spend time exploring the islands and shopping at the local markets.

The cost of this 15 day trip, including air, is **\$4,899** per person, double occupancy. This includes round trip air from San Francisco, hotels, included excursions, transfers, and motor coach transportation from IBM SVL to SFO. Also included are 22 meals: 13 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 8 dinners.

The trip brochure is available upon request, hard copy or via e mail. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or e mail me.

Bob Martinez

408-778-2978 home, 408-835-3393 cell or at bobloves2travel@yahoo.com

America's Music Cities

featuring New Orleans, Memphis & Nashville

April 19-26, 2015

The tour begins with a visit to New Orleans, the "Jazz Capital of the World," where not only is jazz abundant, but also the noted Cajun and Creole cuisine, the French Marketplace and beignets at Cafe DuMonde. The New Orleans School of Cooking will delight us on our first night! Afterwards we can enjoy some jazz with a toetapping revue at a local jazz club. The next day it is on to Honey Island and a swamp cruise where you will learn about the history and ecology of this fascinating ecosystem. Keep an eye open for eagles, herons, turtles and alligators! Don't forget to pack your "blue suede shoes" because we are moving on to Memphis which is known for the Blues, Rock 'n Roll and Soul and the home of Elvis Presley. We will have a tour of the city of Memphis and local musicians will board the coach to tell us about the musical history and heritage of Memphis. In the afternoon we will tour Graceland, the palatial home of Elvis Presley. Afterwards, the evening is yours to enjoy the world famous Beale Street or? Then it is on to Nashville, the "Music Capital of the World" and the "Grand Ole Opry," where we will have reserved seats for the evening performance. After the show, we will have a backstage tour before departing for our hotel, the Opryland Resort. Saturday, we will tour the historic RCA Studio B where Elvis, Dolly and Charlie Pride recorded some of their classic hits! We will explore the Country Music Hall of Fame which is the largest museum of popular music in the world. We will have a special dinner at the famous Wildhorse Saloon! On Sunday, we begin our journey home while singing and smiling after all the music and great food. The cost is only **\$2399** per person, double occupancy.

If you'd like to have more information, please contact: **Ina Havens, 408-429-8038, inahavens@comcast.net**

Day Trips

Quicksilver Mining Museum

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

Almaden Quicksilver Park situated in south San Jose is a 4.1 acre park that includes the grounds of former mercury mines. We'll visit the mining museum for a docent-led tour and a step-on guide will join the coach for a narrated history tour of the grounds beyond the museum. The museum presents visitors with an array of exhibits about the history of mercury mining and lifestyles of the mining communities of New Almaden. A mine diorama duplicates the interior of a mine shaft, giving the visitors a feel for working underground. Other exhibits explain the changing technology of how the liquid mercury was extracted from the mined cinnabar ore. Artifacts from Cornish, Mexican, and Chinese mining families depict the diversity of people that once lived and worked together on "the hill." Then the group will take a visit to the Casa Grande's antique-furnished parlor, library and drawing room which reflect the lifestyles of a mine manager's family. A hosted lunch at Holder's County Inn will follow our visit.

Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities -- All this for **\$51.00** per person. These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

Contact: **Bill Souza** at **408-356-6280** or **bsouza6280@aol.com**

SV IBM Retiree & Alumni Club Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 2014, 11:00 am

Our annual meeting will be held at the LDS Church, 150 Bernal Rd, San Jose, CA 95119.

The presentation will cover what goes on at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View.

Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

We will discuss and vote on the Club Constitution and Bylaw changes mentioned on page 1 in President's Chat. See the web site for a complete updated version all marked in red where changes have been proposed. Click **Proposed Bylaw Changes** in the left navigation pane.



Bowling

One More Time League Now at Cambrian Lanes (Camden & Union)

Our Winter League has just started. We still have a few openings if you want to join us. Come on over to Cambrian Lanes at Union and Hillsdale at 9:00 am on Wednesday mornings. We are a fun league and have a good time bowling and socializing.

We are just in the first week of bowling and we had some good scores:

Topsy Thompson had a 202 and Bill Hooper had a 206.

Our series leaders are: Dan Thery - 577
Aloma Lazeter - 526

If you want to join us, call me and let me know, or just show up.

Carol Hughes, secretary, 408-224-1739



Casino Trips

Cache Creek Casino
Tuesday, November 4, 2014

Chukchansi Casino
Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Graton Rancheria
Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Reno Casinos
March 8-10, 2015

Jackson Rancheria Casino
Tuesday, May 5, 2015

Red Hawk Casino
Tuesday, July 7, 2015

Reno Casinos
September 13-15, 2015

Colusa Casino
Tuesday, November 10, 2015

All the day trips will be at least a 5 hour stay.

Parking:

Capitol Expressway & Hwy 87 Park-n-Ride, South Lot, Section G.
Depart: 7:30 am
Openings exist for all trips. Call today!

Contact:

Topsy Thompson
408-377-4314,
topray4314@att.net

Tee-2-Tee Golf was Short Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

September 4, 2014: Here are the results of the Rusty Campbell Memorial:

Guys		Gals	
1 st Place Rich Campbell 49		1 st Place Chris Oba 60	
2 nd Place Bill Bartz 56		2 nd Place –	
3 rd Place Don Streicher 61		3 rd Place –	

Closest-to-Pin: Rich Campbell, 9' 11"
Ray Jelesky 22' 10"

The next golf dates are November 6 and December 4.
Play starts at **10:00 am** sharp.
Please be there by **9:30 am** to sign in and get your lunch ticket.

If you wish to play, call or email Bill Bartz and bring your check to the golf course on the day of the tournament.
Make checks payable for **\$26.00** to "Tee-2-Tee Golf."

You will receive a round of golf, a sandwich, a soft drink and maybe prize money!

If it rains, call the Deep Cliff Golf Course to find out if we have canceled, 408-253-5357, extension 5.

More Golfers Needed!
Bill Bartz, 408-971-8928
bartz.bill@yahoo.com
Darrel Jensen, 408-371-6652

Par Tee Golf

Aptos Seascap September 8, 2014. The Shots-of-the-Day go to Lewis Brady and Steve Mayne. On #18, a 428-yard par 5, Lewis chipped his 3rd shot from 30 yards into the cup for Eagle! On #12, a 118-yard par 3, Steve chipped his 2nd shot from 10 feet into the cup for Birdie. Great shots, Lewis & Steve! The format of play was Two-Best Ball-Foursome. We had a nice turnout of 51 players. Here are the results:

<u>Place/Score</u>	<u>Team</u>			
1 / 116	Khanh Nguyen	Pat Boyd	Bert Valdes	Al Carlson*
2 / 121	Jim Sitter	Dick Liu	Bob Foote	Khanh Nguyen*
2 / 122	John Grewohl	Tony Scalora	Eric Schrader	Al Carlson

* = Blind Draw

<u>Closest-To-Pin:</u>	#6	#8	#12	#14	#16
Men 1	Dick Liu 20' 7"	Lou Tolbert 16' 8"	Jim Sitter 8' 4"	Bert Valdes 29' 5"	Rich Campbell 5' 0"
2	AJ Hart 28' 0"	Bill Irish 6' 4"	Tony Scalora 8' 6"	Ray Sanchez 50' 6"	Steve Mayne 10' 3"
2			Al Carlson 8' 6"		
3		Terry Gray 25' 4"	Dennis Niemeyer 9' 8"		
Ladies 1	Solna Braude 15' 1"	Elna Ray 38' 10"			
2	Peggy Fischer 17' 1"				

<u>Future</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>
October 13	Las Positas	\$55.00/Sept. 24	Includes Prize Fund and cart, 2 best ball foursome
November 3	Spring Valley	\$65.00/Oct. 15	Includes Prize Fund and cart, Individual Golf, Don Johnson Memorial, Sandwich Shoot-Everybody wins
December 1	Los Lagos	\$48.00/Nov. 12	Includes Prize Fund and cart, 2 best ball foursome

Notes:

- The monthly golf results, the rules and the 2014 schedule can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.ibmsjrc.org
- Proper golf attire is required at ALL of the courses that we play. That means "Jeans" or "Levi's" are NOT allowed.
- 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**.
- IBM Alumni, Retirees and guests are welcome to play in the Par Tee Golf Club tournaments.
- Prices and dates are subject to change. Be sure to check the newsletter, web site, or call Andy, for latest information.
- Early signups are much appreciated. Please do not wait to the last minute so sign up. You might not get in!
- 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 GHIN number and your e-mail address, if I don't already have them. 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 lascolandy@comcast.net

Hikes

Mount Madonna County Park

Friday, October 24, 2014, 10:00 AM

We plan about a 5-mile loop in this Santa Clara County Park along the Merry-Go-Round Trail, Loop Trail, and Ridge Trail from the Sprig Recreation Area with a stop in the middle for lunch at the ruins of the Henry Miller House. See a description in Bay Area Hiker (<http://www.bahiker.com/southbayhikes/madonna.html>).

We will meet at 9:30 AM at the Sprig Lake entrance parking lot for day use. It's free. You will know you have gone too far if you come to the main Entrance Station, which takes a \$5.00 charge for parking. To get there, travel south on Highway 101 and exit Highway 152 West (Hecker Pass Road). Then go about 8 miles and turn right onto Sprig Lake Day Use Area, where there are dirt parking areas for cars and horse trailers.

People wishing to car pool should meet at the Cottle Road Park & Ride (Cottle & Hwy 85) at 9:00 am. Bring lunch and water. Rain cancels.

Contact: **Dick & Dianne Oswald, 408-295-0094, dickoswald@ieee.org**

Long Ridge Open Space Preserve

Friday, November 21, 2014, 10:00 AM

This area has at least two possible loops of 4.3 miles or 5.6 miles with about 600 ft of elevation change. The hike has tree cover and some open area and there is a small lake that may have some water. We will meet at the Grizzley Flat Trail parking lot on east side of Highway 35, 3.3 miles north of the intersection of Highway 9 and Highway 35 at Saratoga Gap. Travel West out of Saratoga on Highway 9 then turn North on Highway 35.

We will start the hike at 10:00 am. Bring lunch and water. Rain will cancel.

If you plan to hike, contact **Bill Desler** at desler@pacbell.net or **408-205-5207** so if we do cancel we can contact you.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I have a teacher friend who would dearly love to have an engineer type person willing to volunteer in her classroom, and I suggested I could maybe put out the word through our Retiree & Alumni Club via the Club newsletter.

Marilyn Feldhaus and David Gross

Kindergarten Teacher Looking for Help!

I am looking for individuals who are willing to give 1 to 1.5 hours of their time to help manage small groups of children with learning activities. Daily help is needed although even volunteering one time per week can help tremendously. Help would be needed starting at approximately 9:15 a.m. Volunteers would be asked to manage a group of 5-6 children with predetermined activities such as sight word games, math games, writing practice, etc. Materials would already be prepared ahead of time. The goal would be to have a minimum of two or three additional adults during this volunteer time. Parents do volunteer from our school but because we have many working parents, we do not often have enough adults in the room to help with learning management. I would appreciate anyone who is interested. It really does take a village to help our young students begin their school career in a positive and meaningful fashion.

Thank you,

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