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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

People, can we talk? The Travel Committee has recently received questions about the trips being sold-out and have asked me to respond. The Tour Host can publish the trip one year before the departure date and begin taking reservations. Most trips will accommodate 40-45 participants, and can be changed at the discretion of the Tour Host. If the trip fills, the Tour Host will start a waiting list because 'stuff happens' and sign-ups do cancel. Sometimes, the day trips are published as they come available, sometimes only 3-4 months ahead. And these usually fill very quickly. So, the bottom line is: when you think you might want to go on a trip, let the tour host know right away. I speak from experience when I say 'he who hesitates, just might miss the boat!'

As you know, Hitachi has allowed the club members to continue parking on plant site when we go on a trip. After September 1, the parking lots will no longer be available to our members. However, our IBM Club representative, Frank Vitale, has arranged for us to leave our cars at SVL on Bailey Road. Your tour host can give you complete directions if you have a trip going before the next Newsletter is out.

For the rest of 2006, the Executive Board meetings will be in the B055 cafeteria alcove. The meetings will begin at 10:00 AM. All are welcome and we will have more room there for visitors.

2006 Annual Meeting, Tuesday, October 17, 2:00 pm, B055 Cafeteria, Cottle Road

Ina Havens

Proposed Constitution and Bylaw Changes

All words underlined in the text below are proposed additions. All words with lines through their centers are proposed deletions.

Article 4, Section I, F, Communications Director, 4:

Interface with any organization outside of the IBM San Jose Retirement Club on any request for publicity and/or assistance, except travel.

Article 4, Section I, F, 5:

Prior to publishing any communications referring to travel, the information must be referred to the Travel Committee Chairperson for their review.

Article 4, Section VI, Standing Committees 2:

The Travel Committee will be chaired by the Club Vice-President. The Committee will review all trip/tour proposals and recommend trips/tours and tour hosts to the Executive Board for final approval. It will also maintain for the Club the trip/tour schedule, guidelines/procedures, tour host requirements and approved list of the Travel Committee members and tour hosts.

Article 4, Section VII:

The Executive Board must approve all Club trips/tours and Tour Hosts. Any Member or Associate Member may submit a trip/tour proposal to the Travel Committee, and may be considered as Tour Host for that trip. ~~Host duties include, but are not limited to, doing all coordinating with the travel agent, reporting planning progress to the participants and membership, arranging and chairing orientation meetings, and doing whatever they can to reduce severity of the many unforeseeable problems that come during travel.~~ Should complimentary tickets be available, the IBM Retirement Club will allow the Tour Host to utilize these complimentary tickets in support of the individual or individuals properly required to manage the approved trip/tour while offering maximum benefit to the Club Membership. ~~The continuance of this practice must be approved by the Executive Board annually.~~

Article 6, Section II, B:

Voting shall be by secret ballot. Ballots will contain nominees and provision for write-ins. Ballots will be mailed a minimum of 30 days before the October General Meeting. They must be received back for counting no less than 5 days before the meeting. The candidate receiving the most votes for each office is elected to that office.

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Membership Report

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August 17, 2006

Membership History

Year	July	August
1996	1580	1585
2005	2077	2082
2006	2105	2110

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Margaret Carter
Randy Carter
Rudy Lopez
David Sloan
Richard Stone
John Tramel

In Memoriam

Shirley A. Fraser
Richard Haskell
Vivian Johnson
Wayne R. Oba
Marie Rose
Benjamin H. Juday
Wai Mun Syn

Change of Address

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

Send your new address and phone number by mail or e-mail.

Mail: send to:

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555 Bailey Ave.
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Ed Mueller,

e-mail: ibmsjrc@hotmail.com

Next Club Board Meeting: Thursday, September 21, 2006

10:00 am,
Hitachi/IBM Cottle Rd.
Cafeteria, Bldg 055



Sunshine Report

Ray Orr was to have back surgery, but they are going try shots instead to see if that will help him.

Art Dill just had back surgery and is running around. I couldn't get into a car for a month, and here he is nearly as active as usual.

Gino Bottoni was in the hospital for a biopsy for a tumor on his bladder. They found it was stage 3 cancer. He will start his treatments soon.

The other day, I was at the bowling alley, and behold, there was **June Berg**, bowling. I couldn't believe my eyes. One day, she is so sick and the next day she is bowling. What a woman!

To all shut-ins, and we know there are more of you out there, we wish you all the best. We want you all to get well and stay that way. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all were well? (the poor doctors would be broke!)

Please, all of you take care, and get well soon.

**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 the free Adobe Reader program. If you have questions about this modern digital way to obtain the newsletter,

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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Sep 10-12, 2006	Reno Circus Circus		4	Glen & Ruth Furlong	378-8226
Sep 12, 2006	PC Club: CD - Open Source Software		11	Walt Cole	972-1178
Sep 13, 2006	Adopt-a-Highway		10	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Sep 17, 2006	Beach Blanket Babylon Sold Out		--	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Sep 21, 2006	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		1,2	Ina Havens	847-4793
Sep 21, 2006	Walking/Cultural: SJ State University		8	Fred Grometer	264-9157
Sep 22, 2006	Angel Island Hike		8	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Sep 26, 2006	San Francisco Cliff House & City Zoo Sold Out	3	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Oct 1-6, 2006	Monterey Big Hike		--	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
Oct 2, 2006	Indian Casino: Chukchansi Sold Out		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 3, 2006	TI Culinary & DeYoung Museum Sold Out	2	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Oct 9, 2006	Horse Racing at Golden Gate Fields		7	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Oct 12, 2006	Adopt-a-Highway		10	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Oct 17, 2006	IBM Retirement Club Annual Meeting		1	Ina Havens	847-4793
Oct 20, 2006	Hike: Rancho San Antonio		8	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Oct 31 - Nov 8, 2006	Mississippi River Fall Foliage Cruise		4	Ina Havens	847-4793
Nov 6-10, 2006	Baja Mexico Cruise Sold Out		4	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Nov 30, 2006	A Garbeau's Christmas		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Dec 15, 2006	Holiday Party Dinner Dance		13	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Dec 16, 2006	A Festival of Lights		7	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Jan 8, 2007	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Feb 12-24, 2007	Egypt & Nile River Cruise		5	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Feb 27 - Mar 19, 2007	Cruise: "In the Wake of the Bounty"		4	Brian Serpa	227-7658
Mar 11-13, 2007	Reno Circus Circus		4	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 27 - Apr 5, 2007	Sunny Mediterranean Getaway	4	5	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Apr 2, 2007	Indian Casino: Feather Falls		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 26-27, 2007	Gold Country Casino Overnight		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 2-8, 2007	Spring Time in the Ozarks		6	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
July 9, 2007	Indian Casino: River Rock		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Aug 31-Sep 7, 2007	Cruise: Alaska Inside Passage		6	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639

Travel Trips

American Queen/Fall Foliage Cruise

October 31 - November 8, 2006

"From St. Louis northward," Mark Twain said, "the people don't dream, they work." As hard as the river has been worked, its scenery remains enchanting and largely unspoiled! Experience the captivating views of the upper Mississippi River's Fall Foliage while on the new American Queen, 'steamboatin'. Stops include Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa (Dubuque, Davenport & Burlington), Hannibal, Missouri, Mark Twain Country.

Tour Includes:

- Round-Trip Transfers & Air Fares
- One pre-night in St. Paul, including breakfast and city tour.
- 7 nights aboard the American Queen
All meals on Board
- Baggage Handling (1 bag per person)
- Pre-Trip Orientation (early 2006)

All inclusive Costs begin @ \$2520
(depending on the stateroom.selection)

Contact:

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

In The Wake Of The Bounty

February 27 - March 19, 2007

Cruise in the wake of the world's great explorers as you embark on a journey from Santiago, Chile to Papeete, Tahiti on board the mv Discovery. Two islands in particular are sure to fire the imagination: Easter Island, with the giant monoliths of Rapa Nui staring out over the landscape, and tiny Pitcairn Island, where Fletcher Christian and 8 other mutineers settled. Descendants of the Bounty mutineers still inhabit Pitcairn Island and will visit aboard Discovery to tell their ancestors story. This unique cruise itinerary includes 2 nights hotel stay in Santiago, followed by a 17-day cruise to Tahiti. Ports of call include Robinson Crusoe Island, Easter Island, Pitcairn Island, Rangiroa Lagoon, Raiatea, Society Islands, Bora Bora, and Papeete. Included features are R/T motorcoach from San Jose to San Francisco Airport, R/T airfare from San Francisco to Santiago and return from Papeete, ground transfers between airport and ship, 17-night accommodations aboard the Discovery, driver gratuities, port taxes & government fees. Double occupancy stateroom prices begin at \$3900 inside, to \$4465 outside. Single occupancy prices on request.

For more information or brochure,

Contact:

Brian or Sandy Serpa at (408)227-7658
or email at bserpa@sbcglobal.net.

Baja Mexico Cruise

November 6-10, 2006

Sold Out, accepting standbys

Join us aboard the Royal Caribbean's **Monarch of the Sea** (5 days) and explore the vibrant culture, world class beaches, lush green rain forests and vividly painted architecture. Ports of call are San Diego, Catalina Island and Ensenada, Mexico.

Features:

- Roundtrip luxury motor-coach transportation San Jose-Los Angeles (no flight).
- Four night Baja Mexico Cruise aboard Monarch of the Sea.
- Includes all meals onboard ship and shipboard activities.
- Baggage handling for 1 suitcase per person
- All taxes for included features including Port Taxes.
- Driver & Stevedore Gratuities (except shipboard gratuities.)

Interior stateroom Double \$470 pp
Ocean view stateroom Double \$498 pp

This cruise sells out very quickly and cabin availability becomes scarce – if you would like to join us please contact us as soon as possible. Final payment is due by Sept. 20, 2006. TAR: 3

Contact:

Art or Sharry Dill at (831) 338-3069
Or e-mail us at ArthDill@comcast.net

Circus Circus Under the Big Top Reno Two Nighter

Sunday-Tuesday, March 11-13, 2007

\$84.00 per person, double occupancy
(Single Supplement \$27.00)
Casino Bonus \$25.00 cash, \$2.00 Food Credit,
Free Buffet and Fun Book
Casino Stops

Accepting reservations now.
For a flyer and reservation form, Contact:

Topsy Thompson
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Travel Trips

Egypt and Nile River Cruise

New Date: February 12-24, 2007

See the Pyramids along the Nile! This is an excellent opportunity to see another wonder of the world in the company of your friends and fellow IBMers. Join us in a step back in time to trace Egyptian History along the shores of the Nile aboard the river cruiser M/S Crown Prince. All cabins are outside cabins and most have balconies. You will visit and view tombs of the Pharaohs, Great Pyramids, Memphis, Cairo, The Sphinx by carriage or camel back, The Valley of the Kings, Colossus of Memmon.

Tour Features Include:

- 4-night deluxe hotel in Cairo-Grand Hyatt
- 7-night cruise aboard M/S Crown Prince
- All meals aboard ship
- All Breakfasts
- Guided excursions & evening entertainment, including Egyptian Galabyia Party and Belly dancing show.
- The Famous Egyptian Museum and King Tut Ankh Amoun Exhibit
- Onboard lectures on Egyptian History, Egyptian character, Modern Egypt and Women of Egypt.
- Flight to tour the amazing Abu Simbel
- Sound and Light Show at the Temple of Isis
- High Tea at the Famous Old Cataract Hotel
- Sail a Felucca to the Botanical Gardens
- Horse drawn carriage to Temple of Horus
- Home hosted Egyptian Dinner
- Baggage handling throughout.
- Transfers hotel/ship with gratuities to driver

5-Star Cruise, Tour, & Air \$3750. Double Occupancy.

Single supplement \$700.00

your own airline mileage can be used.

TAR 4

***Tour Presentation will be at Bakers Square
Almaden Expressway
Tuesday, September 12, 2006, 10:30 AM***

Please call or email for brochure:

Contact: **Art or Sharry Dill at (831) 338-3069
or e-mail at ArtHDill@comcast.net**

Sunny Mediterranean Getaway

March 27- April 5, 2007

Tour Presentation: September 23, 2006

Escape those raw March winds and enjoy mainland Greece, a few Greek Islands, and the remarkable excavations at Ephesus, Turkey. This reasonably priced ten day trip is a short escape to a historic area that combines seeing Athens, some of its famous surroundings, and four days cruising and visiting the Greek Islands. The cruise ship is an older, 1500 plus passenger vessel that was refurbished in 1999 and is reputed to be very comfortable.

In Athens you will see the Temple of Zeus, the Royal Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Olympic Stadium and tour the Acropolis and the Parthenon, capped by an authentic Greek evening. Shop near the hotel or at the Plaka, or consider an optional visit to the National Archeological Museum. Visit the Corinth Canal and see Mycenae, site of the tomb of Agamemnon, the King of Sparta and the Lion's Gate where the Trojan War took place.

Your cruise will take you to the islands of Mykonos, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, Santorini and the Turkish port of Kudadasi. They are wonderful ports of call for sightseeing and relaxing.

Basic price for this adventure is \$ 2199, which includes insurance, round trip transportation, all transfers and luggage handling between airports and hotels, taxes and tips for some services. Superior or Deluxe outside cabins, port taxes, airport departure taxes, current fuel charges, shore excursions and a visa fee for Turkey are extra.

For more information, contact:

**George or Isobel Nale at 779-4275,
or e-mail at gr4na@aol.com**

TAR: Trip Activity Rating

- 1 Limited walking & activity
- 2 Walking limited to facilities within approximately 1 block to hotels & bus
- 3 Average walking (3 blocks or more) sightseeing in museums and attractions
- 4 Very active walking, may include airport departures, climbing on and off trains and attractions, may involve high altitudes (9000+) and possible weather extremes

Travel Trips

Travel Alert!
Springtime in the Ozarks
Branson, Missouri
May 2-8, 2007

This new spring tour to Branson will capture both the natural beauty of the Ozarks and the excitement of what many consider the entertainment capital of the world.

We recently attended a travel conference in Branson and sampled 40 new shows and attractions. We have selected what we feel are 15 of the most entertaining shows and events for this tour. We are confident that you will agree. The itinerary will have a balanced schedule of new entertainers, old favorites, and beautiful attractions, such as a tram ride through Dogwood Canyon and the new Titanic museum.

Watch for complete details in next month's newsletter. Call for more information and a brochure for this custom designed tour.

Contact:
Ron or Heidi Harlan 408-266-7639

Alaska Inside Passage, Hubbard Glacier
August 31 - September 7, 2007
Celebrity Cruise Line

Come with us to Alaska. You'll realize places like Alaska are why people travel. Your eyes will widen at every turn, everything seems more vibrant, more alive, and sometimes just so much "more" in Alaska. Unspoiled and vast, it is a great big haven with countless miles of untouched splendor.

There is no better way to experience Alaska than with a Celebrity Cruise. Enjoy the good life, the pampered and comfortable lifestyle of a celebrity on Celebrity Cruise Lines', Mercury. Named one of the World's Ten Best Large Ships by the readers poll of Conde Nast Traveler Magazine in February 2006

The cruise package includes:

- Round trip air fare from San Jose to Seattle.
- Seven day round trip inland passage cruise
- All transfers between airports and ship
- All tips and gratuities, port taxes, airline and government fees and service charges (\$345.)
- All meals and entertainment aboard ship

Prices for the complete package start at \$1725 each for an oceanview stateroom. Inside staterooms are less.

Alaska has been, and will always be, a priceless national treasure, not just for the salmon and the gold, but because of the memories and experiences that live on in the hearts of its visitors. Call or information and brochures.

Contact:
Ron or Heidi Harlan at 408-266-7639

Cottle Road Gates to the Hitachi/IBM Plantsite to Close

Gate 1 (Main Gate at Poughkeepsie Road) and Gate 3 (at Beswick Drive) will both close more or less permanently starting September 1, 2006. Access to the site after that date will be from the back gates, either from Via Del Oro or Great Oaks Blvd. Buildings 28 and 26 are in early stages of deconstruction. Mostly what's visible so far is the open space around building 28 where many trees have been removed.



Building 28 from Cottle Road 85 Overpass

Day Trips

"A Garbeau's Christmas" Thursday, November 30, 2006 Folsom, California

A holiday revue that's a celebration of everything we love about the holiday season in music, dance, and comedy.

At 3:00 PM we leave the IBM plantsite and head for Folsom. When we arrive, we have a sit down dinner of your choice on the menu. The show follows dinner.

\$75.00 Per Person, includes: Round trip transportation via luxury motorcoach, dinner and performance. All taxes and gratuities included. We return around midnight.

Only a few seats left, so don't wait.

For reservation information, Contact:

**Topsy Thompson, at (408) 377-4314
or topray4314@cs.com**

Horse Racing at Golden Gate Fields October 9, 2006

It's Columbus Day at the races and it will be a special day at the track, with some added features to celebrate the holiday. On a nice fall day there is nothing prettier than watching beautiful thoroughbred horses galloping around the track with their colorfully clad jockeys urging them on.

Golden Gate Fields is a very attractive facility in Albany on the edge of SF bay. They have a very nice buffet and a clubhouse where you can watch the races from your table, watch them on a video screen or go down to track level and do your own handicapping.

Gather some friends and relatives and make a day of it. The bus will leave at 10:30 AM. Cost is \$46.50 and it is hard to find a more reasonably priced day trip.

Contact: **George or Isobel Nale at 779-4275**
or email us at our new email address, gr4na@aol.com

A Festival of Lights

Saturday, December 16, 2006

The "Festival of Lights" starts with a delicious early dinner at the Grandview Restaurant on the 36th floor of the Grand Hyatt Hotel on Union Square, San Francisco. This is an excellent rooftop dining venue with views of the city, the bay and the dazzling holiday lights of Union Square. The restaurant, which offers excellent food and service, will serve a complete sit-down dinner with several choices, including roasted chicken or salmon. Our holiday lights tour will spread across San Francisco to capture the special decorations and lights at key hotels, buildings, as well as Treasure Island and a spectacular Grand Finale in South City. We will leave from IBM at 3:30 PM and return to San Jose by 10:30 PM. The price of the complete package, including all gratuities, is \$73.00 per person. If you would like to reserve seats for this traditional holiday favorite, call for details.

Contact:

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RV Camping Club

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

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Indian Casino Trips

Chukchansi

Monday, October 2, 2006

Sold Out

Jackson Rancheria

Monday January 8, 2007

Price: \$26.00,

Bonus: \$10.00 cash and coupons

Feather Falls

Monday, April 2, 2007

Price \$14.00, Bonus: \$10.00 cash

Gold Country Casino Overnight

Thursday-Friday, April 26-27, 2007

Full casino and BINGO, BINGO,
payouts of \$1000.00

Thursday night is senior night for Bingo.

Price \$75.00 per person

single/private room add \$32.00

bonus \$10.00 from Gold Country,

\$10.00 from Feather Falls the next day.

River Rock

Monday, July 9, 2007

Price \$24.00, bonus, \$20.00 cash

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

Contact:

**Topsy Thompson 377-4314
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Hikes

Angel Island Hike

Friday, September 22, 2006, 9:45 AM

September's hike takes us to scenic Angel Island. We will be hiking on the Perimeter Trail, which may just be the most spectacular easy hike in the entire Bay Area. The trail is paved and nearly level (one hill), and the 360 degree views alone are enough to make the journey. Distance is 5 miles.

Getting there is half the fun. We will be taking the ferry from Tiburon. Once we dock at Ayala Cove, we'll leave the crowds at the picnic area and start our trek on Perimeter Trail. As we walk, we'll have only one major hill to face on the southeast side of the island, but the views will more than compensate. The panorama changes with every few steps. The perspective is so different from the center of San Francisco Bay than it is from its edges. (We are hoping for a fog-free day...) There are several historic side trips along the trail which we may explore.

To get to Tiburon, head north towards San Francisco on highway 280 north, heading across the Golden Gate Bridge. Once you cross the bridge, you'll take the Tiburon Blvd exit, turn right, and follow Tiburon Blvd 4 miles into downtown Tiburon. Turn right on Main St. The ferry is located on the left at 21 Main St.

There are several parking lots in Tiburon. The closer you get to the ferry on Main Street, the more expensive the parking is. The lot across the street from the ferry is \$10 for the day, but the ferry is only a 2 minute walk. For more information on parking lots, go to www.angelislandferry.com and click on "directions".

All this beauty comes at a price. The ferry is \$10.25 round trip (cash only, no credit cards), the Golden Gate Bridge toll is \$5.00, and parking will be anywhere from \$3 to \$10 per vehicle, depending on where you park.

We will be taking the 10AM ferry (try to arrive at the dock with your tickets by 9:45) over to the island and returning on the 3 PM ferry. Bring your lunch and water - we will stop somewhere along the trail to eat. Be prepared for changeable weather - bring an extra jacket just in case. Carpooling is encouraged - call us at (408) 247-6769 if you are interested in carpooling. Leave your name and number - we will help to arrange carpool groups.

Contacts: **Gil or Julie Feller 247-6769**

Rancho San Antonio Hike

Friday, October 20, 10:00 AM

We had originally planned to hike at a new location for us, Loch Lomond in the Santa Cruz mountains. However when it came time to scout the hike we discovered that the preserve closes for the season in September. We will try to do Loch Lomond next year. So we decided to repeat one of our local hikes. We will go back to Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, in the hills above Cupertino. We will be covering about 7 miles, but the route is moderate with only a couple of miles uphill. The uphill portion follows Wildcat Canyon Trail, which is woody and shaded. All the trails are wide and well maintained. At the top of the hill we meet up with High Meadow Trail where there are some great views, and finish up on the Rogue Valley Trail. There is an abundance of wildlife at Rancho, and we may be lucky enough to spot some of the rabbits, deer, quail, and wild turkeys that make their homes here.

After about 6 miles into the hike, we will be stopping for lunch at Deer Hollow Farm. You may want to spend some extra time here exploring this working farm. Among its residents are pigs, goats, sheep, and chickens.

To get to Rancho San Antonio, take Highway 280 North to the Foothill Expressway exit. Turn left at the light. Go under the freeway, then turn right on Cristo Rey Drive and continue for about 1 mile. The entrance is on the left. There are several parking lots and we will be meeting at the last lot (the one with rest rooms). This is a popular park, and sometimes parking is a challenge. You may have to park at one of the other lots and walk down to the meeting point.

People wanting to car pool, meet at the Camden Park & Ride (Camden & Hwy 85) at 9:00.. Don't forget lunch and water.

Contacts: **Gil or Julie Feller 247-6769**

Walking/Cultural Tours

San Jose State University Campus Tour

Thursday, September 21, 2006, 10:00 AM

You paid for it...and you sent your kids there. Might as well see what it's all about. We'll be taking a one-hour tour of the campus of San Jose State University, in downtown San Jose. Funny how things so close never get visited—leave that for the tourists. We have our own ivy-covered walls on the Tower Hall, oldest building on campus—1910—and a California State Landmark. Other buildings of interest include the Morris Dailey Auditorium, Washington Square Hall, etc. The campus is beautiful, especially in the autumn. We'll end our one-mile tour at the Food Court in the Student Union. You may wish to buy lunch there as we end the tour.

Because it is so close to home, we will not ride-pool. Instead, meet at the SJSU Welcome Center in the lobby of the new Martin Luther King Library (Fourth Street and San Fernando) at 10:00 AM. By the way, this library is a part of the SJSU campus as well as being a part of the City of San Jose. After the tour, you may wish to make an extended tour of the library itself. Free parking is available at school garages (7th and San Salvador St. or 10th & San Fernando St). If you choose to drive, you may get a parking permit from Fred. Call him. You may also wish to take the Light Rail.

Please call Fred for reservations.

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

IBM Club

IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes

Regal/United Artists: \$6.00
AMC: silver \$5.50; gold \$7.00
IMAX at The Tech Museum: \$7.00

Universal Studios

Gate price: \$59.00, ages 3 and up \$49.00
IBM Club price: \$39.00 Three day ticket!

Disneyland single day-one park

Gate price: \$59.00 3-9 years: \$49.00
IBM Club price: \$47.20 3-9 years: \$39.20

Disneyland 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$149. 3-9 years: 119.
IBM Club price: \$119.20 3-9 years: \$95.20

Disney World single day-one park

Gate price: \$67.10 3-9 years: \$55.38
IBM Club price: \$53.68 3-9 years: \$44.31

Disney World 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$235.37 3-9 years: \$201.29
IBM Club price: \$188.30 3-9 years: \$161.03

Legoland

Gate price: \$62.00 3-9 years \$52.00, two days
IBM Club price: \$32.95, two days

SeaWorld

Gate price: \$54.00 3-9 years: \$44.00, 2 days
IBM Club price: \$41.25 3-9 years: \$36.00, 2 days

Bonfante Gardens

Gate price: \$38.99
IBM Club price: \$22.00

Six Flags Marine World

Gate price: \$51.99
IBM Club price: \$24.00

Raging Waters

Gate price: \$25.99 Season: \$56.99
IBM Club price: \$18.00 Season: \$37.00

Great America

Gate price: \$51.99 VIP: \$84.99 3-6 & 60+: \$34.99
IBM Club price: \$26.00 VIP: \$65.00

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 & Friday: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

San Jose Site: Bldg. 50, room 195,
*Go into the building 50 lobby
and ask security there to buzz you
into the IBM Club office.*

IBM Club Office Contacts:

Valerie Cowing - 463-2462

Frank Vitale - 463-2455

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**

On Demand Community

Register and learn about volunteer opportunities and track volunteer hours. By logging in and tracking your volunteer hours, you have the opportunity to get a Community Grant which may help support the program you are working with -- \$1000 cash or up to \$2500 in equipment.

To register or sign in to the On Demand Community web site, just google "**ondemandcommunity**," and click on the first result.

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. Included are discounts on a wide variety of IBM PCs. But everything from home electronics to auto insurance is offered. If you are interested, go to the following URL.

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

Thursday, August 10, 2006

Shirley Veal debuted as a litter warrior princess. She had orientation & safety training some time back. This was her first litter skirmish because of rain cancellations and traveling (some one has to be a tourist and research litter elsewhere). Her impression: "it's awfully trashy out there!" Some of her trash included a handwritten list of chords for the G string (no musical instrument noted), song lyrics, a big silk Philodendron leaf, one used ear plug, a CD and a bunch of "not so lucky" lottery tickets.

Multi tasking (or roadside Social Work): On the Almaden off ramp, Phyliss Chai found a man holding a sign "will work for food." He was a former construction worker who had shattered his elbow. Two surgeries later (one at Good Sam and the last at Valley Med) he was asking for help. She advised him to go to the Second Harvest Food Bank, where he could work, and they would give him groceries. He could also go to Sacred Heart Center for clothing. She continued her litter collecting later finding an unopened can of Vienna sausage, (is this providence?). She walked back to give it to him and he was gone. He had a bike.

Phyliss sent us her thoughts: "About our Highway 85 clean-up today...feedback from #5 group...about the fellow who was "Down on My Luck"...He said to me almost as we parted that, "It's hard to get up (in the morning, I gathered)"...He added that he's "on so much medication" (probably for depression)...Seeing him just reminded me that so many people are just a "paycheck away" from being in his position or homeless. He said that he once (before his accident) "made a good living", working in construction...It was a reminder to me to be always be grateful, and to do what I can to help lighten the load of people who are struggling to "keep their heads above water".

Traffic control: Pat Motta found a hand held stop sign with slow on the reverse side. Will return it to Caltrans when we pick up supplies.

Mysteries: did someone lose their spare? Lying in the weeds was a big perfect SUV wheel with a new tire. Tom Clarke found a padlock, a few feet away Bob Schneider found keys, they fit the padlock but didn't unlock it.

Entertainment: Bob Ramirez found a rose and presented it to us while singing "Paper Roses." He then produced an automobile side mirror and asked "mirror, mirror, on the wall who is the fairest of us all?" We all looked in the mirror...well you know the rest.

Titillating question: Fred Groppuso found a sexy black lace bra torn in half in the VTA parking lot. Do people still streak?

Money: A first!!! Phyliss Chai found a dime and a nickel, in pristine condition! Bob Schneider found a very tired 39 cents, Jose Castaneda - quarter & a peso, Pat Falkowski - dollar bill and a dime, Josie Supencheck - 78 cents, Shirley Veal - 7 cents, Pat Motta - a penny, Bob Price 26 cents, Ruth Price \$1.10, and Mel Olsen 12 cents. Total found, \$4.24 and one peso, and many unlucky lottery tickets. We spent \$10.14 for ice cold melon from our slush fund for our tailgate thereby creating a deficit day but a thirst quenching finale.

Back to normal: Howard Hanson found a baseball that he called an orphan 'cause it was in the middle of a puddle instead of the usual place where the baseballs hang out.

Adoptions: Homeless bear - Pat Falkowski bonded to a cute cuddly pink happy face bear. She took it home to give it a bath, a make over, and a family.

Stats: 20 volunteers 33 bags - totaling 1822 bags

Schedule: meet in VTA Parking lot 8:45 AM

Wednesday, September 13, 2006 second Wednesday

Thursday, October 12, 2006 second Thursday

Callers: Alice Czerniec 224-6230

Barbara Pugh 265-2466

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

Bowling

One More Time League at AMF Oakridge Lanes 2006 Summer League, August 19, 2006

1st Place Team #5: "Spare Us" continue to dominate:
Nancy Bowers, Bill Furnal, M.J. Canavan,
Earl Bowers
2nd Place Team #9: "Always ON" : Doug Turner, Sam
Walters, Olga Walters, Bev Turner

Individual Achievements

Ladies

Men

High Averages

170-Faye Fritz
163-Ann Wilson
156-Ruth Furlong
156-Chila Miller

205-George Zagelow
193-Bill Jeung
185-Eddie Fahrner

High Scratch Game

235-Ann Wilson
225-Faye Fritz
192-Chila Miller

265-Sal Garcia
252-George Zagelow
246-Paul Houghton
246-Bill Jeung
246- Eddie Fahrner

High Scratch Series

623-Ann Wilson
606-Faye Fritz
539-Chila Miller

667-George Zagelow
640-Sal Garcia
617-Bill Jeung

High Handicap Game

271-Ann Wilson
256-Faye Fritz
256-Shirley Veal

282-Sal Garcia
279-Paul Houghton
272-Glen Furlong

High Handicap Series

731-Ann Wilson
714-Shirley Veal
699-Faye Fritz

735-Ted Head
723-Paul Houghton
692-Frank Wilson

Come and join us for Winter League.

Wednesday, September 6, 2006, 9:00 AM:

Winter league meeting with no-tap bowling!

Wednesday, September 13, 2006, 9:00 AM:

Winter league bowling starts.

Call Ann Wilson 408-269-1894 (Summer league secretary)
or Sue Ehrlich at Oakridge Lanes 408-578-8500.

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

August 3, 2006 - Format for the day was Low Putts. Everyone enjoyed the game and some low scores were made.
Winners were:

Men		Women	
1st	Neil Rowland 28	1st	Irene Rodriguez 32
	Dick Gehrer 28		Marge Condensa 32
2nd	Rick Campbell 31	2nd	Gwen Keefer 33
3rd	Don Johnson 32	3rd	Helen Brock 34
	Lupe Rodriguez 32	4th	DeDe Corral 35
4th	Jerry Condensa 35		

Closest to the Pin #10

Men		Women	
1st	Jerry Condensa 18' 4"		
2nd	Darrel Jensen 20' 0"		
3rd	Neil Rowland 36' 9"		

The next fun golf dates are Thursdays, September 7 October 5, **at 10:30 am, sharp. Please be there by 10:00 am to sign in and to pick up your lunch coupon from Helen.** Please send your check for \$22 **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". Handicaps will be figured out after you have golfed at Deep Cliff. If it rains, call the golf course to find out if we have canceled. Phone 253-5357, extension 5. Also, remember golf at Deep Cliff is on a first come-first serve basis so get your checks in to Helen **right away.**

September 7 will be the Rusty Campbell Memorial Tournament. We hope to see you out there!

Happy Golfing from **Clara, Helen and DeDe**

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

PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 2006, 5:00 PM, SVL

DeForrest Home, Club member, will give a presentation on TheOpenCD.org which is a collection of high quality free and open source software for Windows. The CD includes only the highest quality programs, which have been carefully tested for stability and which are considered to be appropriate for a wide audience.

See PC Club web site for directions to the meeting:

www.sjpc.org

Contact for questions:

Walt Cole 972-1178 or opawalt@pacbell.net

Par Tee Golf

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

Poppy Hills August 14, 2006. This was our yearly "Bob Slater Memorial Golf Tournament." Bob Slater was the person responsible for starting the Retirement Club golf tournaments. The "Shot-of-the-Day" goes to Jay Gorud. On Hole # 2, a 115 yard par three, Jay chipped one in from 20 yards out for "birdie." Nice shot, Jay! The format of play was, "Individual Play."

We had a large turnout of 68 players. Here are the results:

Place / Score / Name

Men

1 / 68 / Eric Clifford
 1 / 69 / **Phil Nielsen***
 2 / 70 / Roger Haskin
 2 / 70 / Joe Guerra
 2 / 70 / Ralph Lyle
 2 / 70 / Jerry Condensa

Ladies

1 / 73 / Cassie Mangini
 1 / 74 / Carol McGuire
 2 / 78 / **Kathy La Scola ****
 2 / 78 / Debra Jones
 3 / 79 / Cathy Priest

* = Men's Bob Slater Award Winner

** =Lady's Bob Slater Award Winner

Closest-To-Pin

	#2	#6	#11	#15	#17
<u>Men</u>	Jerry Condensa 1' 5"	Otto Hampel 5' 6"	Mike Filice 6' 6"	Ralph Lyle 11' 7"	Dan Thery & Rich Casey 8' 10"
	Jim McGuire 2' 0"	Tom Siljander 21' 6"	Jim Bailey 22' 9"	Jay Meyers 18' 6"	Mike Nunziata 14' 7"
	Bill Jeung 3' 4"	Rich Castillo 34' 11"	Lou Tolbert 30' 4"	Jay Gorud 76' 4"	Hi-Dong Chai 17' 2"
<u>Women</u>	Gloria Nigg 18' 1"	Cassie Mangini 19' 0"	Vicki Perez 35' 10"	Shelley Carr 14' 3"	Carol McGuire 25' 2"
					Cathy Priest 38' 2"
					Betty Freeman 44' 1"

There were nine bogey golfers, (gross score of 90 or better), and they are: Eric Clifford 81; Jay Myers 82; Lou Tolbert 83; Ralph Lyle 84; Eric Schrader 86; Roger Haskin & Rich Hiser 88; Glen Yuki & Norris Mooring 90. Congratulations to all the winners!

Looking ahead at our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Sep. 11	Coyote Creek-Valley	\$55.00/Aug. 23	Includes cart-soft spikes required-Format = 2 best ball foursome
Oct. 9	Pajaro Valley	\$35.00/Sep.20	Soft spikes required-Format = 2 best ball foursome
Nov. 6	Coyote Creek-Tournament	\$60.00/Oct. 18	Includes cart-Soft spikes required-Format = Individual play-Salami Shoot
Dec. 4	Los Lagos	\$47.00/Nov. 15	Includes cart-soft spikes required-Format = 2 best ball foursome

- 1 The monthly golf schedule for the entire year, can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.sjpc.org/sjrc
- 2 To join the "Par Tee Golf Club", (membership cost is \$45.00), contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: maxdonmar@comcast.net
- 3 Prices are subject to change. Be sure to check newsletter or web site for latest information.
- 4 Make all checks payable to "Par Tee Golf", (Not the "IBM Retirement Club"). Please make your checks for only one tournament at a time. (If you are signing up for two tournaments, send two checks). The mailing address for signups is:

**Par Tee Golf
 P. O. Box 53535
 San Jose, CA 95153-0535**

Include your GHIN number, and your e-mail address, (If I don't have already have them on file). Indicate which foursome you wish to play with, or I will assign you to one. (Note: If you do not sign up as a foursome, your group may be split up).

2006 Holiday Party Dinner Dance

Friday, December 15, 2006
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 \$26.00 Per Person

Door Prizes and Raffle

Tables seat 8 or 10. If you would like to sit with friends,
all parties must list the names of the members at that table on the form below.
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 December 7, 2006.
No tickets will be sold at the door.

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Reservation form for the

IBM San Jose Retirement Club 2006 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:

Art Dill
500 Bloom Grade Road
Boulder Creek, CA 95006

San Jose IBM Retirement Club
San Jose IBM Club
1600 Cottle Road
San Jose, CA 95193

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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 2007. 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: **Sally Large** **Write In** _____

Treasurer: **Tom Clarke** **Write In** _____

Membership Director: **Ed Mueller** **Write In** _____

Communications Director: **Walt Cole** **Write In** _____

Directors at large: **Millie Wiedemer, Bernie Coullahan, Ron Harlan**
Write In _____

Please mail to: George Nale
3835 Live Oak Lane
Morgan Hill, CA 95037