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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

The year is off to a great start. Our Pasta Fest will be here soon so don't forget to sign up. It's a great opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new ones. You'll love it. Just a reminder -- many club discounts are available, so please read the section in the IBM Retirement Club's Web-Site titled "Discounts for IBM Retirees" (www.sjpc.org/sjrc/).

If it's possible for you to receive the newsletter via the Internet please make arrangements to do so. We now have 284 members receiving their newsletter via the Internet. Many thanks to those members who are saving a tree and extra club expense.

Some good information to know; if you take a defensive driving course, most insurance companies will discount your auto insurance rate by as much as 15%. You might want to run this by your insurance company.

If anyone in our club requires assistance in the form of a ride to attend a club function please let me know, we have several volunteers who will gladly help.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Art Dill

Annual Club Picnic

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

Mark your calendars for the Annual Club Picnic which will be held at Cunningham Park in San Jose. This is the club's major event (approximately 400 people) where you can meet and renew old friendships and catch up with what has been happening. C.B. Hannegan's will be catering again and serving their outstanding selection of BBQ with all the trimmings. The day will start at 10:00 AM, with a walk in the park at 11:00 AM, lunch at noon, and games starting at 1:30 PM. Come join in the fun.

More detail and a reservation form will be in next month's newsletter.

Don't forget to bring your old glasses for donation to the needy.

See you there.

Bill Souza

Pasta Fest

Saturday, March 17, 2007, 2:00 - 5:00 PM, Almaden Research Lab

Once again we can enjoy great Italian food prepared by the chefs at the beautifully situated Almaden Research Lab which overlooks our valley. Join your friends and former co-workers from the IBM Retirement and IBM Quarter Century clubs for a variety of pastas, salad, garlic bread, wine, coffee, soft drinks and dessert in a pleasant social atmosphere from 2:00 to 5:00 PM on Saturday, March 17.

This is an event co-sponsored by the two principal IBM organizations for long term and/or retired employees and has proved to be a relaxing and enjoyable event year after year. The cost this year will be \$17.50 per person and if our usual luck holds, we will enjoy brilliant springtime weather. Call your friends and organize a group for this annual event. The reservation form is on page 15.

Don't forget to bring your old glasses for donation to the needy.

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January 18, 2007

Membership History

Year	December	January
1997	1654	1626
2006	2116	2091
2007		2121

New Members

Beverly Baker
William Walters
Harold Washington
Robin Williams

In Memoriam

Dave Aguilar
Mildred DeKar
Robert Stormberg
Edith Shapiro
Mary Sobeck
Loren (Ed) Sheldon
John Scheberies

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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Sunshine Report

Well here it is January, going into February. I did not get a call from you telling me you were sick. Are you? Why haven't you let me know? I care, we all do.

I have talked with some of you and I heard you had the flu and just didn't feel good. I also heard you had a heart attack but the doctors weren't too sure. Sure glad you didn't! Also heard you had a stroke, but you are now coming along OK. I know you will soon be a lot better. I have faith. I also heard that some of you have had knee trouble, well I know how that feels, mine hurts all the time. But I just tell myself to get up and get going. No time to feel bad. I know it has been cold outside, but hasn't it been beautiful? With the beautiful weather we are having, I know you will soon be feeling so much better. Take care, stay warm,
My best to all of you.

**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.

When there are pictures in the newsletter, they are black and white in the printed copy. They are in color on 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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Walt Cole

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**Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, February 15, 2007**

10:00 am,

Hitachi/IBM Cottle Rd.
Cafeteria, Bldg 055

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Feb 8, 2007	Adopt-a-Highway		11	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Feb 12-24, 2007	Egypt & Nile River Cruise		4	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Feb 13, 2007	PC Club - Yahoo GeoCities		10	Walt Cole	972-1178
Feb 15, 2007	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Feb 23, 2007	Hike: Los Alamitos Creek Trail		9	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Mar 11-13, 2007	Reno Circus Circus		4	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 14, 2007	Adopt-a-Highway		11	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Mar 17, 2007	Pasta Fest		1,15	George Nale	779-4275
Mar 27 - Apr 5, 2007	Sunny Mediterranean Getaway Sold Out	4	--	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Mar 30, 2007	Hike: Uvas Canyon County Park		9	Lee Westfall	225-7667
Apr 2, 2007	Indian Casino: Feather Falls		8	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 17, 2007	Frasinetti's Winery Tour, Lunch, Lucy		7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Apr 26-27, 2007	Gold Country Casino Overnight		8	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 2-8, 2007	Spring Time in the Ozarks		5	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
May 4, 2007	Senior Watson Bowling Tournament		12	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 15, 2007	Bocce		7	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
May 22, 2007	Annual Picnic		1	Bill Souza	356-6280
May 31-June 2, 2007	Shasta Sunset Dinner Train Excursion		5	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
June 29-July 7, 2007	Coastal Maine Cruise		6	Phyllis Souza	371-2959
July 9, 2007	Indian Casino: River Rock		8	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 24, 2007	T I Culinary Academy & New deYoung Museum		7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Aug 31-Sep 7, 2007	Cruise: Alaska Inside Passage		6	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Sep 18, 2007	San Francisco Tour of the Seagull	2	8	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Sep 24-Oct 5, 2007	Croatia and Slovenia		4	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
Oct 8, 2007	Indian Casino: Gold Country		8	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 10-16, 2007	New Mexico & Balloon Fiesta		6	Ina Havens	847-4793
Oct 16, 2007	Central Valley Adventure	2	8	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280

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



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.

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Please call or email for brochure:

Contact: **Art or Sharry Dill at (831) 338-3069**
or e-mail 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

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

Accepting reservations now.

For a flyer and reservation form, contact:

Topsy Thompson

4872 Winton Way

San Jose, CA 95124

(408) 377-4314, e-mail: topray4314@cs.com

Discover the Old Europe Croatia and Slovenia

September 24 - October 5, 2007

Croatia and Slovenia are two of Europe's "must see" destinations. Three UNESCO World Heritage Sites highlight this inclusive 12-day tour. Medieval architecture, tranquil lakes and beautiful rolling hills characterize these countries.

We will visit the Emperor Diocletian's Palace in Split, the Old City of Dubrovnik and Plitvice Lakes. These lakes are a series of 16 natural lakes, which cascade into waterfalls so clear you can see the underwater life there. In historic Zagreb we will have time in our tour to visit the local market. In Postojna we will see the largest caves in all Europe and also enjoy a classical riding presentation at the Lilia Stud Farm, which is the home of the world famous Lipizzaner horses. We will tour the interesting and historic cities of Zadar, Korcula and Dubrovnik, known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic." While traveling through Croatia's finest wine producing area we will sample locally produced varieties of wine. In Bled, Slovenia we will enjoy the magnificent Julian Alps and visit the home of the bishops of Brixen for over 800 years.

This all-inclusive trip is priced to sell the limited number of seats quickly at \$3,499.00. This includes all transportation, hotels, guides, most meals, taxes, tips and insurance.

Informational Meeting

March 13, 2007, 2:00 PM

Baker's Square, Almaden Expressway At Rt. 85

Contact:

George or Carole Walker at 408 268-7623

Travel Trips

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.

Tour Features:

- ◆ Club Vegas Dinner Show
- ◆ Silver Dollar City 1880's America
Allen Edwards Dinner Show
- ◆ Shoji Tabuchi and his magic violin
- ◆ Mickey Gilley Show
- ◆ Pierce Arrow Matinee
- ◆ Branson Belle Dinner Cruise
- ◆ Darren Romeo Show
- ◆ Salute to Broadway Matinee
- ◆ Platters Morning Show
- ◆ Presley's Theater Show
- ◆ Lost In The 60's Review

- ◆ Roundtrip Air Fare
- ◆ Deluxe Motor Coach
- ◆ Embassy Suites Kansas City
- ◆ Radisson Hotel Branson
- ◆ All taxes and gratuities
- ◆ Luggage Handling
- ◆ Breakfast and Dinner daily

Cost is \$1720 per person, double occupancy.
Single supplement is \$250.

Contact:

Ron or Heidi Harlan 408-266-7639

for more information and a brochure for this custom designed tour.

RV Camping Club

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

Contact:

Ernie Veal,
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Shasta Sunset Dinner Train Excursion

Thursday, May 31, to Saturday, June 2, 2007

Trip Activity rating-3

We've had such a large interest in this trip, that we are now taking reservations for a second bus on the same schedule.

Don't hesitate; this one is also filling fast!

The trip will start with a stop in Williams for a no-host lunch at Granzella's restaurant and then we are off to a guided tour of the Shasta Dam where you will have time to visit the visitor's center before the tour. Dinner that night will be at Lily's—finest dining in Northern California. After a hosted breakfast the next day, a Step-on guide will join the group for local touring including Castle Crags and McArthur Burney Falls Memorial State Parks. The 129 foot Burney Falls is the parks centerpiece which may not be the highest and largest waterfall in California but possibly the most beautiful. Later you will have some free time in McCloud, a logging company town established in 1897, prior to boarding the Shasta Sunset Dinner Train for a three hour excursion while enjoying a four course repast as you rattle around the base of the mountain on the old McCloud Railway line. The Dinner Train cars, with deep "Pullman Green" and gold exterior finish, have been carefully restored in the McCloud Railway's shops. Ivory linens, fine china, polished silver, and sparkling stemware add to this elegant dining experience. After a hosted breakfast we will head home with a stop in Redding to visit Turtle Bay Exploration Park which includes, Paul Bunyan's Forest Camp, Butterflies, and McConnell Arboretum and Gardens. No-host lunch at the Café at Turtle Bay. Final stop is a tour and tasting at The Olive Pit in Corning.

Tour Includes:

- Motorcoach transportation
- Hotel transfers and baggage handling
- 2 Breakfasts-1 Lunch, 2 Dinners
- All Gratuities
- Accommodations:
2 Nights, Tree House Inn, Mount Shasta

All this for \$392.00 per person double occupancy, single supplement \$130.00

For reservation information

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

Travel Trips

Exploring Coastal Maine

June 29-July 7, 2007

From Maine to Massachusetts nature dazzles your senses with its ever-changing landscape of inlets, bays, and rugged coastlines. Cruise along the picturesque shores and spectacular panoramas of Penobscot Bay. Explore quaint villages and charming coastal hamlets. Revel in the windswept landscapes and crystalline glacial lakes that form Acadia National Park - a nature lover's paradise. Cruise aboard Cruise West's *Spirit of Nantucket*. Celebrate July 4th in the "cradle of the American Revolution" and feast on world-famous Maine lobster.

8 Day cruise price includes: Outside Cabins, All meals, daily shore excursions and shipboard gratuities. Airport transfers, airfare into Boston and out of Bangor, Pre-cruise night in Boston also included in tour price starting at \$3190.

Contact:

Phyllis Souza at 371-2959



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 ocean view 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 for information and brochures.

Contact:

Ron or Heidi Harlan at 408 266-7639

Hot-air Balloon Fiesta & Carlsbad Caverns

October 10 - October 16, 2007

New Mexico is truly the 'land of enchantment' and you will feel this yourself if you join us on this outstanding tour. We will see Carlsbad Caverns and the White Sands National Monument, the UFO Museum in Roswell, Bandelier National Monument, Los Alamos Bradbury Science Museum, the Dawn Patrol and the mass ascension of the hot air balloons at the Balloon Fiesta, Santa Fe and all the sites!

Included: all transportation, all tips & gratuities, hometown transfers, baggage handling and Tour Director. 6 nights, 7 days, 11 meals; Cost: \$1849 per person.

**Info Meeting: Tuesday, February 20, 2:00 PM
Mama Mia's in Campbell, 200 E. Hamilton Ave.
Please RSVP if you wish to attend.**

Contact:

Ina Havens at 847-4793 or cliffina@verizon.net

Day Trips

Frasinetti's Winery Tour, Luncheon and I Love Lucy

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Trip Activity rating-2

Enjoy tasting, lunch, and tour of the Historic Frasinetti's Winery. With over 107 years of production this winery is the oldest family owned winery in the Sacramento Valley. Then enjoy a private performance by the sensational Judith Lynn Favero. You will be astounded as she portrays one of America's most beloved television characters—Lucille Ball in the famous "Vitameatavegamin" show. There will be snack stop on the way home.

Tour Includes:

- Deluxe Motorcoach
- All Gratuities
- Hosted Tasting, Lunch, and Performance

All this for \$70.00 per. person

These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

For reservation information

Contact:

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

T I Culinary Academy and New deYoung Museum

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

Trip Activity rating-2

Because of the high demand for this 2006 trip, we added a second tour to accommodate those on the wait list and others.

The day starts with a docent led tour of the new deYoung museum in Golden Gate Park, which is a state of the art facility that integrates art, architecture, and the natural landscape in one multi-faceted destination. Be sure to take the elevator to the observation floor at the top of the signature tower to get a dramatic 360 degree view of the west end of the city and the Golden Gate bridge. This followed by lunch at Treasure Island's Job Corp Culinary Academy prepared and served by a staff of students training to be the top chef's of tomorrow. These students are being trained in all of the finer culinary points, customer service and rotate all jobs before graduation. Save room for a delicious desert to conclude this wonderful lunch.

<u>Pickup Point</u>	<u>Bus Spot</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Return</u>
Capital Light Rail Station Park and Ride Lot	7:15 AM	7:30 AM	3:30 PM

\$60.00 PER PERSON-- Tour price includes:

Round trip deluxe motor coach transportation, early lunch at Culinary Academy, docent led museum tour, driver's gratuity

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

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Bocce Players Needed

Tuesday, May 15, 2007 11:30 AM

Campo Di Bocce

565 University Ave., Los Gatos

Everyone who attends has a great time, so....come join us for food and fun and friends playing the ageless game of bocce. The game of bocce is easy and fun. It is not strenuous and takes no previous experience. Again we will enjoy the wonderful cuisine of Italy with antipasti, appetizers, gourmet pizza and dessert.

We require a minimum of 32 players. Sign up early as this event fills up quickly.

Cost is \$30.00 per person for both food and fun!

To secure your spot, send your reservation along with your check made out to:

George Walker
6063 Burnbank Place
San Jose, CA 95120

Contact:

George Walker,



More Plantsite Photos

Building 12 is starting to come down.

To see some photos of the progress of the plantsite demolition, please go to the club website and click the link titled,

**"San Jose Site Demolition
As Seen from the Air."**

The pictures at this website are quite revealing since they are looking down at the area.

Club website:

www.sjpc.org/sjrc/

Day Trips

A Central Valley Adventure

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Trip Activity rating-2

Enjoy the beautiful countryside on our way to the Central Valley. Our first stop will be a docent-led tour of Sciabica's, the oldest olive oil producer in California. In 1936 they began cold pressing olive oil in California. Today they continue to produce the highest quality 100% Extra Virgin Olive Oil available anywhere, and is well known throughout the world as a benchmark for Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Our hosted lunch today is at Lodi Beer where we will also enjoy a tour of their facility. Their old world atmosphere and the friendly, fun personalities of the people who work there, give the wood, stone and steel architecture the warmth of a bygone era. With the 15 bbl copper Bohemian brew system sitting in the middle of the restaurant, it's more than apparent all the beer is made on site. On our tour today we will discover how from malted barley, hops, water and yeast, comes beer. After our tour we will enjoy a scrumptious lunch in their restaurant. Your choices will be Tarragon Chicken, Salmon or Skirt Steak. All entrees include Caesar Salad, non-alcohol beverages, and Apple Crisp for dessert Our last stop of the day will be Woodbridge Winery. For over twenty-five years they've been making fine wines in the Lodi region, one of California's oldest wine making areas. Over the years they've developed innovative wine making methods that enhance the flavors of the fruit from the vineyards. Here we will enjoy a docent-led tour of the winery and taste their award winning wines.

Tour Includes:

- Deluxe Motorcoach
- All Gratuities
- Hosted tasting, lunch, and docent tours

All this for \$70.00 per. person

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

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Follow That Seagull

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

Trip Activity rating-2

We will "Follow That Seagull" with tour guide extraordinaire, Craig Smith. You will find out things that you had never known about San Francisco! We will experience an in-depth "Ultimate City Tour." Your city tour includes a Hosted Lunch at the Beach Chalet, which offers a breathtaking ocean view. The ground floor visitor's center features an interpretive exhibit of beautiful murals, mosaics and wood carvings which were completed in 1936 as part of a federal works program. Entree choices are: Pan Roasted Herb Chicken or BBQ Babyback Pork Ribs. All entrées include salad, bread & butter, dessert, and beverage (coffee or tea).

Tour Includes:

- Deluxe Motorcoach
- All Gratuities
- Hosted Lunch and Tour Guide

All this for \$89.00 per. person

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

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Indian Casino Trips

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

Gold Country, Monday October 8,2007, Price \$20.00, bonus, \$10.00 cash

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

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

Contact:

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

Hikes

Los Alamitos Creek Trail Hike

Friday, February 23, 10:00 AM

How about a nice, flat, paved walk of about 4 miles? This month we'll meander down a trail that follows Alamitos Creek. Alamitos Creek flows from the eastern slopes of the Sierra Azul down in to Almaden Valley, where it meets Arroyo Calero, then the two continue north to drain into Almaden Lake. Although the creek may look mild and gentle most of the year, heavy winter storms created chronic flooding in Almaden Valley until the Santa Clara Water District widened the creek bed and installed levees in the 1970s. The trail is a joint effort between the City of San Jose and the Santa Clara Water District.

We'll be following the trail beginning at Almaden Lake and head south, following along the banks of the creek. Initially the trail skirts some housing developments, then it crosses the creek and runs parallel to Camden Avenue. The trail eventually abandons a roadside course and takes a final path along Calero and Santa Teresa Creeks, ending at Fortini Road near Santa Teresa County Park.

This will be a short walk and only 3.9 miles out and back. We'll picnic at the end of the walk. Of course, if you haven't had enough walking you can go back out for some more!

To get to the starting point, from Highway 85 and Almaden Expressway, travel south on Almaden Expressway, turn left onto Coleman, right on Winfield, and then turn right into the park. We'll meet in the parking lot. Note that dogs are allowed in this area (on leash of course) so you can bring your four-footed friends if you like. There are restrooms at the trailhead. Bring lunch and water. See you there!

Contacts:

Gil or Julie Feller 247-6769



Uvas Canyon Hike

Friday, March 30,
10:00 AM

Our March hike takes us to lovely Uvas Canyon Park in the southern part of Santa Clara County. The park has some great waterfalls, and if we have some spring rain, the falls will be spectacular. There are a couple of options for this hike.

The first is an easy, mainly flat loop route of about 1-1/2 miles along the Waterfall Loop Trail, which follows Swanson Creek. At a trail junction about 3/4 of a mile along, the Waterfall loop goes back to our starting point.

At the trail junction, those preferring a more difficult hike (translation – hilly!) can continue with the hike leader on the Contour and Alec Canyon trails. Manzanita Point along the Alec Canyon trail offers a spectacular view. Total distance is about 4.5 miles for the more difficult hike.

To get to the park from Highway 85 going south towards Gilroy, exit at Almaden Expressway. Stay in the ramp's middle lane, make the first left, then the next right onto Almaden Expressway. Drive about 4 miles to the end of Almaden Expressway, and turn right onto Harry. Almost immediately, turn left onto McKean. McKean turns into Uvas Road after about 6 miles. Continue on Uvas for about 3.5 miles, and turn right onto Croy. Drive a little over 4 miles to the park entrance at the end of the road. About 0.4 miles before the entrance you will pass through Sveadal, a Swedish vacation retreat. Note that the speed limit is only 5 miles per hour on this narrow road. You'll have time to look at the quaint little cottages where Swedish flags still fly and you are reminded to look out for the trolls!

We will meet at 10:00 AM at the day use parking area. After going through the entrance (\$4 fee unless you have a county parks sticker) drive up the road a bit and look for the "day use parking" sign on the right side. There are restrooms available near the lot. Bring lunch and water.

Note that the hike leader this month will be:

Contact:

Lee Westfall. (408) 225-7667

IBM Club

IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes

AMC: silver \$5.50; gold \$7.00

Regal/United Artists: \$6.00

Cinelux: \$6.00 - no restrictions

Century/Cinemark: \$6.50 - no restrictions

Universal Studios

Gate price: \$59.00, ages 3 and up \$49.00

IBM Club price: \$44.00 Three day ticket!

Disneyland single day-one park

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

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

Disneyland 1-day park hopper

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

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

Disneyland 2-day park hopper

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

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

Disneyland 3-day park hopper

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

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

Disney World single day-one park

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

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

Disney World 3-day park hopper

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

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

Legoland

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

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

SeaWorld

Gate price: \$54.00 3-9 years: \$44.00, 2 days

IBM Club price: \$43.50 3-9 years: \$38.00, 2 days

Sees Candy

IBM Club price: \$10.35 1 pound gift certificate

Ski Lift Tickets

Squaw Valley: \$55.00 (gate: \$69.00)

1-day general admission

North Star/Sierra: adult (23 & up) \$53.00

(gate: \$69.00)

Young adult (13-22) \$44.00

(gate: \$59.00)

Child (5-12) \$15.00

(gate: \$24.00)

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

PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2007, 5:00 PM, SVL

Gene Ousterling, SeniorNet instructor, will present **Yahoo's GeoCities** which offers free web space & "PageBuilder" software. Ideal for beginners, PageBuilder's point-and-click interface makes it easy to create an impressive full-featured web site without having to do any programming. You can include photos of your family, your pets, latest vacation, a wedding or your recent class reunion. Use your free web space to keep in touch with family & friends, share your knowledge about your hobbies, crafts, or anything else of interest. Your free web space is a blank canvas just waiting for you to have fun & express yourself. Who knows, you may even impress your spouse!

Example site: <http://geocities.com/glousterling/>

For more information about GeoCities, go to

http://geocities.yahoo.com/ps/learn2/HowItWorks4_Free.html

See the PC Club web site for directions to the meeting:

www.sjpc.org

Contact for questions:

Walt Cole 972-1178 or opawalt@pacbell.net

Swap'N'Shop

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

www.employeeswapshop.com/ibmer

Discount Web Site for IBM Retirees

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

www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/

IBM 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**

IBM Retiree ID Card

IBM retirees that have lost, or never had, or just cannot find their IBM Retiree ID card can call and get one.

Call the IBM Employee Service Center: **1-800-796-9876**.

Adopt-A-Highway

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

Lots of beer cans and empty bottles (hard liquor & beer) indicated litterers do celebrate New Year's Eve. A tow truck pulls in to our rendezvous area to readjust the pickup with camper shell it was towing. Thus begins January's litter adventure that Doug called Blessings...Bling Bling...and Telephones

Telephones: When Chuck Williams came in he was missing his cell phone. He called his wife on our mobile and she agreed to keep calling his cell until it was found. Lee Westfall offered to go with him to look for the phone. They looked all over the area and both heard it ringing about the same time...Margaret had called 30 times! What a team: Lee, Chuck, & Margaret!

Blessings: Yummiest blessing, Alicia Juarez made little chess tarts and cookies as a surprise for our tailgate party.

Walt Cole found an Olive Garden Restaurant pager. When we returned it they gave us a \$5.00 gift certificate which we turned over to the finder...call it a finder's fee. So go to the Olive Garden on Blossom Hill Road you may be given the pager Walt found!

While cleaning the VTA lot, I was greeted by a waving and smiling lady on her way to the light rail station. She cheerfully asked "do you get paid or do you volunteer to clean up after people?" My reply, "I'm just one of 14 volunteers cleaning litter today from the IBM Retirement Club that clean this lot and 2 miles of northbound highway 85 once a month." When she heard this, she took my hand and asked if she could pray for us. I nodded; the prayer went something like this: "Dear God, thank you for these volunteers....bless them with safety...and good health...as they clean up after your children...just as you clean up after us."

Bling Bling (Harley style): Doug Dean found a Harley foot rest w/arm assembly (for boot toe) beautifully crafted, brand new (about 15 lbs) with no wear on rubber...shiny chrome and unmarred black rubber. It was simply beautiful and looked like a sculpture! (and I'm an Indian fan especially of Indian Chiefs)

Money: \$1.87 all coins. Jack Meili invented the term "road kill money" and picked up 67 cents of it. Josie Supencheck finds a nickel heads up. She swears that is the first coin she's found heads up but she is wearing in her hair a found shiny blue bow and carrying a roll of duct tape. Is my leg being pulled?

Automotive Potpourri: Tom Clarke found a grill of GMC pickup truck. In the parking lot, a radiator with evidence that someone used the parking lot as a garage to replace it (empty coolant bottles and a smelly puddle on the pavement). John Warner's treasure was Sam's Club card, padlock key, and a parking violation issued on 12/22 for a BMW amount due \$28.00. Fast track transponder was retrieved by Lee Westfall. We turned over two driver's licenses to DMV.

Horseless Carriage 4" x 6 1/2" license plate from Washington State was found by Mel Olsen. We sent Washington State an e-mail. Reply: "Please mangle or deface the plate so it cannot be reused and throw it away. The customer will have to apply for a duplicate. Have a good afternoon." (Dept of licensing of Washington State)

Misc: 4 credit cards, 1 long distance calling card, 2 gift cards, 1 "store credit" card. The foot locker gift card had a telephone number you call, punch in gift card number, you are given the balance...all automated! Of course the balance was "zero dollars!" Reported all the cards and cut them up as advised. We mailed Social Security card to "if found address" on back of card. Dick Sementelli found the mandatory socket.

RIP: Howard Hansen found a dead raccoon.

It's over: Lee W. & Bruce Henry, returning to their car, discussing how uneventful this clean was, when Bruce looked at his feet, and "found a Quarter for Evie"! I am the keeper of our slush fund used to provide tailgate sustenance for tired, dusty, heroic litter warriors.

Schedule: meet in VTA Parking lot 8:45 AM

Thursday, February 8, 2007 second Thursday

Wednesday, March 14, 2007 second Wednesday

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 2006/2007 Winter League, November 8, 2006

1st Place: Team #7: "MAFF" Mae Nakamura, Ann Wilson,
Fred Mitchel
2nd Place: Team #4: "BEEKS", Ken England, Shirley Beyler,
Ed Bernhardt, Ed Henschel

Individual Achievements

Ladies

Men

High Averages

172-Jan Curry 169-Faye Fritz 167-Ann Wilson	210-Tim Murray Sr. 203-George Zagelow 201-Dennis Pitchford
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High Scratch Game

223-Lisa Johannes 220-Jan Curry 219-Ann Wilson	278-Dan Thery 270-Bill Hooper 269-George Zagelow
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High Scratch Series

566-Shirley Beyler 556-Jan Curry 554-Faye Fritz	746-George Zagelow 729-Tim Murray Sr. 682-Dennis Pitchford
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High Handicap Game

293-Lisa Johannes 265-Helen Nakamoto 262-Olga Walters	320-Ted Head 300-Dan Thery 288-Bill Hooper
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High Handicap Series

726-Lisa Johannes 720-Iris Pruet 716-Jane Bode	790-Ted Head 761-George Zagelow 761-Fred Mitchell 738-Sal Garcia
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Q: Holy Catfish, what am I doing here?

A: I am having fun just like all these wonderful people that are getting such high scores. I try, but -----

We still could use you, why not come on down and bowl with us, you'll love it. Come and try, your place is waiting for you. See you Wednesday.

Contact:

Topsy Thompson, League Secretary, 377-4314

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

January 4, 2007: The rains came so we canceled golf for this day. Hopefully the sun will shine in February!

The golf course manager informed us:

Tee time has been changed to 10:00 AM.

Please be at the course by 9:30 AM. From now on, this will be our tee time.

The next fun golf dates are Thursdays, February 1 and March 1, 2007, **at 10:00 am, sharp. Please be there by 9:30 AM to sign in and to pick up your lunch coupon from Helen.** Please send your check for \$22 **15 days in advance** of our golf date (or sooner) to:

**Helen Wehner
1561 Park Crest Ct.
San Jose, CA 95118**

Or call Helen to let her know you'd like to play that day. Sign ups will be on a first-come-first-serve basis, since there is a limited number of players allowed.

Make your check out to the "IBM Retirement Club" and on the memo line write "Short 18 Hole Golf".

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.**

Clara, DeDe and Helen

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

Senior Watson Bowling Tournament

**Friday, May 4, 2007, 9:30 AM
"300 CLUB" (Oakridge Lanes)**

Well, it is that time of the year again. It's almost time for the annual bowling tournament just for IBM retirees.

Bowl 4 games, (we take the best 3 out of 4 games)
Start out with "Coffee, and Donuts"

Lunch will be, "BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken, salads, and rolls.

All this bowling, and lunch for only \$15.00

You must sign up for this Tournament,
so we know how many to cook for.

You can call:

Sue (578-8500) or Topsy (377-4314)

Par Tee Golf

Ridgemark (Gabilan) January 22, 2007: The "Shot-Of-The-Day" goes to Ron Reek. On Hole number 7, a par 4 dogleg left, he hit his fourth shot into the cup from 60 yards out to save par! Nice shot, Ron! We had a nice turnout of 36 golfers. The format of play was "Individual Play." Here are the results:

Individual Play

1 / 68	Eric Schrader	1 / 68	Andy La Scola	1 / 68	Kathy La Scola
2 / 69	Gil Maes	2 / 69	Earl Bowers	2 / 69	Jim Stonehouse
3 / 70	Tom Siljander	3 / 70	Pat Arnett		
4 / 71	Granny Barefoot	4 / 71	Gwen Kaefer	4 / 71	Leroy Wallace

Closest-To-Pin

	<u>#4</u>	<u>#9</u>	<u>#12</u>	<u>#15</u>
<u>Men</u>	Lou Tolbert 6' 8"	Eric Schrader 13' 0"		Pat Arnett 35' 7"
	Rich Barone 14' 0"	Tom Siljander 29' 7"		
	Jerry Condensa 35' 5"			

There were ten bogey golfers, (gross score of 90 or better), and they are: Erick Schrader & Nick Nomm 81; Andy La Scola & Patrick Arnett 82; Gil Maes 83; Granny Barefoot, Lou Tolbert & Rich Barone 85; and Ralph Lyle 86. Congratulations to all the winners!

Looking ahead at our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Feb. 5	San Jose Municipal	\$37.00/Jan. 17	Carts optional at \$7/per player - Format = 2 best ball foursome
Mar. 12	Ridgemark-Diablo	\$40.00/Feb. 21	Includes cart-soft spikes required - Format = 2 best ball foursome
Apr. 9	Laguna Seca	\$35.00/Mar. 21	Cart optional - soft spikes required - Format = 2 best ball foursome
May 21	Sunnyvale Municipal	\$40.00/May 2	Cart optional - soft spikes required - Format = 2 best ball foursome

- 1 The "Par Tee Golf Schedule" and "Golf Rules" for 2007 can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.sjpc.org/sjrc
- 2 A quick reminder--Proper golf attire is required at ALL of the courses that we play. That means that "Jeans" or "Levi's" are NOT allowed. Thank you!
- 3 Renewals are past due for the "Par Tee Golf Club." The fee for "past due" or "no" previous NCGA number, is \$45.00. Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: maxdonmar@comcast.net
- 4 Prices are subject to change. Be sure to check newsletter or web site for latest information.
- 5 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 is:

Par Tee Golf
P.O. Box 53535
San Jose, CA95123-0535

Include your GHIN 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



Joint
IBM Quarter Century Club
and
IBM San Jose Retirement Club

PASTA FEST

Saturday, March 17, 2007

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Almaden Research Lab Cafeteria
Entrance off Harry Road or Bernal Road

Reservation Deadline: March 10, 2007

No Tickets Will Be Sold At the Event!!



2:00 PM Social Hour

3:00 PM Dinner

Menu

Various Pastas

Salad

Garlic Bread

Ice Cream

Wine, Coffee or Soft Drinks

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

Your checks will be held until the reservation deadline before they are deposited.

Cancellations must be received by March 10, 2007, if you wish a refund!

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

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Reservation Form

IBM Quarter Century Club & IBM San Jose Retirement Club PASTA FEST

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Phone: _____ 2nd Guest: _____

Please Reserve: # of persons: _____ \$17.50 each (total number of persons who will attend)

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

MAIL TO: Terry Milinic'
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