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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Happy New Year! Just a few changes have occurred for this year's board membership. Sally Large has retired as Club Secretary and Dave Sloan has taken her place. Thanks, Sally, for all your wonderful efforts and we look forward to working with Dave. Topsy Thompson, who has always given so much of herself, has turned over the reins of the Sunshine Committee to Terry Milinic' who, as most of us know, is a former Club President. Thanks for your efforts, Topsy, you did a great job. Walt Cole and Ed Mueller, the unsung heroes of the Retirement Club, will maintain their positions as Communications Director and Membership Director. I thank the Lord for that. Tom Clark remains Treasurer, George Walker remains VP, Bernie Coullahan, Millie Wiedemer and Ron Harlan remain Directors at Large. We are always looking for new board members. If you are interested in participating as such, please contact me.

The board would like to see attendance at our events increase. We can only guess what you expect or might like at events such as the Holiday Dinner Dance and Picnic. Please take the time to e-mail me and let me know what you personally would do to increase attendance. I promise any reasonable suggestion will be considered. The Annual Meeting to be held in October is in need of a guest speaker. If anyone can offer help in this area, please let me know.

There were no hardcopy newsletters mailed in January.

May you all have a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year! Also, have a happy Valentine's Day.

Art Dill

IBM Retirement Club/IBM Quarter Century Club Pasta Fest

Saturday, March 22, 2008

Once again we are pleased to have our annual Pasta Fest at the Almaden Research Lab. No need to change a winning menu, so you will have your choice of several pastas, salad, garlic bread, ice cream and other desserts, wine, soft drinks and coffee. Social hour starts at 2:00 PM, with food served at 3:00 PM.

There are usually around 200 retirees and Quarter Century members at these affairs, and it is a very heartening experience to see the smiling faces as old friends and former workmates get reacquainted with each other. It is a purely social gathering with no program, so conversation and fellowship, with time out for some very well prepared and presented food, are the order of the day.

To sign up, use the form on page 13 and mail to Terry Milinic', who has been kind enough to handle this duty for several years. We are able to hold to last year's price of \$17.50 and checks will not be cashed until March 15, which is the final registration date.

George Nale, George Walker, Chris Bhola, Jim Lucke

Annual Club Picnic

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Mark your calendars and send in your reservation (see page 15) for the Annual Club Picnic which will be held at Cunningham Park in San Jose. This is the club's major event (with approximately 400 people) where you can meet new people, 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 meats with all the trimmings. The day will start with coffee at 10:30 AM, lunch at noon and games starting at 1:30 PM. Bring your old glasses for donation to the needy. See you there.

Bill Souza

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Membership Report

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January 17, 2008

Membership History

Number in () is how many folks are receiving their newsletters via the Internet instead of the US Mail

Year	December	January
1998	1654(0)	1661(0)
2007	2166(509)	2121(284)
2008		2168(511)

New Members

Rao Coca
Betty Harding
James Norton
Gary Wagner
James Vogue

In Memoriam

Walt Arrufat
Fred Bennett
Wayne "Buck" Gillette
Ralph Golub
Harry Halberstadt
Mike Hodgins
James McTighe
Cletus McVicker
Dick Michelsen
Albert Sasao
Frank Winter

Change of Address

If your address label is incorrect or your e-mail address has changed, or you have moved or are planning to move, please inform the Membership Director, Ed Mueller. Send your new address and phone number by mail or e-mail. Ed will also set you up for "read on line" to save paper, if you request that. Be sure your request includes your name & address, so he corrects the right person.

Send mail to:

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Ed Mueller,

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Sunshine Report

Howard Snively is having back problems which were caused by a staph infection received while hospitalized. His wife, Gladys, is also having back problems, the result of an accident. Howard is patiently waiting for an appointment at a pain clinic to hopefully get some relief. Let's hope that appointment comes soon.

I've spoken to others who are ill but did not want their names published - and we wish them well.

Please call me if you know of someone who is ill; or if it is more convenient, send e-mail.

Terry Milinic'
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Eye Glasses Report

John Muller was the first to give me eye glasses, 15 pairs clear, 6 pairs sun glasses and 3 pairs lenses.

Mel Olsen gave Betty 22 pairs clear and 3 pairs sun. Betty added 1 pair clear and 1 pair sun.

At the Annual Meeting, I picked up 10 pairs clear.

Ina Havens gave me 4 pairs clear and 5 pair of sun glasses.

The One More Time bowling league gave 12 pairs clear and 4 sun.

At the Holiday Party, 16 pairs clear and 5 pairs of sun. Also a pair of hearing aids. If anyone knows where these can go, please let me know.

A total of 304 pairs of clear glasses and 58 pairs of sun glasses and 23 pairs of lenses were donated in 2007. Thanks to everyone who donated.

Please continue to donate your used eye glasses. Look for the Eye Glass Box at the Pasta Fest and the Picnic. Also, when you go on a bus trip, you can give glasses to the host or hostess to pass on to me

Thanks for your donations.

Pat Falkowski, 972-2877

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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Feb 2, 2008	Horse Racing - Golden Gate Fields		7	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Feb 12, 2008	PC Club: Windows Media Center		10	Walt Cole	972-1178
Feb 14, 2008	Adopt-a-Highway		10	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Feb 14, 2008	Valentine's Day Special Event	2	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Feb 21, 2008	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Feb 29, 2008	Hike: Los Alamitos Creek Walk		9	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Mar 9-11, 2008	Reno: Circus Circus		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 12, 2008	Adopt-a-Highway		10	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Mar 22, 2008	IBM Retirement/QC Clubs Pasta Fest		1, 14	George Nale George Walker	779-4275 268-7623
Mar 28, 2008	Hike: San Pedro Valley Park		9	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Apr 4, 2008	A Taste of Many Treasures	3	9	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Apr 21, 2008	Indian Casino: Black Oak		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 22, 2008	Bocce		8	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
May 2, 2008 May 15, 2008	Safari West	3	8	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
May 7-15, 2008	Great Lakes Adventure		6	Ina Havens	847-4793
May 20, 2008	IBM Retirement Club Annual Picnic		1	Bill Souza	356-6280
May 29-Jun 11, 2008	South America	4	4	Art & Sherry Dill	831 338-3069
Jun 9, 2008	Indian Casino: Chukchansi		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jun 20, 2008	Western Railway Museum	2	7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
July 8, 22, 2008	KQED Behind the Scenes	2	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
July 13-16, 2008	Wild West Casino Trip		4	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 27- Aug 3, 2008	Columbia, Snake and Willamette Rivers		4	Phyllis Souza	247-7335
Aug 12, 2008	California Magic Theatre & Chocolate!	2	7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Aug 28-Sep 7, 2008	England/Scotland	3	5	George & Isobel Nale	779-4275
Sep 25-Oct 5, 2008	Trains through Switzerland & Austria		6	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Sep 14-16, 2008	Reno: Circus Circus		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 7, 2008	A Journey Through Time - Steinbeck	2	8	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Oct 20, 2008	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 22-Nov 4, 2008	Mediterranean Cruise		5	George & Carole Walker	268-7623

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

**Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, February 21, 2008
10:00 AM**

IBM Almaden Research,
Bernal Road
Enter at Lobby entrance

Travel Trips

South America May 29 - June 11, 2008

♪ *Tall and tan and young and lovely* ♪, the girls from Ipanema Beach might be seen on this tour! You will be staying at a beautiful resort hotel on Copacabana Beach. Included are tours of Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Iguassu Falls and Santiago, Chile, among many other activities.

Trip Highlights:

- Welcome Cocktail Party -Hot hors d'oeuvres
- Sugarloaf Mountain Sunset Tour via cable car
- Samba Dinner Show at famous Plataforma
- Cogwheel train-Mt. Corovado; Christ the Redeemer
- Tijuca National Park via Jeep Safari
- Eco Train to "Devil's Throat"-Iguassu Falls
- Spectacular Tango Dinner Show in Buenos Aires
- Gaucho Festival-Buenos Aires-BBQ, folkdance +
- Santiago-Neoclassic Moneda Palace and Government Seat
- San Cristobal Hill-View of Andes mountains
- Chile-Pacific Coast full day tour with highlight stops.
- Wineries

The price of the tour including airfare is \$3,995. Single Supplement \$825.00. Main tour includes Brazilian visa (\$100), all air flights, transfers, entrance to shows and tours per itinerary, baggage handling, 11 breakfasts, 3 main meal lunches, 3 other dinners.

An optional 4-night, 5-day tour of Lima, Cuzco, and Machu Picchu is available, June 11 - 15.

- Lima Archaeological Museum + more
- Cuzco Urubamba Valley + more
- Ollantaitambo ruins-Cuzco
- Vista Dome Train to Machu Picchu + tours

Peru extension is \$1550 pp. Single Supplement is \$385. Peru Extension Features include all air flights, transfers, entrance to tours per itinerary, baggage handling, 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches.

Not included in this trip: arrival and departure taxes to be paid in cash for each country, visa pictures, tips, trip insurance.

Prices are based on airfares as of 6/20/07 and subject to change until ticketed.

Contact:

Art and Sharry Dill for brochure.

(831) 338-3069

TAR 4

Columbia, Snake and Willamette Rivers July 27 - August 3, 2008

Join us as we explore some of America's most historic and scenic rivers aboard a small and elegant ship. We will follow the footsteps of Lewis and Clark and the Oregon Trail pioneers.

Trip Highlights:

- Board the ship in Portland
- Daily shore excursions
- Open fine dining
- Evening social hour, with hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting
- On board Historian
- Welcome Reception
- Captain's Welcome Aboard Dinner Party and entertainment after dinner
- Hood River/Stevenson
- Umatilla/Pendleton – follow the route used by the Oregon Trail Pioneers
- Clarkston/Lewiston
- Columbia River cruising
- Longview/Mt. St. Helens
- Astoria/Fort Clatsop

The ship "Queen of the West" is meant to showcase the wide-open vistas. Four decks offer panoramic viewing from every angle. Guests aboard enjoy outside staterooms where scenic views change by the hour. Dine in the opulent Lewis and Clark Dining Room, where the emphasis is on fine fresh regional cuisine.

Outside stateroom: \$3298.00.

Contact:

Phyllis Souza for a complete brochure
(408) 247-7335

Wild West Casino Trip July 13-16, 2008

Stay 3 nights at the Riverside Hotel & Casino Resort in Laughlin, Nevada, on the Colorado River. At the resort you'll get a free buffet meal and have gaming and live entertainment. Visit Oatman, Arizona, for a day. Along the way see fascinating desert vegetation and beautiful rock formations. Oatman is an "authentic" old western town with burros in the streets, with old saloons, and plenty of shopping. You may even see a gun fight. On the way home, stop at Harris Ranch for a hosted hearty ranch style meal.

All this for only \$180 per person, double occupancy (single supplement is \$50).

Contact:

Topsy Thompson

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

Travel Trips

England/Scotland

August 28 - September 7, 2008

England and Scotland are wonderful to visit but pricey because of the value of the dollar. So we are trying to maximize enjoyment of the trip and get the best bang for the buck. Many travelers tell us they dislike long bus rides and changing hotels regularly. We will use a hub and spoke arrangement which concentrates on major cities, yields longer stays in nice hotels and lets you see the areas close by.

Our trip goes into London for 3 plus days, we fly to Inverness on day 5 and go to Edinburgh for the rest of the trip. One could easily spend weeks in London and Edinburgh, so there is no shortage of great things to see and experience.

In London we tour Westminster Abbey and its chapels, the Tower of London, catch the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, tour Hampton Court, spend a half day sightseeing and then have free time to see historic sites such as St. Paul's Cathedral, Victoria and Albert Museum, the British Museum, Parliament, and the Shakespeare theater.

Our visit to Inverness allows us to see Fort Augustus, cruise Loch Ness looking for Nessie, and visit the Culloden Visitor Centre and Battleground. On our way to Edinburgh we visit Stirling Castle, Argyll's Lodging, the National Wallace Monument and the Bannockburn Heritage Centre.

Edinburgh is a lovely ancient city with Edinburgh Castle towering above it. We tour the castle and then go down the Royal Mile to Holyrood Palace. The Royal Mile is replete with historic structures, St. Giles Cathedral, specialty shops and pubs. We will visit Glasgow Cathedral and the tall ship in Glasgow harbor, then take a short cruise on Loch Lomond. We will have free time to see the rest of historic Edinburgh and its surrounding environs, even St. Andrews if we have any ardent golfers. Our trip concludes with a Scottish night where you acquire your brogue for the trip home.

The trip is priced at \$2970 per person, with the usual add ons for fuel surcharges, airport departure taxes and some tips to drivers. A tour manager will be with us all the way.

The trip activity rating is 3. For further information call **George or Isobel Nale at (408) 779-4275**, or email us at gr4na@aol.com

Mediterranean Cruise

Athens to Rome

Stopping in the Holy Lands

October 22 - November 4, 2008

Take advantage of this opportunity to visit some of the most beautiful and exotic places on the Mediterranean, as well as the holy cities of **Galilee**, **Nazareth** and **Jerusalem**. This trip, on the intimate **Pacific Princess** with only 650 passengers and 70% balconies, allows the comfort of a cruise and the flexibility of visiting some of the world's most important historical venues. The timing of this cruise gives us the best weather and fewer crowds.

Our adventure begins in **Athens**, home of 7,000 years of Greek culture and history, and continues to beautiful **Santorini**, one of the most beautiful of all the Greek islands. From atop the rim of an ancient volcanic caldera, the delightful towns of the island offer stunning views of the Aegean in every direction! The next stop is the island of **Patmos**, famous for the exiled years of St. John and believed to be the spot where the book of Revelation was written. We then visit **Kusadasi, Turkey**, and the ancient city of **Ephesus**. This is the largest ancient archeological site in the world, dating from the second century.

After a day of sailing on the beautiful Mediterranean Sea, we arrive in the port of **Haifa, Israel**, and from there we'll explore **Galilee** and **Nazareth**, two of the most important cities in Christian history. The next day we will visit the historical city of **Jerusalem** for 13 hours, giving us ample time for touring. There are a number of tours that you can choose from.

Our next stop is **Port Said, Egypt**, which itself is worthy of a day of exploration, or we can visit **Giza** and one of the Wonders of the World, the **Pyramids!** Again, we will spend enough time in port to cover much of the ancient history of this fascinating area. The next day we can go exploring while docked in the ancient port of **Alexandria, Egypt**, at the mouth of the mighty Nile River.

The next two days are relaxing ones on the Pacific Princess as we make our way toward the beautiful island of **Capri, Italy**. There will be lots of time for a walk around Sorrento and maybe some pasta and wine! We disembark in beautiful, eternal **Rome**. Extensions are possible so that all of the art and culture of this wonderful city can be enjoyed.

Cost will vary by cabin choice: interior double \$4525 to balcony suites at \$5075 including air fare. However, if you have frequent flier mileage this could be a great time to use it to bring the price down considerably. Included in the price are all transfers, taxes and insurance.

Extensions: either pre-trip in Athens or post-trip in Rome can be arranged.

For more information call:

George or Carole Walker at (408) 268-7623.

Travel Trips

Switzerland and Austria Trains of the Alps

September 25 - October 5, 2008

Discover breathtaking Alpine vistas as we journey on some of the most dramatic railway lines and roads that pass through Switzerland, Italy and Austria. Experience Swiss train travel in all its glory, renowned for its special engineering and impeccable service, as we travel on four great Alpine trains. Enjoy the stunning beauty of the magnificent Alps, charming traditional villages, and grand castles, and the distinctive cultural treasures found in this pristine corner of Europe.

Trip Highlights Include:

- Glacier Express
- Golden Pass Panoramic Train
- Gornergrat Cogwheel Railroad
- Bernina Express Train
- Geneva, Montreux, Lausanne, Gstaad
- Zermatt, St Moritz, Innsbruck, Salzburg
- 16 meals: 9 breakfasts, 7 dinners

Price of the tour including airfare is \$3799.
Land only price is \$2299.

Contact:

Ron or Heidi Harlan at (408) 266-7639 or
Bob Martinez at (408) 927-1307 for
brochures and arrangements. Seats are limited.

Great Lakes Adventure

May 7 - 15, 2008

Tour Highlights:

- Chicago City Tour
- Holland Tulip Festival/Dutch Village
- Veldheer Gardens/Traverse City
- 2 nights Mackinac Island
- Grand Hotel Lunch
- Green Bay / Door County
- Fish Boil Dinner
- Wisconsin Dells Cruise
- House on the Rock
- Lambeau Field

Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip Airfare - SJC
- 14 Meals/Deluxe Motorcoach
- Professional Tour Director
- Baggage Handling
- Daily Sightseeing
- Admissions per Itinerary
- Hotel Transfers
- Tips & Gratuities
- All inclusive cost: \$2079 pp

For questions or brochures, contact:

Ina Havens, (408) 847-4793
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Letters to the Editor

Walter Joseph Arrufat, 86

Walter was born in Binghamton, NY, on New Year's Eve in 1920 and passed away on Nov. 30, 2007. Walter worked at IBM for 45 years and enjoyed a passion for photography and travel. His career with IBM started as a toolmaker in Endicott, NY, before moving to San Jose, CA, in 1957 to work in the new products division manufacturing plant that developed the disc drive. He worked on the first light pen operated touch screen cathode ray tube that was used in schools during the 1960s. He was also part of the team that developed the ticket machines for BART that used magnetic stripes to record fare and payment information. In his spare time, Walter was a professional wedding and portrait photographer and served as the president of the Santa Clara County Professional Photographers Association in 1974. His photography and toolmaker skills were put to use by IBM when he became a member of the Asset Protection Department assisting with FBI investigations of counterfeit computer parts. He produced a multimedia audio visual presentation of IBM's security measures at facilities in Japan and the U.S. After retiring in 1984, Walter was a security consultant whose clients included the Kodak Corporation.

During World War II, Walter served in the tool room on the USS Sierra, a destroyer tender. His photographs of 1945 Shanghai captured life on the streets of that bygone era and can be viewed at:

<http://www.marymccaslin.com/Shanghai1945/>

Walter is survived by his wife of 59 years Martha, son Greg, daughter Debbie and granddaughter Tina.

Greg Arrufat

Day Trips

Western Railway Museum

Friday, June 20, 2008

Trip Activity rating-2

Start your day in Suisun City at the Western Railway Museum to experience California as it was 100 years ago. You will take an electric train trip through the peaceful, picturesque Montezuma Hills over the original historic main line of the Sacramento Northern Railway. You will have time to take a tour of the living history museum where we will find over 100 pieces of preserved railroad equipment. The collection of historic electric railway artifacts is one of the most complete and diverse in the world. You will stop off at The Point Waterfront Restaurant for a hosted lunch. The Point, known for superb food and friendly and efficient service, is set overlooking the beautiful Sacramento River. Your entrée selections are BBQ Tri Tip with Roasted Potatoes, Chicken Marsala with Seasoned Rice, or Calamari Steak with Seasoned Rice. All meals include fresh vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee or tea and ice cream for dessert. Your final stop is a visit to the ever-famous Jelly Belly Factory where you will have a guided tour and time to shop for those flavorful candies. There's a bird's eye view of their production floor where thousands of pounds of candy are made.

Tour includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities and a hosted lunch.

All this for \$64.00 per person

These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

Contact:

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

California Magic Theatre and Chocolate

Tuesday, August 12, 2008, Trip Activity rating-2

You are off to "the best place to eat, relax, and be amazed," the **California Magic Dinner Theatre**, which brings to the present the rich history of magic, one of the oldest of the performing arts. Patrons of this fine establishment feel welcomed by music from bygone eras playing on the doorstep. Stepping across the threshold is like crossing through a veil into another era; from greeters in gowns or tuxedos to the seats focused on the parlor stage, guests will enjoy the comfort and attention provided them by the California Magic family. We will enjoy a hosted lunch and magic show. Amazing fun!

After the show we will visit the **Scharffen Berger Chocolate Factory** in Berkeley, known as "America's Finest Dark Chocolate maker... From Bean to Bar." While there you will enjoy a private, docent-led tour of their factory, get to sample their chocolates and learn how chocolate is made. At the end of the tour you will receive a certificate to use in their gift shop.

Tour Includes:

Deluxe Motorcoach

All Gratuities

Hosted Lunch, and Docent Tour

All this for \$76.00 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**

Indian Casino Trips

Circus, Circus, Reno, Sunday-Tuesday, March 9-11, 2008

Price: \$99.00 per person double occupancy & \$38.00 single supplement; casino bonus: \$30.00 cash & \$7.00 food credit

Black Oak, Monday, April 21, 2008

Price: \$18.00, \$5.00 cash, \$5.00 match play & coupons

Chukchansi, Monday, June 9, 2008

Price: \$20, \$10.00 EZ play & \$5.00 food credit

Circus, Circus, Reno, Sunday-Tuesday, September 14-16, 2008

Price: \$99.00 per person, double occupancy & \$38.00 single supplement; casino bonus: \$30.00 cash & \$7.00 food credit

Jackson Rancheria,

Monday, October 20, 2008

Price: \$25.00, \$10.00 cash & coupons

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

Parking: Capitol Expressway and Hwy 87
Park-n-Ride, South Lot, Section G
Depart: 8:00 AM

Contact:

Topsy Thompson 377-4314

or e-mail topray4314@cs.com

Thoroughbred Races at Golden Gate Fields

February 2, 2008

A table in the Turf Club, a nice high calorie lunch, 8 or 9 races featuring beautiful horses, colorfully clad jockeys and thrilling finishes. And always the possibility of being a big winner! That is what awaits racing fans who want to go to Golden Gate Fields.

For \$48.50 PP you get a comfortable bus ride, a day of camaraderie with knowledgeable racing fans, the chance to see the horses being shown and saddled up, and the opportunity to go down track side to catch the action if you desire.

It is usually a fine day starting around 11:00 AM when we catch the bus and getting us back around 6:00 PM. To sign up or get more information call **George or Isobel Nale at 779-4275** or send a note to gr4na@aol.com.

Day Trips

Safari West

Friday, May 2, 2008

Thursday, May 15, 2008, (added)

Trip Activity Rating – 3

Journey to Northern California's Wine Country where oak trees with glittering leaves dot green rolling hills, and where a red barn faces a field fringed with dainty wildflowers in every color. But, what is that giraffe doing? Are those – ostriches over there? What's that goat-like critter with the weird, twisted horns... well, take a deep breath...you're in Sonoma County's own Serengeti, Safari West. Upon arrival we will board the African Queen, a 25-foot long trailer adapted with benches and a thatched grass roof for a journey through their savannah grasslands and breathtaking view of Watusi Lake, and then it's time to explore on foot! The second half of the tour allows us to stroll through the inner compound, where we'll encounter giraffes, primates, and birds in their open-air aviary! After the tour we'll have a bountiful, hosted lunch consisting of BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Pork & Beans, Green Salad, French Bread, Dessert, and Iced Tea or Coffee. On our way back to the Bay Area we will take a walk down memory lane and remember good things and good times. We all have pleasant and vivid memories of the places where we went as children to get our favorite candy, whether it was the corner store or Grandma's candy dish. Powell's Sweet Shoppe, the Smithsonian of candy stores, is a nostalgic re-creation of that classic and bygone era and has been featured on the regional TV shows. We will have time to reminisce and shop.

Trip includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities and lunch. All this for \$80.00 per person. These trips fill up fast so don't wait. **Note: a second bus has been added.**

Contact:

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

Bocce Players Needed

Tuesday, April 22, 2008, 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 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
268-7623**

A Journey through Time

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Trip Activity rating-2

Visit the National Steinbeck Center with a docent-led tour and experience the world of John Steinbeck, where literature jumps off the printed page and into your imagination. Discover Steinbeck's works and philosophy through interactive, multisensory exhibits, priceless artifacts, entertaining displays, educational programs and research archives.

Lunch is at Phil's Fish Market at Moss Landing, which has been in business since 1982. Then you will visit the museum at the Watsonville Agriculture History Project. Enjoy a docent-led tour and discover the history of agriculture in this area, including the crops, people, artifacts and farming practices that have made the Pajaro Valley what it is today. The last stop is at Gizdich Ranch for a no-host sweet stop. Tour this family ranch and breathe in the country atmosphere. Purchase a jar or two of fresh homemade berry jam and enjoy a slice of the best pie this side of the Rockies. Visit the antique shop next to the barn.

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities, Hosted Lunch, and Docent Tours

All this for \$71.00 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**

Day Trips

A Taste of Many Treasures

Friday, April 4, 2008

Trip Activity rating-3

The Gardens at Heather Farm: A docent will lead a tour of this living museum, outdoor classroom, and public garden. This is a beautiful place for everyone to enjoy a broad range of plants situated in more than twenty demonstration gardens and learning sites. The gardens demonstrate low maintenance, water conservation, and environmentally friendly pest management methods, as well as stunning landscape techniques and designs, all with handicapped accessible pathways.

Hosted Lunch at Pyramid Brewing Company: The group will enjoy a family style meal including mixed green salad with cucumbers, diced tomatoes, green onions and croutons; mango glazed salmon with Alehouse rice pilaf and grilled honey cilantro chicken breast with wild rice pilaf, salsa fresca, and cilantro sour cream. Non-alcoholic beverage and a cookie for dessert are included with meal. (Vegetarian option available upon request.)

Blackhawk Museum: Established to ensure that significant automotive treasures blending art, technology, culture and history would be exhibited for public enjoyment and educational enrichment. A 70,000 square foot architectural masterpiece showcasing rolling sculptures in a unique "jewel box" setting which includes two 2,000 square foot galleries of traveling exhibits. A docent-led tour of this magnificent facility will include over 90 cars, many of which are on loan from museum friends from all over the world

Loard's Ice Cream & Candy: Introduced some 50 years ago when not much attention was paid to high-fat, low-fat and heaven forbid non-fat! People just knew they liked Loard's ice cream and how it tasted – rich and creamy! The truth is, then and now, Loard's ice cream is not a reduced fat menu item and they are proud of it. A no host stop will be made at Loard's in quaint downtown Pleasanton for those who would like to enjoy a premium ice cream treat!

Tour Includes:

Deluxe Motorcoach

All Gratuities

Hosted Lunch, and Docent Tours

All this for \$83.00 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**

Hikes

Los Alamitos Creek Walk

Friday, February 29, 2008, 10:30 AM

Celebrate Leap Year with an invigorating walk on the Los Alamitos Creek trail. It's flat, paved, and pretty. There will be a couple of distance options, too. We will begin near Pfeiffer Park and travel south. When we reach a point on Harry Road near the IBM research facility entrance (about 2.9 miles), our fellow hiker Ray Holly has offered to ferry us to his home nearby, where we can enjoy our lunches. Ray's home has a large deck with wonderful views of the Almaden Valley. If it's raining, we can eat indoors. After lunch, Ray will drive us back to the pickup point and we can walk back to our cars. This option will total about 5 miles. Or, if you wish, he can take you back to the walk's starting point.

To get to the meeting area from Highway 85, take Almaden Expressway south to Camden Avenue where you will turn left. Continue on Camden to Mt. Forest (there is a Mormon Church on the right). We will meet at the parking lot across the street from the church at 10:30. Bring your lunch and water. You also might want to bring rain gear just in case it's wet.

Contact:

Gil & Julie Feller

(408) 247-6769

jfeller1@ix.netcom.com

Ray Holly

(408) 997-0478

San Pedro Valley Park Hike

Friday, March 28, 2008, 10:00 AM

This hike will take place in one of San Mateo's county parks. This is a new area for our hiking group. The park is near Pacifica, and is described as a 1,150 acre jewel in the chain of San Mateo County Parks. In the spring, the wildflowers along the trail are described as abundant and magnificently varied. This hike is a 4.2 mile loop, and should give us a good introduction to the park's varied vegetation. There is about a 900 foot elevation change so the hike will be moderately strenuous. We will be taking the Hazelnut trail which is the most scenic in the park. There will also be views of Montara Mountain.

To get to the park, take Highway 280 north toward San Francisco. Merge onto Skyline Blvd (CA-35) toward Pacifica. Go 3.4 miles and turn left onto Sharp Park Rd. Go 2 miles, then make a right onto Francisco Blvd. Merge onto Highway 1 South (toward Half Moon Bay). After 2.6 miles, turn left onto Linda Mar Blvd. At 1.9 miles, turn right onto Oddstad Blvd. The address is 600 Oddstad Blvd., Pacifica. We'll have further information about our meeting place, carpooling and lunch in the March newsletter.

Contact: **Gil or Julie Feller (408) 247-6769**

jfeller1@ix.netcom.com

Adopt-A-Highway

Thursday, January 9, 2008

Rained out!

The conditions in our area were slippery and mushy, more suited to cross country mud skiing. Just too dangerous for cleaning up after litter bugs or finding lost junk.

This is how our cleanups start every month:

We meet at the Blossom Hill VTA light rail station parking lot, don our safety gear...orange vest, safety helmet, glasses or eye protection, hiking shoes or boots, gloves, litter picker, bags & ties, bag holders, and water. At 8:45 AM we have a short announcement and safety review. We then carpool to our zones to gather litter at 9:00 AM after carpool hours are over. We return promptly at 11:30 AM as Mad Driver Disease activates at about that time. Everyone shares their adventures, which is what you read in this column.

Caltrans provides our vests, helmets, pickers, gloves, and bags, and has just given us a six-month supply of good cable ties. They used to provide wire ties that were much too short, and we were buying our own cable ties then.

Our retirement club provides water and bag holders. The IBM Club provides us with a storage cabinet on the back dock at SVL for our gear and supplies.

Each of us usually takes 3 bags and extra ties, as those little rascals have a way of escaping. We use bright cable ties so we can find them if we drop them.

How do people carry the extra bags they will need? In fanny packs, in a backpack, in pockets, or tucked into belts (in the front quarterback-style, or in the chic side look).

The most important part of cleanup day is our pool of 45 volunteers. About 16 to 19 people participate in our monthly cleanup. We ask our litter warriors to go out a minimum of 4 times a year. You too can have fun beautifying our freeway. To join us, give us a call or e-mail.

0 bags – totaling 2221 bags

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

Second Thursday, February 14, 2008 What a nice thing to do on Valentine's Day!

Second Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Callers: Alice Czerniec 224-6230
Barbara Pugh 265-2466

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

PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, February 12, 5:00 PM, SVL, Room K117 (not the cafeteria)

Don Heinsen, CompNet Services engineer, member of the NT Engineering Association and the Silicon Valley Computer Society, will give a presentation on Windows Media Center which is an all-in-one PC and entertainment center for your entire home. Windows Media center allows you to watch DVDs, record TV, listen to music, share your digital photos, as well as providing normal PC functions. It brings TiVo-like functionality to the PC, complete with a remote control, and lets you watch and record TV on a PC in addition to playing music, photo slide shows, and videos within a slick, remote-control-friendly interface. With extra hardware, you can send your files to TVs around your house. For more information, go to <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/winfamily/mediacenter/default.msp>

For directions to the meeting see: www.sjpc.org

Contact for questions: **Walt Cole 972-1178** or opawalt@gmail.com

IBM Club

IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes

AMC: silver \$6.00; gold \$7.50
Regal/United Artists: \$6.00
Cinelux: \$6.00 - no restrictions
Century/Cinemark: \$7.00 - no restrictions

Universal Studios

Gate price: \$64.00, ages 3 and up \$55.00
IBM Club price: \$47.00 Three day ticket!

Disneyland single day-one park

Gate price: \$66.00 3-9 years: \$56.00
IBM Club price: \$52.80 3-9 years: \$44.80

Disneyland 1-day park hopper

Gate price: \$91.00 3-9 years: \$81.00
IBM Club price: \$72.80 3-9 years: \$58.40

Disneyland 2-day park hopper

Gate price: \$132.00 3-9 years: \$112.00
IBM Club price: \$105.60 3-9 years: \$89.60

Disneyland 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$189.00 3-9 years: \$159.00
IBM Club price: \$151.20 3-9 years: \$127.20

Disney World single day-one park

Gate price: \$75.62 3-9 years: \$63.90
IBM Club price: \$60.50 3-9 years: \$51.12

Disney World 3-day park hopper

Gate price: \$264.12 3-9 years: \$230.04
IBM Club price: \$211.30 3-9 years: \$184.04

Legoland

Gate price: adults \$69.00 3-12 years \$56.00
IBM Club price: \$39.00 all ages, 3 and up

SeaWorld

Gate price: \$65.00 3-9 years: \$55.00, 2 days
IBM Club price: \$44.50 3-9 years: \$39.00, 2 days

Sees Candy

IBM Club price: \$10.75 1 pound gift certificate

Ski Lift Tickets

Squaw

IBM Club Price: \$57.00 1-day general admission

North Star/Sierra

IBM Club price: 23+ years: \$58.00
13-22 years: \$48.00
5-12 years: \$17.00

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no cash, no credit cards.

Checks or money orders should be
made payable to IBM Club

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Frank Vitale - (408) 927-2106

e-mail: tcsports@us.ibm.com

IBM Club Office Alternate Contact:

Valerie Cowing - (408) 927-3059

Ticket Hours: Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

"BEYOND CHIPS - A Collection of Chocolate Recipes from IBMers Around the World"

This beautiful 192 page coffee table cookbook features 200 chocolate recipes from IBMers around the world. "Beyond Chips" is embellished with archival photographs that highlight IBM's rich history going back to the early 1900's. At only \$20, you'll definitely want one for yourself and be delighted to offer this gorgeous book as a gift to anyone. You can pick up your book anytime during IBM Club ticket hours or by sending a note to caliclub@us.ibm.com and we can mail your book to your home!

IBM Employee Service Center:

For any IBM benefit question, this is the number to try first: **(800) 796-9876.**

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. Now 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.employeeswapnshop.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/

Bowling

One More Time League at 300 San Jose (formerly Oakridge Lanes) 2007/2008 Winter League December 5, 2007

1st place: Team #10, **"Ten in the Pit"** Dennis Pitchford,
Chila Miller, Eddie Fahrner, Barbara Pugh
2nd place: Team #23, **"Alley Sharks"** Paul Houghton,
Keith Balch, Tom Higa, Beverly Higa
and...Last place: Team #12, **"Lucky Number 12"**
Bob Mathiesen, Gene Laseter,
Donna Stirling, Hank Guardias

Individual Achievements

Ladies

Men

High Scratch Game

230-Jan Curry
225-Shirley Beyler
221-Mitzi Stewart

269-Keith Balch
268-George Zagelow
268-Dennis Pitchford
260-Dan Thery

High Scratch Series

556-Marilyn Bianco
556-Faye Fritz
552-Jan Curry
549-Shirley Beyler

705-Keith Balch
703-Dennis Pitchford
690-George Zagelow

High Handicap Game

280-Mitzi Stewart
277-Beverly Higa
272-Helen Gendler
275-Ike Andes

280-Glen Furlong
278-Diego Nicholls
278-Keith Balch

High Handicap Series

716-Mitzi Stewart
705-Betty Cobarrubias
698-Sheila Desorbo

733-Paul Fellows
730-Keith Balch
709-Dennis Pitchford

Average

170-Faye Fritz
165-Ann Wilson
163-Jan Curry

204-Keith Balch
203-George Zagelow
197-Dan Thery

How about those scores, and this is just the beginning of 2008!! Coming soon:

Senior Watson Bowling Tournament Friday, April 11, 2008

All the finger-licking food will be there at the "300 San Jose" (formerly Oakridge Bowling Lanes). Time and price later.

We are taking sign ups now. You can call:

Sue (408) 578-8502 or Topsy (408) 377-4314

Come join us. We have lots of fun, and the food is great!

Topsy Thompson, secretary

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

January 3, 2008 - On a cold and wet day, 15 brave players golfed a round of 18 holes. Our format for the day was Low Putts. I, Clara, was not a player. It was too cold. Winners were:

MEN

1st Earl Bowers
2nd Lupe Rodriguez
3rd Rich Campbell
4th Dick Gehrler
Darrel Jensen

WOMEN

1st Marge Condensa
2nd Kathy Harrington
3rd Gwen Kaefer

34
37
39

Closest to Pin #10

1st Lupe Rodriguez 25"
2nd Darrel Jensen 24' 0"

Congratulations to all the winners.

The next fun golf dates are Thursdays, February 7 and March 6, **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."**

If it rains, call the golf course to find out if we have canceled. Phone 253-5357, extension 5.

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

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

Par Tee Golf

Ridgemark (Gabilan) January 21, 2008. For the first time, our group got rained on at Ridgemark! But the rain was only temporary. All but two people finished the round. (The two left during a downpour which included hail, and which subsided in 25 minutes.) The "Shots-Of-The-Day" go to Bill Jeung and Craig Carveiro. On hole #15, a par 3, Bill had a nice drive on his tee shot. But his club slipped out of his hands and landed in a tree---and stayed there! So he climbed the tree to get it down. On hole #18, a par 5, Craig had a beautiful drive on his tee shot. But his club also slipped out of his hands and went over a fence "out-of-bounds" and into a field. He had to climb over the fence to retrieve his club. Both of these "club-releases" were due to wet hands. So, Bill and Craig, "Get-A-Grip" and thanks for providing us with the "Shots-Of-The-Day!" We had a nice turnout of 40 golfers. The format of play was "Two-Best-Ball-Foursome." Here are the results:

Place/Score

Team

1 / 122	Andy La Scola	Kathy La Scola	Craig Carveiro*	Gwen Kaefer*
2 / 125	Eric Schraeder	Len Procker	Phil Nielsen	Milton Loo
3 / 126	Wally Gibson	Deen Hamid	Joe Sordi	Craig Heacock

* = Blind Draw

Closest-To-Pin

#4

#9

#12

#15

Men

Tony Scalora 16' 7"	Ron Haywood 7' 0"	Wally Gibson 13' 4"	Nick Nomm 21' 9"
Nick Nomm 17' 7"	Ray Jelesky 37' 8"	Glenn Yuki 29' 5"	Eric Schrader 33' 3"
Chris Carveiro 29' 4"			

There were six bogey golfers (gross score of 90 or better) and they are: Nick Nomm 72; John Grewohl 80; Wally Gibson 87; Andy La Scola & Tony Scalora 89; and Hi-Dong Chai 90.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Looking ahead at our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Feb. 4	San Jose Municipal	\$38.00/Jan. 23	Cart optional at \$7 each. Format = 2 best ball foursome
Mar. 10	Ridgemark-Diablo	\$45.00/Feb. 20	Includes cart; soft spikes required. Format = 2 best ball foursome
Apr. 7	Laguna Seca	\$35.00/Mar. 19	Cart optional; soft spikes required. Format = 2 best ball foursome

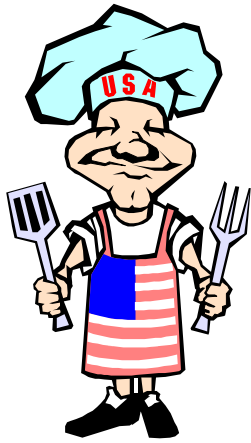
Notes:

- A quick reminder--proper golf attire is required at ALL the courses we play. That means "Jeans" or "Levi's" are NOT allowed. Thank you!
- The monthly golf schedule for the entire year can be seen on the IBM Retirement Club web site: www.sjpc.org/sjrc. The 2008 calendar will be updated shortly.
- Renewals are past due for the "Par Tee Golf Club." The fee for past due or no previous NCGA number is \$50.00. Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: maxdonmar@comcast.net
- Prices and dates are subject to change. Be sure to check the newsletter or club web site or call Andy La Scola for latest information.
- Make all checks payable to "Par Tee Golf" (not the "IBM Retirement Club"). Please make your checks for only one tournament at a time. (If you are signing up for two tournaments, send two checks.) The mailing address for sign-ups is:

Par Tee Golf
P.O. Box 53535
San Jose, CA 95123-0535

Include your GHIN number, home phone number and 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. 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 22, 2008
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Almaden Research Lab Cafeteria
Entrance off Harry Road or Bernal Road

Reservation Deadline: March 15, 2008
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 15, 2008, 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'
1480 Bryan Ave
San Jose, CA 95118-1705

San Jose IBM Retirement Club 23rd Annual Picnic

Reservation Form — Fill out and mail now!

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Phone: (____) _____ e-mail address _____ (optional)

Please Reserve: # of persons: _____ Buffet at \$19.00 each (total number of persons who will attend)
Please make checks payable to IBM Retirement Club, and mark them 'PICNIC' in the memo field.

MAIL TO: Terry Milinic'
1480 Bryan Ave
San Jose, CA 95118-1705

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San Jose IBM Retirement Club 23rd Annual Picnic

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Cypress Pavilion Group Picnic Area

Cunningham Park, 2305 South White Road, San Jose

Reservation Deadline: May 15, 2008

No tickets will be sold at the park!

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

10:30 AM Arrival, coffee
11:00 AM Walking Group will lead a walk through the Park. Bring your walking shoes.
12:00 Noon Lunch to be served promptly
1:30 - 3:00 PM Activities: Door prizes, games, golf, horseshoes, bingo and more.

All You Can Eat BBQ Buffet Lunch by C. B. Hannegan's of Los Gatos

MENU

BBQ Tri-Tip Steak	Fresh Fruit Salad Bowl
BBQ Finger-Licking Chicken	Vintage Potato Salad
Italian Chicken Sausage	Breathless Garlic Bread
Hannegan's BBQ Beans	Vegetarian Lasagne
Salinas Green Salad with honey mustard dressing	
Ice Cream Sundaes	
Soft Drinks & Water	
Coffee	

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

Cancellations must be received by May 15, 2008 if you wish a refund!

Don't forget to bring your old glasses for the doctors who distribute them to those who need them around the world.

