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President's Chat

Let me begin by correcting the date for the 2017 Holiday Party. This event is scheduled for the first Tuesday in December which is the fifth, not the seventh as I reported last month. Thanks to all of you who caught my error.

We continue to plan for the sun setting on our club in early 2020. We will not accept dues from new members but will invite those who want to join us simply to consider themselves part of the club for the next three years or until the club sunsets.

Please note: The Club continues to operate as usual, with no impact on our activities.

Sub-clubs are defining how they will restructure themselves.

Our next large event will be the Annual Picnic, which is scheduled for August 15, 2017.

Save the date on your calendar.

George W. Walker

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sjqcc.com

IBM PC Club Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 5:00 pm
**Hard Drive Back Up
Using W10 File History**
Contact: Walt Cole, 408-674-1401

Membership Report

Bev Baker

February 16, 2017

Active Members: 1658
Newsletters mailed: 47
Members who read online: 1466

Change of Address

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

By e-mail: **membership@ibmsjrc.org**

By U. S. Mail: Walt Cole
5868 Pentz Way, San Jose, CA 95123

New Members

none this month

In Memoriam

Al Carrion

To report life-changing events, and to find answers to benefit questions, contact:
IBM Employee Services Center

800-796-9876



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IBM Club Discounts

Movie passes & See's Candy Discounts

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

See's Candy \$15 (reg. \$18.50) 1 lb certificate

AMC black tickets: \$10.25 (no restrictions)

Cinelux: \$7.25

Century/Cinemark: \$8.50

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

Ticket Hours:

Wednesdays, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

IBM Club Office Contact:

Frank Vitale - 408-927-2106

e-mail: tcsports@us.ibm.com

See other ticket discounts at
www.ibmsjrc.org

Click **IBM CLUB ANYDAY TICKETS**

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

California Academy of Sciences

Six Flags Discovery Kingdom

Monterey Bay Aquarium

Legoland, Universal Studios

SeaWorld, Disneyland

There is a link on the club web site, "Bay Area IBM Club Discounts," that will get you more directly to the discounts in the above list.

Sunshine

If you know of anyone who is under the weather or is facing medical problems and could use a greeting card from the Club, please call me or send an email.

Newsletter publication only occurs if the person named agrees to share.

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paelgin@yahoo.com

IBM Alumni Club Board Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 10:00 AM

LDS Church

150 Bernal Road, San Jose, CA 95119

All members are invited.
Driving Instructions: From Bernal turn on Via Del Oro and drive around the church and park in back.

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Activity	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
March 14, 2017	PC Club: Hard Drive Back Up—File History		2	Walt Cole	408-674-1401
March 14-16, 2017	Casino: Reno Getaway— <i>New!</i>		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
March 16, 2017	IBM Alumni Club Board Meeting		2	George Walker	408-268-7623
Apr 23-May 8, 2017	Hawaii Cruise from San Francisco		4	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437
May 3-16, 2017	Spain Classics and Portugal— <i>Sold Out</i>		—	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
May 9, 2017	Casino: Redhawk		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
July 11, 2017	Casino: Black Oaks		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
July 17-27, 2017	Alaska Cruise from San Francisco		5	Christina Anhorn	831-438-3437
July 23-28, 2017	2017 IBM Alumni Club Big Hike		8	Bill Desler	408-268-3025
Aug 8-10, 2017	Hot August Nights		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Aug 15, 2017	Annual Club Picnic		—	Bill Souza	408-335-9263
Sep 23-Oct 2, 2017	Peru, Land of Mysteries & Machu Picchu		5	Bob Martinez	408-778-2978
Oct 3, 2017	Casino: Palace (Tachi)		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Oct 7-14, 2017	Albuquerque Balloon Festival		4	Bill Bartz	408-971-8928
Nov 7-20, 2017	Italian Vistas: Rome, Tuscany, Venice, Stresa		5	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Nov 28, 2017	Casino: Jackson Rancheria		6	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Dec 5, 2017	Annual Club Holiday Party		—	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
May 7-19, 2018	Kenya Safari Adventure— <i>New!</i>		4	Bill Bartz	408-971-8928

Krazy Kampers

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

2017

March 16-20	Marina Dunes	Mel Rinehart	530-809-4274
April 5-9	Jackson Rancheria	Les Greatbanks	510-206-2390
May 25-27	Paso Robles	Gil Hernandez	408-315-6163

TAR: Trip Activity Rating

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

Travel Adventures

Albuquerque Balloon Festival

October 7 - 14, 2017

Fly from San Jose to Albuquerque, with **Home Pick Up!**

Trip Highlights: La Casa Sena dinner theater, Santa Fe Cooking School dinner/demo, Albuquerque Balloon Festival, Santa Fe, Taos, and Albuquerque city tours, Taos Pueblo and Acoma Sky City Pueblo, Georgia O'Keefe Museum, The International Folk Art Museum, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Billy the Kid Country in Ruidoso, and the White Sands National Monument.

Tour includes: Professional tour guide, home pick ups. 7 nights accommodations, 3 nights in Santa Fe, 2 nights in Ruidoso, and 2 nights in Albuquerque.

13 meals: 7 Breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 5 dinners.

The Balloon Festival is on Day 8.

All applicable taxes and all gratuities for driver and guides are included.

Total package is **\$2995**, double occupancy, \$3645 single occupancy.

Air fares are based on 2016 rates, and may change a bit in 2017.

Deposit with Insurance = \$489, double, \$542 single; without Insurance = \$250 double or single.

Deposit of \$250 per person due at signup. Final payment due July 15, 2017.

The brochure is much more descriptive than I can be here!

Contact Bill Bartz: 408 971 8928,

bartz.bill@yahoo.com

Hawaii

April 23 - May 8, 2017

A fifteen-night cruise on board the Grand Princess sailing round trip from San Francisco

The ship will visit these ports (tours available at each one):

Hilo, Hawaii (the Big Island): a city like a giant greenhouse with tropical flowers at every turn. Only 30 miles away is the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, the home of the active Kilauea Volcano.

Honolulu, Oahu: Home to almost half a million people, offering a wealth of historic, cultural and scenic attractions. Waikiki Beach and Diamond Head are two of the city's enduring symbols. Pearl Harbor is the site of the USS Arizona Memorial, a World War II historical site. The Polynesian Cultural Center transports you into a different world.

Lahaina, Maui: This island boasts stunning landscapes and superb beaches. Mt. Haleakala, a dormant volcano, rises 10,000 feet above the Pacific Ocean. Maui's Iao Valley is a tropical paradise dominated by the Needle, a volcanic monolith towering over the valley floor. Then there is Lahaina, once home to a royal court and a raucous port-of-call enjoyed by 19th-century Yankee whalers. A trip to Hana in an 8-seat limo over 59 bridges, around 620 curves, will take your breath away.

Nawiliwili, Kauai: Named after the Wiliwili trees, which once lined its picturesque harbor, this lovely port of Kauai is your gateway to what many believe to be Hawaii's most beautiful island. On "The Garden Island," nature is truly the star, from the dramatic mountains of Koke'e to the cool rain forests of Haena.

Ensenada, Mexico: 70 miles south of the border.

Prices start at **\$2550** per person double occupancy and includes round trip group transfers to the San Francisco pier, luggage handling, driver and stevedore tips, insurance plus taxes and government fees.

Contact: Christina Anhorn, 831-438-3437, leswede@aol.com



Kenya Safari Adventure

May 7 - 19, 2018

A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

An Opportunity to Witness the Greatest Animal Show on Earth

From the vast Serengeti Plains to the Champagne-colored hills of Kenya's Maasai Mara, over 1.4 million Wildebeest and 200,000 Zebra and Gazelle, relentlessly tracked by Africa's great predators, migrate in a clockwise fashion over 1800 miles each year in search of greener pastures.

Your Safari Adventure includes home pick up, round trip air fare, 4 & 5 star hotel/resort accommodations for 10 nights, including 28 meals: 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 9 dinners.

You get a window seat in a safari vehicle, professional safari guides and luggage handling.

Driver/guide gratuity, all applicable taxes and the Visa processing fee included.

Highlights: Full day excursion into the Samburu National Game reserve
Two full days of viewing at MAASAI MARA, Kenya Premier game reserve.
Visit Jane Goodall Chimpanzee Center

Total package: single -\$5720, double - \$5355. Land only - single - \$4610, double - \$4245

Total package price is based on Nov 6-18, 2017. May 2018 pricing not available until June 2017.

For more info and a flyer contact Bill Bartz, 977 Arnold Way, San Jose, 95128, 408-971-8928, bartz.bill@yahoo.com

Travel Adventures

Peru, Ancient Land of Mysteries and Machu Picchu September 23 - October 2, 2017

The tour starts in the lovely city of Lima, Peru, the City of Kings. Witness the Changing of the Guard at the Archbishops Palace, and take in the breathtaking Andes. This evening enjoy a tasting menu of artfully created Peruvian dishes. Next we fly to Cuzco, where we will visit Sacred Valley of the Incas. We will visit the Pisac village to browse the colorful handicraft market and enjoy an authentic Pachamca dinner, cooked on hot stones that are placed in the ground. We will visit the amazing Ollantaytambo Ruins, the only Inca settlement that has been continually inhabited since its inception. Then we start our amazing adventure to visit the most spectacular site in South America, Machu Picchu. We will travel via a Vistadome train with domed windows so that you can take in the breathtaking views along the way. Our hotel for this night is at the base of Machu Picchu, and we will enjoy an exclusive culinary demonstration. In Cuzco we will visit the Cathedral of Santo Domingo, the Plaza de Armas, and visit the central market. We are treated to an authentic folklore show. Then we catch a plane to Puno, on the shores of Lake Titicaca, known as the birth place of the Inca Empire. Enjoy the lakeside hotel and your evening at leisure. Enjoy a morning cruise to the floating Islands of the Uros people of Lake Titicaca, who formed these islands from tortora reeds.

The cost of this 10 day tour, with air, is **\$4,299**, double occupancy. This includes hotel, round trip air from SFO, included excursions, transfers and a coach to and from the San Francisco airport. Also included are 15 meals: 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 5 dinners.

Brochures available upon request and we will email them if you like. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me, **Bob Martinez, 408-778-2978**, cell **408-835-3393** or **bobloves2travel@yahoo.com**

Alaska

July 17 - 27, 2017

Ten days on The Grand Princess San Francisco round trip

This is the season when summer evenings linger into the early hours of the night and sun wakes you before it is time to get up.

After a couple of days at sea, the Grand Princess will take us to Juneau, the capital of Alaska with the Russian influence. Cruise Glacier Bay National Park with hopes to see some of the amazing world of marine life. Visit Skagway, the gateway to Klondike, and Ketchikan's steep hillsides where you can watch the salmon trying to climb the ladders up the river. After a relaxing day at sea we reach the lovely town of Victoria, B.C. There are many opportunities on this trip to sightsee. You may visit museums, go to the eagle sanctuary, take a helicopter ride to a glacier, ride the train, pan for gold, tour Butchart Gardens and visit one of the oldest Chinatowns in the U.S.

Cost: **\$2550** (and up) per person, double occupancy.

For a brochure or more information contact: **Christina Anhorn, 831-438-3437 home, 831-818-4313 cell, leswede@aol.com**

Italian Vistas: Rome, Sorrento, Tuscany, Venice, Stresa November 7 - 20, 2017

Ah, the essence of 'la dolce vita' is explored through the cuisine, art and landscapes of Italy, from its iconic cities to its brilliant Bay of Naples. Stay in 6 hotels and enjoy taking day trips from your key hotels.

Explore Rome with an expert guide and soak in 2,000 years of history during your discovery of the excavated ruins of Pompeii. A scenic boat ride takes you to the enchanting Isle of Capri. Then to Tuscany and see Michelangelo's famed David statue. Explore medieval towns and UNESCO world sites. Visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa. A special stop is made at a Tuscan winery and farm to enjoy lunch and sample local wines & specialties. Cross the Apennine Mountains en-route to Venice where 117 islands are connected by 150 canals and 400 bridges. In Venice explore St. Mark's Square and Basilica, Doge's Palace and the legendary Bridge of Sighs. Embark on yet another boat trip to Murano Island for a glass blowing demonstration. Explore Verona, the backdrop for Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet. Later arrive in the resort town of Stresa in the breathtaking Italian Lakes District and admire the beautiful view of Lago Maggiore. Next day cross into Switzerland and lakeside resort of Locarno. Stay in a resort hotel overlooking our dinner spot on the lovely Isola die Pescatori. Travel there by boat for a wonderful dinner surrounded by beautiful scenery.

Our base price trip of 13 days includes air and land from SFO for **\$4699**. Or use your own air accommodations and purchase the 12 day land-only tour for \$3449 per person. Ask about Frequent Traveler Credit. We will also offer a few optional day tours throughout our trip.

For information call Art & Sharry Dill at (831) 338-3069, arthdill@comcast.net

Bowling

One More Time League, Morgan Hill Bowl, 650 Tennant Station

We have started the second half and positions change the first week and who makes those that were low on the list move up for a few weeks.

As of right now these are the leaders:

First Place Team: "NBFD" - Bill Bartz, Nancy Barone, Dan Terry, and Fred Mitchell

Second Place Team: "Up Your Alleys"- Marilyn Bianco, Kris Denholm, Bill Hooper, and Dennis Pitchford

High Scratch Game Men: Fred Mitchell 289 Women: Bev Ross 251

High Scratch Series Men: Rich Gavino 716 Women: Bev Ross 594

High Handicap Game Men: Fred Mitchell 293 Women: Bev Ross 281

High Handicap Series Men: Charlie Camilleri 721 Women: Lize Johannes 713

If you want to join us just call.

Carol Hughes, Secretary, 408-224-1739

Casino Trips

March 14-16, 2017 Reno Getaway

May 9, 2017 Red Hawk Indian Casino

July 11, 2017 Black Oaks Indian Casino

August 8-10, 2017 Hot August Nights

October 3, 2017 Palace (Tachi) Indian Casino

November 28, 2017 Jackson Rancheria Indian Casino

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

Parking: Capitol Expressway & Hwy 87 Park-n-Ride, South Lot, Section G.

Depart: 7:30 am. Openings exist for all trips. *Call today!*

Contacts: **Topsy Thompson, 408-377-4314, or**

Sandy Suekawa, 408-225-5629, sandysuekawa@yahoo.com

Tee-2-Tee Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

February 2, 2017: Rained Out!

The next golf dates are Thursdays, April 6 and May 4. Play starts at **10:00 am** sharp. Be there by **9:30 am** to sign in and get your lunch ticket.

If you wish to play, call or email Bill Bartz or Darrel Jensen and bring your check to the golf course on the day of the tournament.

Make checks payable for **\$26.00** to "Tee-2-Tee Golf."

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

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

Bill Bartz, 408-971-8928, bartz.bill@yahoo.com
Darrel Jensen, 408-371-6652, dj-special.use@att.net

Par Tee Golf

Contact: Andy La Scola @ (408) 371-3329 or lascolandy@comcast.net

Ridgemark Monday, February 13, 2017. The Shots-of-the-Day go to everyone who dreams about playing golf and has hit many holes-in-one in their dreams. Great shots, guys and gals! Names next month.

The tournament on February 13 was rained out. It was rescheduled for February 27 which was cancelled for the same reason. In addition, many golfers had signed up for other tournaments on that same day.

Looking ahead at our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Deadline</u>	<u>Notes</u>
March 13	Spring Valley Course	\$55.00/February 22	Includes Cart & Prize Fund- Format = 2 Best Ball Foursome
April 3	Laguna Seca	\$40.00/March 14	Includes Green Fee & Prize Fund-Cart Optional Format = 2 Best Ball Foursome
May 8	Carmel Valley Ranch	\$60.00/April 19	Includes Green Fee, Prize Fund & Range balls Format = 2 Best Ball Foursome

Notes:

-) Please send your checks to play in tournaments early! The P.O. Box is noted below. This will eliminate having to wait in line at the golf course and will allow me to better award prizes! Please, please, please help me out on this!
-) IBM Retirees and friends are welcome to play in the Par Tee Golf Club Tournaments.
-) Check the IBM Alumni Club web site: www.ibmsjrc.org for Par Tee Golf information, rules and results.
-) Proper golf attire is required at ALL of the courses that we play. That means "Jeans" or "Levi's" are NOT allowed.
-) To get an "NCGA" Membership Card" through the Par Tee Golf Club, contact Terry Gray @ (408) 629-8893, or send an email to: tgolf18@aol.com The cost is \$52.00.
-) Make all checks payable to "Par Tee Golf." Please make your checks for only one tournament at a time. (If you are signing up for two tournaments, send two checks). The mailing address for signups is:

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

Include your GHIN number and your e-mail address (if I don't have already have them on file).

Indicate which foursome you wish to play with, or I will assign you to one.

(Note: If you do not sign up as a foursome, your group may be split up.)

SeniorNet Learning Centers—Almaden and Willows

On Saturday, March 18, registration for the April-May computer classes will be held at both the Almaden Community Center (at exactly 11:30 am) and the Willows Community Center (12:00 pm—1:30 pm, drop in.)

Courses include reviewing the basics of using a computer, many computer applications, and using other devices such as smart phones (iPhones and Android phones) and Apple iPads.

For full details visit this website:

www.sn1csj.org