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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

See you at the picnic!

Happy Trails, Ina Havens



Last Chance! **Annual Club Picnic** Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Send in your reservations **NOW** for the Annual Club Picnic which will be held at Cunningham Park in San Jose. This is the club's major event 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 meats with all the trimmings. The day will start with coffee and goodies at 10:30 AM, lunch at noon and games starting at 1:30 PM. Come join in the fun.

*Reservation form is on page 15.
Map is on page 16.*

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Membership Report

Ed Mueller

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April 21, 2005

Membership History

Year	March	April
1995	1485	1506
2004	2084	2034
2005	2101	2051

New Members

Ira Dearing
Robert J. Heaps
Nadine Knoth
Cliff Reyda
Farokh Ziari
Ron Zils

In Memoriam

Jim Biafore
Edward Cameron
Frank Chase
Mary Alice Forrest
Adeline Grisalin
Will Hagenlocher
Elbert Omachi
Bev Popper
Marjorie Vogel
Norman Vogel
Pat Weber
Roberto L. Zamora

Next Club Board Meeting:

Thursday, May 19, 2005

10:00 am,

Hitachi/IBM Cottle Rd. Cafeteria,
Bldg 011, West Room

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Sunshine Report

Jean Foot fell and broke her wrist. I understand she is recovering OK.

John Walters just got out of the hospital where he had a pacemaker put in.

Mel Olsen had some surgery, was in the hospital for 5 days and is now home, still sore, but doing well.

Alice Kelch was having enough shoulder pain to qualify for a whole new shoulder. She still has one more hip replacement. Then her husband, Aubrey, says all that is left to do is to get a new brain and she will be a whole new woman. Oh boy, he says.

Wilfred Smith was bringing in the groceries from his car and lost his balance and fell backwards, hitting the right rear of his head on the concrete, badly enough that he wound up in the hospital, semi-conscious with major paralysis on his whole left side. He has slowly been going down hill ever since and things aren't looking good for him.

Well I want to thank all my friends for their prayers, cards, and phone calls. I too, have been in the hospital for breast cancer and they got it all, thank goodness! I am up going strong. As you all know, "You can't keep a good person down." That goes for each and every one of us.

There are a few more who don't want their names mentioned, but we are praying for a quick recovery for all.

The weather is getting nicer, and I hope this will lift our spirits and get us all on the road to recovery. Take Care

If you or someone you know is under the weather, let me know.

**Topsy Thompson,
the Sunshine Lady!!
(408) 377-4314**

**IBM Retirement Club Web Site:
www.sjpc.org/sjrc**

TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
May 3, 2005	Oyster Farm & Petaluma Sold Out	2	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
May 7, 2005	Watson Senior Bowling Tournament		8	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
May 9-17, 2005	Washington DC & Historic East		5	Cliff & Ina Havens	847-4793
May 10, 2005	PC Club: Digital Cameras & Darkroom		9	Walt Cole	972-1178
May 11, 2005	Adopt-a-Highway		9	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
May 13, 2005	Hike: Alum Rock Park		12	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
May 14, 2005	Barbershop Music Concert		11	Fred Grometer	264-9157
May 15, 2005	Cats at AMT (QCC)		9	Hal Calkins	267-6699
May 17, 2005	Bocce & Lunch		7	George Walker	268-7623
May 19, 2005	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting	1	1,2	Ina Havens	847-4793
May 19, 2005	Big Hike Meetings		12	Gil & Julie Feller Jim & Dottie Riley	247-6769 268-5482
May 20, 2005	Cultural Walk: NUMMI Automobile Mfg.		11	Fred Grometer	264-9157
May 24, 2005	Annual Picnic		1,15	Bill Souza	356-6280
June 9, 2005	Adopt-a-Highway		9	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
June 23, 2005	Cupertino Symphonic Band		11	Fred Grometer	264-9157
June 23-30, 2005	Trains, Southwest Nat. Parks Sold Out		4	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
June 24, 2005	Hike: Coyote Hills Walk		12	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
July 9-17,2005	Ireland (QCC)		9	Hal Calkins	267-6699
July 11, 2005	Indian Casino: River Rock		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 12, 2005	Benicia Glass	2	7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
July 31 - Aug 5, 2005	Truckee Big Hike #1		11	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Aug 3-4, 2005	Hot August Nights - Reno		6	Ernie & Shirley Veal	224-3584
Aug 21 - 26, 2005	Truckee Big Hike #2		11	Jim & Dottie Riley	268-5482
Sep 11-13, 2005	Reno -- Circus Circus		6	Glen & Ruth Furlong	378-8226
Sep 20, 2005	Sonoma Canines & Marine Mammals	2	7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Sep 28 - Oct 3, 2005	Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta		4	Ernie & Shirley Veal	224-3584
Oct 3, 2005	Indian Casino: Chukchansi		5	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 10-21, 2005	New England & Canada Cruise (QCC)		9	Hal Calkins	267-6699
Nov 2-15, 2005	Thailand		5	George & Carole Walker	268 7623
Nov 7-14, 2005	Disney World Orlando		5	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Nov 20, 2005	Teatro Zinzanni, San Francisco		7	Bud & Phyllis Souza	371-2959
Dec 1-4, 2005	Christmas with the Rockettes (QCC)		9	Hal Calkins	267-6699
Dec 10, 2005	Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Show		7	Topsy Thompson	377-4314

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Travel Trips

Two Trains & Four Corners Featuring Arches, Canyonlands, and Mesa Verde National Parks June 23-30, 2005

New News: Sold Out

In the future, if you see a trip like this that you would like to take, get your reservation in early!

This is a new tour that combines 2 sightseeing historic train rides and visits to 3 National Parks as well as the Four Corners Monument. This is the only place in the United States where four states intersect at one point. You will also tour several old western towns revisiting vestiges of the past with time to explore. Hotel accommodations have been setup to enjoy 3 two night stays to minimize packing and unpacking.

Tour Highlights:

- Salt Lake City Tour
- Aches National Park
- Canyonlands National Park
- Mesa Verde National Park
- Durango Colorado
- Durango/Silverton Narrow Gauge Rail
- Cumbres Toltec & Scenic Train
- Four Corners National Monument
- Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Old Town-Albuquerque
- Cowboy Dinner and Stage Show

Tour Includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from San Jose
- 12 Meals
- Motorcoach transportation
- Admissions & sighting per itinerary
- Hotel transfers, baggage handling, and all gratuities.

Tour price is \$1749.00 per person double occupancy with a \$500 single supplement. For a flyer, reservations, and additional information,

Contact: **Bill & Madeline Souza**
(408) 356-6280
bsouza6280@aol.com

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta and Northern New Mexico September 28 – October 3, 2005

Come with us to the International Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque and tour famous sites in New Mexico. At the Balloon Fiesta, we will witness the mass ascension of over a thousand hot air balloons. That night, we will witness the Balloon Glow and then the AfterGlow fireworks show.

While we are in the area, we will visit Taos with buildings dating back to fourteenth century and enjoy the Feast of San Geronimo. You will visit El Santuario De Chimayo, a church famous for healing earth. It is called the "Lourdes of the Southwest".

While in Santa Fe for three nights we will tour many interesting museums and historical sites. Tours will include some old mining towns and the Petroglyph National Monument. At this monument, you will get glimpses into a 12,000-year-long story of human life in the area.

On the way back to Albuquerque we will visit the Acoma Pueblo, known as "Sky City". It is on a mesa at 7,000 feet and is the oldest continuously inhabited settlement in the United States. In Albuquerque, we will have a sightseeing tour that includes Historic Route 66 and the University Campus.

Trip includes: Airfare, deluxe motorcoach with refreshments, full time guide, all gratuities and admissions, 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners.

Price is \$1585/person – Double Occupancy
\$350 Single Supplement.

Deposit - \$350.00; Final payment due June 23, 2005

For a reservation and brochure, contact
Ernie or Shirley Veal
(408) 224-3584, or ecveal@juno.com

Travel Trips

Kingdom of Thailand

November 2 - 15, 2005

Information Meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 2005, 1:30 PM

Mia Mia's, 200 E. Hamilton Ave.,
Campbell

This is a remarkable trip that is priced at 2002 rates! Fourteen days in Thailand, including roundtrip air, internal flights, hotels, tips, insurance, transfers, departure taxes and most meals for **\$2,139.00!!** We will spend 5 days in Bangkok enjoying leisure time for shopping at the famous tailor shops, cottage industries and the famous Chuiang Mai Night Market. We will experience a dinner cruise on the Chao Praya River and learn the art and history of this exotic and beautiful country. A flight to Chiang Mai brings us to the "Rose of the North" for 6 more days where we will see local artisans, visit an orchid farm and watch the elephants of the famous Maesa Elephant Camp work. In Chiang Mai we will enjoy a cooking demonstration and then enjoy the food. A visit to the Hill Tribe Museum and a visit to their villages will be another highlight of the trip.

This trip is designed to allow for multiple night stays in order to enjoy a leisurely pace.

Also, offered are pre and post trips, which are very exciting and reasonably priced. The pre-trip is a 4 day, 3 night visit at the majestic Angkor Wat, Cambodia with its ornate temples, beautiful landscapes and an exciting elephant trek. The cost is all-inclusive at \$699.00 per person. The post trip, of 6 days and 5 nights, is equally valued and exciting to Vietnam! You will visit Hanoi with its many unique areas of history and culture. You will understand why Halong Bay has been named a World Heritage Site when you take the cruise among the picturesque islands and see the amazing rock formations.

An informational presentation will be held at Mama Mia's, 200 E. Hamilton Ave, Campbell, on Tuesday, June 7, 1:30 pm. Please come join us for dessert and learn about this exciting and well-priced trip. If you would like a flier about it,

Contact:

George Walker at 268-7623

Disney World Magic & Orlando

November 7-14, 2005

If you have ever dreamed about a magical vacation experience, this is the year to make the dream come true on our tour to the Walt Disney World Resort in November.

This wondrous World-within-a-world includes over 47 square miles of Disney theme parks, world class recreation, and the themed resort hotels to suit every taste. We will have the convenient unlimited Magic Pass which gives us the freedom to visit any Disney Theme Park whenever we like during our stay in Orlando. We'll visit EPCOT center, an entire world built on imagination and discovery. This is the place where 11 countries sit side-by-side. A place where your imagination is set free. We will experience tomorrow's breakthroughs today.

The secret to enjoying the size and complexity of Disney World is planning ahead. We have done that for you through a dozen visits to the resorts over the years. Come along with us to the "Happiest Place on Earth."

Tour features include:

- Round trip transportation from San Jose to Orlando
- Eight nights, first class accommodations
- Hosted breakfast daily and two hosted dinners
- Five-day Park Hopper pass at Disney World
- Tour of the Kennedy Space Center
- One day admission to Universal Studios-Orlando
- All tips and gratuities & motorcoach transportation

Price: \$1905 per person

For brochure, contact:

Ron or Heidi Harlan, 266-7639

Indian Casino Trips in 2005

July 11 -- River Rock,

\$27 with \$20 refund (\$15 cash, \$5 food)

October 3 -- Chukchansi,

\$23 with \$10 for slots and \$5 for food

*These trips are almost full,
you had better get your order in now!*

Contact: **Topsy Thompson 377-4314 or
Topray4314@cs.com**

TAR: Trip Activity Rating

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

Travel Trips

Hot August Nights Trip

Wednesday & Thursday August 3-4, 2005

Price \$58.00 - Includes \$28.00 cash, \$5.00 food, overnight at Circus Circus, driver's tip and transportation from 5600 Cottle Rd. (net cost - \$25.00)

Join us for the fun and games atmosphere in Reno during "Hot August Nights" week.

We will go on Wednesday this year and return on Thursday. Reno will be having a real party with street bands and many car exhibits. There is always a great fun atmosphere in Reno during these warm nights.

This year we are starting our stops at North Lake Tahoe (the Biltmore) for 3 hours, (\$4.00 cash + \$3.00 food - good at the restaurant or for a Hot Dog & a Beer)

Then to the Golden Phoenix for a short 2 hour stay (\$4.00 cash) then to Circus Circus for an overnight stay. (\$5.00 cash) Arrive at 5:00 PM.

Most people spend the evening walking around outside looking at the great custom cars. In the past, Virginia Street is closed off for car displays, live music and fun.

Thursday morning we go to Cal Neva - \$7.00 cash. (Good place to eat breakfast)

Then we go to The Nugget - (\$8.00 cash + \$2.00 food).

After this we head home. Hopefully much richer.
To sign up and/or get a flyer,

Contact:

Ernie or Shirley Veal

(408) 224-3584 or e-mail at ecveal@juno.com

Summertime Sensation Circus Circus

**2 Night Trip To Reno
September 11-13, 2005**

Price \$97.00/ Per Person, Double Occupancy
\$35.00 Single Supplement

Casino Bonus over \$35.00
\$28.00 Cash/Slot Credit
\$2.00 Food Credit
Breakfast Buffet

Tour Features Include:

Motorcoach Transportation &
Luggage Handling
Two Nights Accommodations at the
Circus Circus Hotel Casino

Area Casino Stops

For a Flyer and more information

**Contact Glen or Ruth Furlong
(408) 378-8226**

email: GFurlongSr@aol.com

1235 Walnut Drive
Campbell, CA 95005-6505

Trip reservations are confirmed in the order
payments are received.

All money's are due by August 15, 2005.

IBM Retirement Club Web Site: www.sjpc.org/sjrc

The current month's newsletter is available at the web site above **before you get it in the mail.** It is there by about the first of the month. Click on **Newsletters** when you get to the web site. The newsletter is in PDF format and can be viewed, saved and/or printed with the free Adobe Reader program. This program is on most modern personal computers. If you don't have it, you can download it from the Adobe web site.

Contact:

Walt Cole

408 972-1178,

opawalt@pacbell.net

Change of Address

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

Send your new address and phone number by mail, e-mail or call the club answering machine:
408 256-6364.

Mail: send to:

San Jose IBM Retirement Club
Dept DKTA/F005 SVL
555 Bailey Ave.
San Jose, CA 95141

e-Mail: send to:

femuell@mindspring.com

RV Camping Club

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

www.sjpc.org/camping/

**Contact: Ernie Veal,
(408) 224-3584, ecveal@juno.com**



Day Trips

Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Spectacular Saturday, December 10, 2005

The day begins in the Gold Rush town of Jamestown. After lunch, you will enjoy the fabulous "Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Spectacular", at the Sierra Repertory Theatre. This holiday sequel to the hugely popular "Honky Tonk Angel" continues the comic escapades of three good ole country gals as they re-unite for a Christmas show like none other at "The Hillbilly Club" in Nashville.

Tour includes:

Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities, Hosted Lunch

All this for \$75.00 per person

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

Bocce Players Needed Tuesday, May 17, 2005 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 \$25 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**

Teatro Zinzanni Sunday, November 20, 2005 San Francisco

Live music and a gourmet five course meal. Every show is a unique experience. The show breaks new artistic territory with this intoxicating blend of interactive theatre, spectacle, fine arts and fine dining, put together for a memorable evening. You will quickly discover that the entertainment is not confined to the stage as European clown characters engage, amuse and entertain the entire room. Motorcoach, show & dinner all for only \$135. per person. Reserved seating is limited to 40. So don't wait!

Call for "check payable to:" info:

**408 377-6094 or 371-2959
Bud or Phyllis Souza
2511 Ontario Dr.
San Jose, CA 95124**

Historical Benicia and Glass Blowing Studios Tuesday, July 12, 2005

Trip Activity rating-2

Travel to Benicia for a tour of three glass studios. You'll watch as artisans demonstrate the ancient and fantastic art of glass blowing. From a seeming simple glob of molten glass they are able to create spectacular works of art, including vases, bowls, candlesticks, and jewelry. Of course, you will have to visit their gift shops. Hosted lunch at Captain Blythers Restaurant. After lunch a local guide will take you on a tour of Benicia including the Fisher Hanon House, Firehouse Museum, the Camel Barn and the Benicia Arsenal. The Camel Barn Museum stems from Benicia's unusual contribution to US Military history in the 1850's and 1860's.

Tour Includes:

Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities, Hosted lunch

All this for \$75.00 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**

Sonoma Canines & Marine Mammals Tuesday, September 20, 2005

Trip Activity rating-2

The trip will start at the Assistance Dog Institute in Santa Rosa, where you will tour the training facility. Assistance Dog is an educational and research institution concentrating on teaching and researching ways to "help dogs help people" Assistance Dogs help people with disabilities be more self-sufficient. They "see" for the seeing impaired, "hear" for the hearing impaired; offer mobility for the physically disabled; offer therapy and love to the lonely and sick. During the tour you will visit classes in session, meet the staff and have hands on experience with the dogs.

Lunch will be at Joseph's in the Hotel La Rosa which is one of the most historic properties in the wine country. Then on to the Marine Mammal Center which is situated on a windswept headland outside San Francisco's Golden Gate. Established in 1975, the center is a private, non-profit organization licensed to rescue and rehabilitate sick and injured marine mammals.

Tour Includes:

Deluxe Motorcoach, All Gratuities, Hosted lunch

All this for \$74.00 per. person

These trips fill up fast so don't wait.

For reservation information,

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**Madeline or Bill Souza at (408) 356-6280 or
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IBM Club

IBM Club Discounts

AMC Movie passes
\$5.50 each; no limit. They never expire

Cinelux Movie passes
\$8.00 for 2 admissions. No limit, never expire.

Universal Studios Southern California
Gate price: \$49.75 under 48": \$39.75
IBM Club price: one day ticket: \$36.00

Disneyland
Gate price: \$53.00 3-9 years: \$43.00
IBM Club price: \$47.70 3-9 years: \$36.55

Legoland any day tickets
Gate price: \$45.95
IBM Club price: \$30.95

**Payment by check or money order only,
no cash, no credit cards.**

Ticket Hours:

Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am-1:00pm

(San Jose Site: Bldg. 50 lobby)

IBM Club Office Contacts:

Valerie Cowing - 463-2462

Frank Vitale - 463-2455

Chinese Cooking Class

Thursday, May 12, 2005

The IBM Club is sponsoring a Chinese cooking class on Thursday, May 12; 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM through Los Gatos Adult Education at Los Gatos High School.

Cook like a pro! In this evening class. Learn such favorites as Walnut Prawns, Sweet and Sour Pork, Sizzling Eggplants and Fried Rice. And of course, eat the spoils! Everything you need for only \$30. The class size is limited, so bring your check to the IBM Club ticket office to ensure your place or email:

Valerie Cowing at:

vcowing@us.ibm.com

Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley

**Save \$12 on Ballet San Jose
Silicon Valley performances!**

Enjoy the magical beauty of the Ballet! See the Grand Finale May 5-8 or The Ugly Duckling, May 14. Save \$7 off the ticket price and the \$5 handling fee. Call **Ginger Rhodas** of Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley to reserve your seat today at:

408.288.2820 x 213 Just mention the IBM Club and prepare to be mesmerized!

IBM Employee/Retiree Discount Web Site

There is a web site that IBM employees and retirees can use to obtain discounts on a wide variety of products from many companies. Included are discounts on a wide variety of IBM PCs. But everything from home electronics to auto insurance is offered. A few of the sites seem to be for employees only, but most can be used by retirees. There are so many things offered that it seems overwhelming. The discounts on many items are not enormous, and may be available via AARP or AAA, etc. But you will have to compare carefully to find out for sure. If you are interested, go to the following URL.

www.beneplace.com/ibmer/

Movie: Star Wars III

Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22.

Where: Century 21 and 22 theaters

Time: Show times are 9:45 AM both days

Cost: \$4.50 each ticket. Maximum number of tickets is 4.

Checks or money orders only.

Deadline: First come first serve until tickets are sold out

If you want to take advantage of this low price, show up at the normal ticket hours of the IBM Club:

Wednesday & Friday: 11:00am-1:00pm

(San Jose Site: Bldg. 50 lobby)

IBM Club Office Contacts:

Valerie Cowing - 463-2462

Frank Vitale - 463-2455

2005 Watson Senior Bowling Tournament

May 7, 2005, 9:00 AM, Oakridge Lanes

All IBM seniors (50+) are welcome, both employees and retirees. The price for bowling and lunch is \$12. The price for lunch for your guest who does not bowl is also \$12. Lunch is BBQ chicken & ribs, salads, rolls, etc., all very good. You must sign up in advance for this event by either calling Sue (at the bowling alley) 578-8500, or sending a check to the IBM Club by April 30th. Both Sue and Topsy have sign up sheets.

To sign up by mail, send a check for the correct amount made out to the IBM Club. Include your name, mailing address, bowling average (if you have one that's current), phone number and IBM serial number.

Mail to:

IBM Club DKTA-F005 SVL, Senior Bowling Tournament, 555 Bailey Ave., San Jose, CA 95141

Adopt-A-Highway

Thursday, April 14, 2005

Award:

We have been officially recognized for our dedication and good work! Saturday, April 23rd at the "Great American Litter Pick Up" pizza lunch, San Jose IBM Retirement Club received the Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway "**Volunteer of the Year Award**" for 2004! See next page or the web site for color. It will also be prominently displayed at the picnic.

Law & Order:

One of our volunteers, Walt Cole, had the most action this clean up. He sort of interfaced with the law. Events unfolded in the Almaden off-ramp area. He came upon an 18 wheeler truck that had been pulled off Highway 85 by a lady CHP officer who was writing a ticket. Walt's description: "she was all business, no smile for the clean-up crew." He then went from witness to "receiver of stolen goods" when he found a pair of brand new pink ladies shorts, size 9, with the tags and the plastic security apparatus still on them! We had two choices, become an accessory after the fact and give them away at our Annual Picnic, or return the stolen merchandise. We returned the "*hot pants*" to the manager of Ross Stores in Almaden Fashion Plaza. We called first, since if we set off the security alarms going into the store, there would be much explaining to do. Would you believe they don't have a procedure for litter collectors returning shop lifted items?!

Free stuff:

Thanks to Bernie Coullahan we will have something to give away. He found a mouse pad that looks like an American Flag that needs to be adopted. We have some tape measures for you that weren't found on the freeway. Please stop by our display table and say hello. The club's scrapbooks will be next to us, so, you get two for one.

Great tailgate: tea sandwiches and birthday cake left over from a volunteer's birthday party the day before.

Lost & Found:

Doug Dean found a C clamp so badly mangled it should be called a Q clamp, \$1.86, AA credit card (had no customer service telephone number on it, we just cut it up), pair of plastic calipers...frozen. Almost had the makings of a car kit; found a disc brake drum, a wheel complete with tire (don't you think someone would notice their wheel was gone?), hub cap, and a gas cap.

14 volunteers 23 bags 1406 bags since our inception in April of 2001.

Schedule: meet in **VTA Parking lot 8:45 AM**
Wednesday, May 11, 2005 second Wednesday
Thursday, June 9, 2005 second Thursday

Contact:

Doug & Evelyn Dean dougnevie@comcast.net
408-264-9502

Callers:

Alice Czerniec 224-6230
Barbara Pugh 265-2466

Hard Drive Fitness Center

The Hard Drive Fitness Center is now offering to IBM retirees and their families and friends a 10,000 Steps-a-Day physical activity program. The package includes a hi-tech, simple-to-use pedometer, a 28-page walking handbook, 8 weekly tracking cards, an 8-week walking program that is online (for those interested) for logging your steps and receiving motivational coaching tips. The cost is \$19.95 plus tax--a \$10 discount off the regular price. You do not have to be a Fitness Club member to participate. You can walk by yourself or with other friends or family members, whenever you want to. To find out more,

Contact:

Steve Smith (at the Hard Drive Fitness Club)
1-888-340-3562

PC Club Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 5:00 PM, SVL

Charlie Rettner, IBM research scientist and digital photography enthusiast, will provide an introduction to digital cameras and the range of processing options available in the digital darkroom. From point-and-shoot utility cameras to high-end SLRs, digital cameras are rapidly displacing their film counterparts. Once the digital image is captured, the fun really begins. This presentation will cover a number of his favorite digital image manipulations, including image optimization and refinement, producing web galleries, panoramas, and digital art.

See the PC Club web site for directions:
www.sjpc.org

Contact for questions:

Walt Cole 972-1178 or opawalt@pacbell.net

IBM Quarter Century Club Activities

For those of you that had 25 years of IBM service, you are also a member of the IBM Quarter Century club. They have a web site at www.sjqcc.com and their email address is qcclub@us.ibm.com. They have events planned that might be of interest to you and are open to not only QCC members, but their friends as well.

- 1) Cats at AMT on May 15th
- 2) Ireland Trip, July 9 to 17th
- 3) Cruise around New England & Canada, Oct. 10-21
- 4) Christmas with the Rockettes, Dec. 1-4, 2005

Contact:

Hal Calkins
calkinshouse@att.net or (408-267-6699)

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have been given 62 pairs of eyeglasses since the beginning of 2005 and then got 60 more at the Pasta Feed. Many of the first batch came from the "One More Time" bowling league. So that makes a total of 122 pairs of eyeglasses turned in this year. Thanks to all who participated.

If you don't attend the club functions where eyeglasses are all collected, please call me to arrange for pickup.

Thank You,

Betty Bottoni
377-8593

Editor's comment:

For those not aware of this effort, these old (previously used) eyeglasses are used by doctors in places where needy folks cannot afford eyeglasses. When many pairs are collected, it is amazing how many needy people can be helped. The club has been collecting eyeglasses for years. Betty is now the club's representative who takes them to the doctors.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I've enjoyed keeping in touch with my former IBM co-workers through the newsletter. Alas, I cannot participate in your activities because I can no longer drive on freeways.

I understand there are quite a number of IBM retirees in my Santa Cruz area. I did enjoy the trip escorted by Art and Sharry Dill last summer on the water here.

I recently gave a box of memorabilia to History|San Jose Collections at 1661 Senter Road, San Jose 95112. It chiefly consisted of booklets concerning the IBM plantsite on Cottle Road and the programming center on Bailey Ave. It included some old-time IBM history: plaques, pen and pencil holder, paperweight and a framed IBM poster of a California Poppy (many were distributed over the years.)

My children were not interested in keeping any of this and I imagine some of you retirees are wondering how to keep yours preserved and available to researchers.

I couldn't find one marvelous booklet prepared for the opening ceremonies of the programming lab. It gave the history of the Spanish Land Grant; pictures, too, of the long cloth banner that hung in the lobby of each building commonly referred to as A, B, etc., that showed an incident of history for the "real" name of Almaden for building A and so on.

If any of you wish your IBM memorabilia protected for future reference, please call Melissa Johnson, Collections Manager, at (408) 521-5020. I'm sure she will make an appointment for you to bring in your memorabilia.

Good wishes to all my old buddies,

Harriet L. Duzet

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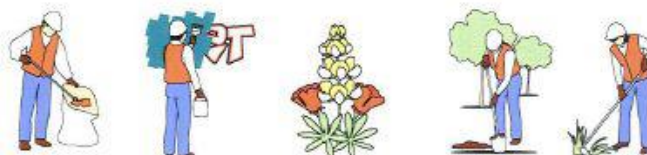
Presented in recognition of your group's civic pride and unselfish spirit. Although few people are aware of the hard work necessary to maintain a roadside, everyone appreciates an attractive highway.

Therefore, on behalf of California's traveling public, the California Department of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway Program wishes to thank each member of your group for the countless hours donated to help beautify the great State of California.


Will Kempton
Director, California Department of Transportation




Terri Porter
Statewide Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator



Walking Cultural Tours



SPEBSQSA Annual Show Campbell Heritage Theater 1 West Campbell Ave., Campbell, CA (corner of Winchester & Campbell) May 14, 2005

Tickets are on sale now!!

This is a great opportunity to hear barbershop music at its best. The show will be performed by the San Jose Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society (SPEBSQSA). The Garden City Chorus offers something for everyone in this fast-paced, fun-filled show celebrating a vast spectrum of American music. The first half of the show, featuring the chorus and several local quartets, will take you on a tongue-in-cheek, cross country musical journey as we find out "How the West was Sung."

Following intermission, we'll showcase medal-winning quartet "Velocity" and America's favorite barbershop quartet--the "Dapper Dans of Disneyland" straight from Main Street, USA!

Finally, you'll see the world premiere of the Garden City Chorus' new "Tribute to Stephen Foster: America's First Songwriter." This heart-warming look at the life and times of America in the 1850s, set to familiar melodies such as "My Old Kentucky Home" and "Camptown Races," Make your plans today to join us for two hours of non-stop entertainment...family-style!

There will be two performances: 2:00 PM, and 7:30 PM if you wish to make a full evening of it. All seats are reserved; tickets are available through IBM Retirement Club member, Fred Grometer, who will be singing in the show. Same price for matinee and evening tickets. PREMIER seats (first four rows, center section) go for \$26. Slightly behind them are the PREFERRED seats (seven rows)--the price is \$21. GENERAL RESERVED tickets sell for \$16. These prices include a \$1 "Theater Preservation Fee." The evening "Premier" tickets include a wine-and-cheese pre-show reception at 6:30 PM with the Dapper Dans. There is a 10% discount for groups of 10 or more. Such a deal!!

Contact: Fred at (408) 264-9157

NUMMI Automobile Plant Fremont, California Friday, May 20, 2005

What a resounding response; the tour is filled up with some folks on standby. **Please**, if you made reservations and can't make it, let Fred know so that those on standby can go. **Thanks**. Enjoy the day!!

Our tour will begin at 12:30; don't be late and miss the train. Let's gather at the usual Camden and Highway 85 Park and Ride for car-pooling at 11:15 AM. Riders pay \$2 for gasoline. Because the tour starts at mid-day, there will be no plans for lunch. Their cafeteria is not available; Elizabeth Park is nearby for picnics.

We'll go north on Highway 17 (I-880) about 21 miles, turning right at Fremont Boulevard South. Go about 0.3 miles and turn right at Industrial Drive. At the Main Gate #5 (0.4 miles), tell the guard about your tour, and he will give you a permit to park in the visitor lot. Walk north along the "cookie-cutter" windows and turn right at the building corner. The signs are helpful. NUMMI is fussy--no cameras and **no extra people**. (above the 30 reserved).

Contact: Fred Grometer (408) 264-9157

Cupertino Symphonic Band Memorial Park, Cupertino Stevens Creek Blvd. near Mary Avenue (Across from DeAnza College) 5:00 PM, Thursday, June 23, 2005

Remember those wonderful "Pops" concerts by John Phillip Sousa and Arthur Fiedler? Well, you probably don't remember since Sousa died about the year you were born, and Boston is a long way from San Jose. But now you have a chance to live those marvelous times--right here in Silicon Valley. It's not really a "Walking Tour" and it's not in the morning, but it is *cultural*. The concert is free, but bring a couple of food cans for distribution to the needy.

This outdoor concert starts 6:00 PM, but we can gather early for one of our famous pot-luck picnics. Bring your sandwiches and drinks and something to share for 10 or so others--dessert or hors d'oeuvres. Deviled eggs will not be rejected. Unless you enjoy sitting on damp grass, bring some folding chairs or blankets for yourself. If you can bring a folding table, call Fred and tell him.

It should be a grand evening, crowned with the usual "Stars and Stripes Forever." See you there. No reservations are needed, but please call Fred about the tables. Thanks.

Contact: Fred Grometer (408) 264-9157

Hikes

Alum Rock/Boccardo Trail Hike

Friday, May 13, 2005 9:30 AM

This month we'll be exploring the beautiful hills east of San Jose. We will begin the hike in Alum Rock Park, California's first and oldest municipal park. Nestled within the Alum Rock Canyon in the foothills of the Diablo Range, the park is filled with acres of natural, rugged beauty. We'll be taking the North Ridge and Todd Quick Trails, where after about a mile there is a junction with the Boccardo Corridor. This 1.5 mile trail, only open to the public since 2002, is designated as a portion of the Bay Area Ridge Trail. It will take us up about 1,100 feet to the top of a grassy knoll overlooking Silicon Valley. If it's a clear day, we'll have magnificent views.

The hike will be an out and back route, totaling about 5 miles. If you hadn't already guessed from the description, the "out" part of the hike is mostly uphill, but the route is so pretty that it's worth it. Do note that much of the time we'll be out in the open, so don't forget a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, and plenty of water. You never know how hot it might be! We will have lunch along the way in a nice shady eucalyptus grove.

We will meet at the Eagle Rock picnic area, which is the first parking lot you come to once you have entered the park. Note that there is a \$6 per car parking fee (this is not part of the county park system). To get to the park entrance, take highway 680 north and exit on Berryessa Road. Go east 1.2 miles. Turn right on Piedmont Road. Go .45 miles to Penitencia Creek Road. Continue 1.0 miles on Penitencia Creek Road to the entrance of the park. After you go through the entrance kiosk, look for the first parking lot on your right. People wanting to car pool, meet at the Camden Park & Ride (Camden & Hwy 85) at 9:00. Don't forget lunch and water.

Contact: **Gil or Julie Feller, 247-6769**

Coyote Hills Walk

Friday, June 24, 2005, 10:00 AM

This hike was originally scheduled for February, but we were rained out. We decided to try it again at a time when it's less likely to rain! Coyote Hills Regional Park is part of the East Bay Regional Park district. The park borders the eastern edge of San Francisco Bay. The park's sprawling marsh teems with shorebirds; the grassy hills are home to rabbits and squirrels, and the skies are filled with hawks, gulls, geese, and many other birds. You'll want to bring your binoculars on this hike. We'll be walking about 4-1/2 miles taking a loop route through the park. The trails are flat and mostly paved. We will visit the marsh, Alameda Creek, and grasslands. The wide, flat trails are open with very little shade. (Be sure to bring a hat and sunscreen). We stop for lunch at a picnic area near the end of the hike. After the hike, you may want to visit the park's visitor center. Here, you may view exhibits, attend programs, or talk with the naturalist staff.

We will meet at the visitor center parking lot. To get to the park, we recommend taking Highway 101 north to the Dumbarton Bridge (highway 84) east exit. There is no toll going in this direction. Take the Paseo Padre exit. Turn north on Paseo Padre about 1 mile, then turn left onto Patterson Ranch Road. Drive about 1.5 miles more, past the entrance kiosk and Quarry Staging Area, to the end of the road where you will find the visitor center. Note that there is a \$4 per car entrance fee, payable at the entry kiosk in a machine. Since this is an East Bay park, your County parks pass won't be honored here. People wanting to car pool, meet at the Camden Park & Ride (Camden & Hwy 85) at 9:00. Don't forget lunch and water.

Contact: **Gil or Julie Feller, 247-6769**

Truckee Big Hike Meetings

May 19, 2005, Bldg. 011 Cafeteria

Feller Group: 1:00-2:00 PM - Riley Group: 2:30-3:30 PM

Group meetings will be held Thursday, May 19th in the West Room of the Bldg 011 Cafeteria on the main Plant Site for all those who have signed up for this year's Big Hike. Trip details and information packets will be distributed at these meetings.

Both of the Big Hike groups will be going to Truckee this year. The date of first Big Hike led by Gil and Julie Feller is July 31 to August 5, 2005. The second Big Hike led by Jim and Dottie Riley is August 21 to August 26, 2005.

Both Groups will be staying at the Best Western Tahoe Truckee Inn where we stayed in prior years. The cost of this trip is \$520 for two people per room. This includes an expanded continental breakfast daily, the Thursday evening Banquet, and miscellaneous trip related expenses. Payment is due by the May 19th meeting. Checks are to be made out to the "IBM Retirement Club." Please contact the Fellers or Rileys to confirm your reservation or to sign up for this trip.

Gil & Julie Feller
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Bowling

One More Time League at Oakridge Lanes 2004/2005 Winter Bowling League April 13, 2005

1st place: team #5: "BEEES"
Ken England, Ed Henschel,
Shirley Beyler, Ed Bernhardt.

2nd place: team #13: "HEYSHIRLEY, YOU R UP"
Iris Pruet, Shirley Veal,
Bill Jeung, Joel Resnick

Men

High Scr. Game	High Scr. Series
269----Bill Jeung	757----Dan Thery
269----Don Creps	701----Jim Balistreri
255----Sal Garcia	621----John Cabri
255----Ron Bianco	

High Hdcp. Game	High Hdcp. Series
281----Fred Mitchell	720----Dennis Pitchford
281----Eddie Fahrner	713----Ernie Veal
279----Ed Henschel	710----Bill Furnal

High Average

199----Jim Balistreri
196----Dan Thery
193----Ron Bianco, Bill Jeung

Women

High Scr. Game	High Scr. Series
223----Jan Curry	602----Faye Fritz
215----Ruth Furlong	551----Lois Christiansen
212----Pat Falkowski	546----Ann Wilson

High Hdcp. Game	High Hdcp. Series
271----Mary Jane Canavan	728---Dede Corral
266---Mitzi Stewart	710---Chila Miller
253---Kris Denholm	698---Shirley Snyder
253---Iris Pruet	

High Average

172---Faye Fritz
163---Ann Wilson
159---Jan Curry

Would you believe that the fall/winter league is almost over? It seems like we just started. Where did the time go? The last day of the fall/winter league is May 11. We will have a meeting for the summer league on Friday, May 13, at 9:30 AM, at Oakridge Lanes. Following the meeting to elect new officers, there will be "NO TAP" bowling. So if you are planning on bowling in the summer, please come to the meeting and sign up for the bowling. Summer league starts Wednesday, May 18, at 9:30 AM. So come on and join in on the fun.

This will be my last report on bowling; I have had lots of fun, and I will miss you all. I hope to be back in the fall to bowl and see you all again.

Topsy, Secretary
377-4314

P.S. May 26, 11:30 AM: We will have our potluck and awards event at Oakridge Lanes. Bring your best dish.

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

April 7, 2005 - Under cloudy skies and heavy rain in some areas, 16 of our 28 golfers showed up at the course. Individual golf was played, and they finished 18 holes even though there were scattered showers. Here are the winners.

Men

1st - Les Harlow - 52
Earl Bowers -52
2nd - Larry Rosseland - 53
3rd - John Cabri - 57
Darrel Jensen - 57
4th - Lupe Rodriguez - 60
Jerry Condensa - 60

Women

1st - Hughie Cabri - 63
2nd - DeDe Corral - 67
3rd - Helen Wehner - 74
Marge Condensa - 74

Closest To Pin #10

1st - Neil Rowland - 4' 2"
2nd - Earl Bowers - 28' 8"
3rd - Don Johnson - 29' 9"
4th - Darrel Jensen - 32' 1"

The next dates are Thursdays, May 5 and June 2. **We tee off at 10:30 am, sharp. Please be there by 10:00 am to sign in and to pick up your lunch coupon from Helen.** Please send your check for \$22 **15 days in advance** of our golf date (or sooner) to:

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

Or call Helen to let her know you'd like to play that day. Sign ups will be on a first-come-first-serve basis, since there is a limited number of players allowed. Make your check out to the "IBM Retirement Club" and on the memo line write "Short 18 Hole Golf". Handicaps will be figured out after you have golfed at Deep Cliff. If it rains, call the golf course to find out if we have cancelled. 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**.

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

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

2005 Watson Senior Bowling Tournament May 7, 2005

For details, see bottom of page 8.

Par Tee Golf

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

Laguna Seca, April 11, 2005. It was another beautiful day to be out on the golf course. The "Shot-Of-The-Day" goes to Eric Schrader. On hole #5, a 477-yard par 5, Eric chipped his third shot into the cup from 20 yards out, for an Eagle. Three great shots, Eric! We had a nice turnout of 56 golfers. The format of play was "1-2-3." Here are the results:

<u>Place/Score</u>	<u>Team</u>				
1 / 116	Don Johnson	Tom Siljander	Otto Hampel	Bill Kurtz	
2 / 117	John Cabri	Jim Viallet	Mel Rodinsky	Fran Plummer	
3 / 121	Sandi Redder	Gloria Timpe	Gino Bottoni	Neil Rowland	

<u>Closest-To-Pin</u>	<u>#2</u>	<u>#8</u>	<u>#12</u>	<u>#14</u>	<u>#17</u>
<u>Men</u>	Otto Hampel 16' 5"	Jim McGuire 7' 4"	Lou Tolbert 7' 3"	Eric Schrader 8' 9"	Vince Spoto 5' 5"
	Larry Rosseland 18' 6"	Mel Rodinsky 7' 9"	Ralph Lyle 27' 1"	John Cabri 20' 3"	Tom Siljander 6' 11"
	Tony Scalora 29' 2"	Nick Nomm 16' 2"	Andy La Scola 29' 10"	Joe Sordi 30' 11"	Jim Viallet 13' 11"
<u>Ladies</u>			Carole McGuire 33' 3"	Fran Plummer 28' 5"	Kathy La Scola 10' 2" Gloria Timpe 34' 2"

There were eleven bogey golfers, (gross score of 89 or better), and they are: Jim McGuire & Jay Myers 80; Eric Schrader 82; Nick Nomm 83; Wally Gibson 85; Dick Sanfilippo, Mike Higginbotham, Ed Citti & Lou Tolbert 87; Don Johnson & Brent Norman 88. Congratulations to all the winners!

Looking ahead at our schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Cost/Due</u>	<u>Notes</u>
June 13	Rancho Canada-West	\$35.00/May 25	Soft spikes required-2 best ball foursome
July 18	Boulder Creek	\$35.00/June 29	Soft spikes required-Format = 1-2-3
August 15	Poppy Hills	\$75.00/ <u>June 29</u>	Includes cart-soft spikes req'd- <i>Bob Slater Memorial</i> -individual play
<u>Note---I must send in payment by July 5---Get your payment in early!!! No Cancellations!!!</u>			
Sep. 12	Coyote Creek-Valley	\$55.00/July 27	Includes cart-soft spikes required-2 best ball foursome

Notes:

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

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

5. Include you 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 four-some, your group may be split up).

San Jose IBM Retirement Club 20th Annual Picnic

Reservation Form — Fill out and mail now!

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Please Reserve: # of persons: _____ Buffet at \$16.50 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 20th Annual Picnic

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Cypress Pavilion Group Picnic Area

Cunningham Park, 2305 South White Road, San Jose

Reservation Deadline: May 18, 2005

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 and goodies
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 18, 2005 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.



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