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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Dear IBM former employees and their spouses,

The nominating committee has finished gathering nominations for next year's Club officers. They are:

President	George Walker
Vice-President	Bill Souza
Secretary	Marian Wisbar
Treasurer	Dave Sloan
Membership	Ed Mueller
Communications	Walt Cole
Directors-at Large	Jerry Bemis, Betty Bradley, Tom Clarke

The board also approved a proposal to change club membership requirements from "IBM Retiree" to "Individuals who have worked for IBM during their careers and now consider themselves retired."

The transition to online newsletters is moving well, although we still have a long way to go. "Thank You" to those members who responded to Ed Mueller's survey. Remember, the renewal codes L08 and V2008 after your name on the address label indicate that Ed has logged your confirmation. If you have not responded yet and wish to continue receiving this newsletter via the U.S. mail, please send the page 10 form back to the address on page 10. (E-mail readers only get only 9 pages.)

The Club's 22nd annual meeting is Tuesday, October 28, at 2:00 PM. Our guest speaker is Rod Diridon. He will speak on Public Transportation, an important topic in today's environment. Chris Owen, CEO of the Meriwest Credit Union, will speak about the state of Meriwest during this troubled financial time. The meeting will be held at the Almaden Winery Community Center, 5730 Chambertin just off Blossom Hill Road. Please plan to attend. Wine will not be served. Sorry. This community center is located on the previous location of the Almaden Winery. There is a building there that dates back a long time...

Art Dill, Club President

2008 Bylaw Changes and Update

The Executive Board has approved the rewriting of Article 3 to change the bylaw on Membership. The following three changes have been incorporated into that section.

- All former IBM regular employees qualify to be Members in the Club.
- Associate Members can now hold any office except President or Vice President
- A widow or widower of a Member becomes an Associate Member and carries forward the membership status of the spouse.

These changes to the Bylaws will be voted on at the annual meeting in October. If you wish to review the current Constitution and Bylaws, go to the club web site (ibmsjrc.org) and look for "Constitution and Bylaws." If you wish to vote for or against these bylaw changes and cannot come to the Annual Meeting, please send your hand-crafted ballot (or just use this page, suitably marked up) to the address in the upper left corner of page 2.

Adopt-A-Highway, September 10, 2008

It was a perfect day (weather-wise) for collecting litter. Our new volunteer, Carol George, went out for her first clean. Her reaction was, "Oh my gosh, as I was out there I was thinking of all the volunteer work I do but I really felt like I was doing something worthwhile today. I really feel that in my heart." We received a T-shirt from Caltrans for agreeing to participate in California Cleanup Day and presented it to Barbara Warner for recruiting 3 new volunteers in the last few months. Most noteworthy find was a five dollar gambling chip from Garden City card room. We have not redeemed it yet. We made the newspaper Wednesday, September 17, in Mr. Roadshow's column. A lady was worried about our safety. We are reviewing our assigned area with Caltrans. Eleven volunteers removed 11 bags of litter bringing our total to 2382. We finished our clean up with super oatmeal cookies from an anonymous donor and homemade lemonade.

Schedule: Second Thursday, October 9, 2008; second Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Meet in VTA parking lot **8:45 a.m.**

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

Contact: **Doug & Evelyn Dean (408) 264-9502** dougnevie@comcast.net

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Membership Report Ed Mueller

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September 18, 2008

Membership History

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

Year	August	September
1998	1701(0)	1707(0)
2007	2161(398)	2161(456)
2008	2153(845)	2156(1005)

Join the On-Line Revolution!

More and more club members are getting on the club's e-mail list and do not receive their club newsletters by U.S. mail. Instead, they get an e-mail every month when the latest newsletter is ready. If you are not on this list yet and are willing to join, send an e-mail to Ed at the address below. Be sure to include your name and address.

This will verify your membership without mailing in the form on page 10.

Ed Mueller's e-mail address:
membership@ibmsjrc.org

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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San Jose, CA 95141

Ed Mueller,
e-mail: membership@ibmsjrc.org

Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, October 16, 2008,
10:00 AM

Meriwest Credit Union
5615 Chesbro Ave.
at Blossom Hill Road

Sunshine Report

Konrad Hixt is slowly recovering from an accident. His knee was "smashed" when a button to close the sliding door on an SUV was inadvertently pushed. He has been hospitalized three times and is currently using a wheelchair. We certainly hope he will be completely recovered before too long.

Cay Rafferty has returned home following a recent hospital stay. She is thankful for the assistance she receives from friends.

Ron Bianco had a medical emergency while in Montana. Doctors inserted a defibrillator. He has returned home and is doing well. He hopes to return to bowling in a few weeks.

Please call or e-mail me if you know of a retiree or spouse who is ill.

Terry Milinic'
265-5908

theresano1@yahoo.com

In Memoriam

Richard Lamy
Alfredo Menini
Martin Shapiro
Howard Snively
Monica Stewart

To report life-changing events, and to find answers to benefit questions, contact:

IBM Employee Services Center
1-800 796-9876

New Members

James McIlvain
James Sagawa
Tuiloli Siliga
W. J. "Stu" Stewart

RV Camping Club

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

www.sjpc.org/camping/

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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Oct 7, 2008	A Journey Through Time - Steinbeck	2	--	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Oct 9, 2008	Adopt-a-Highway		1	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Oct 14, 2008	PC Club: Picasa 3 Update		7	Walt Cole	972-1178
Oct 16, 2008	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Oct 18, 2008	Horse Racing - Golden Gate Fields		6	George & Isabel Nale	779-4275
Oct 20, 2008	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 22-Nov 4, 2008	Mediterranean Cruise		--	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
Oct 24, 2008	Hike: Forest of Nisene Marks		7	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Oct 28, 2008	IBM Retirement Club Annual Meeting		1	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Nov 5-18, 2008	Winter in Thailand		4	George & Isabel Nale	779-4275
Nov 12, 2008	Adopt-a-Highway		1	Doug & Evelyn Dean	264-9502
Nov 21, 2008	Hike: Coyote Creek Parkway Walk		7	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Dec 2-8, 2008	Branson for the Holidays Sold Out*		--	Ron & Heidi Harlan	266-7639
Dec 14, 2008	The Christmas Revels		7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Dec 17, 2008	Holiday Party Dinner Dance		8	George Walker	268-7623
Dec 30, 08-Jan 3, 09	New Year's in Nashville		5	Bud Souza	340-0082
Jan 12, 2009	Indian Casino: Thunder Valley		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jan 22, 2009	Ozark Mountain Jubilee Sold Out*		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Feb 14, 2009	Valentine's Day Special		6	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Mar 3, 2009	New San Francisco Academy of Sciences		7	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Mar 8-10, 2009	Reno: Circus Circus		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 12-24, 2009	Spectacular South Africa Canceled	4	--	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Apr 6, 2009	Indian Casino: River Rock		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 17, 2009	California Cashmere, Ironstone Vineyards		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Apr 25-May 4, 2009	Truly Tulip Time, Europe River Cruise		4	George & Carole Walker	268-7623
June 8-9, 2009	Chukchansi, Reedley Opera House		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 11-18, 2009	Calgary Stampede & Canada's Rockies		5	Bud Souza	340-0082
July 13, 2009	Indian Casino: Feather Falls		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Aug 22-Sep 1, 2009	Ultimate Alaska Cruise		5	Art & Sharry Dill	831 338-3069
Oct 22-31, 2009	Discover Tuscany		5	Phyllis Souza	247-7335
May 20-29, 2010	Oberammergau		4	George & Carole Walker	268-7623

*Most sold-out trips have wait lists. Call the trip host to add your name.

Travel Trips

Truly Tulip Trip April 25 - May 4 2009 Wine! Cheese! Flowers! *Note New Itinerary!*

Due to changes in the river boat contracts, we have a new and exciting trip which will take us to see even more **tulips** because we will be exclusively on **Holland's** and **Belgium's** waterways. Board the ship in **Amsterdam** and make it your home while we see the city including Anne Frank's home and the art museums. We'll visit **Voldendam**, a quaint cheese-making town where time seems to have stopped. We cruise on to **Arnhem**, which played a major role in WW II. Many museums are available to us here. Our cruise continues to **Middelburg**, medieval city and the center of **Deltaworks**, which teaches about the deltas and dikes. We'll see **Ghent, Belgium**, an imperial city which conveys the splendor of by-gone days. **Bruges, Belgium**, one of our all-time favorite spots, is a wonderfully preserved medieval city. It is the center of lace making and has great chocolates!

Day 7 we are in **Antwerp** with its Gothic and Baroque architecture and busy cafes. It was the home of Peter Paul Rubens. Again, the chocolates are to die for!! Time here for shopping and exploring. In **Utrecht** we'll see the working windmills and learn at the UNESCO World Heritage Site the story of the battle with the sea. Then we visit the world-famous **Keukenhof Gardens** and 70 acres of flowers. We have secured the best-anticipated time for the peak of bloom. The price of **\$3,669** includes air, insurance, all meals, and local wines on this river boat of 80 cabins.

*Please join us for more information at Baker's Square,
Almaden and Hwy. 85, Tuesday, October 7, 10:00 AM.*

Contact: **George Walker and Carole Walker**
gcwalker95120@yahoo.com, or call (408) 268-7623

Once in a Decade Opportunity May 20 - 29, 2010 **Oberammergau**

The details of the **Imperial Cities Tour**, which includes the famous **Passion Play of Oberammergau**, have been re-released. The trip date is listed above. The cost is **\$5329**, including air and insurance. We will tour **Budapest, Hungary**, enjoy a Hungarian horse show, visit a lovely wine town and enjoy a Renaissance-style dinner. Next stop is beautiful **Vienna, Austria**, where we tour the lovely city of Gothic spires, quiet parks and memorable music. The evening will be in Grinzing, enjoying the wine and music. The next day we will board a river boat for a tour of the Danube and return to Vienna through the Vienna Woods immortalized by Strauss. Our next stop is **Prague, Czech Republic**, the "Golden City." We will have a city tour and have free time to shop. Our last stop is the highlight of the trip, the **Passion Play**, one of the most powerful performances on earth.

We know that May, 2010, seems long way off, but as we get older it seems time goes faster and who knows who will be around the next time Oberammergau presents the "Passion Play"?

Interested? For a brochure, call George or Carole for a mailed brochure or e-mail them for a soft copy.

*An information meeting will be held at Baker's Square,
Almaden and Hwy. 85, Tuesday, November 11,
(was November 18)
at 10:00 AM. Please join us.*

Contact: **George and Carole Walker**,
408 268 7623 or e-mail gcwalker95120@yahoo.com

Winter in Thailand November 5-18, 2008

Why shiver here when you can be in balmy Thailand seeing exotic locations, staying in great hotels and doing some bargain shopping for Christmas gifts, clothing, and jewelry?

Thailand (Siam) has fascinating scenery, a much different culture and many historic sites.

In Bangkok you can see the Grand Palace, the Emerald Buddha, gems and silk, ancient temples, the Floating Market, and much entertainment.

Ching Mai is a historic hill city with ethnic tribes and handicraft markets, plus natural habitat elephant shows. Many ancient wats/temples to tour.

Ching Rai, near the Golden Triangle of Thailand, Laos and Myanmar, has lovely scenery and we visit villages where both the long-necked and big-earring people live.

November has the mildest climate of the year and the local currency is pegged to the US dollar. A real travel bargain at \$2399, including travel insurance. Of course this trip, like all trips, is subject to airport taxes and extra fuel charges. For further information and a flyer on the trip, call or e-mail us.

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

TAR: Trip Activity Rating

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

Travel Trips

New Year's In Nashville

December 30, 2008 - January 3, 2009

4 Nights in the Opryland Hotel, one of the most fanciful and unforgettable man-made wonders of the world
You owe it to yourself to be there once in your life.

Featuring:

New Year's Eve Masquerade Gala Dinner/Dance
New Year's Day Brunch
General Jackson Dinner Cruise
Grand Ole Opry Performance

Included:

Roundtrip Airport Transfers
Roundtrip Air to Nashville
6 meals
Baggage handling/1 suitcase per person
All Taxes, Resort Fees & Gratuities

Price Per Person:

\$1440 Double Occupancy
\$1720 Single Occupancy

For reservations & complete brochure, contact: **Bud Souza, (408) 340-0082**
e-mail: buds2@mindspring.com

Ultimate Alaska Cruise

August 22 – September 1, 2009

11-day Round Trip from San Francisco

- Sail under the beautiful Golden Gate, truly a must do experience.
- One bottle of wine per cabin aboard the luxurious 5-star Sea Princess.
- Visit Icy Strait, a new cruise port for the Princess.
- Thrill to the awe-inspiring Tracy Arm Fjord for glacier-viewing and snow-capped mountains along Alaska's Inside Passage.
- Visit 5 ports including Vancouver Island and the sophisticated seaside city of Victoria, British Columbia.
- Includes all shipboard meals, entertainment and shipboard activities. Enjoy sensational movies under the stars.
- Gratuities for drivers and stevedores, round trip transfers: San Jose/San Francisco.
- Unpack once - baggage handling – 1 suitcase per person.
- Choice of dining: traditional or anytime.
- Specialty dining: Sterling Steakhouse or try Ultimate Balcony Dining
- This is a no hassle trip. You and your luggage are picked up at SVL (old STL) on Bailey Road and driven to San Francisco harbor where you board your ship. You will find your luggage in your stateroom.
- Inside stateroom: \$2095 per person double occupancy. Upgrades are available.

Contact:

Art or Sharry Dill at ArtHDill@comcast.net or (831) 338-3069

Calgary Stampede & Canada's Kootenay Rockies

July 11-18, 2009

This trip features spectacular scenery, friendly Canadian towns, festivals, great food, mountain lakes, hot springs, all at an easy pace for a practical package price: \$2,550 double and \$3,155 single.

Highlights include Calgary chuck wagon races, Banff and Lake Louise, Kootenay Rockies National Park with a Kootenay Lake ferry ride, Kimberley, the Bavarian City of the Rockies, the Glass House in Boswell, hot springs, Sandon Ghost Town and much more.

Included in the cost are round trip airfare and transfers, deluxe motorcoach, 7 nights accommodations (Calgary 2, Banff 2, Kimberley 1, Nelson 2), 12 meals (7 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners), admission to all the included attractions, tips for driver and guide, and baggage handling.

For brochure & detailed info, contact

Bud Souza
408-340-0082 email: buds2@mindspring.com

Discover Tuscany

October 22–31, 2009

Our vision of Tuscany -- rows of cypress trees on rolling hilltops against the blue sky; olive groves and vineyards marching tidily down a slope; hill towns overlooking land that has been carefully cultivated since Roman times. This is a place rich in culture, art, architecture, history, food and wine.

We begin with a tour of glorious, historic Rome. Then Assisi-Montecatini Terme becomes our home for the next six nights. Next comes Florence, cradle of the Italian Renaissance, and picturesque San Gimignano with its 14 towers, followed by Siena, a wonderful medieval city.

Call for a brochure to read about it all. An informational meeting will be held later in the year. Trip cost is \$3,319 per person, double occupancy.

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phyllissouza@sbcglobal.net
or **Aurora Hicks (209)223-3152**

Day Trips

Chukchansi Reedley Opera House Underground Gardens

June 8-9, 2009, a 2-day trip!

- Reedley Opera House, tour, show, luncheon
- Chukchansi, overnight hotel room plus bonuses
- Underground Gardens tour and admission
- Price: **\$158**; Bonus: \$10, EZ Play, \$10 Food Credit

Contact: **Topsy Thompson (408) 377-4314**
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California Cashmere, Ironstone Vineyard Friday, April 17, 2009

Learn how cashmere is harvested, graded, sorted, and de-haired. Then we will go on to Ironstone Vineyards in Murphys for a guided tour of the old wine caverns, gardens and other exhibits. The visit to the winery will include wine tasting, with canapés, and a private group luncheon. Price **\$85.00**

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Horse Races at Golden Gate Fields Saturday, October 18, 2008

Feel lucky? Do you know a good horse when you see one? Find out the answers to these questions and have a good time doing it by taking in the thoroughbred horse races at Golden Gate Fields. Not only do you see a lot of exciting races in a beautiful setting but you get a good lunch in a very nice enclosed dining area. A great way to spend the day, and maybe enhance the family coffers, and it is only \$50 for the bus ride, lunch and a thrilling day watching colorfully-clad jockeys fly around the track on their beautiful mounts.

To sign up or get more information call or e-mail us.

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

Ozark Mountain Jubilee Thursday, January 22, 2009 **Sold Out**

The Woodland Opera House presents, direct from Branson, The Ozark Mountain Jubilee, featuring Branson's funniest comedian and world-class fiddler, Doofus Doolittle. Doofus will have you rolling in the aisles with his unique style of hillbilly humor. You can expect some of the best fiddle music anywhere. Prior to the show we will enjoy a hosted private buffet luncheon at Ludy's Main Street BBQ adjacent to the opera house. After the show we will make a non-hosted stop in Vacaville at Fenton's Creamery. Tour includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities. All this for **\$88.00** per person.

Contact:
Topsy Thompson at (408) 377-4314 or
e-mail: topray4314@att.net

Indian Casino Trips

Jackson Rancheria

Monday, October 20, 2008

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

Thunder Valley Casino

Monday, January 12, 2009

Price: \$ 28.00, \$5.00 Match Play, \$5.00 Food

Circus, Circus, Reno, Sunday-Tuesday,
March 8-10, 2009

Price: \$114.50 per person, double occupancy &
\$40.00 single supplement.

Casino bonus: \$37.00 cash & food credit

River Rock Casino

Monday, April 6, 2009

Price: \$29.00, Bonus \$20.00 Cash

Feather Falls Indian Casino

July 13, 2009

Price: \$20.00, Bonus: \$10.00 cash

All single-day 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

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Valentine's Day Special Saturday, February 14, 2009

Trip activity 2

Due to overwhelming response,
we are taking reservations for a second bus.

Spend a special day at the historic Claremont Resort in Oakland with great entertainment, food, friends, and fun. As we enjoy a light brunch, we will be entertained by the exciting musical show, "Down Broadway!", a series of captivating plays that take audiences on a journey through time, all seen through the eyes of a neighborhood musician.

After the show there will be a no-host sweet stop.
All this for \$87.00 per person.

Contact: **Bill & Madeline Souza356-6280**
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Day Trips

The Christmas Revels **Sunday—December 14, 2008**

Trip Activity Rating – 2

Back by popular demand from last year's trip

This year's production in Oakland will return to Europe with a new interpretation of "The King and the Fool." The setting is a medieval castle where a King is entertained by his court, troubadour and most significantly, his Jester. A wonderful children's chorus will be a key ingredient this year. Lunch will be at El Pescatore (Jack London Square) specializing in Northern Italian food. All this for \$86.00 per person.

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New San Francisco **Academy of Sciences**

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Trip Activity 2

The newest and largest cultural attraction in San Francisco, the Academy is the only place on the planet that brings together a natural history museum, an aquarium, a planetarium and a 4-story rainforest under one living roof. It's certain there will be something of interest for everyone! We were told to allow 3 1/2 to 4 hours for the tour. With several dining options on location, a no host lunch break can be made at your convenience. On the return trip two fun stops will be made: the PEZ Memorabilia & Classic Toy Museum and a no host stop at Preston's Ice Cream and Candy.

All this for \$61.00 per person.

Contact: **Bill & Madeline Souza** 356-6280
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Hikes

Coyote Creek Parkway Walk

November 21, 2008, 10:00 AM

Join us for a walk on the Coyote Creek Parkway. This is a level, paved trail (no mud to worry about). We will go on an out and back route, stopping along the way for lunch. Distance can be as far as everyone wants to go – approximately a 6 mile round trip. Those of you wanting to ride bikes may bring them along. This is a bike-friendly trail that goes all the way to Morgan Hill. We'll access the trail at Hellyer Park.

To get to the starting point of the walk, take Highway 101 to the Hellyer Avenue exit. From south San Jose, go left over the freeway upon exiting. Follow signs to County Park. At the park entrance, go straight into the Velodrome entrance, then turn left. Go to the second parking lot by the velodrome. We'll meet at 10 AM there. Note that there is an entrance fee of \$4 per vehicle unless you have a county park sticker. Bring lunch and water. Heavy rain cancels the walk.

Contact: **Gil & Julie Feller** 247-6769
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Hike: Forest of Nisene Marks

Friday, October 24, 2008 9:30 AM

(note earlier meeting time)

This beautiful state park, located near Aptos, is on land that was clear-cut during a forty year logging frenzy (1883-1923). When the loggers left Aptos Canyon, the forest began to heal itself. The Forest of Nisene Marks is a fine example of how a forest can regenerate. Our 6 mile loop hike will take us on the Loma Prieta Grade and Bridge Creek Trail. We will walk in a mostly shaded region of the park with lush green vegetation. The hike is somewhat strenuous with some steep hills and a couple of creek crossings – and there is abundant poison oak. Bring a snack to enjoy along the way as we won't be eating lunch until the end of the hike.

To get to the park, take Highway 17 south toward Santa Cruz. At the Highway 1 junction, go south. Travel down Highway 1 to the State Park Drive exit. Go left toward Aptos, and turn right at Soquel Road. The entrance to the park is a left turn about a mile down Soquel Road on Aptos Creek Road. Look for the road just after you go through a railroad undercrossing. Once on Aptos Creek road, the park entrance (fee area) is about a mile down the road. Pay your fee and continue on the park road until you get to the Porter Family picnic area which is at the end of the dirt road. This is the starting point for our hike.

People wanting to car pool will meet at the Camden Park & Ride (Camden & Hwy 85) at 8:30 AM. Don't forget lunch and water.

Contact: **Gil & Julie Feller** 247-6769
jfeller1@ix.netcom.com

IBM Employee Service Center:

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

PC Club: Picasa 3 Upgrade

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Subject: Picasa 3: A free image organizing and editing program. This new version adds a variety of new capabilities as well as improving some current ones. Come see what they are!
Speaker: Walt Cole, Club member and SeniorNet instructor.

www.sjpc.org

Discount Web Site for IBM Retirees

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

www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/

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
IBM Club price: \$54.00 Two-day ticket!

6 Flags Discovery Kingdom

Gate price: \$51.24, parking: \$15.00
IBM Club price: \$25.61, parking \$10.00
Print tix online: \$27.66 + \$3 order fee
www.sixflags.com, Promo code: 'Ibm', click 'go'

Great America

Gate price: \$51.99; season pass: \$59.99
season pass w/ Gilroy Gardens: \$84.99
IBM Club price: any day \$29.99; season: \$59.99
season pass w/ GG: 74.99, parking: \$6.00
Print tix online: \$31.99, no added fees
www.cagreatamerica.com, go to tickets;
corporate partner: enter company id: "ibm"

Disneyland & Disney World discount tickets are no longer available from the IBM Club. These tickets are available on-line at the Beneplace web site, although the discount is less there. (See bottom of page 7.)

Gilroy Gardens

Gate price: \$41.99
IBM Club price: \$23.00

Legoland

Gate price: adults \$61.00 3-12 years \$49.00
IBM Club price: \$40.00 all ages, 3 and up
2nd day for only \$1; go to Guest Services at Legoland

See's Candy

IBM Club price: \$11.50 1 pound gift certificate

Sea World

Gate price: \$59.00 3-9 years: \$49.00
IBM Club price: \$46.50 3-9 years: \$41.00 2-day ticket

Raging Waters

Gate price: \$29.99 Season: \$59.99
IBM Club price: \$21.99 Season: \$39.99

Payment by check or money order only,
no cash, no credit cards.
Checks or money orders should be
made payable to IBM Club

IBM Club Office Main Contact:

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

2008 Holiday Party Dinner Dance

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

San Jose Elks Lodge, 444 West Alma Avenue, San Jose

No Host cocktails beginning at 6:00 PM

Dinner served at 7:00 PM, Dancing 8:00 - 11:00 PM

Cost: **\$30.00** per person

Raffle tickets sold at the event - lots of great prizes!

Tables seat only 8. If you would like to sit with friends, all parties must list ALL the names on the reservation forms. Seating will be assigned as received. If you want to be seated near the dance floor, please get your reservation form in early. Singles will be seated with other singles if requested. Handicapped facilities are available.

Reservations must be received by December 3, 2008. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Reservation Form

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Dinner Selections: ___ Prime Rib; ___ Salmon; ___ Vegetarian - Salad, mashed potatoes, veggies, rolls and dessert included

Wine may be purchased by the glass, carafe or bottle at the bar. _____ Singles Table

We would like to sit with the following people:

Make checks payable to the IBM Retirement Club. Mail this form and check to:

John Warner, 5781 Chandler Court, San Jose, CA 95123

Bowling

One More Time League at 300 San Jose (formerly Oakridge Lanes) 2008-2009 Winter League September 10, 2008

Well, our 2008-2009 "One More Time" bowling league has started once again. We continue to bowl at "300 San Jose" behind Oakridge mall. We call this our Winter League. We now have 25 teams with room for 26 teams. So we could use another 5 or 6 bowlers. You can use the lanes, bowling balls and bowling shoes provided at the bowling center if you don't bring your own. (Nobody brings their own lane, of course.)

New officers for the Winter League:

President: Bill Bartz
Vice President: Ike Andes
Secretary: Topsy Thompson
Sgt at Arms: John Cabri

We bowl every Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM.

If you would like to bowl with us, call Topsy or Sue.

Contacts:

Topsy Thompson: 377-4314

Sue Ehrlich: 578-8500 (at the bowling center)

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

September 4, 2008: The Rusty Campbell Memorial tournament was played by 21 players. Helen Brock and Bill Kurtz were the winners. Congratulations to you both. Other winners were:

MEN		WOMEN		
1st	Bill Kurtz	57	1st Helen Brock	58
2nd	Jerry Condensa	59	2nd Hughie Cabri	59
3rd	Dick Gehner	60	Chris Oba	59
	Dave Fitting	60	3rd Marge Condensa	62
	Neil Keever	60	4th Kathy La Scola	67
4th	Dick Lake	61	DeDe Corral	65
	Ray Jelesky	61		

Closest to Pin #10: Nobody

The next fun golf dates are Thursdays, October 2 and November 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 DePaul(294-7041)

Par Tee Golf - To see full report, go online and look for "Par Tee Golf"

Sunnyvale Municipal September 22, 2008 The "Shot-of-the-Day" goes to Kathy La Scola. On Hole #6, a 341 yard par four, she "putted" from well off the green, to save par! Great shot, Kathy! The format of play was "2 Best Ball Foursome." Due to a conflicting tournament with my SIRS group and a lot of golfers being away on vacation, we had a very low turnout of 23 players.

The Par Tee Golf Club NCGA membership renewals are now due. (See details in "Notes" below.)

Here are the results: **Place / Score / Names**

1 /117	Eric Schrader	Milton Loo	Phil Nielsen	Larry Rosseland*
2 /118	Don Johnson	Carl Mendel	Mel Rodinsky	Tom Siljander
3 /120	Nick Nomm	Patrick Arnett	Dan Thery	Granny Barefoot

* Blind Draw

Closest-To-Pin	#4	#7	#13	#15
Men:	Eric Schrader	Mel Rodinsky		Phil Nielsen
	Nick Nomm	Don Johnson		Rich Campbell
	Patrick Arnett	Milton Loo		
Ladies:		Dede Corral		

Future:	Oct. 6,	Pajaro Valley,	\$40.00 due by Sep.17
	Nov. 10,	Spring Valley,	\$60.00 due by Oct. 22
	Dec. 1,	Los Lagos,	\$48.00 due by Nov. 12

Notes: Renewals are now due for the "Par Tee Golf Club." Renewals before December 5 are \$40.00.

After December 5, or no previous NCGA number, are \$50.00.

Contact Don Johnson @ (408) 997-9452, or send an email to: maxdonmar@comcast.net, for renewals.

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