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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

Dear Friends,

Our annual meeting was well received by the club membership. Approximately 100 members were in attendance. Rod Diridon's presentation on high-speed mass transportation for California was very informative and Chris Owens's presentation convinced everyone their money is still safe in the Meriwest Credit Union. We do owe Chris a special thanks for the use of the Credit Union's conference room for our club's board meetings. Members of the club voted unanimously to permit those who were IBM employees but who didn't retire or have not retired from IBM to join the club as regular members. There was no change to the dues, which are still \$3.00 per year or \$25.00 for lifetime membership. Lastly the 2009 club board members were announced.

The last major event for the club, the Holiday Dinner Dance, will be here shortly. Please try to attend. It's always lots of fun.

December is my last month as club president and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support for the past two years.

Have a great holiday season.
Art Dill, Club President

Adopt-A-Highway

Safety issues have been resolved with CalTrans. Our new contract leaves out an area we cleaned in the past including the area around our Adopt-A-Highway sign. CalTrans has agreed to move the sign to where our area now begins. We will go back cleaning Highway 85 when the sign has been moved and we have received our new safety vests. The safety vest change (new federal highway administration requirement effective Nov. 24, 2008) has nothing to do with the safety issue evaluation. CalTrans has a better and more visible vest and no groups can clean until they have the new vests. But CalTrans did not have money to buy any until recently. We didn't think in the past that cleaning the freeway was such a complicated effort.

Tentative Schedule: Wednesday, January 14, 2009

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

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.

Reservations must be received by December 8, 2008. No tickets will be sold at the door.

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:

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San Jose IBM Retirement Club

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Glen Furlong, Terry Milinic', Ron Harlan,
George Nale, Ernie Veal, George Walker,
Ina Havens

Membership Report Ed Mueller

November 18, 2008

History

November, 1998: 1713

November, 2007: 2167

November, 2008: 2157

Currently reading online: 1206

Change of Address

Send new addresses, phone numbers
and requests for on-line newsletters
to Ed Mueller:

By e-mail: membership@ibmsjrc.org

By U. S. Mail:

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

In Memoriam

Magdalena Bilek
George Denny
Raymond Kast
Howard Keller
James Thiel

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

IBM Employee Services Center
1-800-796-9876

New Members

Rodin Imai
Bill Jump

Sunshine Report

Cliff Havens is home following recent
hospitalization. Ina reports he is receiv-
ing therapy at home and is able to take
walks with their daughter.

Lahn Hoyle is recuperating nicely fol-
lowing arthroscopic knee surgery.

Thanks for your calls and e-mails.

Happy Holidays,
Terry Milinic', 265-5908
theresano1@yahoo.com

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

Gilroy Gardens

Gate price: \$41.99

IBM Club price: \$23.00

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

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

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Valerie Cowing - (408) 927-3059

Ticket Hours: Wednesday:

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SVL Lobby (old STL) on Bailey Road

San Jose IBM Retirement Club
web site:

ibmsjrc.org

Discount Web Site for IBM Retirees

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

www.beneplace.com/ibmretirees/

Next Club Board Meeting:
Thursday, December 18, 2008,
10:00 AM

Meriwest Credit Union
5615 Chesbro Ave.
at Blossom Hill Road

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TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Date	Event	TAR	Page	Contact	Phone
Dec 14, 2008	The Christmas Revels		–	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Dec 17, 2008	Holiday Party Dinner Dance		1	George Walker	268-7623
Dec 18, 2008	IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting		2	Art Dill	831 338-3069
Dec 30, 08-Jan 3, 09	New Year's in Nashville Sold Out*		5	Bud Souza	340-0082
Jan 12, 2009	Indian Casino: Thunder Valley		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jan 14, 2009	Adopt-A-Highway		1	Evelyn & Doug Dean	264-9502
Jan 22, 2009	Ozark Mountain Jubilee Sold Out*		–	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Jan 23, 2009	Hike: Harvey Bear Ranch		8	Gil & Julie Feller	247-6769
Feb 14, 2009	Valentine's Day Special		–	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Mar 3, 2009	New San Francisco Academy of Sciences	2	8	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Mar 8-10, 2009	Reno: Circus Circus		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Mar 21, 2009	Pasta Fest		–	George Nale	779-4275
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
May 7, 2009	A Day in the Gold Country		8	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
June 4-14, 2009	Western National Parks		4	George & Isabel Nale	779-4275
June 8-9, 2009	Chukchansi, Reedley Opera House		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
July 10, 2009	City Streets, Bay Views and Blue Skies	2	6	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
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
Sep 17, 2009	Santa Cruz Follies		–	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Sep 20-23, 2009	Golden Nugget, Las Vegas		–	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 5, 2009	Indian Casino: Jackson Rancheria		6	Topsy Thompson	377-4314
Oct 12, 2009	Bees, Trees and Wine Tasting	2	6	Bill & Madeline Souza	356-6280
Oct 22-31, 2009	Discover Tuscany		5	Phyllis Souza	247-7335
Dec 2-7, 2009	Charleston Savannah Holiday		5	Pat Johns	847-3898
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.

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

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.

Information meeting:
Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at 10:00 AM
at Fresh Choice on Blossom Hill Road

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-leased. 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.

Information meeting:
Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 10:00 AM
at Fresh Choice on Blossom Hill Road

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

Western National Parks June 4-14, 2009

Tour some of the best known and most interesting national parks and monuments in the western United States at a perfect time of the year.

Starting in Las Vegas, spend 11 days in Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, South Dakota and Colorado. Thrill to the natural wonders at Bryce Canyon, Grand Teton, Yellowstone and the Black Hills National Forest.

See the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, historic Jackson, the Oregon Trail, the Little Bighorn National Monument, the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, the old cattle town of Billings, the Crazy Horse Memorial, and Mt. Rushmore.

All this for **\$2826** including air. For more details, or a brochure, contact:
George or Isobel Nale at (408) 779-4275.



Travel Trips

Charleston Savannah Holiday

December 2-7, 2009

Come take an early Christmas trip to Charleston, a cultured, refined city, and a beautifully preserved treasure. Also visit Savannah, Georgia, America's first planned city. The entire restored center (more than 1000 buildings) is now a National Historic Landmark. All of these beautiful areas decked out in Christmas finery!

Tour highlights are Charleston city tour, Boone Hall Plantation tour, Fort Sumter boat tour, Beaufort, Jekyll Island trolley tour, lunch at Jekyll Island Club, horse drawn carriage and a Savannah city tour.

Tour Includes: Roundtrip Airfare - 5 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners - Professional Tour Director - Daily Sightseeing per Itinerary - Deluxe Motor Coach - Baggage Handling - Hotel Transfers
Total cost: \$1899 (\$600 single)

Contact:

Pat Johns, 847-3898 or patvjohns@verizon.net

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

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.

Informational Presentation

Mama Mia's in Campbell on Hamilton Ave

Thursday, January 29, 2009

3:00 - 4:00 PM, RSVP, please.

For brochure & detailed info, 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 viewing glaciers 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.
- 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. You'll be glad to unpack only once!
- Inside stateroom: \$1699 per person double occupancy. Upgrades are available.

Contact:

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

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.

Trip cost is \$3,319 per person, double occupancy.

Informational Meeting:

January 27, 2009, 3:00 PM at Mama Mia's

Call Phyllis for reservations.

Contact: Phyllis Souza (408) 247-7335

(phyllissouza@sbcglobal.net)

or Aurora Hicks (209) 223-3152

Day Trips - (more Day Trips on page 8)

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**

or e-mail: topray4314@att.net

Indian Casino Trips

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

Jackson Rancheria Indian Casino

October 5, 2009

Price: \$33.00, 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

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**

Contact: **Topsy Thompson (408) 377-4314**

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Bees, Trees and Wine Tasting

Monday, October 12, 2009

Trip Activity Rating - 2

Travel to **Marshall's Honey Bee Farm**, American Canyon, for a guided tour and honey tasting. The beekeeper, Spencer Marshall, will be your guide. You'll learn about his hand-crafted approach to traditional honey production, and you'll visit the charming country store on the site. Then you'll be treated to a private gourmet picnic in the beautiful tree-covered picnic area on the estate grounds of the **V. Sattui** winery. A winery tour and tasting are included. The marketplace at V. Sattui is not to be missed with a gourmet cheese shop offering over 200 types of cheeses, and wine/cooking gift items. The day will continue with the breathtaking drive to the **Petrified Forest** in Calistoga. Upon arrival enjoy a docent-led meadow walk which will include the history of the Petrified Forest.

Tour Includes: all gratuities, hosted lunch, & docent tour

All this for **\$80.00** 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

City Streets, Bay Views and Blue Skies

Friday, July 10, 2009

Trip Activity Rating - 2

View the city from a **DUKW**, popularly called the **DUCK**, a six-wheel-drive amphibious vehicle developed by the United States during World War II for transporting goods and troops over land and water. **Ride** through San Francisco's historic streets and neighborhoods. **Splash** down into the bay while the captain entertains you with stories of the past and present. Hosted luncheon at **Pompeii's Grotto** at the wharf. Explore **Hiller Aviation Museum** which celebrates the history of aviation in Northern California and beyond. Through unique aircraft collections, exhibits and programs, the museum provides a stimulating environment with multiple ways for visitors to experience the adventure and innovation of flight.

Tour Includes: all gratuities, hosted lunch

All this for **\$77.00** 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

Bowling

One More Time League at 300 San Jose (behind Oakridge) 2008-2009 Winter League November 12, 2008

1st Place Team: "Alley Sharks," team 15: Tom Higa, Beverly Higa, Paul Houghton, Rick Taormina
2nd Place Team: "Traveling Foursome," team 3: Lanh Hooye, Joanne White, Tom White, Nick Clason

HIGH SCRATCH SERIES

582-Ann Wilson	767-Ron Bianco
581-Aloma Lazetera	697-Dan They

HIGH SERIES HANDICAP

719-Aloma Lazetera	806-Ron Bianco
697-Shirley Beyler	767-Jim O'Neill

HIGH GAME SCRATCH

226-Betty Cobarrubias	287-Ron Bianco
222-Aloma Lazetera	279-Luther Kekoa

HIGH GAME HANDICAP

294-Betty Cobarrubias	300-Ron Bianco
273-O'Lynda Head	288-Jim O'Neill

AVERAGE

174-Faye Fritz	202-George Zagelow
174-Shirley Beyler	199-Dennis Pitchford
170-Jan Curry	199-Ron Bianco

We bowl almost every Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM.
We will skip December 24 and 31 and will return January 7, 2009.
Happy Holidays!

Topsy Thompson: 377-4314

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

Short 18-Hole Golf

Deep Cliff Golf Course in Cupertino

November 6, 2008: Individual Golf was played by 24 players, and, as usual, we had a beautiful sunny day. It's hard to believe it's November. Winners were:

MEN

1st Sam Walters
2nd Neil Keever
3rd Bill Kurtz
4th Don Johnson
Ray Mesa

WOMEN

1st DeDe Corral	61
2nd Marge Condensa	62
3rd Clara DePaul	64
4th Chris Oba	68

Closest to Pin #10: Don Johnson

The next golf date is Thursday, December 4. Due to New Year's Day falling on Thursday, we will golf on Tuesday, January 6, 2009. The price goes up to \$25 on January 9. Play starts **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. 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)
DeDe Corral (378-6470) & Helen Wehner (264-6296)

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

Spring Valley, November 10, 2008: This was our annual "Salami Shoot," and everybody wins! Each foursome received a salami and four packages of Italian sausage. The "Shot-of-the-Day" goes to Rich Hiser. On Hole #7 (a par three) Rich chipped in his second shot from 20 yards off the green for birdie. The format of play was Individual Play. We had a great turnout of 64 players. Here are the results:

<u>Closest-To-Pin</u>	#2	#4	#7	#11	#16
Men:	Sam Walters Lou Tolbert Mike Nunziata	Bob Cruz Dick Sanfilippo Milton Loo	Roger Haskin Mike Kuhn Jay Myers	Ray Jelesky Mel Rodinsky Tim Connelly	Peter Barats Bob Riordan Don Johnson
Ladies:			Marge Condensa Chris Oba		

There were six bogey golfers, gross score of 88 or better: Jay Myers 75; Lou Tolbert 77; Rich Hiser 79; Peter Gunderson 80; and Don Johnson & Granny Barefoot 88. Congratulations to all the winners!

Future:			
January 19	Ridgemark-Gabilan	\$45.00/December 31	Includes cart-soft spikes required - Format = 2 best ball foursome
February 2	Ridgemark-Diablo	\$45.00/January 22	Includes cart-soft spikes required - Format = 2 best ball foursome
March 2	San Jose Municipal	\$TBA/February 20	Cart optional @ \$TBA ea. - Format = 2 best ball foursome

Notes: Renewals are now due for the "Par Tee Golf Club." Renewals before December 7 are \$40.00. After December 7, 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

Day Trips

A Day in the Gold Country Thursday, May 7, 2009

We will be going to the beautiful Sierra foothills to tour the Sutter Creek gold mines. We'll board the Boss Buggy Shuttle to go deep underground into the Mother Lode. Afterward we will have a hosted luncheon at the American Exchange Hotel's Bellotti's Restaurant in the heart of Amador County. We will have time to do a little shopping in downtown Sutter Creek. On the way home we will make a non-hosted stop at Chocoholics Divine Desserts in Clements.

What a wonderful day trip this will be. Come join us.
\$79.00 Per Person

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

New San Francisco **Academy of Sciences**

Tuesday, March 3, 2009, Trip Activity 2

The newest and largest cultural attraction in San Francisco, the Academy 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**
e-mail: bsouza6280@aol.com

Hikes

Winter Hiking at Harvey Bear Ranch Friday, January 23, 2009, 10:00 AM

Celebrate the New Year with an invigorating hike at a county park near Gilroy. The park is named after the landowners whose family made the park possible. The landscape consists of rolling hills with oaks and buckeyes and lots of wild turkey, deer, squirrels, red-tailed hawks and turkey vultures. The park adjoins Coyote Lake. On the Ridge Trail we should have spectacular views of south Santa Clara County.

Our hike will take us on a fairly strenuous loop route of almost 6 miles. We'll begin at the parking lot (about 500 feet elevation) along the Harvey Bear and Willow Springs Trail, then on the Coyote Ridge trail where we will top out at about 1200 feet. The climb will be a good cardio workout! The trail isn't rocky but could be muddy if we have had heavy rains.

To get to the park,, take Highway 101 south to Gilroy. Take the San Martin Avenue exit. Proceed east on San Martin Avenue for 2 miles. The entrance to the park is on the left, ¼ mile east of Foothill Avenue. We will meet in the parking area at 10:00 AM. Lunch will be somewhere on the trail. There are no facilities along the trail so we'll just spread out on the ground. Carpoolers can meet at the Cottle Park and Ride (Highway 85 and Cottle) at 9AM. See you there!

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