# HPREC NEWS

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## President's Message



**By Deihleen Claffey**
**HPREC President**

The Annual Spring Fling Luncheon, held on March 14, was a "hit!" We had a little over 100 attendees, who each walked away with a nice little gift bag from HP. Darlene Solomon, Agilent Technologies Chief Technology Officer, delivered an excellent update on the Agilent Lab's projects and future direction. She shared a very interesting diagram highlighting how the lab projects in the past (from Agilent and HP) have contributed to the current projects and will continue to contribute to future innovations. It was a great recognition of all of our contributions and stressed the importance of cumulative knowledge, capabilities and innovation. You'll see a more detailed report and pictures on page 2. Harold Kaye and Fran Low did an outstanding job of managing the event – thank you!

Are you ready for summer? Well, get it started by attending the HPREC Annual Picnic on June 9 at the Redwood Grove on the HP Cupertino Site. (This will be the last time that we'll be able to have a picnic at this site.) There you can enjoy the summer weather, visit with old friends, have a nice lunch and maybe play a bit of Bingo! There are always some pretty good prizes given for winning Bingo, so don't forget to stop by and check it out. AND, if you're interested in helping out, Harold Kaye is looking for volunteers.

We have just set the date for the 2012 Annual Holiday Luncheon, and it will be on Monday, December 10. We will provide you with more information in the September newsletter. But, at this time, just save the date!

I mentioned last month that the HPREC Board is looking for additional Board members. Please see Homer's article on page 9 for more details regarding this year's nomination process. We are all very busy folks. Whether you're focused on family, friends, volunteering, a post-retirement job, etc., maintaining strong leadership for this Club is crucial for keeping the infrastructure in place and keeping in touch with one another. Please consider joining the Board.

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**To update your e-mail address, see page 12.**

**To update your information with HP or Agilent, please refer to the 2012 Member Directory for instructions.**

If you've not done so lately, please ensure that your contact information at HPREC and HP or Agilent (it's all separate) is current. For your convenience, see the box below.

If you have any suggestions or feedback, contact me at deihleen.claffey@sbcglobal.net.

# 2012 Spring Fling!

By John McGowan




Members and guests of the Club met at Mariani's in Santa Clara for the annual Spring Fling luncheon. The restaurant did a terrific job with multiple menu choices, and it was a great meal, with a lot of "catching up" and active conversations at the tables.

This year our guest speaker was Dr. Darlene Solomon, who is Chief Technical Officer and Senior Vice President and Director of Agilent's Corporate Laboratories in Santa Clara. She was accompanied by Steve Beitler, Agilent's Liaison to our Club, and Mary Lou Simmermacher from Agilent's Corporate Communications organization. Darlene talked about the links between measurements and the advancement of basic science and technology. Many major scientific advances have followed advances in the technology and techniques of measurement, which allows researchers to better visualize or understand the underlying science. She showed a complex chart documenting the synergies between a number of significant HP and Agilent product technologies over the past 60 years, and then provided additional detail on the relationship between HP's Inkjet technology and biology to develop the world's most capable DNA scanning and testing technology. By using inkjet-like devices to deposit drops of proteins onto glass slides, Agilent can fit a million tests onto a single glass slide, and customize them for rapid production. The time between initial R&D and today's industry leading products for DNA analysis at Agilent has been 20 years. She concluded by sharing a number of opportunities where enhanced and inexpensive DNA and RNA testing are likely to lead to medical breakthroughs in future years.

Following Dr. Solomon's presentation, a number of door prizes from HP were awarded, and the grand prize was a new HP Touchsmart PC.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, a short video provided by HP was shown, introducing a number of new HP products and concluding with a short message from Tracy Keogh, HP's Executive Vice President of HR since March of 2011, thanking the retirees for their contributions and support. HP also provided gift bags for all of the attendees.

The Club thanks Harold Kaye and the other volunteers who worked hard to make the Spring Fling a successful gathering again this year.



Dr. Darlene Solomon visiting with attendees

















**THE COMPUTER HISTORY MUSEUM**
Photos by Lynda Robinson

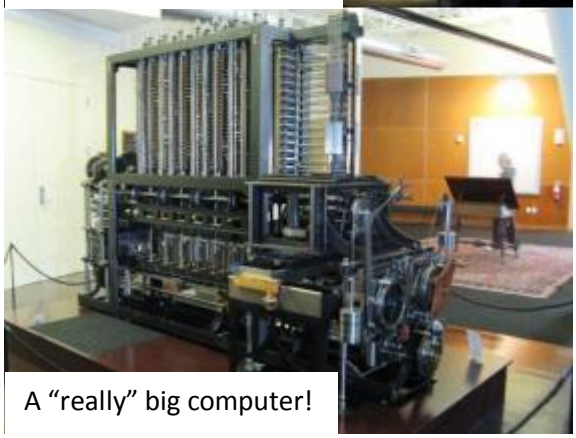
On January 25, 2012, a small group of HPREC members started off the New Year by attending a tour at the Computer Museum in Mountain View. The docent was just outstanding and the museum itself is a true treasure for our valley. A sampling of photos will show you just a few of the marvelous displays, including a section dedicated to Bill and Dave as the founders of Hewlett-Packard and leaders in the computer industry.

It was interesting to note some of the early days, such as the naming of the mini-computer after the "invention" of the women's mini-skirt. Also, the first computer programmers were women…and women are finally getting the recognition they deserve. Check out the size of the first computer…and then look at the HP calculators. Quite a difference! Then think about today's cell phones that we carry around…could we have done that in the 1950's???

Attendees said this was the best two hours of their time they had spent in a long time. Another wonderful HPREC adventure in our history book.

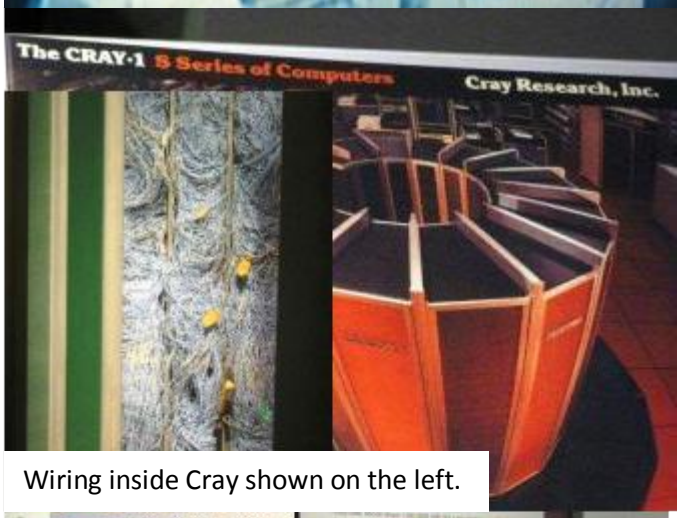


A "really" old computer!



A "really" big computer!






Wiring inside Cray shown on the left.



HP's place in history.



HPREC vistors.

**TRAVEL TALK**
By Your Travel Committee



Your Travel Committee continues to work on finding new and fun adventures for you and your family and friends. We ask that you help us by following the trip guidelines we have published a few times earlier. However, due to some glitches in our processes, we would like to remind you of these:

1> Please make sure you PRINT CLEARLY all information on the trip reservation forms so that we can read it and post it correctly. This is especially true for e-mail addresses…small printing is very hard to read, even with magnifying glasses! (We are at that age, you know.)

2> Make out a separate check for each trip and/or event, as we deposit these at different times. You can mail several trip/event reservations in one envelope.

3> If you do NOT have e-mail, please state that on the form and include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your reservation. We are trying very hard to eliminate phoning, as well as using our own stamps to notify you.

4> PLEASE do not call trip leaders after normal business hours, except in the case of an emergency. The phone numbers of the leaders are always on the trip fliers, and please keep these numbers private.

5> We can accept cancellations IF we have not paid for the event already, such as the case when buying tickets to events and theatre engagements. There is a deadline listed on the flier, and that date is usually the cut-off date for any changes. IF, for an emergency situation, you cannot attend and we cannot find a person to take your place (people who are on the Waiting List), we will not be able to refund any monies.

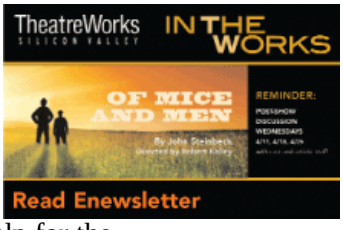
6> If you have made a reservation and cannot attend that day, please have the common courtesy to call a trip leader and let them know. There have been several times when people just don't show up, and we hold up a bus departure time or tour time waiting for that "last person(s)."

7> Parking for DAY TRIPS only is currently at the "usual" HP spot in Cupertino at the Wolfe Road side of the parking lot. This will be changing, and we are working on new parking plans for these DAY TRIPS only. There is never parking for over-night trips. HPREC attendees need to arrange drop-off and pick-up times and locations with a friend or family member for any extended trip.

We sincerely appreciate input from you for LOCAL trips only. Several suggestions are currently in the works…so keep those suggestions coming. We review all communications at our monthly Travel Committee Meeting and feel it is a privilege to arrange such trips and events for our Club. Please see the fliers in this issue.

As Dale Evans and Roy Rogers would have sung… "Happy Trails to You!"

**A HIDDEN GEM IN MOUNTAIN VIEW**
By Pat Fausett




On April 10, a small group of HPREC members attended a play at The Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, a lovely little theatre right in the heart of the city on Castro Street. The TheatreWorks of Silicon Valley put on an excellent production of John Steinbeck's poignant story, "Of Mice and Men."

This story was published 75 years ago, and is a moving tale about life during the Depression. It is a marvelous study about friendship and brotherhood, prejudice and poverty, and a cry for help for the developmentally disabled. Steinbeck offered a window into the world of the common man of the 1930s and a view of life

at the bottom rung of the social ladder. Indeed, this was one of Steinbeck's great works, and the theatre company did an amazing job. The lead characters, Lennie and George, were played by AJ Meijer and Jos Viramontes, respectively. Both men have excellent acting credentials, as well as the rest of the supporting cast.



This theatre is truly a "hidden gem" in our valley. The theatre is small, and there really is "no bad seat" in the auditorium. Tickets are under $45, parking is free under the Arts Center, and there are many delicious restaurants to visit before any performance. Those of us that attended this production experienced a wonderful treat and hope to do so again in the future.

## Rancho San Antonio OSP

By Stan McCarthy (leader) w/photo by John McCabe



The March hike at Rancho San Antonio was moved to the rainout date of March 20.

The weather was beautiful, affording us great views of the San Francisco Bay Area, including snow on Mount Hamilton. We saw a variety of wildlife including quail, a bunny rabbit, deer, and a red-shouldered hawk. And that doesn't include the farm animals. We had a very small group, only 4 of us. We left the parking area and walked the Lower Meadow Trail to the Deer Hollow Farm. From there, we negotiated the Wildcat Loop Trail to the Vista Point. At the Point, we were treated to great views of the bay, including the Dumbarton Bridge, and the east bay hills from Mt. Diablo to Mt. Umunhum.



We then returned to the barn at Deer Hollow Farm via the High Meadow Trail where we enjoyed our lunch.
After lunch, we took the Coyote Trail up to the water tank and then down the hill to the parking lot.

*Pictured: (L-R) John McCabe, Jim Holl, Stan McCarthy, Dee Bailey*

Getting there: To get there from I-280, take Foothill Blvd south toward the hills and turn right almost immediately on Cristo Rey Drive. The park entrance is on the left one mile down Cristo Rey Drive. Turn right after entering the park.

## Blackberry Farm-McClellan Ranch Lite Hike

By Barbara Beebe w/photo by Shirley Kwan



A beautiful spring day greeted ten hikers at Cupertino's Blackberry Farm for the March 21 Lite Hike. The venue was new to almost all, and participants had an opportunity to see a variety of recreational facilities, and learn about local history as well. On a paved path, we strolled toward McClellan Ranch, home of extensive community gardens, a large barn and several goats raised by 4-H, a blacksmith shop, memorial native garden, and a gift shop operated by volunteers. The return took us on a true hike, as we trod a single-track trail along the creek, climbing over

logs and ducking under low-hanging branches. Along the way, we discovered an artist at her easel at the water's edge, and later, a group of mallard ducks put on a show for us. There were not many wildflowers, but California poppies were in abundance. Gisela Knoesel (above) found a leaf suitable as an artist's canvas. For a slide show of our adventure, go to: http://secure.smilebox.com/ecom/openTheBox?sendevent=4d7a41324e5445304e4468384d7a59794d6a49784d54493d0d0a&sb=1



*Pictured: (L-R) John McCabe, Blenda Mariani, Herb Knoesel, Gisela Knoesel, Cherie Baker, Barbara Beebe, Eileen Ruppel, Ray Spoelman and Mike Spoelman. Not pictured: Shirley Kwan.*

Getting there: Blackberry Farm, 21979 San Fernando Avenue, Cupertino. From any direction on I-280 or 85, go west on Stevens Creek Blvd. In .3 mile, turn left at the signal on Orange Avenue, just past the Post Office, then make an immediate right onto Granada, then left on Byrne at the T intersection. Turn right on San Fernando into the park. From Foothill Expressway, turn East on Stevens Creek, then right on Orange Avenue (.8 mile) and continue as above.

## Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve

By Jade Simonson (leader) w/photo by a friendly hiker



The weather gods granted us a gorgeously sunny April day to make up for the rainout on Tuesday a week before. The air temperature was just right for eleven hikers to enjoy the palette of wildflowers on display. While all of us are familiar with the bright California poppies on display, our resident naturalists, Ed White and John McCabe, were able to identify many more species blooming on the serpentine hillsides. We saw goldfields, tidytips, mule-ears, buttercups, arroyo lupine, baby-blue-eyes, owl's-clover, indian paintbrush, blue dick, and white and yellow cups, scarlet pimpernel, and coast dandelion. Jim Holl expressed our sentiments when he said that a hike at Edgewood in April is not to be missed.

*Pictured: (L-R) Dee Bailey, John McCabe, Marcia Adams, Jim Holl, Jade Simonson, Chuck Sieloff, Larry Byler, Chris Simonson, John Kwan, Ed White and Janis Andrews*

The moderate hike was 5.5 miles long with an elevation gain of 850 feet. For those who wish to hike Edgewood on their own while the wildflowers are at their best, take I-280 to Edgewood Road. Continue northeast on Edgewood Road to the park entrance on the right. Our hike followed the Sylvan Loop Trail uphill to the Franciscan Trail connecting to the Serpentine Loop trail. Take the Serpentine Loop east as this route affords the most splendid flower viewing areas and should not be missed. As you complete the loop, the Serpentine Loop Trail will rejoin the Franciscan Trail which leads to the upper Ridgeview Loop. A short spur at the top provides outstanding views and a bench for an alfresco picnic. Continue on the lower Ridgeview Loop and follow signs to the Edgewood Trail back to the parking lot.

Directions to Edgewood County Park: Take the Edgewood Rd exit from I-280. Proceed northeast .9 miles to the park entrance on the right. The overflow parking is immediately on the right. The main parking is just beyond. There are restrooms both at Arastradero and uphill from the main parking area at Edgewood.

## HP Retiree corrects Meg Whitman

By Deihleen Claffey



For some months now HP's new CEO, Meg Whitman, has been telling people that she was setting the business up for another 70 years of greatness. Only the company is closer to 75 years old, as an HP retiree pointed out to her at the company's annual meeting when she repeated the mistake.
"I believe HP was founded in 1939," Herb Knoesel (pictured at right) told Whitman. As we all know Bill and Dave invented and sold their first product to Walt Disney in 1938, and the company was founded in 1939. "For three or four months I've been telling people we're going to set HP up for the next 70 years because we're 70 years old, and you're the first person to correct me on that so thanks very much," Whitman said. Amazing!

**NOTICE:** For anyone interested in chairing the Volunteer Committee, please contact Deihleen Claffey at deihleen.claffey@sbcglobal.net.

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## Volunteers Make the 2012 Synopsys Science Fair a Great Success

By John McCabe

Remember that teenager who showed off her science project to President Obama at the White House? Her name was Angela Zhang, and she was a winner at last year's Santa Clara Synopsys Science Fair Championship. Angela, a Monta Vista High School student, won the 2011 Synopsys Championship Grand Prize in the Biological Sciences for developing a nanoparticle procedure to eradicate cancer stem cells. It could potentially lead to a cure for cancer.

The 2012 Santa Clara Synopsys Science Fair was even bigger and better than last year's. This year, 997 students presented 798 projects. Everyone was very impressed with the diversity and quality of the projects and the students.



*(L-R) Marilyn Reiley, John McCabe, Kathy Kessler, Marialis Seehorn, Ana Clark, Herb Grasshof, Nancy Lem, Warren Tanguchi, Rose Mary Brodbeck, Olga Wholey, Joe Diesel, Pat Castro, Marilyn Gildea, and Sue Grasshof*

Making sure that everything goes smoothly at the Fair takes the work of many volunteers. HP and Agilent folks, as always, were well represented. Pat Castro has been on the Science Fair Board of Directors for over 35 years. This year Rose Mary Brodbeck coordinated the activities of all the volunteers – quite a task!




*Kathy Kessler and Sue Grasshof welcome judges.*



*Bert Laurence and Barbara Bowden*
*check out students' projects.*

A number of HP and Agilent retirees volunteered but do not appear in these pictures. They include Chuck and Janet Totman, Fran Low and Carol Arnett. Agilent retiree Lee Colby served as one of the many judges. If there were other HPARVers that aren't listed, I apologize.

As Marialis Seehorn said, "If you think our local students aren't seriously interested in pursuing science, you should take the time to volunteer at this event and see the kinds of research students are conducting. Absolutely amazing."

## Padua Dining Room

By John McCabe

Nine HPREC members, plus Fran's grandson Michael Low, had a lot of fun working at the Padua Dining room. We packaged lots of rice cereal and beans. We also cleaned lettuce and sorted clothes.



*(L-R) Gail Mantegani, Olga Wholey, John McCabe, Irene Wright, Fran Low, Barbara Bowden, Rose Mary Brodbeck, Bert Laurence, and Shirley Heger*



*Shirley Heger, Irene Wright, and Fran Low sort clothes.*



*Rose Mary Brodbeck, Olga Wholey, and Gail Mantegani prepare lettuce.*

# Nominations Committee

By Homer Wong

One of the greatest gifts HP provided me was leadership training. It gave me the skills and confidence I needed to be successful at HP and now in my current role. I was not the only one fortunate enough to have a long and successful career at HP. If you're a retiree looking for another way to share your leadership experience or just want to help out, the HP Retiree Club is looking for people to serve on its Board of Directors. It's a wonderful way to not only re-connect with friends, but also a way to be involved with making sure the retiree community stays strong. The retirees in the Bay Area are looked upon as a resource for HP and Agilent, and we continue to enjoy a special relationship with them.

We are looking forward to some exciting times as we continue to evolve the Bay Area Retiree Club to better serve the multiple generations of retirees that are now part of its membership. Each year, a number of Board members are termed out, so we are looking for new people who are interested in serving on the Board and helping us make the Club even better and more valuable to the membership. If you have administrative, planning, programming, or communication skills, we can find a place to utilize your interests.

**Our committee will be putting a slate of nominees together in the next few months, so don't hesitate to speak up! If you have any questions or are interested in serving, please contact me at:**

**homer_wong@hotmail.com.**

## HPREC Monthly Activities

*By Lidia Donez*



### Golf

*By Phil Smith*

We had 22 players brave the cold and windy conditions on a gray day at Sunnyvale Golf Course on March 22. The weather challenges added to the normal challenges of hitting the ball down the middle. Those players who managed to best the elements and the golf challenges to win the coveted prizes were:

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| Men's Flight: | Carl Cottrell | Net 70 |
| Low Putts | George Prodan | 31 |
| Ladies Flight: | Pat Hanson | Net 68 |
| Low Putts | Pat Hanson | 32 |
| Closest-to-the-Pin: | Bev Murphy | Hole #4 |
| | Rhonda Louie | Hole #7 |
| | Jim Schultz | Hole #13 |
| | George Prodan | Hole #15 |

It was a sunny, warm day with a nice breeze to keep the 22 players in prime condition to conquer the new venue at San Jose Muni on April 19. The golfers that found their groove and worked the course in their favor for some golf ball prizes were:

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| Men's Flight: | John McCabe | Net 64 |
| Putts | John McCabe | 28 |
| Ladies Flight: | Rhonda Louie | Net 66 |
| Putts | Rhonda Louie | 34 |
| Closest-to-the-Pin: | Sharon Hollingsworth | Hole #4 |
| | Rhonda Louie | Hole #7 |
| | Phil Smith | Hole #12 |
| | Al Bagley | Hole #17 |

Special congratulations to Sharon Hollingsworth and Rhonda Louie, who had "birdies" for their Closest-to-the-Pin awards.

We are always looking for new players to come out and enjoy this fun and challenging activity. If you enjoy the game, we encourage you to come out and try our tournaments on for size. We think they'll fit very well. Check out the flyer in this newsletter for the next outing that will match your schedule. You'll have a great time with your HPREC friends.

***"There are two things you can learn by stopping your backswing at the top and checking the position of your hands; how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove." Anonymous***

### Tours of the HP Garage

Look for the flyer in this newsletter about upcoming opportunities to visit true HP history. The second Thursday of the last month of every fiscal quarter (Apr, July, Oct, Jan) offers a free one and one half-hour tour of the HP Garage in Palo Alto, HP's first business site.

**Bowling for fun!**
*By Carol Nakamoto*



Come join us at our NEW LOCATION at Homestead Lanes at 20990 Homestead Road, Cupertino. It's always the 2nd Monday of each month. Price is $4.00 per person for 2 games (shoe rental is $2.25). The next few bowling events are **June 11, July 9 and August 13** from 3:00-4:30. If interested; contact Carol Nakamoto at carol_nakamoto@hotmail.com or (650) 941-3678. All skill levels are welcome.

**June/July Hiking Schedule**
*By Gary Ruppel*



**Date:** Tuesday, June 12
Rainout date: Tuesday, June 19

**Time**: 10:00 a.m.

**Hike Leader:** John McCabe (650) 328-3472

**Hike Location:** El Corte de Madera Creek Open Space Preserve. This is an area that we have not hiked since July 2005. The trails are (mostly) shady. Our hike will take us to the Tafoni Sandstone Formation and near where a DC-6 crashed into the fog in 1953.

**Bring:** Water, a lunch, and $3.00 to reimburse the drivers.

**Meet at**: Enid W. Pearson Arastradero Preserve parking lot. From I-280, go southwest (toward the mountains) on Page Mill Road. Go 0.5 miles. Turn right onto Arastradero Road. Go 1.2 miles. The Enid W. Pearson Arastradero Preserve parking area is on your right. There are bathrooms by the parking area.

To get there directly, meet at El Corte de Madera Creek OSP. It is located on Skyline Blvd. (Hwy 35) 3.9 miles north of Sky Londa, which is at the junction of Skyline Blvd and Hwy. 84 (La Honda Rd.). Park at Skeggs Point.

**Date:** Tuesday, July 10
Rainout Date: Tuesday, July 17

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Hike Leader:** Klaus Model (408) 354-7819

**Hike Location:** Uvas Canyon County Park. This hike is about trees, wildflowers, views and history. It is a relatively short hike with moderate ups and downs.

**Meet at (NEW):** Take I-280 and turn southwest on Page Mill Road. Proceed .5 mile to Arastradero Road and then go .5 mile to the Arastradero Park and Ride. Bring $4 each to reimburse carpool drivers. Bring water and lunch.

To get there directly, take I-280 south to Highway 85. Just before 85 joins Highway 101, take Bernal Road West turning left on Santa Teresa
Blvd. Travel 3 miles and turn right onto Bailey
Ave. Follow Bailey 2.3 miles to McKean Rd. and
turn left. In 2.2 miles, McKean becomes Uvas Rd.
Go another 3.8 miles and turn right onto Croy Rd.
Follow Croy 4.4 miles through Sveadal to the park
entrance. Park in the large parking lot by the
restrooms.

Sveadal is a private resort belonging to the Swedish American Patriotic League. Please drive slowly through their property to respect their privacy.



**Date:** Wednesday, June 20 **"Lite Hike"**
Rainout date: None

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Hike Leader:** Ray Spoelman (510) 797-0265

**Hike Location:** Lake Elizabeth in Fremont's Central Park. We will walk the 2-mile loop on a paved trail around the lake. Bring water.

**Meet at:** The Boat House at Lake Elizabeth, 40000 Paseo Padre Parkway. From Hwy 880, take Stevenson Blvd. NE, Right on Paseo Padre Parkway. Parking is available near the Boat House. Restrooms are available.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 18 **"Lite Hike"**
Rainout date: None

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Hike Leader:** Eileen Ruppel (650) 494-0530

**Hike Location:** The Los Gatos Creek Trail, Los Gatos. We will walk a flat, paved trail 1 to 1.5 miles toward Vasona Lake and return on the same trail. There should be some sun and some shade. Restrooms and water fountains are available at the baseball field. Bring water.

**Meet at:** From Highway 17, take the Highway 9 Los Gatos Saratoga exit, turn left at the first light, University Ave. Follow the Los Gatos Creek Trail signs to the trailhead by staying on University, then turn left on Miles Ave. Parking is available in the paved parking lot on Miles Ave. by the baseball field.

## HP Memories

By John Minck

Since the January *HPREC News*, the curator of the www.hpmemory.org website has added three more HP Memoir stories.
1. Chuck House is now renowned for authoring *HP Phenomenon*, which gave the definitive inside story of HP product and business strategies. But it gave us little insight into Chuck. This Memoir takes us through his management style, his mentors, his team, his competition, in the decades-long journey in HP's killer Logic Analyzers.
2. Remember Mr. Microwave? That's an informal title that was bestowed on Art Fong. His 60+ year career started at the fabled MIT Rad Lab during WWII, when he designed test equipment for the radar project teams. He was recruited from UC Berkeley in 1943, and after graduation, he and Mary were married, and next day got on a train for their "honeymoon trip" to his new job at MIT. Art's decades-long contribution to HP's microwave business is legendary.
3. Arguably there is NO ONE more personally responsible than Hank Taylor for the magnificent Information Systems we enjoyed at HP in those decades long before the Internet. While we might think of him as Mr. Comsys, he was also the driving force behind HEART, HP DESK, TELNET (remember those 80,000 name directories?), and many more charming stories.

We still need more of you to step up and contribute your HP Memories. To see what we have so far, visit www.hpmemory.org.

# Carol's Corner

By Carol Nakamoto, HPREC Web Communicator

## HP-related Retiree Web sites

*…for HP and Agilent retirees*

Beginning with this newsletter issue, I'm changing it up to get your attention. Several comments made in the Web site survey were that some people didn't use the site very often, some didn't know what it offered, and some felt it was the same-ol', same ol'.

This issue will be focused on highlighting the Latest Info and how to find something.

## *LATEST INFO*

### www.hp.com/retiree

Have you checked out the home page, where we now have a **new** link that will help you find information on how to keep your e-mail address updated in all the important places?

I worked with HP to add a link under **Stay Connected & Volunteer** called **Contacts, Address Changes and Feedback.** When prompted, enter standard user name and password (*found in **Password** section of this article*), then scroll to **Change Home Mailing Address or Sign Up/Change E-mail Address** banner**,** click on second link beginning with "Sign Up…" to view this "one-stop-shopping" location for keeping your e-mail address updated. Find it and use it.

### www.bayarea.hpway.org

Go to this Web site and enter user name and password (*found in **Password** section of this article*).

Click on Bay Area EP eNews link for the latest.

The **HP Store** (staffed by retirees) sells discounted tickets to employees and HP/Agilent retirees. We will let you know when it is moved from the Cupertino site.

Address: 19091 Pruneridge Ave., Lobby 44/46 (left side of Bldg. 46), Cupertino
Phone: (408) 447-4119 (answered when staffed)
Hours: Wednesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., except HP holidays.

Here's a sample of time-sensitive discounted offerings:

* **HP Pavilion – BATMAN *(Sept 20-23)***
* **Broadway San Jose Theatre *MARY POPPINS (May 29 - June 10)***
* Refer to page 4 of your Directory for other opportunities to have an outing with the grandkids or hosting out-of-town guests.

### www.hpretirees.com/hprec

Again, refer to page 4 in the 2012 Membership Directory for all that's available on our very own Club Web site. Coming Events are updated weekly.

# *BASICS*

Rather than repeat this section each newsletter issue, I'm going to refer you to your Membership Directory, pages 3-5. Look it over.

Helpful material found there includes content and navigation tips for:

- HP Retiree Web site
- HPREC Web site
- Other Helpful HP-related sites (discounts) and (HP Alumni)
- Passwords to all sites
- Stay Connected via E-mail

***Cut this out and save near PC!***

**User names and passwords** to the secure areas of the different retiree Web sites are:

**HP** (News and Stay Connected sections) *and*
**Bay Area Employee Programs** (Discounts):
User name: xxxxx Password: **x**xxxxxx

**HPREC** (online e-mail directory):
User name: xxxxx Password: xxxxxxxxx

**Passport Card**:
HP Code: xxxxxx

**HP Branded Gear**:
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**by Herb Knoesel**

Wife of HPREC member and former HPREC president Gerry Priestley, **Joni Priestley**, 68, died on January 5, 2012. She was a long time resident of the Santa Clara Valley, moving to the Santa Cruz area 37 years ago and making her home in Aptos with her beloved husband Gerry. She worked at HP as a marketing and sales coordinator, with a career that spanned over 19 years. She was an accomplished gardener, and her family will forever cherish the many memories of her love for African Violets, her collectables, the many gatherings at Severino's with family and friends, and her passion for animals. Joni is survived by her husband of 35 years, Paul 'Gerry' Priestley of Aptos, her daughters, Mary Jennifer Logan of Reno, NV, Susan Fish of Alameda, and Emily Priestley Gullixson of La Selva Beach. She also leaves her beloved grandchildren: Lindsey, Katie, Hannah, Roland, Colin, and Quinn. *(Santa Cruz Sentinel)*

HPREC member **Russella ("Rusty") van Bronkhorst**, 79, passed away on February 20, 2012. After her graduation from Palo Alto High School in 1950, she went to work at HP, serving in the secretarial pool when there were fewer than 100 employees at the Company. It was there that she met her future husband, Ed van Bronkhorst. They were married in 1957 and shared a love and friendship that spanned almost 50 years. She was a founding investor and Board member of the *Palo Alto Weekly* newspaper. To honor her service and guidance, upon her retirement from the Board the paper named an award in her honor, given annually to the staffer who best demonstrated the values of competence, commitment, dedication and integrity. Rusty is survived by her three sons and daughters-in-law: Kort and Laurie van Bronkhorst of Napa, Jon and Wendy van Bronkhorst of Redwood City and Derek and Suzy van Bronkhorst of Campbell; and six grandchildren: Kate, Michael, Jacque and Julia van Bronkhorst and Joe and Sam Callahan. *(San Francisco Chronicle)*

**John A. (Jack) Kusters**,74, died March 1, 2012. He worked for over 35 years as an electrical engineer and principle scientist at HP, Efratom, and Aglient, focusing on precision time and frequency. His work was instrumental to important technologies such as the atomic clock and GPS. Jack is survived by his wife Sheila of Cupertino; sons John and Robert both of San Jose, James of Santa Clara, and David of San Francisco; sisters Marilyn Ludwig of Jackson and Kathleen Herrington of San Jose and grandchildren Victor, Renee, and Matthew. (*San Jose Mercury News)*

**Eva "GG" Sise**, 84, passed away on March 15, 2012. She had worked at HP for over 13 years and after retirement enjoyed being a hostess at The Olive Garden in Palo Alto. Eva is survived by her husband of nearly 35 years, Dale Sise; children Sharon Sturdivant, Deborah Hill and Kenneth Hill (Bonnye), her "other daughter" Jackie Wright; grandchildren Richard Hill II (Kristine), Tonya Skelley (David), Shawna Raley (Shad), Christina Pearce (J.R), Melissa Saber (Ryan), Lindsey Berkebile, Christopher, Danny Lucas Hill, Steven Gomez, Monique Noelle Micallef; and her thirteen great-grandchildren. *(San Jose Mercury News)*

**Margaret Ruth Jepsen**, 74, passed away on April 3, 2012. Once her children were grown, she went back to work and was employed by HP as an administrative assistant until her retirement. Ruth is survived by her two sons, Peter Jepsen (Carrie) of San Jose and Jeff Jepsen of Paso Robles; her grandchildren David, Thomas, and Maty Tracey, Erica Hall (Adam) and Terilyn Jepsen and great granddaughters Brooklyn Hall and Lilia Tracey. *(San Jose Mercury News)*

**Alwin Steinfeld**, 90, passed away on April 16, 2012. He was a machinist, design engineer, inventor and tinkerer extraordinaire. He retired from HP in 1987. He will be sorely missed by his wife, Yvonne and his son Robert (Joyce) and his daughter Nancy (Carlos) and five grandchildren. *(San Francisco Chronicle)*

**To place a notice** or provide information about HP retirees that you know please write to Herbert Knoesel, 633 Phil Court, Cupertino, CA 95014 or e-mail to: hp-rec@knoesel.com.

# HPARV "Done-In-A-Day"
## Volunteer Opportunity

RAFT, Resource Area for Teaching, is a non-profit organization that believes hands-on teaching is the best way for teachers to teach and students to learn. They provide creative hands-on activities, educational resources, workshops and inexpensive materials (Hewlett Packard is one of their best contributors) to enrich pre K-12 education and community group programs. Their goal is to assist teachers, non-profits and community groups by providing materials and ideas for day-to-day teaching and for supporting professional growth. Volunteering at RAFT is always fun! And you get to make great things that will enrich the lives of students.

**Date:** **Thursday, June 7**

**Time:** **9 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Place:** **1160 Kern Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085**

**RSVP:** **hp.agilent.volunteers@hotmail.com**
**or call Connie D'Andrea at (650) 856-9818**
**by Monday, May 21**

**Directions and more information go to:**
**http://www.raft.net**



## HPREC GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Place: Los Lagos Golf Course**
**2995 Tuers Road**
**San Jose, CA 95121**
**(408) 361-0250**

**Date: Thursday, June 21, 2012**

**Starting Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Cost: $24.00 (includes $2 prize fund)**

**Notes:**
**Each HPREC member may invite one guest.**
**Pay for golf carts in pro shop at check-in.**

**For further information call:**
**Phil Smith at (408) 749-1656**

**Reservations due by: Saturday, June 16**

**Make check(s) payable to HPREC GOLF and mail, with this form to:**
**HPREC Golf**
**C/O Phil Smith**
**802 Beaverton Court**
**Sunnyvale, CA 94087**

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## HPREC GOLF RESERVATION

**Los Lagos, June 21, 2012**

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## HPREC GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Place: Sunnyvale Golf Course**
**605 Macara Ave.**
**Sunnyvale, CA 94085**
**(408) 738-3666**

**Date: Thursday, July 19, 2012**

**Starting Time: 10:00 a.m.**

**Cost: $37.00 (includes $2 prize fund)**

**Notes:**
**Each HPREC member may invite one guest.**
**Pay for golf carts in pro shop at check-in.**

**For further information call:**
**Phil Smith at (408) 749-1656**

**Reservations due by: Saturday, July 14**

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**802 Beaverton Court**
**Sunnyvale, CA 94087**

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## HPREC GOLF RESERVATION

**Sunnyvale, July 19, 2012**

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**EVENT: HP Garage Tour** **____person(s)**

**Please indicate your preference of dates (1=1st choice; 2=2nd choice; 3=3rd choice):**
**July 19, 2012 (Q3)___ October 18, 2012 (Q4)___ January 17, 2013 (Q1)____**

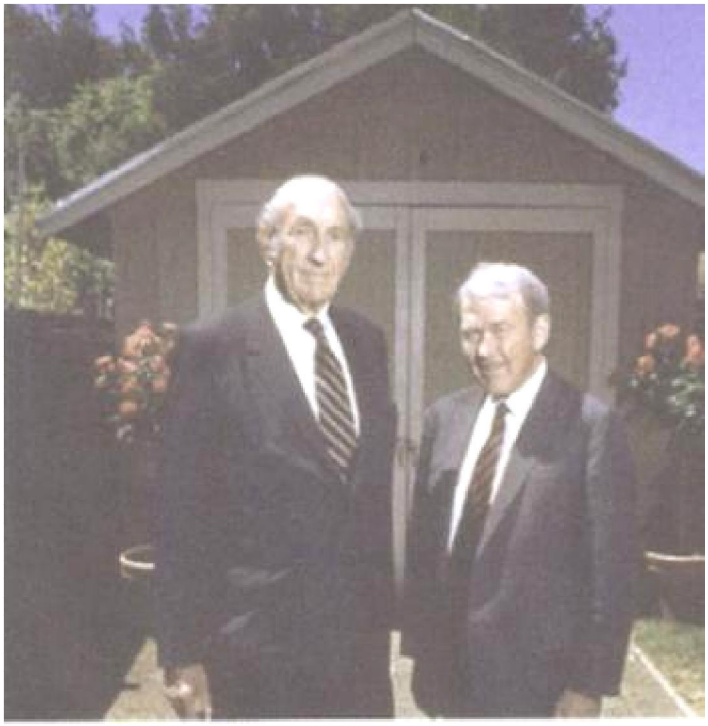
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Emergency Contact_____ Phone ( )_____ Guest

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**E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR TRIP CONFIRMATION_____(Please print)**
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# A STEP BACK IN TIME!



**Tours of the HP Garage began in October of 2010 and are conducted quarterly.**

**Tours will be limited to 10 Club members/guests per tour and you must sign up through HPREC.**

**Tours are free and start at 10:00 a.m. and last approximately one-and-a-half hours.**

**We will meet at 9:30 a.m. at HP in Palo Alto in the parking area by Bldg. 20's defunct carwash (off Hanover near the top of the hill).**

**For additional information or questions, please contact the Trip Leaders during normal business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Exceptions for emergencies only, please. Trip Leaders: Gail Eatock (408) 446-0428 or taichats2@att.net or Pat Fausett (650) 941-7063 or pat.fausett@sbcglobal.net**

# HPREC Extended Cruises Fall of 2012

## Choose From Three Mediterranean Adventures

### Holland America, "Noordam"

**(Valid passport, good 6 months past last date of travel, is required.)**

**20-Day *Collectors' Voyage***

**(Combination of A & B)**

**August 26 – September 15, 2012**

*$300 deposit per person due within 5 days of booking.

*Final payment due June 4, 2012.




**Trip includes:**

*Roundtrip Rome – cruise only – Verandah Cabin (VF) beginning at $2,999 per person (subject to availability).

*Taxes, airfare, and travel insurance additional.

*Flight (SFO) $1400 per person.

*Pre-cruise hotel package $279 per person (includes airport to hotel transfer, 1 night hotel based on double occupancy, and transfer to ship.

*Post cruise transfer ship to airport $79 per person.

*Open seating for dining (6 formal; 14 casual nites).

*Internet café package (100 minutes, including access fee).

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**A) 10-Day *Roman Empire***

**August 26 – September 5, 2012**

**Roundtrip Rome**

*$200 deposit per person due within 5 days of booking.

*Final payment due June 4, 2012.

**Trip includes:**

*Verandah Cabin beginning at $1,499 per person (subject to availability).

*Airfare (SFO) $1400 per person.

*Pre-cruise hotel package $266 per person (includes airport to hotel, 1 night hotel stay at Visconti Palace, based on double occupancy and transfer to ship).

*Post-cruise transfer ship to airport $79 pp.

**B) 10-Day *Mediterranean Enchantment***

**September 5-15, 2012**

**Roundtrip Rome**

*$200 deposit per person due within 5 days of booking.

*Final payment due June 4, 2012.

**Trip includes:**

*Verandah Cabin beginning at $1,699 per person (subject to availability).

*Airfare (SFO) $1200 per person.

*Pre-cruise hotel package $304 per person (includes airport to hotel, 1 night hotel stay at Visconti Palace, based on double occupancy and transfer to ship).

*Post-cruise transfer ship to airport $79 pp. person.

**Please contact Donald Higgins at (408) 736-1918 or Donald 1090@comcast.net or Debbie Lum, Accredited Cruise Counselor at (408) 773-8332 or dlum@cruiseplanners.com for more information and to book your voyage.**

**Saturday, June 09, 2012**

# PICNIC!

*Last time to celebrate in Redwood Grove!*

**Saturday, June 9, 2012**
**11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
**11:30 Salad Bar—12:30 Food Service**
**2:00 Bingo**

**HP Cupertino Site, Redwood Grove**
**Between Tantau Avenue & Wolfe Road**

**Enter at HP Gate Entrance**
**On Pruneridge Avenue**

Picnic Volunteers Needed
Sign up below

**$17.00 per person (adults only)**




**For additional information or questions, please contact the Event Coordinator during normal business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Exceptions for emergencies only, please. Event Coordinator: Harold Kaye (408) 257-9629 or HUMYAGKAYE@aol.com**

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**EVENT: HPREC PICNIC 2012**

____person(s) $17.00=_____Total
**(PLEASE WRITE ONE CHECK PER EVENT)**

**PLEASE PRINT NAMES:**

Member Name_____ Phone (  )_____
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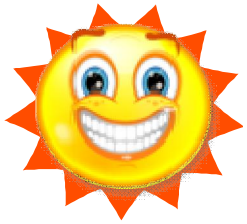
**REMIT TO: HPREC, P.O. Box 86, Mtn. View, CA 94042-0086**

**Your reservation will be considered confirmed once we receive your sign-up form and check.**

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**We need your help! Please join a picnic committee by checking your interest below and returning this with your registration and check or call Harold:**

- o **8:00 a.m. Early volunteer --Set-up & Food Preparation**
- o **2:00 p.m. Afternoon -- Bingo Set-up**
- o **3:30 p.m. Clean-up**



# TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

**DRIVE YOURSELF FAMILY EVENT**

**RESERVED GROUP SEATING BEHIND HOME PLATE!**

**$8.50 per ticket**
**(tickets will be sent after sign up)**

**Limited to 40 people**
**Members can bring 4 guests or family members.**

**Farm team of the San Francisco Giants**



**Saturday, July 21, 2012**
**5:00 p.m.**

**San Jose Municipal Stadium**
**588 East Alma Avenue**
**San Jose, CA**

**Parking $10 per space**
**Parking lots open 2 hours before game**

**Concession stands located throughout the stadium, featuring hot dogs, peanuts, soda and popcorn. Specialty items such as pizza, BBQ tri-tip and chicken and rib dinners also available for purchase.**

**No outside food, beverages, bottles or cans can be brought into the stadium. Soft-sided container drinks (such as bottled water, juice pouches, juice boxes) are acceptable.**

**For additional information or questions, please contact Trip Leaders during normal business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Exceptions for emergencies only, please. Trip Leaders: Helen Short (650) 327-1028 or helenshort@earthlink.net or Pat Fausett (650) 941-7063 or pat.fausett@sbcglobal.net**

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**EVENT: San Jose Giants** ____person(s) @ $8.50 per person by June 30, 2012 = $_____Total
**(PLEASE WRITE ONE CHECK PER EVENT)**

**PLEASE PRINT NAMES:**
Member Name_____ Phone ( )_____
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Guest Name_____ Phone ( )_____
Guest Name_____ Phone ( )_____

**REMIT TO: HPREC, P.O. Box 86, Mtn. View, CA 94042-0086**

**E-mail address for trip confirmation _____(Please print)**

**Mailing address for mailing of tickets_____(Please print)**

# War Horse

**September 4, 2012** **Limited to 36 people**



**Curran Theater**
**San Francisco**

**Show starts at 8:00 p.m.**



**$146.00 per person by August 1**
**$151.00 per person after August 1**
**Cut-off date August 15**

**5:30 Dinner at Zingari's on Post Street**
**(Order from the menu)**



**Leave Cupertino at 4:00 p.m.**
**Return around 11:30 p.m.**
**(Cupertino subject to change)**

For further information contact **Pat Fausett (650) 941-7063 or pat.fausett@sbcglobal.net or Vera Robertson (650) 961-5554 or write2vera@earthlink.net**

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**EVENT: War Horse** ____person(s) @ $146.00 per person by August 1 = $_____Total
____person(s) @ $151.00 per person between August 2 and August 15 = $_____Total

**(PLEASE WRITE ONE CHECK PER EVENT)**

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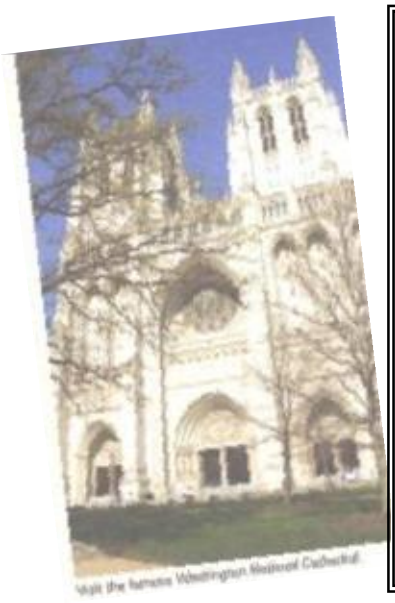
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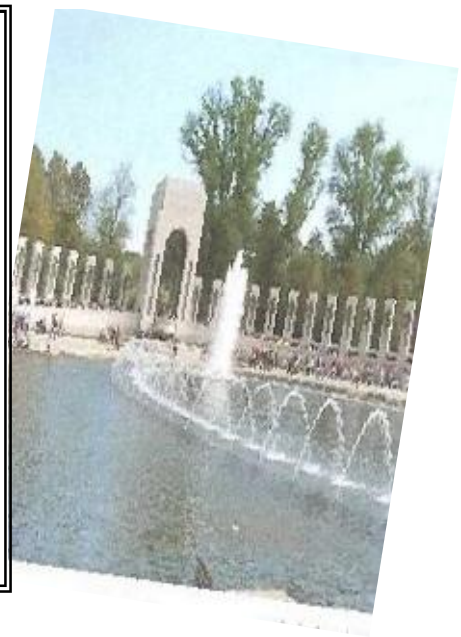
# EXPLORING AMERICA'S CAPITAL WITH HPREC

## April 24-30, 2013



**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- **6 Nights in the heart of Washington, D.C.**
- **White House Visitor Center**
- **World War II Memorial**
- **Mount Vernon**
- **Arlington National Cemetery**
- **Smithsonian Institution**
- **Annapolis, Maryland**
  **Walking tour of U.S. Naval Academy**
- **Baltimore, Maryland**
  **Fort McHenry**
- **Washington National Cathedral**
- **Ford's Theatre**



- Prices start at $2364 per person based on double occupancy (single supplement $600).
- Includes round trip air from San Francisco, air taxes and fees/surcharges of $50 (subject to increase until paid in full), cancellation waiver and insurance of $165 per person and hotel transfers.
- Deposit of $415 per person includes cancellation waiver and insurance.
- Deadline for deposit: October 15, 2012.

**BOOK NOW & SAVE $100 Per Person**

**Please contact Donald Higgins at (408) 736-1918 or donald1090@comcast.net or Debbie Lum, Accredited Cruise Counselor, at (408) 773-8332 or dlum@cruiseplanners.com for more information and to book your trip.**

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## Coming Events

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| **June 7** | **RAFT volunteers, Sunnyvale** |
| **June 9** | **HPREC Picnic, Cupertino** |
| **July 19** | **HP Garage Tour** |
| **July 21** | **San Jose Giants, evening game event** |
| **Sept. 4** | **War Horse, Curran Theater** |

**SAVE THE DATES:**

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| **Dec. 10** | **Holiday Luncheon** |
| **Dec. 15** | **Christmas Musicale, Saratoga** |