Fun, friendship, service, memories for members of the Bay Area Hewlett-Packard/Agilent Retired Employees Club

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HPREC President's Message

By John McGowan, HPREC President

Happy New Year!! Anyone else having a little difficulty accepting that it is 2014 already? I saw the news that the earth is traveling around the sun at more than 66,000 mph, and I sometimes feel I am "leaning out the window" feeling the speed. Hopefully by now everyone has enjoyed a great holiday season, spent time with family and closed the books on 2013. Before long, tax season will be upon us, and hopefully some rain will begin to fall on California. For me, it will be a 50th high school reunion and some travel to look forward to, in addition to ongoing consulting projects and HPREC duties in 2014.



For the 200 members and guests who joined us for the Holiday Luncheon, you know what a great day it was. See details and photos inside of a very happy luncheon in Santa Clara. For those considering getting together with some of your friends, consider joining us at the Spring Fling Luncheon at Mariani's in Santa Clara on Thursday, March 13. We will have a presentation by Shiela Robertson, Agilent's Sr. VP of Corporate Development and Strategy, on the status of the Agilent split, which is scheduled to go "Live" on May 1. Last year's Spring Fling speaker (Ron Nersesian) will be the CEO of the new "Measurement" company, to be headquartered up in Santa Rosa. The "Life Sciences" company keeps the Agilent Technologies name and will remain in Santa Clara.

We are also actively working on plans for a "new and improved" Picnic in June. We heard the feedback that last year's event failed to meet or exceed expectations, and Homer Wong and others are looking for the perfect park and food and beverage suppliers. If you'd like to get involved to make sure the Picnic is a success, feel free to contact Homer or any other Board member and let them know you are willing to volunteer. Speaking of volunteers, many are needed for the Regional Science Fair March 11 and 12, so if you have some time and want to meet a group of very bright young people, consider making that one of the projects you donate some time to this spring. One of the ways our Club keeps members connected and supports initiatives at HP and Agilent is through our volunteering. It is perfectly fine to volunteer as an individual with the organization(s) of your choice, but it can be even more fun to join a group of fellow HPREC members in a group event. I'd urge you to try it if you have some free time. In addition, there are openings on the Board of Directors that can be filled between elections if you are interested in helping provide leadership for the Club.

Finally, I want to formally welcome our new Newsletter Editor, Bruce Karney of Mountain View, to his post. Bruce has some ideas already about potential improvements in the newsletter, and we are all very glad he volunteered to step up and take over for Deihleen Claffey, after Ruth Chofre was unable to continue. Our newsletter is our primary means to communicate with the membership (at least until we finish with the planned upgrades to our website in 2014 and beyond..., and we are going to continue looking for ways to improve the content and structure. For those willing to take the challenge and give up printed mail copies, we will continue to post instructions on how to stop the mailed version. Electronic readers get an email letting you know the newsletter has been posted every other month (if you sign up for this option), so there should be no chance to miss an issue. You also enjoy seeing sharp color photographs and early access to activity/trip sign-ups.

HPREC 2013 Holiday Luncheon

By John McGowan

Nearly 200 members of HPREC and their guests gathered in Santa Clara December 9 for the Club's Annual Holiday Luncheon. This year's venue was the David's Restaurant Banquet Center, located at the Santa Clara Golf Course and Tennis Center, across the street from the new San Francisco 49ers Stadium. After much "constructive feedback" about last year's luncheon, the move to David's proved to be a great success. Special thanks to co-chairs Pat Fausett and Jo-Ann Butler for their work preparing and assisting at the event, and for many other volunteers who helped out with check-in, photography, decorations and prizes. Among the many helpers, we should recognize Linda Paras, Homer Wong, Blanca Guerrero, Gordon Mullin, John Weidert, Phil Smith, Dan Abouav, Chris Gandel, Paula Hoelker-williams and Elizabeth Shen. I should also thank David and Jean Ebrahimoun, the owners of David's for their outstanding management of the event. We shared with them our hopes to return for future events, though their business is threatened by a plan in Santa Clara to tear up the restaurant and golf course/tennis center for new apartments and a shopping mall.

One of the new ideas tried for this year's luncheon was to skip the guest speaker, and provide additional time for members to socialize with their friends and colleagues before and after the luncheon. Based on feedback from attendees and the general buzz in the room, I believe the plan was a success, and nobody came forward to complain about missing a PowerPoint presentation. The chairs were soft and comfortable, and the food also received a number of compliments. I was impressed by the efficiency and capabilities of the serving staff as well. They were quick to respond, and did a wonderful job of providing service to the 21 large tables.

Finally, thanks to Agilent Technologies as well for their contribution of five Safeway gift cards as raffle prizes. The Club continued the tradition of providing See's candy, and also experimented with several large gift bags of Ghirardelli chocolates this year. Gift card winners for sponsoring new members went to Homer Wong and a member whose name has escaped us (apologies!) Winners of raffle gift cards included Chuck Sieloff, Luis Calvetti, Sue Steinberger, Frank Musso and Joe Montoya.



John Weidert and John McGowan awarding Membership recognition.



Luncheon attendees.



Treasurer Gordon Mullin handing See's candy to Bob Kirkpatrick.



Luncheon attendees.

HPREC Hiking News

Compiled by Gary Ruppel

Lake Elizabeth Lite Hike

By Ray Spoelman (leader) with photos by John McCabe

Ten HPREC hikers enjoyed a beautiful September morning while hiking Fremont's Lake Elizabeth. The skies were clear blue and the lake was nearly like a mirror. The greenness of everything surrounding Lake Elizabeth contrasted with the brownness of the nearby east bay hills. The two-mile stroll around the lake allowed everyone to get some exercise while taking in all the sights.



Lake Elizabeth



Pictured (L-R): Eileen Ruppel, Cherie Baker, Bernard Bruand, Ann and Larry Byler, Ray Spoelman, Yoke Ping Bruand, John and Barbara Trone, and John McCabe.

San Francisco Stairs Hike

By Jim Holl (leader) w/pics by John McCabe and Larry Byler

Oh what a great day to be in San Francisco!

A group of seventeen hikers assembled in San Francisco's Diamond Heights District. We were greeted by a beautiful fall day with warm temperatures and little wind. Our counterclockwise loop started with the George Christopher Playground, and then we moved to a hillside trail in Glen Canyon Park. The large Glen Canyon setting was impressive.

Our route took us back through a residential section and then up the Onique Stairway to Topaz Way. Our best views of San Francisco's downtown skyline were from here.

We returned to our cars and moved them near the top of the Harry Stairway. This was the prettiest stairway for our walk, and it led us to the cottages and large uniquely modern homes of Laidley Street. Larry and Ann Byler described the home that was redesigned by their relative. We paused for lunch on Mateo Street and then had a treat from the Destination Baking Company. Our group picture was taken in front of the bakery.



We discovered an interesting place in which to put the Glen Park Library, viewed some unusual uses for succulent plantings, noticed that there were actually pennies strewn on Penny Lane and climbed the Amistista Stairway as we got a feel for the Glen Park neighborhood.





The address could have been "Dirty Harry".

Pictured (L-R): Jim Beatty, Larry Byler, Ann Byler, Yoke Ping Bruand, Duncan Missimer, Ed White, Bernard Bruand, Sherman Golub, Marcia Adams, Gordon Mullin, Vivian Golub, Ted Adams, John McCabe, Jim and Jane Holl, Janis Andrews, and Gary Ruppel.

Charleston Park Lite Hike

November 20, 2013 By Eileen Ruppel

It rained before and after our Lite Hike at the Google campus in Mountain View. Our six Lite Hikers agreed that carrying our rain gear would ward off the threatening weather. It worked! We walked a two-mile route from Charleston Park, past the Android statues, along the Permanente Creek Trail to Plymouth Street and back under the redwood trees lining



Joaquin Street. Along the way, we saw Google bikes, mallard ducks, a heron, and parking lots full of plugged-in electric cars.

Pictured (L-R): Duncan Missimer, Eileen Ruppel, Pam Bishop, Janis Andrews, Blenda Mariani and Bernard Bruand.



The Handoff! John McCabe to Ed White as Hiking Coordinator 2014.

Peters Creek Old-Growth Forest

By Gary Ruppel w/photos by John McCabe and Ann Duwe (POST)

Our hike to the Peters Creek Old-Growth Forest was led by Gordon Clark and Ann Duwe from the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST). Ordinarily, if one was to hike to this wonderful grove, one would have to hike some eleven miles round trip. Our hike was considerably shorter (~five miles) due to the ability to use the POST entry point just before entering Portola State Park.

POST and Save the Redwoods League have partnered to purchase and permanently protect 359 acres of this redwood forest near La Honda. It is said that the forest contains the third-largest old-growth redwood grove in the Santa Cruz



Mountains. The land was purchased from Larry and Leona Holmes who have owned the property since the early 1970's. Once the acquisition is completed, plans are to transfer the property to Portola State Park. This process is similar to that taken with regard to HP's Little Basin property a few years ago.

The route taken to view these hundreds of feet tall redwoods was quite easy except for a few stream crossings which tested our balance in order to keep our feet dry. Assisting one another resulted in everyone getting across with nary a spill. Gordon and Anne were excellent docents, stopping quite often to inform the group of the history or the land, its flora and fauna and of the future as it pertains to finalizing the purchase and eventual transfer to the State.

Getting there: For now, if you wish to hike to the Grove, one needs to enter Portola State Park and take the trail for about an eleven-mile round trip. Portola State Park can be accessed by going west on Page Mill Road, crossing Skyline Blvd and proceeding west on Alpine Road. Take the left at the "Y" to enter the Park.



Pictured Rear (L-R): Eileen Ruppel, Herb Knoesel, Janis Andrews, Duncan Missimer, Larry Byler, Bernard Bruand, Gordon Clark, Jim Holl, Gary Ruppel. Front (L-R): John Kwan, Klaus Model, Ulla Neumann, Ed White, Gisela Knoesel, and John McCabe.

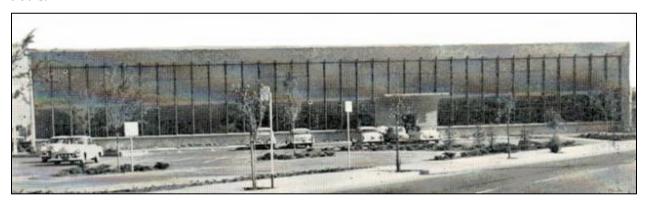


Eileen Ruppel needs better walking sticks!

HP History Lite Hike

By John McCabe (leader)

December's Lite Hike was a real trip down memory lane. This photo from *Watts Current* is the Administration Building at 395 Page Mill Road. It was HP's World Headquarters in the 1950's until HP built at 1501 Page Mill Road in the 1960's.





Our hike began at HP's current worldwide headquarters at 3000 Hanover; we proceeded down Page Mill Road to the site where HP moved when they outgrew the garage at 367 Addison Avenue. The building (Polly & Jakes Cabinet Shop) was in the back of the Tinker-Bell building at the corner of what was then Hwy 101 and Page Mill Road. It was owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Bell who had moved across the street to larger living quarters. This building later became the site of Polly & Jakes, an antique store.

On the way, Steve Roberts and Gary Ruppel compared stories of Mayfield Elementary School

which was located north on El Camino Real. We walked down to the site of HP's first company owned building, the Redwood Building at 395 Page Mill Road. Construction on it started in 1942. It was at this site that, in 1953, HP completed buildings 7 and 8; they then had 100,000 feet of factory space. 395 Page Mill Road eventually became the site of Agilent Technologies' first corporate headquarters. It is now occupied by AOL and Disney Interactive. Steve Roberts told us what it was like growing up across the street



from HP's site, where his family owned acreage. John Trone and Steve each shared stories of how you could not get a job at HP without knowing someone.



We then proceeded down Park Blvd where, among other things, the cable shop used to be. The place is now a big hole in the ground where a large office building will be constructed. On the way back to HP's current headquarters, we strolled by the buildings that used to house the Bayside Cannery and shared more stories of the olden days.

Pictured Rear (L-R): Fred Kohler, Gary and Eileen Ruppel, Larry Byler and Steve Roberts. Front (L_R): Barbara Beebe, KJ Chang, Ann Byler, John and Barbara Trone, Carol Arnett, Cherie Baker, Larry Truhe, and John McCabe.



VOLUNTEERS

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Volunteers Have Fun at the Padua Dining Room By John McCabe

Fourteen HP and Agilent retiree volunteers worked hard and had a lot of fun working at the Padua Dining Room preparing food and serving well balanced meals to low-income people in the community. Helping to prepare the dishes to be served to over 200 low income clients, we did everything from swabbing down the tables and chairs, to sorting and chopping vegetables, organizing Halloween candy, bagging donated food



Martha Maris's favorite task – serving desserts!

from Safeway, to serving desserts and drinks. Afterwards, Martha Maris said, "It is really amazing what a good job they do with volunteers. I know they have a full assortment of regular volunteers, but they really make those of us who come occasionally feel welcome and useful. Also, the way they so seamlessly move us from one assignment to another keeps us on top of things with no chance to get bored."

Not pictured, but also volunteering were Rose Mary Brodbeck, John McCabe, and Keith Lee



Apple Picking Time! Faith Seal, Marsha Lee, and Lynn and Roland Cortes select the good potatoes.



Two more potato pickers, Gary Ruppel and Janice Nakao.



Irene Wright and Pam Bishop serve drinks.



Pumpkin Designer? Al Low.



Eileen Ruppel bags food to go.

Bill Hewlett & Dave Packard Charity Golf Classic Exceeds Goals By John McCabe

The Bill Hewlett & Dave Packard Charity Golf Classic all volunteer team, led by Shelia Highe, raised \$30,000 for the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Mobile Adolescent Health Services (Teen Van). This is 15% more than they raised last year. The Teen Van Program provides comprehensive primary health services to uninsured, underinsured, and homeless Bay Area youth, aged 10 to 25, who often have nowhere else to turn. The Bill and Dave Golf Classic provides critical support for the program.

Filling Holiday Wishes with the Family Giving Tree By John McCabe

The Family Giving Tree saw to it that 67,000 deserving children got what they wished for this holiday season. Sixteen HPREC volunteers personally saw to it that several hundred of them got just the right present. And, as you can see, we had lots of fun doing it.



Standing (L - R):
Faith Seal, Sam
Khoo, Pam Khoo,
Dennis Low, Fran
Low. Nancy Lem,
Bryan Lovegren,
Shirley Heger,
Eileen Ruppel, Janet
Junger, Pam Bishop,
Marsha Lee, Chuck
Totman, and Janet
Totman. Kneeling
(L-R) Gordon
Mullin and John
McCabe.



Janet Junger and Nancy Lem



Chuck and Janet Totman



Faith Seal and Bryan Lovegren

Travel Talk

By Your Travel Committee

January 2014



Happy New Year from your Travel Committee Team! We hope your holidays were all that you wanted them to be, and that you are looking forward to more fun with your HPREC crew.

2013 was a very busy year for your Committee, and we had some wonderful excursions and musical events. The last event, *Beach Blanket Babylon*, provided a super fun evening for those that attended. Unfortunately, we were not able to sell all the tickets we bought for the show, which was very surprising to us. Therefore, we are looking at cost cutting measures in hopes of getting full participation from HPREC members.

We have also had to cancel both Open Rehearsals with the San Francisco Symphony due to incredibly slow sign-ups. The exposure our Club has for less than a full bus trip (37 to 44 people) is too great for us to be comfortable. So, if we do not get reservations in a timely fashion, we have no choice but to cancel an event...which becomes very disappointing to those members who have already sent in their reservations. The bottom line is that, if you really want to keep attending events that we plan and advertise in the newsletter, you must send in your reservation as soon as they are published.

We had identified in the last two issues of the HPREC newsletters a potential trip to Sacramento and Beale Air Force Base. In order for us to schedule the tours and contract for a hotel and bus, we really need to know if there is an interest. As of this writing, we do not have enough members interested in such a 2-day trip. Therefore, your Committee will pause any further action on this event in hopes of getting at least 40 people indicating a high level of interest. So, if you think you would like to attend such an event, let us know immediately. At our February Committee meeting, we will be deciding if this is a "GO or NO GO".

This coming year will find offerings of trips to the Elkhorn Slough (we did this about 5 years ago, and it was immensely popular), *Jersey Boys* in San Jose (see flyer in this issue), a midwest trip to Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan (this has been listed in several issues), and Golden Gate Fields. Other trips are in the preliminary stages of identifying and planning.

Please note that our bus trips are wheelchair accessible and the drivers are super respectful and careful in managing any handicapped members and/or guests. Also, please remember that each member is able to bring one guest. If you want to bring more than one guest, you must contact a Committee member to see if we can accommodate additional non-HPREC members. We usually can do just that, but you must check before you send in a reservation.

So, as we start this new year, we really hope you will become an active member in your Club and join your fellow retirees for fun, food, music, drama, and adventures. We sincerely hope to see you very soon!

2014 San Francisco Symphony Open Rehearsals

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 Barantschik & Friends – Mozart's Divertime o in Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in Fiazzolla's Melodia – L'be o o

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Blom de Garrick Ohlsson - Mozart's Piano Concerto No 21/Buckner's Symphony No 4, Romantic

Delta Dental Plan for HPREC Members

By Elizabeth Shen, HPREC Board Member

You will be pleased to know that there are no changes to the DeltaCare USA DHMO dental plan premiums from January 1, 2013. These *quarterly* rates are effective through December 31, 2014:

	Renewal Quarterly Rates
Employee	\$ 93.01
Employee + one dependent	\$146.91
Employee + two or more dependents	\$211.36

HPREC's dental plan is administered by Delta Dental of California. You must be a member of HPREC and living in California to enroll. You can enroll in the plan by emailing hprecdeltadental@gmail.com and providing your name and address. You will receive an application shortly thereafter.

The list of participating dental offices in Northern California, a summary of the program, as well as detailed benefits and copayments are at our website: www.hpretirees.com/hprec/dental.shtml, or you can also go directly to the Delta Dental website for their list of participating dentists: www.deltadentalins.com. (HPREC members should only search for DeltaCare providers.)

This may be a better deal than the similar AARP plan. (Note that HPREC, Inc. has no responsibilities or liabilities regarding this insurance. The plan is not administered by HPREC, Inc.; it is administered by Delta Dental of California.)

As far as we know, the HPREC is the only one of the official U.S. HP retired employee clubs with a dental program.

Homer's Place

By Homer Wong, Board Member and Your HP Liaison

Introducing Snapfish@HP in Bldg 20

The holidays have come and gone, and some of you took advantage of the free photo printing service that HP provided to their employees and retirees. If you haven't, you should read this article to learn about a great employee benefit that HP also makes available to retirees in the Bay Area. In November, the Digital Oasis became the Snapfish@HP Center.



Below is an excerpt from the employee memo:

The equipment in the Digital Oasis has reached "end of life" and will no longer be supported or available. Because of that, we took this opportunity to review several solutions to ensure our employees have access to the types of services that the Digital Oasis provides, and are excited to work in partnership with Snapfish to bring you high quality, excellent photo services. Snapfish is owned by HP, so this is a great way to support and promote one of our own HP businesses. And, because we will be asking you for your feedback when you use Snapfish @ HP, this is a fantastic opportunity for HP employees to improve this service for our customers!

When did the change take place?

The Palo Alto Snapfish@HP center opened on November 20, 2013.

How will the service change?

You'll have access to a larger selection and higher quality products, and you'll still have the ability to print onsite in Palo Alto.

Please visit http://promo.snapfish.com/snapfishathpfaq/athpfaq/ to learn more about Snapfish@HP for employees and retirees. Take advantage of a special promotion that expires May 31, 2014. We are excited about bringing all the fantastic benefits of Snapfish to HP employees and retirees. We look forward to offering you expanded photo printing options!

Order products through Snapfish in two ways:

Snapfish @ HP:

- Print photos (4x6, 5x7, 8x10), greeting cards, photobooks, calendars, CD, posters
- Free, with quantity limits
- Some items available immediately; some items require processing time/pick up later

Snapfish.com:

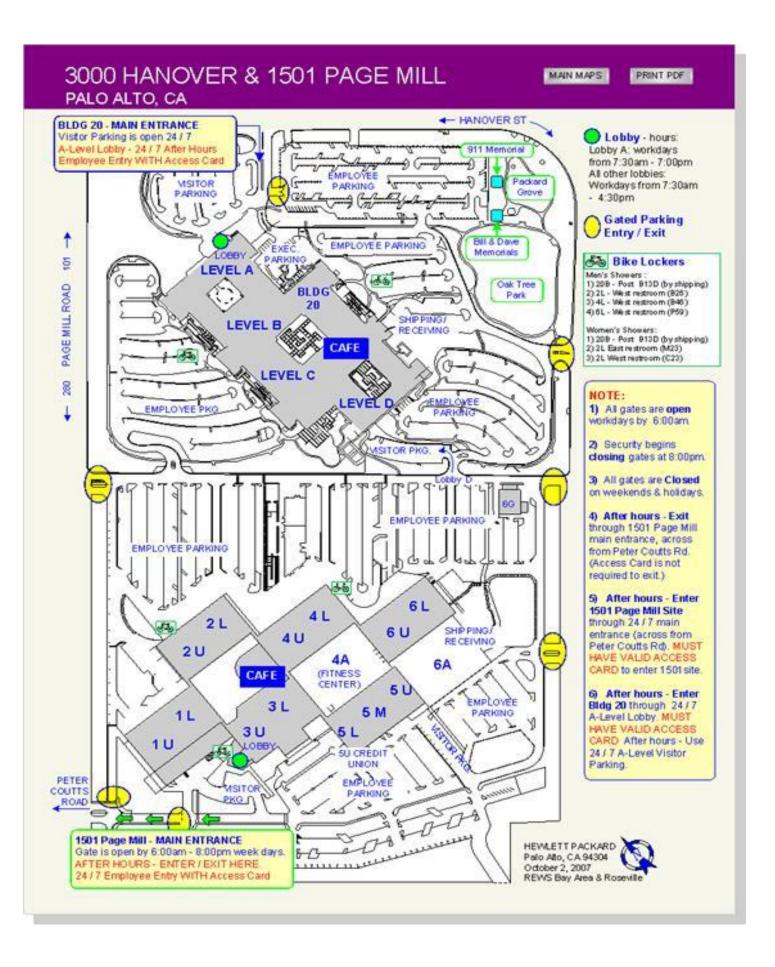
- 50% discount on all products
- No quantity limits
- Larger selection more variety of options
- Unlimited FREE online photo storage
- Free standard shipping to the Snapfish@HP Center

HOW: If you have an <u>HP gold badge</u> or <u>gold picture badge</u>, you may park in Level C employee parking and knock on the external glass door of the Digital Oasis Center (now called the Snapfish@HP Center). It's located on the NW/Page Mill Road side of the building, **near the words "Level C" on the map below**. (Cafe is located at the back of Level C.) Knock on the glass door, show your HP ID, and Fran, the onsite Center manager, will open the door for you to gain access to the Center only. You will <u>not</u> be able to roam other parts of the building. Call Fran at 1-650-857-5954 if you have questions.

WHEN: <u>Daily</u>, between the hours of 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. and between 1:30-3:00 p.m. Fran's preference is that retirees use the Center before lunch. These are the more quiet hours when employees are not visiting the Center.

WHAT: Employees and retirees have a daily and monthly maximum quantity of FREE items. There are also daily limits that apply to ensure everyone has access.

Product	Max Daily	Max Monthly
Greeting Cards	25	25
Prints 4x6	50	50
Prints 5x7	5	10
Prints 8x10	5	5
Posters	1	2
Photo CD	3	3
Photo Book or		
Calendars	1	2



HPREC Monthly Activities By Lidia Donez



Golf By Phil Smith

A Happy New Year to all. Looking back on the 2013 golf season, we had a good year, with 170 plays for the eight tournaments and over 400 golf balls handed out to the "winners". We had several new golfers come out to enjoy the HP/Agilent connection on the golf course during the year. We also had some players drop out for various reasons, with health problems being the major culprit. The end result of the adds and drops was a net zero.

The culmination of the season is the highly coveted Golfer of the Year award and the \$50 prize that goes with it. For 2013, the honors go to Rhonda Louie for the Ladies Flight and to Mike Carveiro for the Men's Flight. Rhonda won for the second consecutive year and Mike for the first, as both showed consistently good golf throughout the year. We want to give our congratulations to Rhonda and Mike for their great play throughout the year.

And now, with the 2014 HPREC golf season fast approaching, we need your participation to make these tournaments work for all the HP/Agilent retiree golfers and their invited guests. We have made one venue change from last year; we will be playing one tournament at Santa Clara and one at Los Lagos, instead of two at Los Lagos. This will give us an opportunity to play Santa Clara before the City of Santa Clara does something drastic and permanently alters the course to meet the demands associated with the new 49er football stadium.

Here's the schedule for 2014. (Note: all tournaments will be on the third Thursday of the month, with the first call to tee at 10:00 a.m., with one exception as shown below):

Sunnyvale - March 20 San Jose Muni - April 17 Spring Valley - May 15 Santa Clara - June 19 Sunnyvale - July 17, 10:30 a.m. San Jose Muni - August 21 Spring Valley - September 18 Los Lagos - October 16

Please calendar the golf schedule for 2014 and prepare for your run at the highly coveted \$50 Golfer of the Year award. The formula is simple: just win the most golf ball prizes over the course of the year. The golf flyer for the first tournament at Sunnyvale is in this newsletter, so be sure to sign up for the good times of HPREC golf tournament play, and get a jump on that \$50 grand prize. See you there!

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 Homestead Lanes at 20990 Homestead Road, Cupertino. It's always the 2nd Monday of each month. Price is \$7.00 per person for 2 games (includes shoe rental).

The next few bowling events are **February 10, March 10 and April 14** from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. All skill levels are welcome. If interested, contact Carol Nakamoto at <u>carol_nakamoto@hotmail.com</u> or 1-650-941-3678.

Pictured (L-R): Gene Doucette, Harold Kaye, Ray Spoelman, JoAnn Taylor, Bill Taylor, Carol Nakamoto, Barbara Trone, Bernard Bruand, John Trone, and Herb Knoesel.

February/March Hiking Schedules By John McCabe

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 Rainout Date: Tuesday, February 18

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Hike Leader: Jade & Chris Simonson, 1-650-969-3450 jade.simonson@gmail.com

Hike Location: Monte Bello is Italian for "beautiful mountain," and the preserve is very aptly named. The rolling grasslands are interspersed with riparian corridors and dense stands of California bay, canyon oak, coast live oak, and madrone. From the summit of Black Mountain, hikers are treated to spectacular views of the Hamilton Range and the entire length of Santa Clara Valley. Monte Bello Ridge provides the scenic backdrop for the communities of Palo Alto, Los Altos, Mountain View, Cupertino, and Sunnyvale. Parking for this hike is at the lot across Page Mill Road from Los Trancos Open Space Preserve.

From the parking lot, we take the Canyon Trail, split off to the Bella Vista Trail, connect with Old Ranch Trail, and finally link up to the Black Mountain Trail to reach the summit at an elevation of 2812 feet. We stop for lunch at Black Mountain summit, but if the winds prove too strong, then the Black Mountain backpack camp below the summit is a good alternative. On our return, we can either retrace our steps, or take the Indian Creek Trail to connect with the Canyon Trail back to the parking area. The decision will be made on the spot based on weather and trail conditions. Restrooms are available at the parking lot and near our lunch stop. The length of this hike is around 5.2 miles, and the elevation gain is approximately 820 ft.

Bring: Please wear good hiking shoes and bring a stick if you have one. Don't forget a hat, sunscreen, drinking water and lunch. Please bring \$2.00 to reimburse your friendly carpool driver.

Meet at: The usual carpool location at the Arastradero Preserve parking area at 10:00 a.m. Take 280 and turn southwest on Page Mill Road. Proceed .5 miles to Arastradero Road. Then go 1.2 miles to the Enid Pearson Arastradero Preserve parking area (with restrooms) on the right.

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2014. "Lite Hike"

Rainout date: None

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Hike Leader: Ray Spoelman 1-510-565-2848 ramon.frmnt@comcast.net

Hike Location: SF Bay National Wildlife Preserve, North. This hike will afford

views of the San Francisco Bay and its environs. There should be lots of waterfowl as well as salt flats.

Difficulty: The hike is rather flat and about 2 miles in length.

Bring: Water.

Meet at: The SF Bay National Wildlife Refuge

From the South Bay, take I-880N and exit at DeCoto Road/Dumbarton Bridge/84W. Then exit at Thornton south and turn right ¼ mile into the large parking lot on your left at the top of the hill.

From the Peninsula, take Dumbarton Bridge east (the free direction - no toll). Then exit Thornton south and turn right ¼ mile into the large parking lot on your left at the top of the hill.



Date: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 Rainout date: Tuesday, March 18

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Hike Leader: Jim Holl 1-408-446-2963 jamesholl@calalum.org

Hike Location: Sawyer Camp Trail, South. Last done by us in 2009, we will hike the south end of the Sawyer Camp Trail along Crystal Springs Reservoir. This hike features shimmering water, views of mountains, waterfowl, deer and dusky footed woodrat nests. We can lunch at the Jebson Laurel. There are lots of bathrooms.

Difficulty: The distance is about 7 miles. This is an easy hike as the route is essentially flat.

Notes: The entire route is paved so recent rains are not a factor. This hike is dog friendly and is also wheelchair accessible.

Bring: Water, lunch, and \$2.00 to reimburse the carpool drivers.

Meet at: The usual carpool location at the Arastradero Preserve parking area at 10:00 a.m. Take I-280 and turn southwest on Page Mill Road. Proceed .5 miles to Arastradero Road. Then go 1.2 miles to the Enid Pearson Arastradero Preserve parking area (with restrooms) on the right.

If going directly to the trail head, exit I-280 at Bunker Hill Drive and turn south toward Lower Crystal Springs Reservoir. Turn right onto Skyline Blvd. The trailhead is about .75 miles on the left (just past Crystal Springs Road and the dam).

Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 "Lite Hike"

Rainout date: None

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Hike Leader: John McCabe 1-650-328-3472 leonaandjohn@att.net

Hike Location: Professorville, Palo Alto. This is a registered historic district in Palo Alto, California that contains homes that were built by Stanford University professors. There are numerous houses built circa 1900.

Difficulty: About 2 miles in length on level city streets

Notes: This hike is dog friendly and wheelchair accessible. You will want to plan some time before and/or after to walk around the grounds of Gamble Gardens. It is also the location of the bathrooms.

Meet at: Gamble Gardens, 1431 Waverley Street Palo Alto, CA 94301. From Embarcadero Road, go south on Waverly Street. Go into the driveway that is on the left 60 yards from the corner and park in the parking area there.

Carol's Corner

HP-related Retiree Websites ... for HP and Agilent retirees

By Carol Nakamoto, HPREC Web Communicator

If you can't find something in either the **LATEST** or **BASICS** section of this article, refer to the front pages of your annual <u>Club Directory</u> for some tips; or if all else fails, contact me. <u>New Club members</u>, read both.

LATEST – Updates, new info from last newsletter. See BASICS for navigation tips for each site.

www.hpretirees.com/hprec (Our Club's website, maintained by HPREC volunteers)

The Club's Tech Team has been busy at work evaluating possible enhancements to our own website, and we've been considering helpful feedback from an HPREC survey many of you participated in about two years ago. Thanks again to those of you who filled it out. We are looking at new online features such as renewing annual membership and paying Club dues, signing up for events, better email functionality, etc.

The Tech Team has been meeting regularly. We made our proposal to the Club's Board last October, receiving approval to proceed. Our focus has been on keeping things simple and adding value to our members.



The new website host will offer additional plan options, backup support and flexible security options. All these benefits will be available via an industry standard web interface. We are migrating to the new website host next month, and we will then proceed to add features over time. You should <u>not</u> see any change to the website after its initial transition. You may see a redirect to www.hpretirees.org, which you might wish to bookmark.

Your Tech Team (pictured):

Standing: Paula Hoelker-williams (Chair)

Ed Tang (Membership Database)

Carol Nakamoto (Communications)

Seated: Ray Tatman (Tech Team Emeritus)

Tom Jew (Webmaster)

Not present: Jim Hartsell (Webmaster Emeritus)

Our Webmaster Emeritus, Jim, has added a NEW form to the **Newsletters** page for STOPPING or RESUMING the paper newsletter mailing. (This can still be done via the HPREC Email List forms.) If you are currently in the HPREC Email List, you can request email notification when each newsletter is posted online. That email will come from me every other month. Several folks have found this new form on their own; good show!

www.bayarea.hpway.org

Here are time-sensitive discounted <u>online</u> offerings: (Click on Bay Area Employee eNews for details.)

- -The Tech Star Wars Exhibit offer Now through Feb 23
- -Disney on Ice presents "Rockin Ever After" Feb 19-23 SAP Center (formerly HP Pavilion)
- -Broadway San Jose performances Australian Bee Gees Show (Feb 4-9), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (May 27-June 1), Jersey Boys (July 15-20), Wicked (Aug 27-Sept 14)

Here is a time-sensitive discounted offering available in the HP Store:

-Cirque du Soleil - Amaluna - Feb 21, 8p, San Jose, under The Grand Chapiteau, Taylor Street Bridge - E lot

BASICS – New members, or a refresher for all members; info changes infrequently.

Passwords – keep this handy!

User names and passwords to the secure areas of the different retiree websites are:

HP (News, Benefits and Stay Connected sections) <u>and</u>

Bay Area Employee Prog (Discounts, Site Committees): User name: xxxx Password: xxxxx

HPREC (online email directory):

User name: <u>xxxxx</u> Password: <u>xxxxxx</u> (case sensitive, ends in number, not letter)

These are also on the front pages of your Club's Directory; they are NOT online for security reasons.

Passport Unlimited:HP Branded Gear:HP Code: xxxxxPassword: xxxxx

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On the Club's home page, check out the **Monthly Activities** or **Coming Events** links for luncheons, trips or tours that might interest you...updated frequently.

You'll also find a list of the **Club Officers and Board members** in case you need help with something or wish to volunteer. This list is repeated in the annual Directory mailed to your home. Visit our Club's site to see published **newsletters**, add your name to the secure **e-mail database**, download a new **Member application** for a friend, read the **Bylaws** if your "to do" list is done.

Refer to your Club's **Directory** mailed to your home for helpful material that includes navigation tips and passwords for:

- HP and HPREC Retiree Web sites and Other helpful HP-related sites (discounts) and (HP Alumni)
- Stay Connected via Email

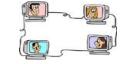
Stay Connected via Email...sign up to stop receiving paper newsletter

For retirees to receive periodic emails from organizations that fit your interests, you have **three** places to sign up: HPREC, HP Continuum, and HPAA. For privacy reasons, these cannot be shared.

Reasons to sign up for HPREC's emails:

NOT receiving emails (from me) that your Club newsletter has been posted online?

Want to STOP receiving newsletter mailed to your home (to help save the Club 12K/year; save a few trees)?



NOT receiving emails (from a Board member) about important news that can't wait for the next newsletter?

To sign up for Club news, go to our HPREC home page www.hpretirees.com/hprec, go to Retiree Email List:

- 1) **If you have not yet added your email address** to our secure online directory, click on "Add your email address", review all available member options, then select your preferences listed below.
 - (a) <u>stop receiving your paper version</u> of the newsletter in the U.S. Mail and review it online in full color in one-column format; also saves printing/postage costs for the Club.
 - (b) receive an email notification (from me) each time a new newsletter has been posted to the website (every odd month).
 - (c) receive periodic emails from HPREC (less than one message per month) with pertinent Club-related news.
- 2) **If you previously added your email address and need to change something**, click on "Change existing email address <u>or</u> change member options." Make sure you've chosen "<u>elect to receive an email notification</u> (includes passwords) when your newsletter is posted to the Club website."

Remember, this is a **self-maintaining database** of retiree Club members' email addresses; <u>you</u> need to do the updating. Contact me if you've tried and still need guidance.

A reminder to Club members: we communicate information and password access to HP retiree-related websites in a number of ways:

- **Club Directory** (pps 3-18) mailed to your home every February.
- Carol's Corner article in every newsletter issue.
- **Email** sent to Club members who <u>elected the Option</u> to be notified when newsletter posted online.
- Club's website home page, click on Web site Introduction for information and navigation tips.

For me to routinely send you password information in a bi-monthly email, notifying you that the latest newsletter is online, you need to have chosen this as one of your options. The email will come from hprecipage.com. If you are not receiving this email, refer to (b) in the double-lined box.

The reason u/n and p/w are not repeated in all sections of the paper newsletter is so the Webmaster doesn't have to "bleep" them numerous times when the newsletter is posted to the Club's website...security reasons. We really appreciate everyone who has signed up to receive occasional email communication from the Club.

www.bayarea.hpway.org (Maintained by HP affiliated volunteers)

Discounts

Scroll to <u>News Highlights and Special Events</u>, locate and click on <u>Bay Area EP eNews</u> link to see their current newsletter (same u/n and p/w).

Some things are available to order online like **Monterey Bay Aquarium** tickets, and some require you to pick them up at the HP Store (staffed by retiree volunteers). These are discounts negotiated for employees, and many are extended to retirees.

HP Store

3000 Hanover Street, Palo Alto, Lobby 20D (back of Bldg 20 HQ complex).

Retirees can access this Lobby for discounted tickets.

Phone: 1-650-236-0525 (answered when staffed)

Hours: Wednesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., except HP holidays.

Pick up tickets at the HP Store: (Palo Alto, 20D Lobby)

AMC/Cinemark/Century movie passes
Disneyland

Legoland Ski-lift tickets

Ski-lift tickets Six Flags

Six Flags

Here are discounted <u>online</u> offerings:

Monterey Bay Aquarium Roaring Camp Railroad Discovery Kingdom

Sea World Pier 39

California Academy of Sciences Winchester Mystery House

Seascape Beach Resort (Hwy 1 near Santa Cruz)

Universal Studios Hollywood



(Maintained by former HP employees)

The HP Alumni Association operates online <u>email</u> discussion forums for former HP employees and current retirees, and is a vast resource of information.

Being an HPAA member is extremely helpful in transitioning to life after HP/Agilent and is a great place to post a question and get lots of advice from former employees or share your knowledge. Sign up, it's <u>free</u> to join. It also does not require the typical 10-year service requirement to join a Club. You can belong to both a Club and HPAA.





HPREC Member, **Daniel James Feutren**, 74, passed away on November 11, 2013. Dan moved to Redding from the Bay Area in 1999 after his retirement from Hewlett-Packard. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carol, their two daughters and spouses Sandy and Don Guy of Redding, and Janice and Kevin Courter of Mountain View, 7 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter. (*Redding Record Searchlight*)

Alice Evans Powell, 77, passed away on November 19, 2013. Alice worked for Hewlett-Packard, Zack Electronics, and then Storm Products until she retired and relocated to Carson City, Nevada. Alice is survived by one child, Patricia Higgins, wife of Warren Higgins, of Rogers, Ariz. and by six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. (*Palo Alto Weekly, submitted by George B. Abbott*)

Howard E. Cabezas, 72, passed away on Thursday, November 28, 2013. Howard had a 36 year career with Hewlett-Packard, moving to Roseville in 1989. He is survived by his wife Pam Cabezas, Sun City; sons, Paul Cabezas, TX; Matthew Mena, CO; and 7 grandchildren, as well as his sister, daughters-in-law, many nieces, nephews, cousins and sisters & brothers-in-law. (*The Sacramento Bee*)

HPREC Member, Francisco B. Mendoza, 76, passed away November 29, 2013 in Los Gatos, California at the Good Samaritan Hospital after his brief battle with lung cancer. He worked as a Computer Software Engineer for over 30 years and retired from Hewlett-Packard after 25 years. Frank is survived by his wife, Diane Mendoza; a brother, Arturo Mendoza; his son, Steve Mendoza (daughter-in-law Stefanie Lopez-Mendoza); his daughter, Bernadette Hernandez (son-in-law Roberto Hernandez); and his grandchildren Jordan and Kyle Lopez and Lorenzo and Gracie Hernandez, as well as many family members and friends. (*Dignity Memorial*).

Patricia Hand Cole, died December 6, 2013 in San Francisco, after a 20-month battle with breast cancer. Ms. Cole began her career working for NASA, using computers to test planes in wind tunnels. She then moved to the West Coast, where she provided computer graphics for several of George Lucas' movies. Her final

professional position was with Hewlett-Packard in Palo Alto, CA. She is survived by her three children Catherine, Conrad and Hunter, residents of San Francisco; her sister Barbara Hand Fallon of Alexandria, VA; her brother Patrick Hand of Cape Charles, VA; sisters-in-law Lynn Cole of Sacramento, CA and Suzy Scott of Hampton; and numerous muchloved nieces and nephews. (*Daily Press and Newport News*)

To place a notice or provide information about HP retirees that you know please write to Blanca Guerrero, 1139 W Remington Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087 or email bn.guerrero@NU-RIS.com.





HPREC GOLF TOURNAMENT

PLACE: Sunnyvale Golf Course

605 Macara Ave.

Sunnyvale, CA 94085

408-738-3666

DATE: Thursday, March 20, 2014

STARTING TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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COST PER PERSON: \$37.00 (includes \$2 prize fund)

NOTES: Each HPREC member may invite one guest

Pay for golf cart at pro shop when checking in

For further information, call: Phil Smith at 408-749-1656

RESERVATIONS DUE BY: Saturday, March 15
Make check payable to <u>HPREC GOLF</u> 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

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Sunnyvale, March 20, 2014

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Retiree Volunteers

HPARV "Done-In-A-Day"

Volunteer Opportunity

at

Sunnyvale Community Services

Sunnyvale Community Services is an independent, nonprofit emergency assistance agency. Their mission is to prevent homelessness and hunger for low-income families and seniors facing temporary crises. They provide financial aid, food, and other support that prevents larger problems with more expensive solutions. We can help.

Come join your fellow HP/Agilent retirees on Monday, February 3, 2014. We will pack bags of donated produce for families and seniors. Some tasks require standing and lifting.



Time: 10:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Place: Sunnyvale Community Services

725 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Directions:

From Highway 101, take the Fair Oaks Avenue exit and go south on North Fair Oaks Avenue.

After 0.8 miles, continue on North Wolfe Road. After 0.9 miles, turn right on East Kifer Road.

Sunnyvale Community Services will be in .01 of a mile on your right. Please use street parking -- lot is for client use only.

RSVP: By Monday, January 27, 2014 to

Marialis Seehorn at hp.agilent.volunteers@hotmail.com

or call 1-408-244-7556 to leave a message.

More information: http://www.svcommunityservices.org/index.html



HPARV Done-In-A-Day Project

Volunteers Needed To Help With Science Fair

(Science background not needed except for judging.)

HPARV invites you to join with many other volunteers in this year's **Synopsys Science & Technology Championship**. About 1000 students will be participating in the fair, and there are many ways you can help either day.

What: County-wide regional science fair for students in grades 6-12

Where: San Jose McEnery Convention Center, South Hall, San Jose

When: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 – Student check-in and set-up

(Lunch provided) 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

(or 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon or 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 – Judging day

(Lunch provided)

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Plus, we need a few volunteers around 9:00 a.m. to help set up judges)



- 1. General volunteers
 - * <u>Tuesday:</u> Help students through the registration process, help find their assigned space to set up their projects, run errands, etc.
 - * <u>Wednesday</u>: Help register judges, monitor the hall during judging, etc.

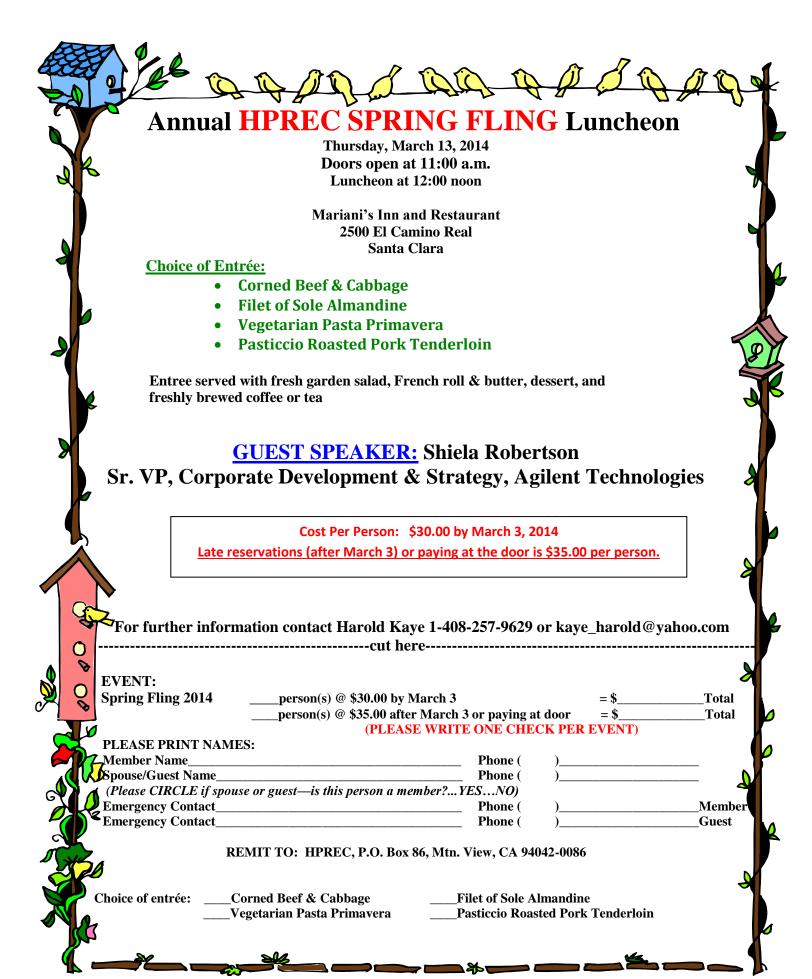
Tasks can be done while sitting, walking or standing. Indicate if you have a preference. Send an email with your name, phone number and time availability to: Rose Mary Brodbeck mmbrodbeck@comcast.net or call Rose Mary at 1-650-968-4269; alternate contact is carole@kalcic.com or call Carole Kalcic, Fair Manager at 1-408-736-6616.

2. <u>Judges:</u> If you're interested in judging, go to <u>www.science-fair.org</u>, then go to Judges, and under category judges click on <u>category judges registration and information</u>. Or send an email to <u>4judging@earthlink.net</u> with your name, phone number, address and brief scientific background, and the committee will enter you, asking for more information if they need it.

For further information, see the Science Fair Website at: www.science-fair.org

Previous volunteers at this event say it's fun and rewarding. Please volunteer. You'll be glad you did!





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PLEASE PRINT NAMES:		
Member Name	Phone ()	
Spouse/Guest Name	Phone ()_	
	is this person a member?YESNO)	
Emergency Contact		Member
Emergency Contact	Phone ()	Guest
	O: HPREC, P.O. Box 86, Mtn. View	
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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 1-408-446-0428 or taichats2@att.net or Pat Fausett 1-650-941-7063 or pat.fausett@sbcglobal.net

HPREC and Cruise Planners present:



Mackinac Island

featuring The
Grand Hotel & the
Tulip Festival
April 28-May 6
2014

Highlights....



- Chicago
- Millennium Park
- Mackinac Island
- The Grand Hotel
- Holland Tulip Festival
- Frankenmuth
- Edsel and Eleanor Ford House





- Experience Mackinac Island's charm and explore historical sites from the comfort of a horse-drawn carriage.
- Learn about Bavarian pretzel making and wine tasting in the quaint town of Frankenmuth
- Marvel at the exquisite architecture, breathtaking lakefront grounds and fine arts collection at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House.

9 Days, 13 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 6 Dinners

- Per Person Rates (Tour only): Double \$2,299; Single \$2,899; Triple \$2,269
- Air, transfers, and travel insurance to be determined.

Based on availability

Please contact Donald Higgins at 1-408-736-1918 or <u>donald1090@comcast.net</u> or Debbie Lum, Accredited Cruise Counselor, at 1-408-773-8332 or <u>dlum@cruiseplanners.com</u> for more information and to book your trip.



Thursday, July 17, 2014 \$73.00 per person DRIVE YOURSELF

San Jose Center for Performing Arts 255 South Almaden Blvd. San Jose, CA 1-408-295-9600

Seating in Rows 18-22, center mid-section Show time: 7:30 p.m.

Reservations and payment must be received by June 15, 2014. A stamped, self-addressed envelope must be included so we can send you your tickets!

EVENT: Jersey Boys		t hereperson(s) @ \$73.00 = \$	
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PLEASE PRINT NAMES:			
Member Name	Phone ()	
Spouse/Guest Name	Phone ()	
(Please CIRCLE if spouse or guest—is this po	erson a member?YESNO)		
Emergency Contact	Phone ()	Member
Emergency Contact	Phone ()	Guest

For additional information or questions, please contact Trip Leaders during normal business hours of 9:00 a.m.

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Coming Events

Feb. 3 Volunteer, Community Svcs., Sunnyvale

Mar. 11-12 Volunteer, Science Fair, San Jose

Mar. 13 Spring Fling, Santa Clara

Apr. 17 HP Garage Tour, Palo Alto

Apr. 28 Mackinac Island trip

Jul. 17 Jersey Boys, San Jose

Jan. 22 and Apr. 9 Symphonies CANCELLED !!!!!