

HPREC NEWS



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

Normally I would comment on how glad we are that winter is nearly over, but here in the Bay Area, winter never really arrived. I remember the last drought and am not looking forward to this one. Spring is breaking out, however, and our annual **Spring Fling Luncheon** on March 13 will be a blast no matter what weather we're having. **Shiela Robertson**, Agilent's Senior VP of Corporate Development and Strategy, will be sharing news of the split of Agilent into separate Life Sciences and Electronic Measurement companies (Agilent and Keysight Technologies, respectively). The split should be completed by August 1.



Our next major Club event is the **Picnic** in June. Picnic Co-chairs **Homer Wong** and Judy Coleman are working with other volunteers to make this year's picnic a return to the classic version members have loudly said they prefer. We hope you will give it a try. The picnic will be held at **Cuesta Park in Mountain View on Saturday, June 7**. You'll find more details and a reservation form on [Page 10](#). We will also be returning to a traditional menu and have hired a great local catering firm to handle the cooking. Homer and Judy could use more volunteers, so please contact them as shown on Page 10 if you are willing to assist.

March is the beginning of the HPREC golf season, and **Phil Smith** would love to welcome more casual golfers to our monthly games. It is not necessary to have a formal handicap or even to be a great golfer (ask me how I know...), and the events are a fun way to get some exercise at local golf courses. With the good weather, the Club's hiking group will also welcome new hikers, especially for some of the less challenging hikes. Bowling continues each month in Cupertino as well, and drop-in bowlers are always welcome. Finally, our volunteers have pitched in again for the Synopsis Science Fair in early March, and there will continue to be single day events where you are most needed and welcome to spend some time helping others in the area. The new table on [Page 2](#) lists every currently planned event and activity sorted by date.

Our 2014 *Member Directory* was printed and mailed in late February. The *Directory* is a major project involving our member database, liaisons from HP and Agilent, and our Tech Team. Special thanks go to **John Weidert**, **Paula Hoelker-williams** and **Carol Nakamoto** for managing through the several mini-crises this project entailed. The Club also maintains a completely secure and private email database online, so if you are trying to increase use of email to communicate, be sure your information is included in the database and is up-to-date.

Finally, an observation on the scene in Cupertino. My first HP job interview (unsuccessful...) in 1969 was at the new HP Cupertino facility on Wolfe Road. There was no Interstate 280, so you drove out Wolfe Road through orchards to the two buildings on campus (Building 40 was half occupied and Building 41 was empty except for a couple of desks and some roller assembly tables). Over the years, thousands of HP employees (including me) worked at Cupertino, where HP's computer business was really developed. From circus tents to beer busts nearly every Friday, it was an energetic campus. Today, the entire site is surrounded by a large green fence. All of the buildings on the campus are being reduced to rubble, as construction of Apple's new "Spaceship" headquarters building progresses in earnest -- powerful evidence of the progress of the technology industry in the years since HP started in the garage in 1939.

Upcoming Activities and Events

This table is a new feature of the Newsletter that combines information about all the Club's activities into an easy-to-use table that is sorted by date. Scan this list, check off the ones you want to attend, and be sure to add them to your calendar.

Events that are not free of charge have a \$ in the "Type" column. All others are free, or at least potentially free if you don't participate in the carpool.

Type	Date and Time	Description and Location	Sign-up Deadline
Hike	Mar. 19, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Professorville Lite Hike, Palo Alto	Just come!
Golf \$	Mar. 20, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Sunnyvale Muni	Mar. 15, see Page 8
Hike	Apr. 8, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Cloverdale Coastal Ranches, Pescadero	Just come! See Page 12
Bowl \$	Apr. 14, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Homestead Lanes, Cupertino	Just come! See Page 11
Hike	Apr. 16, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Ulistac Lite Hike, Santa Clara	Just come! See Page 12
Tour	Apr. 17, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	HP Garage, Palo Alto	F2RG2G *, see Page 7
Golf \$	Apr. 17, 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	San Jose Muni	April 12, see Page 8
Work	Apr. 24, 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Prepare food at St Anthony's Padua Dining Room, Menlo Park	April 15, see Page 13
Travel \$	Apr. 28 – May 6	Mackinac Island and Tulip Festival, IL, WI & MI	Not specified, see January Newsletter for details
Work	May 12, 9:00 a.m. – noon	Assemble science kits at RAFT, Sunnyvale	May 5, see Page 13
Bowl \$	May 12, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Homestead Lanes, Cupertino	Just come! See Page 11
Hike	May 13, 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Rancho San Antonio, Cupertino	Just come! See Page 12
Golf \$	May 15, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Spring Valley, Milpitas	May 10, see Page 8
Hike	May 21, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Downtown Palo Alto Lite Hike	Just come! See Page 12
Picnic \$	June 7, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Summer Picnic, Cuesta Park, Mountain View	May 23, see Page 10
Bowl \$	June 9, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Homestead Lanes, Cupertino	Just come! See Page 11
Golf \$	June 19, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club	Registration not yet open
Tour	July 17, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	HP Garage, Palo Alto	F2RG2G *, see Page 7
Golf \$	July 17, 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Sunnyvale Muni	Registration not yet open
Travel \$	July 17, 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	<i>Jersey Boys</i> musical, San Jose	June 15, see Page 6
Golf \$	Aug. 21, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	San Jose Muni	Registration not yet open
Travel \$	Sep. 8 – 21	London to Norway to Shetland Islands to Iceland to Newfoundland to New York City	Not specified, see Page 9
Golf \$	Sep. 18, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Spring Valley, Milpitas	Registration not yet open
Tour	Oct. 16, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	HP Garage, Palo Alto	F2RG2G *, see Page 7
Golf \$	Oct. 16, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Los Lagos, San Jose	Registration not yet open

*F2RG2G means "First to reserve gets to go." Each tour is limited to 10 individuals.

Sympathy Compiled by Blanca Guerrero

To submit a brief obituary, please notify **Blanca Guerrero**, 1139 West Remington Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 or send an email to bn.guerrero@NU-RIS.com. Dates of memorial services that take place after this issue is posted online are printed in boldface.

HPREC Member **Thomas Joseph Dawson**, 90, San Mateo, California passed away on February 10, 2014. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to parents of Irish descent. He joined the U.S. Navy at 18 and served in World War II and the Korean War on numerous battleships as an Electronics Technician Chief before ending his service in 1962. After his military career, Mr. Dawson was employed at Hewlett-Packard as a Chief Electronics Officer until he retired in 1987. He was married to Jean Ryan of Nebraska from 1956 until she passed away in 1993. He is survived by his longtime companion Jean Stone of San Mateo, his son and daughter-in-law John and Joni Pitel of Fair Oaks, CA and grandson Jeffrey Pitel of Fair Oaks. **A memorial service will be held on March 16** at 1 p.m. at the Marines Memorial Club in San Francisco. (*San Jose Mercury News/San Mateo County Times from February 15 to February 16, 2014*)

HPREC Member **Dolorous M. King** passed away on December 9, 2013. (*Submitted by Patty Soto*)

HPREC Member **Richard J. (Dick) Miller**, 82, passed away on December 25, 2013 in Durham, California. Dick began his 30 year career at HP in February 1960 as a production technician and became the production manager for Santa Clara Instrument Division after bringing the division's first integrated circuit counters into production. He retired from Hewlett-Packard in 1990 and is survived by his children Delinda Miller Irvine, Denise Miller Vaughan, Brian Miller and four grandchildren. (*Submitted by Denise Miller Vaughan*)

HPREC Member **Robert (Bob) Ames**, 85, passed away on December 28, 2013. Bob was in the Marine Corps Reserve and was called into active duty to serve in Korea from September 1950 to December 1951. Bob began working for Hewlett-Packard on Page Mill Road, Palo Alto in May, 1953 and transferred to Santa Clara, where he worked until he retired on May 1980. Bob and his wife enjoyed traveling together in the United States, and they also travelled overseas to Russia, China, Japan, Europe and parts of Central America. Their favorite vacation spot was the South Pacific. Bob is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary; four children, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. (*Letter from Mary Ames*)

HPREC Member **Karma Ridgeway**, 75, passed away on January 13, 2014 in Palo Alto. She spent her final days surrounded by her husband and sons. She was born on December 17, 1938 in Macon, Missouri to Wilber and Ruby Shoffner. Karma grew up and graduated from high school in Macon, Missouri before attending Northeast Missouri State Teachers College. She later married and raised three sons before working at Hewlett-Packard as an Executive Assistant for 20 years. Karma is survived by her husband, Win Emert, three sons, Michael, Petaluma, CA, Mark, Sunnyvale, CA, Matt, Scotts Valley, CA, and five grandchildren. (*San Francisco Chronicle on February 23, 2014*)

HPREC Member **Emil Paul Ditrich**, 92, was born, raised, and married in Erie, Pennsylvania. In 1960 he relocated his family to Sacramento, then to the Bay Area in 1963, and finally to Lodi, California in 2000. He was a tool and die maker by trade and retired from Hewlett-Packard in 1985, after 23 years of employment. Emil is survived by his wife, Violet June (Hollister) Ditrich; his six children, Judith (Dains), Janet (Silva), Donald, Daniel, Claudia (Elespuru) and Michael; 16 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren. (*Lodi News-Sentinel from February 6 to February 14, 2014*)

HPREC Member **Lee Seligson**, 89, passed away February 5, 2014. Lee was an early member of Hewlett-Packard's Personnel community (now known as HR). Lee developed and implemented Hewlett-Packard's first Supervisor Training Program. His best contributions were accomplished as International Personnel Manager. He was instrumental in hiring personnel managers throughout the international community as Hewlett-Packard began to grow those markets. (*Robert Levy/HPAA Remembrance*)

Lucille Brown, 90, left this earth on Saturday, January 11, 2014, at Dixie Regional Medical Center after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. Lucille was born on November 9, 1923 in Salt Lake City. In 1959, four years after the death of her husband, Al Doty, she moved with her children to San Carlos, California, after transferring with her company Eitel McCullough. After several years, she went to work for HP, where she stayed until retiring in 1987. She is survived by three children; Robert Michael, Sedona, AZ; Teresa Gill (Richard) San Carlos, CA; and Linda Robinson, recently of St. George, UT, who remained her loving caregiver for the past 2 1/2 years; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. (*Deseret News on January 16, 2014*)

Ernest "Gene" E. Baxter, 77, passed away on January 16, 2014, at his home in Cameron Park, CA. Gene joined Hewlett-Packard in 1960 and retired after 28 years as the San Francisco Field Service District Computer Service Manager in Palo Alto. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Francine Baxter, and his children; Shelly (Peter) Alexander, Deena (Bruce) Schwegler and Rob (Patti) Baxter, Shalene (Don) Massey and Robert (Renee) Glidewell. (*Curt Gowan – HP Alumni and Dignity Memorial on January 17, 2014*)

Betty Yasuko Furusho, 91, passed away at her home in Mountain View, CA, on January 25, 2014 after a lengthy illness. Betty was born in San Juan Bautista on Aug. 20, 1922 to Ejiro (Kimoto) and Yukino Tanimura and had twelve siblings. Betty attended Hazmore School of Design in San Francisco, before marrying Kazuo (Kaz) Furusho on January 23, 1949 and settling into her home in Mountain View. Upon Betty's retirement from Hewlett-Packard and Kaz's from the produce industry in the 1980's, they traveled worldwide. Betty was predeceased by her husband and is survived by her brothers George (Masaye) Tanimura and Tommy (Hisako) Tanimura, sister, Rose Yuki, sister-in-law Sachi Tanimura, brothers-in-law Mike Furusho, Pat Noonan, and sister-in-law Joan Furusho, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. (*San Jose Mercury News/San Mateo County Times on February 22, 2014*)

Carol Forbes, 85, passed away on January 28, 2014, in Roseville, CA. Carol graduated from Mission High School in San Francisco and worked for and retired from HP. Carol loved traveling and visited many places around the world. Her hobbies included cooking, baking and tending to her garden. Carol is survived by her sons Robert and John Schwartz, step-daughter, Diana Bailey, half-sister, Marilyn Scalzi, six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. (*San Jose Mercury News/San Mateo County Times on February 5, 2014*)

Josephine Sandoval, 87, passed away peacefully of natural causes. She worked and retired from Hewlett-Packard. She was a devoted Catholic and Oakland Raiders fan. She joins her parents, two sons, sisters, and brothers. She is survived by her children, David Rodriguez, Salina (Mike) Allen, Ken Rodriguez. She had 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and some great-great-grandchildren. (*San Jose Mercury News/San Mateo County Times on February 7, 2014*)

Job Opening: Vice President of HPREC

The HPREC Board of Directors has a pressing need to fill the role of Vice President. The primary duties are to preside over monthly Board meetings during the President's infrequent absences and to contribute your ideas for sustaining and improving the Club. Meetings are held from noon to 1 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at HP headquarters in Palo Alto. If you're interested in volunteering for this job, or simply sitting in on a Board meeting to get a better idea of what's involved, please call HPREC President **John McGowan** at 408-736-5075.

HPREC Seeks Newsletter Editor and Associate Editor

Do you like journalism? Are you a sharp-eyed editor with a flair for layout and design? Do you have roughly 10 hours every other month that you can devote to producing and editing this Newsletter? If so, read on!

The Club is seeking a Newsletter Editor and Associate Editor to assist with our communications and publicizing our events. If you're interested in volunteering for this job, or would like to know more about what's involved, please call HPREC President **John McGowan** at 408-736-5075.

Welcome New Members! By John Weidert, Membership Chair

The Club would like to give a warm welcome to these new members who joined in December, 2013 and January, 2014: **Nicki Landau, William Behn, Barbara J. Kornely, Nina Millie Heubsche, Patricia Beck, Hermina Theys, and Joyce Bertozzi.** Welcome aboard to each of you and thank you for joining HPREC!

Join the HPREC Membership Drive By John Weidert, Membership Chair

Our Bay Area HPREC is continuing its campaign to increase membership by recruiting new members. Anyone who spent 10 years or more with HP and/or Agilent is eligible to join HPREC, no matter where they live.

To encourage broad participation in this effort, HPREC will hold a drawing for **TWO \$50.00 GIFT CERTIFICATES** at the Holiday Lunch in December. Here's how you can qualify for the drawing -- each person you recruit to join HPREC (with dues paid) will put your name in the drawing pool. Each new member referencing you increases your chances of winning; there is no limit to how many new members you can recruit.

All entries from November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014 (our fiscal year) are eligible. The new member should write your name on his or her enrollment form for you to qualify. If you have already referred new members who have joined and paid this year, just let me know by email at jweidert2@gmail.com.

To help our recruiting efforts, we have an **informative brochure** highlighting the key activities and benefits that come with being a member of HPREC. It's available on the www.hpretirees.com/hprec website. Click on "HPREC Brochure" under Club Information to access the tri-fold brochure. Please print out some copies and give them to your retiree friends. Or, if you would like color hardcopies mailed to you, email me at the address above.

The Book of Mormon Review by Pat Fausett

"HELLO! My name is "

What a truly wonderful and funny Broadway show! The evening of January 14, an HPREC contingent of theatergoers boarded a bus and headed to the Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco. We had a total of 54 members, guests, and friends sign up for this outing... and what an evening it was.

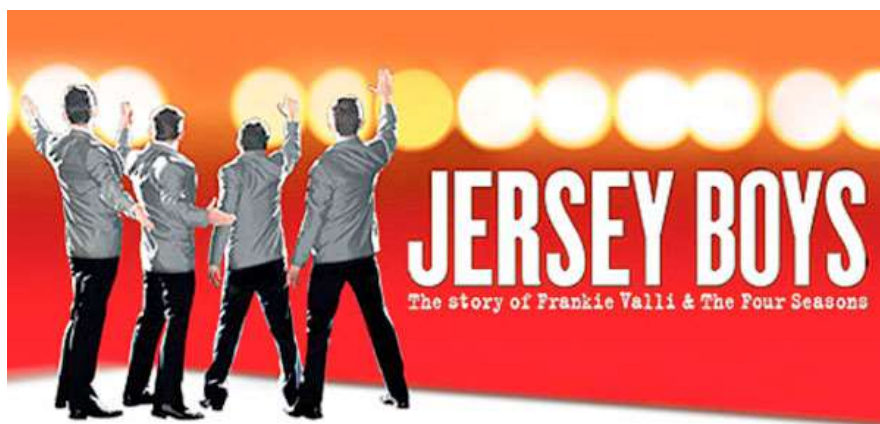


The musical was written by that raucous trio of young men who write the *South Park* animation program that has kept millions of TV viewers chuckling and wondering how they "get away" with much of the dialog. This show was very similar... aptly written by Robert Lopez, Matt Stone, and Trey Parker.

The opening scene is hilarious... with a myriad of "good Mormon boys" ringing a doorbell and announcing their intent to spread the word of Joseph Smith... sort of. The first song, "Hello," was written in 2006, and ideas flowed from this beginning. The show is a real spoof on the Mormon religion and the missions that young men go on after they graduate from high school and are now Elders of the Church. In reality, these young men are assigned a state, city, or country in which they must spend two years spreading the word of Joseph Smith. This musical is true to this concept, and the unlikely pair of Elder Price and Elder Cunningham is sent to Africa. Let the bawdy comedy begin!

While some of the language was "rough," the humor was so obvious that one could hardly be offended. In fact, all religions had their share of the spotlight via colorful dialogue. The actors and actresses were super... and the singing talent was outstanding. And a huge surprise was the fabulous choreography and dancing, not to mention the costumes and props. Many of us will never be able to look at a frog in the same way again!

The beauty of the Orpheum Theatre added to the "specialness" of the evening, as this is one of San Francisco's best loved venues. Many participants commented on the splendor of the theatre... very old San Francisco. Upon returning to Cupertino before midnight, we agreed that this was a fun evening and hope to do more of these trips in the coming year. Join us for the next musical extravaganza..... *Jersey Boys* in San Jose this coming July 17.



Thursday, July 17, 2014

\$73.00 per person

DRIVE YOURSELF

San Jose Center for Performing Arts

255 South Almaden Blvd.

San Jose, CA

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!**

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

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EVENT: Jersey Boys _____person(s) @ \$73.00 = \$_____Total
(PLEASE WRITE ONE CHECK PER EVENT)

PLEASE PRINT NAMES:

Member Name _____ Phone () _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____ Phone () _____

(Please CIRCLE if spouse or guest—is this person a member? ...YES...NO)

Emergency Contact _____ Phone () _____ Member

Emergency Contact _____ Phone () _____ Guest

SEND RESERVATION FORM, S.A.S.E AND CHECK TO: HPREC, P.O. Box 86, Mtn. View, CA 94042-0086

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR TRIP CONFIRMATION _____ (Please Print)

Sign up now! Final year for the tours!

EVENT: HP Garage Tour _____person(s)

Please indicate your preference of dates (1=1st choice; 2=2nd choice; 3=3rd choice):

____April 17, 2014 (Q2)

____July 17, 2014 (Q3)

____October 16, 2014 (Q4)

PLEASE PRINT NAMES:

Member Name _____ Phone () _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____ Phone () _____

(Please CIRCLE if spouse or guest—is this person a member?...YES...NO)

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A STEP BACK IN TIME!

FREE tours of the HP Garage are conducted quarterly and are limited to 10 Club members/guests per tour.

Sign up using the form above.

Tours start at 10:00 a.m. and last approximately 90 minutes.

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



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

HPREC Golf Tournaments in April and May



Notes:

- Each HPREC member may invite one guest.
- Pay for golf carts in the pro shop at check-in.
- For further information, call **Phil Smith** at 408-749-1656.

San Jose Municipal Golf Course

1560 Oakland Road
San Jose, CA 95131
408-441-4653

Date: Thursday, **April 17, 2014**

Starting Time: 10:00 a.m.

Reservations due by: Saturday, April 12

Cost: **\$39** (includes \$2 prize fund)

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

San Jose Muni, April 17, 2014

NAME	CART?	EMAIL*

* Only if not on file

Spring Valley Golf Course

3441 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035
408-262-1722

Date: Thursday, **May 15, 2014**

Starting Time: 10:00 a.m.

Reservations due by: Saturday, May 10

Cost: **\$41** (includes \$2 prize fund)

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

Spring Valley, May 15, 2014

NAME	CART?	EMAIL*

* Only if not on file

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Cruise Highlights

Bergen

The captivating waterfront of Bryggen is a highlight of this historic town. With an unmistakable cluster of 62 buildings in the style of the Hanseatic League's trading era of the 14th to mid-16th centuries, it was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979.

Akureyri

Lava lakes and waterfalls surrounding Iceland's second-largest city will compete with botanical gardens and forests for your attention.

Shetland Islands (Lerwick)

With a history that dates back 5,000 years, Scotland's Shetland Islands are one of Europe's little known gems.

Date: September 8, 2014

Fares from \$1,999 per person

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PICNIC!

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 7,
2014**

**\$30 per person
(adults only)**

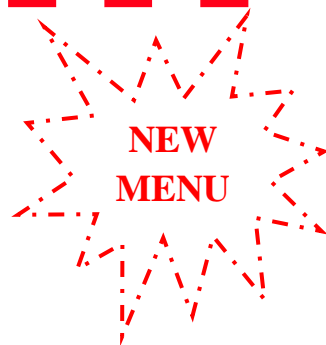
Bingo: 1:30 p.m.



Cuesta Park

1615 Cuesta Drive near Grant Rd.

Mountain View, CA



BBQ Spare Ribs/Chicken (sauce on side), Seasoned Ranch Beans, Buttered Corn on the Cob, Chopped Salad, Garlic Bread, Coffee/Cookies

For additional information or questions, please contact one of the Picnic Co-chairs between 9:00 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. Exceptions for emergencies only, please. Co-chairs: **Homer Wong** 650-387-5426 homer_wong@hotmail.com and **Judy Coleman** 650-856-9912 jukiac@yahoo.com.

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EVENT: HPREC PICNIC 2014 _____ person(s) @ \$30.00 = \$_____ Total
(PLEASE WRITE ONE CHECK PER EVENT)

PLEASE PRINT NAMES:

Member Name _____ Phone () _____
Spouse/Guest Name _____ Phone () _____
(Please CIRCLE if spouse or guest—is this person a member?...YES...NO)
Emergency Contact _____ Phone () _____ Member
Emergency Contact _____ Phone () _____ Guest

SEND RESERVATION FORM & CHECK TO: HPREC, P.O. Box 86, Mtn. View, CA 94042-0086 BY MAY 23

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

For ordering purposes, **please indicate your beverage choice(s).** Water will also be provided, of course.

___Beer ___Wine ___Coke ___Diet Coke ___Pepsi ___Diet Pepsi

Picnic Volunteers Needed

We need your help! Please check your interest below and return this with your registration and check.

Yes, I want to help with: ___ Set-up ___ Serving ___ Cookies/Coffee ___ Clean-up

Email _____

HPREC Activities Compiled by Lidia Donez

Golfing Season is Here By Phil Smith

Yes, it's spring again and the golf balls are flying. It's time to get back to the swing of the clubs and try your shot at winning the HPREC 2014 Golfer-of-the-Year award.

The Club's eight-tournament golf season starts on Thursday, **March 20**, at Sunnyvale Golf Course. The Golf Flyer for this tournament was in January's Newsletter, as the distribution date of this Newsletter is very close to the tournament date. If you haven't signed up for Sunnyvale yet, and you'd like to play, **give me a call** at 408-749-1656. I'll make sure you'll be able to play at this popular venue.



The Golf Flyer in this Newsletter has the next two tournaments for your sign-up, and both are excellent courses for our Club play. They are San Jose Muni on **April 17** and Spring Valley on **May 15**. So, get your Club friends and guest golfers together to play these courses for fun, glory and golf ball prizes. If you're in the Club, but haven't ventured to play in these friendly tournaments, you should give it a try. Invite a friend to play along with you, even if he or she is not a member of the Club, to further enhance the outing. The Club's tournaments are for the enjoyment of the game and the great outdoors. Your skill at the game will be honored by the handicap system to level the playing field. Besides, it's fun to talk about the few shots that were perfect, and all the shots that got away!

So, remember to calendar all eight tournaments for the year (they're detailed on [Page 2](#) and on the [HPREC website](#) on the Coming Events page). Don't forget that *someone* is going to win the coveted Golfer-of-the-Year award – why not **you**?

"You can hit a two acre fairway 10% of the time and a two inch branch 90% of the time." Anonymous

Tours of the HP Garage

Look for the flyer on [Page 7](#) of the Newsletter about upcoming opportunities to visit true HP history. Tours are offered on the second Thursday of April, July and October. If you haven't seen it before – or if you haven't seen it lately – you and your guests are sure to enjoy the free one and one half-hour tour of the HP Garage in Palo Alto. Come see where it all began 75 years ago!

Come Bowl with HPREC! By Carol Nakamoto

Come join us at Homestead Lanes at 20990 Homestead Road, Cupertino. It's always the second Monday of each month. Price is \$8 per person for two games (plus \$4 for shoe rental).

The next few bowling events are **April 14, May 12 and June 9** from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. All skill levels are welcome. If interested, contact me at carol_nakamoto@hotmail.com or 650-941-3678.



Hiking Schedule for April and May By John McCabe

Cloverdale Coastal Ranches	Tues. Apr. 8, 10:00 a.m. Rainout Apr. 15, 10:00 a.m.	Cost: \$4 for the carpool driver	Leaders: POST docent and Gary Ruppel 650-494-0530
Meet at the Usual Carpool Location* or drive to 3393 Cloverdale Road, Pescadero. We will leave from the ranch house at 11:00 a.m. When POST acquired this 6391 acre property in 1997, it was the largest unprotected property on the Central Coast. It features a great variety of habitats and soil types, from coastal bluffs and tide pools, to row cropland, grazing land and mixed forest. Gazos Creek runs through it. POST has found it to be an ideal place for testing various erosion protection practices and ways to remove invasive plants and restore coastal prairie through controlled burns. There's a lot to see, including lovely views of the coast when the weather is clear. There are bathrooms in the ranch house for our use. It should take a little over an hour to reach the property from Palo Alto. Please join us to enjoy this wonderful property and to learn about other projects being undertaken by POST. Bring water and lunch. Duration: 4.5 hours, Difficulty: Moderately easy. No dogs. Not wheelchair accessible.			
Ulistac Lite Hike	Wed. Apr. 16, 10:00 a.m. No rainout date	Free	Leader: Barbara Beebe 408-245-6451
Meet at 4901 Lick Mill Blvd., Santa Clara. Park on the street and meet at the North Entrance to the Ulistac Natural Area. Join us for a walk on the wild side. We may see hawks, ducks, jackrabbits, butterflies, ladybugs, and maybe even snakes. Ulistac is a historical wilderness area along the Guadalupe River, named for an Ohlone man named Uliis. It contains a seasonal wetland and is currently under restoration by volunteers who are replacing non-native plants with California native varieties. After wandering around the area on unpaved trails, we will climb up to the Guadalupe River levee and walk along the river back to our starting point. Restrooms are in Lick Mill Park across the street. Bring water and money for lunch (optional). Length: 2 miles, Duration: 1 hour, Difficulty: Easy. Dogs on leash OK. Wheelchair accessible.			
Rancho San Antonio	Tues. May 13, 10:00 a.m. Rainout: May 20, 10:00 a.m.	Cost: \$2 for the carpool driver	Leaders: Jade and Chris Simonson 650-969-3450
Meet at the Usual Carpool Location* or drive to the main parking lot at Rancho San Antonio County Park in Cupertino. We will leave from the restroom area at 10:15. This should be a lovely area for a May hike and we may see many species of wildflowers. A number of plant communities thrive in the mixed riparian and coast live oak woodlands to central coast shrub to grassy meadows. These habitats support elderberry, alder, dogwood, blue and valley oaks, California bay, buckeye, sage, toyon, coyote bush -- and poison oak. We will walk the South Meadow Trail to Coyote Trail then Wildcat Loop Trail to our lunch stop at the Vista Point. We will return via High Meadow, Lower Meadow, and Permanente Creek trails back to the parking area. The elevation is an easy 400 feet. Bring water, lunch, and sunscreen. Hiking stick recommended. Length: 5 miles, Duration: 3.5 hours, Difficulty: Moderately easy. No dogs. Not wheelchair accessible.			
Downtown Palo Alto Lite Hike	Wed. May 21, 10:00 a.m. No rainout date	Free	Leaders: Eileen Ruppel 650-494-0530 and Gene Arnold
Meet at the CalTrain Station, 95 University Ave. We'll meet on the west (Stanford) side of the tracks. Three hour parking is available across the street at 528 High Street. Gene Arnold , who joined HP in 1956, will share his memories and stories of people and places from the early days. Please bring your own stories to share! Bring water if needed. We will be walking on sidewalks. Length: 2 miles, Duration: 1 hour, Difficulty: Easy. Dogs on leash OK. Wheelchair accessible.			

* **The Usual Carpool Location** is the Enid Pearson Arastradero Preserve parking area. From I-280, exit on Page Mill Road and go SW for about half a mile. Turn right on Arastradero Road and go 1.2 miles. The parking area is on your right. Join your fellow hikers near the restrooms.

HPARV “Done in a Day” Volunteer Opportunities



Prepare Food at Padua Dining Room

For the past 35 years, the **Padua Dining Room** has pursued its mission to provide hot, well balanced meals to people in the community. They serve the low-income people with as many as 600 hot nourishing meals a day, six days a week. Join your fellow HP/Agilent retirees at St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room on Thursday, April 24. Some tasks require standing.

Note: the Padua Dining Room is a separate entity of St. Anthony Parish. While it is under the umbrella of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Francisco, it nonetheless enjoys its own independence and proper identity. Some of its partners include The Peninsula Community Foundation, Second Harvest Food Bank, Almanac of Palo Alto-Menlo Park, Sunset Magazine, Rotary, Kiwanis, the Menlo Park and Redwood City Fire Departments, Valley Presbyterian Church of Portola Valley, The Stanford Catholic Community, and Hands on the Bay Area.

- Date & Time: **Thursday, April 24, 2014, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
- Place: St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room, 3500 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA 94025
- Directions: From Highway 101, take Marsh Road southwest to Middlefield Road. Go right on Middlefield for 1/2 mile. St. Anthony's will be on your left.
- RSVP hp.agilent.volunteers@hotmail.com or call **John McCabe** at 650-328-3472 by **Tuesday, April 15**
- More information: www.paduadiningroom.com



Make Great Things for Kids

RAFT, the Resource Area for Teaching, is a nonprofit organization that believes hands-on teaching is the best way for teachers to teach and students to learn. They provide creative hands-on activity kits, 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, nonprofits 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 & Time: **Monday, May 12, 2014, 9 a.m. – noon**
- Place: RAFT Sobrato Center (Sunnyvale Volunteer Center), 1160 Kern Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94085
- RSVP hp.agilent.volunteers@hotmail.com or call **John McCabe** at 650-328-3472 by **Monday, May 5**
- Directions/info: www.raftbayarea.org/locationsobrato-center

Hiking Report: *Donkeys and Quail and Coyotes, Oh My!* Compiled by Gary Ruppel & John McCabe

Donkeys Hold Center Stage In Palo Alto Lite Hike Report and photos by John McCabe



Our round trip hike from HP's world headquarters to Los Altos' Village Court Shopping Center featured a stop to say hello to **Niner** and **Perry**, the famous Barron Park donkeys. We also examined the water diversion project that takes excess water from Barron Creek into Matadero Creek. Lunch for most of us was at Chef Chu's, while others enjoyed different nearby cafes.

If you want to try this hike yourself, go SW along Hanover from Building 20. Take the Bol Park Bike Path. It starts where Hanover bends and goes uphill. This path takes you south through Bol Park and around Gunn High School. Next take the Los Altos – Palo Alto Bike path. It starts just left of the Alta Mesa Cemetery. Both paths follow old railroad right of ways. You will find many restaurants at the

Shopping Center to fortify you for your walk back.



Bernard Bruand, Jim Holl, Bob Steward, Chris & Jade Simonson, Barbara Beebe, "Niner" and "Perry," Larry & Ann Byler, Shirley Kwan, Ed White, Duncan Missimer and John McCabe.

Mary Avenue Bridge Lite Hike Report by Barbara Beebe, photo by John McCabe



Barbara & John Trone, Eileen Ruppel, Carol Arnett, KJ Chang, Fred Koehler, Barbara Beebe, Larry Byler, Cherie Baker, Gisela & Herb Knoesel, Gary Ruppel and John McCabe.

It was another day of "June in January" weather when thirteen lucky hikers met at the Oaks Shopping Center in Cupertino and proceeded north on Mary Avenue to the bridge. Before crossing over I-280 on the bridge, we learned that it is officially the "Don Burnett Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge," named for the late Cupertino Mayor and former Councilman who was instrumental in jumping over the many hurdles necessary to make the bridge a reality. Don was one of the first to

ride his bike across when it opened in April, 2009. We posed for a picture at a sculpture of a family of California quail mounted on a granite boulder with a sculpted hawk (not shown) watching from above.

To do this hike yourself, park in the lot for the Bluelight Cinemas 5 at 21275 Stevens Creek Blvd., Cupertino. Walk north on Mary (away from Stevens Creek Blvd.) about 0.8 miles to reach the bridge. Alternatively, you can park near Homestead and Mary and walk south on Mary for a much shorter distance.

Stanford Dish Hike Report by Jade and Chris Simonson, photo by John McCabe



Marcia Adams, Duncan Missimer, Dee Bailey, Ed White, John McCabe, Chris Simonson, Stan McCarthy and Jade Simonson.

February 11 was a marvelous day for a hike at the Stanford Dish. Eight of us, pictured above, enjoyed the good weather, great views, and congenial company. We saw hawks, western bluebirds, meadow larks, and a great egret. Ground squirrels were everywhere -- the walkers kept the raptors away -- and Duncan spotted a coyote pair.

For those who wish to hike the Stanford Dish, parking along Stanford Avenue can be challenging, but the hike is worth it. The main loop of 3.5 miles can be hiked clockwise or counterclockwise. Clockwise has a steeper climb but a gentler descent. An out-and-back trail behind the Dish would add another 1.5 miles if you're so inclined.

Don Edwards SF Bay National Wildlife Refuge Lite Hike Report by Ray Spoelman, photo by John McCabe

Eleven HP and Agilent retirees, seven women and four men, took a break from watching the Winter Olympics to get some exercise themselves. **Ray Spoelman** led the group along the tidelands of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Fremont. We saw a wide variety of birds, including great blue herons, snowy egrets, egrets, marbled godwits, ducks (including northern shovelers and American wigeons), gulls, and pied-billed grebes. Various wildflowers brightened the sides of the trails as we took in the quietness of the area.

If you would like to enjoy this area on your own, from DeCoto Road/Highway 84 between Highway 880 and the Dumbarton Bridge toll plaza, take Thornton Avenue south, proceed 0.6 miles on Thornton, then turn right into the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge. Drive .6 miles into the refuge and park in the large parking lot on your left. There are bathrooms by the Visitor Center.



John McCabe, Linda Paras, Shirley Kwan, Carol Arnett, Barbara Beebe, KJ Chang, Pam Bishop, Blenda Mariani, Bernard Bruand, Chuck Sieloff and Ray Spoelman.

Carol's Corner: HP Websites for Retirees By Carol Nakamoto, Web Communicator

Beginning with this issue, I will no longer be including the **basic** website navigation information in the Newsletter. The “Basics” section is intended to educate new Club members and first-time users of the different retiree-related websites. You can still find the Basics in three different places:

1. At the Club website (www.hpretirees.com/hprec/), click on “Website Introduction” link
2. In the front pages of the *2014 Club Directory*, which was mailed to you a few weeks ago
3. In the *Membership Welcome Packet* you received when you first joined the Club

Passwords are not included online for security reasons. You will find them in documents 2 and 3 above and at the bottom of this article. Additionally, if you have chosen to be notified via email when the Newsletter is posted online, you will find them in the email from me that notifies you that it's been posted. If all of this fails you, contact me at carol_nakamoto@hotmail.com or call me at the phone number in the *Club Directory*.

Online Newsletter, Paper Newsletter or Both? It's Your Choice!

Do you want to **stop** (or **resume**) having the paper newsletter mailed to your home and read the color version online? Go to www.hpretirees.com/hprec/news.shtml and fill out the form. You'll see that you also have options regarding whether or not you are notified when the Newsletter is posted online.

Discounts

These are examples of the deals you can find at www.bayarea.hpway.org, a website maintained by HP-affiliated volunteers. Discounts change frequently, so check the site often if you're interested in discounts.

Discounted offering available for pick-up in the HP Store (Lobby of Building 20 D-level, 3000 Hanover St., Palo Alto):

- Napa Valley Wine Train (April 12). There are only a limited number of tickets, so act fast!

Time-sensitive online discount offerings:

- SHN Orpheum Theatre Discount Tickets - *Mamma Mia!* (March 28 - April 6); *Once* (June 17 - July 13); *Pippin* (Sep. 23 – Oct. 19)
- SAP Center events (formerly HP Pavilion) – *Nuclear Cowboyz* (March 29 - 30); *Stars on Ice* (May 11)
- Broadway San Jose performances - *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (May 27 - June 1); *Jersey Boys* (July 15 - 20); *Wicked* (Aug. 27 - Sep. 14)

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Program	URL
HP (News, Benefits and Stay Connected)	hp.com
Bay Area Employee Programs (Discounts)	www.bayarea.hpway.org
... Passport Unlimited (Dining Discounts)	
HP Branded Merchandise	hpstore.com
HPREC (Access the Club's online email directory) (Note: password ends with the number 1)	www.hpretirees.com/hprec/

HP Executive Customer Relations Has Job Opening for a Retiree

Brenda DeAgüero of HP's Executive Customer Relations Department is seeking a retiree to fill a current job opening. She is looking for an individual with excellent customer service skills to handle customer calls and emails sent to senior HP executives. The work will be performed in Palo Alto. The time commitment is 12-16 hours per week.

Contact her via email at Brenda.de-aguero@hp.com or at 650-857-4129 to get details about the job and compensation.

HPARV Volunteer News

Volunteers Helped RAFT Fill an Order for 80,000 Hovercraft Kits By John McCabe

The Resource Area for Teaching got a windfall order for 80,000 hovercraft kits to be given by Lockheed-Martin to students. The kits will show students how they can propel objects on an air cushion. It is, by far, the biggest order RAFT has ever gotten. A team of HP and Agilent volunteers stepped in to help them fill the need.



Al Low, Ginger Lai, Dennis Low, Fran Low, Janice Nakao, Marialis Seehorn, Blanca Guerrero, Wanda Ching, Eileen Ruppel, Pam Bishop, Gordon Mullin, Barbara Trone, John Trone and John McCabe.

Wanda Ching, Ginger Lai and Barbara Trone processing the foam parts for the hovercraft kits.



John Trone and Blanca Guerrero preparing the pieces that will inject air into each hovercraft.



HPARV Volunteer News

Sunnyvale Community Services By Marialis Seehorn with photos by John McCabe

What would we do without volunteers? Thank goodness for the nine member team that showed up at Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) to help sort, bag and distribute fresh produce to needy families and seniors one very chilly February morning. Thank you!



Our team: (Standing) John McCabe, Rose Mary Brodbeck, Marialis Seehorn, Keith Lee, Marsha Lee and Al Low. (Kneeling) Irene Wright, Ana Clark and Cherie Baker.

Baggers extraordinaire!



Irene Wright, Cherie Baker, Marsha Lee and Ana Clark.

Topping off the bags!



Al Low and Rose Mary Brodbeck.

HPREC Financial Summary for FY2013

By Gordon Mullin, HPREC Treasurer

There may be some members who are curious about the finances of HPREC. Here are the figures for FY2013, which ended October 31, 2013.

Dues and interest received: \$16,144

Expenses to run the Club:

Newsletter, directory, dues notices, ballot mailing \$15,792

Memorial donations for members who died, postage insurance, website hosting, software, P.O box, etc. \$4,688

Total expenses: \$20,480

Expenses over income: \$4,336

The Club's goal is to break even on all luncheons, travel, and golf, but in FY2013 our net loss for the catered picnic was \$2,657. Our net loss for the Spring Fling and Holiday Luncheon came to \$773, bringing the total of the Club's net loss for the three events to \$3,430. Golf and day trips were positive by about \$200.

This year we have budgeted \$2,000 for the three major events. The recent Holiday Luncheon cost the Club only \$100, so we are doing well so far in FY2014.

The Board decided to raise the dues to \$15 this year so we could cover the costs of running the Club. With postage rates increasing, it costs more to mail our Newsletters and the Directory, and these are our largest expense items.

HP Memory Project Expands, Adds Cort, Bags and Hugo

By Bruce Karney

John Minck emailed me in January that he'd recently added the memoirs of **Cort Van Rensselaer**, **Al Bagley** and **Hugo Vifian** to the HP Memory Project website at www.hpmemory.org/timeline/company/memories_home.htm. Here are a couple of anecdotes to give you an idea of the kind of stories you'll find on there.

Cort Van Rensselaer started work in 1942 in the Tinkerbell Building and was responsible for much of the superior IT systems that HP exploited. Cort devotes more than a third of his memoir to profiling the early sales reps like **Norm Neely** and **Tiny Yewell**, whose personalities were bigger than their private companies. As a high schooler, Cort had purchased a 1 inch diameter hobby RCA oscilloscope for \$15. While at Stanford in 1942, he met **Norm Schrock**, an HP engineer. Norm knew that HP's production department was desperate for test gear. Because of the war mobilization, HP could not buy any new equipment. Cort brought the scope to show **Dave Packard**, and was honest about his cost, but Packard pulled out an *Allied Radio* catalog, saw that new value was \$39.95, and called over finance chief **Frank Cavier** to write Cort a check for the scope's full value.

Al Bagley, "Bags," who ran the highly creative F&T Division, invented the Cesium standard, and, unknown to most of us, was a B-29 pilot in WWII. He was a young boy from the crossroads of 29 Palms, CA, who flew in the Air Corps, then got accepted into two of the most prestigious technical universities in the country, Cal Tech and Stanford.

In addition to Cort and Bags, the HP Memory Project site includes reminiscences of **Edward H. Phillips**, **Jim Hall**, **George Stanley**, **Bob DeVries**, **Ray Smelek**, **Dave Cochran**, **John Minck**, **Chuck House**, **Art Fong**, **Hank Taylor**, **Betty Haines**, **Zvonko Fazarinc**, **Les Besser**, and **James Robinson**. John is always looking for new contributions. Contact him at JLMinck1222@att.net if you have memories to share.

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