

HPREC NEWS

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HPREC President's Message *By Bernard Bruand*

Nomination and search for Board members and volunteers:

We are progressing in our search for new Board members and have a number of leads; we hope they will confirm their interest in joining the Board. But there is still place for more volunteers for all types of activities; even new volunteers to join the Board are welcome. Watch out for voting this summer. As much as possible vote online; this reduces the work for volunteers.



Picnic summary: The picnic on May 20 was a success, as we got around 100 participants. The weather cooperated, nice and warm, but not too warm. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to all volunteers for this success, especially our two co-chairs **Jo-Ann Butler** and **John McGowan**.

The only negative point has been a glitch in our reservation system, where the event got duplicated by mistake due to an internal system security gap. So, we expected 190 people when we only had 100 participants.

Due to this system issue, some members who booked early didn't get a badge, while many badges were created for members who, in fact, had attended the 2015 Picnic but didn't register for 2017. We will surely lose money on this event due to this issue. The system is being updated, and we will review the processes to avoid this ever happening again.

We have gone ahead and reserved **Saturday, May 19** at Cuesta Park for next year's Picnic. Mark your calendar!

Membership renewal: Look for more information in Oscar Lombardi's article in this issue. We are working on process improvements for this year's renewal and to help members know if they have paid and voted online. We will open the online access earlier (August), and then send up-to-date letters in September to members clearly stating if they need to pay or vote by mail (Sept-Oct). We hope this will encourage members to use the online functionality and reduce double payments. Double payments increase the burden on our Admin and Treasurer to track and issue refunds.

Getting new members: To all members: please, try to bring new members to HPREC. I was made aware that many people think it is necessary to have 15 years at HP and associated companies to qualify. In fact, we require only 10 years of working at one or more HP companies, without age limitation. (This means you can be much younger than the 55 required for HP retiree status.) Club benefits include access to vendor discounts and dental plan (if a resident of CA).

Enjoy the summer and don't forget to renew your membership, preferably online during the month of August. If we have your email in our membership database, you will receive an email reminder in early August.

Feel free to contact me with any comments, suggestions, or offers to help at ba.president@hpreteires.org.

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Activities, Events, Trips and Volunteer Opportunities

This table combines information about all the Club's social gatherings 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.

Type	Date and Time	Description and Location	Sign Up Deadline
Bowl \$	July 10, 10:30 am – 12 pm	Homestead Bowl, Cupertino	Just come or see Page 9
Hike	July 11, 10 am – 2 pm	Fitzgerald Marine Preserve	See May'17 issue
Lawn Bowling \$	July 12, 10 am – 2 pm	Palo Alto Lawn Bowls Club	See May'17 issue
Volunteering	July 15, 10:30 am – 4 pm	Marine Science Institute	See May'17 issue
Hike	July 19, 10 am – 2 pm	Stanford University's Sculptures Lite Hike	See May'17 issue
Hike	Aug. 8, 8 am – 12 am	Coal Mine Ridge, Portola Valley	See Page 9
Volunteering	Aug. 10, 9:30 am – 1 pm	St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room	See Page 7
Bowl \$	Aug. 14, 10:30 am – 12 pm	Homestead Bowl, Cupertino	Just come or see Page 9
Hike	Aug. 16, 10 am – 2 pm	Almaden Lake Lite Hike	See Page 10
Trip \$\$\$	Aug. 22 – Sept. 2, plus options	Trans-Canadian Rail Journey	See Sept.'16 issue
Volunteering	Sept. 7, 9 am – 12 pm	RAFT Volunteer & Processing Center	See Page 7
Bowl \$	Sept. 11, 10:30 am – 12 pm	Homestead Bowl, Cupertino	Just come or see Page 9
Hike	Sept. 20, 10 am – 2 pm	Pescadero Marsh Natural Preserve Lite Hike	See Page 10

Online Events Calendar: Go to www.hpretirees.org/hprec and click on Calendar of Events.

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Membership Report *By Oscar Lombardi, Membership Chairperson*

Hello everyone and welcome to the July edition of the HPREC Membership update.
The HPREC Club membership stands at 983.



Welcome New Members! I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following **NEW** members who joined our Club during April and May 2017: **Lori Lee Castro, Teresa Heng-Penner, Karen Lee (Karen) Malvase, Stephen Mar, Lucy Mangas, Robert Diaz, Nancy Kelly, Robert E. (Bob) Jacobsen and Valentin Anders.**
REJOINED: Theodore (Ted) Hollman.

Help Us Increase Membership! Please remember that the Club is as strong as its membership, so we continue to encourage all of you to think of friends and/or ex-colleagues who worked at least 10 years at one of the companies that form our Club but are not yet members of HPREC. A positive word from you on the benefits of being a member may just be what is needed to convince them to join. As usual, here are some tips and an incentive to help you with the task. Thank You!!!

- To aid you in your recruiting efforts, utilize our **INFORMATIVE BROCHURE** highlighting the key activities and benefits that come with being a member of HPREC. This brochure is available on the www.hpretirees.org/hprec website. Click *HPREC Brochure* on the left navigation bar to access the tri-fold brochure. Please print out some copies and give them to your HPI, HPE, Agilent or Keysight retiree friends. Or, if you would like hardcopies sent to you, send an email to me at ba.membershipchair@hpretirees.org and provide your mailing address and the number of copies you want.

- **You can win a Gift Certificate!** To encourage your participation, HPREC is offering **TWO \$50.00 GIFT CERTIFICATES** to be awarded at the HPREC Holiday Luncheon which will take place in **December, 2017** (exact date to be announced in a future issue). Here's how you qualify for the drawing. For every person that you encourage to join HPREC (with dues paid), your name will automatically be put in the drawing pool. There is no limit to how many paid members you can bring in and increase your chance of winning a certificate (only one winning certificate per member).



All entries from November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2017 (our fiscal year) are eligible. New members should enter your name on their enrollment form for you to qualify (either online or mail-in form). *If you have already referred new members who have joined and paid this year, just let me know.* All members of the Club are eligible to win (except for members of the Club's Board). If you have questions or comments, please send an email to me, Oscar Lombardi at ba.membershipchair@hpretirees.org.

So please let's go out and talk to your friends and increase our membership level! You will be doing the new member and the Club a real favor. Thank you!

Membership Renewal: Yes, we are almost at the point of membership renewal. As Bernard mentioned in the President's message, we have been working on process and system changes to respond to comments made by members during the last cycle. The changes include, but are not limited to, easier ways for you to determine what action you have taken with respect to renewals, voting for Board members, and what actions remain for you to take to renew your membership and/or vote. We have also expanded the online renewal and voting window by starting them in early August. This should give you plenty of time to take action online, which leads to a simplification of our administrative processes, allowing us to focus more on serving our members and keeping costs manageable. Also saves you a stamp! Please watch for news via email or on our website in early August informing you of the online membership renewal and Board nomination voting availability.

Many thanks!!!

2017 HPREC Picnic Report *By John McGowan*

This year's HPREC Picnic was moved into May to assure we could have the entire park picnic area to ourselves. Nearly 100 Club members and guests joined us on a beautiful late spring day, with warm weather and plenty of sunshine. There was a minor issue with the registration database getting corrupted, but the food and beverages were plentiful.



This year, we switched to a new caterer, who brought their own grilling trailer and served a great lunch of chicken and sides, with macaroni and cheese (two varieties) a pair of salads, rolls and cookies for dessert. Guests enjoyed the weather and relaxed conversation along with the lunch and beverages. There was plenty of food for all, as well as the beer and wine. Soft drinks and water were welcomed.

Webb McKinney joined us at the picnic and held another book signing, managing to sell out of all books available.

Cuesta Park continues to prove to be a great venue. Once again, a large number of volunteers helped **Jo-Ann Butler** and me attend to the many details associated with staging a large picnic. **Kathy Hall** and **Bernard Bruand** selected the caterer and worked with them to put together the menu and logistics. Bernard also was responsible for balloons, signage and ice. **Gordon Mullin** handled the finances, and **Chris Gandel** and **Paula Hoelker-williams** managed the Bingo games. **Carol Nakamoto** arranged for some great HP printers as prizes for drawings and Bingo, and Jo-Ann printed lots and lots of name tags. Congrats to those in attendance whose names were drawn for the printers and other prizes. I was charged with assuring we didn't run out of beverages, and there were plenty of those to last all afternoon!

We received a lot of positive feedback about the food, venue, logistics, and relaxed atmosphere and so have committed for the site at Cuesta Park in Mountain View for 2018. Our picnic will be Saturday, **May 19**, so please plan to attend if you are able.

What a great day! Hope to see everyone next year!



The beautiful Cuesta Park Picnic Grove.



Carol Nakamoto and Jo-Ann Butler checking members in.

LATEST - Updated info since last newsletter.

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

We will be mailing renewal and new Board member voting instructions about August 1 to those members for whom we have a current email address. **Are you current?** If it needs updating, go to our home page, click on **Member Info Updates** and follow instructions BEFORE the end of July.

www.bayarea.hpway.org - Bay Area Employee Programs (Maintained by HP affiliated volunteers)

Discounted offerings made available to HP employees are passed along to retirees; *see password section below for info*. You can also access this website from the Club's home page (under Discounts/Benefits).

Discounted tickets available online:

- **Gilroy Garlic Festival** – July 28, 29, 30
- **SAP Center**
 - Professional Bull Riders – Oct. 21 & 22
 - Andre Rieu – Oct. 24
- **- 2018 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships** – Dec. 29, 2017 – Jan. 8, 2018
- **SHN Orpheum Theatre**
 - *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* – June 27 – July 23
- **Broadway San Jose**
 - *Book of Mormon* – July 20 & 23
- **Great America, California Academy of Sciences, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Roaring Camp, LegoLand, SF Symphony, Universal Studios Hollywood, Winchester Mystery House** (*discount codes on above website*)

<https://passportcorporate.com/Info/HPLanding>

- **Passport Unlimited (dining discount card)** – **new, quirky instructions** on requesting or renewing a card...When you go to the website, you must click on the HPE logo and, ignoring the box they want you to fill out which includes a work email, scroll to the bottom. On the bottom-right, you can click on "Request a card" line, then enter the HP Retiree Code (see below) and just follow instructions to order. If you start by clicking the HPI logo, the "Request a card" line does not show up. *Note: Thanks to Howard Taub for dissecting this process; yes, most of us are HPI retirees, but we must navigate through the HPE logo first.*

BASICS – BASIC information about the HP-related websites can always be found

1) in the front pages of your annual Member Directory or 2) on the Club's website, under **Web Introduction**. It is not repeated in the newsletter for space considerations.

www.hp.com/retiree - (Maintained by HP Inc for all legacy company retirees)

www.hpcontinuum.com - (Maintained by HP Inc. for HPI designated retirees)

www.hpalumni.org - HP Alumni Association (Maintained by volunteer HP retirees/former employees)



Passwords are not shown in the online newsletter for security reasons. They are in:

- Annual Member Directory mailed to your home
- Paper version of the newsletter
- Bi-monthly email from me notifying you that the newsletter has been posted online

Program	URL	Username	Password
HPI (Discounts area, choose Retiree Discounts link)	www.beneplace.com/hp_employee/	Current user names and passwords were included in the email you received announcing availability of this newsletter.	
HP Continuum (News, Benefits, Contacts)	www.hpcontinuum.com		
Bay Area Employee Programs (Discounts)	www.bayarea.hpway.org		
HP Branded Merchandise	www.hpstore.com click on HP Partner		
Passport Unlimited (dining discounts)	www.bayarea.hpway.org		
Online HPREC Member Info Updates form (Note: password is case sensitive)	www.hpretirees.org/hprec/		

Contact **Carol Nakamoto** at CarolsCorner@hpretirees.org or call me (phone number in annual member directory) if you need help with a website (except HPAA).

Travel Talk *By Pat Fausett and the Travel Committee*

Your Travel Committee is constantly looking for new and interesting adventures for all members, so it becomes rather frustrating when the sign-ups for trips are so low that we have to cancel trips. Additionally, there are some truly wonderful experiences members miss out on when they don't go on trips. Check out the trip report for Rosie the Riveter, held on May 4 of this year. We had just 33 people attend this venue ... and it was sincerely a superior trip that taught us so much about our WWII history in the Bay Area. Docents are always exceptional, as they have either lived the history or have studied it extensively. Having said that, we all hope that you will become active in your Club and join the wonderful "core" group of adventurers who do go regularly on our trips!

The musical Aladdin is coming to San Francisco, and we are getting tickets for December 13. We have secured center orchestra seats starting at Row W. The ticket prices are around \$80, so we expect the evening would be about \$99 per person...but that is just an estimate. We will publish a flyer in the next newsletter.

We are also working on The Train of Lights in Niles Canyon on December 7, a trip to Angel Island, a tour of Marin County's Civic Center and the Frank Lloyd Wright building (followed by another adventure in Santa Rosa), and a 16-day river cruise on the Great Lakes of America. So, check out future events and sign up early.

Lastly, there are several of us who meet for lunch once a month for just a no-host gab session with food. We have been doing this for years and discussed having a "Drop-in Lunch Date" once a month for HPREC members. We would have a list of the places and dates we would be meeting, and then all you would have to do is show up. Several senior centers do this for their members, so we thought we would put out the idea and see if you are interested. A restaurant and date listing will be published in the next newsletter.

Have a wonderful summer and we hope to see you before too long. Remember, this Club and the trips we take are dependent on members ... and we always appreciate suggestions. Cheers!!

HPARV “Done in a Day” Volunteer Opportunities

Join your fellow HP/Agilent/Keysight retirees at the following events:



St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room.

We will prepare and serve food. Some tasks require standing.

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 low-income people with as many as 600 hot, nourishing meals a day, six days a week.

Date & Time: **Thursday, August 10, 2017, 9:30 am – 1 pm**

Place: St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room
3500 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park, CA

Directions: From Highway 101, take exit #406/Marsh Road; go southwest. In 1.3 miles, go right onto Middlefield Road. Padua Dining Room is 0.5 of a mile down Middlefield Road on your left. From Highway 280, take Highway 84/Woodside Road to Middlefield Road and turn right. Padua Dining Room is 1.3 miles down Middlefield Road on your right.

RSVP **hp.agilent.volunteers@hotmail.com** or call **John McCabe** at 650-328-3472 by **July 29, 2017.**



RAFT, 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. 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. They provide creative hands-on activity kits, educational resources, workshops and inexpensive materials to

enrich pre-K through grade-12 education and community group programs. RAFT's products, services and low-cost teaching supplies enrich and improve the education of over 600,000 young people in the bay area each year.

Volunteering at RAFT is fun, easy and convenient. Volunteers help keep the cost of RAFT products affordable for educators by sorting the different raw materials that are donated and packaging RAFT hands-on learning activity kits. Casual dress and closed-toe shoes are recommended. Work is generally clean and low-impact.

Date & Time: **Thursday, September 7, 2017, 9 am - 12 pm**

Place: RAFT Volunteer & Processing Center
1160 Kern Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Directions and more information: www.raftbayarea.org/location-sobrato-center

RSVP **hp.agilent.volunteers@hotmail.com** or call **John McCabe** at 650-328-3472 by **August 25, 2017.**

Great American Waterways Cruise

Rhode Island to Chicago

Fall 2018

The Travel Committee is investigating a possible 16-day cruise from Warren, RI to Chicago, IL (or reverse) for the fall of 2018. This 88 passenger ship cruises on four Great Lakes, the historic Erie Canal, the Hudson River and Long Island Sound.



The cruise company will not be announcing their 2018 schedule and prices until summer of 2017. A \$500 deposit will be needed to hold the rooms. At this time, the Travel Committee is looking for interest before we make a commitment to hold rooms when they become available. For information about the cruise, go to:

www.greatlakescruising.com

Interested? Contact: Carol Arnett HPRecTravel@yahoo.com
Pat Fausett pat.fausett@sbcglobal.net

HPREC Golf Outings *By John McGowan*

The 2017 golf program is now up and running as the “Third Thursday Golfers,” under a much more loosely structured format. We had a dozen players join us in April at San Jose Municipal and had a good time. Apparently, May is a bad month for golfing, as our planned event at Sunnyvale Municipal drew only four golfers, and had to be canceled. We did muster 13 golfers at Moffett Field Golf Course in June, and enjoyed playing the improved course there, which Google has turned over to an outside golf course management company to operate. We are in the process of scheduling golf starting times for the remainder of the summer and fall.



As a reminder, we have dropped the “tournament” format and no longer require or assign handicaps, and there are no prizes or pressure, so if you’d like to play a little more golf, please consider joining the “Third Thursday Golfers” with HPREC. We won’t be doing signup sheets or flyers in the newsletter or website, but communicating with possible players via an email distribution list. You can add your name to the list and join the group by contacting me at “johnbmeg at aol dot com” or through the phone number listed in the Directory.

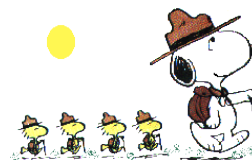
Bowling for Fun! *By Bernard Bruand*

Come join us at Homestead Bowl at 20990 Homestead Road, Cupertino. It’s the second Monday of each month. Price is \$4.00/game (we bowl 2 games). Shoe rental is separate.



The next few bowling events are **July 10, Aug. 14, and Sept. 11** from **10:30 am - 12:00 pm**. If interested, please just come or contact Bernard Bruand at ba.president@hpretirees.org or find his phone number in the Club Directory.

Hikes in August & September 2017 *By Gary Ruppel*



Coal Mine Ridge, Portola Valley	Tues. August 8, 10 am Rainout: Tues. August 15, 10 am	Free	Leader: Gary Ruppel 650-494-0530 Home 650-888-2144 Gary Mobile
Meet at the Usual Carpool Location* at the Arastradero Preserve parking area. If going directly, see instructions below.			
The small town of Portola Valley, nestled in the valley foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains, maintains an unusual commitment to non-automotive transportation options. Pedestrian paths parallel main thoroughfares around town, and a few trails take scenic routes through less populated areas. Coal Mine Ridge is owned by the Portola Ranch Homeowner's Association, and while the land is private property, trail use is permitted by town easement. We will hike up through a canyon on the Toyon Trail and back down the Old Spanish Trail.			
If you would like to hike Coal Mine Ridge, a private open space preserve with trails maintained by the town of Portola Valley, coming from Highway 280, exit at Alpine Road southeast, continue on Alpine Road 3.8 miles past the Portola Road junction to the intersection of Alpine Road and Willowbrook Drive. There is a small parking lot on Alpine Road just before Willowbrook Drive.			
Bring: Water, lunch and \$2.00 each to reimburse carpool drivers.			
Length: About 3.5 miles. Difficulty: Easy to moderate. No dogs. Not wheelchair accessible.			

Hikes in August & September 2017 *(continued)*

Almaden Lake Lite Hike, San Jose	Wed. August 16, 10 am No rainout date. We go rain or shine unless it is pouring	Free	Leader: David Karwowski Phone: 408-265-6667 Phone Day of Hike: 408-623-6632
<p>The August 16 Lite Hike will be along the Los Alamitos Creek trail starting at Lake Almaden in San Jose. Our route will lead us to a scenic footbridge spanning the creek where we'll retrace our steps back to the starting point. It is a paved and mostly flat trail.</p> <p>Meet at the Bocce Ball courts at the eastside entrance to Almaden Lake Park on Winfield Blvd. (at Almaden Lake Drive). There is plenty of free parking along Winfield Blvd. near the entrance. Parking is also available in the parking lot for \$6.</p> <p>Directions: Take Hwy 85 to the Almaden Expressway exit. Proceed south about 1 mile to Coleman Rd. and turn left. Go ¼ mile to Winfield Blvd. and turn right. The park entrance and Bocce Ball courts are about ¼ mile on the right.</p> <p>Length: About 3 miles. Duration: About 1 ½ hours. Difficulty: Easy. Dogs on leash OK. Wheelchair accessible. Restrooms at the start/end of hike. Bring water and sunscreen.</p>			

Pescadero Marsh Natural Preserve Lite Hike	Wed. September 20, 10 am No rainout date. We go rain or shine unless it is pouring	\$8 per vehicle parking fee (or use State Parks Pass)	Leader: John McCabe Phone: 650-328-3472
<p>Meet at the adjacent Pescadero State Beach; this is located off Highway 1, about 15 miles south of Half Moon Bay. Meet in the first parking lot south of the bridge over the marsh (named Pescadero Creek on the highway sign). Last hiked during 2015, Pescadero Marsh Natural Preserve is a popular spot for bird watchers and other naturalists. The Reserve is a refuge for blue herons, kites, deer, raccoons, foxes, and skunks. The walk is level across part of the marsh. Bring water and \$8 or a State Parks Pass for the parking fee.</p> <p>Length: About a mile. Duration: A bit more than an hour. Difficulty: Easy. No dogs. Not wheelchair accessible.</p>			

Note: There is no September Regular Hike on Tuesday, September 12.

* **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.

Hiking Email List: Updates, specifics and reminders will go out to the "HPREC Hiking Distribution List" about one week prior to the hike. If you are not on that list, contact John McCabe (leonaandjohn@att.net).



HPARV Volunteer News

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Impacting STEM Education While Having Fun at RAFT

By John McCabe

A whole bunch of HPREC members had a whole lot of fun at RAFT, the Resource Area for Teaching. While we did this, we helped local school children increase their interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). We helped produce 300 Mathematical Dream Catcher kits; each kit has material for 10 dream catchers. Dream catchers combine traditional Native American culture and modern mathematical concepts to explore geometric shapes and patterns. We also helped make 100 Solar Cone Cooker kits. With these kits, 1,000 students will each make their own mini solar collector. Once they make the kits, the students will use a pointer to align the cooker with the sun's position, remove the pointer to let in the light, and then explore heating and "cooking" with sunlight! Others of us helped produce 300 Retractor Car kits. By making a car powered by a common badge retractor (a pullback mechanism), students will learn about potential energy, motion, momentum, friction, simple machines, and springs, all while having fun. When they finish, each student will have their own fun little vehicle. When you add it all up, the 700 kits will reach 7,000 students. That's not bad for an afternoon's work with friends!!

If you would like to join us next time, see the flyer on the lower half of page [7](#).



*Back Row (L-R): Judy Owen, Artie Schleifer, Pam Bishop, John Trone, Veronica Zieminski, Mike Tada, Fran Low, Irene Wright, Marsha Lee, Janice Nakao, Wanda Lee, and Barbara Trone.
Front Row (L-R): John McCabe, Marialis Seehorn, Ana Clark, and Cherie Baker.*

Rosie the Riveter Trip: A Window into WWII *By Vera Robertson*

Richmond, California became a wartime shipbuilding center. The rail and deep-water connections made it a natural site for Henry Kaiser's shipyards and over 50 other war-related industries. During WWII, the government commissioned over 3,200 Liberty and Victory ships for the expanded US cargo fleet and the Lend-Lease program. These types accounted for most of the 747 ships launched in Richmond -- more than any other yard in the world, before or since. These Liberty and Victory ships were completed in two-thirds the time and at a quarter of the cost of the average of all other shipyards. The SS Robert E. Peary was assembled in less than five days as part of a special competition among shipyards. By 1944, it was only taking a little over two weeks to assemble a Liberty ship by standard methods.

The SS Red Oak Victory ship is the last surviving ship built in the Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond and is owned by the non-profit Richmond Museum Association. It was built in 1944 and carried cargo and troops to ships in the Pacific theater throughout 1945. During this hazardous tour of duty, the SS Red Oak Victory handled many tons of ammunition, supplying the fleet without a single casualty. It remains a monument to the men and women who worked in war-related industries as part of the WWII home front. In 1998, the ship was saved from the Naval Reserve Fleet in Suisun Bay by a courageous group of men and women and has been under restoration since that time. It is moored at Shipyard No. 3.



On May 4, our HPREC group of 33 traveled from Cupertino to Richmond to visit the SS Red Oak Victory. We walked the plank to board the Victory ship. After watching an informative film about WWII shipbuilding here, we were led in small groups by six very knowledgeable docents on an unforgettable tour of the ship. It was wonderful to see the wood restorations throughout the ship, especially in the captain's quarters and the wheel on the bridge. The engine room was very impressive, and we watched volunteers working there. We also toured the food storage area, galley, radio and message center, club and dining rooms, hospital and quarantine area, as well as going "top side" for a bird's eye view of the bay. Thankfully, this Victory ship has been saved.



From the Victory ship, we went to the Ford Assembly Plant area where we dined at the award-winning Assemble Restaurant. We enjoyed a special pre-selected lunch and finished with a fabulous gelato dessert. We then walked to the Rosie the Riveter Visitor Education Center nearby, which is managed by the National Park Service of the US Department of the Interior. We enjoyed seeing many interesting displays and touring the exhibits depicting what life was like for the US residents in Richmond and throughout the country during WWII. It was amazing how the country came together during this period in time. We were also given special showings of films, *War at Home* and

Homefront Heroes that further demonstrated the sacrifices that families made during the war.

This was a very informative and inspiring day, and one that 33 of us will not soon forget. If you were not able to join us, please consider signing up for one of our future trips that will be advertised in this newsletter. We find our tours interesting, sometimes quite educational and always fun.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Hiking News *Compiled by Gary Ruppel*

Russian Ridge Open Space Preserve *By Gary Ruppel (Leader) with photos by John McCabe*

On a picture-perfect day for hiking, 10 of us took to the trails at Russian Ridge OSP. We began our hike with a “warm-up” by taking the loop trail around Alpine Lake which is just across Alpine Road from the main parking lot at Russian Ridge.



(L-R): Eileen Ruppel, John McCabe, Gary Ruppel, Janis Andrews, Bernard Bruand, Michele Olston, Dee Baily, Jim Holl, Chuck Sieloff and Mike Fischer

The Skyline Ridge OSP has the Donald C. Denials Nature Center, which, unfortunately, was closed. We headed back to our main starting point and ventured onto the Ridge Trail which eventually connects to the Bay Area Ridge Trail. This portion of the hike is in open hillsides with an easy uphill climb and affords a good view of the Bay. We made a left turn at about the 1.2-mile point and took the Charquin Trail which descends down Ancient Oaks Trail where we had lunch. Our lunch seating consisted of several downed large tree branches which had fallen where not a leaf of poison oak was to be found. This was a good stop as your fearless leader had taken a hit of the nasty stuff a couple of weeks prior when doing the pre-hike. We returned via the Ancient Oaks Trail to the Ridge Trail. The distance covered was ~4.5 miles.



Wildflowers were a hit on this hike with hillsides covered in a tapestry of gold poppies and purple lupine mixed in with hints of white and red hues. Russian Ridge OSP was briefly renamed “Russian Hill OSP” by yours truly in the email reminder for the hike. Fortunately, everyone knew the correct name. Russian Ridge OSP is a 3491 acre preserve and is one of the best five areas in the Bay Area to see wildflowers.

How to Get There: From Hwy 280, take Page Mill Road west to Skyline Blvd (Hwy 35). Cross over to Alpine Road. The parking lot is on your left. Restrooms are available. No dogs and not wheelchair accessible.

San Jose Municipal Rose Garden

By Barbara Beebe (Leader) with photos by John McCabe

On a lovely spring day in May, 12 hikers met at the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden. Before exploring the garden itself, we strolled along nearby streets to enjoy the grand homes of an earlier era. When we returned to the Rose Garden, we were fortunate to meet up with volunteer Herb Grasshof, an HPREC member, and he gave us a tour which included some of the garden’s history from its early days as a prune



orchard to the present day. It is now exclusively devoted to roses and features more than 3,500 shrubs representing 189 rose varieties. Of particular interest was the “test garden,” where new varieties are planted each year to see if they will grow and prosper in our climate, and meet all the criteria to be later named and sold in nurseries.



(L-R): John McCabe, Gary Ruppel, Pat Wilcox, Barbara Beebe, Eileen Ruppel, Carol Arnett, Barbara & John Trone, David Karwowski and Janis Andrews

Marilyn Roberts & Mike Fischer

Pacifica Pier, Beach and Coastal Bluffs *By Jim Holl (Leader) with photos by John McCabe*

Ten hikers gathered near the Pacifica Pier on a beautiful June sunny day. The sea breeze was slight which allowed the temperature to be about 66F. The group walked south past the Sharp Park Golf Course and then enjoyed a huge wild flower display as we climbed up to Mori Point. The group photo shows the view from Mori Point back toward the pier. The view to the south is also excellent.

The group followed the main trail over a saddle and then descended to reach a paved path which took us to Rockaway Beach. We had our lunch break at Rockaway Beach and then considered that the protective walls built in front of Nick’s Restaurant are a result of high waves that can hit the parking lot.

We retraced the route to our starting point, but then Stan McCarthy spotted whales feeding near the pier. We followed Michele Olston’s suggestion to see the whales from the pier.



(L–R): Artie Schleifer, Stan McCarthy, Janis Andrews, Jim Holl, Chuck Sieloff, Michele & Al Olston, Carol Arnett and Bernard Bruand. Not pictured: John McCabe.



If you are interested in taking this hike, drive to the Pacifica Pier at 2100 Beach Blvd in Pacifica. The route taken by the group was north on I-280, take exit 41 to State Route 35 toward Skyline Blvd/Pacifica, then left onto Sharp Park Rd, right onto Francisco Blvd, left onto Montecito Avenue. Parking is through the parking lot to the left until you come to a legal parking spot.

The route is south along Beach Blvd and the path in front of the golf course to Mori Point bluff. We used the trail that angles to the left and then back to the right to climb Mori Point. Keeping the highest

peak to your right, we took the coastal trail to a saddle and then descended to the paved path. We continued south on the path until we reached Rockaway Beach. Our return route was the same except we descended the bootlegger steps from Mori Point.

Shilling Lake Trail in Thornewood OSP *By John McCabe (Leader)*



(L-R): Jim Holl, Ed White, John McCabe and Bernard Bruand.

lovely.



We saw these flowers in great profusion.



There were also a bunch of these flowers as well along the Shilling Lake Trail.

If you are interested in taking this hike yourself, from Hwy 280, go west on Sand Hill Rd. Go 5.6 miles, then right onto Portola Road. Follow Portola Road until it ends. Turn sharp left onto La Honda Rd/CA-84. Then go 1.7 miles. Thornewood Open Space Preserve, 825 La Honda Rd, Woodside, CA, is on the left. Drive through the brick entranceway and park in the parking area. We went down the Shilling Lake Trail as far as where the trail was damaged by a landslide this winter.

Sympathy By Bernard Bruand



Summaries below are extracts from Obituaries; you can access full obituaries on the net using the links provided. We do not add content out of respect for families who have written the Obituaries.

George de Lannoy, 92, 12 February 1924 – 24 November 2016

After a long, memorable, and extraordinary journey through life on three different continents, our beloved father, Ferdinand George de Lannoy passed away at age 92 on Thanksgiving morning, 24 November 2016. His story as well as that of his family and our beloved mother is one of colossal courage. Born in the Dutch East Indies (Indonesia), he led an idyllic, comfortable, and privileged life. During W.W. II, he survived three and a half torturous years as a prisoner of war in squalid camps under the Japanese occupation. He met his wife Frona (Froon) towards the end of the war in a "transitional" camp which the Allies had established to protect the Europeans and Dutch-Indonesians from those Indonesians bent on revenge for 350 years of oppressive colonial rule. In 1946, George and Frona Munnich finally left for the Netherlands, and they then married 21 September 1951 in The Hague to start their new life.

After the births of their three children--Hans, Monique and Marcel, they decided to seek new opportunities and settle in the United States in March 1957. George, immediately started working for Hewlett and Packard in the very same garage where it all started! He worked in HP for nearly 45 years as a devoted tax accountant. George was equally devoted to the Ladera Community Church where he served in many capacities.

He is survived by his three beloved children: Hans de Lannoy of San Ramon, California; Monique de Lannoy of Palo Alto, California; and Marcel de Lannoy of Addlestone, England

Legendary determination, unflagging stubbornness and a strong work ethic personified him. We all shall long remember him for his devotion to his job, church, and family; his gardening pursuits; his profound love for his cats and dog; his intense spectator sporting interests, and his kind support of his three children through university and art school.

Memorial Services & Celebration of Life were held on Saturday 8 April 2017 at Ladera Community Church, Portola Valley, California.

Submitted by family members.

Carson Kan, 70, Los Altos, California.

"After nearly 40 years of battling cancer and heart disease and his most recent bout with open heart surgery, Carson's body had enough. As in each of the many events, he fought long and hard. Unfortunately, his vital organs could not go on. As I write this update, I shed a tear and no doubt many of you are doing the same. Take to heart that he had far more good years than bad in his 70 years. I think about the day I thought that we lost him at the age of 29 when the doctors sent him home to die. Thanks to Carson's perseverance and divine intervention, we were blessed with 40 years we thought we'd never have. On behalf of Edi and Carson's family we thank you for all of your love and support during these trying times and throughout the years. I know that Carson has a special place in all of your hearts and for that, I am so sorry for your loss. Love to all." --Russell (Carson's youngest brother)

- See more at: <https://www.forevermissed.com/carson-kan#about>

Thomas Henry Vocker, May 2, 2017, Menlo Park

He fought a courageous eight-year battle with cancer and continued to fight until his last days. Everyone who knew Tom loved him for his smile and warm sense of humor. He was born in San Francisco to Mary Alma and Edward Vocker. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve for 6 years. He worked for the San Francisco Warriors (in high school), the Del Monte Corporation, and Hewlett Packard. Tom then worked for Hemming Morse, became a CPA, and in 1990 he started his firm, Vocker Kristofferson & Co., in San Mateo, California. Tom was actively involved for many years in San Mateo Rotary, San Mateo Police Activities League, and HIP Housing. He also served on the San Francisco Archdiocesan School Board.

While working at Hewlett Packard, Tom met the love of his life, Diane Schwabacher, and they were married in 1974. Their lives were filled with the love of their 3 children and their spouses: Lisa Vocker and Michael Lofberg of San

Francisco, Brian and Pilar Vocker of Portland, and Stephanie and Patrick Filice of Boston, and their 10 beautiful grandchildren

A memorial Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, May 17 at St. Gabriel Parish.

- See more at: <https://goo.gl/f2r9rm>

This was also published in the Mercury News on May 13, 2017: <https://goo.gl/NZdTr1>

Mary Boteilho, 77, passed away peacefully at home on April 5, 2017, at the age of 77. Mary was born at home in Sunflower County, Mississippi on November 10, 1939. She grew up on a farm in the country, plowed the fields and loved nature and all of God's animals. She joined the Army after high school and was stationed at Fort Ord. After leaving the Army, she moved to Los Angeles. She moved to Santa Rosa in 1980 and worked at HP. Mary met her soul mate of 53 years, Lynn Ashmore, while playing softball in 1963. Together they started Mar-Lyn Quarter Horses and raised world-class halter, reining and working Cow Horses. Mary loved fishing, camping, boating, and horseback riding. She was an animal lover all of her life. During the day you could find her building a barn, putting up fences, riding her tractor, or playing with her young horses. She had a wonderful love of life, a gentle soul, and a great sense of humor. Mary always had a sparkle in her beautiful blue eyes and a gleam in her golden hair. She was honest, dedicated to her friends, and had an excellent work ethic. She is irreplaceable and will be truly missed. We would like to thank the caregivers of Heartland Home Hospice for their loving care and respectful treatment in Mary's last few months. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Humane Society. A Celebration of Life was held in May at Pleasant Hills Memorial Park in Sebastopol. Donations may be made in her name to the Humane Society.

- See more at: <https://goo.gl/k1yExB>

François Cornillon

"François was skiing on Sunday morning (in late April) when he had a ski accident coupled with a heart attack. Despite all efforts, he passed away from his injuries on Monday afternoon while at the hospital in Reno.

"François worked at HP for more than 15 years. First in France, then at Cupertino site from 2000 until he joined Apple in 2011."

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Laure and the kids." --Pierre Guimet:

A Memorial to celebrate François' life was held on Friday May 12 at the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos.

Visit, and post memories and photos on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Celebrating-the-Life-of-Francois-1156968114449231/>

HPREC Member Donna Isabel King, 95, April 20, 2017, born in Umatilla, OR, December 31, 1922.

She grew up in Gardena, WA, with 2 sisters, Vivian and Linda, and 2 brothers, Jack and Rod. She went to High School in Touchet, WA, and then to Walla Walla Business College in the early 1940's. She worked for the US Air Force in 1942. Donna met and married Wally King in 1944. They had their only child, Curt. They settled and built a home in Saratoga in the mid 1950's. She resided there until her death.

She worked for Hewlett Packard beginning in 1968 for 22 years. She loved to garden and listen to music, particularly Dixieland. For the last 20+ years, she and Robert Page enjoyed traveling, including a memorable trip to Japan with the HP Retirees. They were active members of the South Bay Traditional Jazz Society and enjoyed monthly jazz sessions. They were also involved with Santa Clara Elks, Lodge where she was an active member of the Emblem Club. She is survived by her son, four grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. She died peacefully in her home on April 20.

Please send any donations, in lieu of flowers to: Seasons Hospice, 400 Race St., Suite 101, San Jose, CA 95126.

Communicated by Curt King, son of Donna.

Olive Borgsteadt, November 7, 1929-May 28, 2017, Palo Alto, California

Born in New York, Olive grew up in San Francisco, and graduated from Lowell High School and San Francisco State. After their marriage in 1952, Olive and her husband John called Palo Alto their home for over 60 years. She was a dedicated Palo Alto elementary school teacher with a lasting impact on her students, many of whom continued to correspond with her decades later. Olive was also an accomplished pianist and organist, studying under Ludwig Altman. As a teenager, she studied ballet and danced with the San Francisco Corps de Ballet. Fluent in a number of languages, Olive enjoyed studying Swedish in recent years. She and John, who died in December 2015, were music-lovers, active Sierra hikers, mountain climbers, European travelers, and supporters of numerous marine and Sierra environmental

organizations. They maintained many close international friendships which grew from their hosting of overseas visitors in connection with John's 45-year career at Hewlett Packard. Olive was a longtime member of the Christian Science church in Palo Alto. Family members who are lovingly remembering Olive are her sister, her niece and nephews, and her grandniece and grandnephews. Contributions may be made in Olive's honor to Arden Wood, 445 Wawona St., San Francisco.

- See more at: <https://goo.gl/ENHP8L>

Rebecca Cherrie Kaasch. November 30, 1943 - May 19, 2017

Rebecca "Becky" Cherrie Kaasch passed away peacefully in her home May 19, surrounded by her loving family. Born and raised in Graton, California to parents Ralph and Rosemary Shields, she never moved more than a mile away from her childhood home, raising her children in the same community she grew up in. Becky worked for Hewlett Packard as a Mechanical Inspector for over 18 years before retiring. Her love for her family and Elvis Presley was made known to all who walked by her tiny home of love in Graton. Becky's world revolved around her ten grandchildren, who never passed an opportunity to stop by Grandma's house to visit and help themselves to the abundance of goodies she kept to keep their bellies full. She will never be forgotten and will be tremendously missed by all who knew her. Preceded in death by her best friend and sister, Karen Lambert. Survived by her loving partner of 25 years Roy Meyers; her children: Cynthia Morfin, Irving (Elizabeth) Kaasch and Veronica (Kenneth) Prosser; and her 6 grandchildren. A graveside service will be held May 25, 2017 at Gilliam Cemetery in Graton at 11:00 a.m. The family extends gratitude to Memorial Hospice for their support. Donations in Rebecca's memory may be made to Memorial Hospice.

- See more at: <https://goo.gl/H5D61L>

HPREC Member **Stan Whitten** (No Obituary yet, newspaper article only)

One of two elderly pedestrians who were hit by a car as they crossed the street on May 9 has died, according to the Santa Clara County Coroner's Office and Palo Alto police.

The man, who succumbed to his injuries, was identified by the coroner as 85-year-old Stanley Whitten. Police said in a press release that he died in a hospital Tuesday, but a coroner investigator confirmed to the Weekly that Whitten died on Sunday, May 21. Whitten and his wife, Marilyn, were crossing the 700 block of Mayview Avenue at about 7:48 a.m. when they were struck by a westbound 2015 Nissan Leaf, police said. Officers and Palo Alto Fire Department personnel responded to the scene immediately and found the couple suffered major injuries. Paramedics transported them to a hospital.

Marilyn Whitten remains hospitalized in stable condition with major injuries, police said.

The driver of the Nissan, a Palo Alto woman in her 40s, remained at the scene and has been cooperative with investigators, police said. Friends and acquaintances described Stanley Whitten as a popular person who had worked for Hewlett-Packard Co. for 34 years as a division controller. He worked at HP from 1957 to 1991, according to his LinkedIn page. His wife is a homemaker, longtime friend Ray Witt said. The couple has three daughters and a son.

"He and Marilyn got married out of high school in Massachusetts and he worked for HP all of his life." Marilyn has been a longtime volunteer coordinator and board member at the South Palo Alto Food Closet at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

- See more at: <https://goo.gl/N37KB2>

Bill Raynal, February 1, 1950 - May 30, 2017, San Jose, Ca.

William Elmer Raynal "Bill," age 67, died Tuesday, May 30, 2017, battling cancer. Bill lived in San Jose after he bought his home there and worked as the Lead Engineer at Hewlett Packard Labs in Palo Alto. He retired after seventeen years. Bill grew up in East Palo Alto and in nearby Boulder Creek. He graduated from SLV High in 1968 and served in the U.S. Army from 1968-71. Bill loved golfing, and was an avid baseball and football player and a steadfast fan of the "old school" Oakland Raiders.

Bill is survived by his three children, daughter Melinda Raynal living in Texas. and two sons: Bill Raynal and wife Vanessa living in Santa Cruz, and Paul Raynal and wife LeeAnn living in Modesto. He leaves behind five grandchildren.

A celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 11, 2017 at the Delaveaga Park in Santa Cruz, Ca.

- See more at: <https://goo.gl/1k5S7D>

Wayne LeRoy Frederick, passed away on March 28, 2017, after a courageous battle with cancer.

He resided in Santa Rosa for the past 44 years. It is with broken hearts we share the sad news that our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather has passed away. Born December 25, 1937, in El Reno, Oklahoma to Chauncey and Elise Frederick, who, along with his older brother Eugene (Diane), all preceded him in death. He was a devoted husband to Darlene, his high school sweetheart, father of Donald (Connie), and David (Donna). He will also be missed by many other family and friends. Wayne retired from Hewlett Packard and the USNR in 1993. He was a member of Wine Country Flyers, Ukiah Prop Busters, and Arizona Model Aviators, an avid builder and flyer of radio controlled model aircraft. He also was active in Ham Radio and photography. Published Online in the Press Democrat from June 4 to June 5, 2017

- See more at: <https://goo.gl/b8xxdu>

France Rodé, 82, Los Altos, California.

France Rode worked for HP in Palo Alto, CA from 1962-1968 and from 1970-1982. He was a lead inventor of the pocket size HP-35 calculator, and the project leader and co-inventor of the HP-80 pocket size computer/calculators designed for financial and business uses.

In addition to numerous patented contributions to HP, France also held patents and was a pioneer in the field of Radio-frequency identification (RFID) technology, and contributed to Global Positioning Systems (GPS).

France lived in Los Altos, CA, where he remained active in retirement, playing tennis several times a week and advising start-ups. He suffered a massive stroke on the tennis court last week and passed away shortly afterwards.

Published by HP Alumni Association. An obituary was not currently available.

Iraj Roger Lashgari, 78, February 15, 1939 - June 12, 2017, Emerald Hills

Iraj Roger Lashgari was the son of Golam Reza Lashgari and Fakhiran Garanmahe. Born on February 15, 1939, in Iran, he moved to the United States in 1957. After graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in electrical engineering, Iraj met Donna Sue Reed in 1971.

Iraj and Donna married in February 1973 and soon started a beautiful family. In addition to their sons Arya (married to Liz) and Audie and daughter Kimya (married to Peter), over the years, Iraj helped raise his nephews and nieces. Whether he was coaching soccer or leading Boy Scout troops, Iraj was proud to support his children's interests in any way possible.

In 2000, Iraj retired from Hewlett Packard after 29 years of service, providing him an opportunity to enjoy life's simple pleasures: playing golf, traveling the world with Donna, and spending time with four beautiful grandchildren that adored their "Baba": Jessica (7), Wyatt (4), Hunter (3), and Reese (1). He treasured the time he spent on a daily basis with his beloved family members and many close friends.

Iraj passed on Monday, June 12, 2017, at his home in Redwood City. Services to celebrate his extraordinary life were held at Faz Restaurant in Sunnyvale, on June 19. His adored sisters Soroya and Sima, his sister-in-law Malak, and nephew Sepehr will host a separate celebration in Tehran.

- See more at: <https://goo.gl/hs2rkz>

To place a notice or provide information about HP/Agilent/Keysight retirees that you know, please email Bernard Bruand at ba.sympathy@hpretirees.org or refer to the HPREC Membership Directory for his phone number or mailing address.



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