

HPREC President's Message *By Bernard Bruand*



Happy New Year to all our members and families! We are in 2019, and as you surely know, this is our 40th year as a Club, launched in April 1979.

As you can see, the **front page has changed** to an older header, and we will use a few different ones this year to remind everyone of this anniversary.

New Board Members: We welcomed the new board members: **Barbara Trone** as Secretary, and **Pat Capshaw**.

Pat will lead the 40th anniversary initiatives during the year. It is very good to see new people joining, or re-joining as Pat was already on the Board years ago. Please join me in welcoming them to their new roles.

On the other side, I have sad news to announce as **John Weidert**, who was a Board member and led the Membership Committee for a long time, passed away in December. John was a key contributor to HPREC and he moved away from the Board a few years ago to fight cancer. John, we have fond memories of you. See the Sympathy section for more info.

Holiday Luncheon: It was a great success, so far as I was told. Because of a bad cold, I could not attend and regret it. Thanks to **John McGowan** and **Jo-Ann Butler** for co-chairing the event.

We had some concerns about attendance and almost reduced the reservation with David's Banquet Center because of slow enrollment for the luncheon. Too many members waited for the last minute to enroll, so I call on all our members to enroll earlier in our events so we can better plan reservations.

Please read the Holiday Luncheon article [in this issue](#) for more information and view the pictures.

Membership Renewal: This is the last call if you have not renewed your membership; you have only a short time to do it if you want to be in the FY2019 Directory. Toward the end of January, we will extract the list of members to create the directory.

Spring Fling: Wednesday, **March 20**, at Mariani's with an important Keysight speaker - **Mike Viskovich**, Vice President. See flyer in this issue. It will surely be an interesting opportunity to reconnect with Keysight activities, the majority of HP's business 40 years ago.

Looking forward to seeing most of you at the Spring Fling. Feel free to contact me with any suggestions, comments or offers to help at ba.president@hpretirees.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 format 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
Hike	Jan 8, 10 am – 2 pm	Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve	See Nov'18 issue
Bowl \$	Jan 14, 10:30 am – 12 pm	Homestead Bowl, Cupertino	Just come or see Page 16
Hike	Jan 16, 10 am – 2 pm	San Jose State University Campus Tour	See Nov'18 issue
Volunteer	Jan 17, 9:30 am – 1 pm	St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room	See Nov'18 issue
Drop-in Lunch \$	Jan 29, 11:30 am – 2 pm	The Bistro (new location)	See Page 15
Bowl \$	Feb 11, 10:30 am – 12 pm	Homestead Bowl, Cupertino	Just come or see Page 16
Hike	Feb 12, 10 am – 2 pm	Stanford Dish	See Page 16
Volunteer	Feb 13, 1 pm – 4 pm	RAFT Volunteer & Processing Center	See Page 12
Hike	Feb 20, 10 am – 2 pm	Blackberry Farm in Cupertino Lite Hike	See Page 17
Drop-in Lunch \$	Feb 26, 11:30 am – 2 pm	The Bistro, Los Altos	See Page 15
Bowl \$	Mar 11, 10:30 am – 12 pm	Homestead Bowl, Cupertino	Just come or see Page 16
Hike	Mar 12, 10 am – 2 pm	Coyote Hills Regional Park, Fremont	See Page 17
Volunteer	Mar 13 & Mar 14 (various times)	Science Fair, SJC Convention Center	See Page 13
Spring Fling \$	Mar 20, 11 am – 2 pm	Mariani's Restaurant	See Page 14
Drop-in Lunch \$	Mar 26, 11:30 am – 2 pm	The Bistro, Los Altos	See Page 15
Hike	Mar 27, 10 am – 2 pm	Crescent Park in Palo Alto Lite Hike	See Page 18
Trip \$	Apr 9, 6:15 pm – 11:30 pm	Hamilton, San Francisco	Closed. See Sep'18 issue

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 January edition of the HPREC Membership update.



Welcome Members! I would like to extend a warm welcome to the following:

NEW members who joined our Club during October and November 2018: **Mickie Calkins, Phiroze Petgura, and Delmer (Ray) Barrett.**

REJOINED: **Paul J. Petersen, Cherie F. Smirni, Barbara Q. Bowers, Lyle L. Hornback, Miyo Sakai, Eleni Armeniakos, Joseph Grapa, Paul E. Klopp, and William Cuneo.**

The HPREC Club Membership stands at 954 (as of Dec 14 when the article was written).

Membership Renewal: I would like to thank all of you who have renewed your Club membership. At the time of this publication, a large number of you have used the ONLINE RENEWAL method – thank you! This makes the processing of information more effective and keeps our Club's costs down.

If you have not yet renewed, please do so as soon as possible (no later than mid-January) so your name will appear in the Club Directory to be mailed to homes in February 2019. Go to our Club's home page under **Hot News** and **please renew online**.

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 (HPI, HPE, Agilent, or Keysight) that form our Club but are not yet members of HPREC. If someone worked for an acquired company and was granted service credit with one of the four companies listed and is not sure if they qualify, ask us. 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 (remind them they only need 10 years of service and do not need to be receiving retiree benefits from their former company). 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 Card!** To encourage your participation, HPREC is offering **TWO \$50 GIFT CARDS** to be awarded at the HPREC Holiday Luncheon, which will take place in **December 2019** (exact date to be determined). Here's how you qualify for the drawing. For every person you encourage to join HPREC (with dues paid), your name will automatically be put in the pool drawing. 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, 2018 through October 31, 2019 (our fiscal year) are eligible. New members should enter your name on their online enrollment form for you to qualify. (*If you have already referred new members who have joined and paid this fiscal year, just let me know.*) All members of the Club are eligible to win (except for Board members). If you have questions or comments, please send me an email 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!

Holiday Luncheon Report *By John McGowan, Co-chair*

HPREC again welcomed 140 members and their guests to David's Banquet Center in Santa Clara on December 11 for our annual Holiday Luncheon. Special thanks to my co-chair, **Jo-Ann Butler**, and the other volunteers for their work to organize and provide assistance for the event, including registration, check-in, photography, decorations and prize collection and distribution. Among the many helpers to recognize are **Paula Hoelker-williams**, **Dennis Leitterman**, **Oscar Lombardi**, **Fran Low**, **Nadine Melanson** and **Carol Nakamoto**. Unfortunately, our President **Bernard Bruand** was ill and unable to attend this year.

David and his staff at the Banquet Center again provided an excellent lunch, and it was apparent that the attendees were enjoying the chance to greet old friends and celebrate the holiday season. The shortened "official business" portion of the luncheon was accomplished quickly, allowing us to get into the distribution of membership recruitment awards and door prizes as lunch was finishing. **Oscar Lombardi** brought his lucky brown lunch bag to draw the names of \$50 gift card winners from among the 17 members who recruited new members in 2017. Neither winner was



present, but congratulations and thanks to **David Karwowski**. *The other name drawn as a winner turned out to not be a Club member, but a person who had encouraged someone who joined. We decided to keep the \$50 gift card as a prize at the June picnic.* This year we were fortunate to have a generous donation of 12 \$50 Visa gift cards from Agilent and



Keysight, to accompany the 10 pounds of See's and two pounds of Ghirardelli chocolates provided by the Club. We thank Shawna Mueller and HP Inc. for their donation of two impressive new wireless HP "Envy" Inkjet Printers (won by **Ted Adams** and **Michael Fischer**). HP also donated several small "Sprocket" printer kits won by **Chuck Sieloff** and **Stella Lee**.

We also thank Sogol Rastjoo (filling in for Christian Novak) from First Tech Federal Credit Union for two beautiful gift baskets, won by **Gerald Lee** and **Bonnie Fjelland**. Seventeen happy attendees also went home with the poinsettias used as centerpieces, and many other attendees left with HP mugs, bags, t-shirts and hats also provided by HPI.





FY2018 Financial Review *By Bernard Bruand, Club President*

We just closed FY18, and I want to make a quick summary of our Club's financial results and plans for FY19. (*Our fiscal year is Nov 1 – Oct 31.*)

	<i>FY18 Budget</i>	<i>FY18 Actual</i>	<i>FY19 Budget</i>
<i>Income:</i>	\$13,000	\$14,478	\$13,000
<i>Expenses:</i>			
<i>Events</i>	\$1,900	\$1,557	\$3,500
<i>Trips</i>	\$500	\$850	\$500
<i>Print/ Mail</i>	\$11,500	\$8,582	\$10,000
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>	\$3,900	\$2,787	\$3,800
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$17,800	\$13,776	\$17,800
<i>Profit/(Loss):</i>	(\$4,800)	\$702	(\$4,800)

We have controlled expenses pretty well in FY18 and had a small excess even when we planned for a \$4,800 loss.

However, we also recorded more membership revenue in the last quarter of FY18; this is included in FY18 Income and explains the small profit for FY18 versus a planned loss.

Since FY19 is the 40th anniversary of the Club, we do plan to subsidize more events and plan a loss similar as planned last year. We still have a balance of more than \$60,000 in the bank that we plan to slowly reduce over time.

This year, we realized additional savings on the mailing of our newsletter, as more members opted for online instead of paper copy. Printing and mailing of the paper newsletter is still the biggest Club expense, and we will continue to encourage members to view it on the Club's website.

Please don't hesitate to send me any comments, suggestions or questions on this topic.

LATEST - Updated info since last newsletter.

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

- **Spring Fling Luncheon** is on **Wed, Mar 20** at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara. Cost is \$30 through Mar 4, then the cost increases to \$35 after Mar 4 or at the door. Our guest speaker is Mike Viskovich from Keysight.

- Help the Club celebrate **our 40th anniversary** this year by attending an event, trip or participating in a monthly activity. The Club formed on **April 4, 1979**. We are commemorating our success and longevity in several ways. Read the article in this issue of the newsletter, including special **LOW** pricing for our 2019 Picnic on **Sat, June 22!**

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

Discounted offerings made available by HP to retirees; *see password section on page 7 or discount codes on some websites for access info*. You can also access this website from the Club's home page (under Discounts/Benefits). Once on the website, click on "[Bay Area Employee Programs eNews](#)" link under News Highlights banner to find latest online offerings.

Discounted tickets available online only (reminder - HP Store in Palo Alto has closed forever):

➤ **SAP Center**

- *Harlem Globetrotters* – Jan 20-21

- *2Cellos* – Feb 9

➤ **SHM Golden Gate**

- *Come From Away* – Jan 8-Feb 3

- *Betty Buckley – Hello Dolly!* – Feb 19-Mar 17

- *Falsettos* – Mar 19-Apr 14

- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* – Apr 16-May 12

- *Anastasia* – Sep 3-29

➤ **Broadway San Jose**

- *Something Rotten* – Feb 1

- *Cats* – Feb 22

➤ **Great America, California Academy of Sciences, Children's Discovery Museum, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Roaring Camp, Seascape Resort, LegoLand, SF Symphony, Universal Studios Hollywood**

Note: Disneyland, Winchester Mystery House tickets **NO LONGER OFFERED** to Bay Area Employee Programs. Disneyland tickets available via HP Continuum (for HPI retirees).

PASSPORT UNLIMITED Discount Card



HPI retiree link:

www.beneplace.com/hp_retiree (underscore after hp)

Enter User name (see Passwords section below) and follow instructions.

<https://hp-inc.passportcorporate.com/Info/One/>

Alternate URL for HPI retirees.

HPE retiree link: www.beneplace.com/hpe_retiree (underscore after hpe)

If needed, contact Passport Customer Relations at 800-410-4211 to order/renew a card or email them at support@passportunlimited.com.

Please note: **Agilent** and **Keysight** are not eligible for these Passport discounts. Only available to those who retired from HP, HPI, or HPE.

BASICS

- Complete BASIC information about the HP-related websites can always be found:

- 1) in the front pages of your annual Member Directory (with passwords) or
- 2) on the Club's website, under **Web Introduction** (minus passwords). It is not fully repeated in the newsletter.

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

No password required for some of the site.

www.hpcontinuum.com - (Maintained by HP Inc for HPI designated retirees) Create own user name and password. News, Benefits, Discounts (incl Disneyland/World, Broadway shows and others), how to order Gold Badge.



www.hpalumni.org - HP Alumni Association...an independent member-supported association of former HP, HP Inc, and HPE employees -- and current employees in the process of leaving. Operated by volunteers. Not officially endorsed or supported by HP. Membership is free.

You can join the HPAA Benefits Forum for mutual help on health coverage -- retirement, Medicare, open-market -- and decoding Annual Enrollment each year. www.hpalumni.org/goBenefits

Tax season here! - refer to this website for valuable **stock tracking data** compiled by these wonderful volunteers.

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, incl Passport U, choose Retiree Discounts link)	www.beneplace.com/hp_retiree (underscore after hp in url)	Current user names and passwords were included in the email you received announcing availability of this newsletter.	
HP Continuum (News, Benefits, Discounts incl Passport U and Disneyland, Contacts)	www.hpcontinuum.com		
HPE (Retiree Discounts, incl Passport U)	www.beneplace.com/hpe_retiree (underscore after hpe in url)		
Bay Area Employee Programs (Discounts)	www.bayarea.hpway.org		
HP Branded Merchandise	www.hpstore.com click on HP Partner		
Passport Unlimited (dining discounts) call Passport Member Relations at 1-800-410-4211 if you experience access issues	https://passportcorporate.com/Info/HP_Landing		
HPREC Member Info Updates form (update personal information) password is case sensitive, includes hyphen	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, Travel Committee Chairperson*

Your Travel Committee wants to express a note of gratitude to those members who attend our events. We spend a lot of time finding venues, arranging buses, and planning lunches/dinners. Keep in mind that we are all volunteers, and the hours involved are spent for your participation and enjoyment. We have had to cancel too many excursions due to the lack of participation, and such cancellations usually cost the Club money. There are cancellation fees for many venues and buses.



Having said that, your committee sincerely appreciates those members who do join us on various outings. The latest dinner at Chef Chu's and musical revue, Beach Blanket Babylon, was a roaring success for the 25 people who attended. Several people wanted to sign up AFTER the cut-off date, and unfortunately, we could not include them. Please note that we have very strict deadlines for final payments of tickets, dinners, etc., and those deadlines are usually several weeks before the actual event. So please read the flyers carefully and note the cut-off date(s) listed.

On the subject of reservations, please DO NOT contact committee members to reserve a space on a trip. Committee members, including myself, cannot reserve anything. One must follow the process of mailing in the hard-copy reservation slip WITH the appropriate money. That is the only way to secure a spot on an adventure. Also, PLEASE PRINT your information on those reservation slips...especially your email address. We do not have the time to call you for clarification of your data, and many written responses are very difficult to read. I suggest using those "address labels" we all get in the mail and then print the other information required.

We are excited about "Coming Attractions" for 2019. Here are some samples of what will be forthcoming in the HPREC newsletter:

- Whale watching out of Half Moon Bay, with lunch at Phil's
- Elkhorn Slough with lunch at a Mexican restaurant
- Hamilton (*unfortunately, all seats sold out*)
- Fleet Week on the Bay in October
- Marin Civic Center tour and Wild Care tour in the Santa Rosa area
- Oakland Zoo
- K-9 Companions for Independence
- Town Cats of Morgan Hill



So, join us and enjoy the comradery of your fellow HP/Agilent/Keysight retirees. We do have a lot of fun!!!

HP Memory Project—Paul Stoft, Steve Fossi, and Jim Catlin

By John Minck, HPREC member

We are pleased to announce three new additions to the HPMemoryProject website.

Paul Stoft - Working for the dominant Barney Oliver in HP Labs was one way of getting overlooked in recognizing significant contributions to Hewlett Packard's success. Paul managed the Electronic Research Section and over his 28-year career was instrumental in the product and process technologies of an amazing variety of projects. Bill Hewlett and Barney were constantly in his lab, making suggestions and urging a scientific approach to new measurement and integrated circuit and computational concepts. And Paul was the perfect leader to carry out those managers' wishes. His story is a fascinating look at HP Labs' breakthroughs of the 1960s - 1980s.



Steve Fossi - Come with us as newly-hired Steve experiences the growth of the Radio Frequency and Microwave product lines as HP expanded to Santa Rosa in 1970, spawned new measurement technologies and astounded the world with powerful and unique instrumentation. See the industry bubble that developed at the end of the 20th century and hobbled the new Agilent corporate spinoff in the early 2000s. Watch as Steve, now in management, struggles with Automatic Systems consolidation and the new Agilent leaders grow new industrial and aerospace customer groups with innovative custom automation. All done within the rules of The HP Way.



Jim Catlin – A Bill & Dave Story—Jim recalls his introductory Engineer's Banquet when he and his wife were seated at the same table as Dave Packard. But the conversation was monopolized by the banquet host, who had seated himself and wife next to Dave and Lucile. What happened after Dave's podium remarks is the underlying story here.



*Jim Catlin's 1978
badge photo.*

Read Stoft and Fossi memoirs at:

hpmemoryproject.org/timeline/company/memories_home.html

Read Catlin's story here:

hpmemoryproject.org/timeline/stories/bill_and_dave_00.htm

Celebrating Our Club's 40th anniversary! *By Carol Nakamoto*

As you read in the November issue, our Club Historian, **Gary Ruppel**, highlighted our Club's longevity with an article. The Club was formed on April 4, 1979. The Board has been discussing ways to highlight this accomplishment, and here are a few of our ideas, some that have already been implemented.



- In the six newsletter issues of 2019, we are including some “**Walk Down Memory Lane**” articles. We started in the November issue with Gary's article. In the remaining issues, we will pull interesting or fun articles from past newsletters that we have in our archives and share them with you.
- You might have noticed a “circa 1982” masthead on the November newsletter front page, a copy of an “old” newsletter header. We will transition through three “old” designs for the rest of the fiscal year.
- The newsletter team created a fun “40th anniversary” logo including our legacy companies to add to these mastheads.
- Look for special *lower* pricing for attending our June 22, 2019 picnic to celebrate the “good old days.”
- We will attempt to collect some past pictures of HP-retiree picnics (*with your help*) and have them on display at the June picnic.
- In one of the issues, we will share ways the companies continue to support HPREC.
- Our incoming Board member, **Pat Capshaw**, has agreed to coordinate these efforts this year, and is already pouring over old newsletters for fun tidbits.



If you have any old picnic pictures (including Little Basin) and would like to help with their collection, please mail them to Pat at the Club's P.O. Box (see front page of newsletter for address). Write the word **Pictures** on the front of the envelope. If you want them returned, please print your name legibly on the back of each picture, and Pat will make sure you get them back. We'd like to receive them no later than **May 15** to give time to temporarily place them on poster boards for display at the Picnic.



YE OLD CLUB NEWS

Compiled by Pat Capshaw, Board member

Initial inquiry from Corp Personnel planting seed for future retiree club. Ray Wilbur was HP's first VP of Personnel. Not sure which Frank being referred to, probably Frank Williams, Corp Personnel.

August 11, 1976 memo from Bonnie Polmanteer to Ray Wilbur regarding an HP Retiree Club:

"I have been investigating on Frank's request the area of possible retiree activities for HP. Attached is a small-scale survey I've done and notes on suggested approaches.

Since there are only approximately 200 HP retirees at this time with only 40% of those in the Bay Area, a full scale program involving a retiree club and a large degree of retiree participation does not seem feasible at this time. But, I do feel, as the retiree population

increases, an official retirees club will be the likely progression 5 to 10 years out.

I feel it is also necessary to contact some of our retirees for ideas and needs. So, attached is a draft letter and questionnaire I would like to send out to a sample of approximately 40-50 retirees. I'd appreciate your time looking over the attached letter and questionnaire and to make any changes and/or additions you feel necessary."

(Bonnie's attached letter and questionnaire were unavailable)

Copy of initial survey conducted in 1979 by Fred Andersen, newly retired:

The idea of an HP retiree club was first proposed in 1976. At that time HP had approximately 200 retirees with only 40% in the Bay Area. Because of the small population it was decided that a full-scale program involving a retiree club was not feasible.

Three years later, **Fred Andersen**, who was newly retired at the time, sent out the following letter to retirees:

"Having recently joined the ranks of HP retirees, it occurred to me, as it perhaps has to you, that it would be nice to have a closer link to our former HP associates and the Company as a whole. Such a relationship could be established by an informal association of HP retirees, such as you and I. HP management has endorsed such a program and will support our initial efforts to organize.

There are a number of advantages beyond that of a closer association with our former employer. For example, most of us would no doubt enjoy a periodic

gathering, perhaps at lunch, dinner or an early evening meeting to exchange experiences, get an occasional update on HP happenings, plan a special event, etc.

If you are of the same mind and would like to become a charter member of such an association, I would be very happy to hear from you so that we can meet at an early date and develop some program plans. Please fill in the attached form and return it to me at your earliest convenience in order that I may have an indication of the degree of interest."

The response to Fred's questionnaire was positive and the Club was formed, with **Fred** as the President, **Ray Rooney**, Secretary and **Elsie Yearian**, Treasurer. The first meeting was held on April 17, 1979. Below are the minutes from that meeting:

Copied from the first Club newsletter: April 17, 1979 – author unconfirmed (may have been Fred)

Greetings HP Retirees:

Our first get together, a luncheon at the Palo Alto Elks Club proved a big success as those of you who attended will attest. Some 70 HP Retirees and spouses gathered to exchange greetings and enjoy a delicious lunch. The highlight of the event was a talk by **John Young**, Hewlett-Packard President and Chief Executive Officer. He welcomed our club from management's viewpoint and told of recent growth of the company. The time and effort expended by John was much appreciated by the group.

Note: The Club was founded on April 4, 1979.

HPARV “Done in a Day” Volunteer Opportunities

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



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 12th-grade 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 materials that are donated and packaging RAFT hands-on learning activity kits. Casual dress and closed-toed shoes are recommended. Work is generally clean and low-impact.

Date & Time: **Wednesday, Feb 13, 2019, 1 pm - 4 pm**

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

Directions and more information: <https://www.raft.net/volunteer/>

RSVP hp.agilent.volunteers@hotmail.com or call **John McCabe** at 650-328-3472 by **Feb 7**.

Volunteers Needed To Help With Science Fair

(Science background not needed except for judging.)

HPARV invites you to help make this year's Synopsys Science & Technology Championship a success. About 1,000 students will participate in the fair, and there are many ways you can get involved. *We need more volunteers both days, so please join us if you can!*

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

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

When: Wednesday, March 13, 2019: Student check-in and set-up
(Lunch provided)
8 am - 11:30 am, 11:30 am - 6 pm
(5 pm - 7:30 pm -- only a few volunteers needed)

Thursday, March 14, 2019: Judging
(Lunch provided)
9 am - 7:30 pm with different time slots:
9 am-5 pm, 9 am-1 pm, 11 am-1 pm, 1:30 pm -6:30 pm, 5 pm-7:30pm
(Volunteers are needed around 9 am to help set up judges)



What's Needed:

1. General Volunteers

* **Wednesday:** Help students through the registration process, help them find their assigned space to set up their projects, run errands, etc.

* **Thursday:** Help register judges, monitor the hall during judging, etc.

Tasks can be sitting, walking or standing. Indicate if you have a preference.

Send an email with your name, phone number and time availability to volunteers@science-fair.org.

Or go online to <https://science-fair.org> and go to the Volunteer section and sign up for days and times you are available.

2. Judges:

If you have a degree in science, technology, engineering or math and are interested in judging, go to <https://science-fair.org/judges-3/> and the Category Judging Registration to register as a judge.

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

Previous volunteers at this event say it's fun and rewarding.

Please volunteer. You'll be glad you did! And we need you!





ANNUAL SPRING FLING LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

Mariani's Inn and Restaurant, 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

Cost per person: \$30 if postmarked by March 4

\$35 & contact event chair if after March 4 / at the door

11 am: Doors open for social hour: No-host bar for soft drinks and/or alcoholic beverages

12 noon: Luncheon — Choice of entrée:

- Corned Beef & Cabbage
- Petrale Sole Almandine
- Vegetarian Pasta Primavera
- Chicken Piccata

Entrée served with fresh garden salad, seasonal vegetables, French roll & butter, dessert, and freshly brewed coffee/decaf and iced tea.

GUEST SPEAKER: Mike Viskovich

Keysight Technologies: Vice President, Global Sourcing and Workplace Solutions

For additional information or questions, please contact the Event Coordinator during normal business hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday – Friday. Exceptions for emergencies only, please.

Event Coordinator: Harold Kaye 408-257-9629 or ba.springfling@hpretirees.org

You can sign up & pay online at www.hpretirees.org/hprec or complete the form below.

Flyer also available online in Calendar of Events through March 13

EVENT: Annual Spring Fling Luncheon

_____ person(s) @ \$30 / person through Mar 4 = \$_____ Total

_____ person(s) @ \$35 / person after Mar 4 = \$_____ Total

(PLEASE WRITE ONE CHECK PER EVENT)

PRINT NAMES:

Member Name _____

Phone () _____

Emergency Contact _____

Phone () _____ Member

Choice of entrée: _____ Corned Beef & Cabbage

_____ Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

_____ Petrale Sole Almandine

_____ Chicken Piccata

Spouse/Guest Name 1 _____

Phone () _____

(Please CIRCLE if this person is a member or not: YES NO)

Emergency Contact _____

Phone () _____ Guest 1

Choice of entrée: _____ Corned Beef & Cabbage

_____ Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

_____ Petrale Sole Almandine

_____ Chicken Piccata

Spouse/Guest Name 2 _____

Phone () _____

(Please CIRCLE if this person is a member or not: YES NO)

Emergency Contact _____

Phone () _____ Guest 2

Choice of entrée: _____ Corned Beef & Cabbage

_____ Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

_____ Petrale Sole Almandine

_____ Chicken Piccata

SEND RESERVATION FORM & CHECK TO: HPREC, P.O. Box 86, Mountain View, CA 94042-0086

Drop-in Lunch – New Location



Join other HPREC members for a monthly drop-in lunch at **The Bistro**, 4320 El Camino Real, Los Altos on Tuesday, Jan 29, 2019 at 11:30 am. Anyone is welcome at this NO-HOST lunch.

NEW LOCATION - The Bistro

Feb 26, 2019

March 26, 2019

No reservations needed.



The Bistro is in the Marriott Hotel west of San Antonio in Los Altos. Ample underground parking is available.

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 \$5.50/game (we bowl two games). Shoe rental is separate.



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

HPREC Golf Third Thursday Program Is Retiring! *By John McGowan*

The HPREC golf program struggled during 2018, continuing a trend of shrinking attendance. We had a single foursome in July, canceled the August event, and managed two foursomes at Los Lagos in September. The October event at Santa Clara was canceled. After a great deal of thought, I have decided to end efforts to assemble regular monthly golf outings for HPREC in 2019.












Some of us will continue to play informally at local courses, and those wishing to be on an email list to know the dates and locations are welcome to contact me. Most of the golfers are aware that the HPnA Golf Club representing HP, Agilent and Keysight continues to host more frequent tournaments around the Bay Area, and HPREC members wanting to play more golf should consider joining the [HPnA Golf Club](http://www.ghin.com/eclub/HPnAGC/), <http://www.ghin.com/eclub/HPnAGC/>.



Hikes in Feb & Mar'19 *By Jim Holl*

Hike Name: Stanford Dish

	Tues. Feb 12, 10 am
	Tues. Feb 19, 10 am
	Free
	Klaus Model 617-515-6895
	About 5 miles
	Moderate (a bit hilly)
	Perhaps a few hundred feet
	No
	No
	At Arastradero Preserve Only
	Water, sunscreen, a lunch, hiking sticks

Please meet at the parking area for this hike. The carpool location may be used for toilets only (no carpools will be formed). From I-280, exit at Page Mill Road and head north (toward the Bay) for about ½ mile and turn right onto Coyote Hill Road. You may park on either side of the road. From there, we will walk ¾ of a mile to the entrance of the hike.












The Stanford Dish loop is one of the most popular walks and runs on the entire Peninsula. It is named after the large old radio telescope still used for research in the Stanford foothills. It is visible from throughout the area. Rain or shine, you'll find hundreds of locals and Stanford students walking or jogging the trail. The loop has a few very steep (but short) hills; otherwise, it is a nice rolling hike. The paved trail climbs the hills and offers spectacular views of the Peninsula, the campus and the coastal mountains. On a clear day, visitors can see San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and the East Bay.

There are no bathrooms on the hike; the nearest ones are at Arastradero Reserve parking area (our usual parking location).

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Hikes in Feb & Mar'19 *(Continued)*

Blackberry Farm in Cupertino Lite Hike

	Wed. Feb 20, 10 am
	No rainout date
	Free
	Jim Holl 408-446-2963 or 408-528-5846 cell
	About 2.25 miles
	Easy
	Very little elevation change
	Dogs on 6 foot leash OK
	Yes
	Bathrooms at start/finish area and at McClellan Ranch Preserve.
	Bring water, sunscreen, walking sticks

Meet at Blackberry Farm, 21979 San Fernando Avenue, Cupertino.

Hike Location: Stevens Creek Trail from Blackberry Farm to Stevens Creek Blvd to McClellan Ranch Preserve to Blackberry Farm.

Driving Directions: From I-280, exit at Foothill Boulevard. Take Foothill Boulevard south to Stevens Creek Boulevard. Turn left to the light at Orange Avenue. Turn right onto Orange Avenue to Granada Avenue, turn right onto Granada Avenue to Byrne Avenue. Turn left onto Byrne Avenue to San Fernando Avenue. Turn right onto San Fernando Avenue. Stay right and descend to Blackberry Farm.

From I-85, exit at Stevens Creek Boulevard in Cupertino. Turn west toward the nearby hills and continue to the light at Orange Avenue. Turn left onto Orange Avenue and follow the instructions above.

Coyote Hills Regional Park, Fremont

	Tues, Mar 12, 10 am
	Tues, Mar 19, 10 am
	\$5 per vehicle park fee plus \$5 per vehicle for Dumbarton Bridge
	Jim Holl 408-446-2963, 408-528-5846 cell
	3.5 miles
	Moderate
	About 300 feet
	No – not allowed in wetlands
	Not advised due to steep hills
	At the start and finish and just after lunch
	Water, a lunch, and \$4 to reimburse the drivers

This East Bay Regional Park adjoins the San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge and offers trails in marshes, grasslands and hills. The route forecast includes the hills and some of the wetlands. This route can be taken in the wettest conditions.

We expect to see raptors, shorebirds, and a few migratory bird species.

If you are unable to carpool, take Highway 84 across the Dumbarton Bridge to Paseo Padre Parkway in Fremont. Go about 1.2 miles north on Paseo Padre, then turn left onto Patterson Ranch Road. Go through the entry kiosk, where there is a \$5 parking fee, and then park at the visitor center.

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Hikes in Feb & Mar'19 *(Continued)*

Crescent Park in Palo Alto Lite Hike

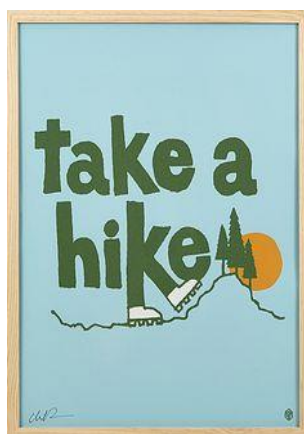
	Wed, Mar 27, 10 am Note that this is a week later than normal.
	No rainout date
	Free
	John McCabe 650-328-3472
	About 2 to 3 miles
	Easy
	Flat on sidewalks
	Yes
	Yes
	No bathrooms are available. The nearest public bathrooms are at the Rinconada Library and at Rinconada Park.
	Water and sunscreen

Meet at the corner of Center Drive and Forest Avenue in Palo Alto. Take 101 to the University Ave exit toward Palo Alto. Take the second left onto Center Drive. Park between Dana and Pitman Avenues and meet at Forest Avenue.

The Crescent Park is one of the older sections of Palo Alto. Although it is bordered by the bustling University Avenue, the Crescent Park area, with its mature trees and variety of architectural styles, has a small-town feel. We will walk by some very nice homes.

* **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

hp.agilent.volunteers@hotmail.com

Feeding the Hungry *By John McCabe*

HPREC volunteers helped the Padua Dining Room feed hungry community members by assisting with the meal on the day we volunteered as well as preparing for future meals. For that day's meal, we did such things as prepare grapes and serve the meal. The menu featured salad, meatloaf, rice, cauliflower, bread, a variety of drinks, and various desserts. For the next day's meal, we sliced potatoes, carrots, onions and peppers for stew. We also distributed a variety of produce -- from avocados to spinach -- to Padua clients who would prepare meals at home, and we quality-checked lots of yellow squash.



(L-R): Bryan Lovegren, Bernard Bruand, Wanda Lee, Marsha Lee, Pam Khoo, Louie Sivo, Eleanor Koo, Al Low, and John McCabe.

Packaging Fresh Fruits and Vegetables for the Community *By John McCabe*

Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) is an independent agency that has been serving the community for 48 years. Their mission is to prevent homelessness. Their clients are the working poor, disabled individuals, seniors, and the homeless. Seniors are a growing demographic. One way that SCS fulfills its mission is to provide food to their clients at no cost. Monday is fresh fruit and vegetable day at SCS. The produce comes primarily from Second Harvest. The HPREC volunteers filled 400 grocery bags each with four large potatoes, eight large carrots, two bunches of celery, six cucumbers, 13 mandarin oranges, three to six grapefruit, and nine plums. Next, we filled 39 more bags, each with three similarly

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HPARV Volunteer News *(Continued)*

large potatoes, four large carrots, two cucumbers, three navel oranges, three apples, and three plums. It was the season, but we did not include a partridge in a pear tree!



(L-R): John McCabe, Leslie Murdock, Deb Lawson, Kathy Hall, Cindy Elledge, Irene Wright, Ronda Rosner, Anne Cunningham, Carol Arnett, Fran Low, Marialis Seehorn, Bob Steward, and Artie Schleifer.



That's 365 bags filled. Only 35 more before we go to the next set.

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HPARV Volunteer News *(Continued)*

HPREC Volunteers Enter the Alternate Energy Vehicle Market *By John McCabe*

HPREC volunteers are challenging Elon Musk in the Alternate Energy Vehicle (AEV) market. We started manufacturing our first two models in November. The higher-end model, the Roller Racer, is a rubber band-powered vehicle. Sold in kit form by RAFT (Resource Area For Teachers), it is priced at 71 cents; one can buy 77,465 of our Roller Racer AEVs for the price of one Tesla. Students will use our Roller Racers to explore the application of simple machines and energy conversion, and to investigate how changes in stored energy can affect the performance of the AEV. Our second model, which is called the Car on a Roll, is gravity-powered. This AEV consists of a simple chassis and a straw-based axle system (a simple machine) that teaches students about motion along inclined planes, friction, gravity, momentum, and potential vs. kinetic energy. RAFT prices this model at 80 cents each, and it comes complete with a ramp to provide the potential energy.



The HPREC assembly line takes a break from producing Car on a Roll chassis.



Marilyn Grattan cuts out bodies for Roller Racers.



(L-R): Gail Mantegani, Louie Sivo, John McCabe, Marilyn Grattan, Judy Owen, Irene Wright, Marsha Lee, Artie Schleifer, and Mike Tada.

Hiking News *Compiled by Gary Ruppel*

Almaden Quicksilver County Park Hike *By Klaus Model with photos by Steve Mar*

Despite some smoke from the Paradise fire, six hikers showed up on November 13. The weather was sunny but on the



cool side, ideal for the hike. We started on the Hicks/Woods Road Trailhead as we did on previous hikes. This trailhead is at an altitude of 1,400 feet, 960 feet higher than the Hacienda entrance, that was 960 feet that we did not need to climb. We followed Woods Road, which was used in the 1800s to bring lumber from the Sierra Azul for shoring up the mines. After exploring the reduction plant with the rotary furnace, we proceeded to the site of Spanish Town and then to the Hidalgo Cemetery where we had lunch. Then back to Spanish Town, which housed as many as 1,500 Mexicans and Chileans, mostly single men. We continued past the site of the Main Tunnel and the Yellow Kid Mine to English Camp, which was developed for

Cornish and other English-speaking miners to live, alone or with their families. Single miners typically lived in one of the local boarding houses while married miners lived with their families in one of the dozens of houses on the hill surrounding the town. Rent was extremely affordable on the hill: \$5-\$10 per month for a house and grounds, or, if you wanted to pitch a tent or build a cabin, just the grounds for as little as \$10 per year. English Camp was also the site of the Preservation Corp Camp during the Depression.

The rotary furnace was the most modern and most efficient method of mercury extraction. Cinnabar (mercury ore) was crushed and fed into a huge rotating pipe. The pipe was heated to 1,700 degrees. The heat produced mercury and sulfur vapors. The sulfur gas was vented into the air.

The mercury vapor was condensed in a series of massive radiator-like condenser towers. The liquid mercury was collected in troughs at the bottom, ready to be poured into flasks and shipped around the world. The rotary furnace remained in operation until 1976, when the area became a county park.

From English Camp, we followed the Castillero Trail back to Woods Road and on to the parking lot. Overall, it was an interesting hike.

Getting there: Take Highway 280 south to Highway 85 toward Gilroy. Turn right on Hicks Road and follow it for 6 miles. At the intersection of Wood Road and Hicks Road, turn left into the parking lot.



(L – R): Klaus Model, Jan Grady, Steve Mar, Janis Andrews, and Scott & Janet Anvick.

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Hiking News *(Continued)*

Almaden Quicksilver County Park *By David Karwowski (Leader)* *w/photos by John McCabe and Steve Mar*

On a cool December day, 14 of us gathered at Almaden Quicksilver Park in San Jose to hike some of the historic mining trails. Over 135 years of mining activity occurred in the park and we saw remnants of the Senador Mine a short distance after we started. Although there was a warning that wild pigs have been seen in the park, we didn't encounter any, but we did see a few deer near the end of the hike.



(L – R): John McCabe, Michelle Olston, Jim Holl, Jay Quinby, Eileen Ruppel, Jade & Chris Simonson, David Karwowski, Gary Ruppel, Steve Mar, Janis Andrews, Maria McAtee, Klaus Model, and Dale McAtee.

After winding our way past the Senador Mine, we had a steady climb to the top of the first hill. Along the way, there were many areas of exposed serpentine rock, which was designated the state rock for California in 1965. The green/blue rock can be commonly found in the coastal mountain ranges in the state and especially in areas where faults are located.

When we descended the hill there was a creek with running water likely fed by recent rains. There were also many beautiful oak trees and some even had mistletoe (Ho! Ho! Ho!). We made our way to the Guadalupe Reservoir Dam and stopped for lunch. The water levels were low in anticipation of the winter rains.

After lunch, we climbed more hills and were rewarded with many splendid vistas of Almaden, San Jose and the East Bay hills before wrapping up the hike.



Guadalupe Reservoir

If you wish to try out this hike, take Hwy 85 to the Almaden Expressway exit. Proceed south about 1.2 miles to McAbee Rd. and turn right. Continue on McAbee Rd. for 1.7 miles to the end (at Whispering Pines Dr.) to the entrance gate. Park on the street nearby and go to the entrance gate. Restrooms are available at the trailhead.

Chinese Food and Beach Blanket Babylon *By Pat Fausett*

On December 5th, 25 loyal HPREC members boarded a bus in Cupertino for an early dinner (4:30 pm) at Chef Chu's in Los Altos. The restaurant reserved the private room for us and treated all like royalty. The dinner was exceptional, starting with the chicken lettuce cups and hot and sour soup. The rest of the meal was outstanding, as only Chef Chu can do. And after we read our fortunes from the cookie that was perched on mango sherbet, we re-boarded the bus and one of our favorite drivers, Philip Jetson, headed to San Francisco for the Beach Blanket Babylon revue.

Traffic was just awful then, but Philip expertly drove us to the theater, using some "back roads" to try to avoid all the traffic mess. We got to our seats and the show started right on time...and what a show it was! If you have never gone to the Savoy Tivoli (Club Fugazi) to see this revue, you are missing one of San Francisco's best known entertainment venues.

The show runs non-stop for 90 minutes, and you are laughing almost all that time. The writers are fantastic, as they capture the news of the day in parody and song, making the laughter all the more exuberant. The founder of this show, Steve Silver (deceased in 1995), created an outlandish visual show that was just plain fabulous...and that zany sense of delight continues today under the tutelage of his wife, Jo.

The show is well known for its costumes -- especially the hats. And what hats they are!!! It is amazing that the cast can move around while singing and dancing with these chapeaus. And the cast is outstanding, with the two lead ladies having been with the show for 20+ years. The spoof on today's events is hilarious...especially the political references. And when a character was Obama, the patrons went crazy clapping and cheering for our former president. And "Madonna" also made a flying visit to the balcony people, a surprise for all.

The finale is fantastic with the ladies wearing hats that are the signature of the show...and at Christmas time the dancing trees and Christmas tree hat are incredible. As "Snow White" reappears for the finale, she wears a hat that IS San Francisco, with AT&T Park, the Golden Gate Bridge, and pyramid building all festooned and brilliantly lit. What an ending to a truly delightful musical revue.

All-in-all, this was a magical trip to get us in the Holiday Spirit. MERRY CHRISTMAS to all!!!!



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.

Cathi Ege Clark, Resident of Los Gatos, August 22, 1946 - October 4, 2018

Lover of the sand and sea. Life of the party. The spark of our lives, Cathi Ann Clark of Los Gatos passed away surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Macon GA, moved to Hawaii with her family when she was 4, then to Santa Clara Valley where she attended schools. Cathi had a long career working for Harding and Associates and served as a web developer for Hewlett-Packard. She lived life to the fullest owning Cathi's Perfect Poodle Shop in Los Gatos, managing her bowling leagues, coaching softball and enjoying her grand nieces' and nephews' various sporting events. Cathi served as music coordinator and marketing director for the Center for Spiritual Living and inspired many with her positive outlook. Cathi is survived by her partner Sharon Gilbert, her sister Donna Chiala (Johnny), six nieces and nephews, and their spouses,

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Holly Ann Gleason July 4, 1957 - October 10, 2018

Technical writer, adventurer, paleontologist for a day, entrepreneur, event planner, beloved, warrior. Born in South Haven, MI, to Clark G. "Jerry" and Nancy Gleason, Holly lived in Columbus, IN, and Walpole, MA, before moving to Santa Rosa, CA. Holly was an Oak Park Swim Club Otter, and lifelong adventurer including backpacking, hot air ballooning, zip lining, ultralight flying, bridge scaling, and bungee jumping. Holly worked as a hotel receptionist in Tahoe (college), for State Farm, and as a technical writer for several high-tech and healthcare software firms including OCLI, Hewlett Packard, Agilent, Alcatel, Eclipsys, Turin Networks, Force10 Networks, and Dell. A bibliophile and caring friend, Holly was active in the Methodist church and Business Network International, and a volunteer at Santa Rosa Summer Rep Theatre Festival, and as an Asst. Radio Officer with Sonoma County Office of Emergency Services. Recently, she started her own successful technical editing business Write Right Now. Holly fought cancer with strength, courage and aplomb, while often maintaining her zany sense of humor, her beautiful smile, and love of crafts. Her only regrets were not having more time with Rich and not having visited Hawaii. Holly was predeceased by her mom, and is survived by her soulmate Rich Hoaglund and his daughter Sarah. The family wishes to thank all of her caregivers at Sutter Hospital, California Pacific Medical Center (especially RN Josh), Park View, and her church family for excellent care and compassion. In lieu of flowers, donations to your favorite cancer research/support, animal charity, CaringBridge, Santa Rosa Summer Rep Theatre, or checking off one of your bucket list items in her honor, would be appreciated. Holly published online in the Press Democrat from Nov. 1 to Nov. 5, 2018

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Constance Dena (Taormina) Contos, January 19, 1933 - October 10, 2018, 85 years

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of our mother, Constance Contos. She passed unexpectedly in her sleep.

She was born in Sacramento, CA to Elizabeth Pearl Douglas and John Contos. Her father was murdered when she was 3 years old. It was hard for a widow with two children in 1936, so Connie, her mother and her older brother Nicholas Zahara moved to Rapid City, South Dakota. They lived with her grandparents Ivy and John Douglas until 1941 when her grandfather passed away. The family was forced to move back to California to live with her Aunt Fay Kenyon on her chicken ranch in Cupertino. Not long after moving Nicholas enlisted in the Navy.

In 1949, when Connie was 16 her mother met and married Ulysses Davis a Native American and WWII veteran. At that time the family moved to Arcata, CA. Uly was a caring step-father to her. She spent a lot of time with him on the Hoopa Indian Reservation where he was born. Uly taught her many Native American customs.

At 17 Connie chose to quit high school and pursue employment so she could be independent. She went to work for Hewlett Packard as an electronic assembler. She had a natural gift in the field and thrived on learning many valuable job skills. She became a supervisor at the company. Later in life she worked for several other companies in the area: Ampex, Amdahl, Dasonics, Spectra Physics, and Watkins Johnson.

In 1957 she met the love of her life, Thomas S. Taormina, Sr. at his family's business, The Manhattan Club in Los Gatos, CA. They married on July 18, 1957 and were together for 16 years. During this time she took a break from working in the electronic field to help Tom in the bar and raise two children, Tena Taormina and Thomas S. Taormina, Jr.

Connie retired in 1994 and enjoyed traveling with her family on Mediterranean Cruises, visiting New York City, several trips to Las Vegas, and best of all she was able to visit Athens, Greece, the birthplace of her father. She enjoyed gourmet cooking, reading romance novels, and writing stories. Her true passion, however, was her art. She was very good and produced many beautiful works over the years.

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Eugene Canderle, Aug. 23, 1929 – Oct. 2, 2018, Resident of Mountain View, 89

Eugene passed away after a brief illness. Eugene (also known as Gino) was born and raised in Mayfield, CA.

After graduating from Palo Alto High School, he served in the Army and then the Air Force. Afterwards he moved to Mountain View where he joined Hewlett Packard in Palo Alto, where he worked 37 years until he retired.

Gino loved to garden, read old westerns, play golf, and go square dancing. He was a member of the Italian Catholic Federation, and volunteered at many of their events. Gino also enjoyed helping out at St. Williams and St. Nicholas functions, where he volunteered for the grief group, money counters, and the rummage sale.

He is survived by his sister Emily (Hamlin) Nast, and his children, daughters Cecilia and Cari, and son Conrad.

As Gino loved to help others, in lieu of flowers, a donation to the charity of your choosing is requested.

Published in San Jose Mercury News/San Mateo County Times on Oct. 16, 2018

<http://bit.ly/2LubV6o>

John B. Tripp, Resident of Mountain View

John passed away unexpectedly on November 2, 2018. John was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania, graduated from Danbury High School in 1953 and served in the US Air Force from 1956 to 1960.

John enjoyed a 39-year career in the electronics field, specializing in manufacturing and logistics. John started with National Semiconductor in 1960 and transferred to Fairchild Instruments in 1968. In 1976 John was hired by Hewlett Packard and retired in 1999 as a materials control manager.

In 1983, John found the gift of sobriety. "Happy John" was a servant leader helping others overcome challenges. His comment: "Wow what a journey, thank God for A.A., it changed my life, and made it worth living."

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to the Rudzavice Family Cancer Foundation, PO Box 144, Bethlehem, Connecticut, 06751.

Published in San Jose Mercury News/San Mateo County Times on Nov. 7, 2018

<http://bit.ly/2LrY5S5>

Judy Corum

Wow! This amazing daughter, sister, aunt, wife, mother, grandmother and friend passed today peacefully with her family and friends beside her.

What a home-grown, free-spirited girl she was. Contagious smile, warm heart, father and brothers away at war, skating Friday nights in Santa Rosa and joining up with friends to catch the greyhound bus ride from Windsor to San Francisco to be a dance partner for our stationed service men.

She met and soon married Richard Franklin Corum (August of 1958). Their family grew to five which included Roberta Barber (daughter), Richard "Ricky" Jr. and Vance (sons). The two managed the fifties and sixties as best they could, raising their family, and making weekends at the Russian River with friends their ultimate social experience. Judy's career as a Manufacturing Tech Support person with HP was enjoyable to her, making friends, guiding coworkers and letting many know her "No Nonsense" beliefs.

This woman who was beautiful both inside and out will be missed by all. Her personal quotes that will forever be remembered: "Stand up for yourself" and more importantly "Follow your heart".

Judy is survived by her children, Roberta Corum Barber, Richard Corum Jr., and Vance Corum; grandchildren, Jeremy Jason Hunter, Kevin Hunter Jr., Richard Corum III, Derrick Corum, Vance Corum Jr., and Johnny Corum; and great-grandchildren, Violet Corum, Wyatt Corum, Summer Marie, and Kevin Frank III.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Memorial Hospice.

Published online in the Press Democrat from Nov. 6 to Nov. 7, 2018

<http://bit.ly/2Lt9XDk>

Benjamin Nathan Shamah, 45, died early Saturday, November 3, 2018 at home surrounded by his family.

Ben was born in Hammond, Indiana on August 30, 1973 to Eliahu and Joy (Sabel) Shamah and moved to California with his family at age 6. He played water polo while at Terra Linda High School in San Rafael and at the University of California, San Diego where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1995. He then went on to Carnegie Mellon University where he earned a Master of Science in Robotics in 1998. While at Carnegie Mellon, Ben worked on several NASA-funded projects, focusing on the development of robotics technologies for planetary exploration. After school, he returned to the Bay Area to apply his robotics expertise to the field of laboratory automation, seeking to accelerate the pace of medical research. He began at Fluidigm, working with Carnegie Mellon colleagues and then moved on to Velocity11 and Agilent, where he joined still more friends and colleagues from San Diego and Carnegie Mellon. Finally, he co-founded BioNex Solutions where he led the technical side of the business and grew the company to become a leader in the high-performance laboratory automation market. Ben was always kind, even as cancer ravaged his body, making sure everyone around him had what they needed. He loved music, was always at ease in the water, and enjoyed puzzling out engineering problems and helping his colleagues learn and succeed. He met Kyomi Aoki at a Tango class in 2011 and they found that Kyomi's outgoing nature complimented Ben's quietness perfectly. Kyomi brought light and energy to their partnership and together they enjoyed traveling, dancing, and just spending quiet time together at home. Ben touched many with his quiet way and brave heart. He will be dearly missed. Ben is survived by his parents, Joy and Eli Shamah, his sister Devora, brother Gadi, two nephews, and his girlfriend and dance partner, Kyomi Aoki.

Published in Marin Independent Journal on Nov. 15, 2018

<http://bit.ly/2Ltovmp>

David Sohm, 69

It is with great sadness that we announce that David Sohm passed away early Saturday morning, November 24, 2019 at the age of 69.

David was born in Oakland, CA on March 29, 1949 to Olin and Jane Sohm and was raised in Fremont, CA. He attended Occidental College in Los Angeles, CA where he met his wife Irene. He graduated from Oxy with a Bachelor's degree in Math and while there, created its first computer based payroll and grading systems. David went on to earn a Master's degree in Computer Science at the University of Wisconsin Madison. David and Irene were married on June 12, 1972.

David had a long and successful career in the computer software and technology industry in Silicon Valley. He began as a computer scientist for Hewlett Packard in 1972, and eventually moved into the business side as a marketing manager for HP's first software business unit, where he spent foundational years mastering the technology business. In 1980, CEO Sandy Kurtzig, a technology entrepreneur, hired David to be the V.P. of Marketing at ASK. Thereafter, David built a very successful career partnering with entrepreneurs to help them build their companies. Among these were Ramco, Mediatel, Contactual, and Capsilon, where he was President and COO, and from which he recently retired.

David was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was also a lifelong learner, an explorer, a teacher, a role model, and a mentor to many. He was often the smartest but also the most humble person in the room and he approached life with great humor and acceptance of those things he could not control. It is impossible to state how much he will be missed. He is survived by his wife Irene, daughters Sarah and Jill, grandchildren Freya, Simon, Olin and Graham, siblings Barbara, Jim and Margaret and many nieces and nephews.

Published online in the Press Democrat on Dec. 2, 2018

<http://bit.ly/2Lqnt18>

Elizabeth Barbara Bo, Resident of Sunnyvale

Betty passed away peacefully at home on November 26, 2018, surrounded by loving family members. Elizabeth "Betty" was born in Jackson, Michigan on January 14, 1932, to Mikolaj (Mike) Rakowski and Mary Orzechowski, both immigrants of Poland.

When Betty was in her teens she came to California with her "adopted" family, Roscoe and Neil Sargent and their children. They settled in Sunnyvale, just down the street from where she met the love of her life, Louis Bo, who was working at the family store, Bo's Market. They were married in August of 1951. Almost a year later their first son, Steven, was born, followed by David and Elizabeth (Betty).

Betty was a stay-at-home mother during her children's grade and high school days. It wasn't until her daughter Betty left for college that she decided to get a job to get out of the house. Betty held various positions at GTC Technology, Hewlett Packard and finally the family deli, Friendly Franciscan. Sewing was an early hobby along with reading and shopping the malls. Later the QVC channel gave her much pleasure. Her husband Louis always joked that she and the UPS man were on a first-name basis from her constant deliveries! She was also a member of the Sunnyvale, CA Grandmothers' club.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Louis Bo. Betty leaves behind her loving children Steven Bo, DDS, (Beth) of Half Moon Bay, and Betty Smith (David, deceased in 2004) of Sunnyvale. Her son, David Bo (Michele) preceded her in death in 2004. The Bo family would like to thank Rowena for being a wonderful caregiver to our mom for the past year.

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Spouse of HPREC member Kathleen (Belton) Harville: July 12, 1946 - September 15, 2018.

Kathy passed suddenly of natural causes at her home in Redmond, Oregon. She spent 25 years at HP, starting in 1968 at the Palo Alto Engineering Company (PAECO) and moving through a series of jobs and organizations, primarily in the Personnel/HR function. Most of her HP years were spent in the Components Group and finally at Corporate Offices Personnel. She was a spirited, outgoing, active participant, leader and friend, known for her laugh, her smile, her direct communication style, and her empathetic approach to friends and fellow employees. Upon leaving HP, she and her family moved to the Pacific Northwest in the mid-90's, where she and her husband Rick eventually settled in Redmond, Oregon. She maintained many friendships from her HP days, sharing with them the feeling that they had "the best years" of HP.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Ed and Rich, and her son Rob. She is survived (and missed terribly) by husband Rick, stepson John, stepdaughter Sarah and grandson Bradley. Donations may be made to National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI.org).

[Information provided by her husband, Rick Harville]

Jane Stone, Jul. 1, 1924 - Nov. 15, 2018, San Carlos

Jane Danese Stone, age 94, of San Carlos CA passed away peacefully at her home. Jane was born in Chicopee Falls, MA, one of 4 children to Dewey George Stone (father, deceased), and Yvonne Rose (Paradise) Stone (mother, deceased).

Jane grew up and attended school in Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, and Groveton, New Hampshire. As a child she developed an interest in science and engineering, and worked at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Company, Hartford, CT after high school. During WWII, Jane enlisted in the women's auxiliary of the US Naval Reserve. Through stretching exercises, Jane was able to increase her height to the required minimum, and was admitted into the WAVES. She served with pride at US Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla. (NAS Jax), where her dedication and accomplishments earned her the rank of Aviation Machinist's Mate Second Class. Upon discharge Jane moved to the San Francisco Bay area where she studied engineering and music at San Francisco State University.

In 1951 she was one of the first female employees at Hewlett-Packard, and around that time she purchased her first home and settled in San Carlos. What a trailblazer! During her long career at HP she was well liked and respected by her peers and worked there until 1984 when she retired. She loved to tell stories about how both "Hewlett" and "Packard" would personally hand deliver checks on payday!

Jane was a lifelong Democrat and very liberal minded. When she wasn't working, reading, playing the piano, watching classical music performances, giving financial advice to other seniors, or volunteering at Little House (Menlo Park), she attended political events in San Carlos. Her friends would describe her as intelligent, witty and funny, loyal, independent and above all, strong. She survived cancer of the kidney in her 80's! Jane enjoyed connecting with children and animals, and nature. Jane's family is deeply grateful to Maria Madraswala, Jane's long-time personal caregiver and to Leslie Muzzolini who relieved Jane of her financial responsibilities.

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Mason A. Clark, August 13, 1921 - November 26, 2018, Los Altos

Mason passed away peacefully at age 97. Mason will be dearly missed by all who knew him. He was born in Ladysmith, Wisconsin. Mason's family moved to Park Ridge, Illinois in 1927 so his father, Lester, could find work as a carpenter in the Chicago-area building boom. Mason graduated from Maine Township High School and the associated two-year junior college. In high school he became a licensed amateur radio operator, W9JGM, which led to his interest in electronics.

While Mason was an engineering student at Maine Township Junior College, he was served a draft notice in July 1942. He joined the Navy radio school in Chicago with the third-class petty officer rank the school guaranteed. More radio training followed at Texas A&M and Corpus Christi. Mason joined Torpedo Squadron VT4 in January 1944 at Quonset Point, Rhode Island. During WWII he served as a VT4 radio and radar technician on the aircraft carriers USS Ranger, USS Bunker Hill, and USS Essex. VT4 suffered many pilot losses during the war and both the Bunker Hill and Essex were hit by kamikazes.

After WWII ended, Mason used the GI Bill to pursue graduate degrees in electrical engineering and physics at Northwestern University in Chicago. After graduation he became one of the pioneering engineers at Bell Laboratories who developed power transistors. That innovative invention kickstarted the semiconductor industry and led to the development of microprocessors and the age of digital computing. The Clark family moved West in 1957 and Mason worked for several pioneering electronics companies in Southern California and Silicon Valley, including Pacific Semiconductors, Hewlett-Packard, and Microwave Associates.

In retirement Mason enjoyed a variety of interesting physical and intellectual pursuits including playing badminton and the complex board game of Go, self-publishing books on various topics, studying and writing about economics, and exploring the fascinating history and literature of Turkey. He married Mary Deacon in Quincy, Massachusetts shortly after WWII ended in 1945. They had two sons: James born in 1948 in Park Ridge, Illinois; and Thomas born in 1958 in Torrance, California.

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HPREC Member John Weidert, 76, 1943- Dec 2018, Resident of Placerville

John was born in 1943 in Evanston, Illinois. He enlisted in the Air Force for 4 years in 1963. He was married in June 1967 to Margie Lohner. John received his degree in Mechanical Engineering from San Jose State in 1972 and an MBA from U of Santa Clara in 1976. He had a 34-year career with HP and Agilent as General Manager and Director. He was Chairman of the Board of the HP Credit Union for many years. It is now First Tech.

John is survived by wife Margie, two sons Joel (Amber) and Michael (Chery), five grandchildren: Kaitlyn, Kacie Rae, Nicholas, Emmerson Mae, and Nolan, and one brother Bill.

[Submitted by Bill Weidert, John's brother]

John was on the HPREC Board of Directors for a number of years before moving to Placerville a few years ago.

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