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HPREC President's Message *By Bernard Bruand*



Spring is back, and I know many people are looking for more sun and less rain after this winter, which luckily brought us quite some water. This will be good for the summer; we may have enough water to avoid restrictions.

Picnic:

Now is the time to think about our annual Picnic which will be held at Cuesta Park, Mountain View on Saturday, June 22.

It's a special event as we celebrate the HPREC 40-year anniversary. We have reduced the price to celebrate this milestone and hope to have many of you join us. There will be many prizes in the lucky draw and a commemorative gift for all participants.

The caterer will be with Andy's Bar-B-Que as we could not get Zuc from last year.

Nominations for the Board and Volunteers:

We need to replace some Board members retiring from the Board. Please seriously consider how you could help the Club. We depend entirely on volunteers for the Board and to drive and lead activities.

Please read the articles from Oscar on page 5. I hope you will contact us to contribute.

Spamming/ Spoofing and Identity Protection:

We are going to cover some of these topics in this and future newsletters as many members are faced with these issues every day.

I know some members have received "spoofing" emails that appeared to be from me, but used a dummy email address as the sender. Sometimes, they even ask for gift cards and the reference information, so they can cash in.

Please don't fall for these and other online security attacks.

HPREC Directory:

If you have paid your Club's membership renewal before January 31, you should have received your directory in the mail early March (unless you requested that we not send you one). Remember to properly destroy the old directory as it contains personal information on members.

Enjoy the spring and hope to see you at the Picnic.

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
Volunteer	May 9, 9:30 am – 1 pm	St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room	See Mar'19 issue
Bowl \$	May 13, 10:30 am – 12 pm	Homestead Bowl, Cupertino	Just come or see Page 15
Hike	May 14, 10 am – 2 pm	Edgewood Open Space Preserve	See Mar'19 issue
Hike	May 22, 10 am – 2 pm	Enid Pearson Arastradero Preserve Lite Hike	See Page 16
Drop-in Lunch \$	May 28, 11:30 am – 2 pm	Jake's of Saratoga	See Page 14
Avenidas event	May 22, 4 pm – 6 pm	Aging in Place - Palo Alto <i>* This is a non-Club event, but is organized by a Club member. It's only included here as members may find it useful.</i>	See Page 15
Bowl \$	Jun 10, 10:30 am – 12 pm	Homestead Bowl, Cupertino	Just come or see Page 15
Hike	Jun 11, 10 am – 2 pm	Fitzgerald Marine Preserve to Pillar Point & Back Hike	See Page 16
Volunteer	Jun 12, 1 pm – 4 pm	RAFT Volunteer & Processing Center	See Page 12
Hike	Jun 19, 10 am – 2 pm	San Jose Campus Tour Lite Hike	See Page 17
Picnic \$	Jun 22, 11 am – 3 pm	HPREC Picnic, Cuesta Park, Mtn. View	See Page 13
Drop-in Lunch \$	Jun 25, 11:30 am – 2 pm	Jake's of Saratoga	See Page 14
Bowl \$	Jul 8, 10:30 am – 12 pm	Homestead Bowl, Cupertino	Just come or see Page 15
Hike	Jul 9, 10 am – 2 pm	Fall Creek Hike	See Page 17
Volunteer	Jul 13, 10:30 am – 4 pm	Marine Science Institute	See Page 12
Hike	Jul 17, 10 am – 2 pm	San Francisquito Creek Lite Hike	See Page 18
Drop-in Lunch \$	Jul 30, 11:30 am – 2 pm	Jake's of Saratoga	See Page 14

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

 Denotes a location change since our last issue.

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Membership Report *By Oscar Lombardi, Membership Chairperson*

Hello everyone and welcome to the May 2019 edition of the HPREC Membership update. Spring is in the air, and we are looking forward to a beautiful summer!!!!!!



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

NEW members who joined our Club during February and March 2019: **Tracy Avent, Shirley Shimada, Wayne Grubbs, and David Hildebrandt.**

REJOINED: **Joanne Engelhardt, Tony Stieber, Shelia Highe, Marge Holder, and Bernadine (Pool) Pear.**

The HPREC Club Membership stands at 875. We thank all members who support and previously supported our Club.

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!

Spring Fling Report *By John McGowan*

Seventy-five HPREC members and guests gathered March 20 at Mariani's Restaurant in Santa Clara to enjoy a good meal and hear **Mike Viskovich** from Keysight Technologies (Vice President of Global Sourcing, Real Estate and Workplace Solutions). Mike provided a powerful report on Keysight's actions in response to the Sonoma County fires in 2018 that damaged the Santa Rosa site extensively. One employee lost his life, and 119 employees lost their homes. As leader of the emergency response effort, Mike learned of the fire with a 2:00 am phone call, and by 4:30 had begun assembling a response center and was mobilizing efforts to safeguard employees and the facility. With personal safety as highest priority, the leadership team worked long hours for days contacting and offering assistance to employees and their families. Only after the people had been cared for did the long task of finding new office space and refurbishing the damaged Santa Rosa campus begin.



(L-R) Judie Johnson, Betty Sox (oldest HPREC member), John Corcoran, and Chuck Sieloff.

He has a family connection to HP, Agilent and Keysight, as his wife Megan worked at HP TMO in the 1990s for Larry Potter, and his father Joe Viskovich worked for HP, including in Cupertino for Data Systems Division in the 1980s. Mike's wife, father and mother all attended the luncheon as well.

The Club thanks **Harold Kaye, Jo-Ann Butler, Paula Hoelker-williams, Nadine Melanson** (obtained guest speaker), and other volunteers for making this year's luncheon a successful gathering for the retirees.

After sharing the story of the fire and Keysight impacts and responses, Mike offered an update on Keysight's performance and financial health since separating from Agilent in 2013. CEO Ron Nersesian and his team have led the electronics industry with innovative designs to enable rollout of 5G wireless technology, automotive, software and services solutions. These solutions have helped fuel impressive profitable growth since the launch of Keysight. Total shareholder return has been very positive, outperforming some higher profile tech and social media companies along the way.

Mike joined HP after graduating from Santa Clara University in 1994 and worked in a variety of finance, marketing and sales support functions prior to joining Agilent in 1999, and then Keysight when it split in 2013.



(L-R) Oscar Lombardi, Dennis Leitnerman, and Pat Fausett.

Become a Board Member - Get Involved!

By Oscar Lombardi, Nominations Committee Chair

Dear Members, just in case you missed my call for help in our March newsletter...please seriously consider helping the long-term viability of our Club by becoming a Board member. Please read the content of this article and give due consideration to the possibility of assisting your friends, colleagues, and fellow Club members. Thank you!!!!

Our Club is totally dependent on the contribution we receive from volunteers. From the Club's Board of Directors (BOD) team, to Club members who help during our outings and functions, you can be sure that without this help, we would not be able to function as a Club.

Every year we have volunteers who, after serving on the Board for a number of years, would like to spend time on other activities in order to continue their fulfilling life after retirement.

We are looking again for great people to **join the Club's Board of Directors**. This year, we hope to fill **two vacancies**.



1. **HPREC Technical Team Chair:** Seeking someone willing to assume Tech Team Chair role. If you prefer to join the Tech Team first to see where you can contribute, this is an option. Don't let the Chair request stop you from inquiring or volunteering for the Tech Team. We can find a way to use your talents and interests. [See below](#) for a summary of Chair responsibilities.
2. **Club Volunteer Recognition:** Spotlight the wonderful volunteers who keep our Club functioning for the membership, ensuring our Club's future and continued service to the members. Responsibilities would include:
 - ✓ Highlighting volunteers in newsletter issues.
 - ✓ Ensuring volunteer names appear in our annual Member Directory.

The Board members' activities and duties are pretty straight-forward. The Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month (except July) at HP's Palo Alto headquarters at noon for about 90 minutes. A typical agenda includes reviewing the finances, committee reports, upcoming events, condolences and other Club business. In addition to the monthly Board meetings, Board members are usually on a committee. The committees typically meet once a month, but this can be less frequent, depending on the particular committee. Board members may also participate in planning some of the events like the Spring Fling (March), Summer Picnic (May/June) and Holiday Luncheon (December).

Please do not assume that someone else will step forward; it is time to help ensure that our Club will function for years to come. You may be looking for ways to share your talents and leadership experience, or perhaps you just want to help HPREC by bringing valuable skills to the membership. You will not only be able to reconnect with friends, but also become involved with making sure our Club stays strong and relevant. HP, Agilent and Keysight look at retirees in the Bay Area as an excellent resource, and we continue to enjoy a special relationship with them.

It's a very exciting time as we continue to evolve the Bay Area Retiree Club to better serve the multiple generations of retirees that are now part of the membership. If your talents in administrative, planning, IT, marketing, and communication skills or are just interested in helping, we can find a place to utilize your interests. Terms are for three years.

If you have any questions or have an interest, please contact me at ba.nominations@hpretirees.org.

Our position of HPREC Tech Team Chair includes:

1. Provides oversight of technical activities for the Club, each aptly managed by current Tech Team members: Membership program/database, Website, PC support and Email system member communications; facilitates Tech Team monthly meetings (none in July and December).
2. Participates in monthly Board of Directors meetings and presents brief Tech Team update.
3. As desired, participates in one or more of the technical activities listed in #1.

LATEST - Updated info since last newsletter.

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

HOT NEWS (on Club's website home page)

- Attend the **Sat, June 22 Picnic** and help the Club celebrate our **40th anniversary** this year. Every attendee will receive a commemorative gift! We are rolling back pricing to 1980 - **\$15 if sign up by June 12** or \$20 after with call to co-chair.

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

This website is still in the process of shutting down. For the time being, you may still be able to purchase discounted tickets to some events. Once on website, click on "**Bay Area Employee Programs eNews**" link under News Highlights banner to find online offerings. Password access info in Password section of this article.

Discounted tickets available online only:

- **SAP Center:** Check this website occasionally for what tickets are available at a discount: (*Sharks, SJ Barracuda, SAP Center events*)
URL: www.sjsharks.com/hp
Promo Code: **HP**
- **SHM Golden Gate** URL: www.shnsf.com/online/article/corpleub and enter code **"HP"** on the ticket order page.
- *Anastasia – Sep 3-29*
- **Great America, California Academy of Sciences, Children's Discovery Museum, Monterey Bay Aquarium, Seascape Resort, LegoLand, Universal Studios Hollywood** (*click on **Discount Tickets** in left navigation bar*)

Note: *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.

hp-inc.passportcorporate.com/Info/One/

Alternate URL for HPI retirees.

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

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 are:

- 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.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, stock prices/splits -- and decoding Annual Enrollment each year. www.hpalumni.org/goBenefits

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	passportunlimited.com/		
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).

Curator Note – First published in the **HPMemoryProject.org** website, March, 2017

Many interesting HP stories develop from readers of this website. Barry Fowler contacted us to thank us for preserving the memories. He sent along a past recollection that reflected on the humanity of Bill and Flora Hewlett. We had heard internal stories over the years that the Hewlett Packard Medical Benefit plan got established because of certain medical disasters which promised to devastate an employee's life financially. My original assumption was that **Joe Navarro**, the father in this story, was an HP employee in 1951. But his text shows he hired on in 1968. So, this means that Bill Hewlett's generous and anonymous payment of the large medical bill had only their family pediatrician in common. Bill's experience could well have convinced him that comprehensive medical plans were crucial for employee financial protection.

We were able to contact John and Joe for permission to republish their story, which appeared on an HP website in remembrance of Bill Hewlett, shortly after his passing in 2001. We are pleased to repeat the story, herewith. John's sister Rosemary reports that her father just died this March 12th at the age of 95.

On 3/12/2017 10:01 pm **Barry Fowler** wrote:

My name is **Barry Fowler**. My history with HP started in 1977. I first worked for Computer Service Division in Sunnyvale, then DSD in Cupertino (Production Engineer on the 1000 M and E systems), then transferred to HP Roseville. I also bounced off HP Ft. Collins for a couple of years. I worked in various engineering roles in Roseville, ending with the Failure Analysis lab there.

I really appreciate the HPMemoryProject website. I got to know many of the HP computer and test products working in my various positions at Hewlett-Packard. I haven't had the time to go through the entire website, but I very much like what I have read. HP's founders were very remarkable people at all levels, starting with Bill and Dave. The website brings back those days to me.

I retired from HP in 2012 after a 35-year career with HP. It was a great company.

Here's a story about Bill Hewlett that I saved from quite some time ago. It was published on a HP website in remembrance of Bill Hewlett, shortly after his passing. John Navarro himself posted the story. That HP internal website allowed people to comment about Bill Hewlett. This story will forever be in my mind, an example of the concern Bill and Dave had for their employees and their families.

Barry Fowler

Newcastle, California

(Continued...)

HP Memory Project Update *(Continued)*

The Story of Premature Baby John Navarro and Bill Hewlett

By Gnesa and John Navarro

My older brother Dan was born July 8, 1950. Then, two and a half months later my mother found out she was pregnant with me. I was born at the old Stanford Hospital on March 31, 1951. I was three months premature and weighed 1 pound 14 ounces. In 1951, doctors didn't have the technology and knowledge they do today; extremely premature babies didn't have much chance of living. The doctors did not expect me to live—and if by some chance I did—they thought I would probably have many health problems.

Since they did not expect me to live, Dr. Cutter, my pediatrician, approached my parents and asked if they could experiment with me to help understand why premature babies either developed eye problems or crippling leg defects. They had found that previous premature babies, who were in an incubator receiving 100 percent pure oxygen and not exposed to the outside elements, developed problems with either their eyes or legs. They decided to give me less oxygen to see if that made any difference.

At that time, I was the smallest baby born at Stanford Hospital. I had to be fed with an eyedropper and they used handkerchiefs as diapers. The doctors experimented with the oxygen levels and I continued to get stronger and gain weight. They were surprised that the effects of my premature birth were minimal. I did not develop problems with my legs or eyes.

After about six months, I had gained more than five pounds, and my parents were finally able to take me home. When my father went to make arrangements to pay the hospital bill, my parents were told that they didn't need to worry because all of the medical bills had been paid for by a person who wished to remain anonymous. This was such a relief for my parents who had worried how they would ever be able to pay for the treatment I had received. My father wanted to know who had been so generous, but the hospital could not disclose this information.

I arrived at home still a small, fragile baby. Back in those days, doctors still made house calls. The doctor would occasionally knock at our front door asking for a cup of coffee while on his way to see other patients. After his cup of coffee, he would tell my mother, "Since I'm here, let me check out the kids," and would give us an examination. One day, when I was 11 years old, he made one of his usual visits to our house. Since he was quitting his practice, he was going to tell my father who had paid the medical bills - It was Bill and Flora Hewlett.

It turns out that Dr. Cutter was also Bill and Flora's pediatrician for their children. It was through him that Bill and Flora had heard about the tiny baby in the nursery fighting for life. This meant a lot to my parents. My father is a very proud man, and he always wanted to repay the Hewletts for their kindness and generosity.

In 1968, my father Joe Navarro started working at Hewlett-Packard. While he was working there in 1972, he helped me get an interview at HP, and I was hired. My father was a loyal HP employee and always gave it everything he could. He retired in 1985 after 15-plus years of service. After I started working at Hewlett-Packard, I thought maybe I should thank Bill myself. I called Bill Hewlett's office and thanked him personally for all he had done for my family and me. Bill remembered the tiny baby in the hospital and was very happy to know that his generosity 21 years prior had made such a difference.

After 28 years of service, I left HP to join Agilent, but I still have very deep roots to HP.

Gnesa and John Navarro
Sunnyvale, CA



YE OLD CLUB NEWS

Compiled by Pat Capshaw, Board member

Below is an article from the June 1989 HPREC newsletter, giving recognition to **Bob Kalsey** for computerizing the HPREC database.

The main reason we are able to keep our membership roster accurate and up-to-date – the new members we listed are those who retired in May and June – is, in a nutshell, **Bob Kalsey**. He designed the programs that established our membership data and has continuously refined and improved the database so that we can keep track of hire date, division, retire date, address and last, but not least, spouse's name for all our members.

Fortunately for us, Bob is one of those who are completely enchanted with computers. For many of us who managed to do our jobs for years without the help of computers, the initial introduction to them was painful to say the least. Looking back, some of our early experiences were so bizarre and frustrating that it's a wonder we survived and came to appreciate how much they could do for us under the right conditions. But Bob was one of those who right from the start saw the potential, and realized the benefits to an organization like HPREC of computerizing the records, and happily undertook the job. **Oscar Bettendorf** has now taken over the membership chairmanship and is reaping the benefits of Bob's pioneering efforts.

Now that doesn't mean that Bob is out of a job. On the contrary, as Treasurer, he is one of the officers of HPREC and still has lots of scope to exercise his fascination with computers. When you all fill out your little slips to attend some event and send your checks, Bob is the one who goes to the post office and picks them up, enters the information into the database, prints out a list for Fred Andersen, makes sure you have a

non-responsibility declaration on file and deposits the money.

He keeps track of the money coming in and going out for the various events as part of the overall balance because he is also in charge of the membership dues – he sends you the notice reminding you to renew your membership. Needless to say, all the financial documents are on computer, and Bob interfaces with HP's financial and legal departments in matters pertaining to taxes and incorporation. An organization with over 600 members can no longer operate on an informal, folksy basis.

Not surprisingly, Bob is HPREC's contact for the Employee Purchase Program for computers and peripherals, and is up on all the latest stuff. He and his wife are most faithful and enthusiastic participants in almost all the HPREC affairs – and have pictures to prove it! And last, but not least, you wouldn't be receiving this mailing were it not for Bob's program that prints out your names and addresses on labels. So, if you suspect that you haven't received your stuff, you know who to blame. And the likelihood of that happening is just about nil – Bob's thoroughness and attention to detail are unmatched and we all owe him a great big vote of thanks for all his efforts on our behalf, and not least for his unfailing good humor and enthusiasm. Nothing is too big or too small to merit his attention. Thank you, Bob, for all your hard work, contributions and dedication to HPREC.

Mary Elledge, Editor of HPREC News

Identity Theft – Beware and Be SAFE! *Provided by Carol Nakamoto and John McGowan*

With security breaches that have occurred in recent years, we should all assume that our information will be compromised. Sadly, your best and only real defense against ID theft is to monitor your information regularly to catch problems early.



- ☐ Check your credit reports (all 3) at least once a year at www.annualcreditreport.com.
- ☐ Keep watch over your financial accounts and carefully monitor the activity of each of your credit cards.
- ☐ You might also want to consider using one of the credit watch services, but even those are not foolproof.
- ☐ **Never** give out personal information of any kind over the phone, no matter who they claim to be. Only give information to people on the phone or internet if you initiated the contact or are sure of who they are.
- ☐ The IRS will never initiate contact with you by phone, text, or by email -- they will mail you a letter.
- ☐ Any telephone call you get (live or robotic) threatening you with jail or fines or arrest is going to be a scam. Don't engage, just hang up. Same is pretty much true for any recorded call you receive on a landline.

Here are some additional suggestions for ways to protect yourself from identity theft:

- ☐ Cross-shred documents that contain sensitive information. Most ID theft is taken from trash cans. If you do not have a shredder, put items in a box or plastic bag and take to a shredding service.
- ☐ Don't carry your Social Security card in your purse or wallet. Don't give out your SSN just because it is asked for. Question why it is necessary.
- ☐ Carry as few credit cards and as little personal information as possible. Keep a list of what you do carry or make photocopies to keep in a safe place, so if it is lost, you can quickly contact each agency.
- ☐ Keep a list of all your account numbers and contact information in a safe place.
- ☐ Mind your outgoing and incoming mail and secure your personal information at home. Consider having a locked mail box.
- ☐ Set up strong user names and passwords and use different ones for different accounts. Change them regularly and write them down immediately on a password list (and keep that list filed somewhere).
- ☐ Do not click on links in emails. Only open attachments if you are sure of the sender *and* sure that they intended to send the attachment to you. Your friends and family may have been hacked, and a bad attachment sent to all their contacts.
- ☐ Don't share personal information on social media. Cybercriminals gather information over time.
- ☐ Protect your computer. Use up-to-date security software (antivirus, malware protection and firewalls). Make equally sure you use lock code/password on a smartphone or tablet.
- ☐ Seek assistance from a trusted family member if you need help with any of these tasks. It's important and may save you lots of time dealing with potential future problems.



If your identity has been stolen, you should immediately do the following:

- ☐ Visit www.identitytheft.gov to report it and get a recovery plan.
- ☐ Close or freeze any financial accounts opened or compromised.
- ☐ File a report with law enforcement.
- ☐ Place a "Fraud Alert" with the three credit bureaus.
- ☐ Review your Social Security earnings statement through www.ssa.gov.
- ☐ Complete IRS Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit.
- ☐ Complete the California Form 3552, Identity Theft Affidavit.



For any questions on this information, please contact your personal tax preparer, a trusted family member, or an agency specializing in this service.

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-toe shoes are recommended. Work is generally clean and low-impact.

Date & Time: **Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 1 - 4 pm**

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

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

RSVP: **hp.agilent.volunteers@hotmail.com** or call **John McCabe** at 650-328-3472
by June 6, 2019.

Marine Science Institute



The Marine Science Institute (MSI) puts students in direct physical contact with their local bay environment to help cultivate their natural sense of curiosity while enriching their understanding of science and fostering a responsibility to protect their environment.

We help judge poetry and drawings submitted to the Institute by this year's student attendees for inclusion in MSI's annual fund-raising publication, "Translating the Tides." Believe me, no great art appreciation skills are needed for this. The work will be done sitting at a table. Please bring a lunch for an afternoon picnic. At 1 pm, we will go aboard their research ship, the Robert G. Brownlee, and enjoy a complimentary trip on the San Francisco Bay.

Date & Time: **Saturday, July 13, 2019, 10:30 am - 4 pm**

Place: Marine Science Institute, 500 Discovery Pkwy., Redwood City, CA 94063

RSVP: **hp.agilent.volunteers@hotmail.com** or call **John McCabe** at 650-328-3472
by July 6, 2019.

More information: <https://www.sfbaymsi.org/>



Cuesta Park

615 Cuesta Drive near Grant Rd
Mountain View, CA

If parking lot on Cuesta/Grant
is full, park on side streets
nearby; look for HP blue &
white balloons for picnic area.

Saturday, June 22, 2019

11 am - 3 pm (adults only)

By June 12: \$15/person

**after June 12: \$20 &
contact a co-chair**

Raffle at 12:45, Bingo at 1:15

Andy's Bar-B-Que

Brisket/BabyBackRibs/Chicken/
Sausages or Vegetarian Lasagna,
plus BBQ Beans, Potato Salad,
Mixed Green Salad, Cole Slaw,
Garlic Bread, Cookies,
Sodas, Water, Beer & Wine

Bring guests to help celebrate the Club's 40th anniversary. All attendees receive a 40th commemorative gift!

For more information, questions or late reservations after June 12 @ \$20 per person, contact one of the
Picnic Co-chairs between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday – Friday. Exceptions for emergencies only, please.

Co-chairs: Jo-Ann Butler ba.picnic@hpretirees.org or 415-648-6652

John McGowan ba.picnic@hpretirees.org or 408-893-7949



Sign up & pay online at www.hpretirees.org/hprec –or– complete the form below.

EVENT: HPREC Picnic 2019

_____ person(s) @ \$15 by Jun 12 / \$20 after Jun 12 = \$_____ Total
(PLEASE WRITE ONE CHECK PER EVENT)

PLEASE PRINT NAMES:

Member Name _____ Phone () _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone () _____ Member

Choice of entrée: _____ Brisket/Baby Back Ribs/Chicken/Sausages _____ Vegetarian Lasagna

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: _____ Brisket/Baby Back Ribs/Chicken/Sausages _____ Vegetarian Lasagna

Guest Name 2 _____ Phone () _____

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

Emergency Contact _____ Phone () _____ Guest 2

Choice of entrée: _____ Brisket/Baby Back Ribs/Chicken/Sausages _____ Vegetarian Lasagna

Guest Name 3 _____ Phone () _____

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

Emergency Contact _____ Phone () _____ Guest 3

Choice of entrée: _____ Brisket/Baby Back Ribs/Chicken/Sausages _____ Vegetarian Lasagna

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

____Beer ____Wine ____Coke ____Diet Coke ____Pepsi ____Diet Pepsi ____Iced Tea

Picnic Volunteers Needed

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

Yes, I want to help with: ____ Set-up ____ Serving ____ Cookies/Drinks ____ Clean-up



Email Address: _____ (Please Print)

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

Your reservation will be considered confirmed once your sign-up/reservation form and payment have been processed.

Travel Preview

The Travel Committee is working on trips to the following local venues:

Second Half 2019:

- September – A day at the Oakland Zoo
- Oct. 11 – Fleet Week, lunch on the Hornblower

Early 2020:

- Whale Watch/Elkhorn Slough
- Canine Companions
- Marine Science Institute
- Marin Country Civic Center (Frank Lloyd Wright)
- Valley Water Treatment Plant (drive yourself)



Drop-in Lunch

Return to Jake's

Join other HPREC members for the monthly drop-in lunch at **Jake's of Saratoga**, 12175 Saratoga Sunnyvale Rd., Saratoga on **Tuesday, May 28, 2019** at 11:30 am. Anyone is welcome at this no-host lunch.



Future Dates

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

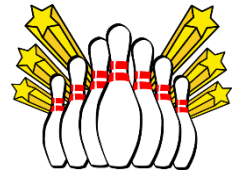
No reservations needed.

Directions to Jake's: Take Highway 280 to De Anza Boulevard; turn south toward Stevens Creek Boulevard; pass Prospect Road (at Prospect Road, De Anza Boulevard becomes Saratoga Sunnyvale Road); turn right onto Oak Creek Lane to enter parking lot at 12175 Saratoga Sunnyvale Rd., Saratoga.

Bowling for Fun! *By Bernard Bruand*

Come join us at Homestead Bowl at 20990 Homestead Rd., 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 **May 13, Jun 10, and Jul 8** 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.



Learn About “Aging in Place” *By Chuck Sieloff*

Let's face it: we are all getting older, and as we grow older, many of us will face a decision about whether to remain in our homes or to move into a retirement community. In fact, there is a little-known, but growing national movement of so-called “villages”, in which local members form a “virtual” community, joining forces to help people remain in their homes by providing personalized assistance, support services, and a wide variety of social amenities designed to make independent living easier, safer and more enjoyable.



Since 2002, the village movement has grown to over 200 communities across the country, including Palo Alto's own Avenidas Village, which was founded in 2007 as the first one on the West Coast. It enjoys the unique advantage of being affiliated with a well-established local non-profit agency (Avenidas) that has been providing more general services for older adults since 1969.

If you are living in your own home in the mid-peninsula and would like to learn more about the ways in which an organization like Avenidas Village can help support your chosen lifestyle, then we would like to invite you to visit us at our newly renovated facility at **450 Bryant Street in downtown Palo Alto on Wednesday, May 22 from 4 pm – 6 pm**. This event is set up for the HPREC community and will include a tour of the beautiful new facility, an overview of the services offered by Avenidas Village, and a wine and cheese reception where you can chat informally with Village members and staff.

To help us prepare for this event, please RSVP to Chuck Sieloff (chuck.sieloff@gmail.com), who, in addition to being an HP Retiree and HPREC member, is also the Co-chair of the Avenidas Village Advisory Council.

**This event is organized by a Club member, is communicated by HPREC as this may be useful to members; however, this doesn't mean it is endorsed or promoted by the Club.*

Hikes in May, June and July 2019 *By Jim Holl*



Enid Pearson Arastradero Preserve Lite Hike

	Wed, May 22, 10 am
	No rainout. We go rain or shine unless it is pouring.
	Free
	Gary Ruppel H: 650-494-0530 Cell: 650-888-2144
	About 2 miles.
	Easy
	Not much at all.
	On leash.
	No
	At Arastradero Preserve headquarters.
	Water, hat, sunscreen, snack if desired.

Meet at the Preserve parking lot*

Arastradero Preserve was established in the 1970's. The City of Palo Alto purchased the property from Arastra Ltd for \$7.5M and, in 1981, the property was designated as parkland. In 2004, it was renamed the Enid-Pearson Arastradero Preserve to honor the former city council member and environmentalist.

The Preserve is 533 acres and has numerous hiking, biking and equestrian trails within its confines. One can also access Palo Alto's Foothills Park via one of the trails. Arastradero Lake, which we will visit, is a mere 20-minute walk from the Preserve headquarters.

Fitzgerald Marine Preserve to Pillar Point & Back Hike

	Tues, Jun 11, 10 am
	Tues, Jun 18, 10 am
	Free
	John McCabe 650-328-3472
	5 miles
	Moderate
	About 50 feet of elevation gain.
	No
	No
	At Fitzgerald Marine Preserve and Pillar Point
	Warm clothing, water, lunch and \$4 each to reimburse carpool drivers.


Meet at the Usual Carpool Location * or, if you drive directly to the Fitzgerald Marine Preserve, take I-280 northbound, use the 2nd from the right lane to take exit 33 for State Route 92 West toward Half Moon Bay. When CA 92 ends, turn right onto CA-1 N/Cabrillo Hwy N, drive 6.2 miles and turn left onto California Ave. When California Ave. ends, go right on Lake Street and into the Fitzgerald Marine Preserve parking area.

This hike is from the Fitzgerald Marine Preserve, Moss Beach to the Pillar Point Harbor jetty and back. Last taken in 2017, the hike has been described as lovely, cool, fun and pleasant. This is a bluff-top route past the Moss Beach Distillery to the area where the Mavericks surf contest is held. The bluff is climbed twice. The rest of the hike is fairly level. None of the hike is on sand, but we expect to see resting harbor seals on the beaches.

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Hikes in May, June and July 2019 *(Continued...)*












San Jose State University Campus Tour Lite Hike

	Wed, Jun 19, 10 am
	No rainout date. We go rain or shine unless it is pouring.
	Free
	Gary Ruppel 650-888-2144
	About 2 miles.
	Easy – Flat as a pancake.
	0 feet
	Service dogs only.
	Yes
	Yes. At the start and at the middle.
	Water, sunscreen. Lunch can be obtained at the Student Union Cafeteria or downtown if desired.

Meet at the North Parking Garage at the corner of 9th Street and E San Fernando St. at 10 am. Park on the third floor and get a parking pass for two to two-and-one-half hours at the kiosk(s). Payment (nominal) is by CC or ATM. Meet others at the Student Services Center at the garage.

- From Hwy 101, take the Oakland Rd exit toward 13th St. Turn right onto Oakland Rd. Turn right onto Hedding St. Turn left onto N 10th St. Turn right onto E San Fernando St.
- From Hwy 280, take the 10th St. exit toward 11th St. Use the left two lanes to turn left onto S 11th St. Turn left onto E San Fernando.
- Founded in 1857 as the Minn's Normal School in San Francisco, SJSU moved to San Jose in 1870 into a single wooden building. The Normal School changed its name twice, once to San Jose State Teachers College in 1934. In 1972, SJSU became part of the California State University system. SJSU is the oldest public Institution on the West Coast.
- Go Spartans!

Fall Creek Hike

	Tues, Jul 9, 10 am
	Tues, Jul 16, 10 am
	Free
	Jim Holl 408-528-5846 (cell)
	5.2 miles
	Moderate
	About 500 feet of elevation gain.
	No
	No
	At nearby Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park before the hike.
	Water, lunch, a light walking stick, and \$3 to reimburse the drivers.

- **Meet at the Usual Carpool Location** * or, if you drive there directly, take Hwy 17 South from Los Gatos to Mt. Hermon Road (exit 3) West (turn right toward Felton) for 3.5 miles to Graham Hill Road (where road ends), right for 0.2 miles to the next stop light (Highway 9). Turn left on Highway 9 and go through downtown Felton for 0.7 miles to the entrance of Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park. Turn left into the park and proceed to the Park Entrance Station. The entrance fee is \$10 per vehicle (\$9 if 62 years old or bring your Annual Pass if you have one). We will have about 20 minutes to visit the restrooms, gift shop and Roaring Camp railroad. Next, we will move the cars to the trailhead on Felton Empire Road.
- Fall Creek (a unit of Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park) is in Felton. Note that this hike is well suited to hot July weather. The trails are completely shaded and the locals claim that the creek runs all the time. Fall Creek features the former site of lime kilns and a barrel mill and is second-growth mixed evergreen forest. Most of the hike will be along creeks with minimal elevation gain.

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Hikes in May, June and July 2019 *(Continued...)*

Lite Hike along San Francisquito Creek

	Wed, Jul 17, 10 am
	It's illegal to rain in July.
	Free
	Chuck Sieloff 650-888-3410
	About 2.5 miles
	Easy – Flat as a pancake.
	0 feet
	Dogs on leash OK.
	No. (Wood chip paths)
	Yes. At the start.
	Water, sunscreen.

Meet at the Allied Arts parking lot in Menlo Park. Allied Arts address is 75 Arbor Road. Where Cambridge Avenue dead-ends at Arbor Road, you will see the entrance to the parking lot directly in front of you. Meet near the entrance to the parking lot.

- Get on El Camino Real headed toward the Stanford Shopping Center. Cambridge Ave. is the first traffic light north of where Sand Hill Road or Alma Street both end at El Camino. Follow Cambridge until it dead-ends at the Allied Arts parking lot.
- This is a conveniently located, but little known, walking path that follows San Francisquito Creek as it winds behind the Vi Retirement Community, the Stanford West housing units, and the Oak Creek Apartment complex. Much of the path will be shaded. A surprise monument will be revealed near the end of the walk.



* **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

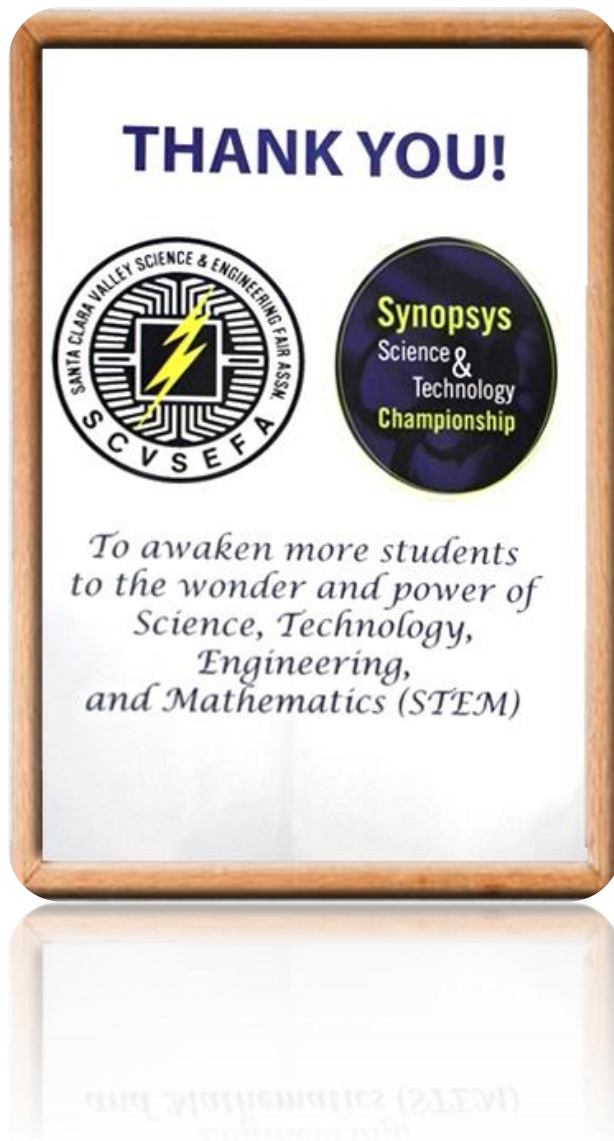
hp.agilent.volunteers@hotmail.com

Santa Clara Science Fair *By John McCabe*

If you ever want to restore your faith in the next generation, you should go to, or better yet, volunteer at a science fair. 2019 was the 60th year for the Santa Clara Science Fair, aka the Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair, aka the Synopsys Science & Technology Championship. Whatever you call it, it is a major operation. This year we had 1,152 students from 106 schools show 859 projects. There were 456 middle school students and 696 high school students. Over 40% of the students presenting projects had participated in a previous year. For a few of the students, it was their seventh year presenting projects at the Santa Clara Science Fair. About 51% of the students were female. The projects were judged by 510 judges. It takes a whole host of volunteers to make this happen successfully. A number of the volunteers were HPREC members.

The Santa Clara Science Fair is renowned for presenting some of the best projects in the country. They routinely win prizes at the state and national level. A total of 136 students from the Synopsys Championship qualified to compete at the California State Science and Engineering Fair (CSEF) in late April. Fourteen of these students will be awarded expense-paid trips to CSEF. The projects are on topics that will definitely make this world a better place. I went around and looked at the students' projects. I could barely understand the titles of many of the projects, let alone fully understand them.

Thanks to all our members who came out to volunteer for this wonderful event.



Hiking News *Compiled by Gary Ruppel*

Coyote Hills Regional Park, Fremont *By Jim Holl (Leader) with photos by Steve Mar*

As forecast, the weather was sunny, cool, windy and free of rain for our trip to the Coyote Hills. From the visitor center, we began by walking across the main marsh on the Chochenyo Trail. The usual large number of birds (ducks, egrets, gulls, and a bird of prey) was present around the marsh. A pleasant surprise was the Lizard Rock Trail which has been nicely upgraded with new gravel. The Bayview Trail brought us close to Alameda Creek and the start of the hills.



(L – R): Steve Mar, Dee Baily, Rhonda Rosner, Artie Schleifer, Jim Holl, Dale & Maria McAtee, David Karwowski, Sara Roos, Kay Mar, and Klaus Model.

Eleven hikers tested themselves as we used the Red Hill Trail to climb about 300 feet over three large hills. The strong winds added to the challenge. We followed the Soaproot Trail and the Quail Trail to reach the Dairy Glen picnic area where we enjoyed a wind-free lunch. The photo was taken at the Dairy Glen. We used the Bayview Trail to return to the visitor center and complete our 3.5-mile hike.

The wildlife seen during each visit varies widely. Just four days earlier, a rabbit and three house cats had been seen during a pre-hike by our leader and his wife. During a visit in 2017, this group had to skirt a large group of wild turkeys in the middle of the Red Hill Trail.

Palo Alto's Professorville Lite Hike *By John McCabe (Leader)*

In March, 10 HPREC hikers braved some on and off light rain to stroll around the Crescent Park in Palo Alto. The Crescent Park is one of the older sections of Palo Alto. A few of the older homes we walked by were built at the same time frame as those in the Professorville area, right between 1900 and



(L – R): David Karwowski, Fred Kohler, Eileen Ruppel, Kuo-Jung Chang, Pat Wilcox, Carol Arnett, Barbara Beebe, Pat Musachia, and Gary Ruppel.

1906. The 94301 Zip Code, which includes the Crescent Park portion of Palo Alto, as well as Palo Alto's Professorville, is said to have the priciest homes in the nation. Although it is bordered by bustling University Avenue, the Crescent Park area, with its mature trees and variety of architectural styles, has a small-town feel. We walked by some very nice homes with some very nice gardens.

The most prominent house we walked around was the John Adams Squire House. It was built on University Avenue in 1904-1905 for John Adam Squire, a lecturer in Classics.

We also walked around the estate of Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg. Priscilla is a pediatrician; Mark is the co-founder and CEO of Facebook. Together they run the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative. Its aim is to "advance human potential and promote equality in areas such as health, education, scientific research and energy."

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Hiking News *(Continued...)*

SF Stairways of Corona Heights, Twin Peaks Foothills and Upper Haight

By Jim Holl (Leader) with photos by Steve Mar

Ten hikers gathered at San Francisco's Randall Museum on a sunny and increasingly windy spring day. The 3-mile route taken was derived from three hikes in Stairway Walks in San Francisco. The route included most of the 'Upper Market' walk and some portions of the 'Twin Peak Foothills' and 'Upper Haight' walks. The route was kept short as our elevation changes amounted to 850 feet.



The hike features pretty stairways such as the Vulcan, Saturn and Pemberton stairs. The best views were from the Tank Hill Open Space and the Randall Museum. The group picture was taken at the Mt. Olympus monument.



(L – R): Artie Schleifer, John McCabe, Michele Olston, David Karwowski, Kuo-Jung Chang, Jim Holl, Janet Holl, Gary Ruppel, Kay Mar, and Steve Mar.

From the Randall Museum, the group followed Museum Way to Roosevelt, turned left on Roosevelt to Levant, descended Levant and turned left to descend the Vulcan Stairs. We then turned right on Ord to the Saturn Stairs, climbed the stairs and then continued onto Saturn to Temple, turned left on Temple and crossed 17th, turned right to the first street, which is Mars, turned left to Corbett, turned right to Clayton and viewed the neighborhood garden. We crossed Clayton and climbed the Pemberton Stairs which cross two streets, turned right on Crown, crossed Twin Peaks Boulevard and climbed the stairs to Tank Hill.

We retraced our steps to Twin Peaks Boulevard and turned left to Clayton, crossed both Clayton and 17th, turned right and climbed the Monument Stairs to Upper Terrace, turned left to the Olympus Monument and used the stairs next to 480 Upper Terrace to descend to the lower part of Upper Terrace, turned left and continued to Buena Vista Park, climbed the wide service road to the grassy knoll and

descended to Upper Terrace, continued to Masonic, turned left to Masonic, turned left to Roosevelt, crossed Roosevelt to Museum, and followed Museum to our starting point.

Bair Island Lite Hike By Barbara Beebe (Leader) with photo by Steve Mar

On a gorgeous spring day, 16 hikers made their way to Redwood City to explore a portion of Bair Island. Most had never been there so were eager to check out this area billed as "A breath of fresh air amid the urban jungle."



Opened in late 2015, Bair Island is actually three islands (inner, middle and outer) of mudflats and salt marsh vegetation, and a hot spot for birds and marine wildlife, although we saw few of either. Once used for cattle ranching, farming and salt production, levees were built to prevent the flow of tidal waters around the island. In 1997, work began to restore the island to its natural state. In 2015, the final levee was breached, and waters of the Bay came back to re-shape the land over time. We hiked the inner island on trails built between 2013 and 2015. Owned by the State of California, the area is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as part of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

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Hiking News *(Continued...)*

You may reach Bair Island going either direction on US101. Take exit 409 East at Whipple Road, then keep right and follow the frontage road (East Bayshore Road) into the roundabout, where you will then head east on Bair Island Road. Look for the Bair Island Parking sign on the right just before the Villas apartments and the marina, about 1 mile after exiting 101. You will find restrooms and a very good map there.



(L – R): Steve Mar, Maria & Dale McAtee, Ann & Larry Byler, Barbara Beebe, Eileen & Gary Ruppel, Carol Arnett, Kay Mar, Robin Holbrook, Dee Baily, Karen Sandbank, John McCabe, Janis Andrews, and Marcia Adams.

A Wonderful Lesson in History....HAMILTON! *By Pat Fausett*

What a fabulous way to hear and see our American history! Twenty members of our HPREC Club were lucky enough to “score” a ticket to the musical “Hamilton” on April 9. As a group, we were allowed to purchase only 20 tickets, which we did as soon as possible...and the tickets sold out within minutes...in August of 2018. Yep...we bought those tickets almost eight months before attending the actual production...and it was worth the wait.

Our tickets, at group rate, were around \$100 each, and those tickets were going for hundreds of dollars just before the performance. The beauty of group-sales and good planning.

Well...the show was AWESOME! At first, some of us were



dismayed that we were in the balcony section...the five flights of stairs were a bit challenging for a few of us...but we did it. In fact, our seats were smack-dab in the middle of the first two rows of the balcony...fabulous seats. We had a total view of the stage and could see everything that was going on. One member said she had seen this show when seated in the mezzanine...and she felt these balcony seats were far better. So, the evening was a bargain for us.

For those of you who have not seen this Broadway hit, it really is a must. The lead actors have incredible voices and how they remember (and can spit out) all that dialogue is amazing. The support staff of dancers and rappers was outstanding...a true testament to why Hamilton has had such great reviews and attendance for over two years. This really was a complete history package and told in such a unique manner. Lin-Manuel Miranda is, indeed, a talented writer and musician...and the cast that made his words come to life needs to be congratulated. What a wonderful evening!

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.

Eric Carlos Brown, Resident of Santa Clara

Eric closed his eyes for the last time Sunday, February 17, 2019, at O'Connor hospital surrounded by his wife Fran, daughters Necia Gomez and Ragina Dasilva, and sister-in-law Corina Lanfranco.

Eric is survived by above- mentioned daughters, wife, and sister-in-law, and his brother Oliver Glover, his son David Amelia, sons-in-law Jose Gomez and Pete Suarez, grandsons Jacob Amelia, David Amelia Jr. and Alexander Suarez, granddaughters Miranda Dasilva, Gianna Dasilva, Venessa Suarez, and Isabella Gomez, his nephew Joseph Lanfranco and numerous cousins.

Eric was born and raised in San Francisco, California, attended College of Notre Dame Belmont, he was employed by Hewlett-Packard for 15 years, a 10-year employee of Intel Corp. and a member of the Meat Cutters Union having worked at Safeway and Lucky stores. Eric will be remembered for his smile, sense of humor and his willingness to always help family.

He will also be remembered for his love of dancing to R&B music and Mexican music with Aunt Alice and Aunt Josie. He was an avid fan of SF Giants, SF 49ers, Golden State Warriors, and SJ Sharks. He also loved family weekend bowling with all his family, especially the grandchildren.

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<http://bit.ly/EricCarlosBrown>



Michael J. Giron

The Giron Family would like to inform family and friends of the passing of their beloved son Michael J. Giron. Mike fought gallantly, with dignity and courage over this past year battling stage 4 liver and pancreatic cancer. He never lost sight of his commitment to his faith, his family and his friends. It is with a heavy heart that he will be greatly missed by all those who knew Big Mike.

After suffering a life-changing spinal cord injury in 1976, Mike went on to live a full life, graduating in 1981 from the University of California Berkeley-sponsored computer-training program created to assist individuals with disabilities. He then went on to work for Hewlett-Packard, Varian Associates and as a contract programmer for IBM.

Michael will always be remembered for his leadership and stellar performance for the Burlingame High School football team. For that, Burlingame High Alumni honored Michael in 1997 by inducting him into the BHS Sports Hall of Fame.

Mike's zest for life and being an inspiration to all those who came in contact with him led to the annual award that started in 2012. This award honors young athletes at Burlingame High School who excel not only on the field but also in their communities. This Award is aptly called The Michael J Giron "Never Give Up Award."

The ultimate acknowledgement of his football prowess and character came in 2014, when Burlingame High School ceremoniously retired his Jersey, number "76," from their football program in order to honor Michael's achievements.

Mike lived in Santa Rosa for the past 18 years and enjoyed spending the last couple of years being close to his brother Rick and his parents. His passion for life led him to hosting several fun themed events bringing his friends and family together. Mike always put his faith and family first, his friends second and he was always third.

Published online in the Press Democrat on Feb. 28, 2019

<http://bit.ly/MichaelJGiron>



Judy Pierce, 71, Nov. 11, 1947 - Jan. 16, 2019, San Jose

Judy Faye Pierce passed away after a 6+ year battle with Dementia. Born Judy Faye Carter in San Francisco, grew up in Campbell and attended Campbell High School. She married her high school sweetheart, Al Pierce, in 1963 and they had 55 wonderful years together. Judy worked at Hewlett-Packard for 28 years.

Judy is preceded in death by their son, Craig. She is survived by her husband, Al; her son, Sean; daughter-in-law, Jodi; grandsons, Noah and Tyler; brother Darrel Carter; sister Donna Jackson, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in Judy's name at <http://act.alz.org/goto/judypierce>.

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<http://bit.ly/JudyPierce>

Ofelia Maria (Caro) Manzano, 63, July 3, 1955 - Feb. 16, 2019, Folsom

After four courageous years and a valiant battle with lung cancer, Ofelia passed away peacefully at home. She spent her final days surrounded by her loved ones. Ofelia was born to Juan and Micaela Caro in Jalisco, Mexico. Ofelia spent the first ten years of her childhood in Mexico, then her family moved to Sebastopol, California. She spent her adolescent years there attending Twin Hills Elementary School and graduated from Analy High School in 1975. When she graduated Analy she went to work for J.C. Penney's and ended up being the manager of women's wear. She moved to Santa Rosa with her family in 1980. In 1980, she began work at Hewlett Packard on an assembly line. But within a year she became a manager of her own Micro Processing assembly line. She worked there until Hewlett Packard became Agilent and she was laid off in 2004 after 24 years. Afterwards she worked for a wonderful family friend, the Belmonte's, at their new VJB winery for a short time and later went to work for Windsor Healdsburg Mortuary as the manager to help a friend to get it started. Then at 52 years of age, she decided to retire. On February 14th, 1989 she was engaged and on September 15th, 1990, Ofelia and Ray Manzano were married. Their love guided them on many adventures throughout the United States and the world. Her greatest joy came from having her son Raymond Manzano in 1992. Because of her lung cancer, in March 2016, Ofelia, Ray and Raymond bought a new home in Folsom, California foothills for the better air quality. Ofelia was loved by many and is missed terribly by all who had the privilege of knowing and loving her. Her beautiful smile, beauty and her everlasting light shines on in each and every one of us whose life she had touched and will continue every day. Ofelia was beautiful, kind, generous and caring. We love you forever and ever. Ofelia was preceded in death by her father and mother, Juan and Micaela Caro. She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Raymond M. Manzano and her son Raymond Anthony Manzano.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in honor of Ofelia Manzano to either the Cancer Society, Sutter Roseville Cancer Center or the SPCA.

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Donald Robert Apte, Oct. 19, 1950 - March 4, 2019, Resident of San Jose

Donald passed away unexpectedly in Broomfield, Colorado where he had recently moved to. He was a kind, generous, loving husband and father. He was born in San Francisco and lived with his parents Bill and Bernice and brothers Dave and Steven. He attended school at Hillsdale High School in San Mateo and later went on to study at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and graduated from San Jose State with a Bachelor's Science Degree in Industrial Engineering in 1973. Don went on to work for many different companies during his lifetime including Hewlett Packard and Cal Eastern Laboratories and more recently working for Microwave Technology where he was the Director of Sales and Marketing for the past 16 years.

When he was not working, he enjoyed spending time with his family, friends, and traveling with his family and with his wife. Don was a long-time ham radio operator and belonged to Santa Clara County Amateur Radio Association (SCCARA) and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES). He loved communicating with other people on the radio and helping them get set up in becoming a ham radio operator. He also enjoyed volunteering in the community and working with emergency response teams in the Bay Area.

Don is survived by his wife Barbara and their two sons Douglas and Jeffrey and his brother Steven.

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Maurice (Mac) McGrath, Oct. 15, 1932 - Feb. 25, 2019

Maurice (known by friends and family as Mac, Morey, Dad and Granddad) was born to Raymond and Verda (Taylor) McGrath in Spokane, WA. Mac graduated from Pleasant Prairie grade school and West Valley High School and had fond memories of his rural upbringing. After 4 years of US Naval Aviation Service during the Korean war, Mac settled in California with his first wife Cheryl Malone. Cheryl passed away at a young age leaving him to raise four young children. Mac obtained his Bachelor and Master's degrees in electrical engineering from San Jose State University and MBA from Stanford University. Mac was also a registered electrical engineer in the states of Washington and California. While Mac was still an engineering student, he started work for Hewlett-Packard Company in Palo Alto, CA and he joined full-time with HP as a design engineer after graduation in 1959. After a few years working at HP in engineering and R&D, Mac spent most of his 36-year career at HP as an executive in Manufacturing Management and Operations Management. In 1975, Mac was married to LaVerne (Connie LaVerne Syers) in Carmel, California. Together Mac and LaVerne raised 7 great children in Cupertino, CA and Liberty Lake, WA. The family enjoyed many happy memories at their beautiful oceanside property in Monterey Bay and later at their idyllic lakeside property in Priest Lake, Idaho. In the late 1970's Mac led the efforts to locate some of the Hewlett-Packard operations out of California. After an extensive review of potential areas, and numerous visits to different states, cities and potential sites, Mac selected Liberty Lake as a new location for HP and he started up the first HP division in Washington at Liberty Lake in 1979. After returning to his hometown of Spokane in 1979, Mac became an active member of community, higher education and economic development activities. These included: Past President, Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce; past Chairman, Board of Directors of Spokane Economic Development Council; past Chairman, Momentum Strategy Committee; past Vice President, Spokane County United Way. Mac also served on the State Board as Chairman for the Spokane Joint Center for Higher Education and he was a founding member of the Spokane Intercollegiate Research and Technology Institute (SIRTI) and served as chairman for several years. Other higher education contributions that Mac made included Chairman of Spokane Chamber of Commerce Higher Education Committee; Gonzaga Engineering Advisory Committee; Community Colleges Foundation

board, WSU and EWU committees. While serving on the Joint Center Board for Higher Education, Mac led the acquisition of the 48-acre River Point Education site to provide facilities to meet higher education needs for the greater Spokane area. This property was acquired from the Burlington Northern Railroad and is now known as the University District, an advanced multi-institutional complex. After retirement from HP, Mac enjoyed many rounds of golf at the area golf courses, spending time with LaVerne, his kids, grandkids and great grandkids. Mac is survived by his beloved wife LaVerne; his children Sherie (Shaun), Cindy Christopher (John), Sandi Anderson (Tim), Steve (Kelly), Greg, Stacy Bradbury (Ed), Chad (Bridie); 21 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. In typical "Dad" fashion, our Dad made sure that his obituary was written prior to his passing. While Dad states all the facts, what is impossible to describe is the difference that he has made for his family, his friends, co-workers and community. Dad has been a role model for his children, a loving husband, father, friend and community leader. He was smart, caring and loving. He will be missed forever. Private memorial services to be held at a later date.

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Nancy Rae Teater (NRT), 73, Resident of Palo Alto

It is with great sorrow that we announce the death of Nancy Rae Teater, a 42-year resident of Palo Alto, who died at home on Thursday, March 7.

Nancy was born in Madison, Wisconsin to Ray and Mabel Teater and spent her early years in Wheeling, West Virginia. She moved with her family to Salt Lake City in elementary school. She received a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Utah, a master's in Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh, and an MBA from Golden Gate University in San Francisco. She worked at a number of Bay Area companies, including SRI International, Stanford University, Hewlett Packard, and Edelman Public Relations. Before her retirement in 2008, she ran her own public relations company, Hamilton Communications, which catered to Silicon Valley startups.

Always interested in nature and animals, Nancy studied wildflowers in the field and gardening at home. Later in life, she found her passion in birding and, by traveling to rather exotic and remote locations, compiled a life list of over 1,700 species. She volunteered for International Bird Rescue and San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory and was a group leader in the annual Christmas Bird Count as well as the Santa Clara Audubon summer bird count.

Nancy is survived by her husband of 45 years, Richard Johnsson, and Charlie, her cat of 7 years. NRT will be profoundly missed by a great number of friends and many domestic and wild animals.

There will be a private memorial at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to International Bird Rescue (www.bird-rescue.org) or the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (www.birds.cornell.edu).

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Lois Taylor Hillestad, 68, May 14, 1950 - March 29, 2019

Lois passed away peacefully after a courageous four-and-a-half-year battle with pancreatic cancer. She was born to Frank and Edna Taylor at Community Hospital in Santa Rosa. She was the ninth of ten children. Lois grew up in Windsor and graduated from Healdsburg High School in 1968. Although they both went to Healdsburg High, it wasn't until they attended Santa Rosa Junior College in 1969 that she and Mark Hillestad met. They married on January 26, 1974 and celebrated their 45th anniversary this January. Starting in 1975, for 28 years she held various positions at Hewlett Packard/Agilent in Santa Rosa. She traveled extensively in this country and Europe. She took great pride in her family and dearly loved her children and grandchildren; they gave her great joy. Her favorite pastimes were hiking, walking at Spring Lake Park, reading and the cinema. She had a love for mystery and thriller stories. Lois had a great sense of humor to match her beautiful smile. She was extremely fun, had a sharp wit and was a woman of great integrity.

She is survived by her husband, Mark Hillestad, her son Matt (Nicole) Hillestad, her daughter Jennifer Hillestad, her grandchildren Ethan and James Hillestad. The family will hold a private memorial to be scheduled at a future date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

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Mercedes Lavarias Acosta, 91, Sept. 24, 1927 - April 6, 2019, Resident of Lodi, California

On April 6, 2019, Mercedes Lavarias Acosta, surrounded by her family in Lodi, passed away to join the Lord. Mercedes was born in Balungao, Pangasinan, Philippines to Leonardo and Teodora Lavarias.

She is survived by her son, Ray Acosta (Lita), daughter, Delie Bartlett (Jim). Grandchildren Michelle Brassesco (Nick), Jeff Bartlett (Noemi), Jennifer Loper (Mike), Jason Bartlett (Kelly), Valerie Solorzano (Luke), John Acosta (Meah) and Melissa Acosta. Many great grandchildren.

Mercy worked for 27 years at Hewlett-Packard in Palo Alto before moving to Lodi in 1987 to become owner/operator of Hammer-99 AM/PM convenience store until 2005 when the city of Stockton took over the land.

Mama Mercy had the heart of a saint. Her love was unconditional, and always worried about others and never herself. She taught her family that love will conquer all; a true example of a child of God. In 91 years of life on this earth, Mama Mercy took care of her family (all 5,732 of them haha). Even in her last breath, she was making sure all the kids were taken care of. We may have lost one of the greatest souls, but heaven is now rejoicing with what they've gained.

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