

HPREC President's Message *By Bernard Bruand*

By the time you read this article, Picnic 2019 will be history, and I hope many of you joined us for the special event for our 40th Anniversary of the Club. We had a wonderful turnout.

Yes, the Club was created 40 years ago; this is a long time, and we would like it to continue for even longer.

However, as you know, our membership is going down every year by about 80 members, and we have more problems recruiting members to the Board and volunteers for all aspects of the Club.

This is why we had to make a key change to the Bylaws: to ensure continuity with a more limited number of Board members.

We removed the term limit that required someone to leave the Board for a minimum of three years after two consecutive 3-year terms. This allows Board members to stay longer, if they choose.

We also need volunteers for other functions, like enabling better marketing of the Club to acquire new members.

As you know, HP companies do not give us lists of employees retiring anymore for legal reasons, so we need to find other ways to attract younger/recent retirees. All ideas and help are welcome.

So please, if you want to see the Club continue for the coming years, please consider offering to help. Thanks.

Voting for Board 2020: Since, as of early June, we only have one candidate, we are considering naming this member as a replacement for Pat Capshaw who had to leave the Board for personal reasons during her first year.

This may save an election cycle and reduce work on our volunteers for this year. If we do not provide a ballot for you to consider, we will let you know.

Holiday Luncheon: We have reserved David's Banquet and Conference, opposite Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara as the previous years for **Tuesday, Dec 10**.

Please reserve the date; we hope to see many of you, as we conclude the 40 years' celebration at this event.

We expect David's to still be open at that time as the city of Santa Clara most likely will not be able to take over by then, but if anything happens, we will have a fall- back venue.

Enjoy the summer.

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
Bowl \$	Jul 8, 10:30 am – 12 pm	Homestead Bowl, Cupertino	Just come or see Page 13
Hike	Jul 9, 10 am – 2 pm	Fall Creek Hike	See May'19 issue
Volunteer	Jul 13, 10:30 am – 4 pm	Marine Science Institute	See May'19 issue
Hike	Jul 17, 10 am – 2 pm	San Francisquito Creek Lite Hike	See May'19 issue
Drop-in Lunch \$	Jul 30, 11:30 am – 2 pm	Jake's of Saratoga	See Page 13
Bowl \$	Aug 12, 10:30 am – 12 pm	Homestead Bowl, Cupertino	Just come or see Page 13
Hike	Aug 13, 10 am – 2 pm	Portola Redwoods State Park	See Page 14
Volunteer	Aug 15, 2 pm – 4 pm	Sunnyvale Community Services	See Page 12
Hike	Aug 21, 10 am – 2 pm	Shoreline Park Lite Hike	See Page 14
Drop-in Lunch \$	Aug 27, 11:30 am – 2 pm	Jake's of Saratoga	See Page 13
Bowl \$	Sep 9, 10:30 am – 12 pm	Homestead Bowl, Cupertino	Just come or see Page 13
Hike	Sep 10, 10 am – 2 pm	Pacifica Pier/Beach & Coastal Bluffs	See Page 15
Volunteer	Sep 12, 9:30 am – 1 pm	St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room	See Page 12
Hike	Sep 18, 10 am – 2 pm	Lake Almaden Lite Hike	See Page 15
Drop-in Lunch \$	Sep 24, 11:30 am – 2 pm	Jake's of Saratoga	See Page 13

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

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Membership Report *By Oscar Lombardi, Membership Chairperson*

Hello everyone and welcome to the July 2019 edition of the HPREC Membership update. Summer is here!!!!!!



Welcome Members! I would like to extend a warm welcome to **Karen Grimm** who REJOINED our Club during the month of May. It is not unusual for this time of the year to have low activity in terms of membership changes.

The HPREC Club Membership stands at 876. We thank all members who support and previously supported our Club.

Membership Renewal:

- Watch for news on membership renewal via our website and an email from us on **Aug 1**, when the **online renewal process will open**, making it easy for you to renew while simplifying our admin processes. Last year, 30% of renewals took place in August, improving from 25% in 2018. Can we do better this year? I'm sure we can.
- In order to reward members that renew on time, the Club's Board has decided to award a \$50 GIFT CARD to TWO lucky Club members who renew their membership by 10/31/19. The drawing will take place in early November using a random selection program among all renewals received by the end of October. The certificates will be mailed in November and winners reported at the Holiday Luncheon.

Watch out for the membership renewal email on 8-1-19 and become eligible to win!!!!

- Also, thanks to all of you who have entered/updated your email addresses with the Club!!! This helps us reach you in an efficient manner. As of the end of April, 88.7% of you have a valid email address with the 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!!!

- Utilize our **INFORMATIVE BROCHURE** for recruiting. It highlights the key activities and benefits that come with being a member of HPREC. It's 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 former employee 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 and the number of copies you want.
- **You can win a Gift Card!** To encourage your participation, HPREC is offering **TWO \$50.00 GIFT CARDS** to be awarded at the HPREC Holiday Luncheon which will take place Tues, **Dec 10, 2019**. 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 11-1-18 through 10-31-19 (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!

40th Anniversary HPREC Picnic *By John McGowan*

Nearly 150 members and guests attended our HPREC Picnic June 22 at Cuesta Park in Mountain View. We reserved the entire picnic area once again to allow room to spread out, and most of the attendees were able to find some shade. Fortunately, the weather cooperated, and it was bright and sunny but much cooler than the previous weekend. The



crowd was nearly twice the size of last year's, due to active marketing plus a substantial price reduction and a great gift for ALL attendees, in addition to a large number of raffle prizes. In honor of the 40th anniversary of the Club, the Board



decided to charge only \$15 for the picnic and with HPI allowing us to use their vendor discount, we obtained 40th anniversary duffel bags, with the logos of each of the legacy companies printed on the bags. A big THANK YOU to HPI, HPE, Agilent Technologies and Keysight Technologies for letting us use their logos, and for the gift cards and raffle prizes they generously donated.

Because of a scheduling conflict, we had to switch caterers this year to Andy's Barbecue of Santa Clara, and their food was delicious, with ribs, chicken and brisket plus salads and garlic bread and baked beans. There was a rush of last-minute sign-ups, and so some of the food items ran out, and we had to restock the cooler full of bottled water, but most of the attendees had a good time and enjoyed plenty to eat.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped Jo-Ann Butler and me with the tasks associated with hosting a picnic this large. Fran Low processed the reservation forms, both online with help from the Tech Team and those received by mail. Jo-Ann printed the nametags and Paula Hoelker-williams provided a computer template and the prize lists. Bernard Bruand, Oscar Lombardi and others helped with "morning of" activities including putting up signage around the picnic area. Carol Nakamoto, Jo-Ann, Nadine Melanson and Barbara Trone helped sign attendees in. Paula Hoelker-williams managed the bingo games with assistance from Nadine. For the raffle drawing, Carol Nakamoto arranged for some great HP Printers as prizes from HP Inc. along with obtaining the duffel bags. The HP DeskJet printers were won by Angie Holguin-Flores, Patricia Montoya and Pam Leitterman. There was a total of 33 raffle prizes this year, from gift cards to HP hats, mugs and shirts, plus a couple bottles of excellent wine.

We received a lot of positive feedback about the food, venue and logistics. We plan is to hold next year's HPREC Picnic at Cuesta Park **on June 20, 2020** and look forward to seeing our members and guests enjoying the 41st year. If you have feedback, please share with me or Jo-Ann Butler. Mark your calendars!

Hope to see everyone next year!



Bernard getting prizes ready.



A peaceful Saturday with friends.



Karen Grimm and Kristi Iverson.



Janet Voyk and Betty Sox.



George Arevalo making a speech. ☺



Hungry members and guests.



Nominations for Board of Directors members, key dates for your attention, and your Club needs you!

By Oscar Lombardi, Nominations Committee Chair



As you may remember from last year, we have simplified the voting process for new members of the Board of Directors. Starting in September, the voting process will again be via **email ONLY**. You will be receiving news via an email in early September with details on how to vote. *NOTE: As Bernard mentioned in his article, if we only have one new Board member nomination, we may decide to forego the ballot process this year and appoint this person to replace a former Board member who resigned earlier this year. We will alert you if we choose this route.*

KEY DATES AHEAD! Please keep these dates handy. Your prompt responses to actions help us with our administrative efficiency.

Jul 15 – Update or provide your email address (see notes below). Emails on Aug 1 and Sep 3 can only be sent if we have your email address.

Aug 1 – Email sent to notify you that the membership drive has begun; renew and pay online. Email confirmation and thank you will be sent automatically. Deadline for renewing is **Oct 31**; final deadline Dec 31 to receive next year's Member Directory.

Sep 3 – Email sent to you with opportunity to VOTE for new Board members who have volunteered to serve; deadline for voting will be **Sep 30**. Candidate bios will be included in this email.

Sep 16 – Paper invoices mailed to homes for those who did NOT renew/pay online by Sep 6; no ballot will be included. Same renewal timeline as above. *NOTE: If you paid online on or before Sep 6, you will NOT receive a paper invoice.* As mentioned in the Membership Article, if you renew by **Oct 31**, you'll be eligible for the drawing of two members names who will receive a \$50 gift card.

Nov 26 – Paper reminder invoices mailed to homes for those who did not renew by Oct 31 deadline. Please renew in a timely fashion to save Club money and volunteer time.

We value your opinion! In order for you to be heard, we need your email.

Do we have your current email on file? *Hint: If you receive our bi-monthly emails from Carol's Corner notifying you that the latest newsletter has been posted online, you do not need to do anything.*

As described in the Membership Article, 88.7% of our members have a valid email address with the Club. While this is great news, this means that almost 100 of you have the opportunity to enter your current email address and help us be more efficient in our communications distribution to you.

How to update: You can update your contact information including email address and mailing preferences by using the **Member Info Updates** link on the Club's website (left navigation bar at www.hpretirees.org/hprec). To access the online form, you will need to enter the user name and password (found in **Passwords** section of Carol's Corner article in the paper version of the newsletter, or in the front pages of your annual Member Directory on **Web Introduction** pages).

Last but not least!!! MAKE A DIFFERENCE; HELP OUR CLUB'S CONTINUED VIABILITY.

As you may have read or heard over the last few years, unfortunately, our membership continues to diminish. Our volunteers continue to work hard to improve/streamline administrative processes since there is always a need to maintain basic work and activities whether it is for 1,500 or 500 members. Since 2015, we've been losing an average of 65 members a year; at this rate the likelihood of having a functioning Club in the next 8 to 10 years is low at best.

How can you help? There are three key areas where you can make a difference:

- Continue to talk to fellow ex HP/Agilent/Keysight employees and talk to them about the benefits of being a member; encourage them to join our Club.
- Seriously consider becoming a Board Member to help us manage Club activities and also come up with fresh ideas as to how to ensure Club continuity.
- If you do not want to become a Board Member, how about volunteering your time and skills by helping in one of the various Club Committees? There is always a need for additional volunteers who can take over from those who have been sharing their time with the Club for many years.

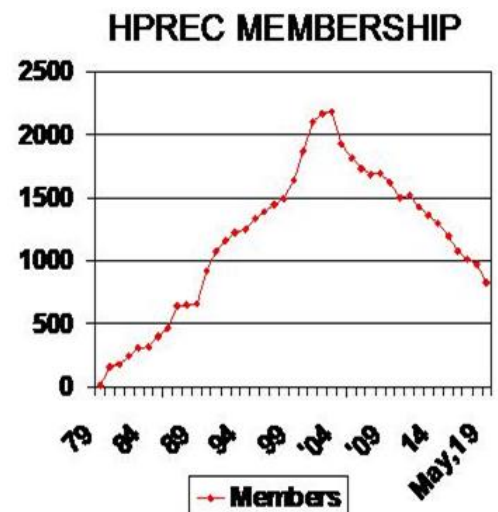


Thank you for listening and helping us improve our services to you! *Oscar*

From the Historian *By Gary Ruppel*

On this 40th Anniversary year of the Club, I thought it might be of interest to members to update a graph of our membership which first appeared in one of our newsletters in 2014.

The Club reached its peak membership of nearly 2,300 in the mid 2000's, and due to many factors, has declined significantly to 876 as of May 2019. However, this decline in numbers has not diminished the spirit of the many Club members and volunteers who keep the organization running smoothly and contributing to the local Bay Area communities in which we are located. Fred Andersen's goal of providing a sense of "togetherness" for retirees is still flourishing. *He was our first Club President in 1979.*



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 – look for updates)

- Save the Date for our Holiday Luncheon Tues, Dec 10.

IMPORTANT: If you've changed your email address since you last renewed your membership, please update it in our database by July 15 by going to the **Member Info Updates** section on our Club's home page. Password access below.

www.bayarea.hpway.org - Bay Area Employee Programs

*This website is in the process of shutting down and is no longer maintained. You may find discount tickets for some local attractions still available. **Note:** Disneyland tickets available via HP Continuum (for HPI retirees).*

PASSPORT DINING Discount Card



<https://passportdining.com> – see Password access below

Please note: Agilent and Keysight are not eligible for these Passport discounts.

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 nor 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

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**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



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*Current user names and passwords were included in the email you received announcing availability of this newsletter.*

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





# Ye old c1ub News

*Compiled by Pat Capshaw, HPREC member*

## March 1994 HPREC newsletter – Mr. Packard's visit to the Spring Fling

The Spring Fling was as usual a most enjoyable affair. One hundred and eighty- six of our members and their guests turned out on March 23rd at the Elks Lodge in Palo Alto, all looking great and younger than ever. What a handsome bunch we are. It's always great to see so many old friends and we were delighted to welcome special guests who are so good to HPREC and so much for us: **Ray Schwartz** and **Donna Shannon** are our computer consultants, **Betty Wrona** facilitates our use of the Mayfield site, **Zan Santos** is our medical insurance expert. We really owe these people, and we are so glad they could join us. Zan, who has been answering our questions for so many years, brought her assistant, **Monica Moore**, and wants you to know that Monica is now the one who will be handling all our ongoing medical insurance questions...

We were thrilled as always to have **Mr. Packard** attend our luncheon and speak to us. He reported first that **Mr. Hewlett** is now able to get around and is doing well, and that **Margaret Paull**, who had fallen and broken her hip was also doing well. He assured us that the company is in excellent shape and again attributed the success of the company in the early days to the employees who contributed so much and deserve credit for what became the "HP Way".

He told us he is writing a book but he said that the beginning was so long ago that he finds himself remembering things that never really happened!

He concluded by saying that thought things are going well, it's difficult to predict what's going to

happen with so much turmoil in the world. The former Soviet Union will not revert to communism, but is trying to define its own capitalism and doesn't want the U.S. telling it what to do or how to do it. And indeed, he said, no one should be pointing a finger at anyone else unless their own hands are clean.

How privileged we are to have this outstanding man join us and share his insights with us.

Mary Elledge, editor

## September 1994

I've saved the best for last. I'm so proud to let you know that our very own **Art Fong** has been selected as a Distinguished Engineering Alumnus for 1994 by the Berkeley Engineering Alumni Society. In making this prestigious award the EAS noted Art's "professional accomplishments as a electrical engineer, especially innovative work with microwave technology. His advances in microwave design and instrumentation were critical to emerging technology and to his company's phenomenal growth. His work spawned entire divisions at HP, and he has been a prized mentor to four decades of engineers, now leaders with the company."

The list of former recipients of this honor is a veritable who's who of engineering and we congratulate Art as he joins this distinguished company, a most well-deserved recognition.

Mary Elledge, editor

# HPARV “Done in a Day” Volunteer Opportunities

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



## Sunnyvale Community Services

Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) is an independent, nonprofit emergency assistance agency. Their mission is to prevent homelessness and hunger for low-income families and seniors facing temporary crises. They provide financial aid, food and other support that prevents larger problems with more expensive solutions. You can help. SCS needs 12 to 15 extra HPREC volunteers on Thursday, Aug 15, to pack around 200 bags of groceries.

**Date & Time:** **Thursday, Aug 15, 2019, 2 - 4 pm**  
**Place:** Sunnyvale Community Services, 725 Kifer Rd., Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
**Directions:** From Highway 101, take the Fair Oaks Avenue exit and go south on North Fair Oaks Avenue.  
After 0.8 miles, continue on North Wolfe Road.  
After 0.9 miles, turn right on East Kifer Road.  
Sunnyvale Community Services will be in .01 of a mile on your right.  
Please use street parking -- lot is for client use only.  
**RSVP:** **hp.agilent.volunteers@hotmail.com** or call **John McCabe** at 650-328-3472 **by Aug 4, 2019.**  
**More information:** [svcommunityservices.org/](http://svcommunityservices.org/)



## St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room

For the past 35 years, the Padua Dining Room has pursued its mission to provide hot, well-balanced meals to people in the community. They serve low-income people with as many as 600 hot, nourishing meals a day, six days a week. Padua charges no fees, asks no questions and turns no one away.

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

**Date & Time:** **Thursday, Sept 12, 2019, 9:30 am – 1 pm**  
**Place:** St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room  
3500 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park, CA  
**Directions:** From Highway 101, take exit #406/Marsh Road; go southwest.  
In 1.3 miles, go right onto Middlefield Road. Padua Dining Room is 0.5 a mile down Middlefield Road on your left.  
From Highway 280, take Highway 84/Woodside Road to Middlefield Road and turn right. Padua Dining Room is 1.3 miles down Middlefield Road on your right.  
**RSVP** **hp.agilent.volunteers@hotmail.com** or call **John McCabe** at 650-328-3472 **by Aug 30, 2019.**



# Drop-in Lunch

## Jake's of Saratoga

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



## Future Dates

**Tuesday, Aug 27, 2019**

**Tuesday, Sep 24, 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 Road, Saratoga.

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## 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 **Jul 8, Aug 12, and Sep 9** from **10:30 am - 12 pm**. If interested, please just come or contact Bernard Bruand at [ba.president@hpretirees.org](mailto:ba.president@hpretirees.org) or find his phone number in the Club Directory.



# Hikes in Aug and Sep 2019 *By Jim Holl*



## Portola Redwoods State Park

|  |                                                                                                                        |
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|  | Tues, Aug 13, 10 am                                                                                                    |
|  | Tues, Aug 20, 10 am                                                                                                    |
|  | Free                                                                                                                   |
|  | Gary & Eileen Ruppel 650-888-2144 (cell), 650-494-0530                                                                 |
|  | About 3 to 6 miles depending on the route                                                                              |
|  | Moderate                                                                                                               |
|  | About 700 feet                                                                                                         |
|  | No                                                                                                                     |
|  | No                                                                                                                     |
|  | At Arastradero Preserve and at the Park                                                                                |
|  | Water, sunscreen, a lunch, hiking sticks, \$3 for your carpool driver. There is a \$10 (\$9 for seniors) entrance fee. |

Meet at the usual carpool location\* or if you drive directly, take Page Mill Rd west to Skyline Blvd. Continue on over Skyline to Alpine Rd until reaching the junction with Portola State Park Rd. Proceed (2.1 miles) on into the Park. Please meet the group @ around 10:45 am.

We have not hiked Portola Redwoods State Park since 2014, so for those of you who have not visited this gem, you are in for a treat. This 2800-acre park features a ridgetop which drops down into a deeply shaded redwood forest. Named for the Spanish explorer Gaspar de Portola' who in 1769 attempted to walk overland along the San Mateo coast to the San Francisco Bay but never found it.

The Park has eighteen miles of hiking trails. Our hike will be from 3 -6 miles in length depending on the trail conditions and desires of the group. It is suggested to wear long pants due to the presence of poison oak, ticks, and stinging nettles. Please don't be afraid as nothing will jump out at you!

Dress in layers as during the summer months it could be cool and foggy. It could also be quite warm. Take your pick!

## Shoreline Park from San Antonio Ave. Lite Hike

|  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
|  | Wed, Aug 21, 10 am            |
|  | No rainout date               |
|  | Free                          |
|  | John McCabe 650-328-3472      |
|  | About 2 miles                 |
|  | Easy                          |
|  | Flat                          |
|  | No                            |
|  | Yes, on gravel walkways       |
|  | Yes                           |
|  | Water, sunscreen, hat, jacket |












**Meet at the Nature Preserve Trailhead.** Take 101 to the San Antonio North exit off Highway 101. Follow San Antonio toward the bay until it ends at Terminal Blvd. Go right onto Terminal Blvd. and park. We will meet near the bathrooms.

We should see a variety of birds, including pelicans, avocets, egrets, ducks, grebes, and geese. The weather may be breezy along the bay, so dress accordingly.

(Continued...)



## Pacifica Pier/Beach & Coastal Bluffs

|                                                                                   |                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | Tues, Sep 10, 10 am                                        |
|  | Tues, Sep 17, 10 am                                        |
|  | Free                                                       |
|  | Jim Holl 408-446-2963, 408-528-5846 (cell)                 |
|  | 4.5 miles                                                  |
|  | Moderate                                                   |
|  | About 414 feet of elevation gain                           |
|  | No                                                         |
|  | No                                                         |
|  | At the pier (start and finish)                             |
|  | Water, a lunch, sunscreen and \$4 to reimburse the drivers |

**Meet at the Usual Carpool Location \*** or if you drive there directly, take I-280 northbound, take exit 41 for State Route 35 toward Skyline Blvd/Pacifica, continue onto Skyline Blvd, turn left onto Sharp Park Road, turn right onto Francisco Blvd, and turn left onto Montecito Ave to Beach Blvd. The carpools are expected to arrive about 10:35 am.

The coast along Pacifica, and Rockaway Beach is dotted with city, county, state, and national parklands. We will start at Pacifica Municipal Pier State Beach and walk trails and bike paths through some of those properties. Our last hike here was in June 2017. Due to coastal fogs we can again expect to see the area full of flowers. Much of the route is unpaved, so boots are suggested. None of the route is through sand. The duration of the hike is 3 hours.

## Lake Almaden Lite Hike

|                                                                                     |                                                                |
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|    | Wed, Sep 18, 10 am                                             |
|   | No rainout. We go rain or shine unless it is pouring           |
|  | Free, park on the street                                       |
|  | David Karwowski 408-265-6667<br>Phone Day of Hike 408-623-6632 |
|  | About 3 miles                                                  |
|  | Easy – Flat as a pancake                                       |
|  | 0 feet                                                         |
|  | Dogs on leash OK                                               |
|  | Yes                                                            |
|  | Bathrooms at start/finish area                                 |
|  | Water, sunscreen.                                              |

**Place:** Meet at 10:00 am at the Bocce Ball courts at the eastside entrance to Almaden Lake Park on Winfield Blvd. (at Almaden Lake Drive).

There is plenty of free parking along Winfield Blvd near the entrance. Parking is also available in the parking lot for \$6.

Our route will lead us to a scenic footbridge spanning the creek where we'll retrace our steps back to the starting point. It is a paved and mostly flat trail.

**Directions:** Take Hwy 85 to the Almaden Expressway exit. Proceed south about 1 mile to Coleman Rd. and turn left. Go ¼ mile to Winfield Blvd. and turn right. The park entrance and Bocce Ball courts are about ¼ mile on the right.

**Lunch:** For those interested, we could meet for lunch afterwards at the Boudin Bakery Café nearby at 5353 Almaden Expressway at Blossom Hill Road.



\* **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](mailto:leonaandjohn@att.net)).



## HPARV Volunteer News

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### Volunteering at Sunnyvale Community Services *By John McCabe*

Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) provides a variety of services for people who have incomes less than twice the poverty level. SCS provides financial help with rent, rental deposits, utility bills, medical bills, bus passes, gas vouchers and pass-through direct assistance. Another focus is helping prevent problems associated with hunger and with unhealthy eating. Second Harvest Food Bank Hunger Index has shown that 25% of residents of Santa Clara County are at risk of hunger, and low-income households have little money to spend on food, which means more food assistance is needed.

Each month, SCS provides over 2 million pounds of food to 1,700 families and 800 seniors. Some of the food

comes from Second Harvest; other food that is nearing its “sell by” date is “rescued” from places like Whole Foods and Costco; additional food is purchased by SCS using donated money.

Several HPREC members routinely volunteer at SCS. On an afternoon in April, 11 HPREC members did a “Done-in-a-Day” project there. The first thing we did supported SCS’s mission to address hunger and food “insecurity.” We created an old-fashioned assembly line to pack bags of non-perishable food for clients who have no kitchens.

Once we filled a double-layer pallet of food bags, the HPREC volunteers grouped donated flat sheets, fitted sheets, and

pillow cases into sets to be given to SCS’s clients. When this task was completed, we still had a half hour left in the time we committed to volunteer. We made good use of this time by creating double grocery bags. These bags helped the next day’s SCS volunteers pack groceries.



*HPREC volunteers form an assembly line to fill bags with food.*



*(L-R): Irene Wright, Carol Arnett, Wanda Lee, Gary Ruppel, Marsha Lee, Eileen Ruppel, Mike Tada, Louis Sivo, Fran Low, Richard Gee, and John McCabe.*



## Feeding People at the Padua Dining Room *By John McCabe*

HPREC volunteers always enjoy their time at the Padua Dining Room. Creating and serving wholesome food is very satisfying. In May, we sliced strawberries and blood oranges for the day's dessert and squeezed fresh lemons for lemonade. Then two of us gave out produce and baked goods while two others served the meal and a third gave out beverages.

The dinner consisted of a tossed salad, mixed grains, pork chili verde, the strawberry/blood orange combination and bread.

Beverages included lemonade, milk, water, and coffee. A wide variety of donated sweets were available to accompany the fruit for dessert.

Bryan and I ate there; we found the meal remarkably tasty. In particular, Bryan attributed the excellent flavor of the strawberry/ blood orange combination to our slicing expertise!

After volunteering our time, we were happy to see people enjoying the fruits of our labor.



*(L-R): Bryan Lovegren, Gail Mantegani, Pam Khoo, Eleanor Koo, and John McCabe.*



## Helping RAFT Reduce the Cost of Teaching *By John McCabe*

You have no doubt read and seen media stories about how hard it is for teachers to make ends meet. This is especially true in the San Francisco Bay Area with its high cost of living (especially its housing costs). RAFT (Resource Area for Teaching) is doing something about this. They provide low-cost materials to teachers. 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. Kudos to Oracle; they gave RAFT large quantities of varied items that schools can use.



*Standing (L-R): John McCabe, Marsha Lee, Mike Tada, Carol Arnett, Gail Mantegani, Ronda Rosner, Pat Fausett, Louis Sivo, and Shirley Heger. Sitting: Cherie Baker, Ana Clark, Ana's granddaughters Jenna and Victoria, and Fran Low.*

In June, HPREC volunteers did their part to help address the financial issues facing teachers. We sorted through donated materials, did quality assurance, packaged, and priced the items. We tested and bundled pens; we priced items ranging from clothing to shopping bags; we sorted and packaged different sizes of clips and Post-it Notes. We did all of this while sitting at tables in an air-conditioned room, catching up on each other's lives. It was fun.

## Hiking News *Compiled by Gary Ruppel*

### Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve Hike *By John McCabe (Leader)*

We hiked Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve the day before we got the most unusual series of May rains. The hike had something for everyone. It was not too long (about 4 miles), we got our exercise hiking up the hill (about 550 feet of elevation gain), and there was much to see. The hike included lovely shady trails along steep canyons, sunny grassy hillsides, hilltops covered with live oaks and buckeyes, and great views of the San Francisco Bay. We even saw a waterfall. We saw lots of lizards, various birds, one ring-necked snake, and, at the conclusion of the hike, a couple of turkeys. We had our quick geology lesson looking at blue-green serpentinite rocks. They are the California state rock. Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve is famous for its serpentine soils. They are low in calcium and nitrogen, but high in magnesium and heavy metals. This makes them toxic to most European plants, but perfect for native plants. May is an ideal time to see the variety of wildflowers the preserve is also known for. We saw blue dicks, lupine, San Francisco collinsia, fairy lanterns (white globe lilies), blue eyed grass, Ithuriel's spear, goldfields, owl's clover, California poppies, Fremont's star lily, tidy tips, mule ears, and sticky monkey flowers (plus others whose names escape me).



*(L – R): John McCabe, Mike Fischer, Janis Andrews, Chuck Sieloff, Maria & Dale McAtee, Marcia Adams, and Jim Holl.*

If you want to do the hike on your own, the main entrance of Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve is on Edgewood Road. Take Edgewood Road from Highway 280 and go East (toward the bay) for 1 mile and look for the Edgewood Park and Day Camp sign on your right. There are a wide variety of trails. Our hike went around the entirety of the park. We went up the Sylvan and Serpentine trails, across the Sunset Trail, and then down the Edgewood Trail.

### Arastradero Preserve Hike *By John McCabe (Leader)*

After a week's worth of cold, wet wintry weather, we had an absolutely beautiful day for our May lite hike. Palo Alto's Enid W. Pearson Arastradero Preserve is known for its 533 acres of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails. It is also well known by HPREC hikers as the meeting place for people carpooling to our regular hikes. There are many options for



*(L - R): Dee Baily, Jan Grady, Janis Andrews, John McCabe, Pat Wilcox, Barbara Beebe, and Steve Mar.*

hiking the Arastradero Preserve, including going all the way up to Palo Alto's Foothill Park. We opted for a moderate 2-mile hike. Among the birds that we saw were acorn woodpeckers, turkey vultures, ruddy ducks and mallard ducks. Wildflowers included hawk's-beard.

If you want to do the hike on your own from Hwy 280, go southwest (toward the mountains) on Page Mill Road. After going 0.5 miles, turn right onto Arastradero Road. After you go 1.2 miles, you will see the Enid W. Pearson Arastradero Preserve parking area is on your right. There are nice bathrooms by the parking area. Dogs on leash are welcomed. From the bathrooms, we

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## Hiking News *(Continued)*

went on the Juan Bautista de Anza Trail to Arastradero Lake. After checking out the lake, we continued on to the Juan Bautista de Anza Trail up the hill to the Meadowlark Trail. We went right on it and then left on the Portola Pastures Trail. Finally, we looped back on the Redtail Loop Trail to the parking area.

### **Fitzgerald Marine Preserve to Pillar Point and Back** *By John McCabe (Leader)*

On June 11, 10 HPREC hikers escaped the 100°F heat of the Bay Area to enjoy the breezes coming off the Pacific Ocean onto the Moss Beach area. We were rewarded with clear skies, lovely scenery, and lots of harbor seals, pelicans, white-crowned sparrows, and a variety of wildflowers.

We started at the Fitzgerald Marine Preserve in Moss Beach. From the bluffs, we looked down on harbor seals resting on the rocks and swimming in the water. We could also see many tide pools, as the tide was out. We proceeded through the Fitzgerald Marine Preserve and looked down onto the secluded beach where, during prohibition, illegal whiskey was landed on the beach under the cover of darkness, dragged up the steep cliff, and loaded onto waiting vehicles for transport to San Francisco. It is now the location of the Moss Beach Distillery restaurant. We continued along the bluffs, looking down on where the annual Mavericks surfing contest is held. It was hard to picture this, as the waters were so calm. We went out to the end of Pillar Point and ate our lunches at the breakfront there. After watching pelicans soar along the water and great blue herons patrol the lagoon, we headed back. We took somewhat higher grounds on our way back and

looked down on the small planes taking off from the Half Moon Bay Airport.

If you wish to do this hike yourself, from I-280, take 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. You may want to spend the day exploring the tide pools at the Fitzgerald Marine Preserve. If you, however, want to take a hike like we did, take the trails south along the bluffs, past the Moss Beach Distillery, and head toward the microwave antennas and the radar dish. When you get to Pillar Point, walk along the lagoon to the edge of Half Moon Bay.



*(L - R): Kay and Steve Mar, Jim Holl, Ronda and Jeff Rosner, Michele Olston, Bernard Bruand, Dee Bailey, Klaus Model, and John McCabe.*

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## Hiking News *(Continued)*

### San Jose State University Campus Tour Lite Hike *By Gary Ruppel (Leader) with photos by Steve Mar*

On a perfect June day, 14 folks took in a tour of the San Jose State University (SJSU) campus. Several of us are alums and our guest, Cal Stevens, is a retired professor of geology. Cal, who is a USC alum, continues to have an office in the Science Building. Our tour began at the Boccardo Gate on the northeast corner of the campus. We passed by the Boccardo Business Center, the Student Union (East), the Art Building, continuing on with a stop in the Music Building where we were able to view (through small windows) a music competition. Then, it was on to the Central Classroom, which was built in 1924 to match the Tower Hall quad. Our next stop was at the Tommie Smith and John Carlos Statue. The Tommie Smith (gold medalist) and John Carlos (bronze medalist) statues honor the gold and bronze medalists from the 200-meter run of the 1968 Olympics. Common thought was that Tommie's raised black-gloved fist represented black power; however, in his memoirs, he stated it was for human rights. John Carlos' raised black-gloved fist represented unity in black America. Both men are alumni of SJSU.



A stop at Tower Hall and the Morris Daley Auditorium was next. Tower Hall is the official symbol of SJSU, which is the oldest school of highest education in California. Founded in 1857 as the "Minns Normal School" in San Francisco, the school was 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 1921, and then to San Jose State College in 1934. In 1972, San Jose State University became part of the California State University system. SJSU is the oldest public university on the West Coast. Through seven colleges, the university offers 69 bachelors degrees with 81 concentrations, 65 masters degrees with 29 concentrations and specialized and certificate programs.



*(L – R): John McCabe, Jim Holl, Gary Ruppel, Steve Mar, Eileen Ruppel, Pat Wilcox, Pat Musachia, Hal Eubanks, Barbara Beebe, Carol Arnett, Cal Stevens, Kay Mar, Francis Stevens, and David Karwowski.*

Our last stop was at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. Opened in 2003, the Library is a collaboration between the California State University and the city of San Jose. This is now the largest joint library west of the Mississippi River. In it you can find the MLK, Jr. Civil Rights Collection, the Beethoven Center (which contains the largest collection outside of Germany), the John Steinbeck Center, a Cultural Heritage Center, and Peer Connections.

Our tour was an abbreviated version of a tour which can be viewed by logging on to the website:

[www.youvisit.com/tour/sjsu](http://www.youvisit.com/tour/sjsu).

Go Spartans!

# *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.**

**Andrew C. Engel**, 64, Ben Lomond, California

After serving in the Navy, Drew joined HP in 1984, starting in Palo Alto at the Corporate Computing Center in Building 20.

He received a Computer Science degree from Cal State Hayward (now called Cal State East Bay) while working in Palo Alto. He also worked as a Data Center Manager at the Mayfield site (formerly the Mayfield Mall) in Mountain View.

He left HP for a few years and worked at SLAC (Stanford Linear Accelerator Center) before returning to HP for a few more years in Sunnyvale. He later worked for Cisco Systems and Velodyne LiDAR.

He was preceded in death by his wife Dawn in 2017 and is survived by his son Derek and daughter Alyssa.

Reported to HPAA by Gary Steed



**Claudia Mitsue Otsuka**, December 30, 1951 - April 3, 2019, Resident of San Jose

Claudia M. Otsuka passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 3. Claudia was born on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. Her parents raised Claudia on a farm in the small rural town of Kalaheo. There were many happy days with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Claudia had a long career at Hewlett Packard Company, gaining many close friends. She then began raising her children full time. She also enjoyed jogging on the Campbell track with her close-knit group of friends.

Claudia is survived by her husband of 35 years, Warren, and daughters, Kimberly and Kelly. Per Claudia's wishes, we will not have a service in California. A service will be held on Kauai.

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**Rod Carlson**

The nature-and-weather-phenomenon-lover Rod Carlson would have loved the early spring rains and the wildflowers to come. But he slipped away on March 25, 2019, and left those and our many memories of him to us.

Alan Roderick Carlson was born on September 26, 1928 to Reuben Jerome and Della Desidaria Carlson in Jamestown, New York, that most Swedish-American of cities (he was fond of recounting that there were "seven pages of Carlsons in the phone book"). After a childhood with parents he described as "wonderful," Rod took his master's degree in electrical engineering from Cornell in 1952. He married his (ideal) partner and the love of his life Carole Anne Maher in 1953, and three children followed in quick succession. The couple started their married life in (snowy) Buffalo, New York, where Rod had been working at the Cornell aeronautical laboratory. He had been assigned for a stint at Edwards Air Force Base near Lancaster, California and, moving back to a particularly brutal winter in Buffalo, the young couple decided that California was the place for them. Looking through a trade magazine for engineers, Rod saw an ad inviting applicants to write a "Dave" at an address in Palo Alto. He then wrote Dave Packard, and started his long career at Hewlett Packard in 1958. Rod's competence and character led to his success there, becoming the general manager of the Stanford Park Division at the iconic building on Page Mill Road and ultimately becoming the director of corporate grants. He retired in 1993, and had many happy retirement years filled with travel far and wide, many many events with children, grandchildren and friends, and quiet times with Carole.

Rod was an inherently humble, gracious and kind person who treated all he came in contact with equally, and with empathy and understanding. He also epitomized balance in the calm way he approached challenges, and in the way he lived a life of the mind and a life in the physical world. (In the 1970s Rod was interviewed by a sociologist for a book on the psychology of management, and the author entitled the chapter on Rod "The Gentle Craftsman.") He was curious and knowledgeable about all manner of things, was oh-

so-witty, and led an intellectual, active and healthy life. While he loved sailing, backpacking, running, skiing and gardening, his greatest outdoor love was walking in the beloved Peninsula foothills that he knew so well.

Rod was sadly predeceased by his son Jeffrey in 2014 but is survived by his wife Carole, daughter-in-law Nancy, daughter Sarah (Ras Bonitto), son Thomas (Brenda) and grandchildren Steve, Matt, James, Will and Josh. Rod will be intensely missed, but his values and the example he set will live on.

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**Robert (Bob) Burke Lewis** died Tuesday, April 17th. He was born June 9, 1935 in Santa Barbara, CA to Robert and Bonita Lewis. Bob grew up in Seattle, WA in the Madison Park neighborhood and graduated from Garfield High School. As a youth he excelled in mountaineering and downhill skiing. He attended Stanford University where he rowed crew, earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering ('57) and master's degree in business administration ('59). After a long career in the semiconductor business in Silicon Valley, he retired and lived in Los Altos Hills. Bob enjoyed the outdoors his whole life. He loved to hike, ski and bike. In addition, he enjoyed running and competed in many marathons, including 10 consecutive Big Sur marathons. Bob was a member of Bridges Community Church, the Harvesters Life Group and SIR Branch 35. He is preceded in death by his wife, Beverly. Bob and Bev enjoyed many trips around the world.

They also liked to camp, fish, visit the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, OR, and host family and friends at their vacation home in Sunriver, OR. Bob continued his love of travel and the arts in his final years with his friend Lorraine Oleynik. With her by his side, he was even able to make one last trip just two months ago for a family wedding. To his last day, Bob fought to keep his strength and was always optimistic. Bob is survived by his four children from his first marriage to Joan Kuckenberg Green: Hank Lewis of Fox Island, WA, Kathy Bixby of Granite Bay, CA, Mike Lewis of Palo Alto and Brian Lewis of Meadow Vista, CA. He is further survived by three step-children, Chris Gallegos of San Jose, Michael Robles of Baltimore, MD and Andrew Robles of Boise, ID and fifteen grandchildren. A memorial service celebrating Bob's life will be held at the Bridges Community Church located at 625 Magdalena Avenue, Los Altos on Friday, June 7th at 11am. In addition, a private memorial for family and close friends will be held in Sunriver this summer to scatter his ashes in the place he loved the most.

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**Laura H. Maune**, March 25, 1950 - April 21, 2019, Resident of Sunnyvale

With grace and peace, Laura H. Maune left this world on Easter Sunday for her next great adventure. She was surrounded by the love of her family and friends until the end, leaving behind her husband Ernest J. Maune of 46 years and her cherished son, Christopher J. Maune.

Laura was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Mona and D. Cole McMartin, Jr. After graduating from Washington High School, she attended William Penn College and later graduated from Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State University). She majored in Home Economics and went on to a long career in the food management industry, first in nursing homes in Alaska and Oregon, then with the University of Oregon and finally finishing with a 15-year career with Hewlett-Packard Co. as the Food Services Manager for the South Bay Area. In her career, she was known for innovation in systems management and coordinated service delivery. Laura retired from Hewlett-Packard Co. in 2002 and focused on health issues brought on by the relentless progress of the Rheumatoid Arthritis she had been living with since her late 20s.

Despite living with a chronic crippling disease, Laura always remained positive and joyful in life. For as long as she could, she would hike, travel and dance with her husband. She was an awesome cook and a warm hostess. She was a good listener to family and friends, always offering good advice and sound support. She had a wonderful sense of humor that she used to face adversity. She was a charming, stylish, smart, courageous, gentle and kind woman who will be deeply missed by all who loved her.

You may honor Laura's life by donating to the Arthritis Foundation and offering a warm smile to the next person you see living with a disability.

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**Geraldine Elizabeth (Brand) Wolfinbarger**, August 6, 1925 - October 31, 2018

Geri was born and raised in Palo Alto, California, where she lived all of her 93 years. She was a graduate of Jordan Junior High (the first graduating class) and Palo Alto High.

Geri worked some summers in high school and was one of the youngest employees of Hewlett-Packard. She also volunteered time as a Candy Stripper at Stanford Hospital.

She was always very outgoing and had a lot of friends in school who she remained close to all of her life. Geri entered San Jose State to study her passion, art. But that dream was short lived as her best friend Laurel arranged for Geri to go on a blind date with her and her boyfriend's friend. A knock on the door and she was introduced to a handsome Navy man by the name of Bill Wolfinbarger (also



a Hewlett-Packard employee). Six months later, they were married. Bill and Geri designed and built their own house in Palo Alto and remained there the rest of their lives. They had two children, Brad and Lynne, who also remained local.

Geri had many loves which she excelled at. Ice skating and art (pen and ink, charcoal, Japanese brush painting, oil, acrylics and watercolor).

She was a master seamstress and designed many of her own garments (and her daughter's wedding dress). Early in their marriage, she made custom men's tailored shirts, which she would sell to help make ends meet. She also did ceramics, wood burning and painting, calligraphy and her latest love was knitting, which she would do for hours at a time.

Dancing was also a favorite past time and she taught for Linkletter Totten dance studios for many years. Tap, ballet, jazz and her favorite, the Hula.

An avid gardener, camper, swimmer, guitar, piano and banjo enthusiast, hard to know how she found time to do all of these things while raising a family and working, but she did it all. An amazing woman and someone we can all look up to.

*Communicated by Gary Ruppel*



**James McCullough, 1940 - 2019, San Jose, California**

James C. McCullough passed away on March 31, 2019. He was a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He enjoyed a 25-year career with Hewlett-Packard. Before joining HP, James was an Aeronautical Engineer with McDonnell Douglas Aerospace Corporation, a High School Mathematics Teacher, and was employed in Air Defense with Systems Development Corporation.

He is survived by his wife, Guyonna, and children, Jonathan, Tracy and Mariama.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. James A.M.E. Church Youth Ministry, P.O. BOX 56136, San Jose, CA 95156.

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**Paul Garcia**

Paul Garcia passed away April 29, 2019, at age 73. Paul was born in Floresville, TX on February 6, 1946 to Manuel and Ramona Garcia. Paul was a Vietnam Veteran who served in the Army from 1965 to 1971 earning several medals during his tour. In 1970, Paul met the love of his life, Linda. They were married on July 25, 1972 in Santa Rosa, CA where they settled and raised six children. Paul retired in 2002 after working 35 years as a machinist for Hewlett-Packard. In 2004, Paul and Linda moved to Texas, returning to Northern California in 2008.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Manuel, Andrew, Dionico, Armando and a sister Alejandra all from Texas. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 50 years Linda, children Tena (Kalawaia), Mary Ann (Justin), Latasha, Manual, Belinda (Jaime) and Jade. He also leaves behind brothers Steve (Connie), Daniel, Basillio Montes (Lisa), and sisters Silveria (Martin), Aurora and Ramona along with 16 grandchildren and so many beloved nieces and nephews living in Texas and California.

In honor of his wishes, no service will be held. At a later date, Paul will be taken back home to Texas to rest in peace.

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**Thelma Irene Loos, April 27, 1928 - May 14, 2019**

Thelma Irene Doran died after contracting pneumonia. Her 91 years were lived to the fullest. She was born in Alliance, NE, the only daughter of five children and raised on a farm in Eagle, NE. She graduated high school and secretarial school. She fell in love with and married Melvin W Loos on September 19, 1949. Their early life together and her husband's work took them from Lincoln NE in 1949 to Pacifica CA in 1959, four different cities in ten years with a child born in each stop.

Thelma's life was devoted to family, raising her children and running the household while Mel worked long hours. In 1972, with the oldest two children graduated and out of the house, they tired of life around the city and bought a 10-acre ranch on Todd Road. raising Angus cattle and sheep. While Mel continued to commute to the Bay Area for years, Thelma began to work part time outside the house for the first time since her marriage. Around 1978, and after her last two children graduated, Thelma went to work at Hewlett-Packard, moving up to the position of head inspector. They sold the ranch and moved to Windsor. She retired after working for HP for 15 years.

Thelma was active in Beta Sigma Phi sorority most of her adult life. She loved playing cards, cribbage and pinochle, watching the Giants, and was an avid reader and proud supporter of the Windsor Library. She and Mel were active at the Senior Center in Windsor.

She faced hardships and triumphs on equal footing throughout her long life. She was always game to try something new. She was a strong woman who was loved by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her son, David, and her husband, Mel, in 2013. She is survived by her son Jerry Loos of Windsor, CA; son Tom Loos and wife Rhonda of Raceland, KY; daughter Sara Clarke and husband Roland of Winston, GA; daughter-in-law Dawn R. Loos and grandson Eddie Loos of Willits, CA; and brothers Bill Doran of Westminster, CO and Les Doran of Novato, CA.

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**Russell Rector**, May 12, 1953 - April 14, 2019, Oakland

Russell Mark Rector, beloved son and brother, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Oakland.

Born in Oakland, Russell was a wonderful gift to his parents, Robert and Marcia. He grew up in Palo Alto, graduating in 1970 from Palo Alto High School, where he was a National Merit Scholar. He graduated in 1974 from UC Berkeley, majoring in the then new field of computer science.

Russell authored *The 8086 Book* in 1980, a book describing one of Intel's early microprocessors. He began working for Tandem Computers in the early 1980s in a position where he was a key architect of hardware and software design. He continued in that role as Tandem was successively acquired by Compaq and later Hewlett-Packard.

Russell retired at age 50, allowing him more time to travel and to pursue his many passions. He was a long-suffering supporter of the SF Giants (Croix de Candlestick recipient), Oakland Raiders, Cal Bears, and Manchester United. He was a talented bridge player, who earned 753 Master Points, playing with several different partners. Russell was a great cook, who enjoyed fine cuisine and wine, but was always ready for a Casper's hot dog.

Gardening, birds, history, military strategy, camping, railroads, live theater, Elwell Lakes Lodge, and the Grateful Dead were all close to his heart and he continued to explore each of these with great gusto.

Russell was a truly exceptional person who will be sorely missed by his many great friends.

Donations in Russell's name may be made to the National Audubon Society.

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**HPREC Member John Emanuel Mario Nidecker III**, January 5, 1942 - May 2, 2019, Santa Rosa

Cyclist, Philosopher, John passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early hours of May 2. He was at home and surrounded by his family. He is survived by his loving wife, Suzanne Baizerman, his sister Susan Davila, and his two children, John Nidecker and Anna Nidecker.

John wore many hats in his life. He spent his early years in Haddonfield, New Jersey, moving to California in 1956. His lifelong love affair with cycling was born in the Bay Area, first with a 10-speed and eventually his favorite titanium Serotta road bike and trusty Trek mountain bike, both now with thousands of miles of road and mountain between them. He most enjoyed taking his children on long rides in the Bay Area, the Sierras, and central Oregon, and he fulfilled his wish to crest Mt. Ventoux at the age of 64.

He graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in mechanical engineering and began a long career at Hewlett-Packard in 1966. While his contributions to engineering were impressive and numerous, he was also known for his warmth and sense of humor. He took his job seriously, but he never lost sight of humanity, working with the Volunteer Center in Santa Rosa, serving on the board and helping to organize the annual Human Race.

After retiring from HP in 1998, John rediscovered his passion for the creative, and took up fine art photography, setting up a darkroom in his house and displaying his work at numerous shows.

When he was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2000, he attacked it like every other adversity in his life -- head on and with a calculated enthusiasm. While battling the disease himself, he led numerous support groups for cancer patients in Santa Rosa and the Bay Area, providing care, reassurance and information for the newly diagnosed and the long-suffering, always greeting them with a smile and one sentence -- "You have a new hobby."

In sum, he was a fine person. He lived well, he gave back to his community, and he brought joy to the friends and family who loved him. We will miss him so much.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's name to the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition or the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

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**HPREC Member Patricia Louise Coles**, November 11, 1937 - May 21, 2019, Resident of Cupertino

Patricia was born in San Mateo, California, graduated from Burlingame High School, and earned a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from San Jose State University in 1982.

After starting her family, Patricia decided it was time to go back to college. She majored in Mathematics at De Anza College, worked as an intern at NASA-Ames Research Center, and upon completion of her B.S., was hired by Hewlett-Packard and enjoyed working there until her retirement in 2001.

Patricia was a congregant at St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Cupertino for 53 years, volunteering wherever she was needed. She also enjoyed boating, traveling, reading, and visiting with friends.

Patricia was predeceased by her husband of 42 years, Harrison L. Coles, Jr. who died in July 1998. She is survived by her loving children, Kathleen Coles of San Jose, Michelle Coles of Burlingame, and Timothy Coles (Anne Whitehurst) of San Jose and grandchild, Richard Clayton Just (Alicia Obiacono) of San Jose, and one great-grandchild. She will be missed by those whose lives she touched.

Should you wish to donate in Patricia's memory, please direct it to Episcopal Relief & Development ([episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org)), St. Jude's Episcopal Church ([saintjudes.org](http://saintjudes.org)), or the Colorectal Cancer Alliance ([ccalliance.org](http://ccalliance.org)).

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