

HPREC NEWS

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HPREC President's Message *By Bernard Bruand*

We have never seen this before, as the last such situation was the Pandemic flu of 1918. We are all confined at home, and I hope you are doing well and staying safe as our members are part of the most at-risk population.

The situation is pretty bad, but California is in better shape than many other locations. Let's hope it stays this way as good start doesn't guarantee it won't change. Singapore did very well until a few weeks back. As of Apr 17, when they saw a doubling of new cases each day, they did lock down with fines and jail time (up to 6 months) for folks not sheltering-in-place. So please be careful and follow the guidelines for your safety so California doesn't end up the same way.



We will give you some ideas of activities to do online in an article in this newsletter. It will also be documented on the email blast announcing this newsletter's availability. If you have any recommendations or ideas which could be useful for all members while locked down, let us know, and we will post them online on our web page.

We don't know how long this situation will persist, but in view of current problems, we can expect limited in person meetings for the elderly until the end of the year. I hope I am wrong, but be patient - it will end sooner or later.

The Spring Fling has been cancelled, and most likely when you read this page, the Picnic will have been cancelled, as I don't think we can go ahead for June. A final decision will be communicated to you after we discuss it at our May 6 Board meeting. We have all HPREC Board meetings online using the FreeConferenceCall.com application to continue Club operations.

Looking at the future, we had an extended Board meeting in January, looking at ideas to help increase participation in events and, by the way, possibly increase membership.

Some quick membership data for 2019:

Local Bay Area members: 665, Sacramento / North Bay regions: 115, outside CA.: 101

Number of different members who attended in-person activities: 172; total number with spouses/guests: 308

Total number of participants in all events: 907 (includes multiple attendances)

We may use an online survey to get your ideas about activities you would be interested in attending (when it becomes possible again). We will confirm our direction when we have a better definition of our plans and look at starting some new activities if you are interested.

One action you may help us with is to enable linkages with other HP groups: lunch, division and alumni. If you know or participate in such group, check if they would be interested in some visibility through our communication channels, web page, and/or newsletter. This could increase the visibility and cross pollination of ideas between these groups and HPREC. Let us know or contact me.

Stay safe!

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

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Activities, Events, Trips and Volunteer Opportunities

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

Type	Date and Time	Description and Location	Sign-up Deadline
Hike	May 12, 10 am – 2 pm	Palo Alto's Enid W. Pearson-Arastradero Preserve Park	See Mar'20 issue
Volunteer	May 13, 1 pm – 4 pm	RAFT Volunteer & Processing Center	See Mar'20 issue
Drop-in Lunch \$	May 26, 11:30 am – 2 pm	Jake's of Saratoga	** Cancelled **
Volunteer	June 5, 3 pm – 5 pm	Sunnyvale Community Services	See Page 9
Hike	June 9, 10 am – 2 pm	Sanborn County Park	See Page 12
Hike	June 17, 10 am – 2 pm	Lucy Evans Nature Center - Palo Alto Bay Lands Lite Hike	See Page 12
Picnic \$	June 20, 11 am – 3 pm	HPREC Picnic, Cuesta Park, Mtn. View	See Page 10
Hike	July 14, 10 am – 2 pm	Monte Bello – Stevens Creek Nature Trail	See Page 13
Volunteer	July 15, 1 pm – 4 pm	RAFT Volunteer & Processing Center	See Page 9
Hike	July 22, 10 am – 2 pm	Cooley Landing Park Lite Hike	See Page 13

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

Note: During these "stay at home" times, please anticipate these events are subject to postponements or cancellations. See page [4](#) for some of these, keep an eye on email, and for hiking events specifically, changes will be communicated through the Hiking Distribution List.

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Membership Report *By Oscar Lombardi, Membership Chairperson*

Hello everyone and welcome to May's HPREC Membership update.

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

NEW members who joined our Club during February and March 2020: **Bob Farvar, Laura Gloner, Paul Moran, Michael Noel Ainscow, Masahiko (Jack) Muranami and William Thomas (Bill) Melanson.**

REJOINED: none in this cycle.

The HPREC Club membership stands at 832.

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 GIFT CARDS** to be awarded at the HPREC Holiday Luncheon which will take place in **December 2020** (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, 2019 through October 31, 2020 (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!

Update on Spring Fling, Picnic and Monthly Activities

By HPREC Board



We sent an email out on April 2, so, for those of you who we don't have your email address in our database, this is the latest info on two of our key Major Events in 2020 as well as our monthly activities. We sure hope you are staying safe and abiding by the health professionals' instructions. Hope to see you real soon.

SPRING FLING LUNCHEON - *Cancelled*

The HPREC Board has decided to cancel the Spring Fling for 2020 due to concerns about the novel coronavirus. We received a refund from the restaurant and have reimbursed those who paid via credit card or check.

The HP guest speaker will be rescheduled for the March 2021 Spring Fling.

PICNIC – *On hold*

A decision will be made at our May 6 Board meeting whether we can continue to hold our Picnic on Saturday, June 20 at Cuesta Park, Mountain View, or reschedule it.

Please hold off signing up for it until that decision is made. If you already paid, we will hold on to your money and refund if necessary.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES – *Stay tuned*

For other activities, such as **Hiking, Drop-in Lunch, Volunteer, and Travel** opportunities, watch the newsletters for when these safely resume.

IN THE MEANTIME – *Enjoy virtual tours!*

Since we can't do in-person activities, we have a few ideas of virtual tours you may be interested in as well as some exercise videos. I am sure you may find better ones if you search the net, but these links will give you a few ideas.

If you have better suggestions for activities at home and want to share with HPREC members, [send us an email](mailto:ba.president@hpretirees.org) at ba.president@hpretirees.org, and we will include it in future newsletters.

- [30 Amazing Virtual Tours of Museums, Zoos, and Theme Parks to Watch Now](#)

Note: One entry on this page for the Virtual tour of the Louvre Museum, is best viewed in the Firefox or Edge browsers, with Adobe Flash. This particular tour may not display properly in Chrome.

- [10 Virtual History Museums and Experiences to Explore From Home](#)
- [15 Min Senior Workout - HASfit Exercise for Elderly](#)
- [Seated exercises for Older adults](#)
- [15 minutes senior exercise for balance and strength](#)
- [Some Good News with John Krasinski Ep. 1](#)
- [When in Doubt: Hang Up, Look Up, & Call Back](#) – an article that describes a very elaborate fraud. Members might want to consider these steps whenever you bank calls you - hang up and call the bank back.



Reading this newsletter in print form?

Please visit our [Club's home page](#) to view this and earlier newsletters online and enjoy a better user experience accessing these links. You might even consider changing your newsletter election to help us save on printing and distribution. Please see the HPREC President's Message [on page 1 of our January 2020 issue](#).



We need your Talent and Time Helping the HPREC Membership and Technical Teams

By Oscar Lombardi & Carol Nakamoto, HPREC Board



Membership Team Lead: As I have shared in the Membership articles, my tenure as Chairperson for the Membership Committee ends on October 31, 2020. I've had a lot of fun helping my fellow Club members for the last six years, but it's time for other members to take on this opportunity.

What are the main responsibilities for the Membership Lead?

- Communicates membership information to members (newsletter updates using existing templates) and the HPREC Board.
- Program manages and works with the yearly membership renewal cycle which includes creating/maintaining a timeline and forms. Ensures follow-up and timeliness of cycle, and evaluates cycle success in annual review.
- Works with HPREC Board on recruitment and recognitions.
- Works with the two members of the Membership team to ensure they are up to date on membership news, their needs are met, and their contribution is recognized by members.

Detailed procedures are available plus a helpful group of people involved, so this is a true team effort. Please write to me with inquiries, at ba.membershipchair@hpretirees.org. I'll be happy to explain what's involved in leading this Club activity.

Technical Team Member: Another volunteer opportunity is for someone with systems, software background, or good MSWord skills to become a member of the **Tech Team**. All seven Tech Team members are active, engaged participants, self-sufficient and resourceful with their area of responsibility. Check out your Member Directory for who's involved now. No cat herding is required.

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 11am-1pm (no meeting in Apr, Jul, Oct or Dec) in Los Altos (via teleconference during coronavirus limitations). If you're not local, you can still consider the opportunity of participating by phone and/or web. Come join this congenial group! Contact Bernard at ba.techteamchair@hpretirees.org if interested or have a question.

Please don't leave it to the last minute or hope that someone else will step up, but seriously consider helping your fellow members with your talent and time in either position.

On behalf of HPREC Board and Members, Thank you!!!!

LATEST - Updated info since last newsletter.

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

HOT NEWS on home page:

- **PICNIC** – At our May 6 Board meeting, we will be evaluating the status of holding our Picnic on Sat. June 20 at Cuesta Park, Mtn View. Stay tuned for an email to all members letting you know if we reschedule it or not. For those who have not yet paid, please hold off until we send the update. For those who paid already, we'll hold on to your \$\$ until the decision is reached.

EMAIL PREFERENCES:

As a reminder, by providing your email address, you will receive the annual Membership Renewal launch message on Aug 1 as well as the Voting for new/returning Board members on Sep 8 from the Club. Such an easy way to take care of preserving your Club membership.

If you need to update your email address, go to **Member Info Updates** on our home page (above). About 90% of our members provide their email, so we thank you for that. (Password access info is under Password section in this email.)

STOP RECEIVING PAPER NEWSLETTER – Here's how:

- Go to: <https://hpretirees.org/hprec/>
- Click on **Member Info Updates** in left nav bar
- Enter the **username** and **password**, found in your **Member Directory**, which was mailed to your home or emailed to you in the notification when the newsletter was posted online.
- Select "Opt out of receiving paper newsletter"
- Fill in your name
- Go to bottom and select "Cancel delivery"
- Hit Submit

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.

passportdining.com - PASSPORT DINING Discount Card

Access info in Passwords (next page). Please note: **Agilent** and **Keysight** are not eligible for these Passport discounts.

hpcontinuum.com – HPI-maintained website for news, benefits, contacts, discounts including Passport Dining. HPI retirees are encouraged to join this valuable resource (See Passwords section on next page.)

One very good reason is it seems to be the only way they communicate events such as WHEN and WHERE the annual HP Retiree Benefit Fairs are held in certain locations.

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hpalumni.org - HP Alumni Association...an independent member-supported association of former HP, HPI, and HPE employees, and current employees in the process of leaving. Operated by volunteers. Not officially endorsed or supported by any company. **Very helpful** to those who would benefit from getting periodic updates on health insurance information and Q&As from fellow former employees, especially around Annual Enrollment time!



Remember that **HPREC** is a social club; HP Alumni is focused on timely benefit information, resource for historical data, career resources, and contacts. Be a part of both HPREC and HP Alumni Association!

You can join the HPAA at hpalumni.org/join. Membership is free.

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)	hpretirees.savings.beneplace.com <i>Note:</i> To find discounts for Monterey Bay Aquarium , once on this site, type in Monterey Bay Aquarium in search bar, click on <u>Reveal Code</u> (copy it, then go to website and paste it in before checking out). Code changes approx. every month. Process for Disneyland , click on <u>Get Offer</u> .	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)	hpcontinuum.com		
HPE (HPE retiree programs and services)	leavinghpe.com		
HPE (Retiree Discounts, incl Passport U)	hperetirees.savings.beneplace.com		
HP Branded Merchandise	hpstore.com click on HP Partner		
Passport Unlimited (dining discounts) call Passport at 1-800-410-4211 if needed	passportdining.com Code: hpway		
HPREC Member Info Updates form (update personal information) password is case sensitive, includes hyphen	hpretirees.org/hprec		

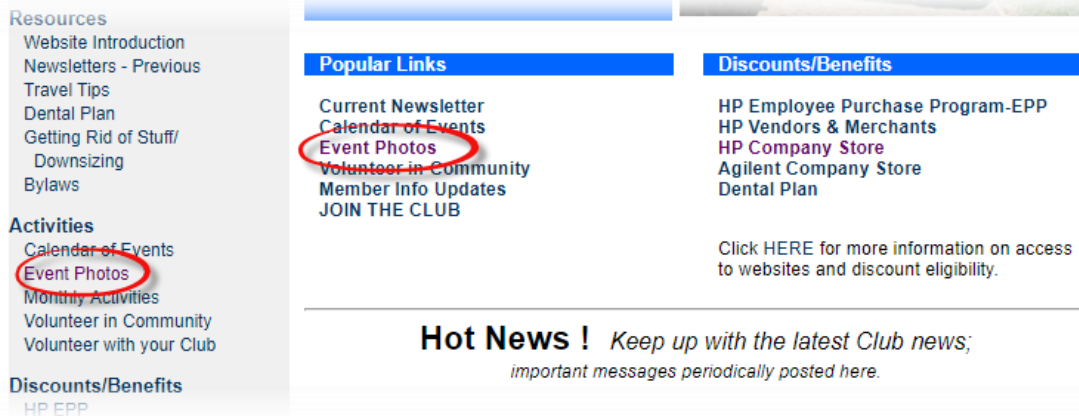
Contact **Carol Nakamoto** at CarolsCorner@hpretirees.org or call me (phone number in annual member directory) if you need help with a website (except HPAA).

Tech Team Update – a New Feature on Our Website: EVENT PHOTOS

By Carol Nakamoto, Board and Tech Team member



Check out a new feature we have on our [Club's home page](#) – [Event Photos](#). You can find the link either on the left navigation bar under **Activities** or in the middle under **Popular Links**.



If you attended a major event or an activity, look for the pictures to be posted within a week of the event. If you didn't attend, you can browse the pictures to see who participated. Maybe you'll see a friend.

If you have pictures you took at an HPREC event or activity and want to share them, please have the Event Coordinator send an email with the attached pictures to Steve Mar at smar849@yahoo.com. He will be managing the content.

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 Friday, June 5, 2020 to pack around 200 bags of groceries.

Date & Time: Friday, June 5, 2020, 3-5 pm (*assuming no shelter-in-place guidelines*)
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 May 25, 2020.**
More information: svcommunityservices.org/



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

Date & Time: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 from 1-4 pm (*assuming no shelter-in-place guidelines*)
Place: RAFT, 1355 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose, CA 95131
RSVP hp.agilent.volunteers@hotmail.com or call **John McCabe** at 650-328-3472 **by July 8, 2020.**
Directions and more information: <https://raft.net/>

PICNIC!

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 20, 2020

11 am - 3 pm (adults only)

By June 10: \$25/person

**after June 10: \$30 &
contact a co-chair**

Raffle at 12:45, Bingo at 1:15

BBQ Boys

Tri Tip/Chicken/Veggie Burger
Vege Ranch Beans, Niblet Corn,
Homestyle Potato Salad,
Tossed Green Salad, Garlic
Bread, Watermelon, Cookies,
Sodas, Water, Beer, Wine

You are welcome to bring guests to enjoy a gloriously great time. Reserve early – maximum capacity is 150 attendees.

For more information, questions or late reservations after June 10 @ \$30 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 hpretirees.org/hprec –or– complete the form below.

EVENT: HPREC Picnic 2020

_____ person(s) @ \$25 by Jun 10 / \$30 after Jun 10 = \$_____ Total
(PLEASE WRITE ONE CHECK PER EVENT)

PLEASE PRINT NAMES:

Member Name _____	Phone () _____	
Emergency Contact _____	Phone () _____	Member
Choice of entrée: _____ Tri Tip _____ Chicken _____ Veggie Burger		
Guest Name 1 _____	Phone () _____	
<i>(Please CIRCLE if this person is a member or not: YES NO)</i>		
Emergency Contact _____	Phone () _____	Guest 1
Choice of entrée: _____ Tri Tip _____ Chicken _____ Veggie Burger		
Guest Name 2 _____	Phone () _____	
<i>(Please CIRCLE if this person is a member or not: YES NO)</i>		
Emergency Contact _____	Phone () _____	Guest 2
Choice of entrée: _____ Tri Tip _____ Chicken _____ Veggie Burger		
Guest Name 3 _____	Phone () _____	
<i>(Please CIRCLE if this person is a member or not: YES NO)</i>		
Emergency Contact _____	Phone () _____	Guest 3
Choice of entrée: _____ Tri Tip _____ Chicken _____ Veggie Burge		

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.





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SWEET & DELICIOUS

Hikes in June and July 2020 *Compiled by Gary Ruppel*



Please note: Depending on what stage of "stay at home" we are in, we suggest you wear a face mask/scarf. If we are still following "stay at home" rules at that time, we will notify the Hiking Distribution List of postponements/cancellations.

Sanborn County Park

	Tues, Jun, 9, 10 am
	Tues, Jun, 16, 10 am
	\$6.00 Parking Fee
	Klaus Model 617-515-6895
	About 5 miles
	Strenuous 2.3-mile ascent of 1300 ft, then moderate downhill
	About 1300 feet of elevation gain
	On leash
	No
	At the start and finish
	Water, a lunch, sunscreen, boots, walking sticks

Meet at the Sanborn County Park. During this COVID-19 season, we will not attempt forming carpools. From Saratoga, take Hwy 9 toward Skyline. After 2.5 miles, turn left onto Sanborn Road for 1.1 miles to the park entrance. After passing the toll booth, take the first right turn for the Peterson parking lot.

Sanborn County Park has predominantly north facing slopes with mixed evergreen forests of oak, madrone, Douglas fir and redwoods. The San Andreas Fault cuts diagonally through the park. It is/used to be the home of Silicon Valley Shakespeare which has held Shakespeare outdoor (now digital) performances in the park/now online.

We will hike the steep San Andreas Trail for 2.3 miles, a 1300 ft climb. After a lunch stop, it's all downhill along the Sanborn Trails back to the parking lot. Bring a lunch and plenty of water.

Long pants are recommended as a guard against poison oak vines along the sides of some of the trails.

Lucy Evans Nature Center - Palo Alto Bay Lands Lite Hike

	Wed, Jun 17, 10 am
	No rainout date
	Free
	John McCabe 650-328-3472
	About 2 miles, more or less
	Easy
	Flat on gravel walkways
	Dogs on a leash are allowed.
	Yes
	At the beginning and end of the hike
	Water and sunscreen. The weather may be breezy along the bay, so dress accordingly.











Meet at the parking lot by the Lucy Evans Nature Center, 2775 Embarcadero Road. From Hwy 101, the Bayshore Freeway, take Embarcadero Road northeast (toward the airport) until it ends; go left at the "T" intersection and past the Duck Pond. When you see a sign on the left saying "City of Palo Alto Lucy Evans Nature Center" on your left, park in the lot across from it.

We'll start at the Lucy Evans Nature Center and walk along the creeks and sloughs by the airport and golf course looking for birds and other wildlife.

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Hikes in June and July 2020 *(continued)*

Monte Bello – Stevens Creek Nature Trail











	Tues, Jul 14, 10 am
	Tues, Jul 21, 10 am
	Free
	Jim Holl 408-446-2963, 408-528-5846 (cell)
	About 3.5 miles
	Moderate
	About 400 feet of elevation gain
	No
	No
	At the start and finish
	Water, a lunch, sunscreen, boots, no carpools are planned

Meet at the Monte Bello Parking Lot on Page Mill Road. During this COVID-19 season, we will not attempt forming carpools. The parking lot is 7 miles west of Highway 280 and 1.5 miles east of Skyline Boulevard. There is parking space for about 45 cars. There is a porta potty at the parking lot.

We will hike a portion of the Monte Bello Open Space Preserve, specifically the Stevens Creek Nature Trail. The route descends from the parking lot to Stevens Creek and is very shady. The return route is via the White Oak Trail which climbs 400 feet and has some sun towards the end. The hike is expected to take about two hours.

Long pants are recommended as a guard against poison oak vines along the sides of the trails.

Cooley Landing Park Lite Hike

	Wed, Jul 22, 10 am
	No rainout date
	Free
	Chuck Sieloff 650-888-3410
	About 2.5 miles
	Easy
	Flat
	OK on a leash
	Paths are not paved
	No
	Water, sunscreen, hat, jacket

Cooley Landing Park is a little-known park along the Bay shoreline in East Palo Alto. There are some historical markers explaining the significance of the site, which was once a port providing access to the mid-Peninsula. There are also markers showing how the shoreline of the Bay has shifted over the years. The walking paths go through marshy wetlands and along the shore.

To find the park, take University Ave. into East Palo Alto, and turn right (if coming from 101) on Bay Road. Bay Road narrows and goes through an isolated industrial area, but eventually dead ends at a modern looking Education Center at the eastern end of the road. The Education Center is usually closed, but there is ample parking available at the location.



- * **The carpool location** (temporarily not in use) is at 1501 Page Mill Rd., Palo Alto 94306. This is the current headquarters of HP Inc. To get there, take I-280 to Page Mill Road (PMR). Proceed 2.1 miles east on PMR across Junipero Serra Blvd/Foothill Expressway to Peter Coutts Rd. At the intersection, turn right into the entrance and through the gate. Proceed straight ahead to the 2nd stop sign and turn right to meet the group. Please note: There are no restroom facilities so please make plans accordingly.



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

Hiking News *Compiled by Gary Ruppel*

Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve - 3/10/20

By Gary Ruppel & Eileen Ruppel (Leaders) with photos by Steve Mar

Twelve hikers enjoyed a perfect day weather-wise for a nearly six-mile hike in one of the newest Mid-Peninsula Open Space District preserves, Bear Creek Redwoods. First opened in 2019, the District has a 20-year phased plan to restore the property's natural environment and to discover its local history. The property formerly housed a close-knit equestrian community of century-old Bear Creek Stables, mill ponds, magnificent estates and Alma College, the first Jesuit school of theology on the West Coast. The Alma College area is currently closed. It will be opened in the future once some restoration is completed.



The group started on the Alma Trail which was fairly steep for about one mile. We then ventured onto the Redwood Springs Trail which rose up for about another half-mile, then leveled off on a welcome ridge for a bit and descended to our lunch spot. After lunch, we then continued back on the Alma Trail to our starting point. The walk back on the Alma Trail took us through some old growth redwoods, shaded oak and grasslands and a visit to an old abandoned cabin site most likely used by loggers in the mid-1800s and beyond. From the parking area, the group took the Upper Lake Interpretive Walk (0.2 miles) which provided historical information about the property.



(L – R): Steve & Kay Mar, John McCabe, Carol Surrell, Eileen & Gary Ruppel, Bernard Bruand, Maria McAtee, David Karwowski, Dale McAtee, Michele Olsten, and Klaus Model.



Odd old growth redwood

Getting there: Take Hwy 17 to Bear Creek Road opposite Lexington Reservoir. Going south (toward the ocean): go under the overpass, the road curves right onto Bear Creek Road. Turn left at the stop sign. Going north (toward Los Gatos): take the overpass. From the stop sign, drive 1 mile. The parking lot is on the left. Restrooms are available; no water is available.

Please note: The remainder of our hiking schedule for March, April & May was curtailed due to the COVID-19 virus. Hopefully, we will be back in business in the near future.

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.

Frank Larraux, September 22, 1934 - January 15, 2020, Former resident of Saratoga, CA

Frank will always be remembered for his warm smile, quick wit, love for his family and his Bay Area sports teams: the Giants, 49ers, and Warriors. Frank was born in Salinas, California and raised in the Palo Alto area. He attended Sequoia High School, where he met his future wife, Adrienne Parker. Married in 1954, they had three daughters. Frank started his career in the stock room at HP before moving into customer service roles at Fairchild, AMI and Electroglas. Frank retired in 1996 and was able to spend time with Audrey before she passed away in 1998. He met and married Patricia Bishop a few years later and they enjoyed many happy years golfing, traveling, and spending time with family. They split their time between California and Florida, until his passing on January 15th.

Frank will be lovingly remembered by his wife Pat, daughters Linda Clark (Tom), Tammy Holm (Tom) and Suzette Miller (Chuck).

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Kathryn Bannister, June 6, 1958 - January 29, 2020, Watsonville

After stints in St. Helens, Oregon and Antioch, California she graduated from Santa Cruz High and earned a bachelor's degree from San Francisco State and later an MBA. She worked in hospitality and retail, followed by a career at HP in Silicon Valley. She could work a room like no one else and her infectious laughter was always a sign that she'd made yet another new "best" friend. Katy loved cats and dogs, growing dahlias, and skiing. She was a fantastic cook and entertainer, and a world traveler. Katy even had a short career in film and managed to make the cut in "The Grateful Dead Movie" in 1974 where she truly exhibited a love for life as teenager.

Katy lost her six-year battle with kidney cancer on January 29. She attacked the disease as she would any double black diamond- with grace, determination and humor.

Her family thanks her care team at Stanford, UCSF, and City of Hope, Hospice of Santa Cruz County and her posse who stood by through thick and thin. Please buy locally grown flowers to celebrate Katy, and make donations in her honor to Hospice of Santa Cruz County, Camp Erin.

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HPREC Member James "Jim" L. Arthur, May 14, 1934 ~ February 22, 2020, Resident of Saratoga

Jim Arthur was born in Cairo, Illinois May 14, 1934. His family moved frequently in his youth. Jim met his future wife Winifred (Winnie) Isaak in Reedley, CA. In 1954 Jim enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in England working with radar. That sparked his interest in electronics that would shape his future career. Jim married Winnie in 1956. He attended Fresno State University earning a Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering degree. Jim then went to work in the aerospace industry and later received his Master's of Science in Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Southern California.

In 1960 Jim joined Neely Enterprises which was later absorbed by a relatively new electronics company in Palo Alto, Hewlett Packard. Thus began Jim's 36-year career with HP. Starting as a Field Engineer, his career rose rapidly. In 1970 he became General Manager of the Midwest Sales region in Illinois; Jim was made GM of the Corporate Parts Center in 1973. With his family relocating to Northern California, Saratoga became home for the rest of his life. In 1975 Jim headed up the Data Terminals Division, after which he led the Computer Marketing Group. Jim became a Vice President in 1982 and in 1984 he was made Director of U.S Field Operations. Jim was then promoted to Senior Vice President in 1987 and ran the Worldwide Customer Support Division until his retirement in 1996.

Jim had a very close relationship with his son and three daughters and shared many wonderful times with his six grandchildren who were very special to him. Jim's wife Winnie passed away in 2003. Jim later married the second love of his life, Robin, with whom he shared many wonderful memories during the remainder of his life. An animal lover, Jim held a special place in his heart for their adorable puppy, Charlie Brown, who brought him immense joy and companionship in his final years.

Jim's interests included football, which he played into his college years. Jim loved golf, especially playing with his son and friends on some of the world's great courses. The highlight was playing Augusta National as part of his retirement send off.

Jim passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family. He is survived by his loving wife Robin, children James Arthur (Pamela), Susan Arthur (Daucy Wolverton), Karen Brents (Barry), Kristen Polanowski (Leo), and grandchildren Robin Dietrich, Jimmy Brents, Johnny Brents, Robby Brents, Lauren Polanowski and Addison Polanowski.

Jim's family thanks the friends of the family for their love and support. A special thank you goes out to Fruts 'Rose' for her unending love and care these past 2 ½ years and also to Hospice of the Valley for their care and support for Jim and his family in the final days.

Private funeral services were held on March 9, 2020. Donations may be made to The Lewis and Joan Platt East Palo Alto Family YMCA or the Stanford Children's Hospital.

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Rick Anden, July 3, 1958 - February 22, 2020, Resident of Gilroy, CA

Rick, 61, passed away surrounded by family at UNC Rex Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina, while on a business trip. A native of California, Rick was the son of Richard Wallace Anden and Barbara Jean Roof.

Rick grew up in Cupertino, California and had lived in Gilroy, California since 1998. He graduated from Cupertino High School and attended DeAnza College. Rick was employed at Hewlett Packard for 23 years, following his father and grandfather as long time HP employees. In 2000, he began working at Cisco Systems in San Jose as a Computer Analyst Program Manager. Rick enjoyed his work, especially his co-workers.

Rick's interests and hobbies were many. He loved fishing, camping, cooking, and gardening; producing the best tomatoes. In the last five years his interest in brewing beer grew. He had a home brewery and enjoyed developing unique recipes using ingredients like hibiscus, juniper berries, carrots, Poblano chilies and more. His Garlic Beer was featured at the 2018 Gilroy Garlic Festival and some of his recipes are used by a local brewery.

Rick is survived by his wife of 30 years, Cindi Anden, and their daughter, Natalie Anden, 19. The family will hold a private memorial service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Rick's name may be made to Second Harvest Food Bank of Silicon Valley at SHFB.com.

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John W. Stafford, December 5, 1955 - February 27, 2020, Vista, California

John, 64, left this life slipping quietly away while sleeping. The cause of death was an almost 30-year battle with Parkinson's disease. John was an intelligent, gentle man who had a lifelong passion for computers. He was a student at the University of California, San Diego, when an early mainframe computer lab was opened. He learned computer programming with the old punchcards and reveled in the challenges of writing compiler software for Hewlett Packard in San Jose. He went to work for them right out of college, and stayed with the company for 25 years, until his disability forced him to retire. When he was diagnosed at the age of 37, he said he would continue doing everything he could until he couldn't do it anymore, and that is exactly how he lived. He quietly met every challenge the disease threw at him until he physically couldn't do it any longer. He took up photography and wrote many pieces of poetry, some of it quite good, which was a surprise to him and the rest of us too. We always thought he was too practical to go off on flights of fancy, but he fooled us and himself.

He married Terrill (Terry) Couch on April 2, 1988 and they stayed together until his passing, almost 32 years later. It wasn't always easy, but they hung in there, realizing they were better together than apart. Terry has a son, Damon, from a previous marriage, and John undertook the task of caring for this boy, who grew unto an excellent young man who ultimately made a career of supporting and working for his country.

We are so grateful to have had assistance for the last years of his life from Champine Manor in Escondido, Ca., and at Silverado in Escondido, Ca. as well. They cared for him, even when it was difficult, with a constant philosophy of support and recognition of the value of his life and his feelings. We could not have asked for better caregivers.

John is survived by his wife Terry, stepson Damon, three wonderful grandchildren, Chloe, Julia, Liam.

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George Vincent Patser, December 25, 1932 – February 21, 2020, Resident of Los Gatos

George died peacefully at the Terraces of Los Gatos after 87 years of life.

He was born in Hungary and emigrated to the United States in 1956 with his wife Gabriella, following the Soviet suppression of the Hungarian Uprising. He was very happy and proved to be an American citizen and always had a flag on display, even at the Terraces.

George and Gabi were sponsored by Bob and Betsy Crothers and invited into their home in Pittsburg. He was always grateful for all the love and support shown by the Crothers family.

George was an engineer, researcher in the medical field, inventor, businessman, philanthropist and mentor. He received a patent for the goniostat/four angle instrument that measures DNA. In his business he developed products for the diagnostic medical field. He

worked in management for U.S. Steel Fundamental Research, Picker International and Stanford, HP labs, Xerox PARC. Prior to starting his own business, Patser Associates, he was Vice President and part owner of Burke Scientific Incorporated.

George and Gabriella, with the help of Dr. Diana Guthaner and Dr. Ellen Mahoney, established the Gabriella Patser Program Fund in December of 1994 to help uninsured women gain access to mammography screening and other diagnostic tools. The Fund was given to Bay Area Cancer Connections in Palo Alto to manage.

George loved playing golf and working on Porsches with his good friend Chuck Stoddart. With his diagnosis of multiple sclerosis, these activities were limited in his later years. He could continue with his favorite game of chess.

He is also survived by his friend, companion and care giver of over 20 years, Laurel Hill and family.

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Dallas "Sam" Yamakoshi, May 2, 1944 - March 7, 2020, San Jose

Sam, beloved husband of Carol, passed away peacefully in his sleep at his home in San Jose. Sam was a loving father to Scott Yamakoshi (Sue), Michelle Shimada (Todd), and Stacy Takamura (Reid). He adored his 11 grandchildren.

Sam was born in Topaz, UT to James and Kimiko Yamakoshi. The family moved to Palo Alto where he graduated from Palo Alto High. He went on to get a bachelor's and master's degree from UCLA.

Sam and his family moved to San Jose in 1971 where he had a successful career working as a software engineer at Hewlett Packard, and also taught night classes at De Anza College.

Sam enjoyed gambling in Las Vegas or at Thunder Valley. When he wasn't gambling, he loved to watch his grandchildren play basketball or baseball or seeing them in plays and other performances.

Sam will most be remembered for his contagious smile, kind heart and generosity. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

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Sigrid McCrary

Sigrid Amanda Jutta Maria Reich Lucas, beloved daughter of Martha Dau and Ludwig Reich, passed from her physical body to return to her spiritual being at 5 AM March 11, 2020 at the age of 97.

She was a long-time Executive Secretary to Stanford Park Division Director, Rod Carlson. Rod Carlson shared Sigrid with John Minck for secretarial duties. Rod paid the fee for Sigrid to be a Notary Public for the division, so employees didn't have to go elsewhere. So, when Bill Hewlett's second wife, Rosemary, who was also German, needed some document notarized, her chauffeur would drive her over in front of Bldg 5, and Sigrid would go out to sit in the car and chat, and notarize the doc. At that time, she was married to Leo McCrary, who worked in shipping, and the name McCrary might be more recognizable to HP people.

Sigrid Lucas broke her pelvis as a result of a fall, passing away a few weeks afterwards. Sigrid had been living independently until eighteen months ago when she broke a leg in a fall and began to require assistance with her daily routine.

Sigrid was born in Hannover, Germany. The death of her father when she was only two years old was traumatic for her and her sister until her mother married a much older man who at least could put food on the table. She completed a two-year Jr college diploma where she learned most of her secretarial skills. During WWII she was a personal assistant to a German General, where she was often saddled with the grim task of sending families glowing reports about their dead conscripted 14-year-old child who in fact was shot while running from gunfire.

After WWII her husband and two kids moved to Montreal, Canada. They had hoped they could emigrate to America, however American defense industry at that time was only looking for highly talented technical engineers to help in the space race.

The family caught a break in 1963 when the tech companies started actually building what was on paper. Sigrid's husband Werner, a very skilled machinist who came up through the very demanding German apprenticeship program, was hired immediately. Sigrid tried being a homemaker but that drove her nuts. She hated planting flowers and being tied down. Though it was a nice home on Stockbridge Ave between Atherton and Redwood City, since she did not drive she was totally isolated. She bribed her 15-year-old son, Ralf that if he would drive her to work when he turned 16, she would buy him a car. A deal was struck and within weeks she was back in her element working for an executive at Ampex, the company that created videotape and multitrack audio machines.

She spent the early seventies looking for different scenery and ended up working for an attorney in Palm Desert.

By this time her son Ralf was working at HPTV in Boeblingen, Germany just outside Stuttgart. ITMT Sigrid wanted to come back to the Bay. Ralf suggested that she apply at the HP Temps pool in Palo Alto and the rest is as they say history. Sigrid was back in her

element. She loved working with smart people and taking on the challenges that came with being the right-hand gal of, as she used to say, "the big Boss!"

Sigrid lived mostly in Los Altos. After she retired, she married the love of her life, Dr. Earl Lucas. She spent many hours reading and exploring the streets of downtown Los Altos. She and Earl travelled extensively to her beloved Europe.

Sigrid had a dry sense of humor and could be very direct which could be off-putting to some, but to those who took the time to get to know her she will be forever missed.

Sigrid is survived by a son Ralf Conradt, of Bend Oregon, a daughter Karin Conradt-Boch of Cornwall, Ontario, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Communicated by Ralph Conradt and John Minck



Stephen Meyer

I died a rather happy man on March 12, 2020 in Palm Springs, CA of complications of glioblastoma, that nasty brain cancer you may have heard about. I was one of the lucky ones in that when I was diagnosed in August 2014. I was told I had 14-18 months to live. At the time of my death I was in month 67.

I was born January 7, 1951 as John Stephen Meyer on a snowy morning in Evansville, IN to June Fickas Meyer and Herman G Meyer, both of whom have predeceased me.

I graduated from Memorial High School in 1969 and for two years I attended the Indiana State University regional campus which is now the University of Southern Indiana. At that time an opportunity to move to California presented itself and I grabbed that brass ring and ran with it, never looking back. I first landed in Palo Alto, CA south of San Francisco and moved about the San Francisco Peninsula several times before Tony and I moved to San Francisco a couple months after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, which interrupted the World Series. There I stayed until I moved to Palm Springs, CA in 2013. Curiously, while California is often considered the "earthquake center" in the U.S., and I've been through some doozies, the first earthquake I experienced was the 1968 New Madrid earthquake in Evansville, IN.

I was fortunate to be hired by Hewlett-Packard Company within a year of arriving in California and I enjoyed a 30-year career with H-P before accepting a generous "enhanced" early retirement package in 2002. I stayed retired for a couple years and then worked at a non-profit for a year. That was certainly an eye-opener for me. Then I worked for five years in the office of an immunogenetics laboratory at the University of California-San Francisco. The lab performed genetic and DNA testing for patients needing organ and bone marrow transplants. That was some of the most fascinating work I've ever done.

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Duncan MacVicar lived a life full of joy and accomplishment, according to his family. The West Point graduate and business entrepreneur loved singing and enriched the lives of others through tireless community volunteering.

Mr. MacVicar died March 11 at his Los Altos home, surrounded by family. He had recently celebrated his 76th birthday. He had been battling a rare cancer the past three years.

Born in Cleveland, Mr. MacVicar excelled in academics throughout his school years and was accepted to West Point.

EARLY YEARS. Mr. MacVicar served in Vietnam as a combat engineer and company commander. He received two Bronze Stars, two Air Medals and an Army Commendation Medal at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

He earned a master's degree in physics from UC Berkeley. While working as a junior physicist at the Livermore Lab, Mr. MacVicar met teacher Jeanne Knox. They later married at the University of Kansas' Danforth Chapel in 1971. They welcomed a daughter, Bryn, in 1975.

Mr. MacVicar pursued a career in marketing that included employment at Hewlett-Packard and Spectra-Physics. Later, he started his own consulting business that focused on high-tech strategic planning. He also enjoyed working with startups and co-authored a book on entrepreneurship, "Managing High-Tech Start-Ups."

He was a longtime member of Los Altos United Methodist Church. Singing in the church choir was a favorite activity.

HELPING OTHERS. Recently, Mr. MacVicar helped initiate and lead Los Altos United Methodist Church's Cancer Support Group. An advocate of social justice, he and Jeanne were members of the church's Accompaniment Team, through which they assisted a Guatemalan mother and her children seek asylum in the U.S. After three years, that effort is still in process. In February, the MacVicar family accompanied the mother and children when they appeared before a judge in the immigration court in San Francisco.

In 2004, the MacVicar family initiated the Los Altos/Los Altos Hills Relay For Life to benefit the American Cancer Society, which became one of the top Relay events in the nation. Among his many awards and accolades, Los Altos Community Foundation honored him with its John W. Gardner Building Community Award.

DEALING WITH PTSD. As a Vietnam War veteran who experienced post-traumatic stress disorder, Mr. MacVicar put his experience to use in 2011 as a consultant with the California Veterans Legal Task Force. His work focused on helping fellow veterans with service-related mental health problems. Mr. MacVicar worked with the task force to establish Veterans Treatment Courts (VTCs)

throughout Northern California. He also worked nationally to promote diversion and alternative sentencing for veterans, seeking formal recognition of the value of treatment over incarceration.

FOND MEMORIES. Family members underscored Mr. MacVicar's positive outlook, compassion and willingness to help.

Wife Jeanne also paid tribute. "Duncan's greatest joys, in addition to his family, were helping others and serving the community," Jeanne said. "His sense of duty made him a courageous inspiration, always positive to the end."

Mr. MacVicar is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jeanne; daughter Bryn (Chris) Pennington and granddaughters.

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

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