

HPREC NEWS

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HPREC President's Message *By Bernard Bruand*

COVID-19 is still with us and may be for quite some time. Wear your mask. Stay safe. Hope all is well with all of you and not too many members have been infected, otherwise recovered well.

All in-person activities of the Club are in suspend-mode, except for the Club meetings; Board of Director monthly meetings and the Tech Team meetings, all held by teleconferences. Hiking activities will be case by case; look for an email from the Hiking coordinator when they resume.

We are starting to prepare for the **Holiday Luncheon**, to be ready in case it can happen if the COVID-19 situation improves. We are not very optimistic it can happen, but we are looking into it.

However, there was a good side effect to the lockdown. Four members of the Tech Team have worked hard the last two months to develop a **new IT platform for the Club**. This platform will replace our 17-year-old membership management system that needed replacing. It will integrate with the Club's website into one interactive solution, giving you, our members, immediate access to Renewal, Event bookings, Payments, Profile info, such as address and email. You will have real time access to all needed information, like: Did I book Holiday Luncheon? When? How did I pay? Online Member Directory updates in real time and more improvements.

The system will also enable us to introduce **fairer two-tier membership pricing** as some members have been requesting: 1) online access including online newsletter, and 2) online access with mailed printed newsletter. Members will receive the annual printed Member Directory mailed to your home address if you Opt-in to receive one during the registration process. The Board has decided to price tier 1 **online only at \$15 for next year**. The price for tier 2 for members to receive the **newsletter by mail at their address** will be determined at the Aug 5 Board meeting, considering the cost to print and mail the bi-monthly newsletter.

The Board's long-term objectives remain to encourage members to move toward online and to reduce volunteer time. We understand some members still prefer paper and don't use many online services, if any. We will keep available the option to pay by check and get printed newsletters for members who are currently engaged this way. If you can use online services, please do, especially for paying membership fees or booking events, as this reduces manual work for our volunteers (Online payments and event confirmations are fully automated with the new system). **Please do not submit any checks in advance of receiving a new system registration form in early October to complete and send in with a check**, if you did not register online before. There will be new data in the database, so the Registration form is necessary to process a check.

Speaking of **Events management** (reservation, payments), **I want to give a special thank you to Fran Low** who has managed this activity for many years and has decided it's time to pass it to someone else. Thanks, Fran for this long-term contribution to the Club!

Steve Mar has volunteered to take Fran's place - thanks Steve. He is also working with Darlene Cano to administer membership activities. It's critical that the new system reduces the workload on these volunteers and that as many members as possible work online, so that the manual work for Joins, Renewals, Rejoins, Events management is reduced. Otherwise, volunteers will be overloaded. (Members volunteering for Club operational activities have dropped off in recent years.)

Please take a look at the Tech Team article in this issue with more details on the new system.

Nominations for the Board: we are looking for members willing to contribute and join the Board of Directors. Please contact me or Oscar if you can contribute and help manage the Club.

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	July 14, 10 am – 2 pm	Monte Bello – Stevens Creek Nature Trail	See May'20 issue
Volunteer	July 15, 1 pm – 4 pm	RAFT Volunteer & Processing Center	See May'20 issue
Hike	July 22, 10 am – 2 pm	Cooley Landing Park Lite Hike	See May'20 issue
Drop-in Lunch \$	July 28, 11:30 am – 2 pm	Jake's of Saratoga	See Page 11
Hike	Aug 19, 10 am – 2 pm	Stanford's Lake Lagunita Lite Hike	See Page 12
Drop-in Lunch \$	Aug 25, 11:30 am – 2 pm	Jake's of Saratoga	See Page 11
Hike	Sep 16, 10 am – 2 pm	Lucy Evans Nature Center Lite Hike	See Page 12
Drop-in Lunch \$	Sep 29, 11:30 am – 2 pm	Jake's of Saratoga	See Page 11

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 of our May'20 issue](#) 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 July's HPREC Membership update.

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

NEW members who joined our Club during April and May 2020: **Christine (Chris) A. Miller, Jose Estrada, Freda F. Fraser, Veronica Manzo Stumpf, Kimberly M. Cesena, Mary Bach, Mai H. Cutler, Mary Hebert Byler, Debra Von Huene, Sal Urtiaga and Omega M. Camacho.**

REJOINED: **Sara Lautenbach, Henrietta Gamino and Judy Lea Vandiver.**

The HPREC Club membership stands at 845.

Two items for your attention:

1. Please ensure we have your current email address on record; it helps us better communicate with you all and reduces our administrative activities. See Tech Team article for reminder on how to do this.
2. Please take the time to read the Tech Team article on the new membership renewal solution. We are very excited to bring these new features to all our members, help everyone maintain and update their information and increase flexibility in dealing with Club activities.

Recruitment Efforts and Tools

- As a reminder, we always appreciate your efforts in bringing in new members.
- We provide more information on the tools below in every other newsletter, so if you are a **NEW** member to the Club, please look at our last newsletter issue online for how we help incentivize you. Simply click [here](#), or on [our site](#), click on **Newsletters – Previous** if you'd like more info (page 3 of each issue).
- Membership eligibility is for those friends or ex-colleagues who worked at least 10 years with HP, HPE, Agilent and/or Keysight.
- Utilize our **INFORMATIVE BROCHURE** for recruiting. It's available on the hpretirees.org/hprec website. Click *HPREC Brochure* on the left navigation bar to access the tri-fold brochure for printing (in color).
- **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, hopefully, will take place in **December 2020** (stay tuned for what COVID-19 restrictions may be in place at that time). Virtual drawing held if needed, and gift cards mailed to member's homes.



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!

LATEST - Updated info since last newsletter.

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

HOT NEWS on home page:

- **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** – On Sep 1, you will receive an email with the link to renew online. If you need to update or provide your email address, go to **Member Info Updates** on our home page no later than Aug 15. Password access info is under Password section in the email sent notifying you the newsletter was posted online.
- **HOLIDAY LUNCHEON** – The September newsletter will include news as to whether we hope to hold the luncheon this December.
- **PICNIC** – We have scheduled the next Picnic for Saturday, June 26, 2021 at Cuesta Park, Mountain View.

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). One very good reason is this was the only way they communicated where/when the annual HP Retiree Benefit Fairs were held in October 2019.



hpalumni.org - HP Alumni Association (HPAA)...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!

Reminder: HPREC is a social club. HP Alumni is focused on timely benefit information, resource for historical data, career resources, contacts, and opportunities to pose questions. Be a part of both HPREC and HP Alumni Association! You can join the HPAA at www.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): -Health & Wellness -Apparel -Automotive -Dining & Grocery -Education -Electronics -Entertainment -Financial Fitness -Flowers & Gifts -Home & Garden, etc.	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)	hpretirees.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, stop receiving paper newsletter, etc.) 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 – New IT Platform for the Club

By Bernard Bruand (Chair) and Carol Nakamoto (Member)

What Are We Doing and Why?

While under “stay at home” orders due to the Coronavirus pandemic, mostly a sub-team of the **Tech Team** has been very busy meeting virtually and working from home on evaluating and testing alternative platforms for both our membership database and website offerings. This has been necessary due to:

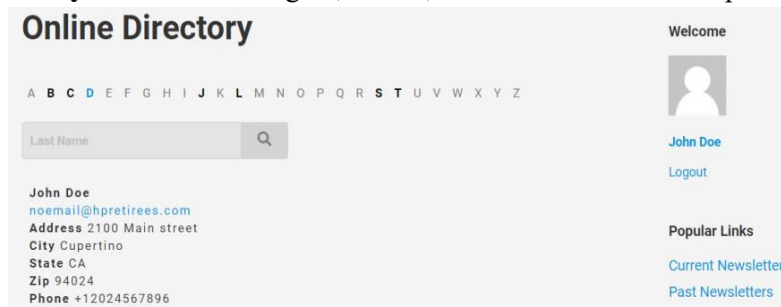
- declining volunteerism and relieving current volunteers who’ve been at it for quite some time
- the need to move from a no-longer-supportable platform that is 17 years old and needs replacing
- and equally important, looking for ways to offer improved and additional features for our members.

A win-win!

Not long after, the four-person sub-team had a working prototype. The Tech Team members tested the prototype and shared feedback; adjustments and improvements were made. The new platform option was demonstrated at the June Board meeting with great questions and discussion. By the meeting’s end, the Board approved the new option and plans.

What Changes Are Coming?

1. The new comprehensive and secure Membership system will allow you to:
 - manage your own profile data
 - manage your membership renewal and pay online via Stripe - our current payment provider
 - sign up for events and pay online via Stripe
 - access content from the annual Member Directory:
 - Board of Directors, Club Contacts, Club Volunteers
 - Website Intro, including Passwords for various websites
 - Company Contact info: HP Inc., HPE, Agilent and Keysight
 - **Online Directory** - real-time and again, secure, and based on member’s preferences



(We will continue to print and mail an annual Member Directory to those who still wish to receive it at your home in February. We are adding an option to opt-in to receive a printed version if accessing the directory online will not satisfy your needs.)

- access all the valuable information that exists on the Club’s current website
- view your payment status for Events - **My Event Bookings** page shows if you paid for something or not. Double payments will be a thing of the past. *(very cool!)*

My Event Bookings				
Event	Date	Spaces	Status	
SPRING FLING LUNCHEON	07/25/20	1	Approved	

Powered by Events Manager

My Event Bookings

You do not have any bookings.
Powered by Events Manager

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Tech Team Update *(continued)*

2. To access this new comprehensive and secure Membership system, you will need to register with a Username and Password. Tips on getting started will be available in the September newsletter.
3. As highlighted in the President's message, **two-tier membership pricing** will go into effect. You will need to select which option you will want once you're signed in:
 - a) online access including online newsletter at **\$15 for next year**
 - b) online access with mailed printed newsletter – price to be determined at August Board meeting taking into account the cost to print and mail the bi-monthly newsletter

Both tiers include the printed annual Member Directory mailed to home address, if the opt-in option is chosen. Two tiers of dues were established to recognize the increased cost of providing paper newsletters mailed to your home, which we are still willing to do.

We encourage all members to set themselves up online and engage with the Club online including online newsletters. We can offer a detailed tutorial on what to do (voluntary). *Let us know if you wish to receive some help beyond the "Tips" we've created for the website, to be provided in the September newsletter issue and email to be sent.*

We will continue to support members who are not comfortable with online participation. You will be provided with a paper New System Registration Form, paper renewal and paper Event registration. Our Membership Admin team of Darlene Cano and Steve Mar will assist with loading and maintaining your information and Event sign-ups as you submit them.

When Will This Happen? The new platform will become live with the upcoming renewal season that will start Sep 1.

What's Next? More detailed information to come in the September newsletter about what's changing, what's staying the same, and how you can stay involved in helping us with a much-needed transition.

Current Plans:

1. Tech Team (TT) will transition to the new platform in July-August to be ready for the upcoming renewal cycle. We will retain the online payment provider Stripe that we transitioned to last year – no change here. Please pay online to save work for our volunteers, and you will immediately know that you have renewed.
2. **Beginning this year, the Membership Renewal drive will begin Sep 1 and end Nov 30.**
 - a) Sep 1-30 will be open for online renewals only.
 - b) Oct 1-Nov 30 will be open for online and paper renewals.
 - c) Please do not submit any checks in advance of receiving a New System Registration Form in early October for you to complete and send in with your check.
Note: If you have not renewed by **Nov 30**, you will lose access to HPREC services until you renew.
3. On **Sep 1**, members with an email address on file will be sent an email message to begin renewing online.
Note: If we don't have your email address and you wish to receive the Sep 1 email message, please go to our website hpretirees.org/hprec, click on **Member Info Updates**, and provide your email address no later than Aug 15. Current access code for this web page can be found in your Member Directory.
4. Any member who has not renewed by Sep 30 will receive a paper invoice and a New System Registration Form in the mail around Oct 10. Online renewal is strongly encouraged.
5. You will need to **create your own username and password** to allow you access to the system for renewal and updates, to the newsletters (to be protected from public searches), and the new secure online directory. Make sure you JOT DOWN your **username** (cannot change in system once you choose it) and **password** (can update whenever you want) as the Club will not have this information. Tips on how to select a username and a strong password will appear in September's newsletter.

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Tech Team Update *(continued)*

6. The benefits of the new comprehensive and secure Membership system are:
 - a) allow you to look up your payment information for Club renewal and events to avoid double payments
 - b) allow you to view other members' contact info (per each member's preferences). We will continue sending an annual printed Member Directory for members who opt-in to receiving one vs accessing the directory online. We encourage you to save trees!
 - c) two membership options are available:
 - 1) online access including online newsletter at **\$15 per year**
 - 2) online access with mailed printed newsletter – price to be determined at Aug Board meeting taking in to account the cost to print and mail the bi-monthly newsletter***Note:** Double payments will no longer be refunded, rather another year will be added to your membership.*
 - d) drastically reduce manual data entry on the part of our Membership Admin team for membership and event sign ups
 - e) capability to allow for additional activity sign-ups, such as volunteer events, hiking, travel, as activity leads need more timely information vs bi-monthly newsletters
 - f) better integration of bi-monthly newsletter event notices with online Calendars of Events.
7. As for the annual email Board of Director Voting process, it will take place Sep 3-30. An email will be sent to all members with an email address on file by Sep 3. See ***Note*** in #3 above, if you'd like to provide your email address to participate.

We invite you to support and embrace these changes, as we were looking for new features and flexibility members might enjoy, while also replacing an aging system and easing the manual administrative load for the volunteers who work hard to keep you informed and engaged.

The members of the Tech Team are listed below, with the **sub-team members'** names highlighted. If you have any questions as we transition, please do not hesitate to contact Bernard, Tech Team Chair.

Bernard Bruand (Chair, Project Coordinator) ba.president@hpretirees.org

Paula Hoelker-williams (forms)

Paul Hsia (directory)

Tom Jew (webmaster)

Steve Mar (event mgmt., data entry, event photos, email blasts)

Carol Nakamoto (communication – web content, newsletter articles, email blasts)

Ed Tang (database management)

Again, refer to the next newsletter article for full instructions on how to get started. We know this is a lot to digest, so we're laying out the "big picture" in this issue, then will provide focused instructions to help you in September.

Welcome aboard to a fun new season of HPREC membership!
We encourage your feedback and continued membership.

ID Theft and Digital Fraud Protection

By John McGowan

One of the greatest financial risks to Seniors today is not market volatility or investment performance, but ID theft and fraud targeted specifically at Seniors. After working at HP and Agilent, I joined the First Tech Credit Union (Addison Avenue before the merger) as Director of Risk Management.

I saw several difficult fraud cases impacting our members. This will be the first of a series of articles in the newsletter offering information on how these frauds work, and suggestions on how to avoid becoming a victim. If readers have specific questions or ideas for future articles, please share them via the HPREC email addresses.

Twenty years ago, paper documents in the trash were a leading cause of ID theft, and shredder sales took off as people exercised more care about items discarded. In addition, regulations limited information like account numbers on monthly bills and credit card receipts, so losses due to ID theft from paper in the wrong hands has diminished greatly. Shredding is still a good idea, but the fraudsters have moved into automated tools.

Today, the vast majority of financial fraud and ID theft occurs through two electronic channels: personal computers/tablets and smart or home telephones. Each have a set of vulnerabilities and many Seniors either fail to take all the precautions they should, or are tricked into revealing information that thieves (often outside the U.S.) can use to steal funds from bank or investment accounts, or take loans in the name of the victim(s) that the victims are liable for. Email scams steal close to \$2 billion each year in the U.S., and telephone scams (impacting 1 in 10 Americans each year) are reported to steal close to \$10 billion annually.



The primary risk with computers (desktops/laptops or tablets) is phishing emails, where the sender or subject matter is disguised to look legitimate, and the message is intended to trigger the victim to call a number or log into a website or click a link that will expose their private personal financial information. Examples might be an email appearing to come from your bank or the IRS or a lottery or contest you didn't enter, urging you to call or click or "log in" to resolve a problem. Often these may seem threatening ("Your account will be frozen!") or very tempting ("You have won \$500,000!"). Sadly, many tablets show only the spoofed sender name, and not the real address of the sender, which might include a domain name outside the U.S.. Once you click on a suspicious link, or log into a fraudster website, you should assume all of that account information is compromised.

In addition, most desktops and laptops are also subject to a virus download so that every log-in attempt you make after the initial fraud site is recorded and sent to the fraudster without your knowledge. The only solution is to be highly suspicious of ANY email you receive, including even friends' message such as "Hey – check this out.". Those are often sent when an email account has been compromised. Just delete the message, or call the sender using your own contact numbers, and delete if at all suspicious.

Telephones are channels for fraud either by gaining access to smart phones with apps like online banking, account passwords, etc., or through calls from fraudsters hoping to trigger a response that gives them access to your information. If you have a smart phone and it doesn't have at least a four-digit (random!) security code, set that up immediately! (And no – 1-2-3-4 is not secure!) Thirty MILLION smart phones are lost or stolen in the U.S. each year, and if yours is not secure and goes missing, EVERYTHING on it is potentially in the hands of a thief. The second risk for telephones is the spoofed call that appears to be from the IRS or sheriff or even the kidnapper of a grandchild. Those demand action like providing log-in and password, or sending a "gift card" or threats of arrest and jail.



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ID Theft and Digital Fraud Protection *(continued)*

With the benefit of Caller ID and voicemail or even traditional answering machines, you should never answer a telephone call today unless you are sure you know who the caller is. Just let it go to voicemail or “the machine” and either pick up if you recognize the caller, delete the message or call back. We typically receive a couple of fraud calls per day between our cell phones and landlines and generally refuse to answer calls from “toll-free caller” or “out-of-area” callers. Remember, there is no rule or law that says you must answer the phone just because someone else has chosen to disturb you. And, if you were wondering, the federal “Do Not Call” list is worthless since Congress and law enforcement have not found an effective way to enforce the law. Neither have they found a way to force callers to accurately display their number.



To recap, ANY phone call claiming to be from Microsoft to help you “fix” your computer, or from the IRS or Sheriff or Immigration or in Mandarin is a fraud, and should simply be ignored. The same is true for any call claiming you won a contest, or that your account is locked or frozen. If you think there is a chance of a banking problem, again, call your bank or credit union on their regular customer service line, and not the phone number left in the recording. You could report fraud calls to the FTC if you had extra free time, but they won’t actually do anything about them. Seniors also need to know that once money is gone from your account, it is very rare to recover the funds. Wire transfers can’t be reversed, and those responsible are rarely caught.

I hope all our members can learn to be suspicious always, and resist the temptation to click on a link, or respond to an email that is part of a fraud scheme. And when your smart phone or landline rings with an unrecognized number, remember it is your absolute right to let the call go unanswered or roll to voicemail or the answering machine. From there, you can carefully decide whether to take further action or simply delete the message and let the fraudster cheat someone else. Remember, telephone fraud is so common because it works! The cost to make 1 million Robocalls is trivial, and even a 1/100th of a percent success rate means stealing money from hundreds of victims.

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**AVOID ID THEFT**

# Drop-in Lunch

## Jake's of Saratoga

**July 28, 2020**

We *HOPE* to resume our monthly drop-in lunch in July. If you want to be on the list to get an email about *IF* we are resuming, please send your name and email address to Pat Fausett at [pat.fausett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pat.fausett@sbcglobal.net)

**Jake's of Saratoga**, 12175 Saratoga Sunnyvale Rd., Saratoga on **Tuesday, July 28, 2020** at 11:30 am. Anyone is welcome at this no-host lunch. But be sure to receive our email confirmation before heading to Jake's on July 28!

### Future Dates

**Tuesday, Aug 25, 2020**

**Tuesday, Sep 29, 2020**

No reservations needed.



\*Directions: Take Highway 280 to De Anza Boulevard, turn south toward Steven's Creek, pass Prospect Road, turn right onto Oak Creek Lane to enter the parking lot at 12175 Saratoga Sunnyvale Rd., Saratoga.

# Hikes in Aug and Sep 2020\* *Compiled by Gary Ruppel*

(No Regular Hikes Planned)

*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.*



## Stanford's Lake Lagunita

|  |                                                           |
|--|-----------------------------------------------------------|
|  | Wed, Aug 19, 10 am                                        |
|  | No rainout date. We go rain or shine unless it is pouring |
|  | Free                                                      |
|  | Gary Ruppel 650-888-2144                                  |
|  | About 1.5 miles                                           |
|  | Easy. Flat                                                |
|  | Almost nothing                                            |
|  | No                                                        |
|  | No                                                        |
|  | No. Plan accordingly                                      |
|  | Water, sunscreen, walking shoes                           |

### Meet at the Tressider Memorial Union parking lot at Stanford University, 459 Lagunita Dr, Stanford.

Lake Lagunita has a storied past. Now always dry, it was finally drained in 1997. In 1892 a boathouse (for men only) was built which provided much enjoyment for students. For many years in autumn prior to 1992, the lake was the site for the largest bonfire in the valley the night before the Big Game between Stanford and Cal. However, the lake was found to be the breeding ground for the yellow and black California salamander, which was having a hard time breeding because of the bonfires.

\* Credit for the information above goes to Tom DeMund and Stanford's Bill Lane Center for the American West. Their book Walking the Farm can be purchased online @ the Stanford Bookstore.

## Lucy Evans Nature Center - Palo Alto Baylands

|  |                                                                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  | Wed, Sept 16, 10 am                                                                 |
|  | No rainout date. We go rain or shine unless it is pouring                           |
|  | Free                                                                                |
|  | John McCabe 650-328-3472                                                            |
|  | About 2 miles, more or less                                                         |
|  | Easy                                                                                |
|  | Flat on gravel walkways                                                             |
|  | Dogs on a leash are allowed.                                                        |
|  | Yes                                                                                 |
|  | Perhaps. A Porta-Potty may be available. Plan accordingly                           |
|  | 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 Rd, Palo Alto.

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

\* Lite hikes will be limited to 10 participants (including the Leader). Masks are required, and we will separate by six feet. Prior registration is required. You must register by emailing or calling the hike Leader and providing your emergency contact's name and telephone number. You will be notified as to your participation.

# *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.

**Richard William (Bill) Franks**, July 25, 1937 - February 28, 2020, 82, Resident of Los Gatos

He passed peacefully in his home, in the spot where his favorite chair always sat, surrounded by his wife, Mavis, his daughters, Helen and Jayne, and more love than words can say.

Bill was born in Holbeach, England to Richard and Olive (Cruise) Franks. He completed his apprenticeship as a Tool & Die Maker at Rolls Royce in 1958. He and Mavis married in March of 1962 and started a family a few years afterwards. The family immigrated to the United States in 1970, settling permanently in Los Gatos in 1975. Bill had a long career at Hewlett Packard, then Agilent until his retirement in 2000. After retiring, he spent many happy hours on the golf course, traveling, and spending time with family and many longtime friends. He will be remembered by all for his quick wit, dry sense of humor, warm smile, and loving heart.

He is survived by his wife, Mavis, daughters Helen and Jayne, grandchildren Vanessa, Kadence and Baden.

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**Gilbert Dellamaggiore**, December 21, 1931-April 27, 2020, 88

Gilbert peacefully entered into rest at the V.A. Hospital in Fresno, CA. He was the son of Archie and Lorriane Dellamaggiore.

Gilbert was a long-time resident of Mariposa, CA, where he enjoyed a peaceful lifestyle---He loved working on his acreage and traveling to Nevada to maintain his other properties.

He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1954 after serving in the Korean War.

Gilbert proudly held a job at Hewlett-Packard as a Hazardous Material Specialist for many years. He was an active member of the Mariposa Lutheran Church.

Gilbert will be cremated and laid to rest on the grounds of the Mariposa Lutheran Church.

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**HPREC Member Robert Bos**, passed away on January 20

Information from his spouse, Thais. No obituary available.



**Judy Lilljenwall**, May 12, 2020

Judy passed away this morning at the Care Home in Elk Grove. She had been in the hospital with sepsis. They brought her out to hospice care at the home a few days ago. She was 74. She has had a rough time over the last 15 months with being in and out of care homes and the hospitals due to mental and physical health. She returned to the care home a few days ago under hospice and, unfortunately, did not improve.

Info provided by Pat Capshaw, Shari Morwood (sister of Marcia Alicea) and Debbie Roeder



**Douglas Furter**, July 23, 1961 - May 11, 2020, 58, Redwood City

Douglas Michael died unexpectedly at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland, OR. He was born in San Francisco, CA, the son of the late Fred and Marion (Dalton) Furter, and graduated from Emile R. Buchser High School and Mission College, Santa Clara, CA.

Doug was employed by QMS and Hewlett Packard. He made many lasting friendships with coworkers over the years. He loved to cruise, go fishing with his father, and watch sports, especially the LA Dodgers and the San Francisco 49ers. He loved to cook, sharing his creations with friends on Facebook.

Doug joined the Santa Clara Fire Department as a Volunteer/Reserve on Feb. 9, 1981. He was promoted to Volunteer/Reserve Captain on Feb. 25, 1988. He received a commendation from the then Fire Chief, Robert Sharps, for actions he took at a fire prior to the first fire engine on scene.

At this time, there will be no services in California.

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**Patricia Duran**, October 9, 1948-May 15, 2020, Indio, CA

Patricia (Pat) passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by loved ones. Pat lived a vibrant life, filled with love, kindness, friendship and understanding. She was a beloved daughter, sister, aunt, friend, coach, master gardener, and chef, as well as a precious mentor. Across her relationships and the many chapters of her life, she sought to help others to achieve their dreams and to grow into the fullest versions of themselves.

Pat was born in Brooklyn, NY and grew up in Flushing, Queens. She attended St. Ann's grammar school in Queens, St. Helena high school in the Bronx, and graduated from Thomas Moore College of Fordham University with a degree in psychology in 1970. After graduation from college, she worked in the corporate world, living in New York City, the Boston area and eventually making her way to her favorite state, California, where she lived in La Jolla, San Jose and finally, Indio.

Even in the early phases of her professional life, Pat began to incorporate her spiritual beliefs into her work. Pat became certified to the highest levels in Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP), the study of excellence in human communication. She often assisted with training at NLP California and NLP University and was a mentor to so many people in the NLP Community. She translated these skills to her work as an Internal Consultant at Hewlett Packard (HP) where she travelled the world to help people be more effective in their work.

After leaving the corporate world, she started her own consulting business, through which she helped small businesses to create and achieve their visions. This was a true marriage between Pat's work and personal life, as she followed what she came to know as her calling.

She always went to the greatest lengths in support of her friends and family. All who knew Pat will remember her for her bright smile, infectious laughter, generous heart and superb snuggles.

A memorial service will be held at the Center for Spiritual Living in San Jose at a future date.

Donations may be made to the Southern Poverty Law Center or Best Friends Animal Society.

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**Howard Maurice Moss**, August 8, 1956 - May 16, 2020, 63, Santa Rosa

He was born in Los Angeles, CA to Tobey and the late Allen Moss. He was the youngest of three brothers, in a large and close extended family.

Howard attended UCSD, LACC, and ultimately graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He married the love of his life, Adrea, after he graduated from college. They moved north to Santa Rosa where Howard started a career as an engineer with Hewlett Packard (which became Agilent), and then with L3.

Later in life, Howard experienced physical limitations due to a series of strokes. His optimistic spirit shone through despite his disabilities. He found ways to be independent, enjoy life to his fullest, and even travel the world. He was an inspiration to all who encountered him.

Howard loved music in all aspects, from playing the guitar to seeing live music, including the Grateful Dead, Bruce Springsteen, concerts at the Green Music Center, Peacetown and other outdoor summer music events, reading (especially sci-fi, Terry Pratchett, Jasper Fforde), and most of all, he loved people. He was well liked by all who met him and had many friends. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. The world was a brighter place with him in it.

Howard is survived by his wife Adrea, son Eliot Moss (Lindsay), daughter Carina Moss (Jason), mother Tobey Moss.

Donations can be made in his honor to Congregation Beth Ami, the JCC of Sonoma County or the Earle Baum Center.

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**Ann Kleerup Coombs**, Resident of Los Altos, June 10, 1933 - April 4, 2020, 86

Ann passed away after a prolonged struggle with Parkinson's disease. Her loss will be keenly felt by her family, friends, and the communities she helped in her volunteer work over the years.

Ann lived in Los Altos for 54 years and contributed in multiple ways to the community, often using her background in chemistry to work on issues related to toxic and waste materials, and water resources. Among other things, she was active in the League of Women Voters, a Girl Scout Brownie Leader, a volunteer for the Los Altos Schools, the City of Los Altos, Santa Clara County (including two terms as a County Planning Commissioner), and the State of California. In 2004, Los Altos named her "Volunteer of the Year."

Ann was born in San Francisco to Alex and Lillian Kleerup. The family moved to New York a year later, where she lived until they relocated to Fresno in 1946. She attended Fresno High School where she edited the school yearbook and graduated as Valedictorian. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa in Chemistry from Stanford University, with highest honors. She worked for two years as a chemist in the lab of Dr. Melvin Calvin at the University of California. She married high school sweetheart Clyde Coombs in 1956, and, in 1957,



left Berkeley for the life of a Navy Wife. When Clyde joined Hewlett-Packard in 1959, they settled in Mountain View, subsequently moving to Los Altos in 1965.

She is predeceased by her daughter Elizabeth Coombs Robinson of Menlo Park, and survived by her husband Clyde, daughters Catherine Coombs (McDonald), of Sunnyvale, Julie Coombs-Hahn of Davis, grandsons Lyle Hahn of Davis, Michael McDonald of Sunnyvale, and Steven McDonald of Sunnyvale.

For those wishing to make a commemorative donation, in her name, among the charities that Ann supported are The League of Women Voters, Second Harvest Food Bank, Community Services Agency, and The Los Altos Community Foundation.

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### **Roger Ronald Graeber**

At the age of 75, Roger Ronald Graeber died peacefully in his sleep at Santa Rosa Memorial. Roger was born in Oakland, CA, and raised in Novato, CA. He attended Novato High School, College of Marin and UC Davis where he received an Electrical Engineering Degree. He was employed as an electrical technician and engineer at Varian Associates, Hewlett Packard and Agilent.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Connie, and two children, Larisa Plaga (John) and James Graeber (Jennifer) and was a devoted grandpa to his four grandchildren - Brandon, Christian, Zachary, and Calista.

Roger was a train fan from his childhood until death. Didn't matter if it was steam, diesel, miniature or outdoor railroad. The yard reflected this as he had a several working train signals on display as well as a restored Southern Pacific Caboose. Inside a garage, he built a train board with four pieces of plywood end to end. He could run three O gauge trains at one time with one disappearing.

He belonged to Motor Car Operators West, Northwestern Pacific Railroad Historical Society, California State Railroad Museum, the Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation in Portland, OR and as well as other train museums. He was co-founder of the Green Valley Railroad that operated for a short time on a portion of the West County Trail in Forestville.

He owned a '32 Nash, 1925 White Truck, both of which he resurrected from the dead, and numerous '56 De Sotos. Some were for parts for the others that he got running.

He and his wife founded the Northern California Chapter of the National De Soto Club which later expanded to the California Chapter. He was also very involved with the Nor Cal Region of the Nash Car Club of America.

While frequently making movies of trains in the area, he also started making DVD's which he donated to various train organizations at no cost to them as a part of their fund raising activities.

He loved running trains with his grandchildren. He lived a very full life despite many health issues.

Donations in Roger's name may be made to NWPRRHS, P. O. Box 667, Santa Rosa, CA 94951-9524

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### **Rosanne Wyleczuk, June 3, 2020**

In the early hours of June 3rd, Rosanne lost her long hard-fought battle with her various health problems. She passed away peacefully with me, Elizabeth and her sister Mary by her side. We are grateful that Dan was able to say his goodbyes over the phone.

Some HP-ers may remember Rosanne from HP-DSD Marketing in the early 1980's.

Communicated by Dee Marik, from Rick Stern, Rosanne's husband.



### **Eleanor Ann Bricker, July 11, 1937 - May 19, 2020, 82, of Windsor, CA**

Eleanor, the only child of William and Enes (nee Dallara) Mager, born in San Francisco, CA. She is survived by her husband James R. Bricker (Jim), sons, James R. Bricker, Jr. and his wife Judy from Cloverdale, CA, Jeffrey D. Bricker and his wife Cathy from Santa Rosa, CA.

In 1956, she met Jim on a ski weekend in Lake Tahoe. One year later, they began their 63-year adventure together as husband and wife. They welcomed into this world Jim Jr., their first son, in 1958, followed two years later by their second son, Jeff.

Eleanor and Jim moved from San Francisco to Petaluma in 1965 to raise their two children. Eleanor excelled at being a Mom, ensuring her children were provided every opportunity to excel, but allowing them the latitude to experience failure as a stepping stone to success.

El was a voracious reader, her love for literature never waned. An expert seamstress, she made everything from seat covers to deer skin vests. Always one to stay active, Eleanor enjoyed fitness and sports activities that included skiing, golf and swimming. But the

leisure time activity that provided her most enjoyment was gardening. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed preparing meals for large family gatherings.

After their move to Petaluma, Eleanor's work history was varied, from the lead clerk at McCarthy's Pharmacy in Petaluma to the Bridal Consultant at Rosenberg's Department Store in Santa Rosa. She ultimately found her career path with Hewlett Packard, initially in electronics assembly and then as an administrative assistant.

Eleanor's retirement years were her best. Being able to see her Grandsons grow into adulthood and flourish in their lives and relationships brought her the ultimate joy. She and Jim enjoyed travelling, their summer stays at their cabin in Dorrington, CA and building relationships with their new neighbors and friends in Windsor, CA.

El left an indelible stamp of love and kindness on the hearts of everyone who knew her. She will be missed by all and none of our lives will ever be the same with her passing.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Eleanor's name to Hospice Services of St. Joseph Health, North County Hospice.

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**Paul Eugene Stoft**, May 28, 1922 – June 1, 2020

Born in Pittsburg, Kansas, Paul was the son of a minster who moved the family to Pennsylvania when Paul was 3 months old, then moved the family back to Kansas during the dust bowl, then on to Denver where Paul attended high school. Paul earned his BSEE from University of Colorado, served 2 years in the Navy at the end of WWII, and after his discharge, returned to Denver and married Dorothy Jones whom he had met at age 13. The couple spent the next ten years in Boston where Paul taught undergraduate courses at MIT while completing his doctorate in electrical engineering. They then moved to California where Paul worked briefly for General Electric before accepting a position at Hewlett-Packard in Palo Alto in 1958.

Paul began work in the R&D labs that reported to Barney Oliver, and with little more than a year on the job, he was promoted to one of the labs' four management positions. When the labs were reorganized, he became manager of a section of Barney Oliver's Advanced HP Labs which explored new product ideas and technologies and brought them to fruition. Paul described his lab as magical, a place filled with creative geniuses. Of the many projects his lab developed, perhaps the most significant was the HP 9100A desktop computer. It was a groundbreaking success, but Bill Hewlett wanted something even better: all the computing power of the 9100A squeezed into a pocket-size device. Paul's lab did just that, and developed the HP-35 hand-held, scientific calculator. Paul's other notable contribution during his decades at HP was his push to move to MOS technology and build a new facility to work on IC research and design. It was in that new facility on Deer Creek Road where Paul finished out his career at HP.

Apart from work, Paul, and his wife Dorothy, who passed away in 2002, touched many lives through their mentoring of young people and their generous charitable contributions.

Paul passed away peacefully at age 98. He is survived by his three children, Steven Stoft of Berkeley, CA, David Stoft of Menlo Park, CA, and Judy Stoft of Albuquerque, NM, and by a grandson, Gregory Stoft.

Submitted on June 16 by his daughter, Judy Stoft.

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