# HPREC NEWS

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# STANIS NOTES



By Stan McCarthy, HPREC President

HPREC Picnic at HP Cupertino Redwood Grove

The **HP/Agilent retirees' picnic** was held in the Redwood Grove at the HP Cupertino site on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Unfortunately, I was out of the area and unable to attend this year's event. But I have received many inputs that it was a great success. 341 retirees and guests enjoyed the beautiful weather, food and drinks, and reminiscing with old friends. A major advantage of the site was the availability of extensive parking adjacent to the Grove.

As you might imagine staging an event of this magnitude in a new location presented many challenges to **Harold Kaye** and the **picnic committee.** A very big **Thank You** to everyone who worked long and hard to make this a great day in the sun. A picnic review committee has been formed to review this year's results and to document what we can do even better in the future.

#### Presentation by HP Archivists

The archivists' presentation was held in building 20A on June 4<sup>th</sup>. All of the 54 retirees that attended the meeting enjoyed hearing about the extensive amount of literature and instrumentation that had been collected by the presenters. It is interesting to note that 2 of the 3 presenters never worked for HP. They started their collections based on their belief that HP manufactured the most reliable equipment in the world. A more extensive article is included in this Newsletter.

#### **Upcoming HPREC Events**

The **Holiday Luncheon** is scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup>. **Harold Kaye** and your **Board** are continuing to investigate options for an appropriate venue for this function. We will let everyone know the location as soon as it is finalized. We are also in the process of obtaining a speaker for this event. In the meantime mark your calendars and save the date.

#### **HPREC Nominating Committee**

**Tony Napolitan** is chairing the nominating committee. A total of 5 positions will be open for election. The committee will select a candidate for each opening and present the names to the HPREC membership for approval.

#### **HP/Agilent Volunteers**

The HPREC Volunteers continue to do a lot of good volunteer work. There are many opportunities for volunteers to contribute to our communities in programs like Second Harvest and the Back-to-School project for children in need. We can always use more people to help out. Some of the projects we support can be "done-in-a-day" projects so you can help out in the community without any long-term commitment. These offer a great opportunity to team up with your former HP/Agilent colleagues to benefit the less fortunate.

#### **Activities**

The monthly activities continue to be enjoyed by those who participate. It's a great way to share in some of your favorite activities with former colleagues and friends.

Your board is in the process of considering other activities that may be of interest to our membership. One new activity, a book club, is in the process of being formulated. Please contact a board member if you have an idea for a new activity.

#### **Trips**

A Sausalito bus trip is being planned for October 2007. A number of other interesting **Day Trips** are being investigated. These include Audubon Society, Nummi Plant, Pony Tracks Ranch, and Martin Luther King Library.

#### Extended trips

Forty-seven people have signed up for the **France River Cruise** scheduled for August this year.

Eighteen people have signed up for the **Dubai** trip scheduled for May of 2008, including members of the YHP Retiree Club in Japan.

I encourage all members to **take an active part** in the many activities of the club.

You can contact me at 408 732 1437 or at stan.mccarthy1@comcast.net with any questions and ideas that would make the club more meaningful to you.

# Annual Picnic - June 2, 2007 By Pat Fausett

For the 341 people who attended the annual HPREC Picnic, the day turned out to be just what the doctor ordered! The weather was perfect, the food was good, the location was terrific, parking was plentiful, and the fellowship was the best. The weeks and months of planning this event paid off, as many people commented that this was the best picnic in years.

**Bright and early** on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, your Board of Directors and various volunteers, under the leadership of picnic Chairman **Harold Kaye**, assembled at the Hewlett-Packard Cupertino site to prepare for the day. Tables were covered in "HP blue" plastic cloths, coffee was percolating, some kind soul brought yummy donuts to help stave off the tummy growls, and the stage was being set.

As soon as the produce man brought the corn , shucking and breaking the ears in half, began getting it ready for the boiling cauldrons of water. The produce truck driver had gotten "lost", so the delivery was about one hour late.



Many helping hands, including Rich Fausett, Ed O'Reilly, John Weidert, joined in to get the corn ready for the hungry retirees.

Gerry and Joni Priestly started the big "Bean Pot", as these beans always seem to be the hit of the picnic. This year was no exception! With a closely guarded recipe,

Gerry stirred the bean pot, under the watchful eye of Caroline Kaye. After almost an hour, the aroma of these beans was starting to make a lot of the workers hungry!



The salad assembly line (rather reminiscent of HP production lines!) deftly combined the lettuces, onions, mushrooms, tomatoes, and kidney beans into paper bowls.



Alice McChesney, Pat Fausett, Emma Park, Pat Capshaw, and Jackie Spinozzi made sure we had enough bowls ready for the guests to adorn with a choice of salad dressings (It should be noted that, because of several requests for "no onions" in the pre-made salads, next year's picnic will have a goodly portion of salads made without the offending onions.)

Name tags were beautifully illustrated and graciously distributed under the guidance of JoAnn Hill, Evelyn

Be rard, and Lynn Cortes. They were able to use "the barn" on the HP picnic site, thus ensuring that the wind didn't cause any problems. Retirees were really super about returning the



name tags at the end of the day, so that we can use them again. (We want to have a "green" picnic and recycle and reuse what we can.)

As the steaks were being cooked by James Taylor, Rich Fausett, Al Furtado, Larry Hamilton, "Joe Spinozzi, and Barb Johnson, the food service workers were getting the serving tables ready. Carol Arnett, Helen Short, Emma Park, Joni Priesley, Pat Fausett, Jackie Spinozzi, Glenne Harding, and Dave Weibel made up one line that served the hungry guests. Hot corn, usually dipped in butter, along with butter dipped bread, added to the yummy faire.



Expert cooks Barbara Johnson and Al Furtado tend the steaks

The afternoon was picture perfect, with everyone enjoying the time to renew HP/Agilent relationships and to catch up on the greatest and latest news. The beer was deliciously cold, the wine appropriately chilled, and a tub of ice kept both soft drinks and water at optimum drinking pleasure temperature. Unfortunately, the cookies disappeared before all could enjoy one or two and we are looking at a better distribution scheme for next year's dessert offering.



We all owe many thanks to the volunteers that made this picnic a success. Hopefully we have acknowledged many workers in the above photos, but need to mention several others: Carol Nakamoto, Gordon Mullin, Jim Cole, Fran Low, Phil Smith, Rolfe Johnson, Martha Maris, Gary & Eileen Ruppel, Shirley McRae, Tony Napolitan Jr., and Florence Purdue, We have left Ray Spoelman for the "last" thank you, as he headed up the clean-up crew, and we all know what a thankless job that can be. If we have missed any volunteer names, we apologize in advance.

In order to make YOUR picnic as best as can be, we encourage you to <u>send comments</u> and <u>suggestions</u> to any Board Member. We have a Picnic Review Committee that has already started working on next year's gathering, which may include a rousing afternoon of BINGO. Stay tuned in March 2008 newsletter for the actual date of the 2008 gathering!!!



Picnic Chairman Harold Kaye hard at work

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#### San Francisco Stairs Hike

By Jim & Janet Holl w/photos by Janis Andrews & Barbara Beebe

San Francisco had clear skies and temperatures in the upper 70s for the 18 hikers that participated in the May 8 walk which was co-led by **Jim and Janet Holl**. The route was gleaned from Adah Bakalinsky's *Stairway Walks in San Francisco* (6th edition, January 2007).

The walk was located between the Castro district and Twin Peaks. Major stairways used were Corona Heights, Vulcan, Saturn, and Pemberton Place. The best



views were from Tank Hill, Corona Heights, and Pemberton Place stairway. From Tank Hill, if you have clear weather, (which was the case on this great day) one can see the Observation Tower at the DeYoung Museum in Golden Gate Park and the Marin Headlands beyond.

A brief tour of Randall Museum's caged animals was included. The museum was formerly a junior high school. It now houses exhibits featuring a "Journey into the Hive" and "Living with our Restless Earth"

(earthquake focus). It is operated by the SF Parks and Recreation Department.



#### Little Basin to Big Basin Hike

By Gary Ruppel w/photo by Eileen Ruppel

Our bonus hike for the month of May was organized by **John and Bobbie Bailey** and went from HP's Little Basin Recreation Area to adjacent Big Basin State Park. Our route took us from Tanbark Trail (starting behind the cook shack) to a number of trails leading to the park headquarters with a lunch stop along the way. The day was perfect for spending some time reminiscing about past Little Basin picnics, camping, work parties, and hiking. With the impending transfer of the property to POST and Sempervirens (recipients unknown to the group at the time of the hike), memories were crisp and sadness was in vogue.

Thanks John and Bobbie for a memorable hike!



#### Palo Alto's Foothills Park

By John McCabe with photos by the Ruppels

A dozen HP and Agilent Retirees enjoyed a beautiful, warm June hike at Palo Alto's Foothill Park. We went up and down a variety of trails for about 5.5 to 6 miles, sometimes under bright blue skies and sometimes in nice cool shade. We saw many little lizards, a variety of butterflies, at least two deer, and various flora. The latter included Clarkia (Farewell to Spring), Mariposa lily, Indian Paintbrush, Sticky Monkey flower, Cow Parsnips, California Sage, Small Bush Lupine, Fillery, and Scarlet Pimpernel. We also saw a fungus called



Turkey
Tails.
The hike
featured
three
restroom
stops with
great
facilities, a
stop at an

Martha & Herb looking for?

Interpretive Center where we looked at stuffed versions of the animals in the park and pictures of the flowers, and lunch at shaded picnic tables. Palo Alto's Foothill Park is located only 2.5 miles up Page Mill Road from Highway 280, but it feels like you are hundreds of miles from civilization. The park is open only to Palo Alto residents and their guests.



The people in the picture are (Back): John McCabe, Marcia Adams, Janis Andrews, Ursula Spratz, Eileen Ruppel (Center:) Martha Maris, Chuck Sieloff, Kristi Iverson, Rod Carlson, Stan McCarthy (Front): Herb Knoesel

It was **Kristi Iverson's**, who retired less than two weeks before, first hike - welcome Kristi!

#### HP's (formerly...)Little Basin Update

By Gary Ruppel w/photo by Pat Musachia Property transferred to local non-profit land preservation organizations

Little Basin, HP's 534 acre recreation site in the Santa Cruz Mountains was recently sold to two local land preservation organizations. The Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) and the Sempervirens Fund took possession of the property effective on May 31 at a cost of \$4 million, evenly divided between each organization. The property was valued at \$13 million. The goal of the organizations is to hold and manage the property in trust until the State of California can acquire it for inclusion in nearby Big Basin Redwoods State Park. The properties are adjacent to one another and will be a great addition to the State Park system, benefiting the public at large and ensuring that the land is preserved for public use in perpetuity.

**HP is in the process** of disposing of its two other recreation areas, one in Canada and one in Europe. Agilent had previously disposed of all of its employee recreation areas worldwide.

Access to Little Basin is currently limited to POST and Sempervirens staff and board members. However, HP employees and retirees have access as well and will be able to make reservations for camping and day use as before until the property is acquired by the State, and then the public will have access. Agilent employees and retirees *do not* have access at this time (Agilent access ceased in November of 2006). An exception has been made for past active work party volunteers from both companies. Those folks will be notified as to their respective access to the property.

**HP employees and retirees** as well as past work-party volunteers may reserve campsites for this season by calling 650-322-9256 or on-line (preferred) at <a href="http://www.littlebasin.org">http://www.littlebasin.org</a>



### HP Nostalgia Day – June 4, 2007, Building 20A Auditorium

Chuck House, Class of '62

**Fifty-four people** showed up for a two-hour nostalgia tour, featuring three incredibly dedicated HP "fans" who have built elaborate websites devoted (largely) to HP history. **Don Higgins** and **Carol Nakamoto** were instrumental in getting HP to donate the room for the event, a wonderful trip back in time to revisit some of the lore and history of "our favorite company."



Glenn Robb, Annika Mimoz, Tania Robb, Art Fong, Martha Russell, Ken Kuhn, Marc Mislanghe, Eric Mimoz, Chuck House

The first speaker, **Glenn Robb**, never worked for HP, but his interest in and pride for HP products was kindled early – by age seventeen, his bedroom had more than twenty instruments in it, and he has spent much of his spare time in the past five years assembling a very complete collection of HP Journals, catalogs, Bench Briefs (mostly from the Instrument Groups), and other assorted memorabilia. His website.

www.hparchive.com, has a complete set of most of these documents along with many others. He brought the first HP advertisement – in a 1939 *Electronics* magazine, describing the new HP 200A Oscillator. He showed covers of a number of catalogs, starting with the 1945 catalog, and he got an enthusiastic reaction from the crowd when he said that "Bench Briefs" contained a lot of information that didn't appear in either the catalogs or the *Journal*, information that service technicians found to be very useful indeed, since most engineers didn't document their systems very well.

Glenn owns and operates the Research Triangle Compliance Engineering (RTCE) company in the Research Triangle Park in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. RTCE offers complete compliance engineering consulting services to manufacturers of electronic products who seek compliance with domestic and international regulations. He provides design and troubleshooting help with EMC/EMI, ESD, Surge, EFT, Lightning, Power Fault, Safety, and NEBS design issues to meet FCC, UL, Telcordia, or European standards (CE marking). Glenn utilizes 15 years of compliance design experience and a fully equipped pre-compliance laboratory to address compliance issues from product concept to regulatory approvals.

His wife Tania attended – she was asked how she put up with his avocation, which has included scanning more than 20,000 pages of material, and her reply was that she stayed out of his way, and he stayed out of her way with respect to her house renovation sewing hobby.

#### Kenneth Kuhn, with website

www.kennethkuhn.com/hpmuseum/, began his talk with a quiz about one of the longest-running products in HP history, produced between 1951 and 1986. Art Fong and several others in the room were looking quizzically at each other, trying to puzzle out the answer. Kuhn became interested in collecting HP equipment when an old 141A Variable Persistence Storage Scope and two plug-ins (the HP 1421A Delayed Sweep and the 20 MHz HP 1402A Dual-Trace Amplifier) were being discarded at a company for whom he worked at the time. Kuhn, who never worked at HP either, has since collected some 500+ instruments, restored them to working order, and collected the supporting documentation for each – manuals, service notes, and advertisements. He took the audience through a visual tour of his basement laboratory, showing off the many variants of Hewlett's original Oscillator. There were something like 38 versions of the same Oscillator – Kuhn has an example of all but two of these.



Martha Russell, John Minck and Cort Van Rensselaer

As importantly, he showed Dave Packard's first design for HP – the 400A Voltmeter, introduced the second year of the company in 1940. It was also Dave's last

product design, as he switched to business management thereafter. Kuhn pointed out correctly that it had significant contribution as well — "by including rectifier diodes in the feedback of the high-gain amplifier to stabilize the calibration drift as the vacuum tubes aged, and also making a linear AC scale, Dave's design virtually eliminated the leading vendor at the time, Ballantine Labs. These significant contributions are not as well known as Bill's stabilized oscillator, but are equally as great."

Bagley and other old-timers often pointed out that Packard was a much better student at Stanford than Hewlett, if not maybe as creative. Packard always considered himself a design engineer, practicing throughout his life – including notable efforts at both his ranch and the Aquarium. The Monterey Bay Aquarium archives.

http://www.mbayaq.org/aa/time line Browser.asp?tf=3 show that David had a hand in designing and building the Kelp Forest exhibit and Sandy Shore Aviary wave machines, and personally cast the brass sea otter knobs on the macro-video exhibit, as well as the brass caps on the bollards lining the street in front of the aquarium. He helped formulate the cement recipes to withstand salt water, plus the engineering of the tidal pool wave generator and the specification of the 7" thick Plexiglas for the Kelp Forest exhibit. Characteristically, Packard mentioned none of this in *The HP Way*.

Kuhn has devoted nearly ten years to this awesome collection, and he fielded many questions at the end of the talk, including Bill Terry's very interesting one about "where do you find vacuum tubes?" The answer – "they're surprisingly easy to obtain, still." The most important message he left us with was that pride in HP equipment was well justified – these old instruments are better today than most of the new equipment from other vendors, the quality was just superb.

The third speaker was **Marc Mislanghe**, an HPite from the Paris, France sales office for years, who brought his friends Eric and Annika Mimoz with him. Eric was the HP UNIX Sales Manager for France for years, and he and Marc teamed in the mid-1980's (with HP 150 touchscreens) to provide race timing for the *Tour de France* bicycle race, thus beginning a tradition that has gone for more than twenty years. Marc too has become a collector – with more than 500 instruments, 100 computers, and 50 peripherals, most of them restored to full working order. He described his dream of building both a physical and a virtual museum dedicated to HP equipments, and showed a mock-up of an immersive room, with twenty-year time-lines on each of three

walls. His website, still nascent, is at www.hpmemory.org

Mark had some sketches of "important" product line leaders, including Art Fong for sweepers, **Al Bagley** for counters, and **Bill Terry** for the years of Instrument Group leadership. His images were superb quality, and his plea that HP history needs a "home" was fervent, and certainly resonated with the group on hand.



**Ed Truitt and Bill Terry** 

Kuhn and Mislanghe met when they were bidding against each other on eBay for some equipment — needless to say, they don't do that anymore!!! Between them, they now feel that they have at least one piece of gear from most product lines, if not a full set. Since HP had more than 16,000 products by 1990, it seems unlikely that a full set will ever be assembled, but the entire room was extraordinarily impressed and appreciative of the very hard work and fine dedication of the three individuals who shared their love of HP with all of us.

Hank Magnuski of NCast Corporation, Martha Russell with the Media X program at Stanford University, and Carol Porter (ex-HP) put effort into recording the event, and Glenn Robb has made a DVD of the event, entitled "Three HP Websites – June 4, 2007" Copies of this might become available – the goal actually is to provide it on each of the three websites.

**Chuck House** served as Emcee for the event, and scribe for this newsletter. Photos by **Carol Nakamoto**.

#### **HP/Agilent NEWS**

Compiled by Ray Tatman

Note: articles have been edited for brevity.

# Celebrate 35 years of innovation HP handheld calculators: Power in your pocket

by Susan Twombly, June 2007 (Article from HP online)



In the early 1970s, the slide rule ruled. Then something happened: HP introduced the world's first scientific pocket calculator, the HP-35. Now, 35 years later, the legend continues.

Good things come in small packages. Weighing in at just nine ounces, this small HP-35 handheld calculator made a big impact on scientists and engineers. In fact, in 2000, Forbes ASAP named the HP-35 as one of the 20 "all time products" that have changed the world. As the company's first consumer electronics product, it also changed the course of HP's history.

**A stroke of genius.** With keystroke programmability, some deemed 1974's **HP-65** the world's first handheld computer. Small magnetic cards held calculator programs that could be entered and re-entered to run again.

It slices, it dices. In 1977, the HP-01 Wrist Instrument combined a digital wristwatch, calculator and personal calendar all in one. Performing more than three-dozen functions, the HP-01 showcased HP's miniaturization excellence in a big way.

Earning a space in history. The HP-41C became the first programmable, alphanumeric handheld calculator in 1979. It was also the first flight-critical calculator used by NASA to land the space shuttle, without contacting the ground crew. According the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Sally Ride and several other astronauts used the HP-41C on a total of nine shuttle missions.

**Turning the calculator industry around.** In the early 1980s, HP engineers were tasked with creating another pocket-sized calculator, this time for financial applications. It had to be reliable and have a long battery life.

**The HP-12C** Programmable Financial Calculator fit the bill and changed the look and feel of calculators of the

day with its signature horizontal layout. As HP's longest-selling calculator, the HP-12 looks just as it did 25 years ago.

Way ahead of its time. Back in 1989, the HP-48SX was the first calculator with two-way infrared communication between two calculators. Today, some calculators still rely on a cable to communicate.

These are only a few HP innovations. For more, go to http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/newsroom/.

# Agilent helps ensure the longevity and safety of roadway structures

From Agilent on line, June 18, 2007

With winter weather fading and summer beginning in the northern hemisphere, major roadway construction projects are now underway.



These projects, critical to the safety of motorists, are extremely labor and cost intensive. As a result, new construction methods are continually being developed to ensure long-term stability and safety. Cathodic protection, for example, is an electrochemical process that helps protect the steel reinforcements in concrete from corrosion, thus extending the life of roadway structures such as bridges or highway overpasses.

Agilent LXI components provide the critical ability to verify and monitor the efficiency of the cathodic protection method, ensuring the longevity and safety of roadway construction projects.

Modern concrete mixtures, which are highly alkaline in nature, generally provide a solid and long-lasting substance that protects steel reinforcements from corrosion. However, substances such as deicing salt used in colder climates over long periods of time cause chloride to permeate the concrete and weaken its alkalinity. When it reaches the steel reinforcements, corrosion occurs and ultimately the concrete looses its stability.

The conventional method of repair is to remove and replace the chloride affected material before it reaches or weakens the steel reinforcements -- a very expensive measure. With cathodic protection, an electrical field is applied to the concrete structure with the steel

reinforcement being used as the cathode. The resulting current flows from the anode to the steel reinforcement, making it impossible for any current to flow in the opposite direction and effectively protecting the steel from corrosion.

Critical to this method is the ability to measure the system throughout its deployment - from first installation, through the power-up phase and ultimately ongoing to ensure continued system efficiency.

Agilent's LXI components provide the capabilities needed for such measurements of cathodic protection systems with its Agilent N6700 Modular Power System, 34980A Switch/Measure Unit, 34411A digital multimeter and L4400 series switch modules. In addition, these LXI components provide the ability to remotely manage such measurement and monitoring. This distributed, off-site capability makes Agilent's LXI components a good solution for measuring and monitoring the cathodic protection method.

For more information, go to http://www.agilent.com/about/newsroom/features/

# HP:Conserve energy, help protect the earth

by Susan Twombly, June 2007 (Article from HP online)



When it comes to reducing your company's environmental impact or 'footprint,' every small step can add up to a large impact on the Earth and your energy costs.

HP can help with energy-efficient products and solutions, along with responsible and convenient ways to return equipment for reuse or recycling.

True energy efficiency starts at the source, by designing the product for the environment from the start. That's why HP engineers create energy-efficient products that go from the drawing board to your desktop, data center or mobile life where they can save you energy and money.

These products are designed to meet energy-efficiency standards of many key eco-label programs – from the ENERGY STAR® program and Germany's Blue Angel

label, to China's Energy Conservation Program, Sweden's TCO labels and others.

**Energy 'stars.'** Approximately 1,000 HP products have been qualified for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ENERGY STAR program – including all HP displays and desktop PCs, virtually all imaging and printing products and 95 percent of all notebook computers.

To reduce wasted power, select HP business desktop PCs include an 80 percent efficient power supply standard that meets the EPA's stringent ENERGY STAR 4.0 requirements. HP laptops also reduce power consumption to less than 1 watt by automatically switching to a low power mode after inactivity.

Further, more than 58 HP business PCs, notebooks, workstations and displays are registered with the U.S. Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) for public sector "green" procurement.

Cool savings. HP business PCs, like the HP Compaq dx2250 Desktop PC and the HP Compaq dc5750 Desktop PC, feature AMD's 'Cool 'n' Quiet' processors to help reduce processor heat and energy costs.

**Extend the PC lifecycle.** Designed for stability, the HP rp5700 Business Desktop PC has a five-year lifecycle, which means that HP has no planned change to form, fit or function for five years on many components.

With an 80 percent efficient power supply standard, a low-power chipset, energy-efficient processors and BIOS settings and built-in reliability features, this business PC is made for a long, useful life.

**Power-efficient printing.** In 2007, we redesigned HP DeskJet printers to reduce off-mode power consumption to less than 1 watt. This can reduce energy costs and the associated CO2 emissions related to electricity generation.

For more information, go to http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/newsroom/.

#### **Correct Quotes:**

The nation behaves well if it treats the natural resources as assets which it must turn over to the next generation increased, and not impaired, in value.

--Theodore Roosevelt

# HPRec members volunteering

### I've been working on the railroad ...

By Herbert Knoesel

When I planned my retirement in 2005, I started a list with things to do after I didn't have to go to the office any longer. Besides jobs in the house and garden I was looking also for more exciting tasks, particularly volunteering. Since one of my hobbies is the railroad (I am a certified engineer on the Harz Mountain Narrow Gauge Railroad in Germany), I used the web to google for "railroad volunteering". I found a web site about the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad in Chama, New Mexico. Immediately after retirement I joined that organization and signed up for my first work session that same year. Now it's 2007 and I just returned from my 4<sup>th</sup> trip to New Mexico. Needless to say, this indicates already how much I like working at that railroad. Now, what the heck are we doing there?

The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad is a living museum - it has just been elevated from local to national significance on the National Register of Historic Places. The 1,800-member Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad is the official museum support group for the C&TS, managing the museum and restoration functions of the railroad. In particular, the Friends have assumed the responsibility of preserving all of the railroad's historic assets that are not used in the regular tourist train operation and interpreting the railroad to the public. Some of the jobs I have been involved in during my five weeks working there were:

- Installing flooring in a speeder shack
- Installing siding for a caboose that was completely rebuilt
- Converting an out-of-service parlor car into a museum display car
- Constructing an information kiosk at Cumbres Pass
- Preparing siding for the top of the coal tipple (I will install it next August)

The altitude at the railroad station is about 8,000 feet and I like to work at that altitude. Here is a

photo of me working on the information kiosk at Cumbres Pass at 10.000 feet.



The Friends have professional tools in the wood shop and machine shop. This is very important, because any restoration has to be performed following the original specifications. In addition, it is cheaper to manufacture large bolts on the lathe, rather than buying them. Needless to say, I am learning a lot of new techniques.

In addition, the members of the organization are a big family with the same interest and I have made a lot of good friends. I sure hope to spend a lot more work weeks in Chama.

P.S.: The area around Chama is also good mushroom country. In May I found Morels and last August there were plenty of Boletes, both edible, of course.

**Editor's Note**: We welcome articles from members about life after HP, in retirement or otherwise. Please include pictures.

Submit to: HPRec News@yahoo.com

## Volunteer from Home! Lucile Packard Children's Hospital

by Eileen Ruppel

**HPREC VOLUNTEERS** have been knitting and crocheting various baby items for Lucile Packard Children's Hospital (LPCH). If you'd like to join us, please consider one of the following opportunities:

**BLANKETS FOR BABIES:** This program provides blankets and quilts for babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at LPCH. The hospital's goal is to have a blanket

or quilt for each of the over 1,500 babies that come through the NICU every year. The NICU needs blankets which are crocheted, knitted, or quilted using the softest yarns and fabrics.

Blankets should be 30 inches square (up to 40 inches square). They'd also love to receive quilts or polar fleece blankets, same sizes. All items must be prewashed in a baby-friendly detergent such as Dreft or Downy soap.

Please be sure to keep these items away

from household pets and check for pins before donation. For more information, go to:

www.lpch.org/clinicalSpecialtiesServices/ClinicalSpecialties/Neonatology/blanketsForBabies.html

**BABY HATS:** The hospital has received a lot of preemie hats and those are appreciated. At this time, they really need normal newbornsized hats. There are many babies that are not preemie, and it is nice to give them hats also. Grapefruit-sized or a bit larger are great.



**CHEMO HATS:** Young girls especially enjoy hats to wear when they've lost their hair. Shawls or shoulder wraps provide comfort. Boys would like hats also – something very "cool."

For more information, contact Kate Teague, who coordinates the program for the hospital, at: teaguedk@sbcglobal.net. All items may be dropped off at the NICU front desk on the second floor of Packard Hospital located at: 725 Welch Road, Palo Alto, CA. Please attach your contact information. Teen hats can be dropped off at the same area or dropped off or mailed to: Verenna McFarland, 1000 Welch Road, Suite 300 (3rd floor), Palo Alto, CA 94304-1812. Please include your contact information.

# Cancer Awareness By Dell Fields

I am a retired HP employee who joined HPLabs in 1984 and

retired in 2005. HP was my second career having been a public school administrator before joining HP. I am proud of my 21 years at HP and I have great fondness for the company. As with most of you, upon retirement I set out to accomplish new goals. My main goal was preset for me even before I retired, it was to beat cancer. I have colon cancer that spread to my liver and lungs. I currently take chemotherapy to reduce the size of two liver and one lung tumor.



I was first diagnosed in February of 2002 while managing the development of the Home and Home Office site. When my cancer was discovered it was stage III having spread to my lymph nodes. After colon surgery and chemotherapy I felt lucky to have beaten this disease. My wife and I celebrated by taking a trip to Germany. Upon our return to the States we bought a BMW K1200LT. We planned to do two-up traveling.

But in fact my battle had only just begun. My cancer soon returned but this time it had spread to my liver. Again I had surgery to remove more of my colon and part of my liver. More chemotherapy followed. Again my liver tu mors returned and I participated in a clinical trial at Stanford University Medical Center that seemed promising until new tu mors began to grow and the cancer spread to my lungs. Over the past five years I have had four different types of chemotherapy, two colon resections, five liver tu mor ablations, one lung tumor ablation, and two chemo embolizations. It is sufficient to say that cancer has been a tremendous challenge to my body and soul. For my wife it has meant five years of emotional stress, care giving, and support that have been extremely hard.

I, like most people, thought that a diagnosis of cancer meant life as I knew it was over. I thought I would be confined to a bed, my hair would fall out, fatigue would be unbearable, nausea and all the other side effects would be tortuous. In fact there is some truth to this but I am writing to tell you that it is possible to live a full life even with this disease. I am writing to tell you that with planning cancer patients can do anything they make their minds up to do.

To demonstrate this on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10AM my friend Doug Holck and I got on our BMW R1150 GS Adventure motorcycles and headed north to the Arctic Circle. Our journey will take us over 9,000 miles in 30 days.

It is my hope that many of you will link to <a href="http://www.dellfields.com/ArcticCircle.html">http://www.dellfields.com/ArcticCircle.html</a> to learn more about our trip. Our ride has three objectives: to enjoy ourselves, to raise awareness that cancer patients can live full lives, and to raise money for the Sutter Roseville Cancer Center.

# New Members

Denise Andrade
Barbara Burbach
Chosen Cheng
Sharon Connor
Glenda Dasmalchi
TSG - IT
HP/ESG
Corporate
OST
Labs

Janet Gee HP Tech Services

Debbie Griffin HP/PSG Barbara Grimes Corporate Paul Hoffman **Ink** jet Mark Kato Agilent Kathy Kessler Agilent Bonnie Lee **TSG** Carolyn Lee ISDL Karen Louie **IPG** Jean Reynolds DTD HP IT Bruce Richard Patty Soto **IPGA** Casey Sumpter NED

Silvana Torik Corp Marketing Katie Thorn Channel Operations

Tony Tomarchio VSCO Lung Tran HP Labs Julie Wilker IPG

#### To change your address contact

Chuck Quanz, Membership Chair 408 732-9864

cquanz@sbcglobal.net



## **Reading Club Proposal**

Chosen Cheng, HP '73-'93 ccheng@cmgcobblestone.com 408 802-0658

Now that we all have more time to do the things we always wanted to do, wouldn't it be great to catch up on our book reading list and do it as a group?

There are several ways we can organize an HP Retiree Club Reading Group: monthly meetings in some central location, with or without

refreshments, mid-day or evening, weekday or weekend, etc... We can focus on certain kinds of books, picking one book, for a single group to read and discuss once a month, or have several kinds of books in various subgroups to be read and discussed in interest group type forums.

I like the idea of meeting someplace where we can socialize, but one idea that has worked well might be a free online conference call and webcast forum where we can meet online over the Internet and have a phone chat regardless of where we are physically located! How's that for a Silicon Valley reading club? I envision having book reviews done by the members, published in the newsletter and archived for the entire membership to use.

I am open to coordinating interest in a reading club and helping those interested come up with something that is attractive to all. Please send an email to <a href="mailto:chosencheng@comcast.net">chosencheng@comcast.net</a> to request a questionnaire so we can get the process rolling.



By Ed O'Reilly

Ruth Andersen, 88, died April 25, 07 in San Juan Capistrano, CA. Born in Queens, NY, she graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in Home Economics and worked at Belleview Hospital in NY as a Clinical Dietician.

She married **Fred Andersen** in 1942 while he was serving in the U.S. Army as an officer. After the war, and a new family of four daughters, they relocated to Los Altos, CA in 1965. Ruth was a devoted member of her church and an active community volunteer. Having traveled extensively with Fred, she obtained her Travel Agent credential and began a new career as a travel agent. When Fred retired from HP in 1978, the couple teamed up to launch their own agency Homestead Travel in Cupertino. During her lifetime she went on more than 46 cruises and toured most of the world. She also planned many of HPREC's outings and trips. In 2003, planning for the future, Ruth and Fred moved to the Gardens Town Square in Bellevue, WA, and enjoyed living near two of their daughters and their families. Wanting a warmer climate, they recently moved back to California to live with their daughter in San Clemente. Fred will continue to live with his daughter. Ruth is survived by her husband, four daughters, a sister, twelve grandchildren and four great-grand children.

Jim Green, 90, died June 4, 2007 in Penn Valley, CA. Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada in 1916, he graduated from Mission High School and married Emily Ryan in San Francisco. He was one of the first 100 employees of HP and retired from there. He was an avid craftsman and photographer. His daughter and her husband and two grandsons survive him.

Vincent Ho, 77, died May 4, 2007 in San Jose, Ca. Born in Honolulu, he worked as a machinist in Pearl Harbor and moved to San Jose with his young family in 1957. He was a tool designer/mechanical engineer for FMC, IBM, and others before retiring from HP in 1996. His wife Millie, a son, two daughters, six grandchildren, a sister and many nieces and nephews survive him.

Eugene Norcia, 84, died June 18, 2007 in Sunnyvale. His parents immigrated from Greci, Italy in the early 1900's and he was the ninth of eleven children born in Canton, Ohio. Gene and Emily married in 1947 and moved to Sunnyvale, CA. At HP he worked as an inspector in the engineering department, for over 20 years. After retiring from HP in the late 1980's, he and Emily enjoyed traveling and spending time with family. His wife, son, daughter-in-law, two granddaughters survive him.

**Earle Rother**, 90 died May 11, 2007 in Los Altos. After graduating from San Jose State with a business degree, he served two tours in the U.S

Navy during WWII on a sub tender in the Pacific. His wife Edith of 61 years died in 2002. He was an early employee of HP and retired as company paymaster. The family enjoyed camping, hiking, and fishing trips in California and the West. Two sons and their wives, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive him.

Bill Sayre, died May 30, 2007 in
Cupertino. He came from a family of nine children, worked his way through college, served in the Korean War and then worked for HP in the 60's. He was a CPA in self practice and partner in a Sunnyvale company. His wife Bonnie, a son, two daughters, and three grand children survive him.

Harry Wong, 73, died June 19, 2007 in Los Gatos, Ca. He worked at HP for 10 years until his retirement in 1991. He immigrated to California in 1952 and helped bring many family members from China and Hong Kong. His wife, Teresa, four sons, three daughters and six grandchildren survive him.

To place a notice, please write to Ed O'Reilly 1241 Lime Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087 or email to usermo408@aol.com.

#### CAROL'S CORNER

By Carol Nakamoto, Board Member, your liaison to HP



#### Little Basin access remains for now

in vent Even with the sale of Little Basin to two local non-profit land trusts, Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) and Sempervirens Fund effective May 31, 2007, they are very pleased to accommodate the ongoing recreational use of Little Basin by HP employees and retirees for free. Access is available through the remainder of this season (around Oct 31). The two groups plan to keep Little Basin open to HP employees and retirees until such time as the property transfers to a public agency for permanent ownership. Access for Agilent retirees is being worked on.

There is a dedicated website at www.littlebasin.org that you can access to get more information and make a reservation. Enjoy!

#### Mark Hurd's March 13 presentation to retirees can be viewed on website

For those who were unable to attend this annual briefing, you may still view it on our website by going to www.hp.com/retiree, scroll to 2007 Retiree Briefing Event, click on "On Demand Video Webcast" (video) or "Presentation Transcript" (text). The User Name is "\*\*\*\*\*" and the Password is "\*\*\*\*\*". You can read his talk wordfor-word, along with Cathy Lyons' (Chief Marketing Officer at the time of the presentation), the other guest speaker. Both were very informative and positive. The transcript includes questions (posed by retirees to Mark and Cathy) and their responses.

NOTE: If you were unable to attend the March 13 event, a process is still being worked on to request a lapel pin. Find more information in the next newsletter.....(I think they changed vendors).

#### **HP Postage Stamps**

Interested in purchasing current value stamps designed by HP? You can check them out on the retiree website; go to Mail a Letter and Support HP on the home page. They are more expensive than regular stamps.....I ordered a sheet for nostalgic reasons.



#### **HP's continuing efforts to communicate** with retirees

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, HP is putting quite a bit of effort into improving it's communication with retirees. Internal reorganizations have occurred with the recent EER program, and I've noticed a strong effort to ensure that the retiree community is considered and sponsored. In addition to Mark, several top executives are asking about retiree activities and HP's involvement. We now "report in" to a person who has the title of Employee, Retiree, and Brand Engagement. She is also the Global Manager of Home & Home Office and reports to one of the Executive

She has been part of my monthly HP teleconferences prior to a more formal linkage effective June 1, and she is very enthusiastic about these responsibilities. She and her retiree communication specialist have ideas on how to enhance retiree engagement and wish to better understand and leverage our volunteer efforts with Martha Maris, our club VP and chairperson of the Volunteer Group.

To keep up with daily, weekly, quarterly messages from HP, go to the retiree home page.

Access to the secure areas of the www.hp.com/retiree website is "HP Way to Play":

Password \*\*\*\*\* UserName: \*\*\*\*\* 

#### Golfers! The 13th Annual Bill He wlett & Dave Packard Memorial Golf Classic

DATE: Monday, August 13th

SITE: Los Altos Golf & Country Club

TIME: 12:00 Noon Shotgun Start

FORMAT: Four Person Team. Two Best Balls

PLUS: Low Gross, Women and Men

FEE: \$240 Early registration; \$265 after 7/16

#### Go to:

http://www.mobettatogolf.com/2007BDMGC/2007BDMGCin dex.html for more information and to download a sign-up form. Hole in one: Ford Mustang, Grand Prize: HP 42" Plas ma TV, and more.

Feel free to contact Gail Kurisu, Tournament Director, if you have any questions.

Gail Kurisu & Associates/Golf Events by Design

P: 408-737-7587; F: 408-732-8472

E-Mail: gkurisu@ihot.com

Sorry, we were asked to provide this info in our next available newsletter, which is after the early registration deadline.

#### Access to HP Sites Changed June 1 –

the latest word from HP Corporate Security

Beginning June 1, 2007, all visitors – including HP retirees – are required to have an HP escort to enter work areas beyond the lobby at all HP sites worldwide. In the past, gold-badge retired employees have been allowed to have unescorted access to HP facilities at a limited number of sites.

In addition, HP is issuing gold photo retiree badges to new retirees beginning June 1, 2007. This will replace the previously issued plastic retiree name tag. (This would suggest that if you lose your current gold badge, you may not be able to get it replaced.)

Current retirees who visit HP on a regular basis should make arrangements to obtain a photo badge the next time they visit an HP facility by contacting the Site Security office that has a Badging Center. For example, Retiree Club members who regularly attend club board meetings on site or Bridge groups who have been meeting on HP property may have a club board representative contact the Site Security Manager to establish a smooth transition that may allow for unescorted access. This is at the discretion of the Site Security Managers US-wide, but they have been instructed to consider the request. A temporary "stick-on" retiree badge will also be available at HP lobbies for retirees who are not interested in obtaining a photo badge, do not anticipate visiting an HP facility on a regular basis, or forget their photo retiree badge.



**The San Jose Giants** is offering HP Family Nights for HP employees, **retirees**, **friends and family** on the following nights: remaining games - Sunday, July 29 @ 5:00pm, Friday, August 31 @ 7:00pm

Tickets are \$5 per person. Go to <a href="www.hp.com/retiree">www.hp.com/retiree</a>, <a href="Bay">Bay</a></a>
<a href="Area">Area</a> (under Retiree Clubs), <a href="Future Events">Future Events</a> for info on how to get tickets.

#### **HP** Employee Store has moved

The new address is 19333 Vallco Park way, Cuper tino, Bldg CAC-02. It continues to be staffed by volunteer HP retirees and offers a variety of activity tickets at a discount to employees and retirees.

Hours are: 11:30 – 1:30 Wed, Thurs, Fri (closed HP holidays)

HP branded merchandise can only be viewed and purchased online on hp.com/retiree, clicking on **HP Store** on lower left of the navigation bar.

#### **Discount Tickets Available -**

all on www.hp.com/retiree.

Click on **Bay Area**, under **Discount Corner**, click on **Go>>**.

The **June** Newsletter (that goes to employees) is showing:



- \* San Jose Grand Prix tickets July 27-29
- \* Ringling Bros / Barnum & Bailey Circus Aug 22-25 \* AMC, Cinemark, and Century Theaters movie tickets and much more.

Just below "Discount Corner," you'll see "**Local Discounts.**" There you'll find information on many attractions, See's candy discounts, Entertainment books. Check it out – it's provided for YOU.

Passport Unlimited Dining Program – available for \$50/year (regular price \$125), over 500 participating restaurants on the West Coast and in the Midwest. Pay for first entree, second one is complimentary. You can use it as often as you wish at the <a href="mailto:same">same</a> restaurant. For more info, under Bay Area club, click on <a href="mailto:HP Dining Program">HP Dining Program</a> on left navigation bar.

#### New Discount on AT&T Cellular

A new offer was recently added to the retiree discount program. HP retirees are eligible for cellular discounts through AT&T. HP retiree gold badge (or picture badge) is required for in-store activation or retirees can use the website at <a href="https://www.cingular.com/benefits/hp">www.cingular.com/benefits/hp</a>. Visit <a href="https://www.hp.com/retiree">www.hp.com/retiree</a> for more information about the new discount.



#### **HP Home & Home Office**

To review the retiree discounts available on HP products, go to <a href="www.hp.com/retiree">www.hp.com/retiree</a>, click on EPP (left navigation bar), click in U.S. flag, and that will display the EPP discounts. Make sure you see the HP/EPP logo (HP EPP). If you are an Agilent retiree, and access the website using the Company Code 248, you will see an EPP logo.

If you don't have access to a computer, you can call 1-888 345-5409, identify yourself as either an HP or Agilent retiree, and make sure the agent quotes you a retiree discount. If they cannot locate you in a database, ask that you be connected to a specialist or supervisor who will follow-up to ensure you receive what you are entitled to.

#### **HPREC Monthly Activities**

Compiled by George Corkins...

#### **Biblical History Study**

The group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 1:45 p.m., Ho wever the group will be taking the summer months off



If you are interested in participating and hearing these historical lectures please call Ed O'Reilly @ 1 (408) 245-1693 for directions.

#### **Bowling for fun!**

The next few bowling events are Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, and November 12th at Alto Bowl from 3:00-4:30. It's



**al ways** the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Price is \$5.00 per person for 2 games (includes shoe rental). Feel free to join us, regardless of skill level – if interested; contact Carol Nakamoto at

carol nakamoto@hotmail.com or 650-941-3678.

#### **Bridge Group**



The Bridge Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month in the Mariposa Cafeteria Building, 3 lower at 1501 Page Mill Road. We would like to invite new members to participate. We play "social"

bridge," and players of all skills are welcome. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Bill Freise @ (650) 948-8177.

#### August' 07 / September '07 Hike Schedules

**Date:** August 14 (Tuesday) 2007. Rainout date Tuesday, August 21.

**Hike Leader:** John McCabe (650) 328-3472.

Hike Location: Saratoga Gap. Trailhead at the parking area on Skyline Boulevard (Highway 35) at Big Basin Way (Highway 9). This relatively level hike goes along both sides of Skyline Boulevard in oak woodlands, chaparral and grassy slopes. Lunch stop should have a panoramic view. It includes the Saratoga Gap, Achistaca and Saratoga Toll Road Trails and goes through four different parks and preserves.

Meet at: The 280 & Page Mill Road Park-&-Ride, at 10:00AM to carpool. Bring \$3 each to reimburse carpool drivers. Bring water and lunch.

**Date:** September 11 (Tuesday) 2007. Rainout date Tuesday, September 18.

Hike Leader: Jim Holl (650) 446-2963.

Hike Location: Fitzgerald Marine Preserve, Moss Beach From Half Moon Bay, take Highway 1 north to Moss Beach. Turn left on California Street and go to the preserve parking area at the end of California. This San Mateo County Park features an easy bluff-top trail over to the Mavericks surfing point, with the possibility of viewing tide pools under favorable tidal conditions.

Meet at: The 280 & Page Mill Road Park-&-Ride, at 10:00AM to carpool. Bring \$3 each to reimburse carpool drivers. Bring water and lunch

#### **Golf** By Ray Spoelman (510) 797-0265



It was another lovely spring day at Spring Valley golf course for the twenty golfers who showed up to test their skills. Getting over the lake three times is the hard part. The tournament winners are:

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Men 1 <sup>st</sup> flight	Larry Luiz	net 66
	John McCabe	net 69
	Bill Morimoto	net 69
Men 2 <sup>nd</sup> flight	Bill Chesley	net 71
	Ray Spoelman	net 71
	Norm Tarowsky	net 73
Women flight	Marilyn Grattan	net 62
	Judy Sullivan	net 70
	Bev Murphy	net 71
Closest to hole	Bob Grady	7ft 6 in

June 14<sup>th</sup> was the day for twenty-one golfers to play at Los Lagos. The tournament winners are:

Men 1st flight	John McCabe	net61
· ·	Yas Shimoguchi	net 66
	Phil S mith	net 66
Men 2 <sup>nd</sup> flight	Ray Spoelman	net 68
	Chuck Little	net 71
	Rich Fausett	net 76
Women flight	Bev Murphy	net 71
	Irene Jenkins	net 75
Closest to hole	Yas Shimoguchi	11 ft 0 i

**Notice that Homer Tsuda** will be the tournament director for the September event at Spring Valley. The regular guy will be in Italy. See Carol's Corner for details on the Bill and Dave Memorial Classic golf tournament.

In the meantime, keep 'em down the middle. And remember: "The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing." -Phyllis Diller



#### **HPREC GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Place: Spring Valley golf course

3441 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas

(408) 262-1772

Date: September 6, 2007

Starting Time: 10:00 AM

Cost: \$38 (includes \$2 prize fund)

Notes:

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Each HPREC member may invite one guest. Pay for golf cars in pro shop at check-in.

For further information call:

Homer Tsuda (408) 248-1381

Reservations due by: August 28

Make check(s) payable to HPREC GOLF and

mail, with this form to: HPREC Golf

> 3338 Madonna Dr. San Jose, CA 95117

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#### **HPREC GOLF RESERVATION**

Spring Valley September 6, 2007



#### **HPREC GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Place: Los Lagos golf course

2995 Tuers Road, San Jose

(408) 361-0250

Date: October 4, 2007

Starting Time: 10:30 AM

Cost: \$41 (includes \$2 prize fund

and golf car)

Notes:

Each HPREC member may invite one guest.

For further information call:

Ray Spoelman at (510) 797-0265

Reservations due by: September 25

Make check(s) payable to HPREC GOLF and

mail, with this form to:

HPREC Golf 4629 Diaz Dr.

**HPREC GOLF RESERVATION** 

Fremont, CA 94536

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Los Lagos October 4, 2007

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#### HPREC CRYSTAL CRUISE – DUBAI TO ATHENS

# PORTS OF CALL TO INCLUDE OMAN, EGYPT, JORDAN, SUEZ CANAL AND GREECE

May 11 to May 25, 2008

This trip is a chance to see many diverse cultures; markets in gold and spices as well as Arabian, Egyptian, and Greek cultural sites. The Egyptians and Greeks once controlled most of the known Western world. The Arabs were sailors and traders who ranged the whole known world and beyond. Gold, spices and carpets became standards of trade and Dubai has the largest gold market in the world.

Dubai is a city of contrasts where you can even ski on an indoor ski hill with a "black diamond" course. Non-Muslims are generally not allowed to enter mosques; however under the auspices of Dubai's crown prince limited tours are now allowed. The Muslim religion forbad the creation of likenesses of people or animals and partially as a result their society excelled in mathematics and astronomy. Middle Eastern societies were far advanced over European cultures in medicine for many centuries. In many of the mosques the ceilings demonstrates their interest in astronomy. These practices and abilities were carried over to European countries such as Spain and Portugal that were conquered by the Moors.

In Egypt you can see Luxor, Karnak and Alexandria or Cairo. We are all more familiar with the history of Egypt and these ancient sites are on almost everyone's lists of places to see.

Although Crystal Cruises has not announced the shore excursions at this point, on past cruises they have provided an opportunity to visit the ancient trading city of Petra, Jordan. This magnificent city built into the mountains has been made known in several recent movies and documentaries.

This cruise ends in Piraeus, Greece and we can arrange a special transfer that will include a short city tour of the Acropolis and other points of historical interest.

This is a rare opportunity to visit a part of the world usually only visited on world cruises and we hope you will take advantage of that opportunity with us.

Contact Don Higgins @ 408-736-1918 or George Estill, Estill International Travel @ 650-948-6027

#### **HPREC TRIPS & ACTIVITIES**

<u>2007</u>			
August			
14 <sup>th</sup>	Done-in-a-day Project		
$24^{\rm th}$	French River Boat Cruise		
October			
$10^{\rm th}$	Done-in-a-day Project -		
18 <sup>th</sup>	Second Harvest Food Bank San Francisco Bay Model - Sausalito, Ferry ride		
December			
TBD	San Jose Christmas in the		
	Park/Dinner		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Lunch		
<u>2008</u>			
February			
TBD	Theatre Event (Bus trip)		
March			
TBD	Mark Hurd Retiree Event		
TBD	Spring Fling		
April			
16-17	Yosemite/Chukchansi Casino		
	(2 night bus trip)		
May			
11- 25	Crystal Cruise – Red Sea		
Turno	(Dubai to Athens)		
June 7 <sup>th</sup> Picnic			
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July/August TBD West Coast Cruise			
September	West Coast Cluise		
TBD	L.A./Nixon & Reagan		
IDD	Libraries (3 night bus trip)		
October	= in in it is the in in in it is in it		
TBD	Washington DC (6 days)		
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<b>Monthly Activities</b>			
Bible Studies 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays			
	Bowling 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mondays		
	Bridge 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>		
	Tuesdays		
	Golf 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday		
	(March – October)		
	Hiking 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays		
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#### RETIREE VOLUNTEERS

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#### VOLUNTEERS WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

by Sue Grasshof

A recent article in *Time* Magazine reports that the days of "envelope stuffing" volunteers may be numbered.

The newest crop of potential volunteers are baby boomers. They are the most educated and driven in history, with a high desire to volunteer. Many baby boomers plan to keep working and perform community service. Their time will remain dear to them, so unless they feel they are making a difference and are involved in something meaningful, they will not be satisfied with their volunteer efforts.

The article goes on to state that many non-profit organizations are catching on to the new volunteer desires and are offering flexible hours, leadership roles and assignments that tap their individual skills.

One example is Habitat for Humanity whose volunteers build homes for people in need. They have begun organizing worker Care-a-Vans that travel the U.S., stopping here and there to pound nails. This type of setup holds special appeal for those looking for adventure,



HPARV Volunteers filled 800 party favor mugs in May for the annual OICW (Opportunities Industrializations Center West) fundraiser breakfast where more than half-a-million dollars was raised for the organization. (It must have been the mugs!) Left to right: Connie D'Andrea, Olga Wholey, Helen Short, Irene Wright, Nancy Lem and Martha Maris.



HPARV volunteers covered children's books with protective covers at Bring Me A Book Foundation in Mountain View in June. (In the foreground are, left to right, Barbara Laurence, Bert Laurence, George Climo, Irene Wright, John Mc Cabe and Leona Mc Cabe.

physical activity and tangible results. Another example is Peace Corps Encore which allows former Peace Corps volunteers to sign on for stints of just a few months rather than two years. This may attract volunteers who have flexible jobs or sabbaticals.

Local non-profits are growing opportunities for volunteers able to help with financial planning, legal counseling, small business mentoring and other meaningful tasks.

Bottom line, there remain volunteer opportunities to suit everyone interested in making a difference from envelope stuffing to business mentoring. Find an organization that strikes your fancy and insist on a meaningful experience no matter what the activity.

#### **Nationwide volunteer statistics:**

- 65.4 million volunteers last year
- 75 million volunteers projected in 2010
- 33% volunteer rate among baby boomers
- 24% volunteer rate among those 65 and up
- \$150 billion estimated total economic value of volunteers

Hewlett-Packard/Agilent Retiree Volunteers ... report the following results for the first half of fiscal year 2007 (November 2006 through April 2007):

\* Volunteers reporting hours: 104\* Volunteer hours: close to 12,000

Thanks for your contribution to our community.

Keep up the GREAT work!



### HPARV Done-in-a-Day Volunteer Project



# **Back-to-School Backpack Project**

We can bring a smile to thousands of children right in our own community by joining your fellow HP/Agilent Retiree Volunteers retirees in a special project sponsored by the Family Giving Tree.

We'll be filling backpacks or sorting backpacks already filled with school supplies by grade level. These will go to local low-income children to help them get ready for school with the tools they need to succeed. Supplies have been collected by various Bay Area companies (**including HP and Agilent**) and organizations and will be distributed by social service agencies and schools. Overall, the sponsoring organizations hope to provide 15,000 children with much needed school supplies to help them start the year with confidence.



Date: Tuesday, August 14, 2007 Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

**Place:** Family Giving Tree warehouse

1210 California Circle – Milpitas\*

**RSVP:** Connie D'Andrea at:

consyd72@hotmail.com or

(650) 856-9818 by Friday, August 10

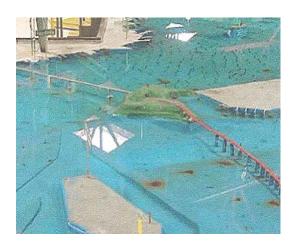
More Info: http://familygivingtree.org

\* <u>Directions to the Family Giving Tree warehouse from the Mid-peninsula:</u> Take 237 East and then 880 North. Exit at Dixon Landing and keep right. Turn right on California Circle for 1,500 feet. The warehouse (1210 California Circle) will be on your left. Drive into the third driveway. For additional driving options, see http://www.familygivingtree.org/b2s/Warehouse.htm

# LET'S GO TO SAUSALITO

Thursday, October 18, 2007 8:00 A.M. Leave Cupertino 5:00 P.M. Return Cupertino Cost: \$60.00 per person

#### TOUR THE BAY MODEL IN SAUSALITO



PASTA PRIMAVERA (Vegetarian)

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- A three-dimensional hydraulic scale model of San Francisco Bay and Delta areas capable of simulating tides and currents. Over 1.5 acres in size.
- Represents an area from the Pacific Ocean to Sacramento and Stockton, including the San Francisco, San Pablo and Suisun Bays and a portion of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta
- Guided Tour will include information on the environmental, historical, and cultural elements of the San Francisco Bay region. This educational program will focus on concepts such as geography, geology, tide cycle, water cycle, the food chain and map scale.

#### **LUNCH AT THE SPINNAKER RESTAURANT** (see menu choices below)

#### FERRY ACROSS SAN FRANCISCO BAY TO SAN FRANCISCO

We will be taking the Ferry from Larkspur over to the Ferry Building in San Francisco, a 35 minute ride on the Bay

Explore the Ferry Building shops, bake ries, produce, seafood and flower stalls—(over 35 shops) before returning to Cupertino.

For further information contact Dave Weibel at 408-867-5086 or <a href="mailto:daveweibel@comcast.net">daveweibel@comcast.net</a>
Reservations must be received by October 4, 2007

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	1 SEAFOOD SALAD with Prawns, Shrimp and Bay Scallops					
	2 LUNCH SALMON, Grilled or sautéed with Roma tomatoes					
	3	CRAB CAKES, French Fries, with Cup of Clam Chowder or Soup du Jour				
4 GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH with grilled peppers, onions & jack cheese						

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