

**Sun Bay Area Alumni Summer 2008 Event  
Computer History Museum  
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The event was held at the [CHM](#)<sup>1</sup> and attended by about 250 Sun alumni—some rookies (RIF'd recently), some Sun veterans (having been with Sun for as long as 21 years), and some Sun Alumni Association veterans (having been members since its founding by John Verrochi).

The CHM is a fascinating place to visit, especially if you are interested in the history of computers, as it is sure to bring you nostalgic memories. Relocated from Boston to Silicon Valley a few years ago, the Museum houses early Apple computers, the Babbage Difference Engine, DEC/VAX machines, mainframes, disk drives, etc. They still have many computers and other paraphernalia sitting unpacked in a warehouse because they don't have enough exhibit floor space.

At the outset, hats off to Buster Maness for pulling this event together. Buster spent weeks trying to get sponsors, sending out invites, coordinating with the CHM and the volunteers, and working on numerous other logistics. Thanks also go out to the event's major sponsors:

- ✓ Mari Takahashi ([Mari's Catering](#)<sup>2</sup>)
- ✓ Steve Daniel ([Akeena Solar](#)<sup>3</sup>)
- ✓ Frank Remenesky ([Material in Motion](#)<sup>4</sup>)
- ✓ Gary Malone (Computer History Museum)

Overall, the spirit at the event was upbeat and jolly because many of the attendees have gone on to find other career opportunities and either joined or are consulting for such companies as Cisco, Google, Netflix, nVidia, SGI, and Tencera. Others have totally changed their careers and become book publishers, financial advisers, health and beauty-products consultants/distributors. There is life after Sun — after all.

Most alumni, especially those that worked at Sun in the mid- to late 1990s, had nothing but praise for Sun, because those were the days my friends when Sun's brilliance was blinding. We all wish Sun to rise again. And, Buster, let's have another get-together in the December timeframe to celebrate Sun's reincarnation!

As a volunteer, I didn't have time to take any pictures, but here are links to the three albums taken by Robbie Turner, Robin Roger, and Stephen Ho:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/StephenHo88/SMAA2008ReunionCamera1ByStephenHo?authkey=dse9YJFU8ag>  
<http://picasaweb.google.com/StephenHo88/SMAA2008ReunionCamera2ByRobinRogers?authkey=deoGMZroiyl>  
<http://picasaweb.google.com/StephenHo88/SMAA2008ReunionCamera3ByRobbieTurner?authkey=SQLNGhvn1nY>

All the best fellow Sun alumni!

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.computerhistory.org/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://sanfrancisco.citysearch.com/profile/45965328>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.akeena.net/cm/Home.html>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.materialinmotion.com/>