



Welcome to Saratoga! We will be meeting at Hakone Gardens, located at 21000 Big Basin Way, in Saratoga. As the oldest surviving Japanese-style residential gardens in the Western Hemisphere, Hakone's tranquility and elegance beautifully express the aesthetics of the Japanese ideal of the garden as a space in which art and nature merge seamlessly for the observer. Some of the main features of Hakone include four gardens: The Hill and Pond Garden, Zen Garden, Tea Garden and Bamboo Garden. Hakone's Garden Gift Shop offers a unique display of Japanese items. Some of the items are handmade by award winning craftsmen using materials from Hakone's diverse species of bamboo and other plant materials. Check out their website (www.hakone.com)! Regular parking fees will be waived for NCCCA meeting registrants.

If your schedule allows....

While planning your stay, visit Saratoga's Chamber of Commerce website (www.saratogachamber.org), which lists lots of interesting things to do. Saratoga is known for its beautiful City parks, charming downtown village, award winning wineries, world renowned art, music & drama events, and an attractive array of shopping environments.

Staying Overnight...

The Pruneyard Plaza Hotel (www.pruneyardplazahotel.com) is offering a group rate of \$129. The deluxe rooms, which are extremely nice, are \$149. They agreed to extend the rate through the weekend, you just have to tell them when you call. Tell them you are with the "City Clerks Meeting" to get the rate. The hotel is located at 1995 South Bascom Avenue, Campbell, CA (800/559-4344). Although the hotel is in Campbell, it is close to the meeting site. Check in is at 3:00 p.m., check out at noon. Please refer to www.mapquest.com for directions to Pruneyard Plaza Hotel, and from the hotel to Hakone Gardens. (Other hotel/inn options are listed on the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce website at www.saratogachamber.org).

Thursday Night Get-Together....

Co-hosts Cathleen Boyer, City Clerk, City of Saratoga (408/868-1269), and Susan Kitchens, City Clerk, City of Los Altos (650/947-2611) are looking forward to seeing you seeing you! If you are interested in getting together on Thursday night, please come to the Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery, which is literally next door to the hotel, around 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.. Hope to see you there!

