

**IBMSFQCCAA** 

# IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association

### We've started to roll - You can help decide where we're going

#### **Our First Newsletter**

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Join Us in the First

IBMSFQCCAA
sponsored activity

Dr David Bradley
tells
The Story of
THE IBM PC

FEB 4, 2011 2:30 PM Maple Room Sugar Sand Park Boca Raton ADMISSION FREE

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

The idea for forming an Association comprised of current and former South Florida IBM Quarter Century Club Members and Alumni came to Jud McCarthy, our current President when he learned of a similar organization operating in Atlanta. In 2009 Jud actually joined the Atlanta organization and discovered an active group of former IBMers who were enjoying camaraderie and fellowship with folks with whom they had shared so much in the By March of 2010 Sy past. Schulman, Lew Miller and Angelo Gasparri joined Jud in his vision of a South Florida club and began activities to make it happen. By May the group was meeting regularly and decided to incorporate the IBM SOUTH FLORIDA **OUARTER CENTURY CLUB and ALUMNI ASSO-**CIATION INC. as a not-forprofit Florida Corporation with a formal charter registered with the State . With the help of some seed money advanced by the founders and a number of other "core" members, legal fees and an interactive web site were funded and promotional activity began to solicit membership. With the help of various individuals and organizations [see article on page 2] the association has grown

steadily and we look forward to the involvement of many active members in 2011.

Our Bylaws can be found at <a href="https://www.ibmsfqccaa.org">www.ibmsfqccaa.org</a>. Any QCC member, current or former IBMers with more than 5 years service and surviving spouses can join online by following simple instructions.

In short our purpose is to enjoy one another's companionship while participating in our many social and volunteer activities. Members will be able to utilize resources of the Association to find and connect with other IBM alumni and participate in Association sponsored sports and social activities

#### **President's Message:**

Welcome t o t h e IBMSFQCCAA. I hope that you will enjoy and gain some useful insights from this, our very first communication to our members. We now have over one hundred members in our Association from as far north as Connecticut and as far west as Chicago. This puts us about halfway towards achieving our year-end 2011 membership goal of 200. We invite anyone with at least five years of IBM service or the surviving spouse of a former IBMer to join our organization. If you know of anyone who meets these criteria and is not already a member, please invite that person to visit our website at <a href="https://www.ibmsfqccaa.org">www.ibmsfqccaa.org</a> and click on the word "JOIN" on our homepage.

Our primary goal is to promote social interactions amongst our members and we would like to hear from you regarding the types of activities you might be interested in having us pursue. We are considering golf outings, perhaps even a week-end away, a dinner/dance, a Las Vegas night, discount cruises, theatre nights, seminars by IBM speakers, etc. You name it and if you are willing to invest some effort and work with us,

we can try to make it happen.

We are fortunate to have a highly dedicated Board of Directors whose members have contributed a great deal of effort to bring our Association to where it is today, but we need your ideas and energy to sustain us in the future. Just go to the web site and click on the "FEEDBACK" button. Your ideas will be very welcome.

On behalf of the Association's officers and directors, I wish you a healthy and prosperous 2011

Justin "Jud" McCarthy

# Some of the folks who have joined already

Adkins Agoglia Amato Anderson Rodney Robert Sharon Glenn Richard Austin Samuel Robert Bannon Jody Jeffrey Richard Barr Rean Benedict Quentin Harry Bernhard Ronald David Betters Bradley Gregg Dick Cesario Chaiet Humberto Cordero Myron Ted Nancy Davis Davis DeGregory Dell Deborah Depew Desmond Diaz Walter Leonard Ernie Ellig Erickson Ewart Finke Edward Ron Robert Paul Ernest Galinis Angelo Lynn Fred Gasparri Gill Goetz Goodwin Tulie Greenberg Willard Bob Grieser Frederick Hall James Robert Hammei Heald Edward Hecker Donald Heim loseph Herko Ĵoe Robert Herman Hood Howard Charles Frank Humphreys Albert Jacobson Donald Kost Jerry Delores Lamar Latchford Lawall Joy Donald Frank Diane David Lewis omatch Lonser Loricchio Lott Frank Ralph Juha ' Makipaa Mangone Martinez John (Jack)Mc Closkey Lary McCants Justin "Jud"McCarthy John McNamee John Henry John Meudinee Henry Meudt Lewis Miller Bill (William) Montgomery Kathryn Moore Thomas William Murphy Nordeen Hernando (Ernie) Ovies David Pavek Peterson Polimeni Popis Dennis Joseph Raymond Richwagen Rinaldi Patricia Lee Russell Hilario Rojas Salerno Larry Virginia William Santanello Santanello Jr Emily Santos Joseph Donald Sarubbi Scanlon Schmidt Anne Bob Schonger Schulman Shewbrooks Somers Sparks Spence Stone Margaret Clifton Sullivan Mike Penny Robert Sullivan Tust Urquhart Waltersdorfer Wilson Bruce Francisco

See anyone you know?

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### Activities are being planned — We need you to get involved

About a month ago we set about the task of identifying activities and events which would be entertaining and interesting to our members. We borrowed some ideas from other similar organizations such as the Atlanta Quarter Century Club and circulated the list to the membership. The following is a compilation of the current menu of ideas:

- Reunion / get together evening event with hors d'oeuvres and possibly a guest speaker
- Golf event
- Wine tasting event
- Day at the Hard Rock or some casino – for shows & gaming
- Association Clubs: Book, Gardening, Genealogy & etc

- Theatre tickets (Stage & Screen)
- Games & tournaments (ie: Bridge, Poker, Pocket Billiards, Dominos & etc)
- Individual & Group Travel Arrangements: Tours, Cruises & Air (Domestic & Foreign)
- Tickets and Buses to events (Dolphins, Marlins, Heat, Panthers, Disney & etc)
- Clam bakes & barbeques
- Weekend Get Away

We also asked "If we had a speaker what topics would you prefer? [ IBM speaker, Political Speaker, Retirement Subjects, Medical Plan Presentation] Political speakers were just about universally rejected.

Over the first Quarter of 2011 we will be developing an agenda of activities and events which will bring us together for interesting and fun times. We are in need of both ideas and Volunteers to make good things happen. Larry Salerno [bocalarry@comcast.net] and Gregg Cesario [greggcesario@aol.com] have volunteered to lead and organize activities to make these things happen. We urge you to contact Gregg and Larry with your ideas and energy. Putting these thing together is generally as much fun as attending. We need your help in all Association endeavors. Get In-

## **An Afternoon with Dr Dave Bradley**

Some of the most interesting times in the history of computing, perhaps even the history of



American industry shaped the world from right here in **BOCA Raton.** A giant step in the information age occurred with the introduction of the IBM PC and few had more influence on that marvelous machine than Dr David

Bradley. Dr Dave continued his contributions to personal computing and advanced technology at IBM until 2004 when he moved on to become a Professor at North Carolina State University where he founded the Personal Computer Architecture department. We are honored to host Dr Bradley at 2:30 PM on Friday February 4 2011 in the Maple Room at Sugar Sand Park in Boca Raton. Dave will talk to us about early history of personal computers, from the original founders of the industry through the IBM Per-

sonal Computer family of machines. The talk describes the design of the original PC, and tells the stories of how they came about and how they were used. Dave's experiences with Bill Gates and Microsoft will also be related. Don't miss this nostalgic and informative event. There is no charge for this event, but we ask that you EMAIL <a href="mailto:info@ibmsfqccaa.org">info@ibmsfqccaa.org</a> or call (561) 504-7048 to let us know if you are coming. We receive no funding from IBM and request that non-members join and pay 2011 Association dues of \$20.

### Many thanks to all who helped get us started

IBMSFQCCAA wishes to acknowledge the contributions of the many folks who helped us get started. We thank all of the early members who supported founding and organizing this group. We thank you for your support. We also wish to thank Lary McCants, John Zells, Alex Yamall, Camile Valcourt and Dave Lyons of the IBM South East Credit Union who contributed funds and promotional activity. We are also indebted to Sharon Amato and Emily Santos and IBM for allowing us to use their conference room and for publicizing the Association.

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### **DID YOU KNOW?**

A Variety of Meetings and gatherings of long time IBM employees occur regularly in the Boca Raton Area. Some have been going on for many years and are lots of fun and laughs for all the attendees Among them are: Tuesday Morning Break fasts at Denny's on Palmetto Park Road This group has been meeting like clockworkevery second Tuesday. Among the attendees you will find ex members of Manufacturing Development Engineering, Sedab and other groups. Tri Annual Luncheons at the "Old Yamato Road Site" This large group regularly meets in the former IBM cafeteria on Yamato road and brings together participants from many different functions; We also are told that another meeting of former Lab employees occurs regularly on Fridays at Jersey Mike's in Boynton Beach and yet another at Ellies Diner. If you'd like to spread the word about activities like this, let us know