



# IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association



Suddenly it is summer!

The *IBMSFQCCAA* experienced a significant number of events and activities offered to members in the short 5 months of 2014.

We have added a number of new features on the web site for member viewing. Prior general assembly event videos have been posted on the web site and segmented by topic so viewers can browse subjects covered of their preference rather than fast listening / forwarding though the entire video.

Also added was a summary page of all the events past and planned for 2014 that is updated regularly as future events become past events. Members can do some advanced planning for the year as well as see the fun and participation of past events including the board sponsors name for questions. Watch for the news-

letters as well. They will also contain projected future events.

Some well attended and fun events took place in the first 5 months as well such as; Naples golf event, Spring Training for Marlins baseball in Jupiter, wine tasting at a historic train depot in Boca Raton, discounted tickets for out of area events such as the Sweet Corn Festival, multiple quarterly luncheon gatherings at Millers Ale House in Boca, FAU basketball, magician shows and Memorial Day tributes to all veterans, dental plan alternatives exclusively for *IBMSFQCCAA* members, to name a few events.

Based on member feedback the Board of Directors is making a concerted effort to conduct more events out of the Boca area as well as purchase a high resolution projector so that remote attendees can better view the general membership meetings. We are also dedicated to provide added value for the members. If an event receives low participation, we plan on re-

placing it with other events that garner more interest. Look for a survey to be sent to members to let us know what you want in the way of events.

In closing, on behalf of the BOD, we wish to thank Debi Dell for her brief tenure that was cut short because of family responsibilities. Thanks Debi, we hope to see you soon and wish the best for your family.

Let any of the board members know if you have some feedback or questions. All contact information can be found on the web site.

Have a great summer!

Gregg Cesario, President

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This newsletter is provided for our dues-paying membership by the IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association (*IBMSFQCCAA*), a nonprofit organization based in Boca Raton, FL and formed in 2011.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep members informed of *IBMSFQCCAA*-sponsored social and volunteer activities as well as general items of interest. Newsletter content is provided in the spirit of camaraderie to help foster IBM alumni connections.

*IBMers are shown in italics.*

**Circulation:** The Newsletter is circulated to most of our members and friends via the *IBMSFQCCAA* website (<http://www.ibmsfqccaa.org/>). It is also sent by mail to members who do not have Internet access.

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**WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT. HELP US MAKE THIS A GREAT ORGANIZATION.**

**PLEASE PASS THIS NEWSLETTER ON TO FRIENDS WHO MIGHT ALSO BE INTERESTED.**

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## Welcome 17 New Members

John Cannella	Joseph Nixon
Don Carpenter	Donald Planthaber
Eric Drinkhouse	Frank Schmidt
Gene Drucker	Phil Zeiss
Carol Esser	Helmut Ripke
Richard Firtko	Krista Maki
Bob Frisch	Jim Clarkson
Richard Kirk	Faye Schneider
Diana Lawrence	

## Upcoming Events

Lunch-Ale House - June 12  
Lunch-Ale House - September 18  
Lunch-Ale House - December 11

*There are more great activities being planned for this fall.*

## Farewell

*We have learned of the following members of the IBM Family who have passed away.*

Richard T. Palatucci	3/7/14
John T. Wolfram	4/25/14
Roger Dey	4/26/14
Stan Revesman	1/25/14
Fred Putlitz	

## Other Events Under Consideration

Intergenerational Orchestra  
Boca Historical Society Walking Tour  
Delray Intracoastal Cruise  
Wick Theater  
Meet & Greet  
FAU Football  
Oktoberfest  
Volunteer Day at Boca Helping Hands

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## Recent Activities

### FAU Basketball Game—3/6/14

The FAU vs. FIU basketball game and pre-game ‘pizza party’ gathering was attended by 22 members and guests. It was a great game and everyone enjoyed the event.

### Quarterly Luncheon - 3/13/14

Great turnout for our regular luncheon event. In addition to the regulars, we had a group of 12 former *IBMers* from the Series 1 & System 7 organizations holding their 3rd annual reunion. This group can thank Vic Mazza from Atlanta for pulling it together once again. A good time was had by all.

### Dental Plan Alternatives - 3/14/14

On March 14th, seventy-two members and guests attended a presentation by two dental insurance professionals who covered available alternatives to the dental plans offered in material provided by IBM. Continuing our efforts to provide added value to those who could not attend in person, 24 members viewed the event remotely. As evidenced by the numerous questions from the audience, the presentation had value. However the audio-visual arrangements were less than adequate so those in the audience as well as those viewing the presentation remotely had problems reading the projected information. We continue to learn from these experiences, and this

event pointed out the need for better audio-visual arrangements. The BOD will determine the best way to resolve this.

### Baseball Outing - 3/27/14

The game was between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Miami Marlins. We had 12 members and guests for the outing including members from Broward county, Boca Raton, Lake Worth and Jupiter. Everyone enjoyed the game and were looking forward to doing another Spring Training game next season.

### Naples Golf Event - 4/4-6/14

Jud McCarthy led a group of our members of a fun golf outing to the Naples area. Our group totaled 15 members. They were joined by 5 members from the Naples area. As is the case with all these events, the golf, meals and networking were enjoyed by all.

### Wine Tasting - 4/11/14

Our second annual wine tasting took place on April 11th at the de Hoernle Train Depot in Boca Raton. Thirty-three members and guests listened and sipped as wine expert Jay LaSalle described how best to experience a selection of wines from the West Coast of the United States. As usual, Jay was a wonderful guide: friendly, knowledgeable and patient with the many questions. Everyone agreed that the wines were well selected, and the snack platters were a big hit. Continuing the custom from last year, everyone received a wine glass to take home, and a discount coupon provided by Total Wine was

very much appreciated.

### Sweet Corn Fiesta - 4/27/14

Annual celebration held at South Palm Beach Fair Grounds was a GREAT time for those attending from our group. “This year's corn crop is the sweetest & best corn I've ever had. “ - Don Scanlon

Quentin Benedict and the Krystal River Band provided entertainment this year.

### Honoring Our Veterans - 5/5/14

Members that turned out for our general meeting where presented with an amazingly moving tribute to our veterans of World War II provided by the Honor Flight organization. The Honor Flight staff is to be commended for providing an important service to those that did so much for our country. [Click here](#) to go to their web site.

In addition, Corporal Burt Richards was on hand to present a unique look at our WW II history including an extensive collection of memorabilia displayed around the meeting room. Burt's presentation was both informative and entertaining. [Click here](#) for more information on Corporal Burt.

### Did You Know.....

The 50th Anniversary of the IBM 360 Family of Mainframe Computers was celebrated on April 6, 2014. **Where were you in 1964 ???**

[Click here](#) for more info!



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## Boca *IBMers* in the News

### *IBMSFQCCAA* Donates to the Boca Raton Historical Society



*IBMSFQCCAA* in its continuing effort to support the Boca Raton Historical Society has made a cash contribution. On hand for the presentation where Gregg Cesario & Jud McCarthy from our organization and Susan Gillis and Mary Csar from the Society.

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In case you missed the article on Dick Spencer in the Palm Beach Post, [here](#) is the link.

## Where Are They Now

**Ray Sozio** retired in 1994 and has been very busy managing a group of some twenty softball umpires. "We have had a contract with the City of Ft. Lauderdale for almost eighteen years now. We umpire about two hundred games per week and best of all I'm still able to participate. Life has been good."  
"Annette and I have been married fifty-two years and still reside in the same home we bought forty-eight years ago when we came to South Florida."

### **Darryl Newell** in his own words....

"Nothing will ever be able to replace the excitement and richness of my working life at IBM as well as with those incredibly talented *IBMers* I had the privilege to work with for those 37 years. It has now been ten short years of retirement and I continue to miss the IBM experience and the folks I shared that time with. I will be forever grateful for those life's experiences as well as the many wonderful people and product memories...

I retired in 2002 then lived in downtown Seattle near the space needle while returning to teaching electronics and photography to those wanting to learn either or both. I spent two years in the field with a group of world renown professional photographers .

After these trips in 2005 I moved to an island about

70 miles North of Seattle and next to a beach overlooking Canada and the Olympic Mountains, continuing the photography work while also raising and showing the German Shepherd dog now having two world champions. I also found myself near to Navy families where the husband was away for nine months at a time unable to watch their own children grow up and limited family conversations. I then created dozens of DVD's, one per family, of these children and their wives over the ensuing seven years, set them to music then posted this to a web site they could see from an overseas site as well as sending the DVD's to the Navy guys and gals overseas.

Today I occasionally travel continuing photographing nature's wonders and publishing several photographs from time to time including three in National Geographic Magazine. I have not driven on an interstate highway in over five years preferring the more scenic two lane roads of the past. I continue to measure the best memories of my lifetime being the individuals I shared so many exciting and fulfilling times with while at IBM. Seeing the names appear in the *IBMSFQCCA* news brings on a warm heartbeat at each instance. I can be reached at [darrylsplace@mac.com](mailto:darrylsplace@mac.com) I'd love to hear from any and all of you of course.."



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**Darryl Newell & prize shepherd**



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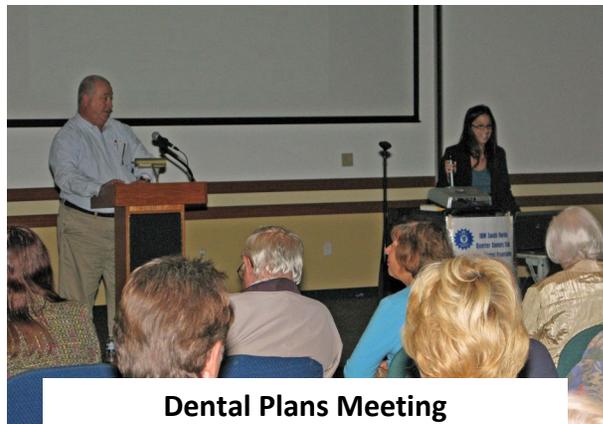
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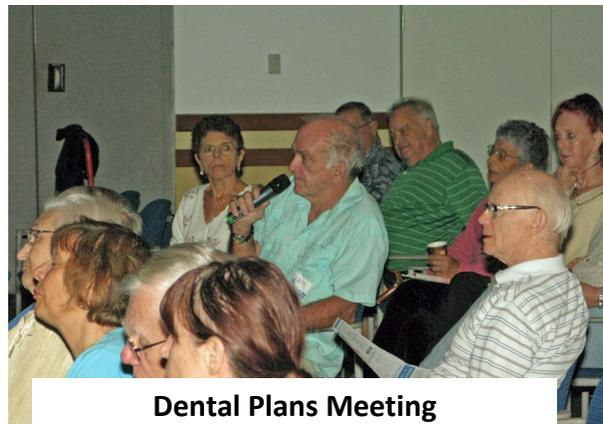
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