



# IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association



## Presidents Message Fall 2018 - Winter/Spring 2019

Nearly Spring 2019 – South Florida’s best time. The weather is great but the traffic is a disaster. The following pages chronicle many of the more than two dozen club sponsored events we’ve had since our last publication. Heartfelt thanks to the members who give of their time, talent and treasure to make it happen.

The “Wine Tastings”, sports events and Lecture Series continue to be popular and thanks to a newly formed “Events Committee” we’ve added a variety of visits to Community Attractions. Lew Miller’s expert ability at organizing things, and Rose Heath’s imaginative research and negotiation abilities have insured that the “outings” which occur nearly every third Thursday have been loads of fun and a great time for all.

Our Quarterly events, mostly aimed at providing topical information and discussion pertinent to our members, have been exceptionally well received. An interesting twist is that many of these events are now being held at “Boca Raton Innovation Campus” [BRIC] better known to most of us as “the old IBM site”. In addition to the nostal-

gic ambiance, we’ve had some wonderful speakers and had the opportunity to explore subjects which are important to our daily lives.

We’re grateful to our members who make these events happen. I’d love to mention all the contributors but we’re particularly grateful to John Ryan, who is like a “Superman” in setting up our events, Dave Pavek, who tirelessly coordinates the EVENTS CALENDAR and heads up the “Ale House” luncheons and Julie Goodwin who co-ordinates our website and Facebook group content as well as this Newsletter.

Fortunately [or not] a lot of old habits remain with us from the time we spent at IBM. Perhaps most notably we are plagued [or blessed] by a constant desire to measure ourselves as an organization, and then not be satisfied with the status quo. Most of our Board of Director’s meetings are consumed by that routine. By the numbers, the organization is doing well. December’s annual meeting had us at 272 members in good standing, more than the average of the previous 5 years. The treasury is healthy, attendance at functions and feedback from members is good and we’ve

continued to add interesting content to our activities, but we recognize the need to remain relevant to the lives of our members. Accordingly, we’ve been focusing on some areas of interest:

- ◆ Accessibility to non-local and immobile members: Jim DeArmond has strived to webcast events as often as practical. We are endeavoring to improve Audio/Visual quality of webcasts. Hopefully someone will volunteer to stand in for Jim when he is unable to attend an event. We’d like to share as much as possible with members who cannot be with us in person.
- ◆ Timely communication: Things happen, good and bad. We’ve added Constant Contact, a commercial “Email Blast” system and Joe Herko, George Maxwell and Dave Johnson have shared the task of notifying members of upcoming activities. Our “CLOSED GROUP FACEBOOK “ page now has 115 members who find it safe and informative.
- ◆ IBMSFQCAA - BRIC [Old IBM site]: Strong relationship developing thanks

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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.

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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 New Members

<b>Stan</b>	<b>Belyeu</b>
<b>Keith</b>	<b>Brew</b>
<b>Joseph</b>	<b>Cannizzaro</b>
<b>Adolfo</b>	<b>Chandek</b>
<b>Lynn</b>	<b>Cohen</b>
<b>Peggy</b>	<b>Freeman</b>
<b>David</b>	<b>Ghostlaw</b>
<b>Susan</b>	<b>Jaeschke</b>
<b>Sam</b>	<b>Wexler</b>

## Farewell

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

<b>LaVant Morell</b>	<b>June 19, 2018</b>
<b>Len Clarke</b>	<b>June 20, 2018</b>
<b>Max Enos</b>	<b>July 7, 2018</b>
<b>John Magnon</b>	<b>July 31, 2018</b>
<b>Tom Krieger</b>	<b>Aug 11, 2018</b>
<b>Bob Agoglia</b>	<b>Sept 6, 2018</b>
<b>Leroy Simon</b>	<b>Oct 13, 2018</b>
<b>Larry Nielson</b>	<b>Nov 7, 2018</b>
<b>Gary Mayes</b>	<b>Nov 13, 2018</b>
<b>Sam Bailey</b>	<b>Nov 30, 2018</b>
<b>Nick Smiciklas</b>	<b>Dec 23, 2018</b>
<b>Patty Desmond</b>	<b>Feb 9, 2019</b>

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **March 15 @8pm - Last of the Red Hot Lovers - Willow Theatre, Sugar Sand Park**
- ◆ **March 16 @2pm - St Patrick'e Day Parade - Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach**
- ◆ **March 19 @1:05pm - Spring Training MLB: Marlins vs Mets - Roger Dean Stadium**
- ◆ **March 23 @5:30pm - Wine Pairing with Pizza—BRIC (Old IBM Site)**

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## President's Message (cont.)

to Pete Martinez' keeping our "nose under the tent flap". We're using their facility and they are working toward some permanent recognition of IBM's history at the site.

- ◆ Adoption of a "Worthy Cause" that the Club can help sponsor: We're favoring a fund or Organization which promotes Technical and Business education of youngsters who otherwise might not succeed in life. We're studying the issues but have not yet narrowed them down. We would welcome suggestions from the membership.

Your Board of Directors and I continue to work toward supporting our mission.

We sincerely welcome your advice. If you can't come to our Monthly Board Meetings - SEE EVENTS CALENDAR on our Activities web page: <http://ibmsfqcaa.org/activities.htm>, send us an EMAIL at [president@ibmsfqcaa.org](mailto:president@ibmsfqcaa.org), post a note in our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ibmsfqcaa>, or just give us a call. Our contacts are listed on the Board web page at: <http://ibmsfqcaa.org/board.htm>.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Angelo

## Recent Activities

Our members have been enjoying association activities over the past several months. Here's a list of events you may have missed.

- ◆ June 14 - Lunch - Millers Ale House, 1200 Yamato Rd, Boca (40 attended)
- ◆ July 06 - Volunteer Day at Boca Helping Hands (5 attended.)
- ◆ July 19 - Free Tour of Boca Raton Traffic Dept (23 attended)
- ◆ July 20 - Volunteer Day at Boca Helping Hands (4 attended.)
- ◆ Aug 16 - Delray Trolley Tour (22 attended)
- ◆ Sept 08 - Football: FAU vs Air Force (19 attended)
- ◆ Sept 13 - Lunch - Millers Ale House, 1200 Yamato Rd, Boca (37 attended)
- ◆ Sept 20 - Silverball Museum Tour - Delray (10 attended)
- ◆ Sept 26 - City Pub - Deerfield Beach: A Night of Music & Dancing.
- ◆ Oct 13 - 45th Oktoberfest - Lake Worth (14 attended)
- ◆ Oct 18 - Boca Museum of Art (9 attended)
- ◆ Oct 24 - City Pub - Deerfield Beach: A Night of Music & Dancing.

- ◆ Oct 26 - Wine Tasting @BRIC (old IBM Site) (37 attended)
- ◆ Nov 17 - General Meeting: "Navigating The Golden Years" @BRIC (60 attended)
- ◆ Nov 28 - City Pub - Deerfield Beach: A Night of Music & Dancing.
- ◆ Nov 30 - IBMSFQCAA Annual Meeting—Entertainment - Pete DeJesse—tribute singer (36 attended)
- ◆ Dec 7 - Willow Theatre - "The goodbye Girl" musical comedy. (16 attended)
- ◆ Dec 13 - Lunch - Millers Ale House, 1200 Yamato Rd, Boca (42 attended)
- ◆ Dec 18 - Holiday Time Intracoastal Cruise on the Lady Atlantic. (21 attended)
- ◆ Dec 20 - Benzaiten Creative Arts in Lake Worth Activities Cmte Gallery tour & glass blowing. (21 attended)
- ◆ Dec 26 - City Pub-Deerfield Beach: A Night of Music & Dancing.
- ◆ Jan 11—General Meeting: 2018 Tax Law Changes - Sugar Sand Park (48 attended)
- ◆ Feb 15 - Volunteer Day at Boca Helping Hands. (9 attended).
- ◆ Feb 16 - Basketball at FAU Gym (FAU vs Rice) (17 attended)
- ◆ Feb 21 - Gumbo Limbo Nature Center Tour (7 attended)



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## What Ever Happened to Maurice Bland ?



In early January 2019 it will be 40 years ago that I joined IBM in Boca Raton. I joined IBM in January 1979 after receiving a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Kentucky, and I have many fond memories from my early IBM career, remembering many talented people that I had the privilege to work with and learn from. As a System Development Engineer and Logic Designer I worked on notable projects such as the System 23 Datamaster File Server, PC jr, PS/2, PS/2 Model 80, PS/2 Model 70/A21, and PS/2 Model 90/95. Also during my years in Florida, I was given the opportunity, and took a 2 year temporary overseas assignment with IBM in Yamato, Japan, from January, 1990, to December, 1991. In Japan, I worked on system design and architecture for IBM Portables, including the P75 luggable, N51 SLC/SX notebook, and CL57SX color laptop. After returning to Boca Raton in January 1992, I became the lead architect responsible for the definition of PCI systems and chipsets at a joint IBM/Intel alliance team known as the Noyce Development Center.

After working on many exciting Intel based PC products during my 15 years in Boca, I transferred to IBM Austin in February 1994. While in Austin, I was a member of the product team that worked on developing PowerPC processor based entry SMP workstations and low end client PCs running AIX and Windows/NT. I was the lead system engineer for the RS/6000 43P and the 43P/240, and worked in Austin for 3+ years, from February 1994 through June 1997.

## Where Are They Now



In mid 1997 I transferred to IBM Raleigh at Research Triangle Park, and worked there for the remainder of my IBM career, which in total was 34 years, 11 months, and 22 days, retiring at the end of December, 2013. I was appointed as an IBM Distinguished Engineer in April 2005, and during the 16 year span of my IBM career in RTP, I had various assignments working on High End Intel based Industry Standard Servers as Chief Engineer and Architect for 5 generations of IBM Enterprise X-Architecture, IBM BladeCenter Compute Blades, and IBM Flex System. Over my IBM career I was issued 35 patents ranging in areas of IO bus bridging, systems power management, memory subsystem design, and fault tolerant system design.

Since retiring at the end of 2013, I've been spending time on a woodworking hobby, occasionally volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, spending time with my 3 kids and 5 grandchildren, and traveling with my wife, Noi. Noi spends a lot of time with a quilting and sewing hobby, and she's received honors at various Quilting Symposiums and the yearly NC State Fair competition. My interest in woodworking began in 1980 while working at IBM and taking night classes several times a week at a Ft. Lauderdale High School. For about one and a half years, Noi and I made several pieces of furniture while attending the woodworking class and most importantly we learned how to use many different woodworking tools and began acquiring tools for our garage shop. The woodworking photo collage shows some of the projects that I've done for family, and were at various stages of completion when the photos were taken.

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## What Ever Happened to Denny Wainright ?



## Where Are They Now

that position for 6 Racing seasons traveling and the Indy Car schedule, and retired in 1999.

Virginia was also able to travel to many of the races. The month of May in Indy was exciting. That's a long time to be out of town. Virginia filled the time as the Administrator of Advent Lutheran Church's Retirement center "Advent Square". After seven years she also retired in 1999.

In between these races I was actually able to squeeze in some Colorado Elk Hunting on Public Land. Lots of land and exercise, few Elk!

Great camping in beautiful country in sunshine or snow!

From 2003 until 2013 Virginia and I spent our summers in the Napa Valley and winters here in Boca. I can tell you that Napa Valley Wines are top of the line! I found out the Napa Valley secret! It takes a lot of Good Beer to make Good Wine!

A customer once asked, "How can you make a better wine"? Answer: "You Simply "Raise the Price!"

We spend time with our good friends Walt and Betsy Nawrocki. Walt continues to chase the fish and tags me along. He has to take me often less I need retraining.

Other good friends Chuck and Janet Whetsel join up usually in March and we three guys try to terrorize the fishing grounds in both Fresh and Salt water for a month. While the Gals try to buy out Macy's. At the end of the day we all celebrate the catch!

Other than that, Life is Good!

You can contact me on e-Mail at [dennymw@aol.com](mailto:dennymw@aol.com)

Virginia and I are living in Boca in the home we built in 1968. Our Children and Grandkids are here in Boca and North Palm Beach. We stay close by.

I continue as one of twelve Directors for our Nichelini Family Corporation in California. The Nichelini Family Winery is the oldest Napa Valley Winery remaining in the same family since 1890. It is now in its fifth generation.

After leaving IBM in December of 1992 I fished Lake Ida on nearly a daily basis for a couple months when a Contractor for IBM recruited me to return for what was to be a couple months work that became several months longer. It was hard to leave that lake.

I had previously volunteered with USAC Timing and Scoring for Indy Cars. When The Indy Racing League brought Timing and Scoring in house I was hired as a Technician. I stayed in



# Trolley tour: Old School Square, Delray Beach — Aug. 16

Posted by [Mary Kate Leming](#) on August 28, 2018 at 3:42pm

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## September 13 Quarterly Luncheon

Everyone always has a lot of fun at our quarterly luncheons at Miller's Ale House in Boca. Here are some pictures from the September 13 and December 13 events. Our next luncheon will be on Thursday March 14 at 11:30 at the Boynton Beach Miller's Ale House. Please come! We look forward to seeing you there!



L to R: Vance Vallandigham, Dave Pavek



L to R: Bill Paul, Lew Miller

*The South Florida IBM Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association enjoyed a docent-led adventure through the downtown area. Members, their spouses and friends visited Old School Square, the Colony Hotel & Cabana Club and the beach followed by lunch at Ocean One Bar and Grille in Atlantic Plaza. The organization was formed in 2011 to promote social activities for former IBM employees with 25 or more years of service as well as for current employees with at least five years of service. ABOVE: The group tours Old School Square. Tim Stepien/The Coastal Star*

## September 13 Quarterly Luncheon (cont)



L to R: Pat Desmond, Betty Wisner, Rita Gasparri



L to R: Len Sheiner, Bob Wisner, Mike Herzlich



L to R: Peggy Freeman, Ozzie Osborne, Charlie Helton



L to R: Sy Schulman, Angelo Gasparri



L to R: Sue Larson, Victor Guess, Mike Lukens, Aurora Siegl



L to R: Rob Baker, Gary Wisgo, Judy Bradley



L to R: Lee Stone, Kay Stone, Eric Drinkhouse



L to R: Fred Goetz, Judy Goetz



L to R: Eric Quirindongo, Lou Yovin

## September 13 Luncheon (cont)



L to R: Bill Montgomery, Ed Gull



L to R: Joe Herko, Ted Davis, John VanBlois, Al Jacobson

## Oktoberfest - October 13



L to R: Aurora Siegl, Gregg Cesario, Jack H, ?, ?, Jud McCarthy



L to R: Aurora Siegl, Gregg Cesario, Jack H, Humberto Cordero, Alida Cordero

## December 13 Luncheon



L to R: Sally Langford, Dave Pavek, Larry Salerno



L to R: Betty Wisner, Gayle Carpenter, Rose Loricchio, Rita Gasparri, Rose Heath



## December 13 Quarterly Luncheon (cont)



L to R: Angelo Gasparri, John Ryan, Bruce Urquhart



L to R: Vance and Pat Vallandigham, Jitka and Karl Domas



right side of table L to R: Gary Wisgo, Aurora Siegl, Jerry Woolf, Rose and Chet Heath



L to R: Bill Paul, Eric Drinkhouse, Eric Quirindongo, Lou Yovin



L to R: Dr. Dave Bradley, Jud McCarthy, Norm Lawson, Fred Goetz, Judith Bradley, Paul Reder, Joe Herko, Sy Schulman



Left side of table L to R: Shirley Woolf, (back of) Rose Heath, Rob Baker, Pete Martinez



L to R: Tom Devlin, Bob Wisner, John Dorak, Paul Finke, Wayne Cohen



L to R: Ed Anderson, Joan Anderson, Mike Lukens, Henry Meudt



L to R: Kay and Lee Stone

**Feb 16 FAU Basketball: FAU vs Rice**



Front Row: Erma Wickstrom, Ed Brown, Nancy DeGregory, Jud McCarthy

Back Row: John Ryan, Joy LaWall, Robert Harmon



L to R: Dave Johnson, Everett Johnson & Jeff Johnson

**Gumbo Limbo Tour - Feb 21**



L to R: Lew Miller, Lani Miller, Julie Goodwin, Phil Goodwin

**Modernizing Medicine @ BRIC**



L to R: Mod Medicine Pres & CEO Dan Cane, Jud McCarthy, Dr Dave Bradley, Juan Rionda, & Rick Qualman



Gumbo Limbo Nature Center



Sea Turtle



Large Fish Tank