



IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association



Presidents Message Summer 2021- Winter/Spring 2022

It sure feels good crawling out of that cave we've been living in the past two years. If I had any idea what we were in for, I might have moved to a peaceful Caribbean island.

But, that wasn't in the cards.....for any of us. Instead, we went from fear of an unknown invader to great relief having a solution and then to renewed concerns as the nasty virus continued to evolve.

I'm not sure anyone wants to declare victory just yet. At least it looks like we're getting closer. My mask wearing is just about over and the shots and pills appear to be doing their job.

That brings me to IBMSFQCCAA. By the way, I guess it's fitting that former IBM'ers came up with one of the longer acronyms in existence. Go figure.

Anyway, our organization is recovered from the isolation caused by the pandemic. Thank goodness. And the new life brought into our group has been in no small part to a terrific group of members that create the activities that we have possible. As most of you notice, we are already holding events. In fact, through the magic of online conference meetings, we started doing events before it was safe to leave the safety of our own homes. What a great idea, why didn't someone think of that before. I say that because even with the pandemic mostly behind us, we will continue to host online events whenever they make sense.

It turns out with our membership spread out well beyond the Boca area. The "zoom type" meetings make it easy for anyone to participate.

Now before anyone jumps up and says we didn't do broadcasts very well, I'm the first

to tell you, you're right. And I ought to know, I handle the broadcasting. Suffice it to say, I've learned a lot of what not to do to run a broadcast. So, in the future, if you're coming to one of our broadcasts, they will be better. I've got my fingers crossed to ensure that happens.

One thing I've not heard anyone complain about are our dues.....\$20.00 a year. It's a steal. The only thing missing is feedback from you, our members, saying what other new events you would like us to provide. Our board has plenty of good ideas, but I would rather hear from each of you. Take a look at the great list of activities on our upcoming events schedule and tell us what else you would like to see added. The upcoming events schedule can be found on our website under the **Activities** tab at: <http://ibmsfqccaa.org/activities.htm>

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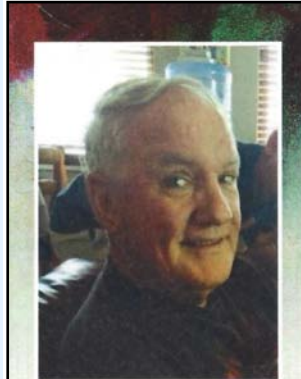
WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT. HELP US MAKE THIS A GREAT ORGANIZATION.

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

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Welcome New Members

Vernon Richard Kendrick Totten



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF
John W. Ryan
September 6, 1943 - August 7, 2021



Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Farewell

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

Edward J. Skiko	11/12/2020
Tim McCarthy	3/19/2021
Brent Beatty	6/25/2021
Don Crandall	7/03/2021
John Ryan	8/07/2021
Rose Dolores Loricchio	9/11/2021
Roger Cox	9/30/2021
Edward Alexander Ostrowski Jr	10/26/2021

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Upcoming Events

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Credits

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President's Message (cont)

Now, on a serious note, we have lost friends and loved ones this past two years. Every loss has been a tragedy for that person's family and friends. Don't forget to say a special prayer for them and take the opportunity to pick up the phone and call and tell them you were thinking of them. After all, we are not just a group that has fun activities, we are, also, truly a family.

That's it for now. All I ask is that you come see us at one of our events.

In the meantime, I'm on the lookout for a good deal on an island somewhere in the Caribbean.

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 the Events Calendar on our Activities web page: <http://ibmsfqcaa.org/activities.htm>, send us an email at president@ibmsfqcaa.org, post a note on our Facebook <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,

Jim DeArmond, President

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 24 (4 - 6)pm "Meet and Greet" - at the big "Keyboard with live music from the Old Time Jammers. - 37 attendees.**
- ♦ **Aug 12 @ 4pm—Dr Dave on the 40th Anniv of the PC (via web) Pete / Dr Dave Bradley**
- ♦ **Sept 9 @ 11:30am Lunch - Millers Ale House, 1200 Yamato Rd Dave Pavek**
- ♦ **Sept 23 @ 4pm Presentation on Inflation at Sugar Sand Park Community Center Ed Schatz**
- ♦ **Oct 2 @1:30/3:30pm FAU vs FIU Football + Jud's Tailgate @ 1:30pm Jud McCarthy (Kickoff 3:30pm)**
- ♦ **Oct 17 @ noon~3pm 47th Oktoberfest – 5111 Lantana Rd, Lake Worth Jud McCarthy**
- ♦ **Oct 28 @ 4pm Social at Tap42 Larry Salerno - 21 attendees.**
- ♦ **Nov 9 @ 10:00am Morikami Museum (Tour and Lunch) Dennis G Shea - 22 attendees.**
- ♦ **Dec 3 @ 3pm IBM Alumni Annual Business Mtg & Holiday Party Jim (Business mtg, entertainment, refreshments – Sugar Sand Park Community Center.)**
- ♦ **Dec 16 @ 11:30am Lunch - Millers Ale House, 1200 Yamato Rd Dave Pavek**
- ♦ **Jan 20 @ 4pm - Presentation on the National Debt at the Sugar Sand Park Community Center - Ed Schatz**



(L to R): Ed Morey, Theresa Morey, Gary Wisgo

Sept 9 2021 Luncheon

These photos are from our **September 9th** and **December 16th Miller's Ale House** luncheons. Attendance was 20 and 19 respectively. As you can see, everyone had a good time enjoying a nice meal and catching up with friends and acquaintances. Hope you enjoy the pictures. We look forward to seeing you at our next gathering on March 10th. Meanwhile, please be careful and stay safe! Wishing all a happy and healthy 2022!



(L to R:) Rob Baker, Mike Coles, Lisa Coles



(L to R): Roger Kleinschmidt, Bruce Smith, Barbara Bailey



(L to R): Marion Palmquist, Donna Pavek, Betty Wisner, Carol Dungan



(L to R): Jud McCarthy, Bob Wisner, Charlie Helton



(L to R): Joy Lawall, Robert Harmon, Dr. Dennis Shea

Dec 16 2021 Luncheon



(L to R): Mike Lukens, Nick Crenshaw, Arthur Brown, Karl Domas, Bob Dornblaser, Jud McCarthy

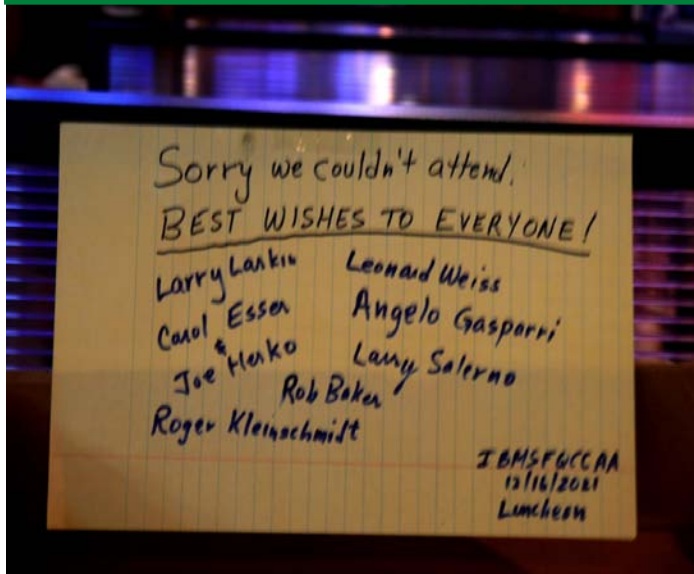


(L to R): David Pavek, Donna Pavek

Dec 16 2021 Luncheon (cont)



(L to R): Eric Drinkhouse, Joy Lawall, Robert Harmon, John Dorak



(L to R): Rose Heath, Chet Heath, Aurora Siegl, Pam Brown, Gary Wisgo



(L to R): Patti Belyeu, Stan Belyeu, Gary Wisgo, Rose Heath



"Big Keyboard"

June 24, 2021 - Meet & Greet at the "Big Keyboard" at Boca Raton Innovation Center (BRIC)

There were 37 attendees, 23 members and 14 guests. The entertainment was well-received and the caterer did a good job. Photo Credits: Dennis Peterson.

Come to the First live event since Covid 19..



Rocket Sculpture

Enlarged model of the first IBM Personal Computer Keyboard

Precast Stone (12 feet high, 45 feet wide)



Boca Raton Innovation Campus is renowned as the home of the first IBM personal computer, among other inventions. The IBM PC Model 5150 was developed on campus in 1981 when it was home to IBM's Research and Development division. Along with the first PC came the first PC keyboard, which has been replicated as part of BRIC's lakeside patio.

The Control, Alt, and Delete keys have been highlighted in brass in recognition of the infamous computer key combination Ctrl-Alt-Del, which was invented on campus by IBM engineer David Bradley. Often known as Dr. Dave, he is now a long-time resident of Boca Raton who enjoys sharing his stories of the early IBM years. When asked about his notorious key combination, Dr. Dave said "...I have to share the credit. I may have invented it, but I think Bill (Gates) made it famous."



Crocker Partners incorporated the keyboard into the lakeside patio's design to pay homage to the historical significance these inventions have had on BRIC and in Boca Raton and will continue to have for generations to come.

First IBM PC Keyboard invented 1981
Model inaugurated 2021

RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 24 - AT THE LAKE -

Live at the Keyboard

Snacks - Drinks - Music

"Meet and Greet" - at the big "Keyboard"
4pm - 6pm on June 24, 2021
refreshments will be Served
music by old time jammers



(L to R): Pete Martinez, Juan Rionda, Angelo Gasparri, Larry Salerno, ??



Old Time Jammers
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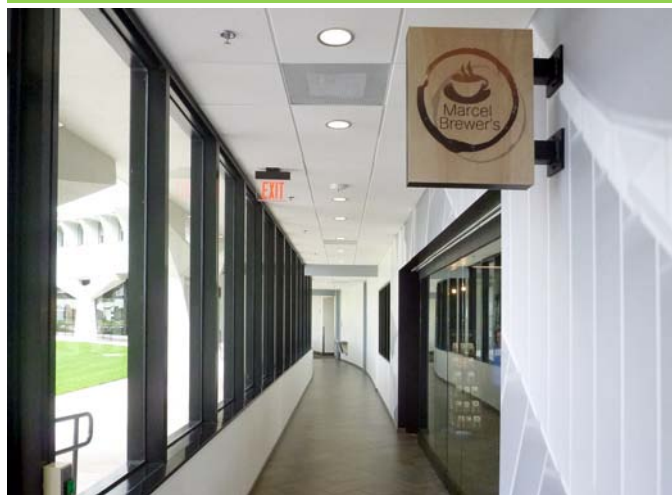


(L to R): Ed Schatz, Angelo Gasparri, ??, Dave Johnson, Larry Salerno



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June 24, 2021 - Meet & Greet at the "Big Keyboard" at Boca Raton Innovation Center (BRIC) - cont.



Marcel Brewer's CoffeeShop



(L to R): Dennis Shea, Jim DeArmond, Ed Schatz, Pete Martinez, Dave Johnson, Larry Salerno, Juan Rionda



L to R: Ron Langlois, Colleen McCarthy Lopez & Mike Lopez
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Oct 2, 2021 - FAU vs FIU Tailgate



L to R: Dave Johnson, Everett Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Ron Langlois



Phil VanVliet, Jud McCarthy, TBD,
Dave Johnson



(Front: Humberto Cordero & Juan Rionda)
(Back: Phil VanVliet, Dave Johnson, Jeff Johnson,
Everett Johnson, Jud McCarthy)



Phil VanVliet, Patrick McCarthy,
Colleen McCarthy Lopez, & Jud McCarthy



L to R: (Front) Hum Cordero, Juan Rionda,
(Back) Phil Van Vliet



L to R: TBD, TBD & Mike Coles



L to R: Phil Van Vliet, Patrick McCarthy & Jud McCarthy

Oct 17 - Oktoberfest



L to R: Jud McCarthy, Chip Lattimer, Aurora Siegl, Carola Simpson, Paul Britten, Cheryl Altany, Larry Salerno, Rebecca Linehan



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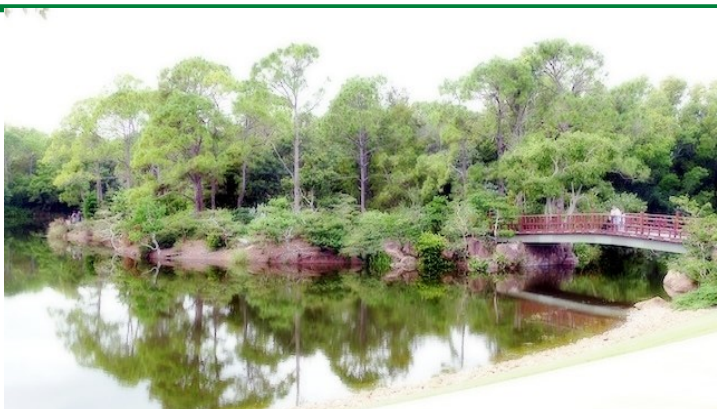
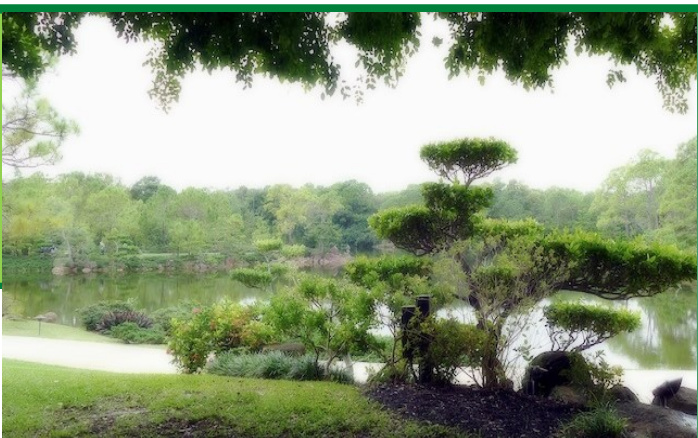
Nov 9 - Morikami Gardens & Museum

We had a beautiful weather day to tour the Morikami Gardens and Museum in Delray Beach. We had 22 attendees. (3 docents led three small groups) describing in detail the history and design of the Morikami Japanese gardens -- and then all enjoyed a variety of Japanese lunches. (photos by Dennis G Shea and Joe Herko)



Top to Bottom: & Jud McCarthy, TBD, TBD, Pete Martinez, TBD

Nov 9 - Morikami Gardens & Museum (cont)



Jud McCarthy



Dec 3, 2021 - Annual Meeting

The 11th Annual Meeting of our Association took place at the Sugar Sand Community Center on Saturday, December 3, 2021 starting at 3:00 pm. There was a brief business meeting followed by a Raffle for three \$50 gift cards. Entertainment was provided by singer Michael Rapposelli.



Michael Rapposelli