



IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association



Acting President's Message Winter 2025

The IBM culture is one of the most enduring legacies of this 100+ year old company. It is amazing that after more than 30 years after retirement, many of our members still consider themselves a family. This bond is the driving force of our organization as the: technical curiosity, business innovation, and social impact upon our community is still vibrant and growing.

Over the past year, you, our members, have actively participated on a range of enriching activities from technology lectures on Artificial Intelligence to reminiscing on the incredible experiences of working on the original IBM PC and Laptops. These were coupled to presentations by our government officials on our beautiful city and related economic developments.

Yet, the greatest and most rewarding experiences for all is when we get together at or picnics, lunches, breakfasts, annual meetings, and special events. These are

where the memories and memory lapses come together into one never-ending story. It is these stories that bind us forever as collectively you changed the world and made it a better place.

We have two very important events coming up soon. These are:

- Tuesday, January 28 @ 3:00 pm
Radar & the Boca Raton Army Air Base
Boca Raton Historical Society
Old Town Hall
71 N. Federal Highway
Boca Raton, FL 33432
- Tuesday, February 11 @ 4:00 pm
Luis Amadeo and Jorge Ros,
IBM Senior Location Executives will discuss IBM's current direction
Sugar Sand Park Comm. Center
300 S Military Trail
Boca Raton, FL 33486

These will both tell the stories of the technology and high impact of Boca Raton and the current status and future direction of IBM. Really important insight!

I would also like to recognize our brothers and sisters that are now making Heaven a much better place. They inspired us with their intelligence and entertained us with their humor. They are missed, but never forgotten.

See you at the next event and thank you for maintaining the IBM Family culture thriving.

Pete Martinez

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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

Thomas	Gukelberger Jr
Gerald	McCobb
Nigel	Reid
David	Robbins
Max	Rodriguez
Charles	Weyl
Steven	Wilner

Farewell

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

Bob Berens - July 25, 2023
 Len Sheiner - Dec 14, 2023.
 Fred Goetz - May 23, 2024
 Gerald (Gerry) David DeVane - Oct 31, 2024
 Cindy A Jiovani - December 9, 2024
 Javier Chacon - Dec 18th, 2024

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Upcoming Events

◆ Please see the **Activities** web page of our website at: <http://ibmsfqccaa.org/activities.htm>

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Recent Activities

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

2023

8:30AM Bi-Weekly Tues Breakfast at Denny's Angelo Gasparri – Denny's 1311 W Palmetto Pk Rd - Boca

- Sept 13 @11:30am Lunch - Millers Ale House, 1200 Yamato Rd - Boca - Dave Pavek (10% discount) - 28 attendees.
- Sep 26 @ 4PM Jessica Del Vecchio, Sugar Sands Park Pete Martinez hosts Boca's Economic Dev Mgr
- Oct 15 @ Noon Oktoberfest – Lake Worth Aurora Siegl (Honoring the memory of Jud McCarthy) - 30 attendees.
- Nov 9 @ 6 PM History of the PC – Dr Dave Bradley Schmidt Boca Raton History Museum
- Nov 10 @ 9:30 AM Trolley Tour of prior IBM Boca & Delray Leaves from BRiC at 9:30-12:30 Host: Dr Dave

- Nov11 @ 11AM-3PM BBQ / Picnic Veteran's Weekend Ed Schatz (Sugar Sands Patio Pavilion) - 32 attendees.
- Nov 14 @ 4PM Jon Ulin – Market Insights / Outlook Ed Schatz – Sugar Sands
- Dec 1st @ 4:00PM Annual Meeting and Holiday Party - David Johnson
- Dec 14 @ 11:30PM Lunch – Millers Ale House, 1200 Yamato Rd Dave Pavek (10% discount on reg menu items) - 18 attendees.

2024

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- Jan 20@5PM (Sat) Tip To Toe–Boca Total Wine Tasting Gregg Cesario [14]
- Mar 13@11:30AM Lunch - Millers Ale House – Boca Dave Pavek—27 attendees.
- Apr 27 @11am-3pm BBQ/Picnic Sugar Sands Patio Pavilion Angelo Gasparri/Judy Bradley [45 Attendees]
- Apr 28@Noon 2024 Sweet Corn Fiesta 11AM-5PM Gregg – Yesteryear Village

- May 9@11:30AM Northern Luncheon at Millers Ale Judy Bradley (lunch in Boynton Beach)
- May 16 @4:30 PM Meet & Greet – Tap 42 Boca Raton Larry Salerno
- May 30 @4PM Artificial Intelligence – Sugar Sands Pete Martinez
- Jun 13@11:30AM Lunch - Millers Ale House – Boca Dave Pavek
- Sep 11@11:30AM Lunch - Millers Ale House – Boca Dave Pavek
- Sep 24@ 4PM Black Water Creatures of SoFL Aurora Siegl
- Nov 9 @11-3PM BBQ/Picnic Sugar Sands Pavilion Patio Ed Schatz
- Dec 06 @ 4:00PM Annual Meeting and Holiday Party - David Johnson
- Dec 12 @ 11:30 Lunch - Millers Ale House – Boca Dave Pavek



Where Are They Now?

Pete Martinez

This year, I celebrate my 50th anniversary in business without moving from Boca. I have been in lots of planes and managed many international organizations, but was able to keep the family together in a place we love.

My 32-year ride with IBM was amazing. The opportunity to work on world-changing projects and with the brightest people on the planet was unimaginable for a rookie Engineer. Yet, I felt I was not done.

The technology and business skills loaded me up with very real-life experiences that are very applicable in today's world of innovation. Time to give back and throw a strong punch.

In business, I have created a series of companies at the intersection of health and technology. One of them we took public, I got to ring the bell. The latest venture is using Artificial Intelligence to help diagnose kids with rare genetic diseases. We brought together a set of world-class scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs and gave them the task of breaking the mold of 5 years to diagnose a child with one of these nasty diseases and use the AI to provide faster and more accurate life-saving analysis. We have been able to reduce the time a geneticist takes to analyze one case from 4 days to 10 seconds. Yep! We have now done 160,000 cases of these kids across 40 countries. We have a lot more work to do as AI can impact so much more; including Alzheimer's, Cancer, Cardio, and most diseases.

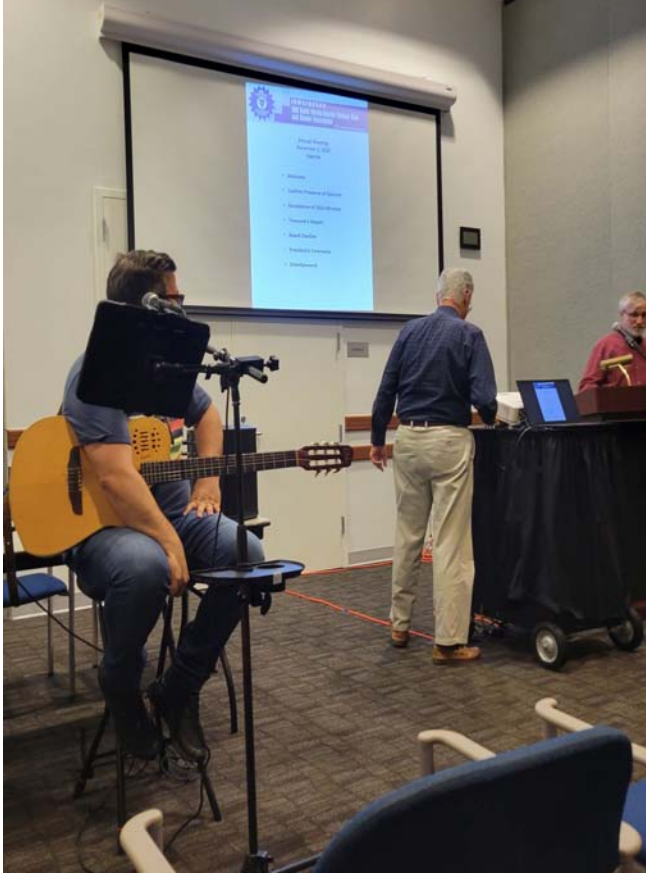
On the community side, I am very involved with the universities as this is the lifeblood for the next generation of innovators. Being on advisory boards, lecturing, mentoring, and collaborating in challenging projects, keeps you grounded. I even became a Research Affiliate at MIT.

On the family side, Veronica and I are enjoying river cruises in Europe while fully engaged with our 4 kids, their spouses, and our 8 grandkids. They absolutely keep us young.

The IBM Alumni Association has been remarkable. The opportunity to stay connected to everyone I have had so much respect for and who were my role models is unique and well cherished. I hope this finds you great and looking forward to connecting. God Bless!

Annual Meeting - Dec 1, 2023

The 13th Annual Meeting of our Association took place at Sugar Sand Park Community Center on Friday, December 1, 2023 starting at 4:00 pm. There was a brief business meeting followed by professional entertainment. The entertainment was provided by Danny O. Before and after the show, members were treated to a nice selection of holiday refreshments.





**April 28, 2024 - Sweet Corn
Fiesta**



**Jan 7, 2025 - Denny's BiWeekly
Breakfast**

L to R: Gregg Cesario & Quent Benedict's Band's Singer. Unfortunately Quent was ill and couldn't perform with the band.

Jan 20, 2024

Tip To Toe—Boca Total Wine Tasting

On Saturday evening January 20th, 2024, from 5-7 PM, IBMSFQCAA held our 15th Wine Tasting event at Total Wines and More (TWM) in Boca Raton.

Eight wines were sampled, 5 reds and 3 whites, aptly named "Viva La France" - "Bordeaux", to showcase specifically selected wines from this prime region of France. The IBMSFQCAA organization has made it a priority to maintain a cost effective price point intended to highly encourage member participation in these wine tastings @ \$25 for members and guests (with members receiving priority based on room capacity).

The attendees (14) were excited about the breadth, quality and knowledge of our presenting Sommelier, Russel Lange, in describing a variety of wine details beyond just palate, such as growing regional maps, soil, climate, grapes, the Chateaux and the history of the sampled wines. The store price point of these wines ranged from ~\$15 to ~\$60.

A Charcuterie board, along with other also delicious snacks and pizzas, were provided to enhance everyone's palate and make for a very tasty event.

Some attendees also took advantage of the attractive negotiated benefit from TWM of a 20% "on the spot" in store discount for every wine sampled regardless of price!"

Wine Tasting (cont)

Jan 20, 2024



The Eight Wines



Tasting Room Overview 1



Tasting Room Overview 2



Our Sommelier Russell Lange



L to R: Carol Dungan and Marion Palmquist



Chadda and John Shelly

Wine Tasting (cont)

Jan 20, 2024



L to R: Aurora Siegl, Karen and George Matthews



Jorge and Marta Vizcaino



L to R: Donna and Dave Pavek, David Pavek Jr.



Rebecca Linehan and Larry Salerno



Charcuterie Board and Snacks



Yummy Pizzas

Ale House Luncheons

The quarterly luncheons continue to be very popular for our members. These photos are from our Sept 13, 2023, Dec 14th, 2023, and March 13th, 2024 events at Miller's Ale House. Attendance was 28, 18 and 27, respectively. As you can see, everyone had a fun time enjoying their meals, telling stories and reminiscing about the good old days with friends and colleagues. We hope you enjoy the pictures and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming luncheons and other events.



L to R: Dennis Shea, Hum Cordero and Bruce Urquhart

**Sept 13, 2023
(28 attended)**



L to R: Bob Dornblaster, Javier Chacon, Joy LaWall,
Robert Harmon, Blanca Boone



L to R: JLarry Salerno, Angelo, Hadley Stone & Clif Stone



L to R: Mike Bohannon, Judy Bradley, Sue Larson,
Dolores Latchford, Mike Lukens



L to R: Gary Wisgo, Pete Martinez, Roger Klienschmidt,
Dave Johnson, Robert Baker, Aurora Siegl

Ale House Luncheons

Sept 13, 2023 (Cont)



L to R: Rita Gasparri, Sandy Ruh, Betty Wisner, Joe Eisenman



Gregg Cesario, Aurora Siegl



L to R: Pete Martinez, Larry Salereno, Dave Johnson, Judy Bradley, Angelo Gasparri, Dennis Shea

Dec 14, 2023

(18 attended)



L to R: Rob Baker, Henry Meudt, Vicky (guest of Henry)



L to R: Sue Larson, Mike Lukens



L to R: Angelo Gasparri, Bob Schonger

Ale House Luncheons (cont)

December 14th, 2023



L to R: Charlie Helton, Joe Eisenman



L to R: Dave Pavek, Karl Domas, Bob Dornblaser



L to R: Joy LaWall, Robert Harmon

March 13th, 2024

(27 attended)



L to R: : Aurora Siegl, Rob Baker, Sue Larson



L to R: Judy Bradley, Ashley, Cara
(guests of Sue Larson)



L to R: Rita Gasparri, Carol Dungan,
Marion Palmquist



L to R: Betty Wisner, Gail Carpenter

Ale House Luncheons (cont)

March 13th, 2024



L to R: Robert Harmon, David Johnson, Henry Meudt



L to R: Vicky (guest of Henry Meudt), Nick Licausi, Joy LaWall



L to R: Al Jacobson, Margaret Sbordene, Bob Dornblaser



L to R: Bruce Smith, Angelo Gasparri, Phil Zofcin, Charlie Helton

June 13th, 2024

(18 attended)



L to R: Paul Reder, Mike Lukens, Robert Harmon, Joy LaWall



L to R: Al Jacobson, Bob Schonger, Pat Raymond



L to R: Bruce Smith, Bob Dornblaser, Dave Pavek, Phil Zofcin

Ale House Luncheons (cont)

June 13th, 2024



L to R : Gregg Cesario, Angelo Gasparri



L to R: Marion Palmquist, Carol Dungan, Donna Pavek



L to R: Rita Gasparri, Betty Wisner

Sept 11th, 2024

(25 attended)



L to R: Al Jacobson, Roger Kleinschmidt, Sy Schulman, Joy LaWall



L to R: Robert Harmon, Bianca Boone, Pete Martinez, Phil Zofcin



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

Ale House Luncheons (cont)

Sept 11th, 2024



L to R : Arthur and Pam Brown



L to R: Max Rodriguez, David Johnson, Angelo Gasparri



IBMSFQCAA Monthly Directors Meeting



L to R: Bruce Smith, Dave Pavek, Javier Chacon, Dolores Latchford



L to R: Donna Pavek, Betty Wisner, Rita Gasparri

Picnic at Sugar Sand Park Pavillion

April 27th, 2024



Picnic at Sugar Sand Park Pavillion (cont)

April 27th, 2024



Picnic at Sugar Sand Park Pavillion (cont)

April 27th, 2024



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April 27th, 2024



October 15, 2023 -
Oktoberfest

