



IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association

This is my last message to the membership as IBMSFQCCAA President. I have now passed this role to *Gregg Cesario*, and he will be authoring the President's Message in future newsletters. *Vance Valandigham* will be serving as Vice President.



We had a good year with lots of activities in 2013 and plan to continue on the same track as we move into 2014.

Over the last few months, with considerable assistance from *Jim DeArmond* and *Dolores Latchford*, we have developed the capability for remote members to tie in to local Association events. At the *Juan Rionda* history meeting in September, we used *Barry Stofan* as a test case to provide access via Google Hang-Up to a video stream from the meeting. Following this experience, we found a better solution through YouTube. Members who could not attend *Sy Schulman's* 11/15/2013 IBM Health Care Benefits presentation, were

able to view it remotely through YouTube!! Before the meeting, emails announcing this capability were sent to all members, and more than 50 signed up for remote viewing. Email questions received from remote members were asked and discussed during the presentation.

At year-end, there were several changes to the Board of Directors. *Bill Gee*, *Larry Salerno*, and *Emily Santos* left; and *Jim DeArmond*, *Debi Dell*, and *Dave Pavek* joined the Board of Directors. Thanks to *Bill*, *Larry*, and *Emily* for their service, and welcome to *Jim*, *Debi*, and *Dave*. I will remain on the Board with *Fred Goetz*, *Lew Miller* (Secretary) and *John Ryan* (Treasurer).

We continue to solicit member suggestions on topics for future events that would be of interest as well as suggestions on former IBMers for inclusion in the next "Whatever Happened To?" newsletter article. There's also a need for volunteers to help with the various tasks that are involved in making all these events happen. If you enjoy planning or coordinating activities, we could use

your help. Please email us at (info@ibmsfqccaa.org).

In this newsletter, you'll find more on the recent and planned IBMSFQCCAA events. You'll also find links to a Minneapolis Star-Tribune article on *Brian Utley* and a link to *Rod Adkins'* recent commencement address and honorary degree at Georgia Tech. You'll also find a link to an opinion piece that Rod wrote for A Smarter Planet.com.

Finally, I want to recognize the passing of *Sy Schulman's* wife, Barbara. We will miss Barbara and her support in the pre-production editing of our newsletters, in support of our managing editor, *Bill Gee*.

In closing, let me again say it has been my pleasure to serve as IBMSFQCCAA President. 2014 will bring new events that are designed to be member interest driven. I look forward to seeing you at these events, and hope you have a healthy, happy and successful 2014!!

Justin "Jud" McCarthy



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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.

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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 22 New Members

John Cannella	Robert Frisch	Frank Schmidt
Donald Carpenter	Ed Gull	Len Sheiner
David Diehl	Richard Kirk	Peter Stevenson
Eric Drinkhouse	Diana Lawrence	Phil Van Vliet
Gene Drucker	Frank Letvinchik	John Wagoner
Carol Esser	Leigh Loveday	Terence Yuen
Lucy Feit	Joseph Nixon	
Richard Firtko	Donald Planthaber	

Farewell

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

Od Bloch 9/22/2013	Fred Puttlitz 12/13/2013
Dick Garlen 1/5/2014	Ellie Simon 9/6/2013
Bill Lowe 10/19/2013	Walt Welz 11/21/2013
Bill Pensiero 8/24/2013	Edd Witt 10/21/2013
Chet Polanin 6/17/2013	

Credits

Newsletter Editor: *Bill Gee*

Newsletter Content: *Bill Gee, Jud McCarthy, Lew Miller, Larry Salerno, Rod Adkins, Lou Lazarus, John Vozenilik, Minneapolis Star Tribune (Bill Ward).*

Newsletter Review: *Sy Schulman, Judy Bradley, IBMSFQCCAA BOD Members*

Email Blast Administrator: *Dave Johnson*

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Recent Activities

Aug: Drawing for Two Tickets to a Marlins Game: Eight people submitted drawing entries for two tickets to a September Marlins Game. *Jim Holmes* won the drawing.

Sept. 16: IBM Boca: The Early Days by *Juan Rionda*, Sugar Sand Park: 56 members and guests attended *Juan's* presentation on IBM's Early Involvement in Boca Raton. All enjoyed a first-hand description of Boca Raton life in the middle and latter part of the last century and the challenges endured by the IBM Boca "pioneers". Photos on page 6.

Sept. 19: Quarterly Lunch: 35 members and guests attended the IBMSFQCAA Quarterly luncheon at Duffy's St. Andrews Blvd. The dining room was not completely satisfactory, and we are considering other venues or a return to the Ale House on Yamato for future luncheons. Photos on page 6.

Sept. 28: Golf Scramble/Lunch at Boca Delray Golf and Country Club: 32 golfers and 8 others participated in the IBM Golf Tourney & Lunch. The weather was great. Following are the winning teams: 1st place: *Bill Spence*, Marge Spence, Ava Schutzman, John Mitchell; 2nd Place: *Phil VanVliet*, Elizabeth VanVliet, *Norm Lawson*, *Norm Lawson Jr*; 3rd place: *Fred Goetz*, *Roger Kleinschmidt*, *Sy Schulman*, Valerie Schoenfield.

Oct. 12: Oktoberfest in Lake Worth: Approximately 23 members attended the Oktoberfest event at the Palm Beach County Fairgrounds.

Oct. 17: Theater night: "*The Last of the Red Hot Lovers*" at Delray Playhouse: The Delray Playhouse continues to be a favorite with our members with 33 members and guests

attending this production.

Nov. 2: FAU Football Game (Tulane) at FAU Stadium: 16 tickets were sold for the FAU vs. Tulane football game, and 10 attended the pregame tailgate party. It turned out to be a great game. Hopefully, this will incent more to attend next year. FYI, the 16 tickets that were sold barely made the clip level for discounted tickets.

Nov, 5: Beer Tasting Event, Boynton Beach: 16 members and guests attended a private beer tasting at Total Wines in Boynton Beach. In the best IBM tradition, they were treated to a presentation and interesting commentary from their host, Ray Stoler. 12 different beers were tasted, contrasting New World and Old World brews with alcohol contents that ranged up to 18%. Guests came away with an appreciation for the different styles of beer that are available on the market today as well as a pleasant glow.

Nov. 15: 2014 IBM Medical Options Perspective: More than 150 people attended a seminar presented by *Sy Schulman* on IBM's 2014 medical options. Arrangements for a live video feed via YouTube Live were provided by *Jim DeArmond*, and *Dolores Latchford*, and more than 40 members viewed the presentation remotely. The YouTube video link remained on the IBMSFQCAA website until the end of 2013, for viewing by members who did not attend, or wished to see the presentation again. Photos on page 7.

Dec. 2: Annual IBMSFQCAA Meeting: The third Annual Meeting of our Association took place in the Maple Room at Sugar Sand Park on Monday, December 2, 2013. Upon arrival, members and guests were treated to a

sumptuous selection of holiday treats, and no one went away hungry. Once again, attendees had been told they could bring an unwrapped toy or gift, and we took the donated items to a local charitable organization for distribution.

After making welcoming remarks, President *Jud McCarthy* turned the meeting over to the Secretary *Lew Miller*. The Secretary reported that 40 members in good standing were present and that he was also in possession of 20 proxies, thus exceeding the quorum requirement of 36. The third annual meeting of the IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association was then called to order.

Five positions on the Board of Directors were up for election. Two of the five current Board members whose terms were expiring (*Vance Vallandigham* and *Fred Goetz*) applied to run for the Board again. *Emily Santos*, *Bill Gee* and *Larry Salerno* decided not to run for reelection, and the Secretary received valid applications to run for seats on the Board from *Debi Dell*, *Dave Pavek* and *Jim DeArmond*. *Fred Goetz*, *Vance Vallandigham*, *Debi Dell*, *Dave Pavek* and *Jim DeArmond* were declared to have been elected to the IBMSFQCAA Board of Directors for two year terms.

After the brief business meeting, attendees were entertained by Garry Goodman, a professional comedian/mind reader who proceeded to put on an entertaining and mystifying show that left the audience wondering how he possibly could have



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done what he did. After the show, there was a free drawing for holiday gifts, and the lucky winners were *Gene Drucker* (collapsible, full sized umbrella), *Irwin Isert* (IBM T-shirt) and Carol Planthaber (IBM Chocolate Lovers cookbook). Many of the members and guests then stayed around to socialize, and enjoy some more of the holiday refreshments.

Dec. 6: Holiday Party at *Debi Dell's* Home: New IBMSFQCCAA board member *Debi Dell* hosted a holiday party for over 60 Association members and guests at her home in Delray Beach. Attendees were greeted by a fantastic display of lights and ornaments that had been unpacked and set up by *Debi* that very day. It was an informal party, and casual attire was the rule of the day. While Santa Claus didn't make an appearance, there was plenty of good food and good cheer to make up for his absence. Once the party got started, guests were treated to a delicious buffet spread that was set up poolside. In addition, *Debi* provided glasses and mixers for those who wanted to enjoy alcoholic beverages. While our hostess provided the food, soft drinks and water, she said that donations of dessert items would be welcome and the guests really came through. It looked like there were enough calories on display to last until Memorial Day, and everyone did them justice. Even though she was exhausted at the end of the evening, *Debi* told everyone that she's looking forward to a repeat of the festivities next year. Photo on page 7.

Jan. 16, 2014: Quarterly Lunch: 59 members and guests attended the IBMSFQCCAA Quarterly luncheon at Miller's Ale House on Yamato Road. Photos on page 8.

Upcoming Events:

Mar 6-7pm: We are arranging an IBMSFQCCAA outing at the FAU vs FIU basketball game. This is the last game of the regular season and should be a thriller. Tickets will be provided on request or handed out at the pre-game gathering or gymnasium entrance. Price per attendee is \$7. for a standard General Admission seat (normally \$15).

FYI, we're looking into having attendees join in with a pre-game dinner gathering at the on-campus FAU Centre Marketplace. For further information, see the email flash that will be sent to all members.

Mar 13-11:30am: Special IBMSFQCCAA Luncheon. Former IBM Planner and Industry Rep Vic Mazza will be in Boca in March and will be inviting many of his friends from the S/7 and Series/1 days to join him at this luncheon. Mike Lukens' "Publications Group" has also been invited to join us at this luncheon. It again gives us a chance to again enjoy "Meat Loaf Day at the Ale House on Yamato. If your schedule permits, please join us and visit with your friends and the S/7-S/1 and Publications groups. Photo from 2012 event on page 5.

Other Events Under Consideration:

For the most part, we have a clean slate for planning activities in 2014. Following are the candidates we have on the list. [Click here to give us your input](#) on which ones you like, or any other ideas you may have, to help us plan most effectively:

- Intergenerational Orchestra Concert - Boca Raton.

Two concerts are now on the schedule:

1. Sun Feb. 2, 3:00pm, "A Musical Tribute to America"
 2. Sun, Apr 6, 3:00pm, "Hooray for Hollywood"
- For details, contact *Jim Holmes* at 561-906-5289 or email him at [Jim Holmes](#) .

- February: Boca Raton Historical Society event: Trolley Tour of Boca Raton's historical areas, or Walking Tour of Boca Raton Hotel. Both of these were done last year and were well-received. For details, see [Boca Trolley Tour](#) and [Boca Hotel Tour](#).
- Delray Intracoastal Cruise - this was last done in 2011. For details on cruises, see [Delray Yacht Cruises](#).
- April: Delray Playhouse Event. The *Pajama Game* will be playing in April. For details, see [Delray Playhouse](#).
- Performance at The Wick Theater and Tour of Costume Museum (this is the old Caldwell Theater on Federal Highway). For details, see [The Wick Theater](#).
- Meet & Greet at Blue Martini or Duffy's on St. Andrews. Date and time TBD.
- November: FAU Tailgate Party and Football Game. Date and time TBD.
- Wine Tasting at DeHornle Railroad Pavilion. Date and time TBD.
- October: 41st Oktoberfest Celebration in Lantana.
- Volunteer Day at Boca Helping Hands. We previously participated in this very worthwhile activity, in conjunction with IBM's 100th anniversary.

Boca IBMers in the News

Dick Spencer in the News: The Palm Beach Post published an article in May 2013 recognizing IBM Boca Alumnus Dick Spencer and his wife Alice for their service in World War II. Dick served as combat camera man with the Army Signal Corps and Alice served in the Marines. The article states “At 91, they live independently in Boca Raton, and have been married to one another for 65 years, in which they raised two sons. They’ve traveled to 78 different countries, including every continent except Antarctica - coming as close as the southern tip of South America.” To read the article, click on the following link: [Dick & Alice Spencer WWII Veterans - Palm Beach Post](#). Photo on this page.

Brian Utley in the News: Our last newsletter discussed IBM Boca Alumnus *Brian Utley's* involvement with Felix Baumgartner's record-breaking free-fall jump from a balloon in the stratosphere, more than 128,000 feet (24+ miles) from the earth. Subsequently, *Brian* was featured in an article, “*Bloomington man is the go-to-guy for aviation records*” that appeared in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune in May 2013. If you are interested in reading this article, click on the following link: [Brian Utley article in Minneapolis Star-Tribune](#). Photo on this page.

Rod Adkins in the News: Last December, *Rod Adkins*, IBM Boca Alumnus and currently IBM Senior Vice President, Corporate Strategy, gave the commencement address and received an honorary degree from his alma mater, Georgia Tech. (*Rod's* youngest son, Ryan, graduated that day as well.) *Rod's* address can be

viewed on YouTube, by clicking on the following link: [Rod Adkins GA Tech Address](#). Rod also published an opinion piece “*How Data is Opening Doors for the Next Generation*” on ASmarterPlanet.com. You can view this

article by clicking on [Rod Adkins: ASmarterPlanet](#). Photo on this page.



Faces from the Past: - *Dick Spencer* and his wife, *Alice*



Commencement Address at Georgia Tech
Given by IBMSFQCAA member *Rod Adkins*



A Face from the Past: - *Brian Utley*



Picture from the past - March 2012
Vic Mazza and *John Jenny* at
S/7 - Series/1 Luncheon



IBM – The Early Days in Boca Raton
September 2013



IBM – The Early Days in Boca Raton:
Juan Rionda Presents and Leads the Discussion



IBM – The Early Days in Boca Raton:
*- Jud McCarthy and Lew Miller
conduct the drawing for prizes afterward*



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September 2013



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IBMSFQCAA Luncheon 09/2013:
- IBMSFQCAA President Jud McCarthy



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IBM Medical Options - November 2013:
- There was a Full House



IBM Medical Options - November 2013:
- More than 150 attended



IBM Medical Options - November 2013:
- Sy Schulman presented



IBM Medical Options - November 2013:
- We had microphones for questions



IBM Medical Options - November 2013:
We videotaped the session for YouTube viewing



IBM Medical Options - November 2013:
Remote viewers could email their questions



Holiday Party at Debi Dell's



Year-End IBMSFQCAA BOD Luncheon
Everyone brought gag gifts



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