



IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association



Presidents Message

Fall 2014—Spring 2015

2014 was quite an exciting year for your IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association (IBMSFQCCAA) and 2015 has proven to be even more exciting. This newsletter edition will cover Fall 2014 through Spring/ Summer 2015.

Looking back...

During our annual General Membership meeting in Dec., we received a number of positive comments about the direction of our organization. Much of the member enthusiasm was driven by approx. 25 events held in 2014 including charitable giving and to date 2015 there

have been 9 member events, wine tastings at a historic train station, multiple Delray Beach Playhouse events, college sporting events, quarterly luncheons, golf tournaments, social gatherings on the West Coast of FL, spring training baseball and even a St Patrick’s Day Parade all experienced one of our highest member participation levels in a short amount of time. A full list of the 2014 and 2015 completed (with member participation counts) as well as 2015 projected events can be found on the website.

While our total active membership count has slipped slightly, we are encouraged by the new enthusiasm and positive feedback for our latest remote broadcast efforts. The quality of the broadcasts had a significant boost because of a newly purchased “high resolution projector”. At our morn-

ing and afternoon benefits update seminar(s) in 2014, we set a new member record of 25 remote attendees. We have also responded to a member request to have attendee names shown beneath posted pictures from all events in our publications to enhance current and prospective member interest and participation.

Looking forward...

We have some exciting events planned and/or proposed for Fall 2015 and 2016. As each event is formalized, all the specifics of the event for dates and locations will be posted on the web site. Your IBMSFQCCAA Board of Directors (BOD) makes every effort to ensure member

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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

Michael Bohannon	Jeremy Rodgers
Michael Coles	Sandra Ruh
John Dorak	Ludwig Siegl
Mark Harlan	Linda Steinmuller
Neil Katz	Paul Swingle
Paul Kondras	Sheldon Weinreb
Robert Perrego	Richard Woodhouse

Farewell

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

Robert Grieser	Sept 14, 2014
Joseph Boscove	Dec 9 2014
Michael Powers	Feb 17, 2015
Robert Frisch	March 2015
Russ Rinaldi	April 28, 2015

Upcoming Events

- Oct 8 - 3pm - General Mtg: Identity Theft - Willow Theatre - Sugar Sand Park, Boca Raton, FL**
- Oct 17 - 1pm - 42nd Oktoberfest - Lake Worth, FL**
- Oct 22 - 8pm - Comedy play by Neil Simon - "Come Blow Your Horn" - Delray Beach Playhouse, FL**
- Nov 6 - 3pm - General Mtg: Book Review - Sally J. Ling, Florida's History Detective & Author to speak**
- Nov 14 - 12 noon FAU Football/Tailgate Party (FAU vs Middle TN)**
- Nov 20 - 3pm - IBM Medical Update Presentation/Discussion by Sy Schulman**
- Dec 4 - 3 to 6pm - IBMSFQCCAA Members Annual Meeting – Maple Room—Sugar Sand Park**
- Dec 6 -3pm Intergenerational Orchestra - Our Lady of Lourdes Church**
- Dec 10 - 11:30am Lunch - Ale House**

Credits

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President's Message (cont.)

value with each planned event offered. We hope that our members will take advantage of some of the fun and informative events that we have planned for the rest of 2015 and into 2016 .

We are always seeking volunteers in order to deliver the most diverse and popular member events. If there are current or future members who would like to assist in this type of planning, the BOD would like to hear from you. We would appreciate hearing your thoughts on events to create more member participation. All it takes is about 3-4 hours a month.

Come join us at any of the upcoming events that are of interest.

Please contact me directly (GreggCesario@aol.com) or by cell @ [561 265-8851](tel:5612658851)

Thanks. Speak with you soon.

Gregg Cesario, President

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Your Association at Work

A Successful Toy Drive

For the second year in a row, the IBMSFQCCAA solicited donations of toys from our members for children less fortunate than our own, and the results were impressive. Collection boxes at our annual meeting were filled to overflowing, and it took two vehicles to transport them to Debi Dell's home where more were collected at her second annual Holiday Party for our membership. Debi's neighborhood had arranged for local Marines to be at her neighborhood's Christmas Party which was scheduled for the following day, and two Marines were on site at the party to answer questions about the Toys for Tots program and pick up the toys. All in all a pickup truck flat bed was filled with toys for good girls and boys courtesy of our IBMers!!!

Sad News

Jud McCarthy's beloved wife, Mary passed away on January 18, 2015.

Mary's obituary can be found [here](#).

Recent Activities

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

- ◆ **Feb 6 - Champagne/Sparkling Wine Tasting-de Hoernle Depot** - 35 attended
- ◆ **Feb 15 - Intergenerational Orchestra - Valentine's concert** - Our Lady of Lourdes Church
- ◆ **Feb 21 - Basketball at FAU Gym (FAU vs Rice Univ)** - 14 attended
- ◆ **Mar 09 - Spring Training Baseball (Red Sox vs Cardinals)** - Roger Dean Stadium - 12 attended
- ◆ **Mar 12 - Lunch - Ale House** - 39 attended
- ◆ **Mar 14 - St Patrick's Day Parade – Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach** Jud M Jud's classic '63 Nova SS convertible & another vehicle represented IBMSFQCCAA - 32 attended
- ◆ **Mar 25 - Sugar Sand – General Mtg: Route 66 Experience Mike Lukens Mike's travelogue on famous Rte 66** - 27 attended + 1 remote



Recent Activities (cont.)

- ◆ **Mar 26 - West coast Florida IBM social gathering** Jud McCarthy Held at Spanky's Grill 41 in Palmetto, FL - 11 attended
- ◆ **Apr 9 - Delray Beach Playhouse** "They're Playing Our Song" – 38 attended
- ◆ **Apr 19 - Intergenerational Orchestra** – A Musical Cabaret - Our Lady of Lourdes Church
- ◆ **Apr 26 - Sweet Corn Fiesta at the South Florida Fairgrounds** Jud M Quentin Benedict & The Krystal River Band - 7 attended
- ◆ **May 08 - Sugar Sand–General Mtg:** Boca Fire Dept presentation - Boca Fire Rescue Chief Norm Engel on Home Health Emergencies, CPR & Stroke Awareness – 25 attended
- ◆ **May 08 - Wines of Summer Tasting-Count de Hoernle Depot** - 37 attended
- ◆ **May 23 - Golf Scramble & Lunch (Boca Delray Country Club)** - 28 attended
- ◆ **Jun 11 - Lunch - Ale House** - 46 attended
- ◆ **Jun 27 - PB Sail & Power Squad Dinner/Dance @ Abacoa CClub**
- ◆ **Sept 10 - Lunch - Ale House** - 51 attended
- ◆ **Sept 12 - Golf Scramble Tournament** - Boca

IBM in the News

Ginny Rometty interview at the Computer History Museum

If you haven't listened to Ginny Rometty, the current CEO of IBM, this would be an excellent introduction. She discusses the current state of computers and where it's going. Watson becomes an important part of the conversation...how this "marvel" is being used now and where it's going next.

In the course of the interview, she touches on a variety of subjects: how IBM continues to change, it's new relationship with Apple and Twitter.

Pay particular attention to her comments about Africa.

You can link to the interview through our website. Just click [here](#) and go down to the **Other News** section. Then click on the links to see the **video interview** and **photo slideshow**

"Thinking Cap" Time

Let's see a show of hands....how many people know what IBM developed 60 years ago. That's 1955.

Stumped...not sure.....well here it is.

Magnetic core memory. The primary memory used in computers until the 70's when solid state memory replaced it.

Most pc users, today, have no idea what these things were, how they worked or their value to the business of computing.

Here's one for you, what was used for memory before magnetic core?



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What Ever Happened to Glenn Anderson



I retired at the end of May, 1989. I took the FAP exit path; and was supposed to retire by December, 1988. I was all set to go when my boss, Ken Coleman, told me that he was leaving also and asked if I would stay on for another six months to cover his job and help wind things down. It worked out well because it gave me (and my wife) more time to adjust to the prospect of retirement. When the six months were up; I was definitely ready to go.

When I did retire, I decided to make it a "true" retirement -- to start doing

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many of the things that we didn't have time to do while I was working; and the past 25 years have proved to be a wonderful experience for us. I loved my various jobs at IBM (most of the time); but was it was time for a change. I did do tax returns for H&R Block for five years (to learn about taxes -- but mostly to get out from underfoot around the house). I enjoyed the experience; and I learned a lot more about people than taxes.

We had bought a cabin in the NC mountains (near Blowing Rock); and once I retired, it turned into a second home rather than just a vacation place. We spent every summer up there for 25 years; and just loved the area, the people, and the opportunity to entertain many house guests each year. We also used these years to do a lot of traveling around the US to visit family and friends (including many retired IBMers). We also managed to attend a number of Elder-hostel programs, take several driving

trips and cruises in Europe, plus a few cruises out of Florida and New York. Probably our most exciting adventure was to take a 7-day raft trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon (a wonderful experience).

We recently sold our last home in Boca and moved to St Andrews Estates late last year. It has worked out well so far and we have met lots of new friends (and also discovered a bunch of former IBM'ers living there).. In retrospect, my fears about retirement were unfounded -- it has been a real blast. I enjoy seeing and hearing from the old IBM crowd.

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What Ever Happened to Ron Schott



After living in Boca Raton for over 15 years, Ron Schott moved to Scottsdale, Arizona where he began working on a joint IBM/ American Express

project. After 6 months, Carolyn joined him as did 2 of their children after they graduated from FAU. Their youngest daughter chose to go to Charlotte, NC for work and college.

There followed 6 years and 6 challenging AMEX projects before the IBM/ AMEX relationship ended and Ron was faced with moving. The family chose to stay in AZ, mainly because Carolyn had health issues and a Mayo Clinic, with which she had a long term relationship, was nearby. So Ron transferred to the IBM Field Sales team in Phoenix, AZ where he successfully continued his IBM career by working with the sales team supporting AMEX.

When a friend and former co-worker offered him the opportunity to start a Development Operation for AOL in Tucson, Ron decided to retire from IBM after almost 35 great years. Unfortunately, Carolyn's health continued to deteriorate, but she received a successful kidney transplant and, in January, 2016, will celebrate her 20th anniversary with the new kidney; she is trying to set a record for the longest living kidney transplant recipient.

Before retiring from AOL, Ron converted all the AOL Member Services PBX Systems to a Voice and Data Integrated network. That was really pushing the technology in the 2002 time frame. After he retired from AOL, he became a volunteer with the Arizona Technology Council (AZTC), a trade association that supports all the technology industries in Arizona.

After volunteering for several years, Ron was asked to run the council where he is the staff liaison to half a dozen AZTC Committees. He also is on the Industry Advisory Board at the College of Engineer-

ing and the Management Information Systems Department at the University of Arizona in Tucson; on advisory committees for several local companies; a member a number of professional societies and associations.

He works with state legislators on Public Policy issues and has become involved with his local community in politics, most recently having been asked to be Area Director. Ron designed *Intellectual Gardening*, an education class for PCs, and presented it this summer to great reviews. In his spare time, Ron golfs occasionally and volunteers as a Trail Ranger at Scottsdale Pinnacle Peak Park on Saturdays.

He and Carolyn visited Boca Raton this past June and keep in touch with IBM friends. They welcome visitors for some Arizona sightseeing. E-mail them at RonSchottAZ@aol.com or SchottFaml@aol.com.and they'll set you up.



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What Ever Happened to Larry Larkin

Believe it or not, on June 30th, I will have been retired from IBM for 28 years. Where does the time go?



As many of you know, I had been flying for many years as a hobby and had also been teaching part time at the Boca Raton Airport. Well when the window opened up in 1986, it seemed a good time to say goodbye to IBM and just do a little more flight training.

So, on June 30, 1987 I left. And I have to say, I really missed the people I worked with and the good times we had, but flying was a love of mine since childhood. I had worked at many great locations, including, Chicago, San Jose, Boeblingen, Boca Raton, Atlanta and back to Boca Raton. Who could ask for anything more? I started the Larkin Aviation Training Company.

Joan, my wife and I, both being from Illinois originally, decided we had lived in Florida long enough and should get back north with a change of seasons. After leaving Piper we moved to Mountain Home, Arkansas. Sever-

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al students I had taught while at Piper, were very strong proponents for the good life in Arkansas. Mountain Home is in north central Arkansas and had an airport for my plane. From there it was an easy one day flight to anywhere I wanted to teach in the U. S. I even made one trip to teach a class in Calgary.

Well, the students were right. Arkansas is a great, beautiful place to live and the people are wonderful. However, we both found out that our blood was much thinner than when we had lived in Chicago in the 50's. It took two years, but we sold our house and moved back to Vero Beach.

Sandy, our youngest daughter, who was working at IBM in Boca Raton was transferred to Austin where it so happened our other daughter and her family lived.

Grandma, Joan, wanted to be a little closer to the grand-kids, so off we go to live in Georgetown, TX which is just north of Austin.

After three years in Georgetown, and not seeing the grandkids nearly as much as she had imagined, it was back to Vero Beach and the Retirement Community that we had lived in after returning from Arkansas.

During all this time I continued to build and fly

my radio controlled model airplanes and still do to this day.

After about five years in Vero Beach, it was back to the Austin area and this time we settled in Sun City which is located in Georgetown. Three great golf courses and almost any other activity that you desire to take part .

During this time Joan developed Alzheimer's and was slowly heading down the same road that Ronald Reagan ventured. In addition, in early 2010 she came down with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and received one Chemo treatment. From this she ended up in the hospital for nine days followed by ten days in Rehab, then suddenly died the day after she got home on August 17, 2010. We lost a great wife, mother and grandmother.

In 2007 I was diagnosed with prostate cancer and was treated with 42 days of radiation in early 2008. I am still in good health.

I certainly enjoy reading the IBMSFQCCAA Newsletter and hope to make it to one of your luncheons in the future. I just missed the March one by a few days.

Friends can reach me by e-Mail at larrylarkin55@yahoo.com

September Quarterly Luncheon

Our quarterly luncheon was held at Miller's Ale House in Boca Raton on September 10th. Attending were 51 members, spouses and guests. It was fun to catch-up with friends and colleagues, reminisce about the good old days and also make some new acquaintances.



Attending L to R: Ron Abbott, Mike Coles



Attending L to R: Leroy Simon, Joe Herko, Bill Hrapchak



Attending L to R: Lisa Coles, Hum Cordero, Joe Fink



Attending L to R: Lou Yovin, Max Enos, Bill Paul,
Bob Dornblaser



Attending L to R: Cathy Vozenilek, John Vozenilek,
Jim Wilson, Hilda Wilson



Attending L to R: Sue Larson, Aurora Siegl, Mike Lukens



Attending L to R: Jim DeArmand, Dolores Latchford



Attending L to R: Rob Hood, Pam Hood, Karl Domas,
Chuck White



Attending L to R: Judy Bradley, Bob Wisner, Sy Schulman, Fred Goetz

September Quarterly Luncheon

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As usual the restaurant staff worked hard to provide a pleasing dining experience.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our next luncheon on December 10th. We look forward to seeing you there! Also, note that spouses, widows and widowers are always cordially invited to attend the luncheons and other IBMSFQCCA events.



Attending L to R: John Ryan, Lou Walewski, Jim Joyce, Bob Wisner, Jud McCarthy, Wayne Cohen, Gregg Cesario

Event Photos



Octoberfest 2014—Jud McCarthy, Mary McCarthy, Judy Goetz, Rebecca, Larry Salerno, Fred Goetz



Delray Beach Playhouse – Oct 2014 – Fred Goetz, Judy Goetz, Sal Caccarile, Jackie Somers, Rose Loricchio, Mary and Jud McCarthy



FAU Football— Nov 2014— Fred Goetz, Marge Spence, Hum Cordero, John Ryan, Phil Van Vliet, Dave Johnson, Larry Salerno, Rebecca



IBMSFQCCA Quarterly Luncheon at Duffy's 2014—Ed Gull, John Vozenilek, Russel Rinaldi, Ed Marill



IBMSFQCCA Quarterly Luncheon at Duffy's 2014—Kathy Vozenilek, Larry Rojas, Dave O'Conner



BMSFQCCA Quarterly Luncheon at Duffy's 2014—Al Jacobson, Larry Rojas



Veteran's Day Nov 2014 Presentation – Dick and Alice Spencer



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Healthcare Presentation Nov 2014—Part 1 (Towers Watson—Bill Wei)



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Healthcare Presentation Nov 2014—Part 1 (Towers Watson—Bill Wei)



Healthcare Presentation Nov 2014—Part 2—Sy Schulman



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Jim DeArmond - Webcasting



IBMSFQCCAA Annual Meeting – December 2014—Hypnotist

Ed McPherson, John Shelly



IBMSFQCCAA Annual Meeting – December 2014—Hypnotist

Joe Herman ,Fred Goetz, John Roberts, Keira McCarthy



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Keira McCarthy



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Joe Herman, Keira McCarthy



IBMSFQCCAA Annual Meeting – December 2014—Hypnotist

Vance Vallandigham, Frank Humphreys ,Heather Jurist,

John Roberts



Holiday Party (Debbi Dell's House) –
December 2014— Ed Brown, Phil & Julie Goodwin



Holiday Party (Debbi Dell's House) –
December 2014—Toys for Tots Gifts



St. Patrick's Day Parade—McCarthy Clan



West Coast FL Gathering - March 2015—Phyllis Bloom, Robin Hood, Pam Hood, Jud McCarthy, Paul Kelmer (Tampa), Spanky (Owner), Max Bouknecht, John Pokoski, Rosa Rucker, Byron Rucker



Sweet Corn Fiesta—April 2015—Gregg Cesario (President)
Quent Benedict