



IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association



Presidents Message Winter/Spring 2018

Spring 2018 is almost over and it looks like we will not be having a drought here in South Florida this year. For the past month the sun has been a relatively infrequent visitor [for these parts]. Enough gray skies for many of us to complain, but still the envy of our friends and relatives in the places from where we came. The weather did not hinder our activities since our last Newsletter and you'll see in the following pages that we enjoyed 15 club events in the early months of this year. It's great to see so many of our members participate in club activities be they sporting, social or the informational "Lecture Series" which have been especially well attended.

Perhaps the most challenging part of my job as your president is making sure that IBMSFQCCAA remains relevant to its members and to those who might become members. Our nine member Board of Directors along with some dedicated members form an "Extended" Board of Directors which meet monthly to focus on what we will do

next. We understand that constant demands are made for your attention and time but with member feedback as our guidance we endeavor to support our mission: *"to encourage, facilitate and enhance the fellowship and camaraderie which was developed through many years of service and association in the IBM Corporation through planned social events for members and guests as well as organized and meaningful participation in community activities and projects which will lead to the improvement and betterment of the quality of the lives of the residents of the Greater South Florida Area"*.

Our measurement of how well we're doing has traditionally been the number of active members and the attendance at our events. With thanks to the "Extended Board of Directors" and their unfailing support the "numbers" look good, but as we all learned "back in the day", we never stop trying to improve. To serve members who are not local or otherwise unable to attend we've instituted internet postings of live or record-

ed videos of our events. EMAIL blasts and the Facebook Group page help keep you all posted about upcoming events. The "Activities" section of the Website shows we'll be volunteering at some local charities later this month. On the "Social" side, we'll be trying out some new activities which will include community outings, and even some nights of music and dancing. We look forward to some informative and entertaining experiences in the second half of this year. We hope you'll enjoy the photos and feature articles that follow in this Newsletter. They clearly show that we have a great time when we gather together, and we strive to continually improve that aspect of the club. In addition to the "Eating and Drinking" which we all enjoy, discussions at the Quarterly Lecture events, such as the Medical Plan Panel, the World War II /VFW event and the Artificial Intelligence presen-

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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

Patricia	Armstrong
Joan	Buzzallino
Marjorie	Callahan
Lois	Dwyer
Christine	Jampol
Paula	Kerns
Guenter	Kirschstein
Don	Monahan
Richard	Pecorella
George	Purvis
Federico	Sequedo
Stephen	Shewbrooks
Lana	Weivoda
Christine	White

Farewell

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

Chuck Branscomb	12/15/2017
Glenn Anderson	12/21/2017
Randy Hayes	1/19/2018
Robert Bannon	2/23/2018
Wilma (Willie) Collins	2/23/2018
Forrest Dale	2/23/2018
Joe Nixon	5/15/2018

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **June 14 - 11:30am Lunch – Millers Ale House 1200 - Yamato Rd, Boca**
- ◆ **June 21 - City of Boca Raton Traffic Dept Tour**

Credits

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President's Message (cont.)

tation are testimony to the fact that we not only share a past but have a great deal of common interest in what is going on in our community and the world. Furthermore, sharing what we've learned as individuals enhances us all.

IBMSFQCCAA is a resource to us all, properly guided, it can enrich us in many ways as we share the future. Your Extended Board of Directors and I continue to work toward supporting our mission. We sincerely appreciate your thoughts and guidance and encourage your participation in leadership. We'd love to have you join our "Extended Board of Directors" and come to our Monthly Meetings— [second Wednesday -check activities calendar for location] but if you can't, please let us know your thoughts. EMAIL us at president@ibmsfqccaa.org , post a note on Facebook or just talk to us at one of the events.

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.

- ◆ Dec 03 - Intergenerational Orchestra – "Holiday Lollapalooza"
- ◆ Dec 08 - IBMSFQCCAA Annual Business Meeting, Cameo Quartet & refreshments (53 attended)
- ◆ Dec 12 - Intracoastal Holiday Cruise on the Lady Atlantic (44 attended)
- ◆ Dec 14 - Lunch – Millers Ale House, 1200 Yamato Rd, Boca (49 attended)
- ◆ Jan 30 - Martin Luther Center Museum - WPB (free tour by Pastor Arnold) (11 attended)
- ◆ Feb 16 - Wine Tasting @ de Hoernle Train Depot - Wines of Australia and New Zealand (35 attended)
- ◆ Feb 17 - Basketball at FAU Gym (FAU vs FIU) - Pizza @ Augy's at noon (22 attended)
- ◆ Feb 25 - Intergenerational Orchestra – "Meet The Music"
- ◆ Mar 02 - Gen'I Meeting, SSP Maple Rm: Turning points in WW2 - speaker FAU Prof. Doug McGetchin, PhD (31 attended)

- ◆ Mar 08 - Lunch – Millers Ale House, 1200 Yamato Rd, Boca (45 attended)
- ◆ Mar 17 - St Patrick's Day Parade – Atlantic Ave, Delray Beach - IBMSFQCCAA w/Jud's classic '63 Chevy Nova SS (15 attended)
- ◆ Mar 19 - Spring Training MLB: Astros & Mets - Ballpark of the Palm Beaches, WPB (12 attended)
- ◆ Mar 23 - West coast Florida IBM social gathering - Anna Maria Oyster Bar, Ellenton, FL. Snacks (12 attended)
- ◆ Mar 30 - Theater Event @ Delray Playhouse – "Blackout" (17 attended)
- ◆ Apr 29 - Sweet Corn Fiesta @ SF Fairgrounds - Quent Benedict & Krystal River Band (9 attended)
- ◆ May 04 - Gen'I Mtg – "The Revolution in Artificial Intelligence" Speaker: Pete Martinez of IBM (73 attended)
- ◆ May 11 - Wine Tasting @ de Hoernle Train Depot - West Coast Wines (30 attended)
- ◆ May 30 - City Pub-Deerfield Beach: A Night of Music & Dancing



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What Ever Happened to Greg Baker ?



Wow, it is amazing how much time has passed and how much my memory is tested to remember the things we did in Boca. What I do remember is that I consider my time there as the best part of my career. I was surrounded by competent and enthusiastic people doing interesting things. I left Boca in 1984 to come to Charlotte with the printer group. I was not planning on coming but got convinced by the Charlotte Lab Director, John Woodward. It was a good move for my career but it was never the same again as it was in Boca.

Five years later the printer group moved again to Lexington KY. This time I opted to stay in Charlotte. For a time I managed a group developing banking hardware like teller station equipment and ATMs. But the ATM business got sold off to Diebold and my group slowly dissolved. I ended up being part of a two-man team that developed a mini PC for bank tellers called ProFit. We never sold many but I learned a lot about PCs in the process and developed a good relationship with the PC company guys in Raleigh. Finally all hardware development dried up in Charlotte and I bounced around between staff jobs and marketing jobs. I was finally starting a program to be a certified project manager when IBM decided they had way too many guys like me and I was offered a retirement deal. So I left IBM on August 1, 2000.

I decided I wanted to start my own small business developing internet media and websites. I took a class for that but soon found out that high

Where Are They Now



school kids were getting really good at website development and there was no way I could get much business doing that. All my life I have been involved in music in some way or another. I worked my way through college by playing sax and clarinet with a dance band throughout southern Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska. In the summer we often played 3 nights a week. A few years before retirement I hooked up with a couple other IBMers, Bruce Johnson and Danny Attoh and formed a little band called Second Wind. Along the way I taught myself to play bass and I always had a talent for singing harmony. Danny played a great lead guitar and Bruce rhythm guitar. I was also a member of the local chapter of the Nashville Songwriters Association so I had a lot of musician and songwriter friends. I started to make demo records and performance videos for them. With my retirement settlement I bought some pro-level video and recording gear and set up a small studio in my basement where I still work today. I have made several demo CDs but have morphed more into video the last few years. Most of it is of live musical performances but also for non-profit organizations, churches and dance studios.

My wife Geri and I have been married for 53 years and still reside in the house we built in Charlotte shortly after we moved here. I guess the day will come when it will be too much but I can't imagine living without my studio and my shop which is right next door. You can usually find me in either one. I enjoy working on electronic projects and believe it or not, fixing stuff.

For those interested I have a YouTube channel with many of my videos posted there. <https://www.youtube.com/user/gnbaker14>. Some of my old TV show episodes are posted there as well as many performance videos from local musical variety shows. I also have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/greg.baker.982> and a somewhat out of date web site: <http://secondwindmusic.com>.

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What Ever Happened to Bill Peck ?



I retired in 1991 after 35 years with IBM at Kingston, San Jose, Boca Raton, White Plains and Raleigh locations. In transition to retirement I achieved my private pilot license with Instrument rating after waving the USAF for training during my military leave of absence from IBM as it would require an additional year of active duty service.

My wife Shirley and I have enjoyed a healthy stress- free lifestyle with traveling the country and cruising the oceans along with maintaining two homes. We spend about ¼ of our time at our Lake home in Lake Placid Florida and ¾ at our home in Raleigh, NC. In June of 2017 we celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary with all the family at our Lake House. We have 2 Children, 4 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

Where Are They Now



I am active in church programs, volunteering, and mentoring the next generations of our family to a lifestyle that will bring glory to God. I used to play golf and water ski but now I drive the golf cart and boat. I continue to be an avid walker with Bailey our Boxer, a prolific puzzle and problem solver. I have tackled many home maintenance, remodeling, and upgrade projects. I am called on for consultation of computer and network solutions. I strive for daily activities that exercise my body, mind and soul.

I enjoy reminiscing with former IBMers about the good old days and all the hard work expended over those 35 years with visits and lunches but also being rewarded by seeing that the world is better with the products we brought to the marketplace. I can be contacted via email at wepeck@att.net or at phone 919-559-2533.



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What Ever Happened to Carmen and Paul Mugge ?



Where Are They Now



Carmen and Paul Mugge have lived in Cary, North Carolina since 1995. While North Carolina is definitely home for them now, they have very fond memories of their time in Boca Raton. It was the most impactful time of their careers because of the exciting work, but more importantly, the wonderful friends and colleagues.

Paul retired from IBM in August of 2005 and immediately after started working at NC State University as the Executive Director of the Center for Innovation Management Studies (CIMS). CIMS is an industry/university cooperative research program, focused on how to manage innovation and is dedicated to fostering a collaborative environment among scholars, researchers, and business executives. Paul continues to serve as the Executive Director of CIMS and also teaches a Management of Innovation MBA Class. Paul also serves on the Board of the Bald Head Island Conservancy.

Carmen retired from IBM in March of 2014 and dedicates her time to volunteer activities. Carmen currently volunteers as a Wake County Guardian ad Litem as a child advocate and training facilitator.

She also serves as the Board Chair for Research Triangle High School, whose mission is to increase access to globally competitive Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math education for students and teachers across North Carolina. In addition, Carmen volunteers as a Judge Advisor for FIRST North Carolina's Robotics Competition. FIRST North Carolina is a non-profit created to inspire youth in North Carolina to pursue further studies and careers in science and technology and help students acquire the knowledge and skills to compete in a technologically-driven global economy.

Carmen and Paul enjoy hiking, traveling and spending time with their 4 grandchildren.

Friends are free to contact them at:
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December 8 Annual Meeting

On December 8 the IBMSFQCAA held its Annual Meeting at Sugar Sand Park. There were 53 members attending. The attendees were entertained by the Cameo Quartet singers. Everyone was thoroughly entertained!



Cameo Quartet Singers



Larry Salerno, Mike Day, Angelo Gasparri

December 14 Quarterly Luncheon

On December 14th 49 members and guests attended the luncheon at Miller's Ale House. Everyone had a good time visiting with one another, sharing old stories and enjoying a nice lunch.



Vance Vallandigham, John Ryan



Betty Wisner, Rita Gasparri, Rose Lorrichio, Patty Desmond

December 14 Quarterly Luncheon (cont)



L to R: Christine Ziebarth, Bob Bruni, Lowell Talada, Peter Seiler, Tom Chalmers



L to R: Nick Crenshaw, Sue Larson, Sally Langford, Louis Walewski



L to R: Bob Dornblaser, Karl Domas, Jitka Domas, Max Enos, Bill Paul, Lou Yovin



L to R: Ted Davis, Jud McCarthy, Angelo Gasparri, Hum Cordero, Ernie Galinis



L to R: Len Desmond, Bob Wisner, Michael Herzlich, Wayne Cohen



L to R: Carol Esser, Aurora Siegel, Rob Baker, Gary Wisgo, Judy Bradley, Joe Herko



L to R: Paul Reder & guest, Carol Esser, Aurora Siegel, Rob Baker, Gary Wisgo, Judy Bradley



L to R: Jud McCarthy, Angelo Gasparri, Hum Cordero, Ernie Galinis



L to R: Larry Crismond, Paula Kerns, Henry Meudt

December 14 Quarterly Luncheon (cont)



L to R: Lee Stone, Donn Atkins, Larry Crismond, Paula Kerns



L to R: Bob Wisner, Michael Herzlich, Chuck White, Nick Smickilas, Gail Beitzell, Bob Ewart



L to R: Theresia Siegl, Joe Herko, Lew Miller, Pastor Tom Arnold, Jerry Leitherer, Carol Esser

January 30 Martin Luther Museum Tour

On January 30th, a group of 11 members enjoyed a fascinating and informative tour of the Martin Luther Center Museum in West Palm Beach. Our host was Pastor Tom Arnold who founded the museum and collected more than 5,000 artifacts over the last 47 years. After the tour, Pastor Arnold accompanied us to the nearby Cracker Barrel where we had a nice lunch and lively discussion. The Museum is located at 850 Belvedere Road.



A few of the many artifacts on display at the Martin Luther Center Museum



L - R: Lew Miller, Joe Herko, Ludwig Siegl, Aurora Siegl, Theresia Siegl, Gail Carpenter, Beverley Leitherer, Jerry Leitherer, Dave Pavek, Carol Esser



L to R: Ludwig Siegl, Jerry Leitherer, Pastor Tom Arnold, Carol Esser, Gail Carpenter, Theresia Siegl, Beverley Leitherer, Joe Herko, Donna Pavek



Beautiful Stained Glass Of Martin Luther - just one of thousands of artifacts on display



L to R: Tom Hearn, Dave Pavek

March 8 Quarterly Luncheon
45 members and guests attended the luncheon at Miller's Ale House in Boca on March 8th. Everyone had a good time visiting with one another, sharing old stories and enjoying a nice lunch. Please mark your calendar for our next lunch get-together on June 14th.



L to R: Al Jacobson, Vance Vallandigham



L to R: Russ Rogers, Denny Wainright, Virginia Wainright, Joselle Rogers



L to R: Rita Gasparri, Rose Loricchio, Betty Wisner, Patty Desmond



L to R: Paul Finke, Gary Wisgo, Rob Baker, Sally Langford



L to R: Larry Salerno, Judy Bradley, Henry Meudt



L to R: Angelo Gasparri, Len Sheiner, Jud McCarthy, Joy LaWall, Bianca Boone, Rose Heath, Chet Heath, Wayne Cohen



L to R: Bill Paul, Len Weiss, Bob Dornblaser, Lou Yovin

March 8 Quarterly Luncheon (cont)



Lana Weivoda, Mike Lukens, Aurora Siegl, Chris White, Eric Drinkhouse



L to R: Lee Stone, Bob Wisner, Len Desmond, Lillian Portella, Guenter Kirschstein, Kay Stone



L to R: Joan Anderson, Ted Davis, Lew Miller, Joe Herko, Ed Anderson

St Patrick's Day Parade



L to R: Kathleen McCarthy, Jay Mahfood, Jerry Mahfood, Rose Loricchio, Colleen Lopez, Jud - 63 Chevy



L to R: Gail Carpenter, Rose Loricchio, Jud McCarthy, Colleen Lopez

March 23 FL West Coast Gathering



L to R: Robin Hood, Pam Hood, Dick Hardin, Lyn Hardin, Max Bouknecht, Lori Waters, Lew Brown, George Purvis, Jack Boyce, Bob Dunn, Rose Loricchio

April 29 Sweet Corn Fiesta

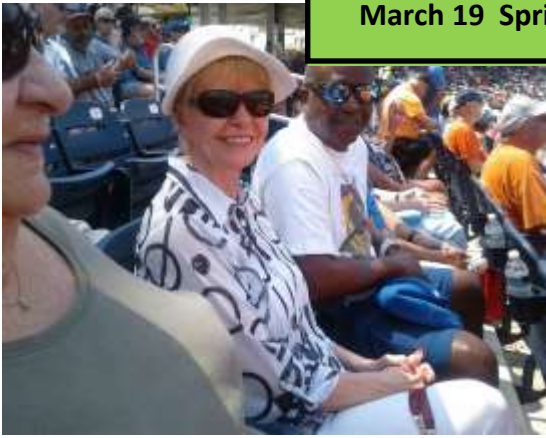


L to R: Phil VanVliet, Jud McCarthy, Quent Benedict, Bobby McGehe



L to R: Gregg Cesario, Lew Miller, Gregg's Guest

March 19 Spring Training MLB: Astros & Mets John Ballpark of the Palm Beaches



L to R: Joy LaWall, Robert Harmon



L to R: Tex Rittner, Dave Johnson



L to R: Jud McCarthy, Ron Langlois, Mike Lopez



L to R: John Ryan, Dorie Ryan



Ballpark of the Palm Beaches - 1st Base Side



L to R: Phil VanVliet, Juan Rionda

May 4 General Meeting—“The Revolution in Artificial Intelligence” Speaker: Pete Martinez of IBM



Pete Martinez



Pete Martinez with Attendees



Pete Martinez

May 4 General Meeting (cont)

