



# IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association



## Presidents Message Summer—Fall 2016

As we formulate the offerings for 2017, we will keep the theme of popular events and add a few new ones to offer more variety to members. This newsletter edition will cover the sights and sounds of the previous 4 months.

### Looking back...July - October

Wine tasting at a historic train station for the wines of Italy, a Delray Beach Playhouse event, quarterly luncheons helped round out activities during our slowest period when many of our members are on summer vacation. We have relabeled our quarterly member meetings to IBM Lecture Series. Mem-

bers experience some variety with most recently a history of China. A full list of the 2016 completed (with member participation counts) as well as 2017 projected events list posted on the website.

In order to push our membership levels higher and offer more events (live and remote) we recently sent out a mailer to members who did not renew in 2015 and obtained a 15% response rate or approximately eight members. We also offered a “try and buy” complimentary membership for the last 6 months of 2016 and picked up another six new members who hopefully will sign up for 2017. These types of membership efforts have expanded the membership base to over 230. We would

love to have some referrals from our current member base as well. Please send us a name and e-mail address and we will do the rest. Naturally, annual dues at \$20 continue to be available for those members who wish to limit membership to an annual renewal.

### Looking forward...

As a way to obtain higher participation at our events and offer more to our members, we have established a reciprocal agreement with the IBM Club in Boca Raton to offer events to our members who do not participate in the IBM Club Activities. We plan to share their events with our member base and they plan to share

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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

Nick Crenshaw  
Joseph Kuntz  
Patricia Conte  
Lee Stone

## Farewell

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

Jack F. McCloskey Oct 6, 2015  
Robert Martin Walker May 20, 2016  
Richard Eugene Hersh June 28, 2016  
Thomas McCullough July 1, 2016  
Albert David McGrory Sept 7, 2016  
Paul Swingle Oct 16, 2016

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**Please update your contact info by clicking on the "Feedback" tab of our website—Thanks!**

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Nov 12 - 6:00 pm—FAU Football Game and Tailgate Party (FAU vs. University of Texas at El Paso)
- ◆ Dec 2 - 3pm Annual Meeting – Maple Room at Sugar Sand Park—Entertainment provided by Glenda Grainger and accompanist
- ◆ Dec 8 - 11:30am Lunch - Ale House
- ◆ Dec 10 @ 6-9pm—Holiday House Party – Debi Dell hosting

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## President's Message (cont.)

ours events to their member base. Our first was the e-blast members received for Cirque du Soleil in Miami.

We have also instituted some alternative membership levels for "in and out of state" members. Effective immediately, we now have an IBM Lifetime membership price of \$100 for in state members and \$75 for out of state members. No more dues for life! New, renewal or lapsed memberships are eligible for this offer.

We also have some exciting events planned and or proposed for 2016/2017. As each event becomes formal, specifics of the event for dates and locations will be on the web site including the assigned sponsor.

**Here are the confirmed / planned winter 2016 events:**

- ◆ **Confirmed – Holiday House Party – Debi Dell hosting on 12/10/2016 @ 6-9 PM**
- ◆ **Planned – 1Q 2017 Wine Tasting Event @ Count de Hoernle Train Station 2**
- ◆ **Confirmed – 3/4/17 Lecture Series –**

## Speaker & Topic TBD @ 3 – 4:30 PM

- ◆ **Confirmed – 3/9 Quarterly Luncheon Millers Ale House @ 11:30 AM**
- ◆ **Confirmed – 1Q / 2017 St Patrick's Day Parade – Delray Beach**
- ◆ **Planned – May Golf Scramble and Lunch Boca Delray CC – Details to Follow**

Your IBMSFQCCAA Board of Directors (BOD) hopes that our members will take advantage of some of the fun and informative events we have planned for 2016 & 2017. Come join us at any of the upcoming events that are of interest and guests of members are always welcome.

We are seeking Board of Director volunteers and event volunteers. We need them to maintain the quality and deliver the most diverse and popular member events. All it takes is about 3-4 hours a month. We appreciate hearing your thoughts on events to create more member participation. **Please contact me directly ([GreggCesario@aol.com](mailto:GreggCesario@aol.com)) or by cell @ 561 265-8851.**

## 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 4 - Golf Scramble & Lunch (Boca Delray Country Club) - 23 (+4 lunch) attended**
- ◆ **June 7—Delray Beach Playhouse – Songs of Broadway—20 attended.**
- ◆ **June 9—Ale House Lunch— 47 attended.**
- ◆ **Sept 8—Ale House Lunch— 37 attended.**
- ◆ **Sept 16—Lecture Series—China's history presented by Dr. Farazmand of Lynn University—47 attended (remotes ?)**
- ◆ **Oct 1—Wine Tasting @ de Hoernle Train Depot (Wines of Italy) - 39 attended.**
- ◆ **Oct 20—Delray Beach Playhouse— "The Sensuous Senator" - 20 attended.**



# IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association

## What Ever Happened to Don Monahan ?



(Don and Bev Monahan)

Hi ALL,

I retired at the end of 1989 with many of you. I founded TICl at that time and resided at ONE Park Place at the corner of Yamato and Congress Ave.

It started with Will Groth and myself. Pretty Lonely!!! Also from IBM relations and many others that I met at Supercom and other conferences where I was a speaker.

Our first large contract was from AC Nielsen. The contract was 1st for consulting services and expanded to Systems Integration assistance. It lasted about a year for some of us. A list of participants from IBM on this project and others from TICl are listed here:

## Where Are They Now

Will Groth	Ken Ford	Jim Dunn
Wendell Brown	Bill Gee	Chuck White
Jerry Greenberg	Paul Hammer	Mike Kennedy
Jim McCrohan	Paul Petrosky	Nick Smiciklas
Cary Thomas	Brad Wilkus	Frank Schmit

We had many services provided back to IBM for numerous other projects related to telecom. I was able to contract several International consulting groups to provide relevant data for many of our International contracts.

Worked for Logica consulting

DMR Consulting NY

Alltel Corp.  
Business and Product Strategist - Report to President AIS

Independent Consultant

----- My Current Endeavors -----

- Volunteer Chairman and CEO "Shop with Cops"
- Children's Christmas shopping annual event I have 150 kids each year - Each child gets \$100 to spend. I present the program to churches, Civic organizations, Golf Clubs ,etc. and gather the needed funds each year.
- I'm an Ordained Church Deacon and work there quite often.

I pray that those that are still with us are have health, Love and Happiness around them.

For those who have gone before us, we pray to see them in heaven.

We live on Amelia Island FL. (Just off shore from Jacksonville)

We live in this lovely place and have met many wonderful people at church, Country Club and neighborhood.

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## What Ever Happened to Len Chromey ?



(Len and Donna Chromey, their two children, and their families)

Thanks for thinking of me. I left IBM Boca Raton in 1985 and transferred to Manassas, VA to take on a chair assignment. I did the coordination of the United Way for the DC and surrounding areas and I must admit it was a great job as I met some motorized executives and politicians. After I retired from IBM in July 1991, my last IBM assignment led me to the job of Assistant Regional Director of the United Way in the Manassas area. However, before I got that job, I

## Where Are They Now

did two years with H & R Block. The highlight was doing the taxes for a man who won the lottery. Then I retired again.

Donna and I then took on helping our children with their children. That has been taking place for some eighteen years and still going on, but they are all in school now so it has become part time.

We have my daughter, husband, and her two children living with us until their house is finished in September. Then once again, it will be just the two of us helping with the grandchildren when needed.

Personally I have been reading numerous books, and had to make a list of the authors and their books. Before that, I bought two books that I read, but must admit I enjoyed them so much that I read them again. Baldacci, one of my favorites, goes to my daughter's dentist, so she has taken some of his books and gotten his autograph, The other pastime for me is a game on the computer and a handheld device that I take with me when

I see a doctor or wait for whatever I am waiting for and that game is called 'freecell'. This game has become an addiction and I would admit to playing to some fifty thousand or more games.

The other thing that I do is helping with the neighbors - advice, watching their houses when they are away, and even cutting their grass should they be away for extended periods of time. Currently, one of my neighbors is visiting his origin in Vietnam for a month or more.

Oh, I joined a gym over a year ago and go there just about every day. It is expensive even though I am a senior citizen. The cost is thirty dollars a year. It has two exercise rooms, a pool and sauna. I think I have captured my retirement for you. Regards: Len

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## In The News

- Fortune magazine - June 18, 2016

### **Why IBM Stock Could Be Worth A Long-Shot Bet**

by Ryan Derousseau

<http://fortune.com/2016/06/18/ibm-stock/>

- Sun Sentinel newspaper - July 3, 2016

### **Former IBMer works to improve health through Game Changer Tec**

by Marcia Heroux Pounds

(article also includes an audio interview with Pete Martinez)

<http://www.sun-sentinel.com/business/personal-finance/fl-health-game-changer-company-20160625-story.html>

- **Letter from Ginni Rometty to President-Elect Trump - Nov 15, 2016**

<https://www.ibm.com/blogs/policy/ibm-ceo-ginni-romettys-letter-u-s-president-elect/>

## Golf Scramble & Lunch—June 4



L to R: Lisa and Tim Wilson



L to R: Marlene Likourgiotis, Kevin Walton



Attending L to R: Lin Cohen, Sy Schulman



L to R: Abe Sokol



L to R: Marlene Likourgiotis, Kevin Walton, Michel Delaney, Steve Damon



Attending L to R: John Johnson, Mike Lopez, Coleen Lopez, Jud McCarthy



Attending L to R: Coleen Lopez, Jud McCarthy, Gene O'Brien



Attending L to R: Gloria O'Brien, Juan Rionda, Ted Davis, Norm Lawson



Attending L to R: Sy Schulman, Steve Damon, Kevin Walton

**Golf Scramble & Lunch—June 4 (cont)**



L to R: Abe Sokol, Hum Cardero, Fred Goetz, Judy Goetz (standing)



L to R: Jud McCarthy, Lin Cohen Sy Schulman



L to R: Bob Grinnell, Phil VanVliet, Gene O'Brien

**Jud's McCarthy's 80th Birthday (June)**



Jud McCarthy



L to R: John and Dorie Ryan



L to R: Jud and Jim McCarthy



L to R: Dorie Ryan and Patty Desmond (standing rear left )



## September Quarterly Luncheon

Our quarterly luncheon was held at Miller's Ale House in Boca Raton on September 8th. Attending were 37 members, spouses and guests. We all had a great time meeting with friends and colleagues, reminiscing about the good old days and also making some new acquaintances. As usual the restaurant staff worked hard to provide a pleasant atmosphere and dining experience.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our next luncheon on December 8th. We always look forward to seeing you at these events! Also, note that spouses, widows and widowers are always cordially welcome to attend all IBMSFQCCA events.



L to R: Len Desmond, Bob Wisner, Don Crandall, Chris Jacomine



L to R: Clif Stone, Eric Drinkhouse, Henry Deer



Fred Goetz, Karl Domas (at table behind Fred)



L to R: Wayne Cohen, Dave Pavek



L to R: Angelo Gasparri, Judy Bradley, Mike Herzlich



L to R: Bob Dornblaser, Lou Yovin, Max Enos



L to R: Bill Paul, Lew Miller

## September Quarterly Luncheon (cont)



L to R: Eric Quirindongo, Larry Crismond, Jitka Domas



L to R: Joe Herko, Carol Esser, Bruce Urquhart



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



L to R: Ed Gull, Paul Swingle, John Ryan, Fred Goetz



Bill Montgomery



L to R: Ted Davis, Jud McCarthy, Pat Conte, Lou Walewski

## Italian Wine Tasting Event

On October 1<sup>st</sup> a happy crowd filled the Count de Hoernle Train Depot in Boca Raton to sample the wines of Italy at the 6<sup>th</sup> in our popular wine tasting series. Knowledgeable wine expert, Dr. Edward Cohn, returned to introduce half a dozen popular priced red and white Italian wines (plus a bonus seventh selection) and the regions from which they come. His guided tour was preceded by a screened video on the wine regions of Italy, thanks to the technical talent of Board member Jim DeArmond. As is our custom, light snacks were provided to help transition between the tastes and flavors of the different wines, and attendees were able to retain their "keepsake" wine glasses. Another wine tasting is in the works for the Spring of 2017.



Dr. Edward Cohn, Wine Expert

## Italian Wine Tasting Event (cont)



L to R: Rose Loricchio, Jud McC,arthy, Jim & Paula Chestnut



L to R: Jim DeArmond, Joyce Newman, Dolores Latchford



L to R: Dolores Latchford, Joyce Newman, Jim DeArmond



L to R: Lani Miller, Karen Fink



L to R: Mike & Colleen Lopez, Elizabeth and Phil VanVliet



L to R: , Dan Fernandez, Denny Wainwright (standing), Peggy Fernandez, Virginia Wainwright,



L to R: Dolores Latchford, Julie Goodwin, Joyce Newman, Jim DeArmond, Dr. Edward Cohn (standing)



L to R: Dr Edward Cohn, Julie , Phil, and Michael Goodwin



John Ryan

## Italian Wine Tasting Event (cont)



L to R: Lew Miller (standing), Rita and Angelo Garparri, Dave O'Connor and friend.



L to R: Dave O'Connor and friend, Rita and Angelo Gasparri



L to R: Dan Fernandez in foreground, Jerry & Bev Leitherer, John & Maxine Roth