
GREATER ATLANTA CHAPTER
IBM QUARTER CENTURY CLUB
Newsletter – January 2004

Margaret Betz, Editor

Presidents' Message

By Mike McGuire

As we enter the year 2004, I say "thank you" to the previous board of the Quarter Century Club. 2003 was, by my measure, a successful year!

Membership numbers were up.

One of our successful events or activities was the Rebuilding Together Atlanta community program where 20 members helped "spruce up" a home in early April.

QCC members supported the GPTV fund drive.

Two golf outings were not enough. A third outing in November drew 24 players.

A large crowd convened for the final social event of the year at TJs in December to start everyone's holiday season.

Many thanks to Bill Branson for his efforts in leading the Club in 2003!

You will see in the newsletter that we have plans and ideas for community contributions and social activities in familiar venues and also in new locations and time frames. Please join your fellow members in making these events a rewarding and enjoyable time for all.

The objective of each activity is to make it a satisfying and fun experience. Your membership is based on continuing or renewing the relationships you enjoyed with many people during your 25 years (plus) at IBM.

Mix the social fun with the accomplishment you'll feel in contributing to a community activity, and you'll see some of the reasons our Club works.

Read about our plans and contact any board member know of other ideas you may have.

We truly want to make our club fun and meaningful for all.

2004 Calendar of Events



January

2004 Ice Breaker, Sideline – January 28

February

Annual Dinner/Dance – February 21

March

Annual Meeting – March 18

April

Casino Trip to Cherokee – April 19

Rebuilding Together: Atlanta – April 24

May

Golf outing I – May 17

June

Mystery picnic – June 19

July

Classic car museum picnic – July 24

August

GPTV membership drive – TBA

Golf outing II – August 16

September

Golf outing III – September 27

October

Blue Ridge train trip – October 16

Winter clothing drive – October 18-22

December

Holiday Gathering – December 1

Committee Reports

Treasurer -- Dave Zilles

Balance January 1, 2004 1,742.83

INCOME

Memberships (350@\$10) 3,500.00
Web site & newsletter ads 650.00
Picnic/car show (50@\$10) 500.00
Annual dinner (50@\$35) 1,750.00

Total Income 6,400.00

Balance before expenses 8,142.83

EXPENSES

Web site (12@\$52) 624.00
P. O. Box rental 58.00
Newsletter printing 1,100.00
Newsletter mailing 600.00
Ice breaker 200.00
Dinner/dance 1,050.00*
General meeting 50.00
Casino trip 100.00
Picnic/car show 100.00
Golf outing 1 50.00
Golf outing 2 50.00
Golf outing 3 50.00
Blue Ridge train ride 50.00
Holiday gathering 200.00
Community programs 100.00

Total Expenses 4,611.00

* Prepaid \$750 (cancelled 10/04 event)

Balance December 31, 2003 3,531.83

Membership By Ronda Rattray

Join the Club by completing your application:
<http://www.atlqcc.org/Application/application.htm>

Print the form and press submit. Make sure to include your phone number and e-mail address. **Mail the printed form and your check for \$10 to:**

**Atlanta Chapter IBM QCC
P. O. Box 420592
Atlanta, GA 30342**

We have a few dozen members in the 2004 ranks and would like to see our membership reach over 500 this year. Bring a QCC-eligible friend to the dinner/dance or the annual meeting! Spread the word and oin now!

Community Programs By Jon Jessen

Rebuilding Together: Atlanta – Roll up your sleeves with fellow IBMers. This national program assists low-income families and blighted residential areas with community restoration and home maintenance projects. Many large corporations and institutions support this program. Typical projects range from painting/repairing homes and community buildings, yard cleanup, and more. We normally work together as a Club or in teams. The sense of accomplishment is very rewarding for just a few hours of time and activity.

Saturday, April 24, 2004
Meet at GA 400/Abernathy Park&Ride
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Jon Jessen, 770-975-7580
jjessen@mindspring.com

GPTV Membership Drive – Come and be a TV star! IBM QCC volunteers will answer the phones for GPTV on an evening in August. This project assists GPTV with their membership drive and contributions campaign. There are usually “big name” entertainers who perform during the campaign. Send an e-mail to Bill Branson. He will contact you when plans are firm (by mid-July).

August 2004-01
260 14 Street NE
Evening
Bill Branson, 770-590-4279
Bbranson30b@aol.com

Winter Clothing Drive – In the late fall, we will collect winter clothing and basic hygiene donations for two organization. **The Open Door**, an in-town homeless shelter, was founded 21 years ago and provides shelter, meals, showers, clothing, and limited medical care for homeless men and women. **The Atlanta Day Shelter for Women & Children** provides the basic necessities for homeless women, including food, clothing, daily hygiene, limited medical care, and work training/job placement for women.

October 18-22, 2004
IBM SECU drop-off sites
During business hours
Jean Ellis, 770-973-2927
ellis@us.ibm.com

**Events – The what, when,
and who of it
By Tom Satterlee**

QCC Dinner Dance

Get your dancing shoes out of the closet and get ready for the Atlanta IBM Quarter Century Club dinner/dance at:

Wyndham Garden Hotel
800 Hammond Drive
Sandy Springs
5:30 p.m.

A cash bar with hors d'oeuvres will be available beginning at 5:30. The new QCC board will kick off the dinner at 6:30 with announcements and give-aways, the latter thanks to local restaurants and theaters offering generous gift certificates.

The dinner will be a buffet with main course selections of London broil, roasted port loin, and chicken marsala, plus salads and vegetables.

After dinner, it'll be time to get those twisting shoes on and plan to boogie! We will feature a DJ with some of your favorite songs – a mix of slow and fast tunes to dance the night away.

Now, here's the best news of all. This night of feasting and fancy footwork is only \$35 per person. Send a check made out to IBM QCC to:

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Please include your name and the names of your guests. We need to finalize our plans by February 15, 2004.

**ATLQCC Website
Tryon Earl**

Let us know if you have ideas for the Web site. Contact Tryon at Webmaster@atlqcc.org.

Want to be involved?

Work with a committee of the IBM QCC. We need assistance in every area. You can help make our club even more viable. AND, you can see if QCC leadership is for you. It is a small investment of your time with a compound dividend of fun and accomplishment. Call me.

Mike McGuire (770) 394-5690

Snippets

Looking for your wee bits (a.k.a. snippets) of information on YOU! Take a minute to send us a snippet about things you are doing, places you have visited, or hobbies you enjoy. We'll include it in a newsletter so others can stay in touch and keep up-to-date. **Send updates to Margaret Betz at marandbetz@mindspring.com**

Off to Costa Rica – Tom Satterlee

Costa Rica is located between Nicaragua and Panama – a land of great beauty with a commitment to democracy. Many airlines offer direct flights to San Jose, the capital. From there, you can catch local air service to the Pacific coast resorts or to the East coast, which is mainly for fishing.

You can drive from San Jose to the mountains to see the rain forest or fish the trout streams. Most of the resorts on the Pacific coast offer nice accommodations, great beaches, excellent food, and many water sports. Hotels and meals in San Jose are very reasonable and most folks speak English. You can find many tours in almost any activity you want.

I'm currently scheduled to visit Costa Rica the first week in March to do a little fishing. Here's the Web site for the resort. I'll write a full report in the next newsletter.

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