
GREATER ATLANTA CHAPTER
IBM QUARTER CENTURY CLUB
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Margaret Betz, Editor

President's Message
By Ron Floyd

I don't know if it's my age or the fact that I'm in retirement, but time seems to fly by ever faster, not slower. A third of this year has already gone by. Wasn't it just yesterday that I introduced myself in the first newsletter of the year?

I ruminate a bit because, in those first four months, we've had several great events, punctuated by seeing old friends and meeting new ones. For me, and I suspect most of you, no matter the type of event, the real pleasure is spending some time together. IBM in its early days was very much a "family," and despite the great changes over time I believe we still are.

We have much more coming up in 2005.

I emphasize our next event on May 18th. *This is one not to miss!* A former law enforcement officer will spend time with us presenting a "how to" on personal safety. One e-mail has already gone out with more to come and it's on the QCC Web site at www.atlgcc.org. Do bring your spouse or significant other, too!

As you look at your QCC' calendar of upcoming events, we would love to have you involved in creating and planning an event. Don't hesitate to contact any board member with your ideas.

We look forward to seeing you -- soon and often!

Events Calendar



May

Security Seminar – May 18

June

Golf Outing – June 13

QCC Chorus – TBD

July

Picnic -- TBD

Want to be involved?

See if QCC leadership is for you. Make a small investment of your time with a compound dividend of fun and accomplishment.

Your board meets the first week of every month. Join us. Call Ron Floyd for details.

QCC Member Demographics
By Dave Zilles

The Greater Atlanta Chapter of the IBM QCC maintains a database of all the people who have reached their 25th year and have become IBM QCC members. Over the past year we have been actively trying to clean up this database and improve its accuracy. Late last year, we mailed membership renewal forms requesting that the information on the form be updated with their renewal dues. This was very effective, but we are missing some e-mail addresses. If you have not received an e-mail recently, send me a note at dzilles@earthlink.net with your address. I will update your record.

We have 3,420 records in the database. Today, we have 328 Paid Active members with only 84 from last year who did not renew. There are 199 members who paid in 2003 but have not paid since. We plan to send these people a renewal notice like the ones you received. The key to our growth is the new inductees. Since we started sending these people a letter the month after they reached their 25th year, we have over 401 prospects who have not joined. If you know a recent inductee, tell them what the Club can do and have them join. The remaining 2,485 are members we have not heard from in a while.

To give you an idea of the demographics of the current 328 members, I pulled data on the cities they live in and what year they were inducted. I have included these charts on the Web. From a city perspective, Marietta wins with 124, followed by Atlanta with 50, Roswell with 40, Dunwoody with 32, and Alpharetta with 16. From the year of induction perspective, most of our members were eligible in 1992 (35) with a tie for second with 1993 (28) and 2003 (28).

Please help us to keep this database accurate. E-mail when you change your address, phone number, or e-mail. We know people are changing e-mails to prevent spam or upgrading to cable or DSL. Most of our communication is via e-mail because there is no cost and it allows a more timely delivery.

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Full-year Report By Dave Zilles

2005 Full Year Report as 4/29/05

Balance December 31, 2004 3,315.23

INCOME

Memberships 2005	1,790.00
Annual dinner/dance	1,880.00
Golf	1,570.00

Total Income	5,240.00
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EXPENSES

Ice breaker	575.80
Newsletter	281.58
Web site	155.85
P. O. Box rental	58.00
Stamps	257.17
Dinner/dance	1,950.00
General meeting	202.76
Golf	1,563.97
Supplies	42.55

Total Expenses	5,176.64
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Balance April 29, 2005	3,378.59
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Membership – Join Today! By Bob Slaney

We want active members to encourage other eligible members to join the QCC. You've done a great job so far.

Thanks to Ronda Rattray for helping me get started as your membership guy for 2005.

Please call me with comments or suggestions.

How to join:

<http://www.atlqcc.org/Application/application.htm> Mail the printed form (be sure to include your e-mail address) and your check for \$10 to:

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

Community Programs By Nancy Guarascio

Atlanta QCCers have been generous in supporting a wide variety of Community Service Programs. Earlier this year you "Bought the Farm"* served as clerks for the judges of the Southeastern Flower Show and you gave of your time and talents to Rebuilding Together.

We invite you to support to the following programs

Rebuilding Together – What a difference one week can make with the wind, rain, and lightning. On Saturday May 7, (rescheduled from April 30 due to inclement weather), a small group of able and willing IBM QCCers met and accomplished essentially all of the assigned work for three homes in the Center Hill area of Northwest Atlanta. From repairing gutter fascia to installing storm doors, from yard cleanup to installing a French drain, a cooperative spirit and high level of enthusiasm spread throughout the crew. IBMQCC can be very proud of the efforts of this group that made some disadvantaged homeowners very happy.

Adopt a Service Person -- After much investigation I have found a great Web site: WWW.ANYSOLDIER.COM. You can choose to adopt a soldier, sailor, or marine. Your adoptee can let you know what is needed, and you can send what you can. In most cases, a short note or card would be appreciated. If you want, you can send small items like bug spray or beanie babies or you can send a contribution to the Any Soldier organization and they will send prepackaged boxes.

QCC Chorus – Have you ever participated in a singing group? You know what fun it can be. That's the idea behind the QCC Chorus. We will hold an organization meeting in June to decide on our music and venues. If you would like to be a part of this new project, call or e-mail Nancy Guarascio at 770-977-0472 or lagnwg1@aol.com.

* HYDE Farm -- As we go to press, the status of Hyde Farm is uncertain. The Friends of Hyde Farm were successful in meeting their goal of \$250,000.00. In fact, they exceeded that goal by \$7,000. Unfortunately the heirs of Mr. Hyde have decided to contest the agreement he made with the Georgia Trust for Public Land. The matter is before the courts. We await the judge's decision.

Events By Tom Satterlee

What a great start we've had this year! We have held four very successful events.

Past events -- In January, over 50 people attended our Ice Breaker at Sidelines.

In February, we held the annual dinner/dance at The Prime Hotel Suites in Sandy Springs where over 50 attended. The food was spectacular and the DJ hit all the right tunes.

In March, the annual general meeting was held at IBM Hillside location where over 100 attended. Mike Kavanaugh kept the group spell bound discussing investment and financial planning.

In April, the club held the first Golf outing of the year attended by 39 of IBM QCC's finest golfers (see the news article for details).

Future events -- We have a slate of great events coming up that you won't want to miss.

On May 18, we will host a very special free seminar on crime prevention at Sidelines. In a world fraught with violent and other crime, staying "safe" isn't difficult, it just takes a bit of *focus*. Finger food will be provided by the QCC and you may purchase beverages.

On June 13, we will have our second golf outing. An article follows.

In July, we plan to have a picnic -- date and location to be determined.

Some of the other events on the list are GPTV Support, Blue Ridge Train ride, more golf outings, and a holiday gathering.

We notify everyone by e-mail of upcoming events. If you aren't seeing the notices, we don't have your e-mail address. Please send a note with the address to anyone on the board. You can find their e-mail addresses on the Web site at www.atlqcc.org.

Also, check the Web site for future events.

OCC Golf Outings Rate High Marks (and Low Scores)!

Past: April, Bradshaw Farms

A great start to the 2005 QCC golf outings had 39 golfers teeing off at Bradshaw Farms. The weather was perfect, the course was in good shape, and our fellowship was thriving. At the outing, we added 14 people to the 2005 QCC membership ranks, bringing us to over 300 current members.

Everyone received a sleeve of golf balls and cold drinks to start play (we didn't get a count of how many had any golf balls left after play). At the conclusion, we awarded some upscale prizes. Team play was won by Ron Fodor and Don Garrow who received a box of Pinnacle Golf balls each. Dale Corcoran won the low gross with an 80 and received a box of Callaway Golf Balls. Tom McCleary won closest to the pin winning a ball monogram tool, and Dale Corcoran won longest drive receiving a gift pack of golf supplies.

Future: June 13, Hampton Golf Village

We're ready for the second QCC golf outing after a great opening round at Bradshaw Farms. We'll move courses to the Hampton Golf Village just north of Cumming, where we played our final round last year. The course was challenging and in great shape last year. We expect the same this year.

The format will be a shotgun start at 10am with the awards for low net, longest drive, closest to the pin, and team award. Cost for this outing will be \$35 per person for 2005 QCC members and \$45 for QCC qualified non-members. For information on the course, go to <http://hamptongolfvillage.com/> Send an e-mail to Tom Satterlee at satterlee@bellsouth.net to reserve a spot for you or your favorite foursome. Send checks made out to IBM QCC to Tom Satterlee at 8695 River Bluff lane, Roswell, Ga. 30076.

Hope to see you all there!

Travel Log by Tom Satterlee

Tucson, Arizona

I just returned from a trip to Tucson, Arizona, and found the area a great place to visit in the winter months. Weather there in the winter is in the low to high 70s with little rain.

Tucson is *the* authentic Southwestern destination with mile after mile of pristine desert, cactus like nowhere else on earth, and spectacular mountains in every direction. It's absolutely incredible.

Tucson boasts legendary golf on many of the best target courses in the country with pleasing traditional layouts. Revitalize yourself in Tucson's world-renowned spas. Steep yourself in unique culture and Old West history. Go birding, stargazing, exploring, or just kick back by the pool. Sports spectators will find outdoor games and exhibitions all year. Tucson is the only city in the nation to host three Major League Baseball spring training teams: the [Arizona Diamondbacks](#), [Chicago White Sox](#), and [Colorado Rockies](#). Tucson also hosts the largest gem convention in the world. You can see many rare stones, shop in the many booths and attend many seminars on gems.

On the Tucson City Tour, you will see "A" Mountain, El Tiradito Shrine, El Presido and La Casa Cordova, Snob Hollow, Old Town, University of Arizona, Arizona Historical Society, San Xavier del Bac Mission, and more. You will discover the origins of

Tucson as established by the Spanish Conquistadors in the mid 1500s. Bring your camera! Get an overview of Tucson from the heights of "A" Mountain. Tour Barrio Historico, the finest collection of adobe homes in the Southwest! See El Tiradito Shrine, El Presidio neighborhood and quaint La Casa Cordova, the oldest adobe home in the city. Swing through Snob Hollow. Visit Old Town Artisans, an historic treasure trove complete with unique gift shops. See the University of Arizona campus and the Arizona Historical Society. You'll finish up at San Xavier del Bac Mission, "Sistine Chapel" of the southwest. Founded by Father Kino in the late 1600s, it is known as "The White Dove of the Desert."

The real Old West was once alive in Southern Arizona. Tombstone, the site of the real-life "Showdown at the OK Corral," is one of Arizona's most popular attractions. Countless Hollywood movies have been filmed here along the rustic boardwalks, against rugged mountain ranges. Reminders of the untamed frontier—the railroad depots and mines, saloons, jails, gunslingers, and dance-hall singers—can be found in real towns throughout Southern Arizona.

The world's largest collection of optical telescopes is located high above the Sonoran Desert. Kitt Peak, on the Tohono O'odham Reservation, is home to 22 optical and two radio telescopes representing dozens of astronomical research institutions. The National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO), funded by the National Science Foundation, oversees site operations on Kitt Peak. Explore the Visitor Center exhibits and gift shop or take a tour to learn about astronomy. Visit the National Solar Observatory exhibit gallery and watch scientists operate the world's largest solar telescope. Docent-lead tours run daily 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m. Self-guided nightly stargazing is offered at the Visitor Center, using the 16-inch telescope. This program is limited to 20 people and requires reservations made well in advance. It runs daily and depends on the weather.

Tohono Chul Park is the Southwest's center where nature, art, and culture connect. As

you walk down the winding nature trail through various desert gardens; tour the Exhibit Hall and enjoy a meal or afternoon tea in the Tea Room and shop in the Greenhouse and Museum Shops. You begin to understand why the desert is so cherished in Tucson. Experience the beauty of one of the most unique Southwestern desert canyons on a Sabino Canyon tram ride. Sabino Canyon is a natural desert oasis located in Tucson's Coronado National Forest and is home to spectacular desert landscapes and abundant wildlife. During the winter and summer rainy seasons, pools of water form in rocky outcroppings that wind up among hillsides resplendent with palo verde trees, cholla and prickly pear cactus and graceful groves of ocotillo. Enjoy a narrated 3.8 mile tour into the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains. Daytime rides run 365 days a year. Moonlight rides run three times monthly April through December.

Approximately an hour and a half south of Tucson is Nogales, Mexico -- truly a shopper's paradise and delightful place to sample the cuisine! You can stop by the famous mission, San Xavier del Bac that I mentioned earlier. U.S. Currency is accepted in all Nogales Shops. Visitors to Mexico may purchase up to \$400 in merchandise duty free. Check on the ID requirements and other stipulations of traveling across the border.

This is just a small part of what you can see in Tucson -- one of the fastest growing, highly rated areas for retirees.

ATLQCC Web site

By Jon Jessen

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

Jon has a lot of ideas and intends to redesign the site to be a little friendlier and faster loading for those with slower Internet connections.

IBM History and Trivia

By Ron Floyd

Here are the answers to the informal history quiz in our last newsletter.

1. During the 1930s, Watson, Sr. served as the president of an organization. Their motto was "World Peace through World Trade." What was the organization?
International Chamber of Commerce

2. A renovated fraternity house on Manhattan's West Side became the Watson Scientific Computing Lab. There, in the mid-50s, a group of scientists developed the most widely used computer language for technical work. What was it?
FORTRAN

3. This somewhat famous "document" resulted from antitrust charges brought by the fed. Govt in 1952. What was the name of this 1956 document that required IBM to "sell" as well as lease its machines?
Consent Decree

4. In April 1964, Watson, Jr. called this new product "the most important product announcement in company history". Fortune Magazine also called it "IBM's \$5 Billion gamble". What was this new product?
System/360

5. "The Little Tramp" advertising campaign in 1981 and 1982 featured what new, revolutionary IBM product? IBM PC

And for our next set of questions:

1. When Tom Watson Sr. came to CTR, IBM's forerunner company in 1914, He established his "founding vision." Can you quote these five words?
2. The 1890 U.S. census was accomplished using tabulators invented by this man. Can you name him?
3. In 1920, CTR had 3 primary product lines. Can you name them?
4. The first IBM electric typewriters were introduced and advertised as "writing machines." In what year?
5. This "first" production-line computer designed for scientific calculations began deliveries in 1953. Can you name it?

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QCC Musings

What can I obtain from the Quarter Century Club? That is a question I asked several years ago when I was encouraged to come to a board meeting...”to see what’s going on ... you’ll like it!”

I have enjoyed the years since that invitation. Why? Because I have spent some time -- not very much in the grand scheme of the world -- doing things that are fun and some things that are almost boring. So, why? The boring things -- folding newsletters, putting stamps on them -- are really easy and they’re enjoyable because of the other people with me. Most of all, it’s worthwhile because you read the newsletter and have said by your responses and actions that there is value in the activities of the QCC. The fun things are easier to define: golf tournaments, car shows at a picnic, and dancing with my wife at the annual dinner/dance.

Most of all, I have been with people who have a common heritage — IBM! Some were colleagues whose professionalism, team work, and support I enjoyed. Others I may have met briefly or not all. Both groups are now in a different environment, one where we are not career focused, rather one where we are doing something fun (see above and some of the articles in this issue) and something that will leave a mark on our world, a phone volunteer at the Public Broadcasting appeal as an example.

Bottom line, these people are old and new friends, good people. I have seen value in their actions and learned by being with them.

I am glad I was invited and went to that meeting.

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