



GREATER ATLANTA CHAPTER IBM QUARTER CENTURY CLUB

MAY 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By
Ron Floyd



The old analogy of "When it rains, it pours" was never more true than early in 2007. Your board has pleaded in the past for more of you to step up and join in the ongoing governance of your QCC and four did step up this year. Our thanks to Bart Bartholomew, Doug Jenkins, Vic Mazza and George Turner. Each has not only joined in but is already making contributions! Of course, we are always ready for a few more, too.

Our speaker at the March annual meeting, local attorney George Fox, was a huge success. His very succinct message on wills, living wills, probate and so on, was well received. We've had numerous "right on" and similar comments from those attending. Hopefully, his messages have or will prompt many to be sure that their wishes are properly documented! Circumstances and laws change and even if you weren't there, you would be well advised to review and update your legal documents to ensure that your intents will happen.

Please note that with this month's postal rate increase, hard copy mailing of your QCC newsletter becomes too costly. To help preserve our low annual dues, we will shift to e-mail newsletters. We are aware that there are a few folks who do not have a computer and we will try to accomodate those with continued hard copy.

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We have many more events coming this year. Along with the informative QCC email blasts, the web site is kept up-to-date, too, with coming attractions! Stay tuned...

Want to join the Atlanta IBM QCC? Contact Bob Slaney 770-222-4853 (rjslaney@comcast.net) or Ron Floyd 770-591-3578 (rfloyd1094@comcast.net)



EVENTS CALENDAR By Dave Books

- **Atlanta Botanical Gardens** - Thursday, May 17 (See Page 2 for details)
- **Wine Tasting at D'Vine** - Thursday, June 21 (See Page 2 for details)
- **Liquor Tasting** - July
- **Real Estate Seminar** - August
- **Annual Picnic** - September – Locations being considered include Chukker Farms Polo Fields, Milt Robson Car Museum, Lake Allatoona Picnic Grounds
- **Live Theater** - Fall
- **Holiday Ice Breaker** - December

Under Consideration:

- Hospital Art Charitable Opportunities
- Vacation Travel Panel Discussion
- Financial Matters Panel Discussion

Don't Miss These Upcoming Events

IBM QCC goes to a Wine Tasting - June 21st, 2007 @ 6:30PM:

Thursday June 21st will be our first wine tasting. We will meet at d'Vine Wine Bar & Shop in Dunwoody at 6:30 PM to sample 4 wines and a glass of your favorite – from the four -- and enjoy food from the kitchen. Plus a discussion of wine tasting characteristics to look for by Bob Leavey, owner of d'Vine.

Only \$25 per person gets you into the wine tasting and all the conversations with your friends and former colleagues. Please send a check for you and any guests to Mike McGuire, 7495 Old Maine Trail

Atlanta GA 30328 by June 10th so we can prepare properly. Send your checks, made out to the Atlanta Chapter IBM QCC to:

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Please address any question to Mike via e-mail (MikeMcguire2@earthlink.net) or phone him at 770-394-5690.

d'Vine is located at 5486 Chamblee Dunwoody Road in the The Shops of Dunwoody. Visit their web site dvine@AtlantaWineBar.com

First Golf Outing - Trophy Club - May 14th, 2007:

We'll try a different format for low net. We'll use a 54 point quota system. Add points as follows: 1 for double boggy, 2 for boggy, 3 par, 4 birdie, 5 eagle. Total these points and subtract from 54 along with your handicap. The one with the highest number wins unless you have won the low gross. there will also be awards for closest to the pin and longest drive plus a surprise award. Again, let me know if you are playing and I left you off the list. Cost is \$43 and if you haven't paid send a check made out to the Atlanta IBM QCC to Tom at 8695 River Bluff Lane Roswell Georgia 30076. Hope to see you all there.

(eMail Tom Satterlee) or call him at 770-587-4464 if you have any questions.

Cocktails in the Garden - May 17th - 6:00PM - 10:00PM:

The QCC social committee has reserved 20 tickets to the "Cocktails in the garden" event at the Atlanta Botanical Garden on May 17th. While you tour the Botanical Garden, taking in all the splendor of the various plant life, the staff will be serving cocktails. The event will start at 6pm and last till 10pm with a cost of \$10 per person. This will also be a great opportunity to see the sunset over Atlanta while you tour the garden.

To reserve your ticket send an e-mail to Tom Satterlee at satterlee@bellsouth.net and send a check made out to the Atlanta IBM QCC for \$10 per person to:

Tom Satterlee
8695 River Bluff Lane,
Roswell, Georgia 30076.

Don't miss out on this special event; get your reservation in today. Tickets won't last.

It's Off To Canada For Fun, Relaxation

By the time you read this article, I will be driving up through the mountains of the Carolinas, Virginia and Pennsylvania, headed for a relaxing fishing trip about 100 miles north of Montreal in the Laurentian mountain range. If you are planning to go to Eastern Canada, places to see include Niagara Falls, the cities of Toronto and Montreal, plus Mont Tremblant.



TRAVELOGUE!

By Tom Satterlee

As we enter Canada, we are passing **Niagara Falls**. Niagara Falls is a set of massive waterfalls located on the Niagara River in eastern North America on the border between Canada and the United States.



Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls (French: les Chutes du Niagara) is comprised of three separate waterfalls: the Horseshoe Falls (Canadian Falls), the American Falls, and the smaller, adjacent Bridal Veil Falls. The Falls are located 16 miles from Buffalo, N.Y., and 43 miles from Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The distance to downtown Toronto is 80 miles when using roads. So it's on to Toronto.

Toronto City- Located in southern Ontario, Toronto, the fifth-largest city in North America, is commonly referred to as the world's most multicultural city. If you take the time to walk around downtown and see all that it has to offer,

you will see that this is most certainly true. From Little Italy to Greektown, Chinatown to Little India, the Gay Village and the Fashion district, Toronto offers everything you could possibly think of, and then some. Toronto, Huron for "meeting place", has always been an important trading center and still lives up to its name. Now on to Montreal.

Montreal is the second-largest French-speaking city in the world after Paris. The economic and cultural center of Quebec is a cosmopolitan city. The lively bilingual city retains much of its European heritage, particular in the old city, Vieux-Montréal. Large stone buildings and churches edge the many cobblestone streets and squares. At Place Jacques-Cartier, street

performers entertain customers in the square's sidewalk cafés. Celine Dion chose the glorious Notre-Dame-de-Montreal Basilica for her wedding. Château Ramezay, built for a French governor, the Center of History and the Pointe-à-Callière

Archaeology and History Museum look at the city's past. Up the hill, in central Montreal, are two major art galleries and the Canadian Center for Architecture with rotating examples of architects' work. Opposite McGill University, the McCord Museum of Contemporary History documents Canadian life.

Olympic Stadium's leaning tower dominates the eastern skyline. In the complex, the Bio Dome displays arctic to tropical landscapes. Across the road, the Botanical Garden boasts a Japanese garden. Montreal reputedly has more restaurants

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Niagara, Toronto, Montreal and Mont Tremblant

per capita than any other Canadian city. Now we head north of Montreal into the Laurentian mountains.

We pass Mont Tremblant, which is a large year-round resort about one-and-a-half hours north of Montreal. It is best known as a ski destination, but also features a lake suitable for swimming (if you like cold water), and a golf course in the summer months. The name of the mountain, Mont Tremblant, means “trembling mountain” in French. The summit is at an elevation of 3,150 feet, which makes it the tallest peak in the Laurentians Mountains. Now we are getting near our final destination Fer a’ Cheval, the Fishing lodge.

The lodge is in a vast territory of about 238 km in the heart of Quebec's wilderness that boasts more than 35 lakes and the majestic Bazin river. Along with the traditionally excellent fishing and hunting, the lodge offers year-round outdoor activities and the accommodations are nice.

We'll spend a week here trying to outwit the fish and telling many stories of the one that got away. But if you get a chance to visit Eastern Canada, hopefully this will help you plan your trip.



Toronto



Montreal



The dining room at Fer a' Cheval Fishing Lodge



The lake at Fer a' Cheval Fishing Lodge

Members Make QCC Fun, Successful

We have 310 members as of April 15th! I encourage you to invite anyone who was a former member to try us again. We have a lot of terrific activities planned: golf, theater nights, a visit to the Botanical Gardens and wine tasting, to name a few.

The success of our QCC depends on each of us being involved.

If you have suggestions, please contact Ron Floyd (rfloyd1094@comcast.net) or Bob Slaney (rjslaney@comcast.net).

Thank you for making our jobs as board members fun and personally rewarding.

Theater Night -
April 6th:
Twenty-seven

QCCers attended a terrific performance of "All the King's Men" at Marietta's Theater in the Square on April 6th. We'll go to another play this fall so plan now to attend.



MEMBERSHIP

By Bob Slaney

Help Us To Offer A Great Financial Seminar



We plan to offer a panel discussion led by experts (some who are QCCers) that will discuss the topic of "Managing Your Money in Retirement."

Some possible quick topics or questions on which each panel member could offer quick comments:

- Wills
- Trusts
- Long term care
- Financial planning (what's the general gameplan, portfolio design, making it last!)
- Financial planners (who can you trust?)
- Dealing with inflation over the years

Send your ideas and whether you'd be interested in attending to Bob Slaney (rjslaney@comcast.net)

MedShare International Is A Worthy Charity

By Ron Floyd

By now, everyone has received an e-mail about this nonprofit organization that provides unused medical products from hospitals and clinics to needy countries throughout the world. We mention it here, again, because of the serious value this organization provides that can quite literally save lives. Anyone looking to lend some time and energy to a deserving organization that depends, in large measure on volunteers, is encouraged to check it out and get involved.

One can see just about anything and everything about MedShare at: www.medshare.org

Here are the answers to the trivia questions in the January newsletter:

1. In 1969, IBM marketing changed and no longer offered hardware, services and software in packages. This change was commonly referred to by the use of a single word. What was that word? **Unbundled**



IBM
HISTORY
& TRIVIA
By Ron Floyd

2. IBM's first PC incorporated DOS (disk operating system) purchased from what 32-person company? **Microsoft**

3. In 1993, IBM for the first time in its history found a new leader from the "outside." Who was that new leader/CEO? **Louis V. Gerstner Jr.**

4. For a record seventh time, IBM received in 2000 our nation's highest award for technological innovation. What is the name of this U.S. award? **National Medal of Technology**

5. Another record for IBM (vs. any other company) was set in 2003. For the eleventh year in a row, IBM received more of "these", extending its run as the most innovative company. What were "these"? **Patents**

Now, can you answer these 5 questions?

1. In the December 1953 issue of Think Magazine, an article was devoted to a new "medium for educational, scientific and cultural dissemination" for people and business. Can you name this new medium that was then in its infancy?

2. Speaking of Think Magazine, can you guess the year when the first issue was published?

3. Southwestern Bell Telephone started using CTR and then IBM equipment in 1920. However, one item of equipment used by its local and long-distance operators to "whisk" information between the operators was not provided by IBM. What was this piece of equipment "worn" by each operator?

4. The very first IBM Quarter Century Club meeting was held in Atlantic City in what year?

5. In 1944, as the result of a project between IBM and Harvard University, the "first automatic, general-purpose digital calculator" was delivered to the University. It weighed 5 tons and was the biggest electromechanical calculator of them all. What was it called?

Advertise in the Atlanta IBM QCC Newsletter

The Atlanta IBM Quarter Century Club will now accept member business advertisements in this newsletter.

Your board has been asked by a number of members in the past to accept advertising. This will be a way to help defray the cost of annual events, newsletter, web site and other expenses, and to help hold the line on our low annual dues.

The criteria and cost are:

1. \$100 for one year of newsletters (3 issues: January, May and September). If your ad starts in, for example, May, it will run through the

following January. Once started there will be no refunds.

2. The business must be owned by the QCC member or the member's immediate family (spouse, sons, daughters).

3. Advertisements will be business card size, 2"x3.5".

4. Your QCC reserves the right to decline an advertisement for any reason.

5. Should you wish to advertise in the QCC newsletter, please send a check made out to IBM Quarter Century Club for \$100 along with your business card to: IBM Quarter Century Club, Greater Atlanta Chapter, P.O. Box 420592, Atlanta, Ga. 30342

Pack A Picnic This Summer With QCC

By Doug Jenkins


Picnic Anyone?

Your QCC social committee plans to host a picnic in 2007, and we welcome your input!

We intend to provide a complete picnic lunch for members and spouses/significant others at

a nearby activity-oriented venue.

Details are to be determined, and this is where you come in. If you would, please send an email TODAY to Doug Jenkins, DLJ135@hotmail.com with your suggestions regarding timing and venue. Where do you suggest that we picnic? What day of the week is best? Many thanks for your help!



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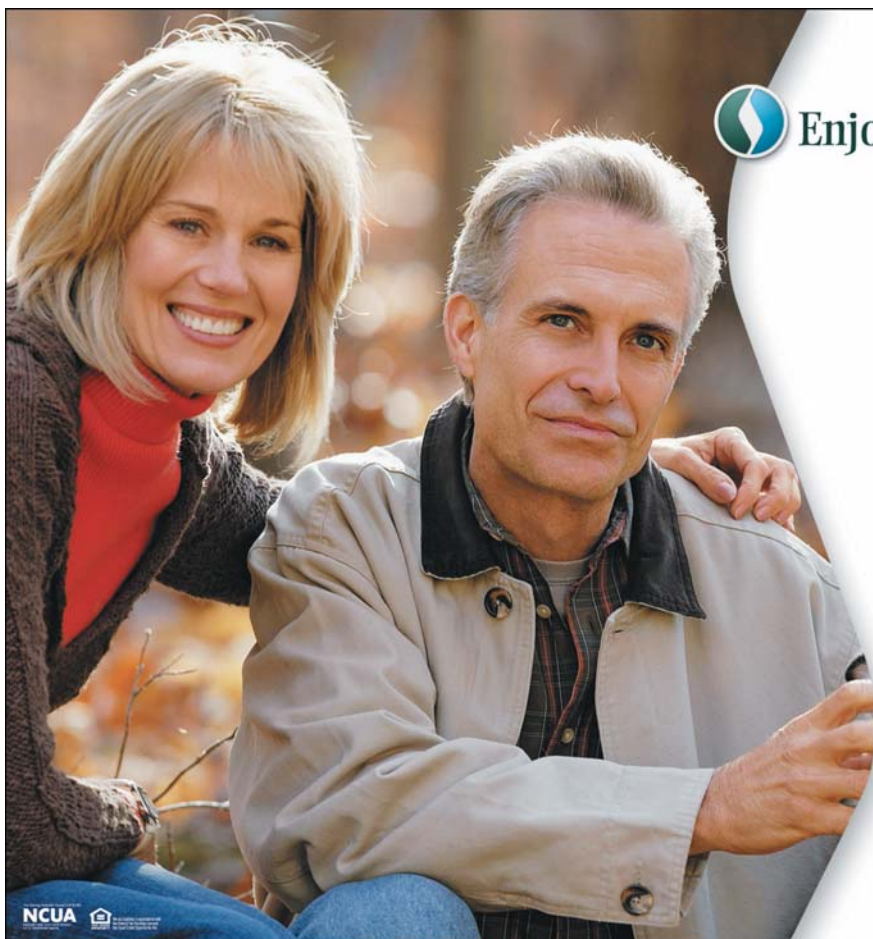
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