



# GREATER ATLANTA CHAPTER IBM QUARTER CENTURY CLUB

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By  
**Ron Floyd**



This will be my last newsletter "president's message". After nearly three years as your president, I have advised the board that it's time for a change. Make no mistake, I have been honored to serve in that capacity, but I believe every organization benefits with a change in leadership from time to time. However, I am not dropping out. I've also advised the board members that if they see fit, I will be happy to continue to serve in another capacity.

With this last president's message from me, permit me to one more time remind everyone that those of us who serve on your QCC board do so

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because we enjoy it, and, more importantly, we strive to keep this long-time IBM tradition alive and well. We all have our notions about how IBM has changed over the years, positive and negative, but the QCC tradition, I believe, is something positive and something to preserve.

I have been some part of your board now for six to seven years and hope to continue indefinitely. Come join me and the others who serve - help us help you. Serving the QCC is not at all difficult time-wise or otherwise, and it is enjoyable. Call or e-mail me or any board member. We would be pleased to answer any questions. Hope to see each and every one of you at one or more of our many yearly events!

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**

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES **SEE PAGES 2 & 3 FOR DETAILS**

For the most up-to-date information on our activities, please see the Activities page on our web site ([www.atlqcc.org](http://www.atlqcc.org))

- **Thursday, Sept. 20, 6:30 PM: Managing Your Money in Retirement**
- **October: Golf at Woodmont Golf Course**
- **Oct. 5 & Feb. 1: Live at the Canton Theatre - Two performances**
- **Saturday Dec. 8, 2 PM - "I'll Be Home for Christmas - Marietta's Own Big Chicken Chorus" (Barbershop Harmony Society)**
- **Early December Holiday Social - A casual social gathering to celebrate the holiday season. Details to come**

# Don't Miss These Upcoming Events

## **"Managing Your Money in Retirement" Thursday, Sept. 20, 6:30 PM**

We have over 80 reservations so far! Make your reservation now if you want to attend. We have booked the Hillside Auditorium for September 20, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. We have an expert moderator in our own Rick Anderson, who has recruited a group of very knowledgeable panelists. Rick will lead this informative discussion. The topics to be covered include:



### **Portfolio Management:**

- What are some strategy considerations for asset allocation?
- How can risks be managed within a retirement portfolio?
- What should be considered when determining a target rate of return?
- What should be considered in developing an income distribution plan (and/or an income stream)?
- What are the differences between active and passive management?
- How to determine an appropriate portfolio investment withdrawal rate?

### **Inflation:**

- In what ways does inflation affect ones financial position during retirement?
- How to deal with inflation in retirement investment management?

### **Beneficiaries and heirs:**

- Why are beneficiary designations on

retirement plans and IRAs important and how can they be used?

- When wanting to pass assets to heirs what are some good points to consider to minimize taxes?

### **Financial planners:**

- What are the benefits of professional financial planning support?
- What are some criteria in selecting a financial planner
- How can one find a fee-only financial planner?

### **Other:**

- What are the implications of Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)?
- What are some of the aspects of long term care to be understood?

### **Our expert moderator and panelists:**

Rick Anderson - Moderator  
Catherine Turner - Panelist  
Lew Forbes - Panelist  
Patrick McArdle - Panelist  
Donald Horton - Panelist

Book your calendar now. Please confirm a reservation by e-mailing Bob Slaney (rjslaney@comcast.net) so that we will know how many snacks and drinks to bring.

QCC spouses and family welcome!

### **Golf, Woodmont Golf Course, October**

The next outing will be at Woodmont Golf Course in October. Date to be determined. Contact Tom Satterlee or call him at

770-587-4464 for information and to sign up. All QCCers, spouses and family welcome!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

### **Live at the Canton Theatre - Two performances**

The Canton Theatre is offering two performances at \$19.50 per ticket. Both performances are expected to sell out quickly. Book these dates now and send your check today. Please note which performance(s) you want and how many seats for each in the memo

area of each check. Send your checks made out to Bob Slaney (rjslaney@comcast.net) to:  
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### **Lewis Grizzard - In His Own Words - Friday Oct. 5 at 8:00 PM**

A critically-acclaimed one-man show recreating the late Lewis Grizzard onstage makes a stop in Canton. It stars actor Bill Oberst Jr., a dead ringer for the author and

humorist who died in 1994. This show has played to sell-out crowds at the Fox Theater in Atlanta.

Fifty seats have been reserved for the QCC. We will lose any seats that are unsold by Sept. 30 if the theater is sold out.

### **Great American Rock and Roll Revival - Friday, Feb. 1, 2008 at 8:00 PM**

Butch and the Buckheads: 20 years of Rock 'N Roll has paid off for this internationally known Atlanta-based group.

"Elvis": Voted the #1 Elvis Tribute artist at the "E" festival in Cornelia, GA, this young and vibrant entertainer performs more than 100 sold-out shows per year all across the southeastern United States.

The Sock Hops: This five-piece vocal group has entertained encore audiences for 13 years, appearing with the likes of The Swinging Medallions, Peter Noone (Herman's Hermits), Three Dog Night, and The Temptations. Their repertoire includes music from the 50s, 60s and 70s.

This show will probably sell out by Thanksgiving. Fifty seats have been reserved for the QCC. Again, we will lose any seats that are unsold if the rest of the theater is sold out.

### **"I'll Be Home for Christmas - Marietta's Own Big Chicken Chorus" (Barbershop Harmony Society) - Saturday, Dec. 8 at 2:00 PM**

The Big Chicken Chorus will perform their annual Christmas show at the Anderson Theater of the Cobb Civic Center. To order tickets, make your check for \$15.00 per ticket to "Atlanta IBM QCC" (write "Big Chicken" in the memo area) and mail it to:

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If you have questions, contact Bob at rjslaney@comcast.net, 770-222-4853.

QCC spouses, family and friends welcome! If you would like to see a preview of the chorus, the Big Chicken Chorus will perform on September 8 at the 9/11 Public Safety Festival in Glover Park in Marietta. There is no charge for this performance.

# Volunteering makes world a better place

Most of us, I'm sure, have had the opportunity to do volunteer work of some kind throughout the years. When you do, you discover just how rewarding it is to give back to the community.

Our Atlanta IBM QCC has been involved in community volunteer programs for many years. Current opportunities are listed on our web site (<http://atlqcc.org/Events/community.htm>).

Every spring we put together a work crew to join Rebuilding Atlanta in doing home repairs for those who aren't physically able and can't afford to hire someone to do it. This year we have had several sessions with MedShare, an organization that collects medical supplies that would otherwise be thrown away and ships them to third world countries where the need is so great.

I know anyone who has participated in either activity has come away feeling like they've done something very worthwhile and have enjoyed the camaraderie of friends while doing it.

We'll be setting up other volunteer sessions throughout the year. Many of us, I know, are heavily involved with community activities of our own, and for many other reasons our time is limited. But please try to be available whenever possible to help your Atlanta IBM QCC make the world a better place for everyone.



## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

By Dave Books

# QCCers make a difference

On Saturday, Aug. 4, 35 IBMers, IBM retirees, board members from The Front Porch of Atlanta, spouses, and children all convened at MedShare International in Decatur.

We worked from 9 am to noon sorting and packaging 547 boxes of medical supplies destined for people in countries all over the world, especially but not exclusively third world poorer countries, places where, as we heard, medical personnel have used, washed and dried, and re-used items as simple as rubber gloves.

The need for medical supplies is tremendous and never ending. MedShare International's ability to continue with this effort is only through people such as ourselves volunteering our time and our efforts.

The IBM QCC Board is extremely proud that we had such a great turnout, our third time at MedShare International. MedShare

International performs an invaluable service to people across the globe and our volunteer contributions were and are well appreciated.

We polled the volunteers from Aug. 4, and, based upon the feedback, the IBM QCC plans to set up an every-other-month Saturday morning volunteer date/time so that we can be counted on to continue making our contributions. The feedback from the volunteers also included many positive comments about the value of each of our contributions, the "feel good" impressions we were each left with, the strong, positive staff at MedShare International, and, importantly, the recommendation that we continue this volunteer program.

We will set up future dates/times, as said above, so please watch the email blasts for further information. And please, join us on these Saturday mornings. You are definitely needed.

# QCCers work with group helping children who have suffered a loss through death

You have hopefully seen various e-mail blasts and IBM QCC website notices on



The Front Porch of Atlanta. This is an Atlanta-based, nonprofit organization whose Board and other contributors are made up of volunteers. Former IBMer Carolyn

Ponte is the board president and retired IBMer Bart Bartholomew and his wife, Jackie, recently joined the board.

The Front Porch of Atlanta is a place for grieving children who have suffered a loss through the death of a loved one, usually a family member. The group currently meets monthly. Children and their families share their experiences with others who have had similar losses. This works wonders for those who are grieving. The Front Porch of Atlanta is a place for remembering, caring and healing. It is a place where children can join others like themselves to share and learn coping tools as they grow and manage their grief.

The feedback from children and parents who have entered the program has been tremendous. They have expressed their gratefulness and gratitude. There are no cookbook answers for these children, and most parents do not know how to provide for their child who has suffered a loss through death. The Front Porch of Atlanta is there for them.

But your help is needed. The Front Porch of Atlanta was modeled after The Dougy Center organization in Portland, OR. A few years ago, John Stossel of ABC's 20/20 news program did a segment on The Dougy Center. The 12-minute program is extremely powerful and very moving.

The Front Porch of Atlanta is in a "rebuilding" year and is



**Carolyn Ponte plays Santa last December at the monthly meeting of The Front Porch of Atlanta board of directors.**

looking to grow and diversify their Board of Directors. The board would welcome anyone from the IBM QCC as new board members or as volunteers - people helping with the children when they meet (training is provided).

Of course, as a nonprofit, The Front Porch of Atlanta is always looking for contributions, which are tax deductible for you.

The Front Porch of Atlanta is in the beginning stages of an evening get-together that will feature a wine tasting and a silent auction. This is slated for Thursday, Nov. 8, and will most likely be held in Decatur. Please mark your calendars for this worthwhile event and watch the IBM QCC e-mail blasts for further information.

If you are interested in becoming a board member or a volunteer counselor, or if you wish to donate or if you have ideas you would like to share, please contact Carolyn Ponte at [Carolynponte@aol.com](mailto:Carolynponte@aol.com), or call her at 678-640-1271. Also feel free to contact Bart or Jackie Bartholomew at [bartb30144@yahoo.com](mailto:bartb30144@yahoo.com) or 770 428-2731.

For more information, please visit their website at [www.thefrontporch.org](http://www.thefrontporch.org). The website is under construction, but The Front Porch of Atlanta is working to bring it up to date and add a lot more about the organization.

**Here are the answers to the trivia questions in the May newsletter:**

1. In the December 1953 issue of Think Magazine, an article was devoted to a new “medium for educational, scientific and cultural dissemination”



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for people and business. Can you name this new medium that was then in its infancy? **Television**

2. Speaking of Think Magazine, can you guess the year when the first issue was published? **1935**

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?

**Roller Skates**

4. The very first IBM Quarter Century Club meeting was held in Atlantic City in what year? **June 1924**

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? **Mark 1**

**Now, can you answer these 5 questions?**

1. The International Time Recording Co., the “R” in the IBM forerunner company CTR, introduced the mechanical time recorder in what year?

2. In the 1930s, IBM built a new world headquarters in New York City. For many years after it was usually referred to solely by its physical street address. What was that address?

3. After World War II, there was one small device developed for the radio industry that also made possible dramatic/fast computer technology development. What was that device?

4. Starting in 1946 and continuing for about another 25 years, these IBM employee and spouse events were held annually in just about every U.S. city with an IBM office. What were these events called?

5. “Real Time” data processing arrived in 1958 with this IBM-developed computer for the North American Air Defense System. This system weighed in at 113 tons and was “fed” information from hundreds of North American radar sites. What was the name of this computer system?

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E-mail Addresses!**

Some of you are not receiving the weekly e-mail blasts and you’re reading a paper copy of this newsletter because we don’t have a valid e-mail address for you. Please send an e-mail to Bob Slaney at [rjslaney@comcast.net](mailto:rjslaney@comcast.net) with your correct e-mail address.

As of Sept. 1, we have a total of 342 active members. If you would like to join, please click the Join button on our web site ([www.atlqcc.org](http://www.atlqcc.org)). Renewal time is coming up. We will be notifying you to renew late in 2007 or early 2008. Dues are still only \$10.00 per year.

**Help wanted:** I am looking for someone to take over membership in 2008. I will maintain the web site, the membership database, the directory and the e-mail blasts. I need someone to do the monthly letters inviting new inductees to join, to do the postal mailings, to follow up and to handle membership duties at our various events. If you are interested in giving back to the club, call Bob at 770-222-4853 or e-mail him at [rjslaney@comcast.net](mailto:rjslaney@comcast.net).



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Please send your ideas and suggestions on improving our web site to Bob ([rjslaney@comcast.net](mailto:rjslaney@comcast.net)).



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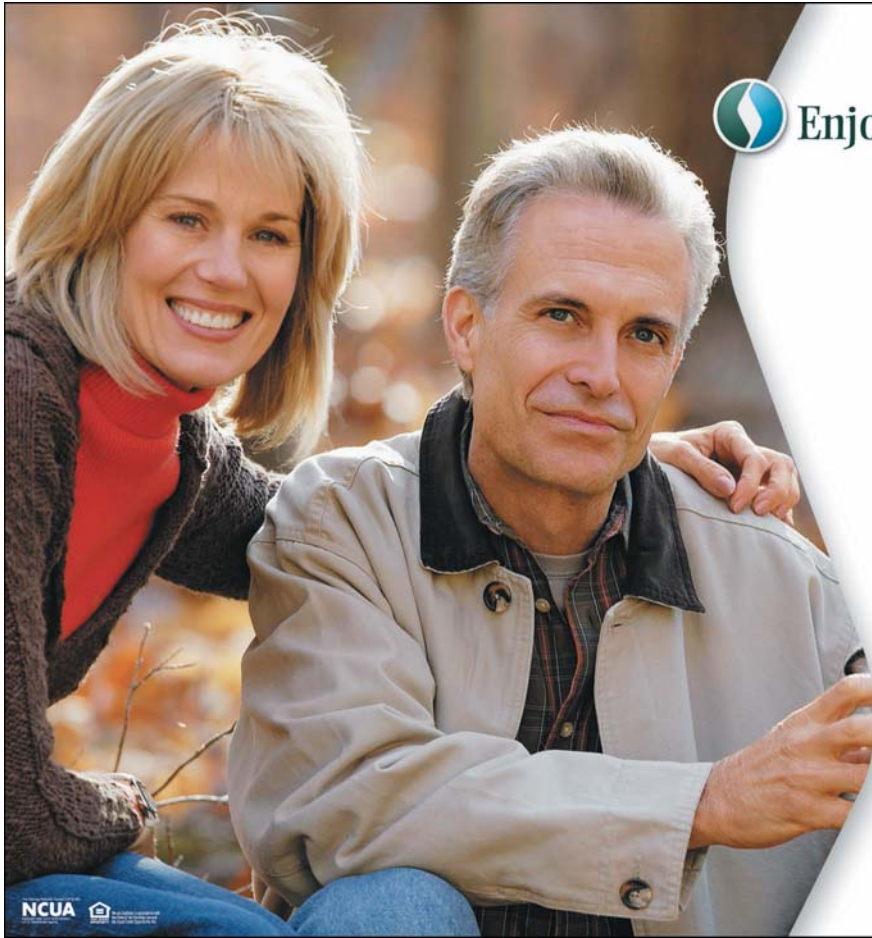
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