



GREATER ATLANTA CHAPTER IBM QUARTER CENTURY CLUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bart
Bartholomew



Hello All. We are 400 members strong now! I hope that everyone had a wonderfully rich summer and that you have great plans for the Autumn/Winter seasons, sharing with family and friends the holidays that are just around the corner. Isn't it amazing how rapidly the years pass by?

Apologies up front for coming across as a 'Johnny One Note' but I truly believe that what we collectively do as an organization and also as individuals leaves an important mark on our community. I strongly advocate that all of us QCCers contribute our time, and if possible our money, to any worthwhile nonprofit organization that helps our fellow man. As I have repeatedly written and mentioned, several of us voluntarily support MedShare International. I know that it is a long drive for most of us. But it is only one Saturday morning (9 a.m.-noon) every other month, and the impact we have around the globe is extremely satisfying. Please, try to join us on the upcoming dates in '08 and '09. We need you, MedShare needs you, and people across the world need you.

Throughout this newsletter and in our weekly e-mail blast, we list activities that we have put together. We hope that you take advantage of these, and that you tell us about anything else that you'd like to see us organize.

Also again: 1) we need your suggestions and recommendations for our QCC club's activities, and 2) we need more Board members. Please call or write me about how you can help the entire club. It is but a few hours once a month.

Want to join the Atlanta IBM QCC? Contact George Turner 770-635-7685 (gturner@csihome.com) or Bart Bartholomew 770-428-2731 (bartb30144@yahoo.com) Check out our web site: www.atlqcc.org

Don't Miss The Annual Picnic!

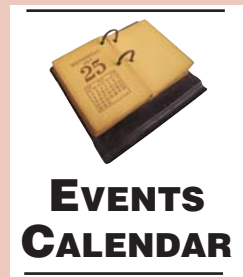
Our annual picnic will be Sunday, Sept. 14, at Picnic Area # 7 at Red Top Mountain. We already have 30

Get details and directions on PAGE 2 and on our web site.



QCCers signed up and we are looking forward to seeing even more of you. Send an email or call Ron Floyd soon so that we can properly plan on food and drinks. Besides Red Top's parking fee, there is no charge to QCC members (\$10.00 for non-members). And don't forget: Bring your classic car and you could win one of three "People's Choice" awards!

SEE ALL
THE
ACTIVITIES:
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- Sept. 25:**
Investment Forum -
6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 11:**
Fall Walk 'N Picnic -
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Nov. 22:**
MedShare volunteer event
- Dec. 3:**
QCC Holiday Party

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14

IBM QCC Annual Picnic: 1p.m. to 4 p.m. at Picnic Area #7, Red Top Mountain

Our QCC annual picnic and special car event is nearly here! We have reserved

picnic area #7 at Red Top Mountain. Our spot is very beautiful and right on the lake. It has a covered area with picnic tables for all of us as well as a new charcoal grill.



To get to the park, take exit 285 off I-75 just 7 miles north of Acworth. Picnic Area #7 is the second left after you cross Bethany Bridge (watch for signs). Check out the map on our web site at www.atlqcc.org.

We already have 30 QCCers signed up and we are looking forward to seeing even more of you. E-mail or call Ron Floyd soon so that we can properly plan on food and drinks. Except for the small parking fee at Red Top when you arrive, this event is

free to QCC members (\$10 for non-members).

Also, a number of QCCers are bringing their special cars. We know there are even more of you with a special antique car, classic muscle car or sports car (any vintage), and we want to see them at the picnic. There will be 1st,



2nd and 3rd place "People's Choice" Awards where all those attending can vote for their favorite. Uncover those special cars, shine 'em up a bit and bring them to the picnic.

To plan for the picnic fare appropriately and suitable space for the special vehicles, PLEASE do two things soon: Tell us how many to count on and, if you are bringing a vehicle, tell us briefly what it is (make, model and year). Simply send an email or call Ron Floyd at 770-591-3578.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3

Annual QCC Holiday Party: At Sidelines Grill

Please reserve the evening of December 3, 2008. The QCC Board has booked our

party at Sidelines. Please check the website and weekly e-mail blasts for further details. Contact Bart Bartholomew at 770-428-2731 or bartb30144@yahoo.com with any questions.

SATURDAY OCT. 11

**Fall Walk 'N Picnic:
9:30 or 10:30 a.m.
to 1 p.m.**



Join us for either an easy 1-hour, beautiful, historic walk, or a more rigorous 2-hour hike, through Sweetwater Creek State Park. Both groups will meet back at the Leeds Certified environmentally friendly Visitors Center for a look around it and the museum, followed by a picnic in a nearby reserved shelter (BYOP...bring your own picnic).

Walkers will meet at the Visitors Center at

10:30 am. Hikers will meet there at 9:30am. You will not need to carry your lunch on the hike as we will be eating in the vicinity of our cars.

Note that the trails are not paved.

Sweetwater Creek State Park is just west of Six Flags off I-20 at exit 44 (Thornton Rd) south. There is a \$3 parking fee per vehicle.

E-mail Bob Axt to confirm your participation or to ask any questions.
robertaxt@earthlink.net

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22 +

**MedShare
International Volunteer
Event: 9a.m. to Noon**

MedShare International performs an incredible job of providing medical supplies to well over 100 mostly third world countries across the globe. They do this work with volunteer efforts of hospital and other medical personnel in greater Atlanta as well as all over the U.S. who provide medical supplies that would otherwise wind up in landfills.

But MedShare is only able to totally fulfill their worthwhile mission with help from volunteers such

as the IBM Atlanta Quarter Century Club who prepare the supplies for shipping by packaging and labeling them.

MedShare named the QCC their volunteer organization of the year for 2007, thanks to the many volunteers who gave of their time and energy in this important effort. We now have a tradition to uphold.

WSB-TV ran a short segment on MedShare on June 29. It provides a visual introduction to MedShare and its activities. Go to the QCC website (atlqcc.org) to view the video.

Below are the dates the QCC is scheduled to provide 30 volunteers:

11-22-08
1-10-09
3-14-09
5-9-09
7-11-09
9-12-09
11-14-09

We had 22 enthusiastic people show up for our session on August 9. Thanks to all of you we were able to split up into two groups and really get a lot done. If there's any way you or someone you know can volunteer, call Dave Books at 404-266-1935 or e-mail Dave at dwbooks@juno.com

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25

Investment Forum:
6:30 p.m. at Vinings Library **\$\$**

The market certainly provides a fair amount of "drama," and this is the basis for our Sept. discussion. As usual, I'm glad to share my dividend investing experience. I just finished

reading a good book, "The Ultimate Dividend Playbook" by Josh Peters, an editor for the Morningstar Dividend Investor newsletter. Our forum addresses your investment questions and ideas. Join us in September! Rick Anderson, rkander@gmail.com (H/W) 770-432-3083 (C) 770-871-0809

(The IBM Quarter Century Club is not a sponsor of this investment forum. The forum is conducted by Rick Anderson, who is also a QCC member.)

Third QCC Golf Outing Successful

By Tom Satterlee

The Third Atlanta Quarter Century Club golf outing of 2008 was held at Bradshaw Farms Golf Course on August 18th. Twenty-three teed off with a 9 a.m. shotgun start and played the course in 4½ hours, a record time for our group.

The course was in great shape with the low gross score going to Charlie Ardis, who shot an 81. Nice round Charlie! Longest drive went to Bob Bradshaw, who hit a perfect drive down the middle almost 300 yards. Closest

We will be scheduling the last golf outing of 2008 tentatively for Oct. 13. A notice will be sent out when the details are finalized.

to the pin went to Lou Reyes, who was within 6 feet of the flag. Charlie Ardis, who won the low gross, actually was a little closer but had already won a category.



We held a mystery teammate event where a low handicap was teamed with a high handicap player, but they played in different groups so no one knew how they did until the final totals. In this event there was a tie between the teams of Glenn Michalski/Glenn Mccall, who shot a combined 177, and John Loconto/Tom Satterlee, who also shot a 177. The tie-breaker was combined score on the first par five, and that was won by John Loconto/Tom Satterlee. All in all, this was a very close team scoring, with the low team and high team only 20 points different.

Welcome To Our NEW Members!

The following QCCers are new to our club and have joined since our May 2008 newsletter. Welcome! If you'd like to contact them, look them up in our online directory.

Gailya Stephenson
Jeremy Cohen
William Clements

James Dunn
Charlie Stephenson Jr.
Thomas Bell

Barry Voichick
William Robinson
Horace Tantum III

We've Changed Our Address

The QCC has a new mailing address. Please make note of it:

IBM Quarter Century Club
P.O. Box 1193
Woodstock, Ga. 30188

An IBM History Perspective

Got a question about IBM past or present? He can probably get you an answer!

By Ron Floyd

Through the newsletter IBM History & Trivia Q&As I've been doing for several years now, and some old IBM products I've shown at a QCC gathering or two, one might gather that I enjoy delving into the IBM past. Very simply, the answer is an emphatic yes!

There are many aspects to my interest but, perhaps, the most significant part of my interest is that I think it is truly amazing that a single business has had so much impact on the world in which we live. There are countless areas of human life that have been bettered by IBM innovation, humanitarian efforts, and in many, many other ways. But, it really has nothing to do with a corporate entity, and everything to do with the IBM people over the years. It is IBMers who have helped to shape and better so many things, and not just the products.

I hope you share my passion for IBM's history and the people who have shaped our presence in the world. I'm not sure exactly what perfection is and surely IBM shouldn't be counted as a perfect enterprise, but I do believe few other businesses have ever approached perfection as closely as the now several million IBMers, past and present.

All of this is to also convey the thought that at any time, should any of you QCCers have a puzzling thought leading to an unanswered question about IBM's past, I would be happy to try to provide the answer. I have a number of references that I've accumulated, including all of the *Think* magazine issues since late 1953, several books and other historical material. If I can't find an answer from these, I'll go wherever needed to try to help, including the IBM Corporate Archivist.

“ Got a question?
Send me an
e-mail or call:
rfloyd1094@comcast.net
770-591-3578 ”



QCC Board Needs You!

Please consider joining the QCC board. We have a great team leading our QCC but several of our team have left us after having done some wonderful work for our club.

Being on the board is fun. You'll get to know some terrific people plus you'll be giving back to your club. Please contact Bart Bartholomew (770-428-2731) if you are interested or have any questions or suggestions.

Come to a board meeting as our guest and learn what we do. The board meets on the second Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m., at Sidelines on Roswell Road east of the Big Chicken.

Got A New E-Mail Address?

If you have changed your e-mail address recently or gotten one for the first time, please tell Bob at bob.slaney@atlqcc.org. And, if you have a home e-mail address in addition to a business one, your home e-mail address is preferred because businesses often treat our e-mails as SPAM.

Following are the answers to the five questions posed in the May newsletter:



1. The IBM Selective Sequence Electronic Calculator, unveiled in 1948, was the first operating computer to combine electronic computation

with what? **Stored Instructions (Software)**

2. The Curtis Wright plant in Woodbridge, N.J. was so large that it provided “these” to IBM Customer Engineers to facilitate their rounds servicing IBM equipment. What were the CEs provided? **Tri-Cycles**

3. In 1964 Tom Watson Jr. made what he called “The Most Important Product Announcement In Company History” and Fortune Magazine labeled the announcement “IBM’s \$5 Billion Gamble”.

What IBM Product generated these pronouncements?

System 360

4. January 8, 1982 marked the end of 13 years of expensive and time-consuming trouble for IBM. What ended on that date? **Anti-Trust Lawsuit (IBM won)**

5. In 1928, the top award available from IBM under this new program was \$100. What is this program that continues today (with significantly higher payouts)? **IBM Suggestion Plan**

Now, can you answer these five questions?

1. Thomas J. Watson Sr. led IBM for 42 years. However, he didn’t come to the company that would become IBM (CTR) at an early age. How old was Watson Sr. when he came aboard?

2. Although time cards and the clocks that “punched” them have largely disappeared, they became a fixture in many businesses by the early 20th cen-

ture. ITR (International Time Recording and the R in CTR) introduced the Mechanical Time Recorder in what year?

3. Many early applications of IBM equipment around the world were for a country’s national census. However, there were innovations involving the punch card too. Amsterdam became the first city to use IBM punch card equipment to create their first public (what?). Think two words involving the consumption of electricity.

4. When it came on the scene in 1959, it contained 10,000 transistors and a chain printer that turned out 600 lines a minute. Which well-known IBM product does this refer to?

5. As we all know, the IBM Selectric was a new innovation in typing and words like pivoting, tilting and skimming were often used to describe the ???? ?????. What are these two words that many used to describe the item that put ink to paper?

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More than 500 of the best websites for boomers and older Americans, dealing with everything from classic 1950s TV shows to genealogy, Medicare and Social Security, have been collected by AARP in a new, free data-

base. AARP information specialists have trolled the web for authoritative, informative sites that focus on topics of interest not only to people 50 and older and their families but also to researchers and professionals in the field of aging. The site also includes appropriate chat rooms. To learn more, go to: www.aarp.org/internetresources

Uncle Sam Wants You

The federal government, the nation's largest employer, is seeking 50+ workers to solve a potential brain drain. For the first time, three U.S. agencies have joined AARP's National Employer Team of 37 employers interested in older workers (www.aarp.org/employerteam). The Internal Revenue Service, the Peace Corps and the Small Business Administration Office of Disaster Assistance have full-time and part-time slots to fill, both inside and outside Washington.

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