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Hello from the President

We sincerely hope that your holidays were safe and well spent with family and friends.

We had a very successful BBQ at Udall Park in October, a nice golf outing at Santa Rita Golf Course in November, and a great holiday dinner/dance at the Radisson Hotel in December. Interestingly enough, these events are attended by a different make-up of QCC members and invited guests.

It is with this diversity in mind, that we try to organize our events to facilitate choice for our QCC membership. If you have not participated at any of our events, and want information about them; or if you have ideas for new events, please contact us.

We are now able to obtain the names of QCC inductees in advance of their 25 year service date. As a result, we are contacting their managers so that the inductee can have the opportunity to receive, a "welcome and congratulations" presentation at their event.

All the current officers were re-elected to serve for 2008. We thank you for your continued support. Let's work together to make the Tucson QCC a big success for 2008!

Juan Perez



Message from the Treasurer

Let me once again thank all of you who sent in your voluntary dues. For those new to the QCC, the dues are \$5 annually.

As we journey through another year, make a note of the different events that we have planned. Attend those that make your journey more enjoyable. Most if not all of us have heard it said that happiness is a journey, not a destination. I've heard it said several times, and some of those times I actually understood what it meant. As we get older, it seems to make sense more often. I recently saw a movie that gives a perspective of this. If you get a chance, try watching, "Peaceful Warrior".

Frank Saavedra, QCC Treasurer
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2008 Activity Calendar

March 22 Golf at Santa Rita
May 3 BBQ at Udall Park
June 20 Gas Light Theatre
July (tbd) Salsa Night at El Parador
September (tbd) Dinner Event
October (tbd) BBQ at Udall Park
October (tbd) Golf Event
December (tbd) Dinner/Dance Holiday Event

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Visit our Website

In addition to this newsletter, we also utilize our website to keep you informed of events and other updates that occur between newsletters.

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In Memoriam

March: Ronald E. Haines

September: Don Bushnell, Gerry Glew

January: Dennis Bennek

planned, organized, printed tickets, sold tickets, and negotiated with the hotel for a reasonably priced event. We are planning to hold another event at the same location at the end of the year. If you would like to help for this event, contact Tony or Juan.

New QCC Inductees

September	October
Rex Buckley	Wayne McKinley
David Binning	Danny Dumas
Dale Christiansen	
November	December
Dennis Martinez	Nicholas Rivero
January	
Ernest Gale	
Susan Encinas	
Jay Pancost	
Sharon Ridgeway	

Please let us know if we missed someone, thanks.
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Dancing at the QCC dinner/dance: Tony & Esther

RECENT EVENTS

November 3 - Golf Event at Santa Rita

44 golfers participated in the "orange ball" special golf tournament at Santa Rita Golf Course in Corona. Congratulations to the winners: the team of Bill Klaiber, Bruce Masters, Felix Munoz, and Reggie Browning won first place. Steve Johnson won honors and a prize for closest to the pin, and John Apostoliz won the longest putt contest. In addition, we enjoyed a very nice lunch at American Legion Post 109. Thanks for a fun day of golf.

Juan Perez

Christmas Dinner/Dance In December 2007

Approximately 150 IBM QCC members and invited guests enjoyed a great dinner and dance for last year's holiday festivities. The location was changed to the Radisson Hotel on Speedway as a result of feedback from our previous event. Once again, we had a great sit down dinner, special drink prices, mariachis entertainment during dinner, and a great DJ for foot-stomping, shoe-dragging dancing. Thanks to the Los Amigos and the QCC officers and other volunteers who

UPCOMING EVENTS



Golf at Santa Rita in March 22

Our next golf event will be on **March 22**, at 7:30 AM, shotgun start, "orange ball" scramble. Two scores will be marked, one for the three golfers, and one for the lone golfer playing the "orange ball". The "orange ball" will rotate among the players for each hole. At the end, we will count both scores to determine the winning team.

In order to offer golf, prizes, and lunch for \$42, we need 60 golfers or 15 foursomes. I will send out an email to all golfers that I have on my **email** distribution list. I would like to ask you to help me update this list so that I can reach as many possible players. Also, some people who would like to play

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may not be on the QCC mailing list. QCC members may invite a guest to play with their foursome.

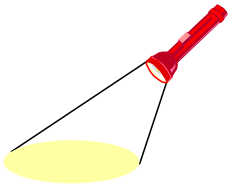
Make your check (\$42) payable to: **Tucson QCC** and mail to me at 731 E. Montgomery Ave, Corona de Tucson, AZ 85641. I will be posting the team sign-ups on our website under, "Updates".

Juan Perez

BBQ Outing at Udall Park on May 3

Potluck time again for our QCC members, **families and guests!** Again, we would like to especially invite QCC members with kids or grandkids. In addition to the great food menu, we plan to have other fun activities. Tony Romero, once again has offered to provide a jumping castle for our young folks to enjoy. We also plan to have horseshoes, volleyball games, and the "washer toss" game.

As always, the chefs will have the food ready for you to enjoy and we would like for you to **share** one of your favorite dishes from your kitchen for everyone to enjoy. **This event starts at 1:00 PM and will end at 6:00 PM ; the BBQ grill will start at 2 PM. We will be using Ramada # 6.**



June ~~29~~²⁰ Gaslight Theater

(Note: Date Correction in Title only)

For this year the QCC has reserved 44 tickets for a Gaslight Theatre Show in June. This year's show is "Beach Blanket Be-Bop -or- That's for Surfin'" mark your calendars for the **6:30 PM show on June 20th**. Please note that the show time is now at 6:30 PM. The cost this year is \$14.50 per ticket.

Don't forget that if someone in your party has a birthday or anniversary, notify the Gaslight House Manager on your arrival with the particulars (e.g. Birthday, Anniversary, etc) and the occasion will be recognized.

The deadline to purchase tickets will be **May 30th**. We will be sending out your tickets by the week of June 9th. The club hopes that this will be another sellout of the 44 tickets we have reserved; so get your ticket order in today. See you at the Gaslight Theater!

Send your ticket request along with a check **payable to: Tucson QCC**, with a stamped, self addressed envelope for ticket return to:

Fred Maier
9981 E Buckshot Cir
Tucson, AZ 85749

If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email at fmaier@yahoo.com or call me at 749-0443.

Salsa Night at El Parador in July

For a change of pace, we would like to plan a night out to El Parador Restaurant on Broadway. We can enjoy their special Mexican entrées, and then stay for the Salsa live band. Your cost would only be for the dinner.

Would you like to help us plan this event? Get in contact with **Frank Saavedra**. We will publish the venue in our May newsletter.

December Christmas Holiday Dinner/Dance

Once again, the Tucson IBM QCC has partnered with the Los Amigos Social Club to sponsor a dinner/dance event. This year's event will be held on Saturday, December **13** at the Radisson Hotel, 6555 E. Speedway.

We will be working on the dinner and music venue, and hope to feature a variety of oldies, tex-mex, and rock. Last year's event was a great success.

We will be forming a committee to help with all the logistics and sales that is required to make this a huge success. If you would like to be involved, please contact **Tony Romero or Juan Perez**.

IF YOU TRAVEL TO BANGALORE

Special report by Juan Perez

I've had the opportunity to travel to Bangalore, India twice last year to teach an IBM project management course. Since I had already been there once in 2002, I sort of had an idea of what to expect both during the journey and also once I arrived.

Located at the southern part of India, Bangalore has gained world-wide attention because of its growth in the software and call center industry. Unfortunately, there aren't direct flights from the USA into Bangalore.

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Air France from Paris, or British Air from London, will get you there around 1 AM. The British Air 777 Boeing has a different power port for your laptop; you will need an adaptor which is not available from the crew. Also, I try to avoid flying through New Delhi or Mumbai due to their not-so-nice airports. Once there, there are many taxis available to take you to the hotels.

Hotel prices have escalated in the last 5 years. In 2002, my hotel, the Taj Residency, cost \$99 per night, compared to \$286 in 2007. Rooms and service at these hotels are great. Other than hotel prices, most other services are very reasonable. Street taxis are inexpensive, although the drivers are tough negotiators, especially with hotel guests. The yellow and black street taxi is usually a 3-wheel motorcycle with a seating carriage in the rear. It is powered by either a 2-cycle engine (which smokes a lot), or a propane powered engine.



There are few if any lane markings, so all drivers are wandering back and forth between each other. If you are interested, I can continue this story on the next issue.

OTHER INFORMATION

Some Tax Information

As the Tax Season is now upon us, here is some general information that we hope will be useful to you.

For general information on tax subjects, you can call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or read information on the IRS WEB site as follows:

1. WEB Site:
<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/index.html>
2. Select [Tax Tips 2008](#) in the left hand column

For assistance in preparing your tax return and having it E-Filed at no cost, you can make use of the AARP Tax-Aide program that is available to any middle and low-income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older. The AARP Tax-Aide is an AARP Foundation program and part of AARP's community service initiative. To seek assistance from an AARP Tax-Aide site near you, it can be located by calling 1-888-AARPNOW (1-888-227-7669) or by visiting AARP Tax-Aide's website at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Address Change Reminder

Thank you to all who have sent in their address changes. It has helped to reduce the returned mail and the need to re-mail to local addresses.

We are still receiving a small number of "Not Deliverable" as addressed. As you read this article, please check your address that we have is listed correctly; e.g. street number, street name, ZIP code, etc. and send us any corrections. The QCC WEB site is a good vehicle for doing this via a quick e-mail note to the club with your old address and the new address.

When a mailing is returned as Not Deliverable as addressed, we have no option but to delete the address from our data base.

2007 Election Results

Voting via the Web was a very popular option again for this years' election. We hope that in the future, more members will want to take advantage of this option at election time to vote. For a glimpse of our 2008 officers, please go to our web site: WWW.AZQCC.COM