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2007 Activity Calendar

April 28	BBQ Pot Luck at Udall Park
June 9	Golf Event
June 29	Gaslight Theater
July	BBQ or Dinner event
October	BBQ or Spaghetti feed
November	Golf Event
December	Christmas Dinner/Dance

Message from the President

First, let me thank you for voting in new officers for 2007. As the new President, I welcome the responsibility of this office and look forward to working together as we expand and enhance our Tucson IBM QCC.

Secondly, I appreciate the volunteerism of the new officers who have made the commitment to serve and who will be spending their valuable time for the betterment of all the members. Our focus for 2007 is to not only continue with the traditional activities, but also to enhance the events that bring us together for comradeship. We continue to solicit your ideas and suggestions for expanding our events calendar, and for making this newsletter an enjoyable and informative media.

Finally, let's improve our communication by keeping us informed of "happenings" with our fellow members. Let us know when you learn of the following:

- QCC inductions
- Members who are ill and could use a visit
- Member's spouse who need assistance
- Members who passed away
- Memorable trips & visits to new places

As always, my door is open and I hope to hear from all of you during the year of 2007!

Juan Perez

Message from the Treasurer

Let me start by saying that I hope I can provide at least a portion of the service that Pete Long has given to the QCC for the last several years. We are still in the process of changing things over from Pete to me, and I have to say I'm impressed with how well he has handled this responsibility.

As Pete did in the last newsletter, I would also like to encourage everyone to send in their dues this year.

Frank Saavedra, QCC Treasurer
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In Memoriam

May
John Michelson

October
Charlie Bentley

November
Michael Garcia

December
Frank Cox

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New QCC Inductees

Please let us know if we missed you or someone else so you can be added to our mailing list and post your name in the inductees list. Tony Lambert was inducted in March 2006. Following are those who celebrated 25 years since September 2006.

September	October
Mike Casolari	Gary Batchelor
Richard Cunningham	William Bostic
Russell Ellison	Charles Colpo
Earle Ellsworth	Terry-Lee Davis
Carl Jones	Andrew Deiss
Robert Labrie	Jack Erickson
Virginia Moyer	Perry Gallo
Deborah Shipione	Richard Green

October	November
John Holman	John Cabrera
Kenneth Limbert	Kevin Goldsmith
Ninh Nguyen	Linda Kent
Steve Nunn	Carol Nylund
Stephen Roffinoli	David Williams
Steven Wills	

December	December
Paul Bartley	Joseph Richie
Thomas Haberman	Viet Tran
Jeffrey Preble	

RECENT EVENTS

October 2006 Potluck at Udall Park

Grilling burgers and hotdogs, and enjoying each other's company on a great day, made for a relaxing event at this event. Let's give a special thanks to our two cooks, Bob Atkinson and Dick Butcher, who did a superb job on the BBQ grill.

Golf at Santa Rita in November 2006

56 golfers played at the Santa Rita Golf Course and then had a very enjoyable lunch at the American Legion Post 109. **First Place** with a low score of 60: Tom Hitchings, Mike Sisco, Lee Saenz, Steve Johnson. **Closest to the pin:** Greg Fontana and Steve Johnson; **Longest putt:** Jim Arnold. Thanks to Brandon Wong for coordinating the golf scoring and prizes.

Christmas Dinner/Dance in December 2006



Over 155 QCC members, their families, and friends gathered at Las Cazuelitas Restaurant for a very enjoyable festive event. In addition to the dinner menu, we also had "mariachis" perform, raffle prizes, and a great DJ who played a diverse venue of music for our dancing pleasure. This event was co-sponsored between the IBM QCC and the Los Amigos club.

The Los Amigos club is a group of IBM's and their spouses, who have traditionally organized this event for many years. It was a pleasure to team up with this group and hope that we can do it again this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 28 BBQ Potluck at Udall Park

Potluck time again for our QCC members, **families and guests!** This time, 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, newly elected Vice President, and also owner of "Kidz Jump", has offered to provide a jumping castle for our young folks to enjoy. We also plan to have horseshoes, volleyball games, and/or softball.

New Times: 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 2:00 PM and will end at 7:00 PM ; the BBQ grill will start at 3 PM. We will be using Ramada # 9.** We would also like to welcome back Dick Butcher and Bob Atkinson as our great BBQ chefs. We

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should have a wonderful time with our grilled food! Let's all come out and enjoy a day at the park with the cooking odors of BBQ burgers and hot dogs, and the new recreation activities.

Tony Romero

Golf at Santa Rita in June

Our next golf event will be on **June 9**, 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. We have openings for 60 golfers / 15 foursomes. The cost will be \$40 per golfer which also includes prizes and lunch at the American Legion Post 109. QCC members may invite a guest to play with their foursome. Make your check 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

Gaslight Theatre Show

With the past two Gaslight Theatre shows being sell outs of the 32 tickets that we have had, for this years Gaslight, we have reserved 42 tickets. For this years fun filled evening at the Gaslight Theatre to see "**Secret Agent Man**" mark your calendars for the **7:00 PM show on June 29th**.

The ticket cost this year is \$13.51 (an increase over past years) 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 **June 4th**. We will be sending out your tickets by the week of June 11th. Your QCC club hopes that this will be another sellout with the new allotment of 42 tickets 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.

OTHER INFORMATION

YOUR 2007 IBM QCC OFFICERS

Based on the voting results, the following new officers will lead the QCC for 2007:

President



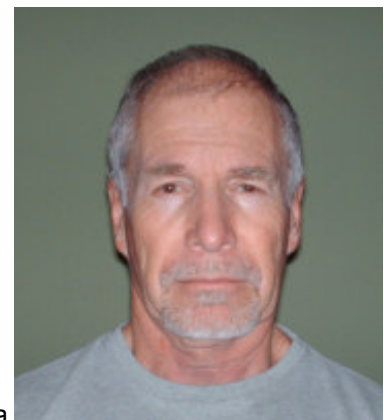
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Address Change Reminder

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

IBM PC CLUB

This club meets at 4444 E. Grant Rd. suite 104 on the 2nd working Thursday of the month. It is the headquarters of the Tucson Computer Society. Please contact Les Stein (club president) for further information. <http://www.digital-pueblo.org/>

Some Tax Information

As the Tax Season is now upon us, here is some general information that we hope will be useful to you. This information will only be a summary and will contain a pointer to either a related Toll Free phone number or a WEB site with further information.

Certain tax breaks were enacted in the final days of 2006 that you may be able to take advantage of that are not documented in the current tax forms or publications. These tax breaks are:

1. Claiming deductions for state and local sales tax.
2. Higher education tuition and fees
3. Educator expenses.

To claim any of these tax breaks will require special handling if you file a paper income tax return for 2006.

For more information on these tax breaks that were enacted after the tax forms had gone to the printers, you can call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or read more information in IRS TAX TIP 2007-07 that can be found on the IRS WEB site as follows:

1. WEB Site:
<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/index.html>
2. Select Tax Tips 2007 in the left hand column
3. Then Select Sales Tax, Higher Education, Educator Expense Deductions.

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-AARP NOW (1-888-227-7669) or by visiting AARP Tax-Aide's website at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Are you aware that you may be eligible for a one-time tax refund! This one-time refund of previously collected federal telephone excise taxes may be requested on your 2006 federal income tax return. Anyone who paid long-distance excise taxes on landline, cell phone, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), or bundled service that was billed for the period after Feb 28, 2003 and before Aug 1, 2006 is eligible for this refund.

If you are not normally required to file a tax return, there is a new form (Form 1040EZ-T) that you can use to request this refund.

For more information on the Long-Distance Telephone Excise Tax Refund can be found on the IRS WEB site in IRS TAX TIP 2007-14 or by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-1040:

1. WEB Site:
<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/index.html>
2. Select Tax Tips 2007 in the left hand column
3. Then Select Long-Distance Telephone Excise Tax Refund which is Tax Tip 2007-14.

Tax information provided by Fred Maier.