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2007 Activity Calendar

June 9	Golf Event at Santa Rita
June 29	Gaslight Theater
September	BBQ or Dinner event
October	BBQ or Spaghetti feed
November	Golf Event
December	Christmas Dinner/Dance

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Member Induction Committee

(Brandon Wong, Tony Romero, need volunteers)

Visitation Committee

(need volunteers)

Dance Committee

Frank Saavedra, Javier Hinojo

Member Spotlight Committee

Brandon Wong (need volunteers)

Special Events Committee

(need volunteers)

Golf Committee

Juan Perez (need volunteers)

BBQ Committee

Tony Romero (need volunteers)

Hello from the President

It's spring time and the weather is perfect in Tucson! I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the QCC members, family, and friends that attended our BBQ outing at Udall Park. We had a good crowd that enjoyed volleyball, the jumping castle, and a washer game. Everyone also enjoyed grilled "burgers and dogs", and some great DJ music. In addition, we had some great side dishes!



We extend appreciation, especially to our cooks and volunteers who supplied the entertainment, recreational activities, and to Tony Romero who supplied the Jumping Castle.

In addition to enhancing our social events, we are also forging stronger ties with IBM so that we can get better notifications of QCC inductees. Our plan is to attend most induction ceremonies. We will also be participating regularly with the IBM Club so that they are mutually aware of our activities.

One final note: As part of our expansion plans for activities and events, we are establishing different committees to plan and schedule these events. As an example, the **Member Spotlight Committee** will select a QCC member and write a story with a picture for our next newsletter. We would like to invite you to participate with us. Please let us know of your interest so you can make a difference in our efforts to improve our QCC. I look forward to the remainder of 2007 as we strive to make the Tucson QCC a huge success.

Juan Perez

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Message from the Treasurer

I hope this newsletter finds everyone enjoying good health, and getting ready for the warm months ahead. I'm happy to tell you that our finances are in good health. We had a good response to our last newsletter by many of you sending in your dues, and I thank you for that.

We anticipate growing attendance at the different QCC activities that we have planned, and we are financially positioned to accommodate that. In order to remain in this strong position, I would like to once again encourage you to send in your voluntary dues.

Let me leave you with an interesting thought that I hope will help you. Ancient wisdom tells us that "our needs are few and our wants are many." If we are owned by those wants, happiness can be illusive.

Frank Saavedra, QCC Treasurer
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In Memoriam

February

Joseph Biernacki, Floyd LeRud

April

Robert Patrick, Jeff Barkley, Wayne Grossman

New QCC Inductees

<u>January</u>	<u>March</u>
Robert Bartfai	Roger Fortuno
John Blair	Eileen Kovalchick
David Carpenter	Robert Pitts
Tim Griffin	Mary Ellen Tanberg
Mark Isbell	Raymond Yardy
Steven Luko	Ronald Brown
Jim Nangle	Scott Helmick
Scott schaffer	Khang Nguyen
Gerald Williamson	

<u>February</u>	<u>April</u>
Chris Clarke	Elizabeth Bertsch
William Ouyang	David Merino



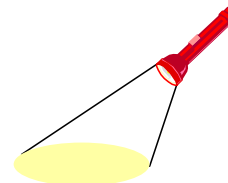
Golf at Santa Rita in June

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. For this outing, we will feature a lunch menu of delicious chicken fried steak and gravy. If you'd like your spouse or family to join you for lunch only, the cost is \$8.00 per meal. QCC members may invite a guest to play with their foursome.

Additionally, I am looking for someone to help me tabulate the golf scores and also pass out the prizes. If you can help, please contact me. 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

Since the past two Gaslight Theatre shows were "sell outs" of the 32 tickets that we have had, we have increased to 42 tickets to see "**Secret Agent Man**". As a reminder, we do need to sell a minimum of 20 tickets to receive the price of \$13.51. So mark your calendars for the **7:00 PM show on June 29th**.

The ticket cost has remained at \$13.51 per ticket (future shows will be \$15.00 due to price increases after our reservation for this show). 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,

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Anniversary, etc) and the occasion will be recognized.

The deadline to purchase tickets will be **June 11th** (this is slightly later than was stated in the January newsletter). We will be sending out your tickets by the week of June 18th. 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.

Ed was inducted to the QCC in May 1982, and retired from IBM in January, 1989. Since August of 2001, Ed has been a volunteer driver for Mobile Meals of Tucson. Mobile Meals delivers over 130,000 meals annually to elderly, disabled, and convalescing people who are unable to cook for themselves. Meals are purchased from area health care facilities where they are picked up and delivered. In addition to other hobbies like photography and genealogy, Ed also volunteers for church and pre-school property maintenance.

Ed is currently planning a trip to Illinois and Missouri to visit family. *(If you would like to be featured in this column, please contact Brandon Wong at 799-4043, b2bwong@us.ibm.com or Juan Perez at 907-1475, jpbta@aol.com.)*

OTHER INFORMATION

Medicare Part B

Are you aware that for individuals who retired prior to 1997 (and their eligible family members), and who qualify for Medicare can be eligible for Medicare B premium assistance?

This provision reimburses 80 percent of Medicare B premium up to the annual maximum benefit of \$900 per family. This Medicare B premium reimbursement is through the Special Health Assistance Provision (SHAP) benefit. The benefit is available on a quarterly basis only and you must submit your claims after the quarter is completed. Also, the SHAP claims must be submitted no later than December 31 of the year following the year in which the Medicare B premium expenses were incurred.

To obtain more specific information and eligibility, you can contact the IBM National Human Resources Service Center at 1-800-796-9876.

The SHAP reimbursement request form is processed through "Acclaris Reimbursement Center" who can be contacted as follows:

1. Telephone 1-888-880-2775 or
2. Online at www.acclarisonline.com for forms and reimbursement tracking.

Volunteers Needed

We are soliciting member volunteers for the following committees:



Tanque Verde Dinner Event for Sept

We would like to plan a dinner outing for the July or August time frame to the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch. I am soliciting volunteers to help us plan this event. Here is an opportunity for a QCC member to make a contribution to our club. Let me know if I can count on you! We'll have additional information with our next newsletter. Watch this column for additional detail.

Tony Romero 799-5119 salvador@us.ibm.com

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

QCC Member Ed Sochs



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BBQ Committee – plan our events at Udall Park twice per year. Organize and schedule reservations, food purchases, entertainment venue, recreation events, set-up and clean-up.

Contact: Tony Romero 799-5119
salvador@us.ibm.com

Dance Committee – Plan and organize our Holiday dance events, including dinner menus, music, location, raffle drawings.

Contact: Frank Saavedra 749-9474
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Golf Committee – Coordinate our golf tournaments, including course selection, prizes, formats, and meals.

Contact: Juan Perez 907-1475 jpba@aol.com

Member Spotlight Committee – Select and interview QCC members, take photos, and write a short article.

Contact: Brandon Wong 799-4043
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Special Events Committee – Identify interesting events that promote member participation (dinner, recreation, and other events).

Contact: Tony Romero 799-5119
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Visitation Committee – In the time of need, organize visitations to our members that are ill or in the hospital.

Contact: Need a volunteer

Interested in Fitness and Self Defense Skills?

The QCC is offering classes in Martial Arts for QCC members and their families. These classes can consist of Kempo Karate, Escrima (stick fighting), and self-defense techniques. The classes can be tailored to the desires of the class. That means if everyone wants to learn self-defense, then that will be the content of the classes. If a mixture of things is wanted, that also can be accommodated.

We have space available once a week at the Moe Udall Center on Tuesday afternoon at 6 PM. If there is enough interest in the classes, we have the option of meeting twice a week. Since Udall is charging us for the space, we may have to charge a nominal fee of a few dollars per class to cover the cost.

If you or any member of your family over the age of 8 is interested in these classes, please send me an email to qcckarate@yahoo.com

Frank Saavedra

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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2008 QCC Officer Candidates

As the year progresses, we need to start planning for our next election in October. If you would like to run for one of our officer positions for 2008, please submit your name to Juan Perez or Tony Romero. Once we have candidate names, we will place them on the ballot with our August newsletter.

Other Web Sites of Interest

Atlanta IBM Club
<http://www.atlantaibmclub.com/>
IBM Atlanta Quarter Century Club
<http://www.atlqcc.org/>
IBM retiree club in Canada
<http://www.bigblueretirees.com/>
Mid-Hudson Valley QCC Club
<http://www.geocities.com/mhvcqcc/>
Rochester IBM QCC Club
<http://www.rochqcc.org/>
San Jose IBM Retiree Club
<http://www.sjpc.org/sjrc/>
San Jose QCC Club
<http://www.sjqcc.com/>
IBM Tampa Bay Retiree Club
<http://www.itbrc.org/>

Music from the 60's and 70's

(Contributed by QCC member, Bob Bacon)

This is a great site for music of the 60's and 70's. Scroll down to the Play Lists and pick your old favorites. Good for some time when you just want to kick back and listen. I found songs that I hadn't heard in years and some that I'd forgotten long ago.

<http://chu65nang67.us/nam/vietnam.html>