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Hello from the President

As we enter our warm weather months, the QCC has scheduled two indoor events that should be a lot of fun. Our scheduled night on June 20 is the Gaslight Theater event. Our other indoor event is a dinner event at El Parador Restaurant which also features "Salsa" music for dancing after dinner. We have more details included in this newsletter.

We had a rather small turnout at our BBQ at Udall Park in May. Nevertheless, the QCC officers were there to grill hamburgers and hotdogs. We also had a jumping castle, courtesy of "Kidz Jump", and played the "Washer Toss" game. We are considering sending an email reminder at least one month in advance for our two BBQ events. What do you think about this idea?

Our year end event: a holiday dinner/dance at the Radisson Hotel is scheduled for December 13. This event will be sponsored and promoted by the Tucson QCC. Last year's event was great and provided an excellent dinner followed by a night of dancing enjoyment. If you have never attended this event and would like to try it, contact me or Tony Romero. We will make room for you at our table.

Our website: WWW.AZQCC.COM was temporarily down. However, thanks to Mr. Jim Whitfield, it is now up and operational.

Juan Perez



Message from the Treasurer

The QCC is taking a couple of steps to "go green", and in so doing we hope to make things a bit easier for all of us. The first step is an arrangement we made with Meriwest Credit Union to make it easier for some of us to pay our voluntary \$5 dues. For those who have a Meriwest account, you won't have to fill out a check, write addresses on envelopes, or buy stamps. All you need do is call Meriwest (520-790-4857), and tell them you'd like to transfer money from your account to the Tucson QCC account. You don't need the QCC account numbers.

The second step is trying to cut down on the number of newsletters that are mailed out. We are in the

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2008 Activity Calendar

June 20 Gaslight Theatre
July 26 Salsa Night at El Parador
September 27 Golf Event
October 11 BBQ at Udall Park
December 13 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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process of collecting email addresses to use for a mailing list. We will send out a notice when the newsletter is available online. You can choose to have the notice sent to you rather than have the newsletter mailed to you. We will probably also use the mailing list to send out reminders about the various QCC events such as the barbeque, Christmas Dance, etc. If you'd like to participate, send a note to tucsonqcc@us.ibm.com.

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In Memoriam

January: Archie (Dale) Harrison
April: Seth Slaughter

New QCC Inductees

February	March
R. Jackson	Robert Klem
Michael Kaczmarek	
April	May
Blair Finkelstein	Bruce McNutt
Denise Luzar	Laura Evans

Please let us know if we missed someone, thanks.
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RECENT EVENTS

March 22 - Golf Event at Santa Rita

We had 55 golfers participate in the "orange ball" special golf tournament at Santa Rita Golf Course in Corona. Congratulations to the winners: the team of Brian Corkill, John Piet, James Boyle, and Johnny Piet, Jr. won first place.



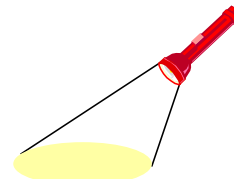
John Kriehn won honors and a prize for closest to the pin, and Tom Fiore won the longest putt contest. Thanks to Reggie Browning for taking photos during our luncheon at American Legion Post 109. Thanks for a fun day of golf.

Juan Perez

BBQ at Udall Park in May

Although a beautiful day, we missed seeing more of you at this event. For those that did attend, we had a great time eating, socializing, and enjoying the day. See you at the next one!

UPCOMING EVENTS



Show

June 20th Gaslight Theatre

First, let us apologize for the typo in the February newsletter. As many noted, the title of the article had one date and the body had a different date. The correct date is June 20th as stated in the body of the article.

Of the 44 tickets that we reserved for the Gaslight Theatre Show in June, there are only 15 tickets remaining. 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 for Adults and \$8.60 for Children 12 & Under.

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.

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The deadline to purchase tickets is **June 6th**. 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.

Dinner/Salsa Dance – July 26

We have scheduled an evening dinner at El Parador Restaurant at 7 PM. The food menu will be buffet style with interesting selections of Mexican dishes. The cost is \$19 per person and it includes all taxes and tips. At the conclusion of our dinner, El Parador features a Salsa band and the dance floor is open to all. There is no cost to enjoy the band and also to do some dancing.

We need to let the restaurant know how many people will attend so that they can prepare the food menu. Please email or call us to reserve a place for you and your guests for this fun evening. This event is open to QCC members and their invited guests.

Please make your check payable to, Tucson QCC, and mail to:

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Golf - Santa Rita September 27

Our next golf event will be on **September 27**, 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 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 October 11

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 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.** Please send us your email address and we will remind you of this event.

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December Christmas Holiday Dinner/Dance

We are sponsoring a holiday and dinner dance once again. 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 type of music. 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

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huge success. If you would like to be involved, please contact **Tony Romero** or **Juan Perez**.

IF YOU TRAVEL TO BUDAPEST

Special report by Juan Perez

I've had the opportunity to travel to Budapest, Hungary twice in the last two years to teach an IBM project management course. Since I had already been there once in 2006, I sort of had an idea of what to expect, both during the journey and also once I arrived.

Getting to Budapest is easy but a connection is needed. I connected through Heathrow Airport in London via British Airways. Arriving in Budapest, you'll discover that the Hungarian language is not Latin based, and learning the language is very difficult. However, the people are friendly and those that I encountered at restaurants, hotels, and the shopping stores could speak some English.

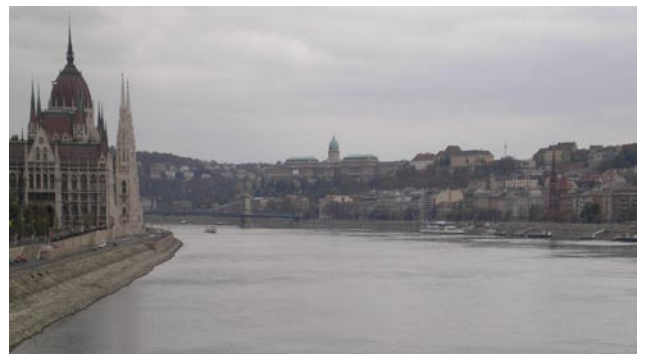
There are really two cities divided by the Danube River. In past history, one of the cities was called Buda and the other was called Pest. These were united and thus became Budapest. I stayed at the Corinthia Grand Hotel Royal located at the city center, close to museums, shopping, and also the Danube River.

IBM has a manufacturing facility about 50 kilometers to the North of Budapest in a small city called Vac. The most economical method to travel to Vac is through their train system. Once in Vac, the IBM facility is mainly recognized as Zollner (the company that owns the buildings).

The city of Budapest retains its historical architecture in its' buildings, hotels, shops and houses. This is the theater and music house.



The other scenic beauty is the Danube River. In Budapest, there are numerous bridges to get from one part of the city to the other. In addition, there are also many thermal hot springs. Many of the hotels have hot springs baths, some small, some large for the entire family.



Something to Remember

If you are reading this newsletter from a hard copy black and white, and you wish to see it in color to better appreciate the photos, please go to our website:

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[QCC Officers Nominations](#)

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Our next newsletter, scheduled for August will contain ballots for next year's officers. We are able to operate our club only through volunteers. All the current officer positions will be open for new candidates. If you would like to become involved, please contact any of our current officers so that we can place your name on the ballot. .