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2014 Tucson QCC Board of Directors

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2014/2015 Activity Calendar

April 13	"Oldies" 60's Music Event ✓
May	Golf Tournament at Views CC ✓
July	Board Meeting ✓
October	Newsletter Published ✓
October 24	Luncheon at Biscuits Country
October	2014 Officer Elections
November	Fall Golf Tournament- CC
December	Newsletter Published
February 8	Valentine Music Event

** Getting ready for fall weather **

- **Welcome to our IBM Tucson QCC:** We now have approximately 500 QCC members that provided their email address. Thank you – we will protect your privacy!
- **The Tucson IBM QCC Facebook** is active and growing with new members. You can request to join by going to our website (www.azqcc.com) and clicking on the Facebook link.
- **We will be hosting a QCC luncheon** instead of the fall BBQ picnic. The details are described under, "Upcoming Events".
- **New volunteers !** Three new volunteers have stepped up to support our QCC:
 - Harish Mathur will be helping us on communications by serving as the IBM on-site contact;
 - Gloria Harris has agreed to support us as the new Vice President;
 - Dennis Fried has agreed to support us as the new Secretary.
- **Do you feel like contributing your ideas** for the benefit of your fellow QCC members? Signup to join one of our committees. The details are described under, "Team Work".
- **I am attaching the voting ballot** for the QCC board members for 2015. Voting starts in October and concludes in November. Let me know if you are interested in running for a board position.



Message from the Treasurer

As you know, the club is no longer mailing the hardcopy newsletter through the post office. This is because IBM stopped financially supporting the printing and postage for our newsletters. At over 800 addresses, mailing is unaffordable so we've finally joined the internet revolution that seems to have been going on for the past 20 years and gone softcopy. We still want to keep in touch with all the members **so if we don't already have your e-mail address please send it to us through our website at www.azqcc.com**. And, please forward the newsletter to your fellow club members who may not be receiving this. Also, we have a growing group on Facebook which you can join [at this link](#)

Dues to the club this year are down to about 25% of prior years. This is likely because people are not receiving the newsletter in the mail as a reminder. The club does have some expenses for the website,

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donations in the name of deceased IBMers, and some subsidized events. We minimize expenses by running most events like the golf tournaments and parties at cost with no or minimal cost to the club.

So, we thank those who have supported the club through their donations, and please remember your voluntary dues of \$5 which help support the activities of the IBM QCC. Your check, made out to "Tucson QCC", can be sent to me at:

John Lowy
2232 N Klondike Dr
Tucson, AZ 85749

New QCC Inductees

Donna Jee, Steven Wallace, Becky Enderle,
David Bohm, Glenn Wilcock, John Thompson,
Jodi Buechler, Max Smith

If we missed any, please let us know, thanks.
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In Memoriam

Jim Streeter, Bill Raywinkle, Ralph Mersiowsky

Recent Events

Spring Golf Tournament – The Views CC



Our spring golf tournament took place at the Views at Oro Valley CC. The course was great and 48 **golfers** competed as a scramble tournament. In addition to the great golf, we enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks as we congratulated the winners. This challenging course was in great shape.

Prize winners were:

1st place, low score
Bob Sullivan, Bilou Ghoman, Dan Moore, Mark Bayus



Other prize winners were:

Bob O'Grady – Closes to the pin
Reggie Browning – Longest putt
Virgil Rank – Longest putt
Jimmy G – Closes to the pin

Congratulations to our winners! Our next tournament will be in November. Plan to join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday October 24 – Luncheon at Biscuits Country Cafe

In lieu of our fall picnic/BBQ, we are hosting a luncheon at Biscuits Country Café, 7026 E. Broadway at 12:30 PM. Seating is limited, so please RSVP. This Café offers a variety of country food, salads, and deserts at a very reasonable price. Come and socialize with your fellow IBM QCC members. We'll have a few announcements, but the main idea is a social event.

RSVP to Juan Perez at jpba@aol.com

IBM Day of Caring – October 22

The "Day of Caring" will be on Wednesday October 22, 2014 this year. There are a range of activities as you can see in the attached file. Projects range from "Ben's Bells Project" at IBM, an activity at Camp Lawton for the Boy Scouts, to packing food bags at the Food Bank.

If you are interested in participating, [Kathy Carlisle](#) will need to know ASAP which project and needs your email address and t-shirt size. Invite your IBM related friends and you could even LEAD a project (become a Project Leader) as well.

All non-IBM Regs will have also to complete a Waiver of Liability form

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Golf Tournament, November



This tournament is being planned and an update will be published on our website and on FaceBook at a later date. We have a separate distribution list for our QCC golfers. If you want to be place on this list, please forward your email address to me.

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of drying. "This is an amazing natural resource," he says. "It must be preserved for future generations."



What are they doing now?

Please let me know if you would like to be featured in this column. Juan

Interesting Nearby Travel – Kartchner Caverns



Forty miles southeast of Tucson, under the limestone rock of the Whetstone Mountains, lies [Kartchner Caverns](#). It was discovered in 1974 by Gary Tenen and Randy Tufts, two amateur cavers from Tucson. A simple cleft in the rock led to a fantastic underground world they called Xanadu. Except for telling the Kartchner family, who owned the land, they kept the cave a secret for years, fearing it would be vandalized. Eventually, Tenen and Tufts came to believe that the best way to protect the cave was to turn it into a state park. The Kartchners agreed. Years of legislative wrangling ensued, but Kartchner Caverns State Park finally opened in the late '90s. Since then, millions of tourists have experienced the wonders of the cave as part of a guided tour. But Gary Tenen is not the cave's average sightseer. When he returns to Xanadu, it's partially in memory of Randy Tufts, who passed away in 2002. But he's also acting as a sentinel for the cave's future. He keeps a close eye on the cave's health, checking it frequently for signs

Team Work

I received numerous inquiries on the status of this newsletter. The delay was due to a family health issue. We are now okay. We welcome your help with the following teams:

Communications team: Solicit and receive information on QCC members for our newsletter.
Volunteer: Harish Mathur
Contact: Brandon Wong

Newsletter team: Gather input from various sources for inclusion into the newsletter. We would like to publish a full newsletter quarterly. If you have editing and writing skills, and would like to join our team, please call.
Volunteer: _____
Contact: Juan Perez

Golf Team: This team will contact and organize our golf tournaments.
Volunteer: _____
Contact: Tony Romero

Special events team: Responsible for organizing our social events. Included are BBQ's, luncheons, music events, and charity events.
Volunteer: _____
Contact: Tony Romero

Webmaster: Responsible to maintain and update our web site and FaceBook.
Contact: John Lowy

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BALLOT FOR YOUR 2015 CLUB OFFICERS

President Brandon Wong _____ Yes
Write in Candidate _____

Vice President Gloria Harris _____ Yes
Write in Candidate _____

Treasurer John Lowy _____ Yes
Ken Clymer* _____ Yes
Write in Candidate _____

* *has agreed to place his/her name on the ballot to meet club by-law requirements of needing two candidates*

Secretary Dennis Fried _____ Yes
Write in Candidate _____

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Please mark your ballots and return it no later than November 5, 2014 to:

Fred Maier
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Tucson, AZ 85749

- As an alternative to mailing your ballot, you can
- vote online by going to the QCC Web site www.azqcc.com or
 - e-mail your own version of the ballot to Fred Maier at fmaier@yahoo.com

Fred will be tabulating the results and the 2015 club officers results will be placed on our WEB page by December 15, 2014 and in the January 2015 Newsletter.

QCC Elections-New Officer Candidates

On this page is a voting ballot for the QCC officers for 2015. All positions are open, but we do have new and existing candidates. I will be stepping down as President, as will Tony Romero as Vice President. Brandon Wong will be a candidate for President, and Gloria Harris for Vice President. Dennis Fried will be a candidate for Secretary. John Lowy will continue as Treasurer. Please support our team and submit your vote. You can vote on-line through our website, or you can detach the ballot and mail it in. Directions are on the ballot.

Juan Perez

Information on our new office candidates

Gloria Harris is a retired IBM program manager. During her 33 years at IBM she has worked in Rochester, Mn, San Jose, Ca, and Tucson. She has worked as a process engineer in the prototype Chip Fabrication, prototype Optical Media Fabrication, Pilot line Hard Drive Disk, HGA (Head Gimble Assembly), HSA (Head Slider Assembly) and Slider Fabrication area. She was a key engineer in building the Optical Media Lab and the Actuator, Slider and Drive Failure Analysis areas. She also was a key player in establishing the Manufacturing Line in Guadalajara, Mex and Singapore. She has managed the 337x Manufacturing, HSA pilot line, Wafer/Slider Characterization and Slider Pilot line.

Dennis Fried hired on with IBM in Tucson in 1978 as an electrical engineer. He spent his entire career in Tucson except for 1 year in San Jose. Dennis worked on various tape and DASD development programs and retired in April of 2014 after 35 years. He and his wife Margie enjoy camping, hiking and volunteering for various church and school activities of their youngest son.