



IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association



Presidents Message Summer 2023

I woke up this morning with memories of my early days in IBM. Especially, the opportunities to have been a part, all be it a tiny part, of an amazing revolution. Those of you that started in the 60's or earlier know what I mean.

I was young, excited, and anxious to do whatever was asked of me. It wasn't till years later that I began to appreciate that I was a part of.....the computer revolution.

I expect that most of you felt the same way. The number of hours we worked was not that important, we were doing amazing things. I remember thinking of friends that I had in the early days that worked for other companies that were already losing their enthusiasm for their jobs. Truly sad. But I wasn't, I was having fun meeting new people every day that were having fun as well.

So, why am I dredging up this history? Simple! We are the same people we were back then, just older, and wiser. We may not have the same group of friends around us we had

back then. But, in many ways, todays group is the same type of people as our friends of days gone by and that group is our organization "IBMSFQCCAA" (our ultimate acronym).

Something I have had the benefit of observing in recent years is the interaction when we get together for an event. It doesn't matter if the event is large or small, when there is an opportunity to socialize, many of those attending jump right in. I can't tell you how much fun it is for me to watch these obviously enjoyable interactions. And that's what our group is all about.

If you have not been to any of our events, it may just be the time for you to start. If you have attended, you know what I'm talking about.

The success of these events is not only due to your attendance, but, also to the dedication of our Board of Directors and committee staff. I can't give this special group enough praise. The event selection, the or-

ganization and the execution are all done in excellence. I wonder where they got that from.....

They do this work for one reason, to create events for you to have opportunities to spend time with others like yourselves that were so enjoyable in days gone by.

Now, I would like you to look at the upcoming activities and decide which ones you would like to attend and/or help with. Are you ready? I know you won't be disappointed.

If you have questions, send us an email, we will help anyway we can.

Drop by and have some fun! We'd love to see you.

Jim DeArmond
President of our very special club

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This newsletter is provided for our dues-paying membership by the IBM South Florida Quarter Century Club and Alumni Association (IBMSFQCCAA), a nonprofit organization based in Boca Raton, FL and formed in 2011.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep members informed of IBMSFQCCAA-sponsored social and volunteer activities as well as general items of interest. Newsletter content is provided in the spirit of camaraderie to help foster IBM alumni connections.

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WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT. HELP US MAKE THIS A GREAT ORGANIZATION.

PLEASE PASS THIS NEWSLETTER ON TO FRIENDS WHO MIGHT ALSO BE INTERESTED.

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Welcome New Members

Francine	Alexander
Susan	Collins
James	Courtright
Kathleen	Coyle
Joe	Eisenman
Sharon	Ellington
Jacques	Houssou
Howard	Katz
Mary Lou	Kupfer
MaryAnn	Lawson
John	Leahy
Marion	Palmquist
Larry	Toups
Gregory	Van Vliet
Jorge	Vizcaino
Emily	White
Thomas	Winkles
Phil	Zofcin

Farewell

We have learned of the following members of the IBM Family who have passed away.

Harry Stanley (Jr.) Kiel	July 3, 2022
Bob Grinnell	July 10, 2022
Jerry Dixon	July 6, 2022
Robert J. Dunn	July 26, 2022
Fred Shaw	Oct 25, 2022
Justin (Jud) McCarthy	Dec 29, 2022
Len Desmond	Feb 28, 2023
Ron Betters	Mar 29, 2023
Bob Wisner	April 30, 2023
George Hays	May 9, 2023
Eric Drinkhouse	June 8, 2023
Lary McCants	July 4, 2023
Sheila Shuhi	July 14, 2023

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Upcoming Events

◆ Please see the Activities web page of our website at: <http://ibmsfqccaa.org/activities.htm>

Credits

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Dave Pavek, Dennis Shea

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Recent Activities

Our members have been enjoying association activities over the past several months. Here's a list of events you may have missed:

- ♦ Jan 16 @ 4PM Dr. Ren Xu Chinese Folk Instruments Aurora Siegl (Sugar Sand Park) [29 attendees]
- ♦ Feb 16 @ 4PM Ed Schatz presenting State of our Country Ed Schatz [22 attendees]
- ♦ Mar 7, 21, Apr 11, 25, May 9, 23, Jun 13, 27 @ 8:30AM Bi-Weekly Breakfast at Denny's Angelo Gasparri – Denny's 1311 West Palmetto Pk Rd Boca.
- ♦ Mar 8 @11:30am Lunch - Millers Ale House – Boca Dave Pavek [30 attendees]
- ♦ Apr15@11am-3pm BBQ/Picnic Sugar Sands Patio Pavilion Angelo Gasparri/ Judie Bradley [~50 attendees]

- ♦ May 18 @ 4PM Presentation on Local Housing Market Angelo Gasparri (at Sugar Sand) [18 Attendees]
- ♦ May 20@ 5PM Tip To Toe – Boca Total Wine Tasting Gregg Cesario [16 attendees]
- ♦ June 8th @ 11:30PM Lunch Millers Ale House,1200 Yamato Dave Pavek (10% Discount) [19 attendees]
- ♦ June 22nd @ 4PM Social at Tap 42, Boca Raton Larry Salerno [13]
- ♦ June 29th@11:30AM Northern Lunch at 'The Hive', Lantana Judy Bradley -- TheHiveWaterFront.com [13]

Music Activities

June 18 2023 Aurora Siegl played the piano for at the 11 am church service at Cason Methodist at 342 Swinton Avenue in Delray and played all 3 movements of the Moonlight Sonata by Beethoven. To see a video of the performance cut and paste the following link into your browser: <https://casonumc.org/media/ttxt94q/traditional-worship-is-anything-too-wonderful>

June 25, 2023 : Also at Cason Methodist at 342 Swinton Avenue in Delray Beach, Aurora played a prelude composed by her grandfather and an offertory piece that she composed. The postlude was an Impromptu by Franz Schubert. Service started at 11 am sharp. All are welcome. To see a video of the performance cut and paste the following link into your browser: <https://casonumc.org/media/k569bdb/traditional-worship-tell-in-the-light>

June 30, 2023: 7:30 pm: Gary Wisgo played in a free concert at Mizner Amphitheater . The Theme was Movie Soundtracks performed by two excellent bands : the Symphonia Boca Raton and the FAU Summer Concert Band with Kyle Prescott conducting. Unfortunately there was no video of this so be sure to check with Gary when he performs next.

Sunday Afternoons - 1pm- 4PM In the Fall [after the summer] : At Finnegans Pub, [US 1 at Boca -Delray line] **Henry Meundt** will play the fiddle in an "Irish Jam Session".

Annual Meeting - Dec 2, 2022

The twelfth Annual Meeting of our Association took place at Sugar Sand Park Community Center on Friday, December 2, 2022 starting at 4:00 pm. There was a brief business meeting followed by professional entertainment. The entertainment was provided by Wes Anthony. Before and after the show, members were treated to a nice selection of holiday refreshments. There was also a raffle for gift cards.



Jim DeArmond

Entertainer Wes Anthony

Judy Bradley

Ale House Luncheons

These photos on the next few pages are from our September 8th, 2022, December 8th, 2022, March 8th, 2023 and June 8th, 2023 Miller's Ale House luncheons. Attendance was 26, 17, 30 and 19, respectively. As you can see, everyone had a nice time enjoying their meals and catching up with friends and acquaintances. We hope you enjoy the pictures and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming luncheons and other events. Wishing all a happy and healthy 2023!"



L to R: Carol Dungan. Marion Palmquist. Betty Wisner, Rita Gasparri

Sept 8, 2022



L to R: Roger Kleinschmidt, Bob Wisner, Angelo Gasparri, Len Desmond, Charlie Helton



L to R: Jitka Domas, Lou Walewski, Paul Reder, Bob Dornblaser, Bill Gee, Karl Domas



L to R: Jud McCarthy, Rob Baker, Aurora Siegl, Pamela Brown, Arthur Brown



L to R: Theresa Maes-Morey, Ed Morey, Tom Heist, Judy Bradley

Ale House Luncheons (cont)

December 8th, 2022, March 8th, 2023,
June 8th, 2023



L to R: Charlie Helton, Peter Seiler, Phil Zofcin



L to R: Bob Schonger, Dave Pavek, Gregg Cesario



L to R: Betty Wisner, Gail Carpenter, Rita Gasparri



L to R: Hum Cordero, Angelo Gasparri, Bob Schonger,
Gregg Cesario



L to R: Stan Belyeu, Patti Belyeu, Mike Lukens,
Bob Dornblaser



L to R: Carol Dungan, Marion Palmquist, Sharon
Ellington, Sandy Ruh



April 24 2022 - Sweet Corn Fiesta



L to R: Bob Schonger, Phil VanVliet, Bobby McGhee, Judy Bradley, Aurora Siegl, Carola Simpson, Jud McCarthy, Gregg Cesario, Quent Benedict

L to R: Peggy Fernandez, Dan Fernandez, Bob Schonger, Gregg Cesario, Donna Pavek, Phil VanVliet, Dave Pavek, Carola Simpson, Aurora Siegl, Judy Bradley



May 15, 2022 - Wayne Cohen Memorial Lunch



L to R: Carol (Palmquist) Dungan, Betty Wisner, Ruta Gasparri, Gail Carpenter, Marion Palmquist

L to R: Phil VanVliet, Jud McCarthy, Len Desmond, Angelo Gasparri, Bruce Smith, Bob Wisner, Bob Schonger, Nils Bertelsen



L to R: Gregg Cesario, Lew Miller, Dave Pavek, Donna Pavek

**July 27, 2022 - Lunch with
Lew Miller**



L to R: Ed Schatz, Angelo Gasparri, Jud McCarthy,



L to R: Gregg Cesario, Lew Miller, Dave Pavek, Donna Pavek, Ed Schatz, Angelo Gasparri, Jud McCarthy, David Johnson

October 8, 2022 -
Oktoberfest



L to R: Bob and Brenda Gallik



L to R: Aurora Siegl and Judy Bradley



L to R: Jud McCarthy, Aurora Siegl, Chip Latimer, Carola Simpson

May 20 2023 - Wine Tasting

On Saturday evening from 5-7 PM, May 20th, the IBMSFQCAA resumed with our 14th Wine Tasting wine tasting event at our new venue - Total Wines and More (TWM) in Boca Raton.

Eight Italian wines were featured consisting of four (4) whites and four (4) reds. The IBMSFQCAA organization has made it a priority to maintain a cost effective price point intended to highly encourage member participation in these wine tastings @ \$25 for members and an unlimited amount of guests (with members receiving priority) and room capacity.

The attendees (17) were very excited about the breadth, quality and knowledge of our presenting certified Sommelier, Nemanja Jovanovic, in describing a variety of wine details beyond just palate, such as growing regional maps, soil, climate, grapes and the history of the sampled wines. The store price point of the sampled wines ranged from ~\$20 to ~\$50.

Some attendees also took advantage of a very attractive negotiated benefit from TWM of a 20% "on the spot" in store discount for every wine sampled regardless of price! The attendees confirmed, based on an informal survey at the end of the event, that it was primarily, a great deal of fun; they really did learn something about Italian wines; and lastly, the event was "very tasty" with excellent customized "paired appetizers and pizza" for each wine sampled.



L to R: Linda Smith, Rebecca Linehan, Larry Salerno



The Beautiful Tasting Room at TW&M

L to R: Donna Pavek, Jean Talbott, Geoff Wilson, Dave Pavek, Gregg Cesario, Stan & Patti Belyeu, Nancy & Ed Schatz, Victoria & Angelo (Jr) Gasparri, Rita Gasparri, Larry Salerno



L - R: Larry Salerno, Connie Pierce, Angelo Gasparri, Geoff Wilson

L - R: Our Host Gregg Cesario, Ed Schatz, Nan-

June 29 2023 - North Luncheon
at the Hive in Lantana



Galaxy Note20 5G



Galaxy Note20 5G

Don Estridge RoboDragons

The Don Estridge RoboDragons qualified for their first ever **Robotics World Championships** in Dallas, Texas in May of 2022. After 3 days of competition with 791 teams from 26 different countries, the RoboDragons missed the finals for the team competition by a half of a point. They finished the individual skills ranked 51st in the world. Click [Here](#) to see a video taken during the event. *The RoboDragons would like to thank all of the sponsors including the IBM Alumni Association for their generous contribution that helped get them to Dallas.*





Jud McCarthy In Memoriam (assembled by Aurora Siegl)



Justin "Jud" Haley McCarthy Jr.

May 30, 1936 ~ December 29, 2022 (age 86)

To honor the founder of the IBMSFQCCAA, there could be another book the size of Jud's Light Blue. So many fond memories about Jud were shared at the beautiful Memorial Service, lovely church service, festive Irishmen Wake, Facebook pages or in the Official Obituary. Here are but a few.

To further honor Jud, we hope that you consider attending this year's Oktoberfest with the IBMSFQCCAA on October 15, 2023, in Lake Worth; it was one of Jud's favorite activities with the club.

Official Obituary

Justin Haley (Jud) McCarthy Jr., 86, of Boca Raton, Florida passed away peacefully surrounded by his children on December 29, 2022. He was born to Justin H. McCarthy Sr. and Vera Lois Arthur McCarthy on May 30, 1936, in Cortland NY. He graduated from Cortland High School in 1954 and SUNY Morrisville Technical College in 1956 whereupon he soon began building an extraordinary career at IBM. He met Mary Louise Brown, and they married July 27, 1957, and settled in Endicott NY where they started their family.

In 1968, Jud and Mary moved their family to Boca Raton, Florida where Jud gained his first patent in 1973 for his groundbreaking design work on the "Printer Control with Monodirectional and Bidirectional Printing Compatibility" that allowed for printing both forward and backward. Additionally, and utilizing this pioneering technology, he and his team designed a replaceable typing ball for typewriters and printers that allowed for interchangeable and multiple typefaces/fonts to be used.

Jud's distinguished career with IBM spanned over 50 years; during that time, he worked with many of the company's most innovative and influential systems, including the IBM 1401, 1440, 1460, System/260 Model 30, System 6, System 7, Series/1, System 23 Data Master, IBM PC, PC/XT and PC jr. He authored and published a memoir called "Light Blue" that details his time at IBM, the people that were instrumental in his career, and the beginnings of the Personal Computing era.

He has been honored over the years with numerous accolades and awards of excellence in engineering culminating in his induction to the Computing Hall of Fame in San Francisco, CA, the TechWorks Center for Technology & Innovation in Binghamton NY and the Boca Raton Historical Society noting IBM's impact to the local area and the computing industry.

A devout Catholic, Jud was an active parishioner of St. Joan of Arc Church. He was also active in, and was a past president of, the local IBM Chapter of the Quarter Century Club. Jud was an accomplished golfer and was very enthusiastic about his sports teams the Miami

Jud McCarthy In Memoriam (cont)

Official Obituary (cont)

Dolphins, the Miami Heat, and the Miami Marlins. but was always up for a good game no matter who was playing. Additionally, he was a classic car enthusiast and restored his 1963 Chevy Nova Super Sport, that he purchased in 1968, to its original factory release condition whereupon he and the car were featured in an issue of “Nova Times” magazine.

Jud was exceptionally passionate about his family legacy and became a founding member of the “McCarthy DNA Study”, a foundation established in Ireland and England. Through this foundation he was most proud of tracing his heritage back to County Cork, Dunmanway Ireland and traveled there with his entire U.S. family to mark the occasion in 2012. He found several very close relatives there and has returned several times for “McCarthy” reunions, a tradition his family will continue to honor. Jud was predeceased by his devoted and beloved wife of 57 years, Mary, his



mother Vera, father Justin Sr., and brother Charles. He is survived by his loving children James (Pamela), Colleen McCarthy Lopez (Mike), Kathleen McCarthy Mahfood (Jerry), Maureen McCarthy Robinson (Joseph), Patrick (Allison), and Stephen (Cheryl Ann) Nemecek. Grandchildren Heather, James Jr. McCarthy and Kaitlyn McCarthy Jackson (Samuel); Michael and

Matthew Lopez; Jay, Andrew and Timothy Mahfood; Jacob (Lisa), Haley and Jessica Robinson; Keira and Chloe McCarthy; April Nemecek Bowers (Katrina), Audra Nemecek Ballard (Jamie), Christopher Nemecek, Lawrence Nemecek, Chelsea Nemecek Campbell (Dillon), Stevie Nemecek Tuttle (Kyle), and Jordan Nemecek (Eryann); and many great grandchildren.



Jud McCarthy In Memoriam (cont)

My good friend, Jud, - by Pete Martinez

Thank you for the great example you set for us. You were the consummate Engineer: innovative, loyal, dedicated, and trustworthy with the most important of responsibilities.

To the many Engineers you mentored, you set an example of selfless conviction and passion for your trade.

To IBM, you devoted a lifetime of managerial excellence in projects that truly changed the world.

To your family, you set an example of the love and caring a patriarch embodies and his children admire.

To our Boca Raton community, your ever-present leadership in creating a more gracious society will leave a void.

To your IBM Alumni whom you rallied and formed an organization to keep our values, memories, and friendships; you were a brother to all.

And, to all of us that had the opportunity to know you well, we thank you for your love, caring, and constant humor.

You made our lives better.

Few have walked this earth taller than you.

God will embrace you into his heart the same way you embraced us unto yours. Thank you.

Tributes to Jud McCarthy

Jud Made an Indelible Impression on My Life - by Angelo Gasparri

As he did for so many, Jud made an indelible impression on my life. I remember the first day I met him. I was not a novice, I had been assigned to a new Boss numerous times before, it was a rather routine procedure: exchange pleasantries and go back to what you were doing. What I found was totally unexpected. Despite his well-earned reputation for being the consummate engineer and manager, I found Jud in his office, at his desk, eating his Brown Bag lunch. He greeted me, who he probably did not know from Adam, as if I was a long-awaited arrival. I immediately felt welcomed and appreciated and it endured for the next 40 years. Jud was easy to know and to figure out. No mysteries. If something was logical, beneficial to all and the right answer, that's where you'd find Jud. He had an uncanny ability to analyze the situation and to inspire people to do good things, sometimes in spite of themselves. Despite his own abundant abilities and hard-earned personal skills, Jud remained as humble a person as there ever was but his confidence in success was contagious. If you listened, it would have been impossible not to be inspired. Even in the later

years, during the time of the Club, I found skills and abilities in myself, which I would have never guessed were there, had Jud not shared that "someone needs to do it." I, like so many others, found myself thinking – "he is putting so much of himself into this club, how could I not do a little more". Jud was an optimistic, positive person. He was like a cheerleader in his encouragement of others. There's no doubt that God gave Jud more than a fair measure of talent and ability. Not easy to replicate, but Jud's memory, hopefully, will continue to inspire those of us he touched, to do a few more good things.

My "Low Lights" for Juddie's Highlights - by Gregg Cesario

To know Jud was to know he liked to laugh. Juddie was my personal nickname for him. I thought I was joining the Irish Maffia when I went to work for O'Connor, McCarthy, and Hyland.

We had the same color & approx year cars - both fawn beige, both convertibles, one a '62 and I believe his was a 64 - only difference was one was a Chevy Corvette and the other a Chevy Nova. I had no idea that Jud held an IBM Selectric printer technology patent when I was selling them as typewriters!

Jud McCarthy In Memoriam (cont)

My “Low Lights” for Juddie’s Highlights - by Gregg Cesario (cont)

While a mist is often portrayed after a death, there was no mist like Irish Mist and I produced a small bottle of it intended for him when I attempted to visit "Justin" in rehab. The family agreed to place it with Juddie in his casket.

An Honorable and Loyal Friend - by Aurora Siegl

Jud McCarthy has been an honorable and loyal friend to so many folks including our family – first as friend and co-worker to my father, Ludwig Siegl, since the 1970s, and then to me through the IBMSFQCCAA club for the past decade. Jud was like a mentor and an excellent example of thoughtful decisiveness. He was the first person in the club I called if there was a situation that needed immediate attention. When I found a red IBM Selectric typewriter and asked if anyone in the Club wanted it, Jud suggested it be donated to the Computer History Museum in Endicott, NY, where he volunteered and contributed. The museum asked me to have it packed and shipped and that they would cover the cost within reason.



When the \$300 shipping bill was certainly not within reason, I called Jud. Without hesitation he said he’d cover the cost of shipping and even added a sizable donation for the Museum. What a fine example of determined, considerate, and generous decision making. His sense of humor also made working with him on club events enjoyable and memorable. Every year at Oktoberfest Jud gave an Irish toast before we ate knockwurst and sauerkraut, *“May your glass always be full, may the roof over your head be strong and may you be in heaven a half hour*

before the devil knows you’re dead.” We will continue Jud’s tradition and toast at future Oktoberfests and whenever we raise a glass to honor him. Jud will be missed sincerely and profoundly. Many thanks to the McCarthy family for sharing their patriarch with so many.

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Jud McCarthy In Memoriam (cont)

He Will Never Be Forgotten -

by David O' Connor

I first met Jud in Boca Raton in 1971. As the years passed and we worked on different programs in different ways, I became very knowledgeable of Jud McCarthy as a leader. I began to meet a lot of people in and outside of engineering, who would speak highly of Jud.

He was a straight shooter and a very, very good people manager. He knew how to properly perform personnel work and more importantly he knew how to work around the book when necessary, to support his people.

In the late 70s we became much closer as I became an engineering manager on the original PC, and he was in management on the System 23 side. He worked hard at facilitating opportunities in the PC organization for his people. A few PC's later, I asked him to come and help bail me out of an engineering situation with the PC Junior. He came in and dedicated several months of his life to making the PC junior an outstanding product from a development point of view. Soon it became time to refresh

the entire product line of the PC family. We invented the PS2. I had the low-end responsibility and asked Jud to be the engineering manager for the new, AT compatible, low end PC. He picked his team of engineers and delivered the product to manufacturing in less than 12 months. Because of that engineering masterpiece, it was IBM's best-selling computer ever. PS2 model 30. (You can read more about that era in his book).

In early 1987, I left the company to chase my dreams in the industry. I landed with Zenith Data Systems in Chicago, 1992. After reorganizing the groups into business units. I found out that I desperately needed a competent senior engineering manager for the portable products business unit. More importantly, I needed someone with experience in people management. Jud quickly responded and told Mary he had to go to Saint Joe, Michigan for a temporary assignment to help manage the laboratory there. It was really great to work with Jud again after all these years.

He was a man that I called my friend for over 50 years, and he'll never be forgotten.

SAVE the DATE! OKTOBERFEST TRIBUTE TO JUD!

On October 15, 2023, the IBMSFQCCAA will be at the Annual Oktoberfest in Lake Worth at 3:00 pm.

If you've never been to the Oktoberfest, come see why Jud and so many others loved this event:

Good food, good Beer, oohm pah music, good friends, fun and even the Chicken Dance!

We hope you join us! Raise a glass, give Jud's toast, and make this year's Oktoberfest a Tribute to Jud!

Stay tuned as more information becomes available.



L to R: Jud McCarthy and Aurora Siegl, Chip Latimer, and Carola Simpson