



The San Jose IBM Quarter Century Club Newsletter 1st Quarter 2012

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← **NOTE**

**Web Site:**  
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 There is no phone, please use email

**A Message from the President**

*Joe Lucchesi*

Dear Friends,

The club continues to work on its primary mission of communication with all of its members through the website, newsletters and visits to those that are sick as well as participating in the joint social activities with the Retirement club. If you haven't participated in the joint functions, please do, since it is a good way to see your fellow IBM'ers active or retired.

Please note the new San Jose Quarter Century Club mail address. As more of us retire, mail addresses and meeting locations are moving off of IBM sites.

I hope all of you are having a great year and look forward to seeing you at the club activities.

Joe

## Local Groups

As part of the QCC club mission to keep IBM'ers connected, we will periodically advertise geographical areas that are interested in "getting connected."

This quarter we have a new local group starting headed by Carol Rice (email is [carwkr@aol.com](mailto:carwkr@aol.com)) It would be the Castlerock/Colorado Springs/Pueblo area and the Brighton/Aurora/Windsor area. So, if you are interested, please contact her.

Below is a list of the current local groups that you might be interested in.

If you are in the **Reno/Incline/Tahoe, California area** and interested in a get-together, please contact Millie Clarke at [mclarke47@gmail.com](mailto:mclarke47@gmail.com)

If you are in the **Jamestown/Sonora, California area** and interested in a get-together, please contact George Fontaine at [georgefontaine@yahoo.com](mailto:georgefontaine@yahoo.com).

If you are in the **Discovery Bay, California area**, please contact Chuck & Shirley Foley at [foleyshirl@aol.com](mailto:foleyshirl@aol.com).

If you are in the **Palm Desert and Palm Springs areas**, please contact John Feeley (all year) at [jfeeley@attglobal.net](mailto:jfeeley@attglobal.net). Also an additional contact is Pete Joachim from Nov to May (seasonal resident) at [Pmjoachim@aol.com](mailto:Pmjoachim@aol.com). Also you can call Pete at Rancho Mirage(760-770-4114) or in Saratoga (408-867-1176).

If you are in the **Arnold, Calif area**, please contact Dale Pilgeram at [pilgeram@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pilgeram@sbcglobal.net).

If you are in the **Albuquerque, New Mexico area**, please contact Wayne Maple at [abcowboy@rt66.com](mailto:abcowboy@rt66.com).

If you are in the **Boulder Colorado. area**, please contact Marda Buchholz at [mardab@juno.com](mailto:mardab@juno.com)

If you are in the **Cedaredge-Montrose-Grand Junction Colorado areas**, please contact Don Elliott at [eagclaw@tds.net](mailto:eagclaw@tds.net).

If you are in the **Villages in San Jose**, please contact either Clare Kruse at [claregk@pacbell.net](mailto:claregk@pacbell.net) or Lou Rosenberg at [louis25@sbcglobal.net](mailto:louis25@sbcglobal.net)

## Other clubs

If you are in the **Tucson Area**, there is a QCC club there at [www.azqcc.com](http://www.azqcc.com)

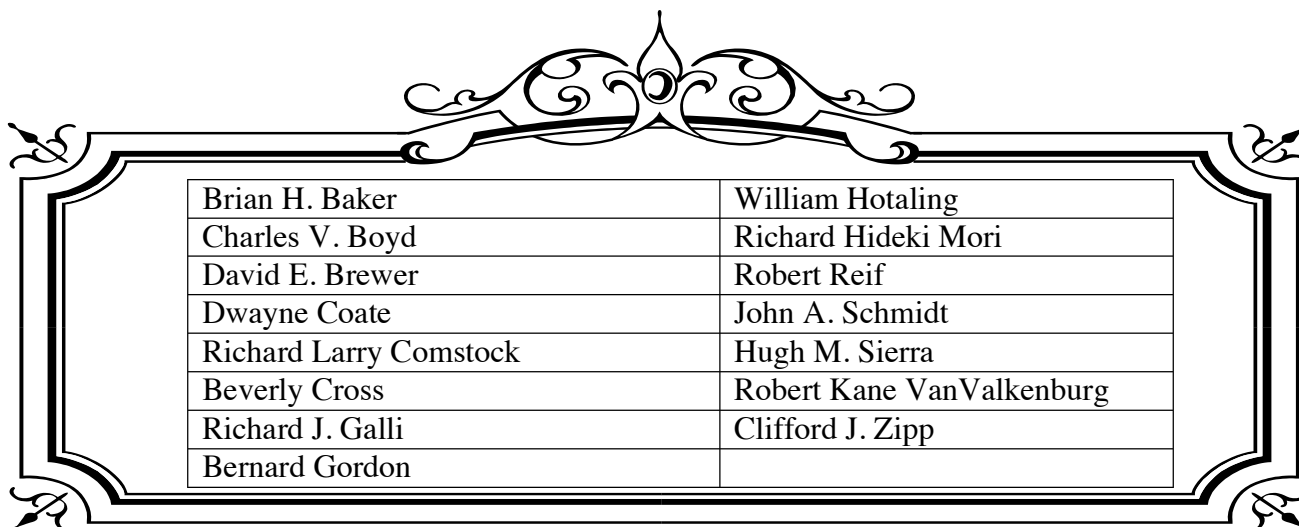
If you are in the **Atlanta Area**, there is a QCC club there at [www.atlqcc.org](http://www.atlqcc.org).

If you are in the **Boulder Area**, there is a QCC club there at [www.boulderqcc.com](http://www.boulderqcc.com)

If you are in the **Rochester Area**, there is a QCC club there at <http://www.rochqcc.org>

If you are in the **Charlotte Area**, there is a QCC club there at [cltqcc.tripod.com](http://cltqcc.tripod.com)

## In Memoriam



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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Brian H. Baker         | William Hotaling          |
| Charles V. Boyd        | Richard Hideki Mori       |
| David E. Brewer        | Robert Reif               |
| Dwayne Coate           | John A. Schmidt           |
| Richard Larry Comstock | Hugh M. Sierra            |
| Beverly Cross          | Robert Kane VanValkenburg |
| Richard J. Galli       | Clifford J. Zipp          |
| Bernard Gordon         |                           |

**Brian Baker** was a programmer and a programming manager at Cottle Road and at Santa Teresa/Silicon Valley labs.

**Charlie Boyd** worked in manufacturing engineering where he also was a manager. He was a manager in Security in San Jose, moving to Tucson as manager of Information Protection, moving again to Dallas in the same role. He had served in the U S Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. In retirement he had been living in Port Angeles, WA.

**Dave Brewer** served in the U S Navy prior to his 25 plus years of service to IBM in California. He had recently moved to Tucson for health reasons.

**Dwayne Coate** had retired to Redding, CA.

**Larry Comstock** was a recording channel engineer and manager in the lab.

**Bev Cross** was an administrative assistant in the San Jose and Los Gatos labs. She also worked in technical publications in the Santa Teresa/Silicon Valley lab.

**Dick Galli** had a variety of managerial assignments in manufacturing and in the lab, including machine assembly, card test and product documentation. He retired to Hamilton, MT where he died in a river accident in May 2009, although his death has only recently come to our attention.

**Bernie Gordon** was an engineer in the lab. One of his assignments was in component development.

**Bill Hotaling** was a product engineering manager. He had been living in Monterey.

**Rich Mori** worked in manufacturing. Two of his assignments were in documentation and in machine integration.

**Robert Reif** worked in quality assurance and in machine cost analysis. He died in March 2011, but we had only recently learned of it.

**John Schmidt** had a variety of assignments as a lab manager during his 35 year career, including custom systems and other design groups. He had been an airplane mechanic in the US Army Air Force during World War II. He had retired to Oakdale, but had recently returned to Los Gatos.

**Hugh Sierra** was an engineer and storage systems architect in the lab. He worked in the Menlo Park lab as well as at Cottle Road. He had been living in Los Altos.

**Bob Van Valkenburg** was a materials scientist in the lab.

**Cliff Zipp** worked in quality assurance. His IBM career spanned 30 years. He had served in the US Navy during World War II. In retirement he had been living in Roseville.

## Did You Know

You are members of the **San Jose IBM Quarter Century Club**, some may think it is the same as the **IBM San Jose Retirement Club**. They are separate clubs even though we do many joint events and even though many of you are members of both. To access the SJ QCC web site go to <http://www.sjqcc.com/>. To access the SJ Retirement Club web site go to <http://www.sjpc.org/sjrc/>.

## ITALIAN VISTAS

May 7 - 19, 2012



Visit the beautiful cities of Rome, Venice, Florence, Vietri-Sul- Mare and Stresa. Ride along the breath taking Amalfi Coast, with views of it's spectacular sparkling blues seas. We will visit the ancient Colosseum and Forum in Rome, step back 2000 year in time to the city of Pompeii, See the Bay of Naples and the charming hillside villages. A scenic boat ride takes us to the enchanting Isle of Capri where you can stroll through the town's quaint streets, and past charming cafes. Travel through Tuscany, with it's beautiful scenery, colorful countryside and vineyards. Visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa, see the amazing

marble sculpture of David, and take in the breathtaking Italian Lakes district of Stresa. We visit Switzerland to the picturesque lakeside resort of Locarno. Just a boat ride away, our farewell dinner will be on the Scenic Isola dei Pescatori.

This amazing 13 Day tour is priced at 4,599.00 (Air Included) per person, double occupancy and also includes transportation from San Jose to SFO, air taxes and fees, Hotel and 25 meals: 13 breakfast, 1 lunch and 6 dinners. Brochure available upon request.

Contact info: Bob Martinez (408) 778-2978 cell (408) 835-3393, e-mail at [bob.martinez47@yahoo.com](mailto:bob.martinez47@yahoo.com)

## UP Coming Events 2012

These are Retirement Club events which QCC members are welcome to attend.

Page numbers refer to pages in the Retirement Newsletter.

For more info please go to their site at <http://www.sjpc.org/sjrc/>

| TRIPS & ACTIVITIES CALENDAR |                                      |     |      |                    |                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|------|--------------------|----------------|
| Date                        | Activity                             | TAR | Page | Contact            | Phone          |
| Jan 10, 2012                | Indian Casino: Cache Creek           | 2   | 6    | Topsy Thompson     | 377-4314       |
| Jan 11, 2012                | Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up             | 3   | 1    | Evelyn & Doug Dean | 264-9502       |
| Jan 19, 2012                | IBM Retirement Club Board Meeting    |     | 2    | Bill Souza         | 356-6280       |
| Jan 20, 2012                | Hike: Coyote Hills Regional Park     |     | 8    | Jim & Maya D'Anjou | 779-1292       |
| Feb 14, 2012                | Golden Girls of Pop Luncheon         | 2   | 1    | Bill Souza         | 356-6280       |
| Feb 24, 2012                | Hike: Shoreline Park                 |     | 8    | Gil & Julie Feller | 247-6769       |
| March 4-6, 2012             | Reno: Silver Legacy                  | 2   | 6    | Topsy Thompson     | 377-4314       |
| March 16, 2012              | A Sea-Glass Adventure                | 2   | 1    | Bill Souza         | 356-6280       |
| March 17, 2012              | A Day at the Track- Horse Racing     | 2   | 5    | George Nale        | 779-4275       |
| April 3-13, 2012            | Mexican Riviera Cruise               | 2   | 4    | Bud Souza          | 340-0082       |
| May 7-19, 2012              | Italian Vistas                       | 2   | 4    | Bob Martinez       | 778-2978       |
| May 8, 2012                 | Indian Casino: Palace                | 2   | 6    | Topsy Thompson     | 377-4314       |
| May 22, 2012                | Annual Club Picnic                   |     | -    | Bud Souza          | 340-0082       |
| June 10-18, 2012            | The Wonders of Iceland               | 3   | 4    | George Walker      | 268-7623       |
| July 10, 2012               | Indian Casino: Black Oak             | 2   | 6    | Topsy Thompson     | 377-4314       |
| July 12, 2012               | Belvedere & Tiburon Landmarks        | 2   | 6    | Bill Souza         | 356-6280       |
| Aug 30, 2012                | Coastal Creations                    | 2   | 5    | Bill Souza         | 356-6280       |
| Sep 7-20, 2012              | China, Yangtze River Cruise          | 3   | 4    | George Walker      | 268-7623       |
| Sep 9-11, 2012              | Indian Casinos:Reno                  | 2   | 6    | Topsy Thompson     | 377-4314       |
| Sep 18, 2012                | Kendell Jackson, Kozlowski & Alembic | 2   | 6    | Bill Souza         | 356-6280       |
| Oct 24-Nov 5, 2012          | Breathtaking South Africa            | 4   | 5    | Art Dill           | (831) 338-3069 |
| Nov 6, 2012                 | Indian Casino: Thunder Valley        | 2   | 6    | Topsy Thompson     | 377-4314       |

### TAR: Trip Activity Rating

- 1 Limited walking & activity
- 2 Walking limited to facilities within approximately 1 block of the bus or hotel
- 3 Average walking (3 blocks or more) sightseeing in museums and attractions
- 4 Very active walking, may include airport departures, climbing on and off trains and attractions, may involve high altitudes (9000+) and possible weather extremes