



## The San Jose IBM Quarter Century Club Newsletter 2nd Quarter 2019

### A Message from the President

*Joe Lucchesi*

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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.

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

*Joe*

#### Club Info

**Web Site:** [www.qccsj.org](http://www.qccsj.org)

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There is no phone, please use email

**Note:**

**There is a new web site. THE NAME HAS CHANGED**

**It now also works with mobile devices**

You are members of the **San Jose IBM Quarter Century Club**, some may think it is the same as the **IBM San Jose Alumni 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.qccsj.org> To access the SJ Alumni Club web site go to <http://www.sjpc.org/sjrc/>.

# IBM History

## 1925–1929: IBM's early growth [\[edit\]](#)

Year	Gross income (in \$m)	Employees
1925	13	3,698

The newly minted IBM continued to develop its core cultural attributes during the 1920s. It launched an employee newspaper, *Business Machines*, which unified coverage of all of IBM's businesses under one publication. [\[33\]](#) It introduced the **Quarter Century Club**, [\[34\]](#) to honor employees with **25 years of service to the company**, and launched the **Hundred Percent Club**, to reward sales personnel who met their annual quotas. [\[35\]](#) In 1928, the Suggestion Plan program – which granted cash rewards to employees who contributed viable ideas on how to improve IBM products and procedures – made its debut. [\[36\]](#)



*IBM International Daily Dial Attendance Recorder.* 1930s time clock made by IBM's International Time Recording division. The face shows employee numbers which would be dialed up by employees entering and leaving the factory. The day and time of entry and exit was punched onto cards inside the box. [\[37\]](#)

## In Memoriam



Lewis H. Ackert	N. Don Lindahl
Alfonso E. Arruiza	Helen "Joann" Patch
Ronald Edward Boyle	Pete Potosky
Richard Frank Doubrava	Earle Rice
Sheldon G. Ellis	Joseph Russo
John Russell Fox	Dr. Willi Volkson
Norman Howery	Wellesley "Wally" Weseman
Sheldon Jacobs	John Paul Yaccarine, Jr.
Harold E. Jenkins	

**Lew Ackert** began his 42 years at IBM in 1948 in Poughkeepsie. From there his career took him to Kingston and finally to San Jose. In San Jose he worked in various capacities on management information systems within information technology. He had served in the US Army Ordinance department in World War II.

**Al Arruiza** began his IBM career as a cost engineer, but soon joined the personnel (HR) organization as the administrator of the EOP program as it came together in IBM San Jose. Prior to IBM he served in the US Air Force

**Ron Boyle** had a varied 30 year IBM career, beginning in manufacturing engineering records. He later worked on planning and scheduling in production control and in GPD management. He was a US Navy veteran where he had served as a radar man on shipboard.

**Dick Doubrava** was a manager in the computer facility in building 26 and then later in his career he was a manager in facilities. His career spanned 30 years. He had served in the US Navy during the Korean War.

**Shel Ellis** was an engineer and later a manager in the lab. He worked on disk drives in building 26 and later managed a head disk assembly advanced development group.

**John Fox** began his IBM career in San Jose as a materials planning manager in production control, then transferred to Tucson where he variously managed a field support group for tape drives, and site services. He returned to San Jose in retirement. Prior to IBM he had served in the US Army.

**Norm Howery** was a manager of a number of groups within the quality assurance organization. He was formerly a pilot in the US Navy and he remained in the reserves for many years. In retirement he had been living in Sun City, Arizona.

**Shel Jacobs** had a 38 year IBM career, beginning in 1952 as a marketing representative in Chicago. In 1959 he transferred to Endicott, where he was the market planner for the 1401 system. He continued as a planner after his transfer to San Jose, where he remained, except for a stint in Armonk, until his retirement in 1990. He served on the Quarter Century Club board in various roles including club President.

**Hal Jenkins** had a 38 year IBM engineering career. He worked on disk storage and managed storage control engineering, responsible for storage control units such as the 2841, 3830 and 3880. He later transferred to Tucson and lived in Green Valley, Arizona.

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**Joann Patch** worked as a secretary (“administrative assistant”) for more than 30 years in a wide variety of areas including accounting, industrial engineering and production control. During this time she was an executive secretary and had been a manager.

**Pete Potosky** was a valued member of the Board and was the web site developer and manager. His positive viewpoint and friendly manner will be missed

**Earle Rice** worked in storage products program management and then later in personnel programs and management development. He had served as a US Army officer and served for 15 years in the Army Reserves and the National Guard.

**Joe Russo** began his 33 year IBM career at 99 Notre Dame Avenue, providing financial support to the creators of the original RAMAC disk drive. In his later career he worked in many areas of the lab and served as a financial manager. He also was an advisor to, and served on the board of, the Quarter Century Club

**Dr. Willi Volksen** had a 38 year career in the Research Division. His specialty was polymer science

**Wally Weseman** worked in production control and later managed a manufacturing department responsible for machine covers. He was a former US Navy Sergeant and Marine Reservist.**John**

**John Yaccarine** retired in 1984 after a 32 year IBM career as a manager in production control. He began in Poughkeepsie and transferred to San Jose in 1957. In retirement he represented the Quarter Century Club while visiting ill members in hospitals and nursing homes, to bring them cheer. He was a US Army World War II veteran of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

## UP Coming Events 2019-2020

These are Alumni Club events which QCC members are welcome to attend.  
Page numbers refer to pages in the Alumni Newsletter.

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

Date	Activity	Page	Contact	Phone
May 16, 2019	IBM Alumni Club Board meeting	2	Bernie Coullahan	408-656-2907
May 22-24, 2019	Solvang <i> canceled</i>	—	Sandy Suekawa	408-316-0731
June 4, 2019	Chukchansi Gold Indian Casino	8	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
June 20, 2019	California Delta Cruise	7	Sandy Suekawa	408-316-0731
July 30, 2019	<b>IBM Alumni Club Picnic</b>	1	Bill Bartz	408-971-8928
Aug 6-8, 2019	Hot August Nights, Reno	8	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Sep 14, 2019	Guide Dogs for the Blind	7	Sandy Suekawa	408-316-0731
Oct 6-19, 2019	Cultural Treasures of Japan	4	Bob Martinez	408-835-3393
Oct 8, 2019	Jackson Rancheria Indian Casino	8	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Oct 23-Nov 1, 2019	Amsterdam-Zurich Rhine/Moselle River Cruise	5	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Nov 7, 2019	Sherlock Holmes Murder Mystery , Jackson	7	Sandy Suekawa	408-316-0731
Dec 2, 2019	Poinsettias, Cheese & Chocolate	7	Topsy Thompson	408-377-4314
Dec 3, 2019	<b>IBM Alumni Club Holiday Party</b>	1	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Feb 12-19, 2020	Iceland's Magical Northern Lights	6	Bob Martinez	408-835-3393
May, 2020	Magical China	6	Art & Sharry Dill	831-338-3069
Sep 16-28, 2020	OBERAMMERGAU Passion Play, Switzerland, Alpine countries	5	Bob Martinez	408-835-3393

## Magical China a Wondrous Adventure

Experience the mysteries of this ancient culture and immerse yourself in its amazing breathtaking country  
May 2020 - 16 days (exact date tbd)

Fly first to Beijing and spend two nights exploring the Forbidden City the imperial place for China from the Ming Dynasty to the end of the Qing Dynasty, a period of 500 years, climb the Great Wall of China and explore the Summer Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Stroll through iconic Tiananmen Square. Next day take a rickshaw ride through the hutongs, the traditional alleys of Beijing. Drive past the Olympic Village and enjoy our Welcoming Peking Duck Dinner. The following day we will fly to the ancient city of Xian where the legendary Silk Road comes to an end. While in Xian we will explore the incredible excavation site of the Terracotta Warriors, a vast clay army of 8,000 soldiers created to guard China's first Emperor in the afterlife. Later we will walk the Ancient City Wall of Xian. We will have two nights in Xian. On to Yichang to board our ship for a 4 night cruise up the Yangtze River. Begin your day with a tai chi lesson as we sail the dramatic Xiling Gorge the longest section of the Three Gorges. Discover the state-of-the-art site; The Three Gorges Dam. Next day we will enjoy a remote ride in Pea Boats up the Shennv Stream. Return to our ship as we sail the Wu Gorge with its 12 forest-covered peaks. On to the dramatic cliffs that surround the Qutang Gorge. We will arrive at Shibaozhai (Precious Stone Fortress) with its 9 story red pagoda, at the top a picture perfect view of the river and surrounding countryside. Disembark in the mountain city of Chongqing and travel to Chengdu. The teahouse culture and leisurely lifestyle makes this city so captivating. In Chengdu we will visit the Giant Panda Breeding Research Base. On to Shanghai. We will take the super-fast Maglev train into central Shanghai and that evening be amazed at a Chinese acrobatics show. The next day we will explore Old Town, visit the magnificent Shanghai Museum. Explore the "Bund" which runs along the Huangpu River. You will have the opportunity of POST NIGHT addition to Hong Kong with its awe-inspiring skyline. Explore the famous Stanley Market and seaside village bazaar, visit Aberdeen Fishing Village. On to Macau the "Vegas of China". We are Still finalizing price for the basic trip and the Post Trip. Should have final costs available by February 2019. Estimate pricing for the basic 16 day tour should be around \$5500. That would include all flights including internal flights, trip insurance, China Visa costs. More later on pricing for the Post Trip to Hong Kong. Please contact us NOW with your interest as we only have 20

## CULTURAL TREASURES OF..... JAPAN

October 6-19, 2019

Our tour begins in the amazing city of Tokyo. While here we will visit the Imperial Palace, Niju Bridge and Sakurada Gardens. Our climb of the famous Tokyo tour will give us a amazing view of the city from high above. Throughout this tour we will explore ancient and modern Japanese Culture firsthand. Now on to the lakeside resort of Kakone, renowned for its hot springs. Take a ride on the Hakone Ropeway, an aerial cable car, for breathtaking views of Mt. Fuji. Next we cruise the deep blue waters of Lake Ashi, with epic mountains views. Today we journey to Takayama, where visit Matsumoto Castle. Next, step back in time in the rural Edo-period town of Takayama, nestled in the Japanese Alps. We will visit a 200-year-old sake brewery and later, a 600 year old open air market along the Miyagawa River. On our travels today to Kanazawa, we visit Shirakawa-go, with its gassho-zukuri-style houses with their thatched-rooftops. Our next stay is in Kyoto where we find more than 2000 temple and shrines. We Kinkakuji, the Golden Pavilion, a zen temple with two floors that are completely covered in gold leaf. We will also visit the Gion district, with its narrow lanes of teahouses. We now travel to Kyoto where we board the Shinkansen bullet train for Hiroshima. On this adventure we take a ferry to Miyajima Island to see the iconic Torii gate and the Itsukushima Shrine that appears to float on water. Now we are on the bullet train back to Kyoto. Today we tour Nijo Castle and later we get a lesson in the art of Japanese stenciling. We end our tour with a special kaiseki farewell dinner and Geisha show.

The cost of this amazing 14 Day tour is 6399.00 which includes hotel, air, air taxes, included tours, transfers and our roundtrip flight, out of SFO. Also included are 21 meals: 12 breakfast, 2 lunches and 7 dinners. The tour brochure is available upon request, hard copy or via e mail. Brochures will also be available at the Information meeting.

*If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.*

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