



The San Jose IBM Quarter Century Club Newsletter 1st Quarter 2021

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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.

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

Joe

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Executive summary

What is IBM Watson? IBM Watson is a data analytics processor that uses natural language processing, a technology that analyzes human speech for meaning and syntax. IBM Watson performs analytics on vast repositories of data that it processes to answer human-posed questions, often in a fraction of a second.

Why does IBM Watson matter? IBM Watson's cognitive and analytical capabilities enable it to respond to human speech, process vast stores of data, and return answers to questions that companies could never solve before. As new data is entered into Watson's data repository, it uses [machine learning](#) that is the product of the processing it performs during analytics to continue to increase its knowledge of subject areas, and the insight it is capable of delivering to users.

Who does IBM Watson affect? IBM Watson is employed in nearly every industry vertical, as well as in specialized application areas such as [cybersecurity](#). This technology is often used by a company's data analytics team, but Watson has become so user friendly that it is also easily used by end users such as physicians or marketers.

When is IBM Watson happening? Companies in a host of industries are already running IBM Watson for predictive analytics and problem solving. IBM Watson gives them a competitive advantage and helps them return more value to their customers and constituents.

How can I get IBM Watson? Companies that can afford the multiple millions of dollars that a Watson system costs can run the system internally. Fortunately, Watson access is also available through the IBM cloud for a variety of industry verticals, making it a viable option for many small and midsize companies.

In memory of our departed fellow IBMers,
May they rest in peace

William Burr had a 34 year IBM career, 10 years at the Federal Systems Owego site and the rest at San Jose. His specialty was communications, managing it for the site, and at Santa Teresa/Silicon Valley lab. He was a US Air Force veteran.

Bert Fry worked at several advanced technology projects at the Los Gatos lab and later in a specialized test engineering project.

Rolf Klenk began with IBM in 1965 in Sindelfingen, had an assignment in storage technology in Kingston in 1967, then returned to Mainz. He had two San Jose assignments; 1978-80 and later 1985, which became permanent. He made a specialty of the disk fly height tester, where he was known as "nanometer man" for his attention to detail. He had a passion for bicycling and while he was so engaged he had a serious accident which sadly led to his passing.

Paul Low joined in 1957 and had a 35 year IBM career. He held a wide variety of positions including President of the General Technology and Storage Product Divisions, Group Executive and member of the Corporate Management Board. He was considered a pioneer in semiconductor engineering and manufacturing. He was living in Fairhope, Alabama.

Ray Mushet joined IBM in 1958 and worked variously in San Diego, White Plains, Paris, France and San Jose, in differing aspects of sales, including applied science representative, product forecasting, product planning, community relations and business strategy. An educator and an avid runner, **Bill Nettles** had a 40 year IBM career. He worked in a programming development group at Santa Teresa/Silicon Valley lab.

Andy Orendac was a mechanical engineer who worked in mechanical supplier quality assurance, procurement engineering for polymers and new products purchases

Tom Puorro was an electrical engineer who worked on the first 911 system in New York City, the space program in Houston and the early days of computing in Silicon Valley. His 32 year career took him to Maryland, Texas, New Jersey and California, where he was a manager in a Palo Alto lab. He was a veteran of the US Navy and saw combat during the battle of Iwo Jima.

George Royer was an electrical engineer who worked on the space program, education systems and programming education. He worked at the Cottle Road site, Palo Alto and the STL/SVL lab. He served in the US Navy during World War II and afterwards as an Ensign working on electronics

Tom Smith was an engineer who had a 33 year IBM career. He lived in Los Altos and in retirement he became a teacher at St. Francis High School in Mountain View.

Dave Tubbs joined IBM in Buffalo, NY, and variously worked in Raleigh, Menlo Park (Advanced Computing System), ROLM, Cottle Road and STL/SVL. He was a systems engineer with a specialty of manufacturing materials and logistics and his work assignments included both IBM sites and customers. His final assignment was in the faculty loan program where, at UCLA, he assisted minority engineering students.

John Woolfolk was an IBM manager throughout his career, which began in 1966 in Metairie, La., transferring to California in 1973, where he worked in Palo Alto, then to Armonk in 1975 and returning to California in 1975. He returned to Palo Alto but subsequently transferred to the Cottle Road site where he took charge of manufacturing information systems, MIS, which governed the flow of materials and processes.

Helen Turkow MacGregor

While not Quarter Century member herself, Helen was the surviving spouse of George MacGregor, who was.

In 1943, Helen Turkow, at the age of 20, and living in Endicott, was one of 13 women to accept an offer to move to San Jose with IBM to “man” the new card plant to replace men who were unavailable due to service during World War II. After the war she married George and went on to family pursuits. But she remained a member of the IBM “family” until her recent passing at the age of 97.

The San Jose card plant was established in 1943 to supply punch cards to West Coast customers. IBM's welcome by San Jose city fathers was an important factor in the 1952 decision to locate the then-new laboratory, site of the development of RAMAC, in that city.

The page with a summary of events is no longer being published by the Alumni Club so here are the contacts for your info

Here are the Travel and Golf contacts.

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NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM & FRANCE

September 4 - 15, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS: Amsterdam, Paris, the Eiffel Tower, Giverny, Bruges, Reims and the Notre-Dame de Reims, Parisian cooking class.

Start your tour in the 'City of Lights' Amsterdam. We will see iconic windmills, Dutch houses and cozy Belgium streets and the world renowned Champagne region. We will take a boat ride through the narrow canals, and pass under the many sloping stone bridges. On our way to Bruges Belgium, we will visit the town of Gouda and taste some of their amazing Gouda cheese. Later we arrive in the storybook town of Bruges, with its cobblestone streets and colorful buildings. We will visit the famous dutch windmills and try some Belgium chocolate. As we journey to France, we will spend a day in Brussels, the capital city of Belgium. We now head for Reims France, in the heart of Frances champagne region. We will visit Notre-Dame de Reims Cathedral and see their colorful stained glass. We travel the country side, through vineyard lined roads, followed by wine tasting. We now head to Paris France and to the basilica at Montmartre. As the sun sets we will have a grand view of the city lights. We take a ride in a retro car to see the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe. You will have a chance to visit Monet's country side home at Giverny, then end the day with a hands on cooking class of Parisian classics. Tonight is our farewell dinner.

The cost of this amazing 12 day tour is \$ 4,999, double occupancy, after \$300.00 'early booking', which includes hotel, air, air taxes, noted excursions, transfers, and our roundtrip flight out of SFO, and transportation from San Jose to SFO and return. Also included are 15 meals, 10 breakfast & 5 dinners.

This is one of Collettes 'Exploration' tours, small group tour, which can host a maximum of 24 people. Tour brochure available upon request, hard copy or via e mail.

If you are interested in this tour or have any questions, contact me at bobloves2travel@yahoo.com or 408-835-3393.

Portugal and Its islands; the Azores – how romantic is that!!

October 9– 21st, 2021 (13 days)

Begin this amazing trip in Lisbon, Portugal with its medieval towns and coastal villages, regional wines and cuisine and folkloric entertainment. Immerse in the UNESCO World Heritage sites; Jeronimo's Monastery, Monument to the Discoveries and the Impressive; Tower of Belem, Explore the town of Sintra (UNESCO) the summer residence of Portuguese Kings for 6 centuries. Continue to Portugal's Riviera with visits to Cascais and Estoril and indulge in Portuguese cuisine and wine while local artists perform the traditional Fado. Travel to the Silver Coast of sleepy villages of white washed houses and vineyards guarded by hill top castles. Then Fly off to the Azores, the incredible archipelago with its year-round springtime temperatures. The Azores are often referred to as the Hawaii of the Atlantic. They are the Utimate Islands. Soaring mountains, and rich valleys and lakes resting in ancient craters, hot springs, fumaroles and thermal fountains. First is St. Michaels, with beautiful vistas of the mystical Lagoa do Fogo (Fire Lake). Stroll through Terra Nostra Botanical Park and a wonderful Pineapple plantation. Have lunch stewed in the heat of the volcanic earth. Explore a Tea plantation and then chose to take an optional tour to swim with the dolphins or take a whale and dolphin watching boat trip. Or just kayak and hike around Sete Cidades. There will be an interactive cooking demonstration and finish the evening with an incredible dinner. Then journey on to the twin lakes of the Seven Cities; nestled inside a volcanic crater; One lake Blue; reflecting the sky and the other lake Green; reflecting the ground. See the famous waterfalls of ibeira dos Caldeiroes. Visit a family owned Liqueur shop to taste the local liquers. We then fly to Madeira the "Pearl of the Atlantic". Enjoy Subtropical climate, majestic mountains and volcanic caves. See 15th century cathedral and Colonial mansions. Entertainment of Folk dancers and music with dinner cooked over an open fire. On our visit to Camara de Lobos we will pass banana plantations and vineyards with a stop in Sao Vicente with dramaRc views of the coast. Take some free time for a swim in the natural volcanic pools of the quant fishing village of Porto Moniz. With yet another visit to the charming towns of Camacha and Pico do Arieiro and a visit to a family owned embroidery shop and sample some Madeira wine. Conclude our marvelous trip with a flight back to the energy of Lisbon to bid farewell to Portugal with a farewell dinner.

This is a **Leisure Stay tour**; Un-pack only 3 times the whole trip! Book now and save \$100.00 per person: Double \$4699.00, Single \$5,499.00, Triple \$4669.00 Includes: R/T air from SFO, Air taxes, Fees, Surcharges, Hotel + Transfers. 18 meals. Home Town pickup. Not included in the price is: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$315.00 per person. Additional rate of: Business Class Air for \$3,990.00.

This is a first come first serve tour. Your deposit of \$500.00 pp will hold your seat.

Contact Sherry and Art Dill, arthdill@comcast.net for brochures and Trip Presentation information. (831) 338-3069 home (408) 828-9845 cell number - Text messages always welcome