

The Quarter Century Club

In 1924, prior to the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Company being renamed the International Business Machines Corporation, Thomas J. Watson Sr. called together all employees who served with CTR for 25 years or more and formed the Quarter Century Club. The purpose of the Club was to promote fellowship among members of this select group who had contributed a quarter century of their lives to the Company. The Quarter Century Club held its first meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Although there is no longer an organized Corporate club or chapters at most sites, the Rochester site still has Watson Sr.'s vision of the contribution made by and the experience to be tapped of this select group of employees. Working with their manager, we celebrate their dedication to the Company with a reception or luncheon and give a true blue IBM Quarter Century Club polo shirt as a memento. The new member can also have a new badge made displaying the QCC logo.

2009 Quarter Century Club Fellowship Event

After much thought in this year of negative economic news, we felt it important to continue to offer an activity at which QCC members could come together and share past good times and future plans. To minimize the cost and disruption to our members on site, we finally decided upon an Ice Cream Social in the cafeteria. A good time was had with much catching up between members and with great self-made banana splits. Tory Johnson, Director of i/p/x & RSS Fulfillment Engineering, addressed the assembled members concerning "*the importance of the contributions made by employees with 25 years of service*".

The Ice Cream Social served over 600 banana splits.







What's New Around the Rochester Site

- Congressman Tim Walz visits IBM Rochester
- Women's History Month Activities Wrap-up
- Rochester holds Diversity Town Meeting featuring Jon Iwata and IBM's Smarter Planet Strategy
- Mayo Clinic and IBM Host Medical Language Initiative
- The Big Blue Pursuit was a hit! Men's Awareness Month Wraps Up with Advice from IBM Retirees
- 2009 Earth Day IBM Rochester
- IBM Rochester hosts Technology Day
- IBM Rochester hosts Stepping Stones
- April madness basketball event
- IBM Rochester Earns Liberty Mutual Award for 2008
- RHNG Hosts Cinco de Mayo Partnership @ the Rochester Peace Plaza
- Successful LEAP Workshops Held at IBM Rochester
- "How to Become a Technical Leader" Presentation Well Received
- Adopt a Bluebird House Program
- Community Documentary, Marriage Laws Display, Rainbow Cookies featured during GLBT Pride Month
- System/3 turns 40
- FunWorks FunCache wrap-up
- Successful Take Our Children to Work Day held at IBM Rochester

- IBM Club Hosts the Employee Picnic
- IBM Rochester EX.I.T.E. Camp 2009
- Senator Amy Klobuchar visits IBM Rochester
- Rochester Area Students win third straight national competition!
- KAUST visited IBM Rochester
- Minnesota 4-H Tries Science (IBM TryScience) at the State Fair
- STG Minneapolis Lab Ribbon Cutting Story
- Minnesota Council for Quality Lean Six Sigma Forum Hosted by IBM
- Senator Al Franken visited IBM Rochester
- SmarterCities Matter Event
- IBM receives 2009 Working Family Support Award
- IBM Rochester ECCC Final Results
- Rochester Technology Exchange & Demo Day: Building a Smarter Planet

What's New in the Quarter Century Club

- ❖ **QCC Member Update:** There are over 250 new members in the QCC since January 1, 2009. A reminder that new QCC members are encouraged to have their photos taken by Communications so that it can be posted on the QCC web page. Walk-in photo service is available every Wednesday from 9:00 - 10:30 AM at F202/107-1. Contact John Sobotta on 3-7911 if you have any questions.
- ❖ **QCC Web Site Update:** A reminder that if you haven't already done so, please check out The Rochester IBM Quarter Century Club web page at "www.rochqcc.org"
- ❖ We don't publish a new member directory or provide member contact information any more. New members are encouraged to make their picture available to be displayed on the IBM Rochester QCC website.
- ❖ We don't maintain a database of retiree addresses any more. For retiree contact, please see the Rochester Retiree Club website, www.rochestermn.com/rrclub



Fun Stuff

❖ Green Trivia:



1. When was the first Earth Day celebrated?
 - A. March 21, 1970
 - B. April 22, 1970
 - C. May 21, 1970
 - D. June 22, 1970

2. The world's first national park was started in 1872 in which country?
 - A. Corbett National Park in India
 - B. Kruger National Park in South Africa
 - C. Ordesa National Park in Spain
 - D. Yellowstone National Park in U.S.

3. Where was the first major international conference on environmental issues?
 - A. America
 - B. Britain
 - C. China
 - D. Sweden

4. Where was the first wildlife refuge formed in 1903?
 - A. Mai Po Marsh Reserve in Hong Kong
 - B. Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge in Florida, US
 - C. Elk Island National Park in Alberta, Canada
 - D. Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

5. Why did founder John McConnell choose March 21 as Earth Day?
 - A. March Vernal Equinox
 - B. His birthday
 - C. It was the only date free at the party house
 - D. March needed more holidays

6. Who is the patron saint of ecologists?
 - A. Saint Francis
 - B. Saint Patrick
 - C. Saint Valentine
 - D. Saint Nick

Answers...

1. A. *March 21, 1970*
First celebrated in the U.S. on this date, it has been celebrated each year thereafter at the United Nations, bringing attention to its original purpose: peace, justice, and the care of Earth.
2. D. *Yellowstone National Park in U.S.*
Yellowstone becomes the world's first national park in 1872. Since then countries around the world have established more than 4000 national parks and preserves.
3. D. *Sweden*
The first major international conference on environmental issues was held in Stockholm, Sweden in 1972 and was sponsored by the United Nations.
4. B. *Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge in Florida, U.S.*
Founded in 1925 Virunga National Park is the oldest wildlife park in Africa and Elk Island National Park was founded in 1913.
5. A. *March Vernal Equinox*
He thought using the first day of Spring in the Northern Hemisphere to be a good date to celebrate the earth.
6. A. *Saint Francis*
In 1980, Pope John Paul II proclaimed him the patron saint of ecologists. In art, the emblems of St. Francis are the wolf, the lamb, the fish, birds, and the stigmata.

Tidbits and Reminders

The IBM Rochester Quarter Century Club also marks the retirement of its members with a small memento, a wallet personalized with the member's choice of a monogram up to their full name. Both womens' and mens' wallets are available. In 2009, 52 wallets were presented to retiring members with the club's best wishes.

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The experience that QCC members bring to the IBM Corporation is an important component of our success. If you would like to join us in congratulating your fellow employees as they celebrate their years invested in building a career at IBM and are a current member, please contact Lori Kestila (3-1345) or Terry Schardt (3-2583) this week.