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The Number to call for information on Unisys Retirement Status and Benefits: 1-877-864-7972.

The Number to call for information on Lockheed Martin Retirement Status and Benefits: 1--866-562-2363.

Wednesday, March 02	Board Meeting, Eagan	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 09	Program and Social Time	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 06	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 20	Volunteer Breakfast	8:30 a.m.

MARCH PROGRAM: EAGAN



Our March program will be at the Eagan Community Center at 7 p.m. on March 9th. Barbara Grueschow will speak about the ins and outs of the National Marrow Donor Program. Barb is a contract courier for the National Marrow Donor Program, traveling the United States and 30 other countries over the past nine years picking up and delivering bone marrow and stem

cells to hospitals for cancer patients. People are generally unaware of the teamwork involved in delivering these important transplants to their destinations: the pilots, ambulance drivers, airline employees and so on. Or the emotions encountered, from the heart wrenching deliveries made to the pediatric hospitals to the humorous interactions with security and customs as the product travels from the donor to the patient. Additionally, she can discuss the various options available to those who wish to give the gift of life to

others through organ donations. Barbara is also a VIP Club member along with her husband, Bob, a retiree of the UNIVAC to LMCO corporation sequence.

**VOLUNTEER SURVEY FORMS
ARE DUE BY APRIL 6, 2011;
(SEE PAGE 7)
BREAKFAST IS ON APRIL 20th**

APRIL PROGRAM: ROSEVILLE VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
From: President Lowell Benson

Transition of LMCO jobs to other facilities is now underway. John Samuelson was named as General Manager to oversee the transitions. Some VIP Club transitions are also underway. How many of you read the 'boiler plate' on page 10 of the Jan/Feb newsletter? There is a new entry "Recreation Leagues, Keith Behnke, *894-2182." Keith has joined the VIP Club Board as an Associate to coordinate communications with the golf league, the trap & skeet league, the electronics club, the toastmasters, etc as the 'boards' of those activities decide whether to continue after the plant closes. In the future, notes about these activities may begin to appear in the newsletter and/or on the VIP Club web site. Our May program will be in the MACS building conference room just inside the visitor's entrance instead of at the Eagan Community Center. We'll resume cookies and coffee at this program. The Board has arranged to hold our annual Christmas Dinner at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club instead of the Service Club so that attendees don't have to go through the security gate rigmarole. Our intent is also to start the event earlier so that guests can avoid some rush hour traffic.

Another transition is underway in the Northern side of the Twin Cities. After two decades of 2nd Wednesday of the month breakfasts at the New Brighton Tri-City Legion, a UNISYS retirees group is now meeting monthly at the New Brighton Eagles Club (just a block north.) Our annual volunteer recognition breakfast will also be at Gina's Café in the Eagles building on April 20th, please notice the address change on the Volunteer Survey form and on the web site.

Another transition in progress, the Blue Bell retirees club now has a new president, Joe La Viola, as Al Rollins has stepped down. The Board exchanges newsletters with that group. Our website links page also links to their web site.

Although we have dates set for future programs; if you have a topic or speaker you'd like to see us schedule, please contact any board member and we'll try to set it up. Respectfully, Lowell Benson, VIP Club President

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DINING CLUBS & GROUPS

Breakfast groups and get-togethers:

One breakfast group meets monthly at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Gina's Café at the Eagles Club, Old Hwy 8, New Brighton. Phone: **763-416-3903.**

Another breakfast group meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st Thursday of each month at Joseph's Grill, 140 South Wabasha, (Wabasha and Plato) St. Paul. Phone: **651-222-2435.**

Luncheon Groups & Dinner Clubs:

One Unisys Luncheon group meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet, Holly Shopping Center, located at University Ave. and Mississippi St. just north of I-694. For information call **651-552-1465.**

Another Luncheon group (engineering/drafting) meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet at 2000 S. Robert, West St. Paul. For information call **651-456-0750**.

And another Luncheon group (Unisys and Burroughs) meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Mall of America 3rd floor North Food Court. We sit at the tables between the elevator and Burger King. For information call **952-854-7855**.

Dinner Club. A Unisys Dinner Club meets monthly, from September through April, on the 4th Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. at Champs located at 35E and Larpenteur Avenue.

MEETING & EVENT DATES 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Jan. 12, 2011			No Meeting
Feb. 09	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Mar. 09	7:00 p.m.	Eagan.	Program - Social Time
Apr. 20	8:30 a.m.	Gina's Cafe	Volunteer Breakfast
May. 11	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
June 08	4:00 p.m.	Park	VIP Club Picnic
July 13			No Meeting
Aug. 10	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Sept. 14	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Oct. 12	6.30 p.m.	Rsvl	Social Program
Nov. 09	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program – Social time
Dec. 15	5:45 p.m.	USAF	Christmas Party

Note: Rsvl = Roseville, Eagan = Eagan Community Center, Park = Highland Park Pavilion, USAF = OFFICERS Club at Fort Snelling.

WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS

King, Frank & Johanne L St. Paul, MN.

U = Unisys B = Burroughs L = Lockheed Martin D = Unisys Defense Systems

IN REMEMBRANCE



Becker, Dorothy A. - Age 79, of Bloomington, MN. Passed away Feb. 2, 2011. Survived by husband of 58 years, Warren. Dorothy and Warren have been long time VIP Club members. (See “Remembering

Dorothy” on this page)



Elverson, Ruth (West) – Age 75, of Woodbury, MN. Passed away on October 25, 2010 after a prolonged battle with Multiple System Atrophy and ovarian cancer. Ruth is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Vern. Vern is a Sperry

Unisys retiree and member of the VIP Club.



Gardner, Rodger L. - Age 88, of St. Paul, MN. Passed away Wednesday, January 19, 2011. Preceded by his loving wife of 62 years, Amy Alta Harrington Gardner. Rodger worked for the U.S. Corps of Engineers for several years and for Sperry Univac for 35 years.

Lutes, Charles. - of Norfolk, NE. Passed away January 9, 2011. Charles was a Univac/ Unisys /Lockheed retiree.

Petrof, Albert (Al) - Age 87, passed away December 29th at his Shoreview home. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mildred. Al worked as an Electrical Engineer for UNIVAC from 1956 to 1962 when he left to work for WCCO

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

REMEMBERING DOROTHY



Dorothy Becker, our Christmas Dinner/Dance hostess for so many years, passed away February 2nd. We share Warren’s loss, and extend our sympathy to their family. Dorothy was 79 years old and they had been married 58 years. The VIP Club benefitted from Dorothy and Warren’s active involvement over the years and we all appreciate the huge role they played as a Christmas Party committee of two. All our invitation responses were addressed to Dorothy and, with Warren’s help, payments tallied, reservations confirmed, and name tags prepared – all greatly appreciated by the Club. We already miss Dorothy’s gracious smile and presence at our events. This is just another belated and heartfelt ‘Thank You.’”

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

Submitted by Bernie Jansen

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RE-LOCATING?

Please send permanent address update information to our database Membership Director at, VIP Club - P.O. Box 131748 - Roseville, MN 55113. Also, please remember that for temporary address changes, (vacations/snow birds, etc.) the U.S. Postal mail forwarding service should be used. Submitted by Quint Heckert

WEB SITE REVIEW by Lowell Benson.

This is the eleventh in a series of article reviews for the ~40% of our members who don’t have immediate internet access. A year after our Legacy project began, the committee asked Earl Vraa to document the UNIVAC experiences with Automated Design. Earl provided us with three papers which had been presented at conferences. He then created an outline and contacted several people who collaborated on telling our Computer Aided Design Story. Below is my summary of the first two of the papers. The third paper and the ‘rest of the story’ will be summarized in the next issue.

In October, 2009 we provided a reprint of “A PROGRESS REPORT ON COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN COMPUTER DESIGN” by S. R. Cray and R. N. Kisch - circa 1954, provided by E.M. Vraa. Yes, this was co-written by the Seymour Cray. The introduction reads: “The subject of utilizing computers for designing other computers has been popular for several years. This subject generally brings

to mind the reduction, or even the generation, of design logic through the use of Boolean algebra or similar methods. These complex and difficult problems are ones which the authors of this paper have considered only superficially. Instead, consideration was given to the mechanization of several other phases of development work which represent probably the greatest portion of the effort that goes into the development of a new computing system. This paper summarizes the progress that has been made to date in the development and use of mechanized methods for checking design logic and for the performance of processes of detailed design. The latter is exemplified by the planning of component arrangement and preparation of manufacturing wire tabulations for constructing the equipment. These methods involve the use of a general purpose computer: in this case, a Univac Scientific, Model 1103. The mechanization program described in this paper necessarily is based on a particular computer building block and particular type of cabinet design. It is independent, however, of any specific computer, and any logical design can be processed which uses the selected building blocks and cabinet structure.”

Within the remaining dozen pages of the paper, the authors discuss the man machine interface, and how the system works when checking the logic design of multiple building blocks of magnetic logic. In their case, they used a Model 1103 computer, a magnetic tape file, a paper tape output and an electric typewriter. Page 8 of the 9 page paper reads “Phase Three - When the design checking process has been completed, another formidable operation must be undertaken. Decisions must be made regarding the placement of the magnetic switch packages in the standard chassis assemblies, and manufacturing tabulations must be prepared which completely describe the wiring required to interconnect all of the packages. A standard chassis accommodates up to 180 of the building block packages so that in an equipment using, for example, 2000 packages - 12 assemblies would be required. Indiscriminate or improper assignments of the various magnetic switch packages to the chassis would result in an excessive number of interconnections between chassis, in tolerable lengths of wire on some of the switch outputs, and possible excessive unbalance of the loads on the clock pulse driver lines. In view of the number of factors to be considered and the tremendous number of options available for placement, the assignment job is handled by the Model 1103 computer, in a manner far more rapid than it could be done by the designer. The same is true of the process of preparing wiring tabulations. Several hundred pages of material are prepared in a few hours by the computer, and freedom from the various types of human errors is assured. The connection points are

listed in an order such that subsequent wiring in that order will require a minimum length of wire. The length of wire required is also listed in each case and a color code is assigned.”

As a former logic designer in '66-'69, we took automated wire tab generation as just a part of the job, when this paper was written in '54 it must have been cutting edge technology.

In September 2009 we provided a reprint of “Computer Aided Design - What is Worthwhile” by Earl M. Vraa et al. from 1972. Earl started the paper with “CAD activity at Univac was initiated in 1954 with two people who started with automated documentation on a Flexowriter. This initial effort was very crude by today's standards, but it was a start toward CAD as it now is known. Now, nearly two decades later, this original activity has grown to include five identifiable CAD organizations within three operations: Roseville Development Center (RDC), Philadelphia Development Center (PDC), and Defense Systems Division (DSD).“

Mr. Vraa continues this paper with some comparisons of the three organizations, then writes some details about the Defense Systems Division Computer Aided Design. He concludes: “First, the experience in Univac indicates that very few processes lend themselves to total automation. They can be reduced in both time and cost through the use of CAD, but attempting total automation is prohibitive. ... Many processes can be nearly automated at cost effective dollar expenditures. The \$ amount, although theoretical is based on Univac experience. In this case, a process is 95% automated for a 50% dollar ratio. To automate the other 5% of the process would require an equivalent expenditure. At this point the cost effectiveness of CAD decreases. Again, CAD is only an aid to user.”

SPORTS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

With the planned closure of the Lockheed Martin facility in Eagan and the phased reduction in employees during the period 2011 thru 2013, the VIP Club is offering to assist in the continuation of the Company's Sports and Recreation Activities for those who are interested. While many of the participants are retirees, most of the activities are open to spouses, relatives and friends of both active and former employees. Some of the activities had restricted participation of Unisys employees after the purchase of the Unisys Defense business by Loral and then Lockheed Martin. This will not be continued with the new association with the combined Unisys/Lockheed

Martin retirement club. All Unisys employees will be welcome to participate in the future.

Leadership transition plans will be developed that will require that some retirees assume the responsibilities of current active employee office holders who will be leaving in the near term. Further information will be provided at the VIP Club website and in future newsletters.

Listed below are the activities currently being reviewed with the current leader identified. Please contact them if you are interested in a leadership role or in participating in these activities:

Golf League – Jerry Luger –

jerry.d.luger@lmco.com

PC and Electronics Club – Bob Grueschow –

ragrueschow@hotmail.com or 952-432-3832

Trap and Skeet Club – Tim Zenner –

tim.zenner@lmco.com

Bowling League – Liz or Kevin Schwarzbauer, -

kschwar@hotmail.com

VIP Club Sports and Recreation Associate – Keith

Behnke - keithbhk@comcast.net

ROSEVILLE GOOD OLD DAYS REUNION

If you used to work in Roseville, have friends that used to work there, or just like to get together with people that used to work for Univac/Unisys, mark your calendars for Friday, April 29th. The Good Old Days reunion will again be held at the Mermaid in Mounds View. This year, it will be in the spacious Coral Bay ballroom, on the upper level. An entry fee of \$1 is needed to cover the room rental. A selection of foods will be available at a reasonable cost. If you plan on attending, please send a message to Tom Turba at TNTurba@Comcast.net so we can get a count of the number of people. Indicate if you plan on eating. This is again expected to be a very large event with close to 400 people attending. Pass the word on to your friends and come together. We will have the room from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a cash bar. Come for lunch if you can't stay longer.

MEDICINE BOTTLES IN GREAT DEMAND

There is an unbelievable need for ready-to-use medicine bottles and pill containers at the Raphael Clinic in Kerrville, TX. Raphael Clinic gives out over 550 free prescriptions per week and are always in need of containers. I am sending this **SOS** to please send us your used medicine containers. Be sure the labels are removed and that the containers are clean. Please mail your containers to: Raphael Community Free Clinic, 1807 Water Street, Kerrville, TX. 78028. Thank you from Sister Marge Novak. Submitted by Lucille Elms

LIGHTER SIDE

GOODBYE MOM

A young man shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around. If he stopped, she stopped. Furthermore she kept staring at him. She finally overtook him at the checkout, and she turned to him and said, "I hope I haven't made you feel ill at ease; it's just that you look so much like my late son."

He answered, "That's okay."

"I know it's silly, but if you'd call out "Goodbye, Mom" as I leave the store, It would make me feel so happy. "She then went through the checkout, and as she was on her way out of the store, the man called out, "Goodbye, Mom." The little old lady waved, and smiled back at him. Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his Groceries. "That comes to \$121.85," said the clerk. "How come so much ... I only bought 5 items." The clerk replied, "Yeah, but your Mother said you'd be paying for her things, too."

Copper Wire

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, New York scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years, and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, in the weeks that followed, a California archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story in the LA Times read: 'California archaeologists, finding traces of 200 year old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers.'

One week later, a local newspaper in Minnesota , reported the following: After digging as deep as 30 feet in his pasture near Embarrass, Minnesota , Ole, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Ole has therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Minnesota had already gone wireless. Thank Heavens for Ole.

A cowboy named Bud

A cowboy named Bud was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture in California when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust. The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, RayBan sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, Will you give me a calf?"

Bud looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, Why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his Cingular RAZR V3 cell phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo. The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany.

Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with email on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer, turns to the cowboy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says Bud. He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car.

Then Bud says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?"

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?" "You're a Congressman for the U.S. Government", says Bud.

"Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required." answered the cowboy. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of dollars worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know a thing about how working people make a living - or about cows, for that matter. This is a herd of sheep...Now give me back my dog.

Grandma

She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Gramma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye...

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1".

The VIP Recognition Breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m. on April 20th at **Gina's Café, Eagles Club New Brighton**. Your Volunteer Survey Forms must be received by April 6th for Program 'names' listing.

VIP CLUB Volunteer Hours Survey Form for Year 2010		
Member/Spouse Names _____	Your City _____	State ____
*Service Code	Organization(s) your for which volunteer Services were performed	Member & Spouse Hours per line
**Please indicate how many of you will attend the volunteer breakfast. Enter 0, 1, or 2: _____		Total Hours: _____

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Mail the form to Bernie Jansen 848 Ivy Lane Eagan, MN 55123-2425

OR -

E-mail your volunteer information directly to Bernie at bjskj@hotmail.com. Be sure to include how many of you will be at the breakfast on April 20th.

OR -

Go on-line to <http://vipclubmn.org>, scroll down to section 7 of the home page. First enter your first name, last name, and e-mail address into the first three boxes. Then enter your volunteer information into the message block – followed by how many will attend the volunteer breakfast. Then click on the 'Submit' button.

***VIP Volunteer Services Areas with Samples of Organizations in each Category:**

Code	Service Area	Code	Service Area
1	Community and Related Services AARP Volunteers Civic/Government Support Services Community Services DARTS Minnesota Senior Federation/VISTA Scouts Senior Centers United Way	2	Meals, Food and Housing Services Dorothy Day Center Food Services / Senior Dining Habitat for Humanity Loaves and Fishes Meals on Wheels Sharing and Caring Hands
3	Health and Disaster Services American Cancer Society Arthritis Foundation Courage Center Red Cross & Bloodmobile Services Signet Health & Rehab. Center	4	Religious and Related Services Basilica of St. Mary Church Missions and Camps Lutheran Missions Presbyterian Homes Related Charities
5	Schools and Educational Services Historical Societies Volunteer Services in Schools Wright Brothers National Memorial	6	Music and Theatrical Services Guthrie Theater Northern Lights Variety Band North Suburban Chorus
7	Other Services Animal Humane Society Law Enforcement Services Small Business Consulting Veterans & Armed Forces Support		Juvenile Court Guardian Mutual Interest Association UNISYS & LMCO Legacy VIP CLUB

Directions to **Gina's Café in the Eagles Club** are as follows: **Gina's Café in the Eagles Club** is located at 563 Old Highway 8 NW in New Brighton. To get there from I-35W take Co. Rd. D west to Old Highway 8 and go north about one mile. **Eagles Club is on right side** of Old Highway 8.

