

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, February 6	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
Wednesday, February 13	2:00 p.m.	Program Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
Wednesday, March 6	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	UNISYS MACS, Eagan
Wednesday, March 13	7:00 p.m.	Program Meeting	UNISYS MACS, Eagan
Wednesday, April 3	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
Wednesday, April 17	9:00 a.m.	Volunteer Breakfast	VFW, Roseville

### FEBRUARY PROGRAM: Shale Fracking in North Dakota

Our Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> program meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the Unisys, Roseville facility. The topic will be “Hydraulic Fracking in the North Dakota Bakken Oil Field” by Ken Decublis. The Bakken Oil Field is part of the Williston Basin, an important resource as the US strives to be more energy independent.

Mr. Decublis joined Black Ridge as the Chief Executive Officer in November of 2011. He brings over 20 years of executive experience in a broad range of energy industries including 10 years at Exxon Mobil Corp and most recently as President and CEO of Altra Inc, a venture capital backed bio-fuels company. Ken also previously served as Chairman of KD Global Energy, Belize Ltd, a firm that provides upstream technical and geological services to petroleum lease holders in Belize. Mr. Decublis received an MBA from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University in 1996 and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1990.

[See directions to Unisys, Roseville on page 10.]

### MARCH PROGRAM: Journey for Freedom

Peter Vodenka will tell his story at 7 p.m. on March 13<sup>th</sup> in the UNISYS, MACS visitor’s conference room. Cookies and de-caf coffee will be available, we can ask questions about Peter’s book, “*Journey for Freedom*”!

From the dream of a teenage boy longing for freedom in a small foreign country years ago - to living free in

America and calling the American Flag **OUR FLAG** and the Star Spangled Banner **OUR ANTHEM**. This is the ultimate version of an American dream...

In June of 1983, my wife and I, along with our four-year old daughter and two-year old son, defected from behind the Iron Curtain of communist Czechoslovakia. In the middle of a cold, rainy night, we ran for our lives across the border from communist Yugoslavia to western Austria while being chased by guards with automatic weapons.

Following our successful escape, we spent three months in a refugee camp in Austria until we were notified that the First Lutheran Church in Beach, ND wanted to sponsor our family, and make our dreams come true. We were **FREE** to enter the United States of America! We arrived at our new home on September 7, 1983. We spoke no English and had no idea what we would do to survive. One week later I started my first job working for a local pig farmer earning minimum wage of \$3.35 an hour. Today, I am the proud owner of a successful construction company. My wife Lilly works for a prominent medical facility. Our daughter, Patty, graduated from college with a degree in graphic design, and our son, Peter, joined the US Marines, and was in the first wave of soldiers marching into Baghdad. Edited by LABenson

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE From: Bob ‘RC’ Hanson

There were two VIP gatherings in December at the Fort Snelling Officers Club. First, the Old Timers meeting was well attended by approximately 300 people, which provided the opportunity to visit with many friends from the past. The second was the



annual Christmas party, which had a social hour followed by Dinner and entertainment for listening and dancing, which made for an enjoyable evening. On behalf of all VIP members, we thank Lynn Lindholm for her seven years of service as club secretary.



Respectfully, *Bob 'RC' Hanson*, VIP Club President

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013:** Inputs due to the chief editor for the March newsletter which will be distributed in mid to late February.

**Mark your calendars:** April 17<sup>th</sup> will be the annual volunteer recognition breakfast at the Roseville VFW. The survey form for submitting your volunteer hours will be in the March and April newsletter issues. Bernie Jansen and Frank King are coordinating inputs.

April 26<sup>th</sup> will be the Roseville Good Old Days at the Mermaid in Moundsview. Tom Turba is the Coordinator.



May 8<sup>th</sup> will be a program at the Unisys MACS building in Eagan. Chip Laingan, Executive Director of the Defense Alliance, will talk about the Twin Cities defense industry history.

**Volunteer Requests:** 1) Contact Bernie Jansen if you are willing to help with the Lawshe Museum Legacy Exhibit setup planning. 2) Contact Harvey Taipale if you can help with the continuing photo identification efforts now at the Lawshe Museum.

**June 12, 2013** – Our annual June members’ picnic will be a **Grand Reunion Picnic** event at 4 p.m. in Highland Park! If Club members have friends who previously worked for Lockheed Martin, UNISYS, or predecessor companies but haven’t retired or joined the Club – All are invited! We’ll have purchased food instead of ‘pot luck’ and some beer in addition to the soft drinks! The **preregistered** charge will be \$10 per couple or \$7 per person. If not a member, the attendee(s) will receive a one year club membership in addition to the meal and drink. If a member, the attendee will have his/her membership extended by one year. **Walk-ins** will be charged \$10 per person.

**PERIODIC GROUPS**

**One 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 at the Grill is 651-222-2435.

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

**One Luncheon group** - [engineering/drafting] meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet at 2000 S. Robert, in West St. Paul.

**A Second 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. Coordinator phone is 952-854-7855.

**A Third 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. Coordinator phone is 651-552-1465.

**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 Larpentour Avenue.

**NEW MEMBERS**

- Colleen Altnow L Apple Valley, MN.
- Tony Beck & Kathleen L Prescott, WI.
- Edward Conley & Jeri L Burnsville, MN.
- Quint Fabro & Mary Lynn L Eagan, MN.
- Bob Jablonski U Burnsville, MN.
- Mark Johnson & Marlene L Lakeville, MN.
- Carl Halvorson & Barbara L Apple Valley, MN.
- Lyle Olson & Pat L Eagan, MN.
- Dan Reiman & Delaine L Shakopee, MN.
- Paul Richardson & Shirley L Bloomington, MN.
- James Spurrier L Burnsville, MN.
- Merle Weight & Marcella U Coon Rapids, MN.
- Darryl Witte & Peggy L Minneapolis, MN.
- Mary Zimmeth & Jerry L Apple Valley, MN.

**Retired from:** B => Burroughs; D => Unisys Defense Systems; L => Lockheed Martin; or U => Unisys Comm'l

**IN REMEMBRANCE**



**Cafferty, John M.**- Age 80, of St. Paul, MN. Passed away December 27th, 2012, at the VA Hospital. John had an extended career at Sperry/Unisys. He is survived by his beloved spouse of 51 years, Therese.

John was a long time VIP Club member.

**Casperson, David Eugene** age 75, passed away Friday, November 30, 2012 at his home in Anoka, Minnesota. David was a retired Unisys employee – worked most of his career in plant 4 engineering.

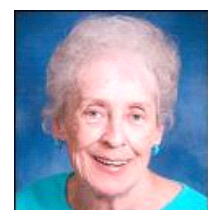
**Kimm, Gervaise E., Sr.** Gerry passed away peacefully in Denver, CO on November 26, 2012 at age 86. He graduated from Saint Louis Park High School in 1944, and graduated from the U of MN in 1950 - Radio Speech/Math and in 1961 Physics/ Math. He served in the <http://www.legacy.com/memorial-sites/navy/?personid=161406089&affiliateID=940> Navy in the South Pacific and worked at Sperry/Univac in Eagan, MN as a systems engineer for over 20 years. Mr. Kimm is survived by his wife of 53 years, Patricia E. (Brown) Kimm of Denver, CO, three sons and several grandchildren.

**Larsen, Sterling John** - Age 88, of St. Louis Park, MN. Passed away peacefully on November 28, 2012. Sterling was a Univac retiree. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Karen.

**Lassonde, Lyle** age 78, of Lakeville, MN, passed away peacefully at home on Dec. 10, 2012, surrounded



by his loving family after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years Gail, two sons and extended family. Lyle was a 1952 graduate of Two Harbors High School and DeVry Technical Institute of Chicago, Ill in 1961. He enjoyed a long and exciting career in the computer industry for 36 years, retiring from Unisys in 1996.

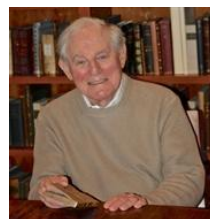


**Mark, Mary Ann** – Age 75, of Roseville, MN. Beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother. Passed away on December 5, 2012. Mary Ann is survived by Roger, husband of 55 years. The Marks have been long time members of the VIP Club.

**Montain, Alice C.** - Age 84, of Fridley, MN. Preceded in death by husband, James who was a Unisys retiree. Alice was a long time VIP Club member.

**Mueller, Connie:** Connie died peacefully on 11/22/2012 after a courageous 3 1/2 year battle with pancreatic cancer. Connie was a lovely woman whose high spirits and optimism during her illness were an inspiration to all. She is survived by her loving husband of 44 years, Bill; and numerous family members. She was a UNISYS retiree and a former VIP Club member.

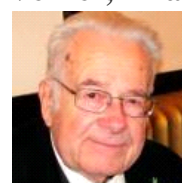
**O'Brien, Leo J:** Leo, age 81 of Lakeville, passed away October 8, 2012. He is preceded in death by his wife; Therese “Dolly”. Leo had a 30 year career at



Unisys and predecessor companies before retiring from program management.

**Tomash, Erwin** - Age 91, of Soquel, CA. After the war he worked at Engineering Research Associates, (ERA). Erwin was responsible for the central control system of the 1103 {ATLAS II} computer. In 1979, with the support of other computer luminaries, he founded and endowed the Charles Babbage Institute now housed at the University of Minnesota.. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Adelle.

**Verner, Frank Miroslav "Mir"** - Age 81, of Mahtomedi, MN. formerly of Marine on the St. Croix. Frank is survived by his wife of 55 years, Shirley. Mir was a Unisys retiree and a long time member of the VIP Club.



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**VIP CLUB**

Established in 1980  
Annual Christmas  
Dinner/Dance  
13 December, 2012



Member Emeritus  
Warren Becker

Member Emeritus  
Marion Scott



LYNDON  
PETERSON



President Tom Turba thanks  
Lynn for being Club Secretary  
2006=>2012



Bob Grueshow  
& Loren Conrad

Al  
Bloomquist

Barb G. & Rita C.



Dale Phelps  
& Ruth Sanford

Don Weidenbach  
& Brian Berggren

Nick Benson &  
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Nancy & Joe Schwarz

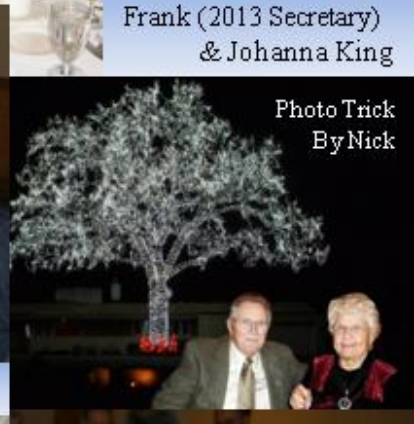


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By Nick



This snap by Nick



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Jan & Neil Leum

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Marion Scott &  
Millie Gignac  
Members Emeriti

Kathy Jansen & Una Solheim

Nancy Gountanis

Paul & Lynn Lindholm  
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Burgers at our June Picnics.

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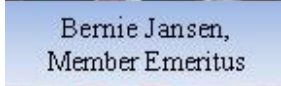
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Established in 1980



Ed Solheim



Bernie Jansen,  
Member Emeritus



Bob 'RC' Hanson  
2013 President



Chuck & Mary Wenz – Marge & Jack Ross



Virginia & Tom Turba



Nancy Hanson  
& Lee Granberg



Esther Granberg  
& Barry Katz



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## **REPORTS, ACTIVITIES**

**Sports and Recreation:** by Keith Behnke

Sports report in the upcoming March issue.

**Christmas Dinner/Dance:** Sixty three attendees enjoyed chicken, steak, and walleye dinners. Seasonal music by Lyndon Peterson was soothing (or was it the wine?) President Tom Turba recognized out-of-state participants; Lyle and Janet Gilbertson from South Carolina; Bob and JoAnn Sund who drove in from IL; and Marv and Mel Janisch from WI. Since invited Unisys executives couldn't make it, Tom gave a state of UNISYS message. Tom then introduced the 2013 board members who were present and recognized Lynn Lindholm for her seven years as Club Secretary with a plant and a gift card. John Westergren recapped the document and artifact transfers to CBI and the Lawshe Museum as well as the continuing LMCO presence in Minnesota. A photo collage by Lowell Benson and Nick Benson is on pages 4 and 5. December 12, 2013 is reserved for next year, same time and place. by LABenson

**What's Brewing:** John Westergren invited VIP Club participation at the final LMCO monthly employee information session held on November 20<sup>th</sup>. This session highlighted a formal IT Legacy ARTIFACT turnover ceremony to the Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS). DCHS Lawshe Museum Director Chad Roberts accepted the donations on their behalf. 18 pallets, two truckloads of computers, printed circuit boards, 'antique' components, and photographs made up the shipment subsequently hauled out on 11 December. Eight pallets of documents were also shipped to the Charles Babbage Institute on 12/11/12. The people pictured on page 9 were at the ceremony,

many of them have been working with Harvey Taipale doing photo identification over the past year. This photo identification initiative is expected to resume at the Lawshe Museum in the Feb/Mar time frame. **Thanks** to DCHS Trustees, Bernie Jansen and Millie Gignac, for convincing the DCHS board to house an IT Legacy display. More volunteers are still needed to plan and set up the exhibit there - contact Bernie, John, Harvey, or Lowell if you are willing to help!

**Annual Univac Old Timers Reunion:** Our 2012 phone and e-mail reminder list has 512 entries, 279 attended this year. About half went through the cafeteria line. Tim, the head bartender, and Maureen, the catering coordinator, were quite pleased as the Old Timers provided them with the best financial day of the year. Keith and Pat Myhre brought in several boxes of photos, trinkets, and cups which were free for the taking. We plan to meet again on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – same time & same place. By LABenson

**IT Legacy Future:** by John Westergren

After Friday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 should any present or former Lockheed Martin (or legacy company) employee have items or documents of a historical value, they should contact John Westergren, [jwestergren@frontiernet.net](mailto:jwestergren@frontiernet.net), with a brief description of the item/material and their contact information. I'm retiring on the 28<sup>th</sup> and have been elected to the VIP Club board as a Director [volunteered] to coordinate our continuing IT Legacy efforts. Some guidelines for items we continue to seek:

- No classified information.
- The item or information should not be Lockheed Martin Proprietary, unless the information is greater than 20 years old and is no longer really proprietary.
- We already have all of the repertoire cards and technical descriptions of all our products except for very recent items.
  - We need information on non-engineering functions: finance, manufacturing, purchasing, contracts, personnel, etc.
  - We need personal histories from everyone: see <http://vipclubmn.org/People.html> for examples - we'll edit and get final concurrence from you, the author, before posting on the web.
  - We do need non-classified program information for recent Minnesota activities – Air Traffic Management, Joint Strike Fighter, ASW, Desert Hawk, etc.

**Continuing Legacy:** Our first airborne Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) contract was in 1963; systems design, the CP-754/A [type ADD1020], and demonstration software. The next contract, Mod-2, brought a 1206 ground support computer, the CP-823 [type 1830], and initial operational software. Contract Mod-3 was for the CP-901, S/N #1

delivered in September, 1967. Mod-3 also expanded software development at the Naval Air Development Center [Johnsville, PA] and systems test and support at Patuxent River, MD. Production CP-901 computers continued into the early 90's when the final S/N#499 was delivered. In 2012 there were still 40 CP-901s flying in Japanese P3Cs. The early 90's was the start of the CP-2044 replacement for the CP901s aboard the Lockheed P3C aircraft. Shown here are Gary Reetz, Chuck Hobus, Pat Myhre, Les Nelson, Bob Pagac, and Art Francis – all of them have been part of this 50-years of ASW systems history. They are standing in front of a CP-2044 which will soon be part of our museum display. We celebrate, 45+ years of CP-901 operational life and 50 years of ASW experiences in 2013! By LABenson

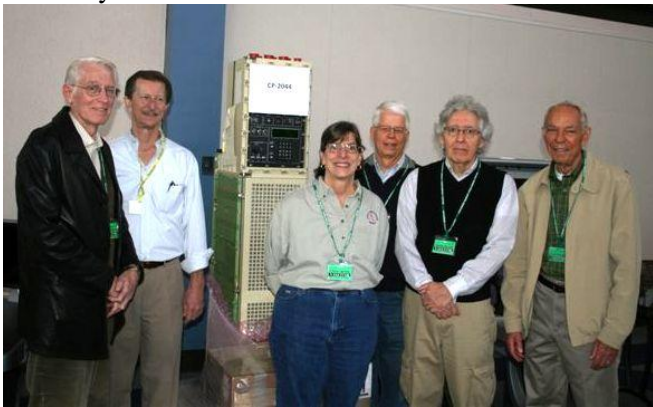


Photo by Joanna Foote, Eagan Communications Coordinator

### REPORT, WEB SITE REVIEW

This is the thirtieth in the newsletter 'Article-for-the-Month' review series for Club members without immediate internet access. By Lowell A. Benson

**In May, 2012**, we posted David Shelander's synopsis of the [AN/UYK-43](#) US Navy computer. "Starting in 1984, the AN/UYK-43 became the new standard 32-bit computer of the US Navy for surface ship and submarine platforms. The size of a refrigerator, it replaced the older AN/UYK-7 Naval Tactical Data Systems (NTDS) computers. The UYK-43 shares the same instruction set architecture as the UYK-7 and AYK-10 computers. Some 1,250 units had been delivered through year 2000. In 2008, NTDS software hosted on the UYK-43 was successful in launching and guiding a missile to shoot an errant satellite out of the sky. {Editor's note: *The AN/UYK-43 was designed and prototyped in the Sperry*



*Defense Systems Eagan, MN facility. Production units were built in the Clearwater, FL facility - continuing through the Sperry to UNISYS merger and the UNISYS to Lockheed Martin divestiture.}*"

"Although AN/UYK-43 computers and functions are gradually being replaced by the NTDS AN/UYQ-70 dual display unit with embedded COTS modules, UYK-43s will still be in use on a large number of USN and international Navies' ships well into the 2020s. Retired AN/UYK-43 units are being cannibalized for repair parts to support these systems still in use."

Mr. Shelander's paper includes a photo copy of a 1984 letter from the Navy's Project Manager, Joe Mallone. In it Joe congratulates the Sperry program manager, Don Dunn, and the development team for the delivery of AN/UYK-43 S/N 1.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DISHONESTY

At the Nobel Conference on "Our Global Ocean" at Gustavus Adolphus College last October, every presenter stressed how important it was for all those doing the research and understanding the consequences to be out front informing the public of the reality of our changing world. Several presenters included recent CO2 concentrations in both the atmosphere and the oceans. It has been rising, but what was most telling was the decrease in the numbers for both air and water during the recent, current recession. The December 2007 to June 2009 period, with its accompanying reduction in fossil fuel use, parallels the reduction in CO2 for air and water. As fossil fuel use recovered after the formal end of the recession, then so did the rise in CO2 in air and water; graphs for fossil fuel use, atmospheric CO2 and ocean water CO2 have near identical slopes. **Now for the dishonest part!**

At the "Mini-Climate School" Kuehnast lectures at the U of M in November, none of the three researchers would address the climate changes they described as global warning; in fact, the American and Canadian speakers declined to take any related questions as political. The Canadian, a very entertaining old fellow, actually said he wanted to keep his position and would make no statements on global warming – this after showing slides of the increasingly dangerous and damaging weather visiting Canada. I walked out with Dean Rosen and mentioned that the speakers at Gustavus to a person said that those who know must tell and lead. Dean Rosen said he was also disappointed, had family in the East affected by Sandy, and had received a refusal to present from a researcher who didn't want to publicly share information in the lecture series forum.

The November and December issues of Scientific American have very readable articles on faster than expected warming with loss of sea ice and why more

severe winter weather is likely for the U.S. and Europe.  
(Submitted by Brian Berggren)

## LIGHTER SIDE

**‘Better Mottos’:** from a Northport Engineering card:  
“SEE ME WHEN YOU WANT A LITTLE HELP,  
I can give you as little as anyone.”

**New Senior Pick-Up Line:** a rather elderly gentleman [mid-eighties] walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. He is very well-dressed, smelling slightly of an expensive after-shave, hair well-groomed, great-looking suit, flower in his lapel. He presents a suave, well-looked-after image.

Seated at the bar is an elderly fine-looking lady [mid-seventies.] The gentleman walks over, sits along-side of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says: "So tell me, beautiful, do I come here often?"

**Memories of Christmas’ Past:** Russian Colonel Rudolf Poshinski and his wife Katiana were walking in Moscow’s Red Square when Katiana said “Oh look Rudolf, it’s starting to snow.”

The Colonel replied, “Nyet Katiana, it is raining.”

Katiana replied: “Well it looks like snow to me.”

Whereupon the Colonel said: “Please Katya, Rudolf the Red knows rain, dear.”

**Ole in New York:** He walked into a New York City bank and asked for the loan Officer. He told the loan officer that he was going to Paris for an International redneck festival for two weeks and needed to borrow \$5,000 for the trip. The bank officer told him that the bank would need some form of security for the loan, so Ole handed over the title and keys to his new Ferrari which was double parked in front of the bank. After everything checked out, the loan officer agreed to hold the car as collateral for the loan and apologized for having to charge 12% interest. As Ole caught a cab to the airport, the bank's president and its officers all enjoyed a good laugh at the Redneck from MN for using a \$250,000 Ferrari as collateral for a \$5,000 loan - a teller drove the Ferrari into the bank's private underground garage. Two weeks later, Ole returned, repaid the \$5,000 and the interest of \$23.08.

The loan officer said, "Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little curious. While you were away - we checked you out on Dunn & Bradstreet and found that you have Multimillions in financial interests all over the world including investments in a large number of Bakken oil field wells around Williston, ND. What puzzles us is why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?"

Ole replied, "Where else in New York City can I park my car for two weeks for only \$23.08 and expect it to be there when I return?" [submitted by two readers]

## TOOLS EXPLAINED

**BELT SANDER:** An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

**PLIERS:** Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

**SCREWDRIVER, PHILLIPS:** Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

**SCREWDRIVER, STRAIGHT:** A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

**UTILITY KNIFE:** Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

**WISE-GRIPS:** Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**WIRE WHEEL:** Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, "Oh sh--!"

## Last Chance to Renew Your Membership and Continue Receiving the Newsletter.

If the address block of your newsletter shows 2012 after your name, your membership and newsletter subscription have expired and this is your last newsletter. In order to continue receiving the newsletter your renewal check must be received prior to February 5, 2013. Please use the renewal form provided on page 9 of this newsletter.





From left to right these volunteers are: Anil Deodhar, Carl Halvorson, Jack LaMuth, Jon Simon, obscured, Dick Erdrich, Harvey Taipale, Ken Pearson, Tom Rougier, Tom Turba, Millie Gignac, Bob Pagac, Bernie Jansen, Les Nelson, Larry Bolton, Lowell Benson, Dick Lundgren, Pat Myhre, Chuck Hobus, Keith Myhre, and Clint Crosby. [Photo by Joanna Foote, Eagan Communications Coordinator]

**FORMS: MEMBERSHIP**

*If* the address block of your Newsletter shows 2012 after your name or *if* the subject line of your e-news notification shows member list 2012, your Club membership and Newsletter subscription expired on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2012 – this is your last newsletter, i.e. one month of grace to get your renewal into our mailbox by February 5<sup>th</sup>.

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**FORM, MEMBER RENEWAL / APPLICATION FORM:**

**Dues are: \$7.00, 1 year \_\_\_ or \$ 18.00, 3 years \_\_\_.**

**Member (≥55) \_\_, or Associate (<55) \_\_: Address Change \_\_, New \_\_, Renewal \_\_**

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Name First M.I. Spouse's Name

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Street Address or P.O. Box City State Zip Code

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Primary Telephone Number E-mail address

Newsletter delivery preference is: Electronic (DSL or faster recommended) \_\_\_ or U.S. Mail \_\_\_.

Employer is/was: UNISYS \_\_, Lockheed Martin \_\_, and/or predecessor company \_\_\_\_\_.

**Include my data in the Club's Directory? Yes \_\_ No \_\_. DIRECTORY is only available to Members and Associates!**

**MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO: VIP Club P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-0020**

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# VIP CLUB

Established in 1980

P.O. BOX 131748

ROSEVILLE MN 55113-0020

## DIRECTIONS TO ACTIVITY SITES

Car-pool if possible or contact a board member for possible 'ride-with' suggestions.

**Directions to Unisys MACS in Eagan:** Set your GPS unit to Eagan MN, 3199 Pilot Knob Road. From Hwy 35E take the Pilot Knob Road exit ramp. Then go north on Pilot Knob Road about ½ mile to Tower View Road. We use the Unisys north parking lot and the visitor entrance thereby.

**Directions to Unisys in Roseville:** Set your GPS unit to Roseville MN, 2470 Highcrest Road. From Hwy 35W north, exit onto W County Rd C, go west a mile, then turn left onto Walnut St. Then turn right onto Terminal Road for half a block, turn right at Highcrest Rd. to building entrance. From 35W south, exit on Industrial Way / St. Anthony Blvd off ramp, turn left, drive under the freeway, then turn right onto Walnut St. Follow it 0.8 mi north then turn left on Terminal Road. Go ½ block and enter the UNISYS parking lot on the right. From Hwy 36 east, drive west until 36 joins Hwy 35W just past Hwy 280, then exit at the Industrial Way / St. Anthony Blvd. off ramp of 35W. Go north on St. Anthony Blvd. to Walnut St. [the first street on the right]. Turn right onto Walnut Street. From Hwy 280 northbound, use left lane exit just past County Rd B for Terminal road access [St Croix St.] Turn left at Terminal Rd, then 1.5 mi to Highcrest Rd.

**Directions to the VFW in Roseville:** Set your GPS unit to Roseville, MN, 1145 Woodhill Drive. From the Eagan area take 35E through St. Paul to go west on Hwy 36. Exit to Lexington Avenue then right about a mile to Woodhill – turn left, drive about 100 yds and enter the VFW parking lot on the right. From the Minneapolis area, take 35W to Hwy 36, then exit onto Lexington Ave - turn left, then drive about a mile to Woodhill – turn left, go 100 yds and enter the VFW parking lot on the right.

**Directions to the Lawshe Museum in South St. Paul:** Set your GPS unit to South Saint Paul, 130 Third Avenue. From the Roseville area, take Hwy 36 to I-35E south toward downtown St. Paul. Get into the left lane then take the I-94/Hwy 52 left exit to merge onto Hwy 52 going south. 3.4 miles later, take the Butler Ave exit and turn left. Go 0.7 mi and turn right onto MN156 S. After 1.8 mi, turn right onto Grand Ave. W – Drive up the hill a block and turn left, the parking lot is then 400 ft. on the left. From the Eagan area, take I494 toward the Mississippi river then take exit #65 onto 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Turn left and drive a mile to Southview Blvd, turn right at the light. After 0.3 mi, turn left onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave – the museum parking lot is then 0.2 mi on the right.