VIP Club Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 6	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	UNISYS MACS, Eagan
Wednesday, March 13	7 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
Wednesday, May 1	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	UNISYS MACS, Eagan
Wednesday, May 8	7 p.m.	Program Meeting	UNISYS MACS, Eagan

MARCH PROGRAM: Journey for Freedom

Peter Vodenka will tell his story at 7 p.m. on March 13th 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 fouryear 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 [See directions to Unisys MACS, Eagan on page 8.]

APRIL PROGRAM: Volunteer Recognition Breakfast

On April 17th the VIP Club will host the annual Recognition Breakfast for VIP Club members who performed volunteer services in 2012. (Please see the "VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST SCHEDULE AND SURVEY FORM" on Page 6 which provides Samples of Volunteer Services and the Codes used to summarize these Services and the "Volunteer Hours Survey Form for Year 2012". It provides instructions on where to send your Survey Forms and where to submit your Email or website online response.)

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION
BREAKFAST
VOLUNTEER SURVEY FORMS
ARE DUE BY APRIL 3, 2013;
(SEE PAGE 7)
BREAKFAST IS ON APRIL 17th

The Breakfast will be held at the VFW Club in Roseville. The month of April is National Volunteer Month and our Breakfast honors all VIP Club members who perform volunteer services wherever they reside. Last year, the 111 VIP Club members who responded to our 2011 Survey, donated over 26,000 hours to



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various organizations in Minnesota, `Arizona, California, Georgia, Illinois, Nevada, North Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin.

Please note that all members who respond to the "Volunteer Survey" are invited to attend this Breakfast. Forty five members attended the Breakfast last year and we hope this many or more will attend this year. The Breakfast will be hosted by the VIP Club and will begin at 9 A.M. at the VFW Club in Roseville. (Directions to the VFW Club in Roseville are provided on page 8 of this newsletter.) Management representatives from Lockheed Martin and Unisys will be in attendance as our guests.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE From: Bob 'RC' Hanson

Planning has started for the GRAND REUNION PINIC to be held on 12 June at Highland park. This year we will not be asking attendees to bring food items, they will be purchased based on the early registration data. This newsletter contains instructions how on to



register, which must be done by May 15. It is extremely important that we have an accurate count of attendees so we can purchase the appropriate quantities.

Our history will be preserved due to the efforts of many volunteers who identified what was on photos, sorted and organized documents, etc. The organizations that are the recipients of the data and some equipment are The Dakota County Historical Society and the Babbage Institute.

Dakota County is planning to use the equipment as part of a display that shows our companies contribution in the development of computers.

Respectfully, Bob 'RC' Hanson, VIP Club President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars -

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

May 8th will be a program at the Unisys
MACS building featuring Chip Laingen, Executive
Director of the Defense Alliance. The Defense
Alliance is a "national Advanced Defense
Technologies Cluster based in Minneapolis-St. Paul.
Its mission is to network and expand the region's
defense industry, create and retain high quality jobs,

and further promote the region's important contributions to our men and women of the armed forces." Director Laingen will talk about the Twin Cities defense industry history, its mission and focus areas and its current activities.

May 16th or 17th will be the annual Norwegian Syttende Mai luncheon at Casper's Cherokee Sirloin Room, 4625 Nichols Road, in Eagan. Come and enjoy with fellow Norwegian-Americans, friends, spouses and associates. The cost will be \$15.00 for the buffet lunch with ribs, chicken, salmon, and beef stroganoff. The buffet will open at 11:15, and the program will start at 11:45. Reminiscing and socializing afterwards is open-ended and encouraged. To sign up or for other information. email Dale Torgerson dale.o.torgerson@gmail.com (ph. 612-597-3714) or Dale Phelps at rsanford@usfamily.net (ph. 952-831-Email is preferred. Watch for the next 7843). newsletter which will confirm the date. The speaker for this year's program will be Jon Pederson, the chairman of the Norway House planning committee. Norway House is an endeavor being planned to provide Norwegian Americans with a cultural center similar to the American Swedish Institute. It will be located in the Minneapolis city block anchored at the southeast corner by Mindekirken, the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church. You can check out the plans at http://www.norwayhouse.org/about-norwayhouse.

Volunteers Wanted – Contact Harvey Taipale if you can help with the continuing photo identification efforts, now at the Lawshe Museum. Contact Bernie Jansen if you are willing to help with the Legacy Exhibit planning and setup.

June 12th, 2013 – Our annual June members' picnic will be a *Grand Reunion Picnic* event at Highland Park beginning at 4 pm! 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 usual pop!

The charge is \$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.

Page 7 has the pre-registration form. **SUBMIT FORM BEFORE 5/15/2013**.

PERIODIC GROUPS

One breakfast group meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. on the <u>1st Thursday</u> 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 <u>2nd Wednesday</u> 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 <u>1st Tuesday</u> 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 <u>2nd Tuesday</u> 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 <u>2nd Wednesday</u> 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 Larpenteur Avenue.

NEW MEMBERS

Conner, Rick & Barbara L
Dyrdahl, Craig & Cindy L
Knutson, Steven & Janice L
Sikoli, Nancy L
Vitale, Andy & Kristen
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Hastings, MN.
Circle Pines, MN.
Apple Valley, MN.
Eagan, MN.
Eagan, MN.

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

IN REMEMBRANCE



Anderson, Walter L. - Age 90, died Jan 10, 2013 of natural causes. He was an early employee of ERA where he worked on magnetic recording circuits under "Task 13" which resulted in the ERA 1103 computer. In 1955 Wally left ERA

from its Arlington, VA office to found General Kinetics, Inc. He was a member of the Founders Circle of the Charles Babbage Institute and also a Friend of CBI at the Benefactor Level.

Gausman, William E. - Age 82, of Brooklyn Center, MN. Passed away December. 4, 2012. He is survived by wife of 58 years, Eleanor. William was employed by Unisys (Univac) for over 30 years.



Gehl, Delmar V. "Del" - Age 82 of Stillwater, MN. Passed away surrounded by his family on January 22, 2013. Survived by wife of 58 years, Joyce. He worked for 30 years for Sperry Univac/Unisys and was a VIP Club member.

Griefnow, Gerald W. - Passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on January 2nd, 2013 of heart failure. He is survived by his wife, Carol. Walter was a Unisys retiree.



Kinard, Jon English - Age 76 of Waconia, MN. Passed away on Wednesday January 2, 2013 at the Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia. Jon is survived by his loving family. John was a Unisys retiree and long time VIP Member.



Larson, Marjorie (Miller) - Age 74, of St Paul, formerly of Mora, MN. Passed away January 4th, 2013. Marjorie was the wife of Jim Larson, who is a Lockheed Retiree. The Larson's were VIP Club members and Jim is still the Annual

VIP Club Picnic coordinator.

Lillestrand, Earl H. - Age 95 of Bloomington, MN. Passed away on January 6, 2013. Earl is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Dorathea "Dottie". Earl was a retired 32 year Marine Corps Veteran and Unisys retiree. Earl was a long time member of the VIP Club.



McKinley, Claire H. - Age 85 of Spring Lake Park, MN. Passed away on December 7, 2012. Preceded in death by her husband, Harry. Claire was a Unisys retiree.

Nultemeier, Alfred H. – Passed away January 7, 2013. Al is survived by his brother, Ralph, and his wife of 48 years, Evelyn. He served in the Navy and was a Unisys Retiree.

Olson, Marilyn K. - Age 67 of Inver Grove Heights, MN. Passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and friends on Jan. 1, 2013. She is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Steven. Steven is a Lockheed Martin retiree and long time member of the VIP Club.

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Recer, Timothy P. - Age 67, of Hackensack, MN. formerly of Hastings. Passed away January 4, 2013. He is survived by his wife Joyce, sons Charlie and Mike, and many grand children. Tim was a Lockheed Martin retiree.

Richardson, Shirley Jean (Bishop) - Age 81, of Bloomington, MN. Passed away suddenly at her home on Tuesday, January 15, 2013. She is survived by her husband, Paul H. Richardson who is a Lockheed retiree. Paul is a long time member of the VIP Club.

Richner, Shirley M. - Age 86. Passed away peacefully surrounded by family on January 18, 2013. Survived by husband, William "Bill". Bill has been a long time VIP Club member.

Steward, Eugene R. - Age 78 of Bloomington, MN. formerly of Crosslake, MN. Passed away February 8, 2013 due to complications from Parkinson's Disease and Lewy Body Dementia. Survived by his wife of 52 years, Wilma. Gene had a 30 year career at UNISYS in Roseville, MN.

Walsh, Mark R. - Age 77 of North St. Paul, MN. Passed away Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013. Mark is survived by his wife Eileen. Mark worked for Sperry Univac Engineering Dept. for 25 years & retired from Guidant Corp.

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REPORT, WEB SITE REVIEW

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

In June 2012, we posted two web pages created by Al Reiter. The first is about maintenance people who

worked on and with the UNIVAC I computer. The second is about the UNIVAC I hardware.

"My name is Allan Reiter and in 1954 began my career with a company in St Paul, Minnesota called Engineering Research Associates (ERA) that was



part of the Remington Rand Corporation. I was hired with 3 friends, Paul S. Lawson, Vernon Sandoz, and Robert Kress. We were buddies who met in the USAF where we were trained and worked on airborne radar on B-50 airplanes. In a way this was the start of our computer career because the radar was controlled by an analog computer known as the Q-24. After discharge from the USAF, Paul from Indiana and Vernon from Texas drove up to Minnesota to visit me. They said they were looking for jobs. We picked up a newspaper and noticed an ad that sounded interesting and decided to check it out. The ad said they wanted people with military experience in electronics.

We were hired by the Field Service Division to maintain installations of the UNIVAC I System. We obviously needed to know how these complex things

worked and along with other new hires were sent to New York City where we attended UNIVAC I classes. This was during 1954 when NYC was considered a nuclear target area of the cold war and there we were on an upper floor of the Remington Rand Building, a 20-story structure at 315 Park Avenue South. One tidbit of information I still remember from these classes was that the total capacitance of the power supply of the Central Computer was 0.7 of a Farad. After a brief period at General Electric in Louisville where UNIVAC I (serial #8) was located I was assigned to Wright-Patterson AFB (WPAFB) near Dayton, Ohio. Air Material Command (AMC) was being used for inventory and related activities by UNIVAC I (serial #10). It was there I met Robert Stark

Bob and his wife Lois live in the Twin Cities area so I see them now and then. Bob supplied several of these photos, shown in the Photo section of the hardware page. He also gave me valuable technical data in areas not familiar with me, such as the memory changes for UNIVAC II. The major change for UNIVAC II was removing the 7 large mercury tanks used for the 1,000 word main long term memory of UNIVAC I and replacing them with the new magnetic core memory. This increased the number of words that could be stored in UNIVAC II from 2,000 up to an optional 10,000.

Univac II was built in St Paul, MN from a Univac I (serial #16) that was shipped from the factory in Philadelphia to St Paul in 1955. That prototype Univac II went into operation at Sperry Univac's Plant 5 located on Prior Ave in St Paul. I knew three of the people that programmed on that computer, Willis Unke, Bibsy Kinghorn and my late wife Mildred. There is a picture of that Univac II in the Photo section of the hardware page, it shows Rollie Arndt inside it. 1970 was the end of the UNIVAC I and the UNIVAC II era that lasted almost 20 years. The last UNIVAC I's in operation were at L-C Ins. in Nashville, TN. The oldest one was serial #24 and the newer one serial #37. My late friend Paul Lawson nursed these two UNIVAC I's along through the years."

I'm quite glad that Al took the time to create these two web pages! Also sorry that Al's health now inhibits participation in VIP Club activities. *LABenson*

REPORTS, ACTIVITIES

Apology: The name of our February, 2013 speaker was misspelled in our previous newsletters; it should have been Ken DeCubellis. Mea Culpa, Lowell.

Sports and Recreation: by Keith Behnke

GOLF – Plans are underway for the 2013 season of the combined Unisys/Lockheed Golf League (ULGL). We

have lost some members due to the closing of most of Lockheed Martin in Minnesota so have openings for both individuals and teams. We have leagues at Emerald Greens (Monday and Tuesday), Phalen (Monday), Bunker Hills (Thursday), Inverwood (Wednesday) and Valleywood (Wednesday). There may be some changes to these depending on this year's participation. League play will start the first week of May. We also have monthly tournaments at a variety of area golf courses from late April through early October. Our membership in 2012 was about 325. Membership is open to current or past employees and their relatives, neighbors or friends. Contact Keith Behnke at keithbhnk@comcast.net if you are interested in joining us.

IT Legacy Committee: by Lowell Benson

After 7⁺ years [since October 2005] of committee activities, we pause to celebrate! Our legacy collection of donated documents and artifacts are now in permanent storage at CBI and the Lawshe Museum. As we pause, it is appropriate to re-constitute the committee with four major foci:

- 1. Getting an active display setup at the Lawshe Museum.
- 2. Finish the photo cataloguing initiative at the Lawshe Museum with selective transfer of photos to CBI,
- 3. Continue telling our IT Legacy story with web site articles and local 'forum' displays.
- 4. Continue the acceptance, cataloging, and processing of artifacts from our former co-workers. John Westergren and I will be reviewing dates for a committee re-constitution meeting in April, stay tuned!

LIGHTER SIDE

'Better Mottos' from a Northport Engineering card: "NOTHING IS MORE OFTEN 'OPENED BY MISTAKE' THAN THE HUMAN MOUTH."

Now that I'm older I've discovered:

- I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
- My wild oats have turned into prunes and all-bran.
- I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
- Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
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- If all is not lost, where is it?
- It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
- Some days, you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.
- I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few.
- Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
- Accidents in the back seat cause kids.

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- It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
- The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
- When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone want to play chess?
- It's not hard to meet expenses . . . they're everywhere.
- The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter . . .I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm hereafter
- Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.

VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST SCHEDULE AND SURVEY FORM

The VIP Club Recognition Breakfast will be on April 17th at the VFW in Roseville.

- 9:00 am 9:30 am Name tags, check in, coffee & socializing.
 - 9:30 am 10:00 pm Enjoy a buffet breakfast.
- 10:00 am 10:15 am Program recognizing our volunteers.
- 10:15 am 10:30 am $3^{rd} \text{ cup of coffee and a bit more socializing}$

Your Volunteer Survey Form must be received by April 3rd for listing in the Printed Program.

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

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

FORMS: VOLUNTEER HOURS & PICNIC REGISTRATION

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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. <u>From Hwy 35E</u> 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 yards 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 yards 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 7th Ave. Turn left and drive a mile to Southview Blvd, turn right at the light. After 0.3 mi, turn left onto 3rd Ave – the museum parking lot is then 0.2 mi on the right.