

FUTURE EVENT CALENDAR

February 5	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
February 12	7:00 PM	Social hour and speaker	UNISYS, Roseville
March 5	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
March 12	7:00 PM	Social hour and speaker	UNISYS, Eagan
April 2	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
April 16	9:00 AM	FREE Volunteer Breakfast	VFW, Roseville

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: Veterans Benefits

February 12th, 7:00 PM - at the UNISYS, Roseville Superior conference room. Our invited speaker, Ray Quinn, is a volunteer U.S. Senior Vets representative for Minnesota. The U.S. Senior Vets mission is to educate, help qualify and access the Non-Service Connected Disability Pension (*Aid and Attendance*) for Veterans and their surviving spouses.

As a volunteer veteran advocate, I give the veterans, surviving spouses and their families the utmost support to help educate, prepare, present and follow up on their claim(s) to the Veterans Administration. We have the most expedient and successful process. Although not well known, Cold War Veterans also have certain VA benefits. As usual, cookies and decaf coffee will be available. *Page 8 has GPS and driving directions.*

MARCH PROGRAM: Organic Farming Cooperatives

March 12th, 7 PM - at the UNISYS, Eagan Visitors' conference room. Preston Green is our invited speaker. Mr. Green grew up on an Organic Valley Farm. Since 1992 his family has farmed the land organically and takes a certain pride in doing so. His family has since moved to Virginia and is farming with the same principles there as they did in Southwest Wisconsin. Being a part of the Farmer-Owned Cooperative allows his family and many others access to a market place that individually the over 1800 farmers would not have the opportunity to enjoy.

Organic Valley and CROPP Cooperative is governed by principles that farmers ratified, a mission that was written by those farmers, and by an undying need to farm the land sustainably and most importantly pay the farmer a living wage. Where else in the world has a privately held company undertaken such an incredible task and grown in 25 years the way that Organic Valley has.

During this talk you will learn why organic farming methods have benefited Preston and his family, why being a part of one of the largest farmer-owned cooperatives in North America has pushed his family forward in Agriculture, and why it is important to vote with your dollars. We will discuss farming practices and even might touch on some holistic gardening techniques that you can take home.

Please join us in enjoying a presentation as well as a discussion on one of the fastest growing segments of the agriculture industry. *Page 8 has GPS and driving directions.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am excited by the \$25,000 State Legacy Grant awarded to the Lawshe Museum in December; thanks to Harvey Taipale for his management skills in helping the Dakota County Historical Society develop the proposal. Details are in the Reports, Legacy Activities section on page 4.



Welcome to our incoming Vice President, Bob Pagac. Bob retired from Lockheed Martin in 2011 after 44-years in a variety of engineering and management

positions. For the last 2.5 years, he has been active supporting the Legacy photo identification efforts.

Thanks to all other Board Members, Board Associates, and Member Emeriti who are volunteering to continue VIP Club 2014 leadership roles. Tom Turba leaves the Club Board after seven years as a Past President, President and VP – thanks for leading us! He will continue to serve the Club as a Board Associate, coordinating the Roseville Good Old Days – an annual event which he created in 2008 to bring Roseville retirees back together. Respectfully; *Lowell A. Benson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Late Membership Renewals: If 2013 is printed after your name of US mail deliveries or is in the Subject line of electronic notices; your membership expired on Dec. 31st. This is your final newsletter issue unless Keith receives your renewal before February 3rd.

March Newsletter Inputs: Members are invited to submit activity reports, IT Legacy articles, or jokes electronically to Club Director and Chief Editor, Joe Schwarz by February 7. [jschwarz@isd.net]

Innovation with Purpose: A few ‘100 years of LM’ history book are still available free at upcoming events. Director John Westergren has 75 copies for VIP Club members on a 1st come, 1st served basis.

Tainted? At the Old Timer’s Gathering at the Ft. Snelling Officers Club on 5 Dec., my gold colored sedan was next to the stairs going down to the lower parking area. When I left, I noticed that someone had scraped my rear bumper causing some damage. Since a note was not left; I’d appreciate it if whoever did this would contact me, Jim Overocker 651-452-6394. Many thanks and Happy New Year!

April Program: The Club hosts a Volunteer FREE breakfast on April 16. The program is ‘participant comments’ about their activities. A survey form for your 2013 volunteer hour inputs will be in the March and April newsletters and on the web site about 2/15.

Mark Your 2014 Calendar:

April 25th at the Mermaid, Roseville Good Old Days; June 11th at the Highland Park Pavilion, VIP Club picnic; November 21st at Casper’s, Unihogs/Uniturkeys luncheon; December 4th at the Ft. Snelling O’ Club, Annual Univac Old Timers Reunion; and December 11th at the Ft. Snelling O’ Club, VIP Club Dinner/Dance. Volunteer to help at these events?



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 Larpenteur Avenue.

NEW MEMBERS

Ozahowski, Sandy	Burnsville, MN
Schmidt, Larry	Fresno, CA

IN REMEMBRANCE

Missed Obits: James Patrick informed us in November that ~~Bob Faust and~~ Errol Morrison passed away in 2013. We did not receive detail obits for them.



Bester, Ronald S. – Age 65 of Shoreview, MN. Passed away unexpectedly at home on December 6, 2013. Survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Barbara. Ronald worked for many years at Unisys in Roseville.



Bleckner, John M. - Age 93, of St. Louis Park, formerly of Bloomington and Burnsville, MN. Passed away December 8, 2013. Preceded in death by his wife, Eileen (Christianson). John served our country in the Navy

for 30 years and retired from Sperry Univac. John was a VIP Club member and was club president in 1987.

Etzell, Hugh R. – Age 87 of Prior Lake, MN. Passed away Sept. 12th, 2013 surrounded by family. Hugh is survived by Jan, wife of 58 years. Hugh was a Sperry Univac retiree.

Hagen, Mary Ann - Age 75, of Gold Canyon, Arizona and Big Lake, MN. Passed away on December 6th, 2013. Mary Ann is survived by her husband Gary Hagen. Gary is a Lockheed Martin retiree and long time VIP Club member.



Keenan, Robert James Jr. - .Age 82. Passed away suddenly on December 24, 2013. Survived by his wife of 51 years, Barbara. Bob worked for many years in the environmental test laboratory at

Unisys and retired in 1990. Bob was a long time member of the VIP Club.



Kiffe, William H. "Bill" - Age 81 of St. Paul, MN. Passed away November 30th, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Harriet. Bill was an employee and retiree of Unisys and also a long time VIP Club member.

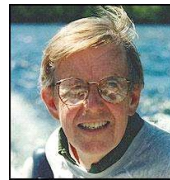
Kline, Frank - Passed away from natural causes on December 12 at his winter home in Peru, South America. When in MN, he especially enjoyed meeting with his former ERA and UNIVAC co-workers at the First Friday luncheons [Original Geek Squad.] Frank was a long time member of the VIP Club.



Kline, Robert W. - Age 81 of Watertown, SD. Passed away December 2nd, 2013 in Watertown, SD. Bob is survived by his beloved wife, Vivian. Bob worked for Unisys Corporation for 23 years.



McSherry, Thomas Michael – Age 94, passed away peacefully on Nov. 20th, 2013. Preceded in death by his Beloved wife, Gloria. Tom was a long time Sperry Univac employee. He was in on the birth of digital computing and applied his math and physics prowess to a host of geometric and navigational problems that were employed on various Navy platforms.



Olson, Warren - Age 83, of St. Paul, MN. Passed away peacefully with his family gathered around him, Dec. 19, 2013. Warren is survived by his loving wife, Mary. Warren was an accounting manager at Univac.



Quade, Randall Scott – Age 61 of Rosemont, MN. Passed away on November 27th, 2013. He is survived by his wife Karen. Randy was an Artist, musician, writer and world traveler. He worked at Lockheed Martin as a multi-media engineer and was a long time VIP Club Member.

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REPORTS, LEGACY ACTIVITIES

Be a Historian! Thanks to a recent grant to the Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS), all readers now have a rare opportunity to tell the real history of our company. Based on the proposal submitted last September, DCHS was awarded a State of Minnesota legacy grant to prepare material for a photo exhibit depicting the history of Engineering Research Associates and successor companies' Minnesota operations. A significant part of the research into the best topics to 'snapshot' this history is predicated on securing ideas from the employees and retirees.

Various company publications, newspaper articles, and various videos contain the usual business history. We all understand that these "official" sources tell only part of the story – the rest of what really happened is still kept in the minds of the people [YOU] who lived and worked through the past 67 years. Any truly excellent history project has to include both kinds of information – the official stuff puts things into a setting, but the personal stuff gives it life and interest.

So here is your chance to chime in on what you think should be included in our history. We are asking for candidate history topics to be included in the final exhibit. These can be key events, products, programs, people, behind the scenes stories, or really anything you think should be included to give future generations an idea of what it was like to be part of a pioneering computer and systems company. Remember, you lived this story; thus you are the best existing source to add a key perspective to what was important or memorable.

This is an inclusive invitation – feel free to extend the opportunity to contact others whom you think would like to participate. Nominations from retirees and past or present employees of any of the various Minnesota companies that arose from ERA, including Unisys, Lockheed, and affiliated businesses, are welcome.

Topic naming is simple – there is a sample form on page 5 for mailing to the Club PO Box, or you can nominate by email to historian@vipclubmn.org. Data is free form; the important thing is to identify the key idea and to provide a follow-up contact. We will begin tabulating and selecting final candidate topics in March; continuing a process that will end with a digital audio/video/photo archive in late fall. Future articles will keep you posted, but if you would like to volunteer

to more actively participate in this project, please contact Harvey Taipale (hjtaipale@comcast.net, 651 748 5083).

Two New Web Pages: Last fall we added 'They Flew' under the People major tab and 'Winnipeg' under the Locations major tab. The first recognizes many of our programmers and engineers who flew in government planes and the Navy's 'hydrofoil' during systems development and operations. The second recognizes twenty+ years of manufacturing and engineering above Minnesota's northern border. Three 'mini slide shows' by Ed Pogorzelec expand upon their people, the facilities, and the products. Readers are invited to 'weigh in' on an enigma contained on a product slide. Winnipeg built PC cards and chassis for an M-460 computer; but a couple of defense engineering managers claimed that we never built an M-460. One of our commercial computer genealogy charts shows the M-460 as preceding the 490 computer. Send your comments to labenson@q.com.

January 'Article for the Month': In 1949, Herbert Mitchell was hired out of the Army by Eckert-Mauchly Computer Corporation. He left UNIVAC in 1960 for Honeywell. His perspectives on engineering and marketing in Philadelphia, New York, and Los Angeles during this formative decade are detailed in his autobiography. Computer Historian, George Grey, excerpted the UNIVAC relevant sections from Herb's autobiography; we've posted the resultant two volumes as <http://vipclubmn.org/Articles/MitchelVolOne.pdf> and <http://vipclubmn.org/Articles/MitchelVolTwo.pdf>. Mr. Mitchell has some interesting comments about the Bill Norris and John Parker relationships. For the 20% of our members without home internet, I suggest that you take a look at these files at your local library. Enjoy these tidbits of our history, *LABenson*.

REPORTS, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Recreation Groups:

Golf

The Unified Legacy Golf League (ULGL) is made up of present and past employees of both Lockheed Martin and Unisys. The League President for 2014 is Jerry Fredson from Unisys and Vice President Jim Andrews from Lockheed. The Wednesday Valleywood League in Apple Valley will need additional teams and/or individual members for the coming season. For additional information contact Keith Behnke (keithbhk@comcast.net). The ULGL website is <http://www.ulglmn.org/umgl>.

Unihogs/Uniturkeys: This event was attended by 44 people on November 22 at Casper's. Thanks to Keith Myhre for the Lawshe Museum Exhibit slide

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presentation. Shown in this LABenson snapshot are Emcee Jack Ross and Head Hog Fred Vihovde.



Annual UNIVAC Old Timers Reunion: Thanks to Dave Kolling, Tom Eykyn, Jack Ross, and Bob Alexander for helping with the event notifications. This event was attended by 220 people. Inclement weather contributed to 88 no-shows. Thanks to Tricia Myhre, Jack Ross, Harvey Taipale, and Tom Turba for staffing the check-in table. Thanks to John Westergren and Keith Myhre who setup a continuous slide show of history photos. A special thanks to Nick Benson, who took photos and made the page 7 collage.

VIP Club Christmas Dinner/Dance: Thanks to Warren Becker, Marion Scott, and Dale Phelps for planning this event, 72 people participated – the ‘new this year’ prime rib was great! Steve Koltres from the Eagan Lockheed Martin Air Traffic Management department spoke about their on-going contracts and initiatives. Thanks to Nick Benson for providing the snapshots and making the collage on page 6.

something I must confess. His wife replied, 'There is no need to.' He hesitated and insisted, 'I want to die in peace. I've slept with your best friend, your sister, her best friend, and your mother!' 'We know,' she replied. 'Now just rest and let the poison work.'

True Story? A noted psychiatrist was a guest speaker at an academic function where a California politician happened to appear. The politician took the opportunity to schmooze the good doctor a bit and asked him a question with which he was most at ease. 'Would you mind telling me, Doctor,' she asked, 'How you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?' 'Nothing is easier,' he replied. 'You ask a simple question which anyone should answer with no trouble. If the person hesitates, that puts you on the evaluation couch.' 'What sort of question?' asked the lady. 'Well', the doctor answered, 'you might ask: "Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them - which one?"' The lady politician thought a moment, and then said with a nervous laugh, "You wouldn't happen to have another example would you? I must confess, I don't know much about history."

Thanks to our readers for 'joke' submittals.

ELDERLY DRIVER

An elderly man is stopped by the police at about 2 a.m. and is asked where he is going at this time of night. The man replies, "I am on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late". The officer then asks, "Really, Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?" The man replies, "That would be my wife."

LIGHTER SIDE

Last Affair: Jake was dying; his 3rd wife sat at the bedside. He looked up and said weakly: 'I have

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BE A HISTORIAN FORM

My Name is: _____ Contact me at: _____

I worked at _____ from _____ until _____.

My history topic for the exhibit is _____.

I think that _____ could also contribute to this topic's exhibit.

Please fill use a blank sheet (s) of paper to expand upon your suggested topic; then mail this brief form along with any supportive documents or photos you may have saved over the years. Note if you would like to have the documents or photos returned. The mailing address is: VIP Club, Attn: Historian P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-0020. As an alternate, you could email your information and topic to historian@vipclubmn.org.

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Marion, Janet & Neil Leum

Ruth & Dale

Lynn, Gayle & Harvey

Lowell & Jim Larson

Steve, Sandi, Lowell, Bernie, & 'RC'

Harvey Paid the Bill!

Brian & Barbara

Geri, Ruth, Dale & Don

Speaker Steve Koltos

Bob, JoAnn, & Dale

Bob and Carol Pagac

Emcee Lowell Benson

Don E. Anderson

Ginny & Tom Turba

Paul, waitress, & Lynn Lindholm

Janet, Martha & Willis Unke - Tom

Paul, Nick & Lynn

Bernie & Duane

Mary, Jack & Chuck

Bob and JoAnn Sund

Warren, Marion, & Nancy

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

If the address block of your Newsletter shows '2013' after your name or if the subject line of your Enews notification shows 'member list 2013', your Club membership and Newsletter subscription expired on December 31st, 2013.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION FORM:

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

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DIRECTIONS TO ACTIVITY SITES

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

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 South view 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.



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 to 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.