


225 Participated in the December Annual UNIVAC Old Timers' Reunion at the O' Club – see article on page 3.



UPCOMING EVENT ITEMS

 Thanks to the vision of Millie Gignac!	February 4	10 AM Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
	February 10	7 PM Program & Social (Tuesday)	UNISYS, Roseville
	March 4	10 AM Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
	March 10	7 PM Program & Social (Tuesday)	LMCO, Eagan
	April 1	10 AM Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
	April 15	11 AM Volunteer Recognition Lunch (Wed)	Josephs' in St. Paul

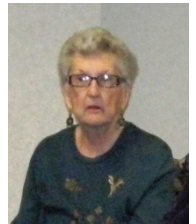
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Do you see the **Celebrating 35** icon in the UPCOMING EVENT ITEMS table just above? From the initial 70 members to ~870 in 2004 and now well over 1,000 members (with spouses, over 1,800); we are indeed an enduring organization. Our three page constitution chartered a board of directors, authorizing them to develop a set of bylaws with four goals:



1. The CLUB shall provide an opportunity for social interaction of its members.
2. The CLUB shall provide services and information appropriate to the interest of its members.
3. The CLUB shall provide a mechanism for member services to the community.
4. The CLUB shall provide a forum for information on the heritage and on-going action of the heritage companies (Twin Cities based Univac/Unisys organizations and the predecessor and successor firms).

Our programs meet goal 1, our newsletter and web site meet goal 2, our annual April "Volunteer Recognition" event takes care of goal 3, and our volunteer work at the Lawshe Museum and with the Charles Babbage Institute at the University far exceeds goal No. 4. My thanks to Past President Bob Hanson for the inspiring 'Celebrating 35 - 1980 to 2015' theme. **Thanks Millie** for your vision, your continuing counsel, and steadfast support of me and the 17 previous presidents over these many years! We will celebrate our 35 successful years all year long! Respectively, *Lowell A. Benson* - 2015 President.



FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Blue Zones- Secrets of a Long Life

Join us at Unisys Roseville to find out the secrets of long life. What do the inhabitants of Sardinia, Italy, the islanders of Icaria, Greece, and a special group in a special place in yes, the USA, have in common? Just what is it that enables groups of people from these and several other locations in the world to live the longest



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and healthiest lives of all? These areas have become known as "BLUE ZONES," a term that developed out of a concept used to identify a demographic and/or geographic area of the world where people live measurably longer lives.

Our speaker for February, Amy Tomczyk, has been sharing the Blue Zones secrets of longevity, health and happiness since 2006. She has a deep knowledge of how longevity and well-being is lived in the Blue Zones cultures and has helped apply those practices to communities and workplaces to create environments of health. Amy truly embraces the Blue Zones message and practices it every day in her work, home and personal life. She was also the featured presenter at TEDxMontclair, NJ in November 2013. Amy has a Masters of Education from Loyola University of Maryland and a journalism major from the University of Minnesota.

Background: The Blue Zones team traveled the globe to uncover the very best strategies for longevity and happiness. They identified places that have the greatest life expectancy and distilled these culture and lifestyle secrets into nine common traits that are seen again and again. What should you be doing to live a longer life? Amy Tomczyk, Blue Zones Director of Outreach and Education, will debunk the most common myths and offer a science-backed blueprint that can help the average American to live another 12 *quality* years.

And might you be a member of that special group in a special place in the USA? Well, the answer is yes if you are a Seventh-day Adventist in Loma Linda, California. Come and learn valuable life-stretching information.

Page 8 has GPS and driving directions.

MARCH PROGRAM:

The Navy in Minnesota?

Join us at the LMCO facility in Eagan to hear what the Navy is doing in Minnesota.

Do you ever wonder what the Navy is doing in Minnesota? After all, they were by far our biggest customer (UNIVAC->Lockheed Martin) for decades. But we are 1200 miles from the nearest salt water seaport and 150 miles from our annually frozen fresh water port. We used to have the NAS (Naval Air Station) Twin Cities during which time P3-C Orion ASW aircraft could be seen in flight. But over time it was transferred to the [Air Force Reserve](#) and [Minnesota Air National Guard](#) as [Minneapolis-Saint Paul Joint Air Reserve Station](#) with Naval Air Reserve Center (now Navy Operational Support Center) Twin Cities as tenant command. The best way to learn about current Twin Cities Naval Ops is to go to the top.

CAPT Brent McMurry is the Commanding Officer, Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Minneapolis, and he will present "The United States Navy, why being there matters." His PowerPoint and discussion will center around current events, and current capabilities of the United States Navy as well as touch on future capabilities and future Naval force posturing around the world. This discussion also enlightens the audience on the large population of Sailors that call the twin cities "home" and just what we are doing here to help defend the liberties of all U.S. citizens.

So how did a farm boy from Canton, South Dakota (35 miles from being a Minnesotan) end up in our metropolis? The very short version is that he graduated from the United States Naval Academy class of 1991. Then followed a career of excellence including assignments to the Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW-120 Greyhawks) in Norfolk, VA, VAW-77 Nightwolves at NAS Atlanta, Reserve Tactical Air for Commander Navy Reserve Forces Command, New Orleans, and NOSC Kansas City, Missouri. He also found time to earn his Master of Business Administration degree and was inducted into the Delta-Mu-Delta society for earning high honors with a graduating GPA of 4.0. His well-traveled family includes his wife Suzanne Novotny of Gambrills, Maryland and three sons, Christopher, Jonathan, and Patrick.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Notes: For the March newsletter, please send articles, recent obits, or lighter side items to Joe Schwarz before Feb 7, 2015.

Mark Your 2015 Calendar: We've set dates for the entire celebration year: April 24th, 10:30 AM Roseville Good Old Days (RGOD) will be at the Mermaid; May 12, 7:30 PM a program in Eagan; June 10; 3:30 PM picnic at Highland; August 11, 1:30 PM outing to [*Dale needs your venue ideas*]; September 8, 6:30 PM Wine & Cheese at the Lawshe Museum; October 13, 6:30 PM Pie & Ice Cream at Plant 4; November 10, 7:30 PM program in Eagan; November 20, 11 AM UNIHOGS/UNITURKEYS at Casper's; December 3, 11 AM Annual UNIVAC Old timers Reunion; and December 10, 3:30 PM Christmas dinner/dance again at the Ft. Snelling O' Club.

If your address label reads 2014, your MEMBERSHIP HAS EXPIRED. Please renew using form on page 7.

“Volunteer Hours Survey: Please report your 2014 hours via <http://vipclubmn.org/volunteer.html>

below is from Larry Bolton, note that UNIVAC service awards used a magnetic tape reel. By *LABenson*

SOCIAL ACTIVITY ITEMS

Christmas Dinner/Dance Recap: Again, an outstanding event attended by 58 of us. A special thanks to Bill Galle for processing the reservations, Marion Scott for nametags, and both for the menu. Thanks to Dale Phelps for bringing Lyndon Peterson back to provide the Yuletide music.



Jack Ellingboe and Frank King were snapped ordering at the cash bar. We were glad to have had Dr. Lynn Gruber, Dakota County Historical Society Executive Director as our guest. There are more photos on page 6.

Old Timers' Reunion: Thanks, thanks, and thanks was heard many times as attendees left after enjoying the time with former co-workers. A real treat was the exhibit poster display brought over from the Lawshe Museum by their employee Andrew Fox and our volunteer Keith Myhre. Thanks to Tom Eykyn, Dave Kolling, Bob Pagac, Bob Hanson, John Westergren, Frank King, Dick Lundgren, Tom Turba, Harvey Taipale, Keith Behnke, and Bernie Jansen for doing the reminder notifications. Thanks to Keith Myhre, Tricia Myhre, John Westergren, Brent Jordahl, Larry Bolton, Fred Vihovde, Harvey Taipale, Bernie Jansen, Les Nelson, Larry Debelak, Bob Pagac, and Jack Ross for staffing the check-in table and the exhibit area. Jack is shown here, other snapshots are on page 7.



By *LABenson*

More Service Award Feedback: Denny English wrote: "The 15-year award had 3 emeralds, the 20-year award had 3 sapphires, and the 25-year award had a diamond centered between 2 sapphires. The 10-year award information is probably correct (three red rubies). My 10 year award was a mag tape reel with a single ruby. Hope this is of some help." The awards picture



IN REMEMBRANCE

Day, Larry - Larry entered the hospital on 26 July and passed away on December 6th, 2014. Larry was a former Unisys employee.

Gibbons, Harold G. - Age 90, of Brooklyn Park, MN. Passed away peacefully on December 1st, 2014. Preceded in death by wife, Leone. Harold was a WW II veteran and a 30 year UNIVAC employee.



Reardon, Michael Joseph – Age 79 of St. Paul, MN. Michael will be dearly missed by his wife of 60 years, Lois. Michael worked for Unisys and Lockheed Martin for 31 years.



Schlueter, Betty Jean - Age 84 of Shoreview, MN. Passed away peacefully surrounded by family on December 8th, 2014. Betty is survived by her husband of 55 years, Louis Schlueter. Louis is a Unisys retiree and long time member of the VIP Club.



Wilson, Keith L. - Age 76, of Minneapolis, MN. Passed away peacefully on Nov. 18th, 2014, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Keith was preceded in death by his loving wife Sandra. Keith worked for Unisys Corp for over 30 years

PERIODIC GROUPS

A Luncheon Group [engineering/drafting] meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday in West St. Paul at 11:00 AM - at the Old Country Buffet, 2000 S. Robert.

One Breakfast Group now meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Capitol View Cafe, 637 Smith Ave. St. Paul. (Corner of Smith and Baker).

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.

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We sit at the tables between the elevator and the Burger King. Coordinator phone is #952-854-7855.

Another Breakfast Group meets monthly at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Eagles Club, Old Hwy 8, in New Brighton. Coordinator phone is 763-416-3903.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

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REPORTS, LEGACY ACTIVITIES

Web Site 'Article for the Month': For January, we've posted "B-2 Stealth Bomber Story" by Jim Inda. From the internet: "The Northrop (later Northrop Grumman) B-2 Spirit, also known as the Stealth Bomber, is an American strategic bomber featuring low observable stealth technology designed for penetrating dense anti-aircraft defenses; it is able to deploy both conventional and nuclear weapons.



The bomber has a crew of two and can drop up to eighty 500 lb (230 kg)-class JDAM GPS guided bombs, or sixteen 2,400 lb (1,100 kg) B83 nuclear bombs. The B-2 is the only aircraft that can carry large air-to-surface standoff weapons in a stealth configuration."

Coordinating this paper, one of several Program Managers, Mike Wold wrote: "What is not known by many people is that Sperry Univac (later Unisys, Loral and Lockheed Martin) in Eagan, Minnesota made major contributions to the success of this program while at the same time accomplishing some rather amazing computer engineering feats."

Jim Inda, a retired senior system engineer, reports that sometime in the early 1980's a group of Air Force and Northrop Aircraft people came to Univac Plant 8 to set up a meeting. Jim, one of the top system engineers at Sperry Univac with a unique knowledge of nuclear attack resistant hardware, said that in addition to himself, the meeting included Paul Kruelle, his engineering boss at the time, Daryl Kulenkamp from contracts, a Univac Vice-President, and a marketer were the only Univac people invited to be present at the meeting. The attendees at this meeting were told to sign some papers that indicated they could not disclose anything said at this meeting. The Northrop

representatives then proceeded to explain that they were designing and proposing to build 132 new technology bombers. Each of the 132 bombers would require 13 General Purpose computers. With spares this would mean our company would sell the Air Force more than 2,000 computers. At \$50 K per computer, that would be a sale of at least \$100 Million. Were they interested? You betcha, they were interested!

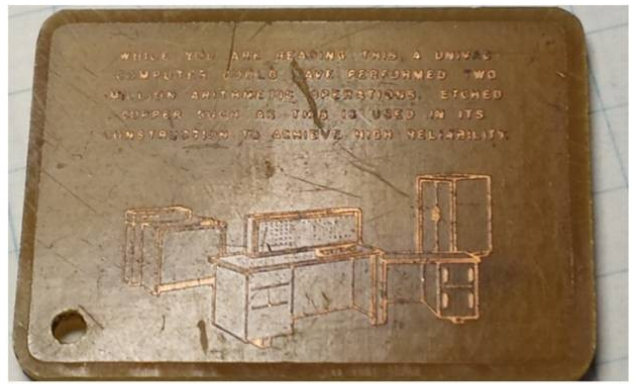
One of the funnier stories Jim remembers was how they would walk through the Northrop facility to get to a meeting room. Security has two parameters. The first is having a valid level of clearance appropriate to the material being discussed, and the second is to have a need to know. As they walked through the facility, they were normally in a single file with a Northrop person in the lead and another Northrop person at the end of our group. They had the proper security level clearances, but they did not necessarily have the need to know as they passed through different aircraft design areas. As they walked the lead person would announce in a loud voice: "Un-cleared personnel". This was done to warn the people in that area that un-cleared personnel were coming through their work area. After a while they would say "unclean personnel" and laugh about it. The visitors did feel like they were being treated as lepers in their area. Again after a while as they walked in single file, one or more of them would start to say under their breath, Baaaa, just like a bunch of sheep. Meanwhile people they passed would shut any papers on their desk into folders, put them in a drawer, or cover their computer screen. After a while you did feel as if you were unclean. Because of defense cutbacks, only 21 B-2 planes were built."

The US AF is still flying B-2s with updated systems. Other 'Article for the Month' papers are linked from section 2 of <http://vipclubmn.org/documents.html>. By LABenson

Notice: The UNISYS Bluebell web site has changed per Al Rollins – new url is <http://www.ubbrg.org>

New Artifact: By Brian Knilans - My son closed on his 1st home last Monday, December 1. Saturday morning I was looking at things in his basement and noticed a little spacer between a couple of boards in a makeshift closet in his basement. In the next column is a photo of both sides of what I found - it pre-dates my years at Unisys! It's only about 1" x 1.5", with the hole I'd guess it's meant to be a key fob

LAST CHANCE
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Above the computer: "while you are reading this a UNIVAC computer could have performed two million arithmetic operations. Etched copper such as this is used in its construction to achieve high reliability." Don Weidenbach identifies the computer system image as the TACS (Tactical Air Control System). I, Lowell, immediately recognized the fob's building as Plant 1 on Shepard Road. Remington Rand Univac was our local company name from Oct. 55 until January 1962. The UNIVAC logo on the fob began in 1956 so the late 50s was the fob creation time. The words under the logo are "Where dreams today become reality tomorrow." The fob has been donated to the Lawshe Museum in Brian's name. By LABenson

LIGHTER SIDE

ARAPROSDOKIANS: are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

1. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
2. Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a workstation.
3. Going to church does not make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
4. I did not say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
5. I used to be indecisive. Now I am not so sure.
6. If I agreed with you, we would both be wrong.
7. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now



Above we have Joann and Bob Sund at the hors d'oeuvres' table, Bill Galle and Marion Scott at the check in table, Ginny & Tom Turba then Bob and Joann not at a table. Next row are Lowell Nally and Dale Phelps standing behind Don Naaktgeboren then above the party sign are Una Solheim, Lowell Benson, Kathy & Bernie Jansen. Across the bottom are Lynn Lindholm with Lowell, Bob and Barb Grueschow then Lynn and Paul Lindholm.

Watch this space:

Next month's issue will include the 2014 Volunteer Hours Survey form. The club will host an 11:00 AM Volunteer Recognition Luncheon honoring survey responders on April 15th at Joseph's Grill in St. Paul."

Snapshots from the December Old Timers Reunion by LABenson



Lawshe Museum Exhibit posters. --Mike Huck, Jack Metzger, Bob Pagac, and Ken Simmons identified photos.



Andy Vitale, Dick Lundgren, Joe Schwarz, and Mark Schedler. Bar tender Tim kept us happy. Andrew Fox, Greg Oxley, Bernie Jansen, and Don Hall – author of "Generation of Wealth – rise of CDC and ...".

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM or NEW MEMBER FORM



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VIP CLUB

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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 building 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.

Directions to LMCO in Eagan: Set your GPS unit to Eagan MN. 1303 Corporate Center Drive, Suite 100 Eagan, MN 55121.