VIP Club Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENT ITEMS

35 1 1980 to 2015	June 3	10 AM - Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
	June 10	3:00 PM – Annual Reunion Picnic	Highland Park, St. Paul
	August 5	10 AM - Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
	August 12	11:45 AM – Board the Padelford	Harriet Island, St. Paul
	September 8	6:30 PM – Legacy poster & artifact exhibit with wine and cheese	Lawshe Memorial Museum, S St Paul

JUNE PROGRAM: The Annual Reunion Picnic

Join us at the VIP Club Get-Together and Picnic at the St. Paul Highland Park Pavilion on Wednesday, June 10th. *We will start earlier this year* - 3:00 PM for food and then we should be done around 7:00 PM.

Once again, since we are planning for a big group, we will have additional parking at the Highland Park High School parking lot with bus service to the Pavilion. The high school lot is to the west of this map.



The cost is a little different this year, \$5.00 per member (spouse or significant other is counted as a member). RSVP with the form on page 7 by June 2nd so that we can have enough food, print a nametag, and schedule the shuttle bus. Last year we had about 300 attendees. Unregistered drop-ins will be charged <u>\$10 at</u> the name tag table. We look forward to seeing everybody there. If anyone wants to have additional fun by volunteering to help with preparation, serving, or clean-up, please contact John Westergren at jwestergren@frontiernet.net or 952-358-1174. Donate your artifacts here too. By *John Westergren*

Page 8 has GPS and driving directions.

AUGUST PROGRAM Mississippi Sightseeing

On Wednesday, August 12th you can enjoy a cruise on the Mississippi River with retirees from Unisys and Lockheed Martin on the Jonathan Padelford for only \$10. The historically narrated sightseeing cruise runs 2 and ¹/₂ hours starting at 12 noon. Sights along the way include: the St. Paul High Bridge, Pig's Eye's Cave, Minnesota River mouth, Pike Island, and the timeless splendor of the mighty Mississippi River.

The cruise offers a full 'cash' bar as well as snacks such as hot dogs and popcorn. No outside food or beverage can be brought onboard. Boarding will start at 11:45 AM. so plan to arrive early and remember your cameral Page 7 has the



registration form, due before July 10th.

The Padelford Riverboats and the Centennial Showboat are both located on Harriet Island; however, they are located on different sides of the park and have separate parking lots. The difference in directions is so minor that a few of our passengers end up in the wrong place. Please keep this in mind and read the directions carefully. Submitted by 7om 7arba

Page 8 has driving directions.





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looking to the Future! ERA opened its doors in 1946 so 2016 will mark 70 years since the beginning of our heritage companies and our IT Legacy. Our club has existed for half of that time. Among our current membership are twelve 90-year olds



- most are WWII veterans. At the Club's picnic in 2006, I recall Don Weidenbach commenting: "I worked for the company for 30 years and have been retired for 30 years!" Thanks to Don and the others for their writing and artifact contributions to our IT Legacy at CBI, the Lawshe, and to our website. A few years ago, the Club Board passed a resolution to give any/all 90-year old members a life membership, i.e. no more annual dues. So, as you read this please let us know when your milestone birthday occurs. I believe that Manny Block reaches that age later this year.

Our membership database entries have dropped below 1,000 for the first time since 2007! You, as a current member, can influence your former co-workers to 're-join' or to be a 'new' member. Your May directory has 98% of our membership so you should be able to check if a friend isn't a member. Invite him/her to attend the picnic or Mississippi river cruise with you. If he or she is less than 55 years old, they could become Associate Members – recruit, recruit, recruit for 2016!

And, I urge you to consider joining the Club Board. Our commercial systems' retires (plant 4) are grossly under represented on the Board! For 2016 we have a need for a Vice President and a Director (or two or three.) Contact me or 2015 VP Keith Behnke to discuss what you could do for the future of the VIP Club.

Sincerely, Lowell Benson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Inputs: For the July/August newsletter, please send articles, recent obits, or lighter side items to Joe Schwarz before June 17th, 2015.

For the September newsletter, before August 7th.

Mark Your Calendar: <u>October 13th</u>, 6:30 PM; Program with Pie & Ice Cream at Unisys Roseville; <u>November 10th</u>, 7:30 PM 2016 Board election and a speaker in Eagan; <u>November 20th</u>, 11 AM UNIHOGS/UNITURKEYS at Casper's; <u>December 3rd</u>, 11 AM Annual UNIVAC Old timers Reunion (venue may change!); and <u>December 10th</u>, 4:15 PM Christmas dinner/dance again at the Ft. Snelling O' Club.

Club Directory for 2015: An electronic distribution was completed in mid-April. If you didn't receive it, send an email to <u>newsletter@vipclubmn.org</u>. For those

of you without email, some hard copies will be available at the picnic. By \mathcal{LAB} enson.

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Retirement Status and Benefits: These are numbers to call if you or your heirs have death benefit or pension questions - you'll need SSN and a PIN. Unisys 1-877-864-7972

 Unisys
 1-877-864-7972

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 1-866-562-2363

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PERIODIC GROUPS

A Luncheon Group [engineering/drafting] meets monthly on the <u>1st Tuesday</u> 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 <u>1st Thursday</u> of each month at the Capitol View Cafe, 637 Smith Ave. 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. Contact phone is #952-854-7855. Another Breakfast Group meets monthly at 9:00 a.m. on the <u>2nd Wednesday</u> of each month in the Eagles Club, Old Hwy 8, in New Brighton. Coordinator Marv Brown's phone is 763-416-3903.

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.

A Fourth Luncheon Group (SCF) meets in the odd numbered months on the second Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the Baker's Square on 3088 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood. Coordinator phone is *651-429-3319*.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Bezdicek, John C. - Age 72, of Surprise, AZ. Formerly of Cottage Grove, MN. He passed away peacefully on April 19th surrounded by loving family. John is survived by wife, Elaine. John was a long time Lockheed Martin employee.





Decker, Robert F. - Of Waverly, MN; formerly of Bloomington, MN. Passed away on April 12th, 2015. Preceded in death by wife, Angie. Robert worked for Unisys Corporation for 36 years. Bob was a former VIP

club member.

Johnson, Elaine E. - Age 81, of S. Minneapolis, MN. She passed away March 10th, 2015. Elaine was a retired accountant, talented videographer, artist, and woodworker. Elaine is



survived by husband Roger Gillette. Roger is a former Unisys employee and both have been long time VIP Club members.



Kimmel, William D. - Age 74. Loving Husband, Dad Grandpa, and Electrical Engineer. Survived by wife of 52 years, Sharon; two children and several grandchildren. Bill was a member of IEEE and authored two books and a patent.

Klingseisen, Diane C. (Schultz) - Age 74 of

Shoreview MN, formerly of Morgan, MN. Passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 26th. Survived by loving husband, Robert. Robert is a Unisys retiree and they have been VIP Club members for many years.



Krumpelmann, Thomas E. - Age 76 Of Apple



Valley, MN. Passed away on April 22nd, 2015 due to complications resulting from a series of recent strokes. Tom is survived by his wife, Karen. Tom started his 36-year career with Sperry/Univac which went on to become Unisys. There Tom used

his expertise as a manager in the computer memory division. Tom was a long time VIP Club member.

Meisch, Elaine (Hanson) - Age 96 of Edina, MN. died on April 6th. Elaine was preceded in death by her husband, Francis R. Meisch. Elaine worked as an Interior Design Consultant for UNIVAC from



1967-71, and for the Sperry Rand Corporation in 1978-79, among other companies.

NEW MEMBERS		
Golden Valley, MN		
Apple Valley, MN		

REPORTS, LEGACY ACTIVITIES

Web Site 'Article for the Month': For June, we posted "MATCALS – A 30-Year Life". Ron Irwin sent a 2014 item written by Emily Strotman, NAWCAD Public Affairs Communication Support. "NAVAIR's Marine Corps Expeditionary Air Traffic Control (ATC) Systems Integrated Product Team completed the demilitarization of its Marine Air Traffic Control and Landing Systems (MATCALS) this fall."

"Thus, it looks like MATCALS has finally reached the end of its life cycle. It had a 30-year life cycle that seems remarkable since it still had 1980 hardware technology. It just goes to show that LM/UNISYS/SPERRY built a great system (hardware and software) and made it to last. The last update to the chronological support of MATCALS was to say the software support ended in 2010. The hardware support must have continued by SPAWAR until last year."

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"P.S. We have had periodic luncheons over the years with the people still living and in the area who worked on the software at Mare Island. Our last luncheon was on 4/18/2015 with seven of us meeting to enjoy a get-together: Gordy Erickson, Vern Sandusky, Dennis Larson, Scott Hovey, David Kreiss, Foster Poole, and I were in attendance." from *Ron 9ruvin*, edited by *LABENSON*.

Do you remember Environmental Testing?



SOCIAL ACTIVITY ITEMS

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon Report: On April 15th the VIP Club hosted a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon for Club members who performed Volunteer Services in 2014. The Luncheon was held at Joseph's Grill in St. Paul. A collage of photos taken by Nick Benson at the Luncheon is shown on page 5.

A total of 106 Unisys and Lockheed Martin retiree members who responded to the *Newsletter* survey donated 25,968 hours to various non-profit organizations in Minnesota, Florida, Kansas, Virginia,

and Wisconsin. Fifty members and guests attended the Luncheon. Lowell Benson, VIP Club President welcomed the attendees and Bernie Jansen, VIP Club event-chairman chaired the overall Program; he summarized the survey results recognizing all volunteers and noted we had thirty-five Outstanding Volunteers in 2014 (over 500 hours.) He also noted that the estimated value of the reported Volunteer Services contributed by VIP Club members for the year 2014 exceeded \$626,600. The Dakota County Historical Society was represented by Nancy Hanson, Lawshe Museum Collections Manager. The Unisvs Corporation was represented by Chuck Lefebvre, OS 2200/Dorado Engineering Program Director. The Lockheed Martin Corporation was represented by Steve Koltes, Operations Manager, IS & GS Civil. Chuck & Steve addressed the group thanking them for their significant volunteer contributions during the past year and provided a synopsis of current corporate activities. Following the Management comments, Dale Phelps introduced several members who described their volunteer experiences in 2014, noting their personal satisfaction involved with these activities.

The excellent Program brochure was again prepared by Joe Schwarz, our Newsletter editor. Thanks are also due to Frank King who compiled and acknowledged all of the 2014 Survey inputs received via the internet.

Thirty-five VIP Club members who together donated 11,700 hours were recognized for their outstanding service: Lowell Benson, Nick Benson, B.J. Bertram, Allen Douglas, Tom & Jean French, John & Marge Grape, Gary & Betty Herman, Bernie & Kathy Jansen, Brent Jordahl, Frank & Johanne King, James & Lucille Lewis, Darrell & Barbara Lindemann, Richard Lundgren, Robert & June Myller, Jim Overocker, Dale Phelps & Ruth Sanford, Eugene & Sharon Rodi, Joe & Nancy Schwarz, Harvey & Gayle Taipale, Tom & Virginia Turba, Don Weidenbach and Tom Weidenkof. Another seventy-one members also responded to our survey: Norm Alrick, Ronald Anderson & Sherin Dahn, Jim Andrews, Michael Bauer, Keith & Susan Behnke, Charles & Rosemary Berget, Brian & Barbara Berggren, Emanuel Block, Larry & Ruth Bolton, Jim & Kay Bratsch, Dave & Kathy Carter, Dan Chesky, Judy Cognetta, Clinton Crosby, David Cross, Dana Doherty, Al & DeDe Edwins, Sam Fudenberg, Bill Galle, Millie Gignac, Nancy Gountanis, Robert 'RC' Hanson, Bob & Pat Hoaglund, Barbara Horn, Larry Huff, Stuart Johnson, David & Lynn Jones, Tom Kratz, Eugene Kurata & Marcia Lewis, Archie Lahti, Bob & Joyce Langer, Lynn Lindholm, Keith & Tricia Myhre. Don Naaktgeboren, Les Nelson, Wayne Olson, Greg Oxley, Sandy Ozahowski, Bob Pagac, Norman Peterson, John & Shari Rachac, Jack Sater, Dave &

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Judith Saxerud, Robert Scholz, Ronald & Jan Schwitters, Marion Scott, Jon Simon, Delbert Strand, Walter Strey, Dick Syverson, Tenner & Sheila Thompson, John Travalent, and John Westergren.

The Year 2014 Volunteer Activities performed by members and the hours donated to the various organizations summarized by Category are:

- 1. Community and Related Services
- 2. Meals, Food and Housing Services
- 1.564 hrs
- 3. Health and Disaster Services
- 9.856 hrs
- 1,167 hrs

- 4. Religious Support and Related Services 4,319 hrs
- 5. Schools, Museums, and Educational Services 1,837 hrs
- 6. Music and Theatrical Services 441 hrs
- 7. Other Services (includes VIP Club & LEGACY Project) 4,434 hrs

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTED **FOR YEAR 2014:** 25, 958 hours

Submitted by Bernie Jansen

- 1. Chuck Lefebvre spoke to the 50 attendees about the current 'state' of UNISYS - they're hiring some new grads.
- 2. Nancy Schwarz and Kathy Folsom led the group through the Tuscany Sandwich buffet.
- 3. Manny Block, Gary & Betty Herman checking in.
- 4. Nancy Hanson, Lawshe Memorial Museum representative, is greeted by Club President Lowell Benson.
- 5. Club Secretary Frank King checks in with Millie Gignac and Kathy Jansen.
- 6. Lynn Farris Lindholm and Don Naaktgeboren chat with Joe, Nancy, and Dick.
- 7. Harvey & Gayle Taipale check in with Steve Koltes, LMCO representative.
- 8. Dick Lundgren and Barbara Horn checked in with Millie.
- 9. Kathy Jansen and Millie Gignac staffed the check in table - cheers!
- 10. Keith & Tricia Myhre checked in and picked up a program.
- 11. Ruth Sanford & Dale Phelps.
- 12. Nancy Gountanis checked in.
- 13. Keith Myhre chatted with Chuck Lefebvre.
- 14. Lynn Lindholm was greeted at the check in table by event coordinator. Bernie Jansen.
- 15. Al & DeDe Edwins checked in just after Jim Overocker.
- 16. Al & DeDe again.
- 17. Don Naaktgeboren, Barbara Horn, and Dick Lundgren.



VIP Club June 2015 Newsletter April VIP Club Board Resolution

The VIP Club Board decided to honor Keith Myhre for the work he has been doing for our Legacy. The result is that we created The Annual Jansen 'Volunteer Extraordinaire" Certificate as pictured below. If you have an opportunity, thank the first recipient Keith and all of our volunteers working at the Lawshe Memorial Museum.





in recognition of three years of superlative VIP Club volunteerism and leadership of the IT Legacy Exhibit Development at the Dakota County Historical Society's Lawshe Memorial Museum.



April 15, 2015

2015 VIP Club President

Roseville Good Old Days: The eighth Good Old Days reunion for people that used to work at Univac/Unisys in Roseville was another success with somewhere between 380 and 400 people attending on April 24. Countless memories were shared and old friends reunited. The pictures of the event that were taken by David Wilhelm, are up on the web, https://picasaweb.google.com/dewilhelm53/RosevilleG oodOldDays2015?feat=email. The date for next year's Good Old Days reunion is set for Friday, May 6, 2016.

LIGHTER SIDE

The Book Keeper: A Mafia Godfather finds out that his bookkeeper, Guido, has cheated him out of \$10,000,000.00. His bookkeeper is deaf. That was the reason he got the job in the first place. It was assumed that Guido would hear nothing and would therefore never have to testify in court. When the Godfather goes to confront Guido about the missing \$10 million, he takes along his lawyer, who knows sign language.

The Godfather tells the lawyer, "Ask him where the money is." The lawyer, using sign language, asks Guido, Where's the money? Guido signs back, "I don't know what you are talking about." The lawyer tells the Godfather, "He says he doesn't know what you are talking about." The Godfather pulls out a pistol, puts it to Guido's head and says, "Ask him again or I'll kill him!" The lawyer signs to Guido, "He'll kill you if you don't tell him." Guido trembles and signs back, "OK! You win! The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed at my cousin Bruno's house." The Godfather asks the lawyer, "What did he say?" The lawyer replies, "He says you don't have the guts to pull the trigger." - - - - - You gotta love lawyers!! Better Mottoes: IT'S OK TO LET YOUR MIND GO BLANK, but please turn off the sound! SEE ME WHEN YOU WANT A LITTLE HELP, I can give you as little as anyone.

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REUNION PICNIC REGISTRATION FORM

VIP Club members		
I plan to attend (name):		\$5.00 per member
Spouse/friend will attend:		\$5.00
Non-member		
I plan to attend (name):		\$10.00 per non-member
Spouse/friend will attend:		\$10.00
My email address is:	(a)	
Non-members may include a VIP Club me	mbership registration for	m and dues to get the member
price, i.e. \$12 for a one year membership (2	2016) and the picnic.	

Please mail w/check before June 2nd to: VIP CLUB PICNIC P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-0020

CRUISE REGISTRATION FORM

VIP Club member(s)	
I plan to attend (name):	\$10.00 per member
Spouse/friend will attend (name):	\$10.00 per spouse/friend
Non-member*	
I plan to attend (name):	\$15.00 per non-member
Spouse/friend will attend (name):	\$15.00 per spouse/friend
My email address is:@	•

*Non-members can get the \$10 cruise price by including a VIP Club membership, http://vipclubmn.org/Membership.html, registration form with a \$7 or \$18 dues check, i.e. a \$17 check is good for membership through 2016 and the cruise. You do not have to be retired to join the VIP Club as an associate member.

Please mail w/check before **July 10th** to: VIP CLUB CRUISE P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-0020 Note that to get the group rate we must pre-pay so if you miss the boat there are no refunds.



P.O. BOX 131748 ROSEVILLE MN 55113-0020

DIRECTIONS TO ACTIVITY VENUES

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

Directions to UNISYS MACS building in Eagan: Set your GPS unit to Eagan MN, 3199 Pilot Knob Road. <u>From</u> <u>Hwy 35E</u> take the Pilot Knob Road exit ramp. Then go north on Pilot Knob Road about ¹/₂ 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.

To the Padelford Landing on Harriet Island, St. Paul, MN: Due to summer road construction in St. Paul, the recommended route to the boat landing is via the Robert Street Bridge when approaching from the downtown area. There will be ongoing construction closing the Wabasha St. Bridge and Highway 52 Bridge. Please be mindful of these detours and plan on giving yourself some extra driving time! More info can be found at http://www.riverrides.com/pages/misc/mappl.html.

Directions to Highland Park in St. Paul: Set your GPS unit to St Paul, 1200 Montreal Ave. <u>From the Roseville area</u>; take 36 to 35E going south through the city, exit at W 7th (Hwy 5) and turn right. After three blocks angle right onto Montreal Ave and drive uphill ¹/₂ mile. The Pavilion is on the left. <u>From the Eagan area</u> take 35E north toward St. Paul, exit at W 7th (Hwy) 5 and turn left. Proceed to Montreal Ave angling right and drive ¹/₂ mile. <u>From St. Paul</u>, find Snelling Avenue, drive south to Montreal Ave then turn left. Drive ¹/₄ mile to Pavilion on right. Shuttle bus parking is at the High School, Snelling and Montreal.