

UPCOMING EVENT ITEMS



Thanks to the vision of
 Millie Gignac!

December 2	10 AM – Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
December 3	11 AM – Annual UNIVAC Old Timers	Lost Spur, Mendota Heights
December 10	3:30 PM – Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance	Lost Spur, Mendota Heights
February 3	10 AM – Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
February 10	7 PM – Social hr. & Program	UNISYS, Roseville

DECEMBER PROGRAM Annual Christmas Dinner

December 10th, 3:30 PM: Our party this year will be at the Lost Spur in Mendota Heights. We urge you to make reservations early to get priority seating with friends. Reservation requests with your check of \$20.00 per person should be mailed to Bill Galle before December 2nd using the form on page 5. The form is also on-line at <http://vipclubmn.org/ChristmasForm.htm>.



- 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM Initial social time with nametag check in, hors d'oeuvres & cash bar,
- 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM Enjoy an elegant sit down dinner with salad, vegetable, your choice of entrée, and the 'Lost Spur Dessert Station, your choice!'
- 5:30 PM – 5:45 PM Introduction of guests and the 2016 VIP Club Board, and
- 5:45 PM – 8:00 PM Music for your listening and/or dancing pleasures by a one-man band, Mr. Lyndon Peterson.

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JANUARY 2016 PROGRAM

There is no program planned for this month. We suggest that you 'munch or lunch' with one or more of the Periodic Groups listed on page 2 & 3 of this newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual UNIVAC Old Timers' Reunion: December 3rd, 11 AM to 3 PM. Yes, we are gathering the first Thursday of December as initiated three decades ago. There are several changes this year:

1. The venue will be the Lost Spur in Eagan because the Ft. Snelling O' Club has closed.

2. The Lost Spur kitchen has limited noon service in the winter, however they will make pre-ordered sandwiches for those who need food while talking and sipping.

3. A reminder email was transmitted in late October; if you did not get one – send a note to labenson@q.com before November 30th that you plan to attend and whether you will be buying an \$8 ham, turkey, or beef sandwich – cash bar available.

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Your Fall Reminder Check List!

- _ Review Medical Policy choice for 2016
- _ Send in reservation for Christmas Dinner/Dance
- _ Renew VIP Club membership for 2016
- _ Have vehicle checked for winter driving safety
- _ Re-calculate Minimum Required Distributions for IRAs pay outs during 2016
- _ Plan income tax withholding for next year
- _ Resolve to help at the Lawshe Museum next year!

Newsletter inputs: For the January/February Newsletter, please send articles, recent obits, or lighter side items to Joe Schwarz before January 7th, 2016.

For your 2016 Calendar: February 10th, 7 PM – First VIP Club Program of 2016 in the UNISYS, Roseville Superior Conference Room. April 20th, 2016 - Volunteer Recognition luncheon at Joseph's in St. Paul. May 6th, 2016 - Roseville Good Old Days at the Mermaid.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Reflecting! This is the 31st newsletter message typed on my PC keyboard and my last as the Club's president. My good luck wishes to our incoming 21st President Keith Behnke and VP Orrin



McGill as they provide leadership for 2016 and beyond. Joe Schwarz is beginning his 17th year as a Director and chief newsletter editor. Harvey Taipale begins his 8th year as Treasurer and Dale Phelps begins his 8th year as Program Coordination Director. Frank King begins his 4th year as Club Secretary. John Westergren has resigned as a Director, however will continue to support picnic planning as a Board Associate - he joins Associates Dick Lundgren, Bill Galle, Lynn Lindholm, and Jim Larson who, along with a plethora of spouses and member emeriti, work behind the scenes to make us a successful and smooth operating organization. John W. and Lowell will continue as co-chairs of the IT Legacy committee. John and I are appreciative of the many hours spent by the teams working on Tuesdays at the Lawshe Memorial Museum. Thanks to all for making 2015 a good year.

Looking Ahead: January 2016 marks 70-years since Engineering Research Associates (ERA) opened their business doors on Minnehaha Avenue in St. Paul.



Perhaps 2016 will give us the insight to predict when the IT Legacy Committee can wrap up ‘telling the story’ of our heritage companies’ innovations.

Best Regards, *Lowell A. Benson*, Club President
2011/14/15.

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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 will need SSN and a PIN.

Unisys	1-877-864-7972
Lockheed Martin	1-866-562-2363

VIP CLUB Corporate Liaisons:

LMCO, Eagan – Scott Schmidt	651-846-2426
Unisys print shop – Judy Bornetun,	651-635-6792
Unisys, Roseville/Eagan – Sue Carrigan,	651-635-7712

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 AM on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Capitol View Cafe, 637 Smith Ave. St. Paul.

A **Second Luncheon Group** [Unisys and Burroughs] meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 11:30 AM 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 AM on the 2nd Wednesday 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 2nd Wednesday at 11:00 AM 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 AM

at the Baker's Square on 3088 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood. Coordinator phone is 651-429-3319.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY ITEMS

Do you, Club member readers have opinions? Instead of all independent evening program meetings in 2015; we joined with the Syttende Mai group in May and with the Unihogs/Uniturkeys group in November – both were reservation/you pay luncheons with their committees' speaker planning. Our planning committee would appreciate member feedback! Please, before December 1st, send a note to Program Coordinator, Dale Phelps drphelps416@gmail.com or Associate Dick Lundgren rflundgr@aol.com with your answers:

1. I went to ___ # ___ Club meetings in 2015.
2. The ___(name/month)___ was the best event.
3. The ___(name/month)___ was the worst event.
4. I prefer ___(x)___ day events or ___(x)___ evening events.
5. If in charge, I'd not repeat the ___ April; ___ May; ___ June; ___ Aug; ___ Oct; ___ Nov programs.

Thanks in advance for your feedback!

On the Dance Floor: Another retiree's avocation – The Roseville Area Senior Program Newsletter for Nov/Dec lists “Join us for social dances with refreshments – Dec 14, Rod Cerar.” Rod wrote “My retirement days are kept really busy at times with this music business. Check out my website: www.RodCerar.com.”

If your address label or email subject line reads 2015; your membership expires December 31st, page 5 has a renewal form.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Borland, Elizabeth - (Beth Hallen), formerly of Little Canada, MN. Passed away on October 26th, 2015. She is survived by her loving husband Jim, who is a long time Unisys / Lockheed employee.



Graham, Robert - Age 83 of Columbia Heights, MN. Robert was a 39-year employee of Unisys and member of the IBEW Union. Survived by companion of 30 years, Bess.

Lange, Paula E. Age 77 of North St. Paul, MN. Passed away peacefully October 30th, 2015. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sheldon who was a long time Unisys / Lockheed employee.

Michaud, Edward T. - Lifetime resident of White Bear Lake, MN. Passed away October 19th, 2015. Survived by his wife of 63 years, Joan. Ed was a pillar of his community, and a constant, faith filled example for his family. Ed was Unisys retiree and long time member of the VIP Club.

Minnis, Vernon F. "Hook" Jr. - Age 83 of Minneapolis, MN. Passed away peacefully on September 2nd, 2015. He was a loving husband to Marlene, who preceded him in death after 53 years of marriage. Vernon retired after many years of working for Sperry, Unisys, Loral, and Lockheed Martin.



Pressler, Thomas Roy- -Age 80 of Bloomington, MN. Passed away October 24th, 2015. Thomas is survived by his wife, Sharon. Thomas retired from Unisys after 40 years of service and was a long time VIP Club member

NEW MEMBERS

No new members	
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REPORTS, LEGACY ACTIVITIES

Web Site 'Article for the Month' - for December we posted the following, written to Richard Olson in a Zumbrota assisted care facility: “Dear Ole: A couple of weeks ago, I realized that it was ten years since you came to the VIP Club Board asking for help documenting corporate legacy. Since April 2007, I have been editing or writing or grabbing associated legacy bits of Information Technology, then posting them on our anthology web site as an 'Article for the Month'.

As I was finishing the November 2015 'Article for the Month'; I decided to clip the 100+ newsletter summaries into a 'Readers Digest' like paper. As I was cutting and pasting – it was obvious that an introduction and other text were needed to make the clippings into a good paper. Editorial reviews by a few Legacy Committee members made it into a very good paper (John W., Keith M., and Larry B.). The result is *Measuring Success = Volunteer Hours! Recapping a Decade of IT Legacy Committee Accomplishments*. You, as the instigator, are receiving the first printed copy!

There is an adage "What God hath wrought ..." Please enjoy reading what 'Ole hath wrought.' The link is <http://vipclubmn.org/Articles/214DecadeRecapped.pdf>. “To date, 170 people have contributed career summaries and about 250 people have given us over 1,000 project, system, and product 'mini-stories'. Although I cannot name everyone; the five most prolific item writers are Larry Bolton, Lyle Franklin, Jim Rapinac, John Westergren, and Dick Lundgren. Tom Montgomery created/provided all the information for our most complete systems web page, Air Traffic Control, including about sixty pdf files of system and hardware descriptions.” These 58 pages of accomplishments and Legacy stories are dedicated to our VIP Club Founder, Millie Gignac! Sincerely, *LA Benson*

UYK 43's are still in use...work horse for Aegis BMD (Ballistic Missile Defense). Below is a photo of San Diego UYK-43s from K. Wander via Jim Rapinac.



LIGHTER SIDE

Christmas Dessert?

Norwegians in Minnesota deep fry Rosettes as a special Christmas treat – other people eat them all year!



Spotted at our VIP Club Picnic! How do you pronounce this retiree's cap? Hint 1, he likes to fish. Hint 2, when skunked on the lake, the pronunciation changes.

Ramblings of a Retired Mind ...

- I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one, so I'm wearing my garage door opener.
- You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized that people didn't like me anyway.
- I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans!
- I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball but you are just too tired to bounce it.
- I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age and call it 'Pumping Rust'.
- Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write 'An ambulance.'
- I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then it dawned on me. They were cramming for their finals. As for me, I'm just hoping that God grades on the curve.
- The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs!'
- Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
- Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

Recently seen in a Mykonos T-shirt shop! \

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

If the address block of your Newsletter shows 2015 after your name or if the subject line of your Enews notification shows member list 2015 x; your VIP Club membership and newsletter subscription will expire on December 31, 2015



Dues are: \$7.00, 1 year ___ or \$ 18.00, 3 years ____.
Member (≥55) __, or Associate (<55) __: Address Change __, New __, Renewal __

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(____) _____ - _____ @ _____ . _____

Primary Telephone Number _____ E-mail address _____

Newsletter delivery preference is electronic (DSL or faster suggested) ___ 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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CHRISTMAS PARTY: SIGN UP NOW

Please reserve, at \$20 each ___ place(s) for the Annual VIP Club Christmas Party & Dinner being held on Thursday, **December 10, 2015 at the Lost Spur Country Club**. Send in your reservations now, since seating is limited. Your form and check must be received by 4 December. If your reservation is for more than two persons, please attach a list of the added names and you will be seated together at a reserved table.

Full Name: _____

Address _____

Full Name: _____

Address _____

Check here () if you have attached ___ additional names.

Entrée selection(s) & Quantity: Steak ___; or Chicken ___; or Walleye ____.

Make your checks payable to: **VIP CLUB**

Mail to: William 'Bill' Galle
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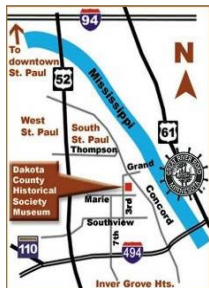
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DIRECTIONS TO ACTIVITY VENUES

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

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 blocks 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.



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 the Lost Spur in Mendota Heights: Set your GPS to St Paul, 2750 Sibley Memorial Hwy, 55121 or take exit #98 off I-35E onto Lone Oak Road. Go west across Pilot Knob Road and down the hill to Hwy 13. Turn right and proceed north ~ ½ miles to the Lost Spur (City View) entrance on the right.

