


UPCOMING EVENT ITEMS

Our IT Legacy	May 4	10 AM – Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
 Engineering Research Associates 1946 - 2016	May 6	10:30 AM – Roseville Good Old Days	Mermaid in New Brighton
	May 13	11:00 AM – Syttende Mai	Casper's in Eagan
	June 01	10 AM – Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
	June 15	3:00 PM – Annual Reunion Picnic	Highland Park, St. Paul

MAY PROGRAM

Syttende Mai Lunch & Speaker

Last year the VIP Club board decided not to have a May Club program, but to encourage our membership to participate in the annual Unisys/Lockheed Martin Syttende Mai (Norwegian Constitution Day) luncheon/program Friday, May 13th at Casper's Cherokee in Eagan. We are doing the same this year.

NORWEGIAN SYTTENDE MAI LUNCHEON

All are welcome, Norwegian, part Norwegian or not Norwegian at all. This is a fun and interesting event, tracing its history back some 40 years ago when Dick (Ole) Olson and a few others started the tradition. This year's program takes a new and perhaps unexpected look at what it means to be a Norwegian American.



This year's speaker is Maya Rao, a staff writer for the Minneapolis Star Tribune since 2012. She characterized herself as a "biracial East Coaster," having grown up on the East Coast, the product of an Asian Indian father and a European American mother, and never knew she had Minnesota roots, that is, until she moved here. For the Strib she wrote mainly about urban issues and Minneapolis City Hall, and then moved to the regional team covering Minnesota and surrounding states. Before working at the Strib, she wrote for newspapers on the East Coast since 2006, spending much of that time at the Philadelphia Enquirer. She will recount her surprising discovery of her Norwegian roots in Minnesota.

Our annual Syttende Mai lunch/old friends gathering will take place at 11:00 Friday, May 13th, at Casper's Cherokee of Eagan, 4625 Nichols Road. The cost this year is \$17 for the delicious buffet which features

NORWEGIAN MEATBALLS for the first time. 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 at dale.o.torgerson@gmail.com (612-597-3714) or Dale Phelps at drphelps416@gmail.com. (952-831-7843) by May 6th - Email is preferred. Submitted by R. Lundgren.

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JUNE PROGRAM

Annual Reunion Picnic

Join us at the VIP Club Get-Together and Picnic at the Highland Park Pavilion on Wednesday, June 15. We will start this year again at 3:00 PM for food then be done around 7:00 PM.

Once again, since we are planning for a big group, we're will have additional parking at the Highland Park High School parking lot with bus service to the Pavilion if necessary, but more on that in the June newsletter.

We're making the cost the same this year, \$5.00 per member (spouse or significant other is counted as a member). Please RSVP with the form on page 7 by June 2nd so we can print a nametag, have enough food, and schedule the shuttle bus service. Unregistered drop-ins will be charged \$10 at the name tag table. Last year we had about 250. We look forward to seeing everybody there. If anyone wants to have some additional fun by volunteering to help with preparation, serving, or clean-up, please contact John Westergren at jwestergren@frontiernet.net or 952-358-1174. Submitted by *John Westergren*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Inputs: For the June Newsletter, please send articles, recent obits, or lighter side items to Joe Schwarz before **May 6th**, see Contact Data section.



Roseville Good Old Days: The ninth annual RGOD celebration will be at the Mermaid in New Brighton on **May 6th**. Check-in doors open at 10:30 AM. Please send a note to Tom Turba, tturba@comcast.net to get on the pre-printed nametag list and to volunteer at the check-in table. *Page 8 has GPS and direction information.*



Second Call for Set-up, Cooks, and Clean-up: Our Annual Picnic at the Highland Park Pavilion begins at 3:00 PM on **June 15th**. Please send a note to jwestergren@frontiernet.net to lend a hand and enjoy the pre-picnic libations.

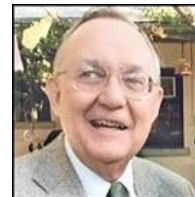
Director Position: The board needs a youthful person (under 70) to learn our processes, then provide leadership for future years. 1) Contact any board member, 2) sit in on one of our board meetings, and then 3) consider joining us as part of your retirement time allocations, 8-16 hours per month.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

You will find a reprint of the President's Message from the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group in the right hand column of this page. As you can see they have reached a point where they have lost a number of members of their Board of Directors. Not being able to find anyone willing to join their board has put them in a position of having to shut down at the end of this year. While we do not have as serious a problem as this we continuously have difficulty finding people willing to join our board. Getting new members for our board is important beyond filling open positions but also to assure we have new thinking to help us make decisions that keep us providing meaningful benefits for our club members. I would like for us to be able to establish a "waiting list" of those interested in participating when openings occur. It's up to you to let us know who you are. *Keith Behnke*, 2016 Club President.



IN REMEMBRANCE



Maas, Duane - Age 76 of Bloomington, MN. Passed away Thursday, March 31st, 2016. Duane is survived by his wife Peggy. In 1969 Duane worked as a Mathematician on some of the earliest intercontinental trajectory systems for Remington Rand Univac in St. Paul, MN. During the 1970s, Duane worked at Control Data and Sperry Univac. In October 1982, he co-founded Office

Information Systems ("OIS"), a successful local staffing business. Duane returned to software engineering for Lockheed Martin's Tactical Avionics group in (1997 - 2002). Duane retired from Lockheed Martin in 2002 and spent his free time working on his antique cars, tractors, and farm machinery at his hobby farm in Henderson, MN.

Hefner, Owen J. - Age 93 of Green Valley, AZ. Passed away March 23rd, 2016. Owen is survived by his wife, Irene. Owen started work with Sperry and retired from Unisys.



Oldenburg, Hans Henry - Age 79 of St. Paul, MN. Passed away March 18th, 2016 from complications of prostate cancer. Survived by loving wife of 56 years, Audrey. Hans was a 36-year employee of Unisys and the last 15 years at

Roseville Ace Hardware.

Rosenwald, Frederic J. - Age 80 of Plymouth, MN. Passed away Friday, March 25th, 2016. Preceded in death by his wife, Genevieve. Frederic started his HR career at Sperry Univac (Roseville MN).

Swanburg, Norris George David - Age 95, passed away on March 6th, 2016. Preceded in death by wife of 61 years, Dorothy. Norris was a 20-year employee of Univac and a former VIP Club member.

NEW MEMBERS, Mar-Apr '16

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SOCIAL ACTIVITY ITEMS

From the UNISYS Blue Bell Retirees' Group (UBBRG): For the edification of our VIP Club members, we have copied the President's message from the UBBRG March newsletter.

President's Message by Joe LaViola: For five and a half years I have been privileged to serve as president of the UBBRG. Since the passing of Joe Campbell, Jerry Feldscher, Mary Pacifico, and John O'Brien; the executive board has been functioning without a Vice President or Travel Chair. These officers were a stabilizing force which has been sorely missed. For the future of UBBRG, this is a matter of great concern.



The Blue Bell Retirees' formed in 1988 originally as a social group. It soon took on the matter to settle a dispute over medical coverage for Unisys retirees'. With this incentive, membership grew to

approximately 1800 members which resulted in substantial turnout for the meetings. The dispute has long been resolved and interest in the group has waned. Membership currently is at 637. This is because, “long time faithful members”, whose numbers are declining, have continued to renew their membership. The marked reduction in Blue Bell retirees’ and the lack of interest has greatly impacted the recruiting for new members. Although these numbers are impressive, the executive board has not been able to find anyone willing to become a member. To replace any of the executive chairs requires significant time and effort. This involves learning programs to: publish NEWSBITS, record membership details, keep the Website up to date, and manage the Treasury.

The executive board has not been able to overcome the afore-mentioned problems and met in January to discuss these issues. The following, while not easy to make, are steps the board has voted to take:

- UBBRG to be dissolved by December 31, 2016.
- Discontinue general meetings at Plymouth Mall.
- NEWSBITS and the <http://www.ubbrg.org> Website will remain active through 2016.
- The executive board will remain active and will meet at regular intervals through-out 2016.
- Communication to the membership will continue through NEWSBITS and the ubbrg.org Website.

If you would like to send comments, questions or suggestions to the executive board, they will be published in the June edition of NEWSBITS. I will attempt to answer your queries as best I can. Please provide your name, phone number, and comments and send to Jack Staub. Email: jfmrstaub@verizon.net
- Or for USA mail:

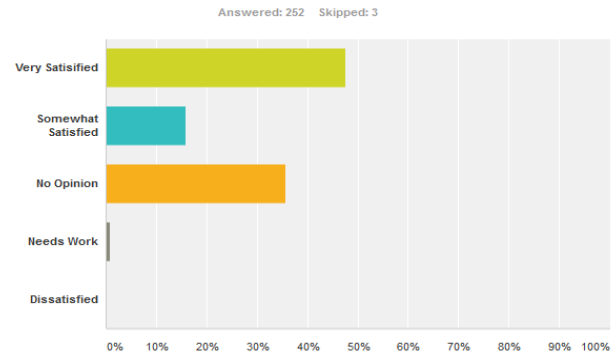
Jack Staub 5 Bowes Lane Reading Pa 19606
Joe LaViola – President

Membership Survey: As promised, here’s the next installation of our survey results of the 781 active club members who’ve provided us with email addresses. From that population and the 255 responses the board continues to look at the responses to see where you’d like us to take some new actions or stay the course.

The next two questions covered the activities the Club organizes for the members. It seems that for those who had had an opinion, most are satisfied. The primary comments come from those who live outside the Twin City area. Maybe there is a way for the Club to become a forum or “clearing house” for different cluster areas of the country (AZ, FL, etc.) for those members to connect. If that would interest some of you, drop us an

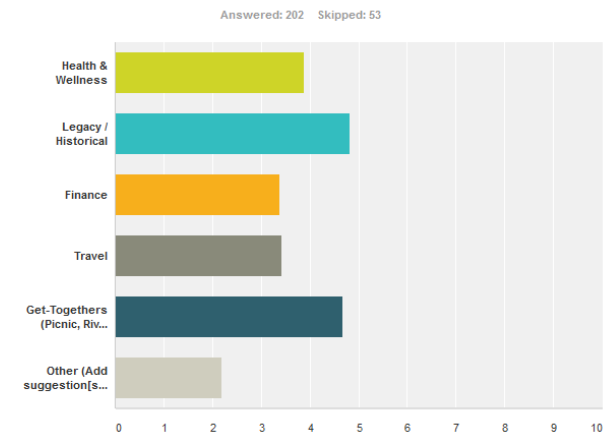
email.

Are you satisfied with the events the VIP Club organizes each month?



The other event question about the types of events was a pretty even horse-race with the legacy topics and general get-togethers, like the summer picnic and river cruise, being in the lead. We didn’t get very many suggestions for other ideas, but the board will continue to look for interesting programs that are informative and fun. We will also continue to support the ones you enjoy like the picnic, Old Timers, and holiday dinner.

What type of events would you prefer? Prioritize 1 (favorite) through 5 (least favorite)



Next month we’ll address the questions and comments concerning the web site, so stay tuned and thanks again for your interest in the VIP Retiree Club. Submitted by *John Westergren*.

Membership Tidbits: The Club’s membership database includes formulae to count how many members have paid through which year and how many did not renew their membership and when.

Members/Active/Inactive			
Active	Year	Members	%
Paid through	2016	236	28.3%
Paid through	2017	373	44.7%
Paid through	2018	180	21.6%
Paid through	2019	12	1.4%

Members/Active/Inactive			
Paid through	2020	13	1.6%
Paid through	2021	4	0.5%
Paid through	2022	0	0.0%
Paid through	Life	16	1.9%
Paid through	SP	4	0.5%
Total Paid Members		834	
Friends	Frnd	20	
Total Active Member Units*		854	
Total Active Members**		1466	
* Does not include spouses that were employees ** Spouse that was employee already counted as active			
Inactive Since	2010	34	8.6%
Inactive Since	2011	66	16.8%
Inactive Since	2012	29	7.4%
Inactive Since	2013	31	7.9%
Inactive Since	2014	131	33.2%
Inactive Since	2015	100	25.4%
Total Inactive		394	

The Life member designation are our nonagenarians and our members' emeriti. The SP designation are those member and spouse who both worked at our companies and who have separate email addresses for newsletter distributions (*send a note to Gish if you and spouse have separate email addresses.*) The Frnd designation is for complimentary electronic newsletters sent to the UNISYS Blue Bell retirees club board members and newsletters sent to the heads of local cooperating organizations, i.e. UNISYS, LMCO, CBI, and the Lawshe Memorial Museum. Next month we'll provide delivery method counts, etc. Submitted by *LABenson*

Correction: Last month at the top left of page 4 we wrote: "The 120-150 Eagan ATM site employees will be part of a 12,000 to 15,000-person organization ...". After we had gone to press, LMCO's Steve Koltes provided: "The new company (*Leidos*) will have approximately 30,000 employees worth roughly \$10B making it the largest government Information Technology Services provider." Submitted by *LABenson*

Email Readers Beware: The Club's newsletter and webmaster received the following message: "I'm currently in Nicosia, Cyprus for a short vacation. Unfortunately, I was mugged at the park of the hotel where I stayed. All cash, credit card and mobile phone were stolen from me but luckily, I still have my

passport with me. I've been to the Embassy and the Police here but they're not helping issues at all. My flight will be leaving in less than 8-hrs from now but I'm having problems settling the hotel bills and the hotel manager won't let me leave until I settle the bills. I'll need your help with a loan of \$2,350USD. I promise to make the refund once I get back home. Please let me know if you can help and I need you to keep me posted via email because it's the only way I can reach you now." *Signature.*

If you, a Club member, receive any similar message – please ignore it as this is typical of a scammer message using phished or hacked email addresses and names. Even if you recognize the name of the person sending the message, don't be 'sucked in'. Submitted by *LABenson*

Congratulations and Thank You: March 22nd was Clint Crosby's last day volunteering at the Lawshe Memorial Museum. Other volunteers feted him with a 'cake-and-coffee'



celebration of his pending April 9th marriage. I think Clint appreciated the get together and the opportunity

to relate his stories about this event in his life. We all wished him the best and asked that he keep in touch (and to stop back to record more photos any time he wishes.) By Jon Simon

Clint: Sorry we were not in MN to congratulate you in person on your wonderful engagement news, move to Rush City, and upcoming marriage. We wish you all the best; please keep in touch.



Thank you very much for your years of work in identifying photos and cataloging the history of ERA/UNIVAC/Sperry Univac/Unisys/Lockheed/et al. Without you, we wouldn't be as far along as we are in our work. It has been a privilege to know you, and particularly to work with you on the Legacy Project,

over the past years. Thank you so much for all you have done. Keith & Tricia Myhre
 Participants at the celebration were Clint, Jon Simon (brought the cake and took snapshots), Harvey Taipale, Bob Pagac, Lowell Benson, and Rebecca Snyder. Anyone wishing to fill Clint's workstation chair on alternate Tuesday mornings can contact Jon Simon (jcsimon1st@frontiernet.net) or Tricia Myhre (pbm5454@hotmail.com). *LABenson*

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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

PERIODIC GROUPS

A Luncheon Group [engineering/ drafting] meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday in Eagan at 11:00 AM - **Rickey's Café at Stark's**, 3125 Dodd Road, Eagan, MN.

One Breakfast Group 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 2nd Saturday at 11:30 AM at the Baker's Square on 3088 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood. Coordinator phone is 651-429-3319.

REPORTS, LEGACY ACTIVITIES

May 'Article(s) for the Month': 1) A transcription of John Westergren's 2007 oral interview of Marc Shoquist. This interview provides great insight into antennae coupler business, serial interface development, NATO cooperation, fiber optic development, and his interactions as an engineering manager. Second article is a supplement to the 2007 oral interview of Jim Rapinac. As an Army draftee, Mr. Rapinac trained as a clerk typist. Then his service in England and Germany had some non-soldier activities. Did you know that Rapp had basketball skills? Submitted by *LABenson*

Birthplace to Computer Hospice: ERA, UNIVAC, and Sperry employees knew that Minnesota's computer industry birthplace was at 1902 Minnehaha Avenue in St. Paul Minnesota – January 1946. The Minnehaha address is the small building in the right center of this old aerial view.



Diagonally across this photo is/was the former glider factory in which most of the early ERA engineering, manufacturing, and testing took place. This building complex was designated ERA plant 1. Between the building at the top left and the factory was a railroad spur. In October 1950, ERA loaded the ATLAS I computer into a train car through the factory back doors for shipment to Washington DC. Classified at that time, this ATLAS I was the world's first 'stored program' computer delivered then operational in a customer's facility in December 1950.

In 1956, UNIVAC opened a new Twin Cities 'headquarters' building on Shepherd Road in St. Paul – the Minnehaha facility was re-designated as UNIVAC plant 2. The building in the upper left was later designated as UNIVAC plant 5 and the railroad spur disappeared. The back doors of the old glider factory became the passage way to the plant 5 – continuing into the UNISYS days in the early 90s when both plants 2 and 5 were vacated.

Today, 70-years since ERA started, the old glider factory back doors have a street address of 698 Prior Avenue. Stepping through these backdoors brought back memories of the high ceiling large area where UNIVAC had environmental test chambers in the late 60s and 70s for the CP-901 computers. I can still envision gliders being assembled in the area.



It is IRONIC that the business sign on the small door is Tech-Dump electronics recycling customer entrance. Tech-Dump accepts donations of obsolescent PCs, monitors, and printers. Then they either reclaim metals for recycling or for parts for PC refurbishments and re-sales. Thanks to Orrin McGill for the article idea, i.e. the irony of computer birth and deaths from the same place. *LABenson*

LIGHTER SIDE

Vincent came from a very large family: After much careful research it has been determined that the artist, Vincent Van Gogh had many relatives.

- A sister who loved disco: Go Gogh
- An aunt who taught positive thinking: Wayto Gogh
- His Dizzy aunt, Verti Gogh
- His magician uncle: Wherediddy Gogh
- His Mexican cousin: Ahmee Gogh
- His nephew psychoanalyst: E. Gogh
- His obnoxious brother: Please Gogh
- The ballroom dancing aunt: Tang Gogh
- The bird loving uncle: Flaming Gogh
- The brother who ate prunes: Gotta Gogh
- The constipated uncle: Can't Gogh
- The cousin from Illinois: Chicah' Gogh
- The fruit loving cousin: Mang Gogh
- The grandfather from Yugoslavia: U Gogh
- The little bouncy nephew: Poe Gogh
- The nephew who drove a stage coach: Wellsfar Gogh

Measuring Life - May

- Shortest distance between two jokes = A straight line.
- Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1 bananosecond.
- 2,000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won ton
- Weight one evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
- 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling
- Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knotfurlong.

DON'T WAIT

Sign-up for the June picnic
See page 7

- 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz

Measuring Life – June

- Shortest distance between two jokes = A straight line
- 453.6 graham crackers = 1 pound cake
- 1 million-million microphones = 1 megaphone
- 2 million bicycles = 2 megacycles
- 365.25 days = 1 unicycle
- 2,000 mockingbirds = 2 kilomockingbirds
- 52 cards = 1 decacards

Measuring Life – July/August

- Shortest distance between two jokes = A straight line
- Half of a large intestine = 1 semicolon
- Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
- 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 Fig Newton
- 2 monograms = 1 diagram
- 4 nickels = 2 paradigms
- 2.4 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital = 1 IV League

Measuring Life – September

- Shortest distance between two jokes = A straight line
- Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
- 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope

MINNESOTA Quarters: Hang on to any of the new Minnesota Quarters. If you have them, they may be worth much more than 25 cents. The US Mint announced today that it is recalling all of the Minnesota quarters that are part of its program featuring quarters from each state. This action is being taken after numerous reports that the new quarters will not work in parking meters, toll booths, vending machines, pay phones or any other coin operated devices. The problem lies in the unique design of the Minnesota quarter, which was designed by a team of Norwegian specialists. Apparently the duct tape holding the two dimes and the nickel together keeps jamming up the machines.

Three Sisters – Three sisters, ages 92, 94, and 96, lived in a home together. One night the 96-year-old drew a bath, put her foot in, and paused. She yelled down the stairs "Was I getting in or out of the bath?" The 94-year-old yelled back, "I do not know, I will come up and see." She started up the stairs and paused, and then she yelled "Was I going up the stairs or coming down?" The 92-year old was sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shook her head and said, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful." She knocked on wood for good measure. She then yelled, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who is at the door."

"If members want to invite friends to the picnic; refer them to our website for the picnic registration form, <http://vipclubmn.org/PicnicForm.htm>

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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: _____@_____. _____

Non-members may include a VIP Club membership registration form and dues to get the member price, i.e. \$12 for a one-year membership (2017) and the picnic.

Please mail w/check before **June 6th** to: VIP CLUB PICNIC P.O. Box 131748 - Roseville, MN 55113-0020

VIP CLUB

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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 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 Highland Park in St. Paul: Set your GPS unit to St Paul, 1200 Montreal Ave. From the Roseville area; 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 ½ mile. The Pavilion is on the left. From the Eagan area take 35E north toward St. Paul, exit at W 7th (Hwy) 5 and turn left. Proceed to Montreal Ave angling right and drive ½ mile. From St. Paul, find Snelling Avenue, drive south to Montreal Ave then turn left. Drive ¼ mile to Pavilion on right. Shuttle bus parking is at the High School, Snelling and Montreal.

Directions to the Mermaid in Moundsview: Set your GPS to Moundsview, MN – Co Rd H / Co Rd 10. From the South, take interstate Hwy 35W going North then exit 28C onto Co Rd 10, drive across the freeway bridge then turn left onto Co. Rd. H. From the West, take I-694 to I-35W going North, and then exit 23C to Co. Rd 10, turn left onto Co. Rd. H.

Directions to Casper's Cherokee Steak House in Eagan: Set your GPS to Eagan MN, 4625 Nicols Road, From I35E, take the Cliff Road exit and go west to Nicols, turn left. From Cedar Ave, take the Cliff Road exit, go east to Nicols, then turn right. This is the May 13th Syttende Mai luncheon venue.