

VIP Club Newsletter

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Time to Renew your
Membership??

As of January 5, 2022, **membership expired for 224 VIP Club members.** Check your four-digit code in the e-mail subject line, or after your name in the address block if you receive the newsletter via U.S. mail.

If the four-digit code is 2021, you need to renew NOW.

See the Membership article on page 3 for renewal details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon April 20, Noon at Joseph's Grill, 140 Wabasha Street South, Saint Paul, MN 55107. Coordinator: *Frank King.*

Volunteerism: To give of one's time and talents for the benefit of others.

April is national volunteer month, and once again the VIP Club will recognize our volunteers with a FREE luncheon at Joseph's Grill in St Paul. All VIP Club members (spouses are members too) who volunteered for any non-profit organization in 2021 are welcome. Considering the COVID conditions, getting out to do ANY volunteering is good and should be congratulated. Save April 20, 2022 on your calendar and watch for the reservation form on the website or respond to the invite when it arrives at the end of February. Registration is required so we can provide an accurate headcount to Joseph's. We are not asking VIP Club members to respond to a survey this year, but will gladly welcome anyone who wants to talk about their volunteer experience. For history on the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon or the Volunteer Extraordinaire recipients, go to <http://vipclubmn.org/Social.html#volunteering>.

Roseville Good Old Days May 6, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. at The Mermaid Entertainment & Event Center, 2200 Mounds View Blvd, Mounds View, MN 55112. Coordinator: *Paul Dickson* will be sending out an e-mail reminder in the first quarter of 2022.

Syttende Mai May 13, Coordinator: *Dale Torgerson*; more to come.

VIP Club Scheduled 2022 Board Meetings: February 2, April 6, June 1, August 3 and October 5. We're finally scheduled to meet in person at the Wescott Library. Club members may sit in if curious about club business. Contact the president 2 days prior for access.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Recently, someone at the Minnesota Historical Society interviewed me about my career at Univac and successor companies. I was not unique—many others have been interviewed or will be interviewed. This is a current project to further preserve information about the early development of Minnesota technology companies. While discussion included projects and programs we all worked on, there was also quite a bit of questioning regarding the people in the company and their working and social relationships.



The people part of this session served as a reminder of the connections I developed at work over the years and all the intersections between their lives and mine. Some of these connections were casual, but others are very long-lasting and deep, and if I am honest, I have to confess that many of these people have influenced the trajectory of my life. As a case in point, a fellow employee introduced me to the gal who became my wife—52 years and counting!

There was something quite wonderfully unusual about our workplace. In my career, I interacted with many other companies and many other operating units of whatever corporate entity we were at the time. I never observed another organization that had the same deep-down sense of unity, dedication to success, and esprit de corps that I experienced every day in my home organization. It wasn't just Minnesota Nice, but it was a strong collegial commitment to delivering to the customers, who had put their faith in us, that ultimately bound everyone together. It was an attitude that was passed along to generations of people and organizations that established a big part of the corporate culture here.

That wasn't only my observation—the interviewer indicated that other interviewees had similar observations. I am also willing to bet that most of the “old timers” in the VIP Club would have similar



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observations and feel the same way. That might not be unique in the world, but it certainly is rare.

So, you might ask, where is all this philosophizing going? Well, several places. First, the VIP Club is an organization where we all can keep some of those connections going, as recently happened at the Old Timers' Reunion, and at other club events. So, it's worthwhile for all of you to keep the club rolling by participating, supporting events or even volunteering to be a board member.

Second, remember our legacy history efforts. Contribute your historical materials, or volunteer to help process all of this material. It certainly wouldn't hurt to help support the Charles Babbage Institute (CBI), Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS) and the Minnesota Historical Society, either. Both CBI and DCHS have been strong resources in preserving the history of our Twin Cities operations, and the VIP Club maintains a membership in both organizations.

Finally, if you or someone you know should be interviewed by the Minnesota Historical Society, let me know and I will pass their names on.

Meanwhile, plan to continue to participate in club events, notably the upcoming Volunteer Luncheon in April, and Roseville Good Old Days in May. The club is also considering a casual "Happy Hour" get-together in late February or early March, conditions permitting. Watch for an evite or check the website announcements (<http://vipclubmn.org>).

Harvey Taipale, VIP Club President

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

2021 Unihogs & Technologists Reunion

This annual event took place on November 3rd at Casper's in Eagan. We had a new low of participants since the annual gatherings started in the 60's; <http://vipclubmn.org/Social.html#Hogs> has the history. Head Hog Fred Vihovde listed the various meeting places over the decades and named the original committee of Bob Blixt, Will Branning, Jim Nickitas, Rosh Rash and himself. This Unihogs' clip from the mid-90's shows guest speaker William Norris with two committee members.



As we were eating a delicious salad, VIP Club President Harvey Taipale noted that a quorum was present, thus called a board meeting to order. He read the slate of candidates for the 2022 board then asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the club members present raised hands electing the slate of candidates—thanks to the 2021 board who, to-a-person, volunteered to serve again for 2022!

The guest speaker this year was Mathew Carter, the executive director of the Dakota County Historical Society. His topic was the ongoing renovation of the Lawshe Memorial Museum as approved and funded by the Dakota County Commissioners and planned for completion in September 2022.



As executive director for six years, Matt has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in history with emphasis on public history. He suggested that before the public opening of the remodeled Lawshe Museum next year that a private showing could be arranged for the VIP Club membership. Harvey Taipale spoke up saying that the club board would discuss the topic—stay tuned!

This Unihogs reunion concluded with a somber review of the list of those who had passed away during the previous year (<http://vipclubmn.org/PeopleDocImg/Deceased2021.pdf>). Fred also noted a few names from the 2020 list that is also posted in Section 2 of [Chapter 19, Deceased People](#).

A collage of attendees is on page 7. *LA Benson*

The Old Timers Partied!

Over 125 people gathered at the Old Timers' Reunion held at the Lost Spur Golf and Event Center on December 2, 2021. Attendees could enjoy a sandwich sack lunch of beef, ham or turkey while reuniting. Look for more reunion pictures online at <http://www.vipclubmn.org/Gallery/PicsOldTimers2021.pdf>.



Woody Spitzmueller and Dick Erdrich at the reunion

CLUB NEWS

VIP Club Membership – If your VIP Club newsletter subject line shows the year 2021, **your membership has expired**. If you receive your newsletter via U.S. Mail, the membership expiration year is shown after your name on the address label, e.g., John Doe 2021. Membership dues are one year for \$7, and three years for \$18. **TO RENEW**, complete the form found at the end of the newsletter and mail it with a check made out to “VIP Club” to: VIP Club–Membership, PO Box 21903, Eagan, MN 55121. **To Update** any membership status or personal information, complete and submit the online questionnaire found on the [VIP Club Membership \(vipclubmnmn.org\)](http://vipclubmnmn.org) page.

YOUR STORY

The Black Briefcase

Gish Devlaminck

My current project was nearing completion in fall of 1980. My manager told me they needed someone to work a Contract Research and Development (CRAD) project. I met with the CRAD person at Corporate Center Building C. He briefed me on the program and said we would be developing a secret software tool to be hosted on Digital Equipment Corporation VAX that would finger print communication signals. The software would be written in C. I told him, “I’ve never heard of C.” He said, “That’s OK. It is a relatively low-level language for applications like this.” He handed me *The C Programming Language* book by Brian Kernighan and Dennis Ritchie and said, “Based on what I’ve been told about you, you’ll figure it out.”

A month into the project, a second person was assigned who had her Master’s degree in statistics. She would be writing the data analysis code, but like me, she had never heard of the C programming language. So, I taught her what I knew about C. We spent many long days in one of the secure vaults in the basement of Plant 8. Eight months into the program, we were required to do a Phase 1 demonstration at Air Research lab locate at Griffiss Air Force Base (AFB), which today is Griffiss International Airport by Rome, NY.

We were in a mad scramble to get the final touches done. Our flight to Griffiss was on a Sunday, so we could be there to start the demonstration on Monday morning. Late on Saturday afternoon I met with Security to get the user manual and two eight-inch floppy disks wrapped in a secure package that was then put back into the safe with the courier letter I needed to carry secret documents from Eagan to Griffiss.

My coworker lived in an apartment near Plant 8. On Sunday afternoon, I stopped to pick her up on my way to Plant 8 where we picked up the secure package

and courier letter from the safe. I put the secure package in my black briefcase and we headed to the airport. Carrying the secret package required me to always hold on to my briefcase. It was even with me in the public restroom stall and I could not go to bed until I had the package locked in a safe at Griffiss AFB. We flew to Syracuse, NY via Detroit. Instead of staying in Rome, NY, my partner had requested to stay in Utica, NY, because she had a sister living there. I was fine with this arrangement. Our plan was to drive from Syracuse to Griffiss, drop off the secret package, and then head down to the hotel in Utica, about 15 miles from Rome.

In Syracuse, walking from the arrival gate to the rental car desk, my travel partner stopped at every restroom. I wasn’t sure what was wrong, but at the rental car counter she told me she had forgotten to bring her Dramamine. She said she had a history of getting airsick, but she’d be OK. As darkness was setting in, we left Syracuse, but we had to make a few stops along the tollway so she could clear her upset stomach issue. We changed our plan. Instead of going to Griffiss first, we decided to go directly to our hotel in Utica. We had no cell phones at that time, so we had the hotel front desk person call her sister to come to the hotel. I was worried about dehydration and thought someone should be with her while I took care of the secret stuff in the black briefcase. When her sister arrived at the hotel, we briefed her on the situation and then I headed to Griffiss AFB.

Arriving at Griffiss AFB, I showed my courier letter to the security guard at the main gate. He said, “I don’t know what to do with this; come back in the morning.” I explained to him that I could not do that and asked him to call someone on his walkie talkie that was in charge. An officer drove up to the gate in a pickup truck and told me I had to go the control tower.

Pointing down the road from the main gate he said, “Go down this road toward the hangars. There will be another gate with a guard. He’ll tell you where to park.”

I got to the second guard. Pointing to the hangar he said, “Park over there, walk through the hangar and then across the tarmac where the B52s are parked to the control tower. There are guards walking the tarmac.”

I looked at him with his M16 rifle slung over his shoulder and asked, “Are those guards on the tarmac carry M16 rifles? Could you get on your walkie-talkie and tell them there is a civilian crossing the tarmac and heading for the control tower?”

He got on his walkie-talkie and after a bunch of back-and-forth chatter, he said, “Go ahead, they know you’re coming.” When I pulled up to the hangar, one of the guards met me at the car, escorted me across the hangar and tarmac to the tower, where I dropped off the secret package and got my letter signed.

Heading back to Utica I thought I made a wrong turn coming out of the base. I ended up in an unfamiliar deserted strip mall parking lot. I parked under one of the parking lot's lights to figure out where I was. As I was standing outside of my car looking at my rental car-provided map, I noticed three guys wandering toward me at 11:00 p.m. on a Sunday night. I hopped in the car, turned onto the street, and at the stop sign saw the street sign said Highway 49. I wasn't lost after all! That was the highway I took from Utica to Griffiss! I was comfortably on my way, and an hour later I was peacefully asleep in my hotel room, secret package-free.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From a Web Reader:

Q: "How do I find Club obituaries? This site should have a search function."

A: Webmaster Jim Andrews pointed her to <http://vipclubmn.org/PeopleDocImg/AlphabeticDeceasedEmployees.pdf>. We also have a 'Google Search' box on:

- Page 1 (HOME)
- Chapter 1 (LEGACY ANTHOLOGY)
- CONTACTS & LINKS page

Had the reader entered 'Obituaries' into any of those search boxes, she would have easily found the Deceased People chapter, <http://vipclubmn.org/deceased.html>. If you, the reader, are curious about what is where or who wrote what, browse through <http://vipclubmn.org/SiteMap.html> and/or <http://vipclubmn.org/PeopleIndx.html>. As usual, we gladly accept new Legacy articles and corrections to those already posted. Send them to webmaster@vipclubmn.org and/or la.gj.benson@comcast.net.

Club Newsletter Reply E-mail:

As a Univac/Unisys employee from 1969 to 1996, and a Roseville employee from 1976 to 1991, I am responding to your request in the latest Newsletter in connection with the Milestones.

I transferred from the London Development Center to Roseville in April 1976 to work on the Roanoke Program. Discontinuation of this effort at Thanksgiving, 1977, left Univac with no growth path for 1100 Series customers, so many of the hardware and software engineers who had worked on Roanoke were redirected to design a new generation of 1100 hardware, code-named the C-Series. Three sizes of systems were envisaged: the high-end Cirrus (which became the 1100/90 to replace the 1100/80), the mid-range Centurion (to replace the 1100/60) and a new entry-level system, Chaparral (which became the System 11). I was part of the System Design team which produced the high-level specs for this new family, culminating in the delivery of the first of the 1100/90 systems in 1983.

This team went on to do the system design for Eagle, the Integrated Scientific Processor (offered as an

attachment to the 1100/90), followed by the next generation of 1100s (by then the 2200s) starting with Mercury. Happy days! Tony Jenkins

Tony's input has been included in the website's Legacy Anthology as Section 4 (<http://vipclubmn.org/processors.html#Beyond>).

Retirement Status and Benefits:

Numbers to call if you or your heirs have death benefit or pension questions – you will need an SSN and a PIN.

♦ UNISYS: 1-877-864-7972

♦ Lockheed Martin: 1-866-562-2363

**LMCO retirees: If you are eligible for the health care supplement through VIA Benefits, submit your expenses to receive up to \$900 each annually for you and your spouse (Total \$1,800). Eligible expenses include copayments, Medicare premiums and insurance supplement premiums. For questions call VIA Benefits at 1-844-596-0460 or go to <https://my.viabenefits.com/>.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF:

The obits hereunder are redacted from funeral home postings or Pioneer Press, Star Tribune, or applicable local listings.

The VIP Club board extends its sympathies to the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones.

We will grieve not, rather find strength in what remains behind.

~William Wordsworth~

Leland Irving Anderson – Age 93, of St. Paul, MN, died peacefully on October 15, 2021. Lee graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in electrical engineering. Lee worked for Sperry Univac in Minnesota in the 1960s and later moved to Denver, Colorado where he worked for the US Department of the Interior. Later in life, Lee would become one of the world's foremost historians on Nikola Tesla and contributed greatly to expand the current knowledge of Tesla's work through his many writings and contributions (see more here: [Engineer Leland Anderson helped restore Nikola Tesla's legacy - StarTribune.com](http://www.startribune.com/leland-anderson-helped-restore-nikola-tesla-s-legacy)). Lee founded the Tesla Society and edited the Tesla Society Newsletter *Tesliana* for many years, beginning in the 1950s. His extensive archive on Nikola Tesla, the largest in the United States and second only to that of the Tesla Museum in Belgrade, Serbia, is now curated by the Heinz History Center Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania. Lee had a gentle and kind spirit, was a dear friend to the many who knew him and is survived by one son and two grandchildren.



Milton Anderson – Age 79 of Mesa, Arizona, by way of Florida and Minnesota, passed away peacefully on October 28, 2021 surrounded by his loving wife of 59 years, Janice, and three children. Milton grew up in West St. Paul, Minnesota and stayed in the Twin Cities until he took early retirement from Unisys and moved to

Florida. Amid health concerns, two years ago they moved to Mesa, Arizona to be close to family. Milton was a Unisys retiree and past VIP Club member. He is survived by his wife, Janice Pauline, three children, five grandkids and five great grandchildren. Everyone who knew Milt considered him to be a man of wisdom, conviction and devotion to Jesus Christ.

Bill Cottman – Age 77 of the Twin Cities, was a mentor to young artists, a longtime board member at Juxtaposition Arts and a frequent exhibitor at Homewood Studios in Minneapolis; Cottman died December 5, 2021, of cancer. He studied engineering at Howard University in Washington, D.C. and his first job out of school was with the St. Paul-based computer company Univac, where he was an application engineer. Bill Cottman was a little-known, brief Univac employee, but better known in broadcast radio. He had the mind of an engineer and an artist. He was a photographer, projectionist and writer whose curiosity seemed boundless; a poet, radio host and mentor to Twin Cities artists who contributed to the Twin Cities scene. Cottman is survived by his wife, Beverly, their daughter, two grandchildren and other family. See the full Star Tribune article here: [Bill Cottman, photographer, poet, radio host and mentor to Twin Cities artists, dies at 77 - StarTribune.com](#)



William W. “Bill” Everling – Age 100 of St. Paul, passed away December 3, 2021. Bill, a former Univac employee, was a WWII Army Veteran with memberships in several organizations including a life member of 14th Armored Division 125th Armored Engineers Battalion, as well as in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Society of Printed Circuits Engineers. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Audrey, and is survived by three children, three grandchildren and other family.



Roger H. Goldberg – Age 88, of St. Paul’s West Side passed away on November 23, 2021. Roger was a longtime Unisys employee, and a member of the Twin City Concourse Pigeon Racing Club. He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, and is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Elaine, five children, a brother and many loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



Richard Leland “Dick” “Whitey” Johnson – Age 85 of White Bear Lake, MN, died after a long illness with Alzheimer’s disease on November 29, 2021. Dick was born in Morris, MN, grew up in Brookings, SD, and graduated from South Dakota State



University with an engineering degree. He enlisted in the Army and worked for the Defense Division of Sperry Corporation for 40 years, after which he was a VIP Club member and an occasional attendee at the 2nd Saturday periodic lunches. Dick served on many boards, sang in church choirs, loved card games and golf, and enjoyed fishing trips to Canada. He was a faithful Christian and loved helping people, especially with Habitat for Humanity and Mission Slovakia. Dick was preceded in death by a son, and is survived by his wife of 61 years, Virginia, another son, three grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Patricia Marie (McLellan) Kadrie – Age 64 of Shoreview was born to eternal life unexpectedly on November 8, 2021. Pat graduated from Brown Institute, and was the first person in her family to earn a college degree—a Bachelor of General Studies from the University of Minnesota. Pat started the Kadrie Insurance Agency soon afterward and built it into a very successful independent insurance agency. Pat will be deeply missed by her loving husband, Brad, who worked at Unisys Roseville for 11 years, two children, two grandchildren and other family and friends.



Jørn (John) Loberg – Age 79 of Circle Pines, MN, while visiting with family and friends in Denmark, passed away unexpectedly on August 19, on his way to lunch with friends on the island of Møn. He was originally from Denmark and had gone back to visit. He is pictured here during this visit with his friend, Erik, walking just behind him. Jørn graduated with a degree in civil engineering and soon found employment with UNISYS, first in Denmark, then in England. He transferred to Minnesota where he and his wife, Manja, soon made their home and developed friendships within the Danish community in the Twin Cities. Jørn was a software engineer in the OS2200 EXEC Continuation Group in Roseville for over 30 years. He was an adventurous man who lived out his dream of becoming a pilot. He and his brother would fly into Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Airshow and live under the wing of their aircraft for several days. He was an easygoing man who loved life and died close to where the adventure began. He is also particularly remembered at the Danish American Center for volunteering at the monthly breakfasts at which he regularly made the aebleskiver, sometimes with a Carlsberg nearby. Jørn is survived by his wife, Manja, his son, two grandsons and his brother.



Story by Diane Greve, Minnesota Local Editor, in collaboration with Rolf Loberg (to The Danish Pioneer [DanishPioneer-Issue19-Sept2021.pdf](#)) edited by Mary Beth Ruhland, VIP Club Newsletter editor **Photo by Rolf Loberg:** “The photo is from my parent’s

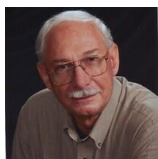
visit to their long-time friends Karis and Erik in Denmark. It's taken just a few days before my father died."

Arthur Norberg – The first director of the [Charles Babbage Institute](#); Professor Emeritus in the Program in History of Science and Technology, died September 9, 2021 at age 83. Arthur earned bachelors and master's degrees in physics and taught undergraduate physics for nearly a decade. He received his doctorate in history of science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1974. In 1973, he joined The Bancroft Library of the University of California-Berkeley to direct a new project in the history of science and technology, with a focus on the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory and associated activities on campus and on the development of the electronics industry in the Silicon Valley Area around Stanford University. He began a long career conducting oral histories with major figures in these topical areas, an activity he continued and further developed at the Babbage Institute.



In 1981 Arthur joined the University of Minnesota's program in History of Science and Technology with a joint appointment in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering and became the first director of the Charles Babbage Institute for the History of Information Technology. He served as CBI director from 1981 to 1993 and from 1999 to 2006. Arthur was the first holder of the Engineering Research Associates Land-Grant Chair in History of Technology. He published major studies on the early computer industry in the United States and (with J. E. O'Neill) on the computing research program of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). Through his founding directorship at CBI and his publications he played a crucial role in the development of the history of computing. [HSTM News | Program in History of Science, Technology and Medicine | College of Science and Engineering \(umn.edu\)](#)

James Alan Olijnek – Age 78, of Grand Rapids, MN, passed away November 15, 2021. Jim was a VIP Club member whose micro-bio is part of our Legacy (<http://vipclubmn.org/People5.html#Olijnek>). Coworkers remember him as a person of strong character, leadership and dedication; a genuinely nice guy and a pleasure to work with. Jim attended the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology and graduated with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He began his 38-year career at Univac and ended it at Lockheed Martin. Jim worked in various aviation program management positions; he enjoyed the travel opportunities his career brought and valued relationships made along the way. Jim married Gail Benzick and they raised their children in the Twin Cities. Gail also frequently accompanied Jim on work



trips. After Jim's retirement in 2003, Jim and Gail sold their home and realized their dream living full-time on Lake Wabana in Northern Minnesota. They hosted family and friend gatherings that included water sports, snowmobiling, four-wheeling, snowshoeing, hiking and camping and instilled a love of the outdoors. Jim and Gail were involved in their church and township; Jim was active in the Wabana Chain of Lakes Association where he worked to preserve the pristine water and protect the lakes, and he was involved in the Wabana Township Planning Commission and Advisory Committee. Jim also enjoyed helping to plan the Wabana Township 100-Year Anniversary. Jim is survived by his wife, Gail, two children, five grandchildren and many other family and friends.

Gary L. Schwartz – Age 70, left us December 12, 2021, doing one of the things he treasured most, hunting pheasants with friends. Coworkers were shocked and saddened to hear of his passing, saying he was a great guy. Gary was full of life and had an unquenched joy for living, along with a remarkable sense of humor. He was a man who liked to be in motion at all times. His first priority was always his family; he was a generous helper and a fantastic teacher. Gary always did things partnered with his wife, and made sure the grandkids knew how to do the basic things, like reading and writing, as well as practical things, like changing oil in the car and pounding a nail straight. He loved to teach his grandkids math through playing cribbage, because that's how he learned. Gary taught that hard work can't solve all problems, just most of them. He never missed anything the kids were doing if he could help it. He wanted those he loved to experience the things he loved in life with him; it was the experiences with people that he loved best. Gary is survived by his wife, Anne Schwartz, his beloved partner of over 50 years, 47 of them as husband and wife, two sons, six grandchildren and other family.

Belated Remembrances

Charles Allan Kiesling, Sr. – Age 83, passed quietly January 2, 2014 surrounded by his wife and family. Charles worked for Sperry Rand through its various incarnations, including Sperry UNIVAC and finally Unisys, in the electronics engineering and developmental department, until he retired in 1993 after 38 years of service. Charles' many accomplishments while working with Sperry include the creation of some of the first computer networking systems in the early 1960's for private industry and the government, as well as being credited with two U.S. patents. He was the father of the logical expansion circuitry for display systems, or "Graphical Computer Video Card" and the flashing or "Blinking Cursor." Charles' visionary computer designs and ideas in the 1960's and 1970's

helped lay the foundation for our modern computer world today. Along with his large family, Charles was proud of his service with the U.S. Navy and his Navy family. As a crew member of the USS Collett DD 730, he was part of the Sitting Duck Squadron at Inchon during the Korean War. He was the most recent editor and publisher for the USS Collett Association newsletter and enjoyed the ship's company reunions. Charles was very active in his community, including the Boy Scouts of America, Clan MacBean Association of America and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5555. Charles was survived by his wife, Nancy, five children, five grandchildren and other family.

Sandra Lee (Sasse) Nowak – Age 78, died July 26, 2020 in her home surrounded by her family. She was survived by her loving husband, Darrell, of 57 years, three children and her seven grandchildren.

Wayne D. Ward – Age 73, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at his home April 23, 2018, in Manteca,

CA. Wayne was a long-time Unisys software engineer who worked in the Roseville Development Center. Wayne was preceded in death by his wife, Susan Lynn (Stewart) Ward, who passed away at age 68 at Seasons Hospice October 26, 2013, in Rochester, MN.

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 Dues: \$7.00 1-year, or \$ 18.00 3-years, or free if age 90 or older.

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UNIHOGS and Technologists Reunion

November 3, 2021



Paul Richardson & D. Cameron Smith



Fred Vihovde & Keith Myhre



Earl Vraa & Jim Andrews



Roger McCullum, Pat Ryan, & Jack Metzger



Harvey Taipale, Carl and Janice Johnson



Dick Lundgren, Keith Behnke, & Bob Grueschow

OOPS, the camera missed Paul Hove, Frank King and Lowell Benson.

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PERIODIC SOCIAL GROUPS

Monthly Breakfast Gathering

- **1st Thursday**, 8 a.m. – **Capitol View Cafe**, 637 Smith Ave., **St. Paul**

Monthly Lunch Gatherings

- **1st Tuesday**, 11:00 a.m. – **Casper's Cherokee of Eagan**, 4625 Nicols Rd. **Keith Behnke**: 651-587-2591.
- **2nd Tuesday**, 11:30 a.m. – **Mall of America** 3rd floor North Food Court between the elevator & Burger King. **Paul Wennerstrom**: 952-854-7855.
- **2nd Saturday** of odd-numbered months, 11 a.m. – Baker's Square, 1881 West Hwy 36, **Roseville**. **Urho Rahkola**: 651-429-3319.

Temporarily Suspended

Quarterly Breakfast Gathering

- **2nd Wednesday**, 9 a.m. in Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. – Eagles Club, 563 Old Hwy 8 in **New Brighton**. **Paul Dickson**: 651-482-9934. **Temporarily Suspended**

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