

# VIP Club Newsletter

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## VIP CLUB MEMBERSHIP REPORT

**Final Reminder:** This is your last newsletter if your membership expired in 2021. There are 164 members whose membership expired on December 31, 2021. To check your membership expiration, go to <http://vipclubmn.org/Temp/PaidMembershipStatus.pdf> or email [membership@vipclubmn.org](mailto:membership@vipclubmn.org). Otherwise, your e-mail VIP Club newsletter subject line shows your membership expiration year. 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**VIP Happy Hour March 24, 2:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.** at CW's Bar and Grill, 8301 Normandale Boulevard, Bloomington, MN 55437. **FREE** delicious appetizers will be served compliments of the VIP Club; cash bar available. Evites have gone out, with RSVP requested by March 14 to plan for food. Coordinator: *Paul Hove*. <https://www.cwsbarandgrill.com/>

**Volunteer Recognition Luncheon April 20, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.** at Joseph's Grill, 140 Wabasha Street South, Saint Paul, MN 55107. Coordinators: *Frank King and Harvey Taipale*.

Volunteering during these pandemic years takes some heroism! All VIP Club members and spouses/significant others (they are members too!) who volunteered during the past two years (2020 or 2021) are invited to our **FREE** appreciation luncheon.

Free entry for you and your spouse/significant other awaits when you fill out, submit and mail in the survey form on page 7. Please submit **before April 2** to give us time to print name tags, finish the program and provide an attendee count to Joseph's.

**BE RECOGNIZED!** Even if you aren't available for the lunch, the VIP Club would appreciate receiving

your volunteer survey input. The Club plans on recognizing all members who submit their input in the program, and hopes to send programs to all involved.



While the luncheon recognizes members' service to others, just as important is a chance to give or receive information about volunteer opportunities. Experts tell us that volunteering, while benefiting the recipients and society, also improves the giver's well-being. Volunteering is a win-win! Whatever volunteering you're doing makes our communities better and should be recognized.

## LUNCHEON SCHEDULE:

- 11:00–11:30 Check-in, Nametags, Coffee and Socializing; cash bar available
- 11:30–12:15 Enjoy a hot buffet lunch: meat & potatoes, veggies, gravy, salad, coffee & water
- 12:15–12:45 Program recognizing our volunteers, Volunteer Extraordinaire Award, what's happening at Lawshe Memorial Museum, and open mic
- 12:45–1:30 Last cup of coffee and a bit more socializing

If any questions, contact Coordinator Frank King at [kingx063@umn.edu](mailto:kingx063@umn.edu) or President, Harvey Taipale. For history on the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon or the *Volunteer Extraordinaire* recipients, go to <http://vipclubmn.org/activities.html#volunteering>.

**Roseville Good Old Days May 6, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.** It will be three years since we have been able to hold this event, so many of us are looking forward to seeing old friends. Of course, each of us will make the decision to attend or not based on our own circumstances. We will meet as usual at The Mermaid Entertainment & Event Center, 2200 Mounds View Blvd, Mounds View, MN 55112. Coordinator *Paul Dickson* sent out an e-mail reminder in mid-February; please let him know **if** you plan to attend or not, **if** you have questions, AND **if** you would like to volunteer to work the greeting table. Name tags will be printed for those attending.

**Syttende Mai May 13** Planning is underway with a speaker from the Norway House scheduled to appear; more to come. Coordinator: *Dale Torgerson*.



THE VIP CLUB IS FOR RETIREES AND FORMER EMPLOYEES OF OUR GREAT HERITAGE COMPANIES

**Annual Reunion Picnic June 22**, Watch the website and e-mail/evites for updates; more to come.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It occurs to me that once in a while, the president ought to talk about the overall state of the VIP Club. We haven't done that for a while, so here are a couple of comments. First, we have a strong population of members, with over 750 active members, mostly in Minnesota, but also throughout the country.



Second, the VIP Club is financially sound. Many of our events are structured to break even financially. Unisys continues to provide our newsletter printing and mailing. We continue to have a good renewal income each year, so the club can afford to subsidize certain events like the 40(First) Anniversary Party, the Annual Reunion Picnic and the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. While these are great events, the board has a constant concern over the number of nonparticipants who are not realizing all the benefits of club membership.

The board often discusses our long-term viability. We are a retiree group for local companies that trace some legacy to Engineering Research Associates (ERA), or local UNIVAC organizations, if you prefer. Unisys, the last local legacy company, has shrunk from thousands of employees in its heyday to a few hundred today. Lockheed Martin, the last holder of the defense operations, is down to less than a hundred people locally. The base for producing future retirees has dramatically shrunk. Previous retirees are regularly disappearing—it's tough to face the end result of the aging process, but it's inescapable.

All this means that the population of retirees—our member base—is going to diminish at some point in the future to where the currently constituted VIP Club becomes a nonsustainable entity. This is certainly not in our immediate future, but is worthy of some thought. Let me assure everyone that the club intends to continue to keep on with our traditional events for several years in the future. But, without some changes, this will eventually come to an end.

Broadly, we have several possibilities. First, we can gracefully go about our business until we hit some level of dysfunction, and disband with one last hurrah. This is essentially what the Blue Bell retiree group did.

A second option could be to expand our reach of retirees. Perhaps we reach beyond our company to include employees of all the various spinout companies that arose from the early ERA presence in the Twin Cities.

Another option could be to refocus the mission of the VIP Club to something new. Suggestions have included:

- Promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in Minnesota
- Advocacy for technology
- More education of the history of the computer business arising from ERA *et al*
- And . . . lots of variations in between.

Membership qualifications would be realigned with the new club focus.

I am sure that the creative energy of our members can come up with more ideas. So, I am asking for input from all of you—what do you think? What ideas do you have?

I reiterate that nothing is going to change in the near-term. Keep your membership up and keep coming to events. Change takes time, and by thinking about the future we want (Earl Joseph <sup>✦</sup> would be happy), we have a better chance of making it happen. Call, write or e-mail any of the board members with your thoughts, ideas, comments or concerns. If you want more direct involvement, consider coming to a board meeting or volunteering for board membership.

In the meantime, make your reservations for the April Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, join us for the March Happy Hour, and put the Roseville Good Old Days get-together on your calendar in May. For those of you with a membership that expired in 2021, renew and continue to enjoy the community of fellow VIP Club members.

*Harvey Taipale, VIP Club President*

**✦ Editor's Note:** *Not knowing who Earl Joseph was, I searched the VIP Club website and found that "Earl was a VIP club member. He was an early programmer of the first Engineering Research Associate's 1101 computer, and worked for ERA, Remington Rand and Sperry Univac Corporations for over 32 years. He was a cofounder of the Minnesota Futurists and was an adjunct professor at Walden, Metro State and The University of St. Thomas for many years" [VOLUME 25, NO \(vipclubmn.org\)](http://vipclubmn.org). Find out more here: <http://vipclubmn.org/deceased.html#Joseph>. MBRuhland*

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

### Holiday Party and Concert Recap

The VIP Club had its annual party on Sunday, January 9 at the Lost Spur Golf and Event Center. Due primarily to COVID concerns, only 30 individuals registered and were treated to a very enjoyable afternoon, starting with a social hour with refreshments available at a cash bar. Next, members were served an excellent meal, after which the Eagan Men's Chorus entertained with an assortment of Holiday music and Scandinavian humor. Leading the chorus was their conductor, Kathy Andrews (wife of Jim Andrews). The Eagan Men's Chorus began



in 1982 as our company chorus called “The Sperryaires.” Photos taken by Nick Benson can be seen in the Special Events section of the Club Photos page at <http://vipclubmn.org/gallery.html#Special>. Save January 8 on your 2023 calendar and plan to attend next year’s party!! Thank you to Larry Huff for the Holiday Party photos shown here. *By Boni Westberg*



Keith and Sue Behnke and Paul Hove



Rich Schleising, Bob and Carol Pagac and Kathy Huff  
(Don Naaktgeboren in the background)



Paul and Sheryl Hove  
(Barb and Bob Grueschow in the background)

**VIP Club** Scheduled 2022 Board Meetings: April 6, June 1, August 3 and October 5. We’re 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.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

- Leslie & Lenore Flugum, Burnsville, MN
- Larry & Carol Pantsari, North Oaks, MN
- Earl & Lois Vraa, Wilson, WI

**YOUR STORY—HIS STORY—MY STORY**

**Rediscovering the Origin of the Blinking Cursor**

*By Mary Beth Ruhland thanks to Ghislain (Gish) Devlaminck, Ron Voight, Lowell Benson, Sarah Wells, and especially Charles Kiesling*

This story started out as a simple Letter to the Editor in response to the Jan/Feb newsletter that included a late remembrance of Charles Kiesling, but step by step has grown beyond that. Board member Gish Devlaminck referenced an interesting online magazine article, published on 12/3/21, about the blinking cursor ([54 years ago, a computer programmer fixed a massive bug — and created an existential crisis \(inverse.com\)](#)). Gish said, “it has a section on the Charles Kiesling from Sperry Rand in Eagan who got a patent in 1967 for the blinking cursor.” Then Ron Voight, a VIP Club friend from Unisys, said the following in his e-mail about the same Inverse magazine article that Gish referenced, “Here is an article written about the history of the blinking cursor invented by Charles Kiesling who was mentioned in the newsletter.”

As editor, I check the link to the article to ensure it’s working and referencing what is being mentioned. It talks about the blinking cursor and Charles Kiesling, so we’re good to go! But then there’s a follow-up to one of the e-mails from former board member, Lowell Benson, telling us all to “take a look at <http://vipclubmn.org/deceased.html#Kiesling>. Here I find some of the same text used in Sarah Wells’ Inverse article: “Chuck was the father of the logical expansion circuitry for display systems, or ‘Graphical Computer Video Card’ and the flashing or ‘Blinking Cursor.’ . . . One of these seemingly innocuous advancements was a 1967 patent filing Kiesling made for a blinking cursor. According to a post on a computer science message board from a user purporting to be Kiesling’s son, the inspiration for this invention was simply utility. ‘I remember him telling me the reason behind the blinking cursor, and it was simple,’ Kiesling’s son writes. ‘He said there was nothing on the screen to let you know where the cursor was in the first place.’” Lowell was also thanking Gish for the link to the VIP Club patent page—wait a minute, my editorial eyes don’t see that link, where is it? After searching the website, I found it here: <http://vipclubmn.org/Patents.html#Kiesling>.



I was also able to access the United States Patent and Trademark Office patent award link ([Patent Images \(uspto.gov\)](#)), thanks to an e-mail I was copied on to ensure Charles Kiesling’s remembrance made it into the newsletter. Just to close the loop a little, Ron Voight was

also in that original e-mail chain. Back in August of 2021, the Unisys PR team received an inquiry from an innovation and science reporter at Inverse working on a feature story about the blinking cursor. That reporter, Sarah Wells, had traced the history of the invention back to a patent for the underlying technology, which Charles Kiesling, while with Sperry UNIVAC, applied for in 1967 and received in 1970. The reporter wanted to learn more about that moment in history from anyone at Unisys who knew of Kiesling. That inquiry was circulated around Unisys, and eventually to the VIP Club and retirees. In doing so, the reporter helped us rediscover the origin of the blinking cursor and helped put Charles Kiesling prominently in our VIP Legacy.

## LEGACY TIDBITS

### Life Story Interviews

Ryan Barland at the Minnesota Historical Society has a two-year oral-history-grant to interview and capture computer history before life stories are lost forever. Keith Myhre is the VIP Club's point person, originally contacted via the Lawshe Memorial Museum. The grant started last summer. The interviews will be transcribed and reviewed by interviewees prior to finalization. The audio tapes and transcripts will then go into the Minnesota History Center's collection for future use. There are no set plans beyond that. Interviews completed to date are:

- David Andersen
- Keith Behnke
- Lowell Benson
- Rich Daly
- Bill Geiger
- Carl Johnson
- Don Mager
- Keith Myhre
- Harvey Taipale
- John Westergren
- Don Weidenbach

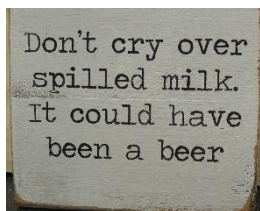
Others in Mr. Barland's queue are:

- Jim Andrews
- Paul Hove
- Frank King
- Fred Vihovde
- Earl Vraa

... Plus some non-Univac people.

Note that Rich Daly is on the list, but he recently passed away. Ryan noted that he was able to interview him back in November — "It was short but I really enjoyed listening to him discuss his early life." Rich was an ERA employee and a promoter/supporter of the fund-raising that developed TPT's MN Computer History documentary.

Ryan will continue working on getting the interviews transcribed and sent to the narrator until mid-March, at which time he will be going on leave for 6 months. While he is out, the project will be paused, but he will pick back up on it when he returns in the fall.



By LABenson

### 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~*

**Derald Frank Caruthers** – Former Unisys Roseville employee, well-liked by all, passed away on January 8, 2022. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, two half daughters, grandchildren and the first of (hopefully) many great-grandchildren. The family will have a summer celebration of his loving life. Semper Fi

**Gary LaMarr Claude** – Age 83 of Lakeville, MN, passed away at home on September 25, 2021. Gary was a design engineer/electrical engineer who worked on many projects. After retiring from a beloved job, he was a VIP Club member, spent time working on the family tree and traveled extensively with his wife,



including to Europe to explore his Alsatian heritage. In his free time, Gary enjoyed camping, hunting, trap shooting and woodworking, continued his love of sports as a fan of the Minnesota Gophers and Twins, started the day completing newspaper word puzzles and was a Boy Scout Master for his son's troop for many years. Gary is survived by his loving wife LaVonne Trapp, having just celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary, three children, five grandchildren and many extended family members.

**Richard P. Daly** – Age 97, a former ERA/UNIVAC pioneer in our business, passed away peacefully on January 26, 2022, surrounded by family. Besides publishing the usual obituary, Neal St. Anthony, a Star Tribune business columnist/reporter, wrote this column on the 'Godfather' of Minnesota's software industry:





[Richard Daly, a 'godfather' of Minnesota software industry, dies at age 97 - StarTribune.com](#). A dynamic optimist and fearless entrepreneur, Rich charged through life with a can-do positive attitude. He was a fixer, adventurer, Boy Scout pack leader and career coach. He could and would do anything for his family and those who became adoptive family under his welcoming wings. A love of country rang true throughout his lifetime with a distinguished military service career serving in World War II and the Korean War, and the Air Force Reserve. He was a visionary and enthusiastic entrepreneur with a career in the computer software and services industry. After earning a Bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and an MBA at the U of MN, he worked at Remington Rand, UNIVAC, and Engineering Research Associates in the nascent days of Minnesota's computer industry. He moved his family to Vienna, VA, to start Aries Corporation and then came home to MN to lead Comserv from a small start-up to a successful international corporation. Often referred to as the grandfather of Minnesota's software industry, Rich was instrumental in creating the Minnesota Software Association (now the Minnesota High Tech Association), is featured in the Minnesota Science and Technology Hall of Fame, and received many other industry awards and honors. Rich is survived by his beloved Marguerite (Kampmeyer), the love of his life for 71 years, a sister, four children, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many beloved nieces and nephews.

**Vernon Elverson** – Age 93, from Woodbury, MN, passed away on January 27, 2022. He always liked to say that you can take the boy off the farm, but you cannot take the farm out of the boy. In the U.S. Air Force, both here and overseas, he taught pilots and mechanics a familiarization of the F-86 fighter jet during the Korean War. After completing his service with the Air Force, he studied electrical engineering and went on to work for Sperry Univac, which later became Unisys. Trained in computers, he went to work in California, where he met his wife, Ruth. He worked for the company for 31 years on projects such as the electrical system for the Titan missile flight control, and specialized in designing power supplies, including one used in space. Once retired, Vern was a VIP Club member. He enjoyed celebrating his Norwegian heritage at lutefisk dinners all over the Twin Cities, and had a close group of friends he met for coffee almost every morning. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, and a daughter, and is survived by three children, three grandchildren and many nephews and nieces.



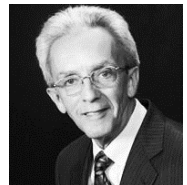
**James 'Jim' Engelking, Sr.** – Died December 20, 2021, having recently reached age 90. Jim grew up in St. Paul's Frogtown area, and at 16 taught himself to rewire his family's electric service, the first of countless money-saving DIY projects. Jim studied chemistry at the U of MN, paying tuition by digging graves. He worked as a semiconductor engineer at Unisys for 30+ years, earning multiple patents. Jim crashed fellow Aggie Carol Gerten's grad party, took her on a first date and eventually down the aisle. Together they built a life on St. Paul's East Side, raising six kids, playing lots of bridge and celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary last August. In retirement, Jim enjoyed golf with friends as well as in the Sperry golf league, summers at the cabin, winters in Florida, and was a VIP Club member. He will be missed by his family, especially his devoted Carol. The best decision Jim ever made was asking her to marry him. Jim was preceded in death by a sister and is survived by wife Carol, 6 children, 14 grandchildren and many friends and family.



**John B. Hed** – Age 86, passed away January 13, 2022, of Alzheimer's dementia. After high school he learned to fly T-28 and T-34s for the USAF. Trained as a math and science teacher, John spent the majority of his career working as a systems analyst for Sperry UNIVAC, a job that took him to Japan, Australia and Germany. John was a smart and curious tinkerer with a DIY attitude. He enjoyed camping, fishing, swimming, scuba, stained glass, flying Cessnas, model airplane building, eBay, movies, golf, Gopher sports, watching the Twins and Vikings and going to the racetrack. He renovated many homes, a wooden Chris-Craft and a 1976 Airstream. He enjoyed nightly popcorn and his wife's many signature homemade items like ham croquettes, onion bread and sweets like caramels and divinity. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Karen, four children, five grandchildren and other family.



**David L. Kirkwood** – Age 80, of Apple Valley, passed away February 13, 2022, from lung cancer complications. David earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Iowa State University, then was employed at UNIVAC/Sperry/Unisys, his entire career, a veteran of Defense, Sperry Semiconductor Operations and commercial groups, where he became a vice president and general manager. Dave valued every employee, and made himself available to employees at all levels of the divisions he managed. Dave had many interests at home: photography, astronomy, meteorology, woodworking



and electronics. In retirement he served on both the state and national boards of the American Association of University Women. In addition to extra time for house projects, retirement brought international travel opportunities. He also found time to revisit his interest in music, and recently compiled several clips from the golden age of Hollywood musicals to share with family—repeatedly. David is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Karen, two sons, four grandchildren, and other family and friends.

**Wayne R. Knight** – Age 85, of Shakopee, MN, passed away at home January 17, 2022. Wayne served in the U.S. Navy, and then worked for many years as a computer programmer at Sperry Corporation, and then Data Card. Wayne liked bowling, and always enjoyed watching the local sports teams and Green Bay Packers. He completed multiple marathons, and liked hiking, camping and woodworking with Barbara (Tallman) Neelund, whom he married in 2001 in California. There was always a project around the house he was working on. Wayne is survived by his wife, Barb, his children, with 1 child preceding him in passing, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and many other family and friends.



**E. Douglas 'Doug' Larson** – of Roseville and more recently Coon Rapids, died peacefully on January 21, 2022, after living a full life of over 95 years. Doug served in the U.S. Navy during



World War II. After graduating from the University of North Dakota, Doug was among the pioneers of the computer industry when he entered the electronics field in the early 1950s. He worked for Engineering Research Associates and was one of the early employees of Control Data Corporation. Later, Doug worked for Memorex in California's Silicon Valley. During his long career, he specialized in manufacturing capabilities for new computers. In 1949, he married Catherine "Kay" Glieden. They spent 67 years together (until Kay's death) and raised five sons. As an active family, Doug and Kay took their boys on many camping and skiing trips and cross-country vacations. Doug was active in Scouting for over 35 years. In addition, Doug enjoyed numerous hobbies and activities including flying his Cessna airplane, roasting pigs for family events, tracing family history, taking RV trips, collecting agates and steelyards (antique scales), and going on annual fishing and hunting trips. In 2019, at the age of 93, Doug found love a second time and married Jeanette Christie. He thoroughly enjoyed their time together, along with five new stepchildren. Doug was preceded in death by his

first wife Catherine (Glieden) Larson. He is survived by his wife Jeanette (Christie), his 5 sons, 9 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren, five stepchildren, 13 grand-stepchildren, 5 great-grand-stepchildren and many nieces, nephews and other family.

**Bruce Carl Lindell** – Age 83 of Highlands Ranch, CO, passed away peacefully at his home January 2, 2022, after fighting cancer for many years. Bruce grew up playing all kinds of sports, and continued to make sports an important part of his adult life, which in turn led to a life full of friends and sporting activities. Bruce graduated from the University of North Dakota with a BS and BA degree in marketing and math. He then worked four years in Denver, CO as a safety inspector of Titan Missiles and 30 years in St. Paul, MN and Salt Lake City, UT for Unisys in Marketing and Program Management. Since 1994 until 2004 he was in the business of building homes in Park City, UT and LaQuinta, CA. Bruce will be remembered for his love of family. In his retirement years, Bruce enjoyed traveling and wintering in Southern California and playing softball with his teammates and friends. He was always upbeat, loved going out for dinner with family and friends and sitting around talking sports to any other sport enthusiasts he found. Bruce is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Helen Lindell (Sawyer), their two children, and a granddaughter.



**Norbert Valentine Rother** – Age 77 of Burnsville, MN, passed away on January 18, 2022. Norb was a technician working on many projects in design engineering for Unisys Plant 8 and was a member of the VIP Club. Norb had several old twin cylinder John Deere tractors that he had restored, and often brought to the Dakota County Fair. Norb was survived by his three children, five grandchildren, and many extended relatives and friends.



**Jerred David Ruble** – Age 75, of Hanlontown, IA, passed away on February 18, 2022, at MercyOne North Iowa Hospice, Mason City, IA. After an honorable discharge from the Air Force, Jerred attended the U of MN and earned a degree with honors in Computer Science. He worked at Sperry UNIVAC (later Unisys) for nearly 20 years. Jerred and partners founded TeamQuest Corporation in 1991, and eventually retired. Jerred's passions included acquiring and restoring antique farm equipment, especially steam engines and old gas tractors. Jerred gained worldwide notoriety in these circles, for his wealth of knowledge, and his generosity, ingenuity, and fairness. Since childhood, his family participated at the Steamerama steam show in



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Moscow, MN, a tradition he later brought to his own farm south of Hanlontown, IA. Jerred's "Threshing Bee" gained traction every year with the help of the Hanlontown Community Club, and many friends and family. The event grew into the annual Steam Threshing Days, and later the Steam Threshing Festival still being held at Heritage Park in Forest City, IA. The event has included church services and barn dances in the haymow, inspired by Jerred's faith, and his love of music. Jerred played many instruments and had the skill to play music by ear, and he particularly loved the fiddle. Jerred first married Karen Halvorson in 1972 and from this union two sons were born; they later divorced in 2000. In May, 2002, Jerred married Eileen (Perkins) Brunsvold. Jerred is survived by his wife, Eileen, two sons,

numerous extended family, former coworkers, fellow enthusiasts, and many close friends.

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**VIP CLUB** **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL or CHANGE FORM**  
Established in 1980

Please mark an **X** in the appropriate info/option boxes. *Submission Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

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

Renewal,  New Member (≥55),  Associate member (<55),  Life (≥90), or  Information Change Only.

Name (Last, First, M.I. – or attach an address label.) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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The committee appreciates mailing of this volunteerism survey form before April 2<sup>nd</sup> to give us time to finish the program listing, to print name tags and to provide an attendee count to Joseph's Grill.

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**2020 & 2021 VOLUNTEERISM SURVEY FORM**

Please complete this form, then mail to: VIP Club – Survey, P.O. Box 21903, Eagan, MN 55121

Your Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Primary recipient of your time: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse/Significant Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary recipient of his/her time (if also a volunteer): \_\_\_\_\_

How many will be attending the luncheon (0, 1, or 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Submittal Date \_\_\_\_\_

Comments (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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**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** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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