

VIP Club Newsletter

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The Number to call for information on Unisys Retirement Status and Benefits: 1-877-864-7972.

The Number to call for information on Lockheed Martin Retirement Status and Benefits: 1--866-562-2363.

Wednesday, October 05	Board Meeting, Eagan	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 12	Eagan, Program & Social Time	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 02	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 09	Roseville, Pot luck & Program & Election	6:00 p.m.

OCTOBER PROGRAM: EAGAN

Retirees, this is great News! It has been quite some time since anyone from Lockheed Martin Management (Eagan) has spoken to our VIP Club. Rick Ambrose, Lockheed Martin Vice President and General Manager, will give a presentation at our October 12th Program Meeting to be held at the Eagan Community Center. Mr. Ambrose will discuss business activities of current interest at Lockheed Martin Tactical Systems (LMTS), the relationship between LMTS and the VIP Retiree Club, and the recently initiated Legacy History project. There will be time for a question and answer session. Regarding the Legacy History project, we have already identified several historical documents; some are listed below that may be of special interest to VIP members:

- We have an NTDS document dealing with NTDS prior to 1962. This document was initiated by President Kennedy after "witnessing an NTDS demonstration at sea, but unfortunately he was assassinated before he read it." This substantial document, over 150 pages, contains a 24-page chapter dedicated to Remington Rand UNIVAC. We will entertain requests for the entire document or excerpts, when you attend the VIP October meeting.

- Book: *A Few Good Men from UNIVAC*, author David Lundstrom. This book will be available to peruse at the meeting. One can order it from Amazon.

- Book: *When Computers Went to Sea: The Digitization of the United States Navy*, author David Boslaugh. This book will be available to peruse at the

meeting. One can also order it from Amazon. This book contains the NTDS Organization, December 1, 1959. Dick "OLE" Olson knew more than 33 of the 306 names on this Organization Chart. This roster included Harry Wise, Clyde Allen, Bill Geiger, Dave Kolling, Jack Sater, Bob Oulicky, Don Mager, Wilt Anderson, and many more. We are sure that every VIP member will know some of these people.

The Legacy Committee contact points are Ole Olson (651-456-3158) and John Skonnord (651-456-3541); we encourage you to add to our expanding Legacy History Files by bringing artifacts to the October meeting that you are willing to donate, or artifacts that you are willing to loan for this effort.

It would help us out if you could send an e-mail to Ole (r.d.olson@lmco.com) or John (john.a.skonnord@lmco.com) letting us know what artifacts you may have. For example, Lowell Benson sent us a picture of 10 models of early computers.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: ROSEVILLE

The evening begins at 6:00 pm with a pot luck dinner followed by election of officers for the upcoming year. Following the elections there will be a musical program by the Barb Piper and Bill Hammond Duo. Barb Piper is a sensational vocalist and instrumentalist from Faribault, MN, whose rich and expressive voice will enchant you. Roseville-based Bill Hammond is an accomplished acoustic guitarist and compelling singer. **What to bring** for the pot luck meal is based on the first letter of your last name: A-H, Hot Dish, I-P, Salad, and R-Z, Dessert.

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

Please send permanent address changes to Dick Mullins addressed to the VIP Club at the address given on the label page of the newsletter. Also, please remember that for temporary changes the U.S. Postal Service will forward your mail.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

IF YOUR ADDRESS LABEL HAS 2005 AFTER YOUR NAME, YOU ARE NOT PAID FOR 2006. THE YEARLY RATE HAS INCREASED TO \$5. **SAVE MONEY AND RENEW FOR 3 YEARS FOR \$12.** PLEASE USE THE DUES COUPON ON PAGE 5 AND RENEW FOR 3 YEARS OR MORE AT A \$4 PER YEAR RATE.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From: Dale Phelps

Autumn Greetings! The month of September was a busy month for the VIP Club. We participated in the Red Cross Blood Drive and the United Way Campaign at UNISYS. We also held our monthly program meeting featuring Gordon "Porky" Lee, from the *Our Gang (Little Rascals)* movie series. In an interview format with VIP member Roger Gillett, Gordon spoke about his experiences working as a child actor on a movie set about 70 years ago. We watched two of his movies that evoked some memories, and he had pictures for sale that he autographed.

Pauline Alfors, UNISYS, coordinated the United Way Campaign Auction at the MACS building in Eagan and at UNISYS, Roseville. Many items were donated by members of the VIP Club and were sold at the live auction. Professional auctioneer and VIP Club member, Garry Smith, did an excellent job of getting some high bids. His VIP Club helpers were: Joe Schwarz, Warren Becker, Jim Larson, Marion Scott and Dale Phelps. It was an enjoyable time for all of us workers, and Thank You to all who donated items to make this a successful event.

Please reserve 12 October for our next program meeting to be held at the Eagan Community Center.

Rick Ambrose, Lockheed Martin Vice President and General Manager, will give a presentation. See October Program for more details.

As I have said in a previous newsletter, the VIP Club is still looking for members to serve as an Officer or Director of the club. I strongly encourage you to make a commitment to fulfill this request so your name can be on the ballot for our 2006 election which will be held at the November program meeting. Please contact Hank Dotzler, at 952-892-0175.

It is also time to **renew your membership for 2006** and start thinking about the Christmas party.

Respectfully, Dale Phelps, VIP Club President

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DINING CLUBS & GROUPS

Breakfast groups and get-togethers:

One breakfast group meets monthly at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Tri-City American Legion, Old Hwy 8, New Brighton. Phone: **763-416-3903**.

Another breakfast group meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st Thursday of each month at Joseph's Grill, 140 South Wabasha, (Wabasha and Plato) St. Paul. Phone: **651-222-2435**.

Luncheon Groups & Dinner Clubs:

One Unisys Luncheon group meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet, Holly Shopping Center, located at University Ave. and Mississippi St. just north of I-694. For information call **651-552-1465**

Another Luncheon group (engineering/drafting) meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet at 2000 S. Robert, West St. Paul. For information call **651-456-0750**.

And another Luncheon group (Unisys and Burroughs) meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at

11:30 a.m. at the Mall of America 3rd floor North Food Court. We sit at the tables between the elevator and Burger King. For information call **952-854-7855**.

Dinner Club. A **Unisys Dinner Club** meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. at Champs located at 35E and Larpenteur Avenue. For information call **763-786-1044**.

MEETING & EVENT DATES 2005/2006

Date	Time	Location	Activity
Sept 14	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Oct 12	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Nov. 09	6:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Pot Luck – Program
Dec. 08	5:45 p.m.	USAF	Christmas Party
Jan. 11	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Feb. 08	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Mar. 08	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Apr 12	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
May. 10	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
June 14	4:00 p.m.	Park	VIP Club Picnic
July 12	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Aug 9	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time

Note: Rsvl = Roseville, Eagan = Eagan Community Center, Park = Highland Park Pavilion, USAF = NCO Club at U.S. Air Force Base off Hwy 62

WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Hanley, Leon & Wanetta LM Inver Grove Hts, MN
Vihovde, Frederick & Carol U Eagan, MN

U = Unisys B = Burroughs LM = Lockheed Martin D = Unisys Defense Systems

IN REMEMBRANCE



Drake Willis "Bill" K. - Age 82 of Edina, died Aug. 8, 2005. Preceded in death by wife of 54 years, Mildred. A longtime entrepreneur in the computer industry, he started his career with Engineering Research Associates and became the founder, chair, and CEO of Data Card Corporation.

Moline, Bernice Marie (nee Paul) "Squeaky" Univac Retiree, age 84, died on September 8, 2005. Preceded in death by husband, Rodney. Marie was a member of the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers and VFW Woman's Auxiliary.

"Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unisys and United Way "Thanks" the VIP Club

Thank you to all of the VIP Club members who donated items and to those who helped out with the live auction. The live auctions were held on Monday, September 12 at Unisys Eagan and on Tuesday, September 13 at Unisys Roseville. A number of the VIP Club members helped with this event as ringers, assigning bidding numbers, serving as recording clerk and collecting money. Our auctioneer, Garry Smith, a VIP Club member, did an outstanding (and entertaining) job of auctioning off the donated items. The auction helped raise \$460, all to be donated to United Way.

Thank you for your time and support of United Way. Remember that: Caring and Sharing - Together, We Improve Lives. Also, a special "thank you" to those of you who have already returned your pledge cards. The Campaign remains open so there is still time to consider making a pledge.

UNI-HOG/TURKEY & SPOUSES

The UNI-HOG/TURKEY & SPOUSES 2006 luncheon will be on 18 November, 11:00 a.m. at the **CITY VIEW** (former Lost Spur.) Menu includes Spur Burger or Chicken Caesar. Send your \$15 reservation check to Bob Blixt, 4300 W River Pkwy Apt 278 - Minneapolis, MN 55406. Attendees may offer their memories of the company.

THE ANNUAL OLD WHATEVERS SOCIAL

at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club will be on Thursday, December 1st, starting at 11 a.m. If you have any questions contact Earl Lillestrand 952-884-7619.

HEALTH ISSUES

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced late Friday, 16 September, that Part B premiums would increase to \$88.50, a 13 percent increase. The 17 September article in the Pioneer Press noted that seniors would be paying almost twice what they paid in 2000 for doctor visits.

Herb Kuhn, the director of Medicare Management, said spending is up because of "more frequent use of hospital outpatient services, doctor visits, lab tests, imaging and other minor medical procedures." Spending is up and physician reimbursements will be cut again. Kuhn then stated, "...we're trying to understand how much value we're getting for that, and we just don't have a good handle on that."

The preceding was only the bad news. The worse news was brought to us by CMS Commissioner Mark McClellan back on 25 August at the Sabes Jewish Community Center. Both Warren Wolfe of the Star Tribune and Jeremy Olson of the Pioneer Press said McClellan “touts the new drug benefit.” His best pitch was that the Part D drug benefit premium would likely be around \$32 per month to start, and that in early October “people would have real choices in front of them.” He also was optimistic that help lines and other community resources would help seniors make good choices.

What weren’t reported were McClellan’s statements about Part B services. He said seniors would get coverage for care for conditions that can lead to costly treatments. He specifically mentioned diabetes and high blood pressure. (Ed. Note If you are seeing a doctor and he hasn’t checked for these conditions, you should look at his diploma to make sure you are seeing a medical doctor.) He also mentioned adding services in the future to change less healthy behaviors to those that are healthier, with unspoken additional costs.

McClellan did take questions from the audience, but spent most of the time fielding questions that were not really pertinent to Medicare from a limited quadrant of the audience - questions about drug re- importation and Canadian prescriptions.

Preceding McClellan’s visit, Mary Grealy, president of the Healthcare Leadership Council, the for-profit health insurance and pharmacy benefit lobbying group that cosponsored the study on Part D savings, announced ‘this can improve the Quality of your health and you life.’ The new benefit will cost the government an estimated \$37.4 billion in 2006, and a total of \$724 billion by 2015.

Low-income seniors can expect to “pay only \$156 a year for prescriptions, down from about \$1,342 a year. Those with average incomes should see drug costs go from \$1,342 to \$747. What the article doesn’t say is that these savings are only possible for those that have a great fit; the prescription plan formulary has to have covered all your prescriptions at good prices. Those with multiple prescriptions know that getting the best prices usually involves using more than one pharmacy, something the new benefit plans will not allow. At a recent issues meeting, one of the healthcare participants said those that aren’t careful in choosing will be “financially punished.” So don’t sign up for a program you don’t fully understand, and don’t be in a hurry. You have time. Let’s hope there is some benefit for the low-income seniors left if Congress decides to “set aside”

some of the costly items currently in their budget. Submitted by Brian Berggren.

Hurricane Modeling History

The October 2001 Scientific American has a 10-page article: “Drowning New Orleans” by Mark Fischetti. It describes what we have been seeing and reading about since Katrina zeroed in on New Orleans. More significantly, it gives us a lesson about the changes that have occurred over the past century that increase the potential for destruction. How levees, dredging, navigation channels, and pipeline canals cause the loss of wetlands and barrier islands. Louisiana State University modeling of a Category 4 hurricane showed a sea surge going 30 miles inland and downtown New Orleans under 20 feet of water only 33 hours after the storm passed the southernmost barrier islands.

The 17-page “Gone With The Water” by Joel K. Bourne, Jr. emphasizes the “Lost Coast” and how it makes New Orleans so vulnerable. The first paragraphs read like a description of Katrina. With such a good understanding of what was likely to happen with a major hurricane, it really makes one wonder how such poor preparation can be tolerated.

He said – What have you been doing with all the grocery money I gave you? She said --Turn sideways and look in the mirror.

TRAVEL

BRANSON FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Super-star Daniel O'Donnell will be offering a spectacular Christmas Show in Branson, beginning the first weekend in November. Several motor coach tours have included him in their Holiday offerings. One tour is offering a 4-day, 4-show trip, driving straight thru both ways, for just \$479.00 per person (double occupancy). Another tour provides a 5-day, 5-show tour, stopping overnight both ways in a Kansas City hotel, for \$579.00 (double occupancy). Both tours stop for a short break approximately every two hours while on the road.

Have questions? Want a brochure? Phone or email Yvonne Cecchini at 651-423-9196 or email ycecchini@juno.com. Call now as seats fill fast for these holiday trips. Ring in the Season in Branson!

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IF YOUR ADDRESS LABEL SHOWS 2005
PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
NOW. TO DATE ONLY 20% OF OUR
MEMBERS HAVE RENEWED.

HAPPENINGS

**OLDTIMERS FIELD ENGINEERING PICNIC
AUGUST 6, 2005**



Front row (L to R)

Dave Duray, Paul Hove, Arnie Ness, Ed Nelson, Earl Stodden, Ardell Johnson,
Jo Teare, Norm Alrick, George Fedor and Ernie Horning

Back Row (L to R)

Vern Elverson, Kurt Kamph, Larry Kramer, Clint Haggerty, Jim Kiwus, Dick Roessler,
Dale Phelps, Jim Sprecher and Pete Peterson

Not shown: Joe Schwarz, Nick Benson, Bruce Klugherz, Curt Anderson and Ron Huemoeller

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Renewing Member(s) _____

Company: Lockheed Martin & Predecessors: _____; Unisys: Univac & Predecessors: _____; Unisys: Burroughs: _____

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**VIP CLUB
Jack Farber
5700 Villa Dr.
Shoreview MN 55126**

**Dues: \$12 for 3 years
Single year rate \$5. Note to new
members: Your newsletters start
after dues are received.**

Check here if you do not wish to have your name listed in the VIP Members directory. (Directory distributed to members only)

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Directions to Eagan Community Center. Take Hwy 35E south or north to Pilot Knob Road. Turn left (north) on Pilot Knob Road. Turn left on Central Parkway (which is also the North entrance to Lockheed). The Eagan Community Center is at 1501 Central Parkway.

Directions to Unisys in Roseville. Take Hwy 35W south, or north, to the Industrial Way / St. Anthony Blvd off ramp. If coming north or south on Hwy 35E go west on Hwy 36 which will take you to the Industrial Way / St. Anthony Blvd. off ramp of 35W (Hwy 36 becomes Hwy 35W where it joins Hwy 35W). Go north on St. Anthony Blvd. to Walnut St. (the first street on the right). Turn right and go to Highcrest which is the first place where you can turn left. Past the stop sign. Bldg 3 is on the right. Gate 5 is in the center of the building.

From Hwy 280 northbound, use left lane exit just past Cty Rd B for Terminal road access (St Croix St.). Turn left at Terminal Rd, then turn right at Highcrest Rd to building entrance.