

UPCOMING EVENT ITEMS



Thanks to the vision of
 Millie Gignac!

August 5	10 AM - Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
August 12	11:45 AM – Board the Padelford	Harriet Island, St. Paul
September 2	10 AM - Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
September 8	6:30 PM – Legacy poster & artifact exhibit with wine and cheese	Lawshe Memorial Museum, S St Paul
October 7	10 AM - Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville

AUGUST PROGRAM

Mississippi Sightseeing

On Wednesday, August 12th you can enjoy a cruise on the Mississippi river with retirees from Unisys and Lockheed Martin on the Jonathan Padelford for only \$10. The historically narrated sightseeing cruise runs 2 and ½ hours starting at 12 noon. Sights along the way include: the St. Paul High Bridge, Pig's Eye's Cave, Minnesota River mouth, Pike Island, and the timeless splendor of the mighty Mississippi River.

The cruise offers a full 'cash' bar as well as snacks such as hot dogs and popcorn. No outside food or beverage can be brought onboard. Boarding will start at 11:45 AM, so plan to arrive early and remember your camera!



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registration form, **due before July 10th**.

The Padelford Riverboats and the Centennial Showboat are both located on Harriet Island; however they are located on different sides of the park and have separate parking lots. The difference in directions is so minor that a few of our passengers end up in the wrong place. Please keep this in mind and read the directions carefully. Submitted by *Tom Turba*

Page 8 has driving directions.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

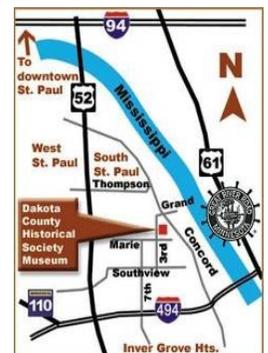
Private IT Legacy Exhibit

The Board invites our members to the Club's September social gathering. In cooperation with the Lawshe Memorial Museum staff, we are hosting a private function open only to VIP Club members, museum staff, and invited guests. On Tuesday September 8 from 6:30 to 9 PM, we will:

- View a multitude of educational computer history posters developed by museum staff and Club volunteers as part of a recently completed Minnesota Legacy Grant; "The Birth of Minnesota's Computer Industry – A Photo Essay,"
- Observe many of the donated hardware artifacts positioned around the great hall periphery,
- See the workstations' area where Club volunteers continue to identify and catalogue the ~20,000 media donations of the Legacy committee, and
- Enjoy cheese, wine, and light refreshments while mingling with other attendees.

We are delighted to highlight and share these results of our volunteers during the Club's 35th anniversary year. Please RSVP on or before August 27th to Club Treasurer, Harvey Taipale 651-748-5083 or hjtaipale@comcast.net, so that we can order sufficient hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. If your spouse or significant other is attending with you, please include her/his name for a correct nametag ready.

Submitted by *LA Benson* Page 8 has driving directions.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Remembering! I am saddened by the May closure of the Ft. Snelling Officers' Club. The Annual UNIVAC Old Timers gathering had met there the first Thursday of December for about three decades. Yes, for most of those years it was referred to as the 'Old Farts.' At the 2007 gathering, Earl Lillestrand announced that he and John Markfelder could no longer handle hosting and notifications. A few of us knew of Earl's announcement ahead of time; Fred Vihovde volunteered to be the host and I volunteered to handle the notifications. Thanks to Fred, the Old Timers gathering is now scheduled at the Lost Spur on December 3, 2015. Fred, Jack Ross, and I had met at the O' Club numerous times since 1999 to plan the Unihog/Uniturkey luncheons. While at those and Christmas dinner planning lunches, I had noticed Earl having lunch with Cam Smith and Ken Kangas – Ernie Lantto occasionally drove in from Dassel to join them. Personally, I was at over a dozen standby Selective Service Board training sessions at the O' club during the 80s and 90s as well as a few receptions with family friends. Each of you, our readers, quite likely have recollections of other meetings at the facility. We hope that head bartender Tim, server Barb, and catering coordinator Maureen are able to find new positions.



Like the passing of old friends - good memories will be with us for a long time. Sincerely, *Lowell Benson.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Inputs: For the September newsletter, please send articles, recent obits, or lighter side items to Joe Schwarz before August 7th.

Mark Your Calendar: October 13th, 6:30 PM; Program with Pie & Ice Cream at Unisys Roseville; November 10th, 7:30 PM 2016 Board election and a speaker in Eagan; November 20th, 11 AM UNIHOGS/UNITURKEYS at Casper's; December 3rd, 11 AM Annual UNIVAC Old Timers Reunion at the Lost Spur in Eagan; and December 10th, 3:30 PM Christmas dinner/dance at **tbd**, **board** will evaluate possible venues and select before September.

By *LA Benson.*

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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'll need SSN and a PIN.

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

VIP CLUB Corporate Liaisons:

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

PERIODIC GROUPS

A Luncheon Group [engineering/drafting] meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday in West St. Paul at 11:00 AM - at the Old Country Buffet, 2000 S. Robert.

One Breakfast Group now meets monthly at 8:00



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

A Second Luncheon Group [Unisys and Burroughs] meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 11:30 AM at the Mall of America 3rd floor North Food Court. We sit at the tables between the elevator and Burger King. Contact phone is #952-854-7855.

Another Breakfast Group meets monthly at 9:00 AM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Eagles Club, Old Hwy 8, in New Brighton. Coordinator Marv Brown's phone is 763-416-3903.

A Third Unisys Luncheon Group meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Old Country Buffet, Holly Shopping Center, located at University Ave. and Mississippi St. just north of I-694. Coordinator phone is 651-552-1465.

A Fourth Luncheon Group (SCF) meets in the odd numbered months on the second Saturday at 11:30 AM at the Baker's Square on 3088 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood. Coordinator phone is 651-429-3319.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY ITEMS

Annual Picnic Reunion Summary: On June 10th 210 people attended the picnic at the Highland Park Pavilion in St. Paul, a photo collage is on page 6.

The weather-folks did their very best to provide a perfect day for this year's Picnic. We will attempt to consult the great weather oracle and farmer's almanac to be just as successful for next year's date. It seems by the pictures that everyone, about 210 of us, had a pretty good time which was due in a huge part to all the volunteers that helped to make it happen. Many hands make light work: Dale Phelps, Jim and Marjean McGuire, Jim Larson, Patty & Don Tietz, Frank King, Coleen Altnow, Mary Shutt, Nick Benson, Jim Lorenzen, Bill Galle, Bob Kummel, Mike Regan, Sue and Keith Behnke, Tom Turba, Lowell Benson, Harvey Taipale, Joe and Nancy Schwarz, Darrel Nowak, Pat Westergren, Max Tiede, Gish Devlamick, and everyone else who offered to help clean up. If I

missed anyone, sorry. Great Job and Thanks!! Submitted by *John Westergren.*

Syttende Mai celebration summary:

On May 15th, 60 people celebrated Norwegian Constitution day and heard Dixie Hansen talk about DNA testing. Dick Lundgren filled in for the usual emcee Dale Torgerson.



Emcee Dick Lundgren with speaker Dixie Hansen

Both Dixie and Dick are members of the Norwegian-American Genealogical Association (NAGA, <http://www.norwegianamerican.org/>). Dixie described the three most commonly used and affordable sources/companies for DNA testing. She has used all three and presented charts that displayed the comparative results. A speaker from a previous lunch, Jon Pederson, Chairman of the Norway House Board of Directors, was also in attendance and led the singing of the Norwegian National Anthem, *Ja Vi Elsker*, as well as the Norwegian table grace, both in Norwegian. Under consideration for next year is a change of venue to the newly opened Norway House in south Minneapolis (<http://norwayhouse.org/>). Norway House's welcoming mantra is "Come Home to Norway House." We just might take them up on their invitation.



Keith Myhre and Sheryl Hove

Thanks to Keith Myhre for these photos and the collage on page 7. Submitted by *Dick Lundgren.*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Bergman, John A. - Age 71 of St. Paul, MN. Passed away peacefully on June 4th, 2015. John is survived by his loving wife, Joan. John was a former Lockheed employee.



Crampton, Elizabeth Ann - Age 71, of Burnsville, MN. Passed away on May 27th, 2015. Elizabeth is survived by her husband, Gary who worked in field engineering and logistics at Lockheed

Martin.



Gottschalk, Aaron D. - Age 92, of Minneapolis, MN. Passed away peacefully on May 20th, 2015 at home with his family by his side. Preceded in death by wife, Iris. Aaron is a former

Sperry Roseville employee



Dykhoff, Dustin Denzer - Age 33 of Minnetonka, MN. Passed away May 26th-2015. Dustin graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato in 2004 with a Bachelor's Degree in

Electrical Engineering. He was employed with Lockheed-Martin in Eagan until that facility closed.

Hyke, Carol J. (Cook) - Age 78, of Andover, MN



Passed away May 15th, 2015. Graduate of UNI in Cedar Falls, IA. Carol was a Systems Analyst at Unisys in Eagan, MN, training staff in Canberra, Australia & multiple U.S. locations.



Ohman, Melvin William ("Junior") - Passed away on Sunday, May 31st, 2015, at the Robbinsdale Rehabilitation Care Center. Mel was preceded in death by his wife, Donna. After earning his Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering, Mel

worked for Sperry Univac / Unisys.



Ostendorf, Ralph (Ozzie) - Age 83 of Bloomington & Big Birch Lake, MN. Passed away May 21st, 2015. Ozzie is survived by his wife of 55 years, Lenore (Lee). He was a 15 year

Univac employee and was a sales rep until his retirement.

Solberg, Arlyn D. - Age 75 of Arden Hills, MN. Died peacefully on June 7th, 2015. Survived by sons, Dan (Heidi) and Wade. Arlyn was a former Univac employee and long time VIP Club member.

Ward, Deone - Age 59, of Webster, MN. Passed away Friday, May 15th, at home, with family at her side after a 15 year battle with breast cancer. She is survived by her husband of 33 years, Mark; Deone

was a long time employee in engineering at Lockheed Martin and a long time VIP Club member.

NEW MEMBERS

Lebo, Harold	Rosemount, MN
Rathgeber, Glenn	Apple Valley, MN
Wright, Susan	Columbia Heights, MN

REPORTS, LEGACY ACTIVITIES

SETTLEMENT OF A CLASS ACTION SUIT AGAINST LOCKHEED MARTIN

Some of you may have received a notice in the mail regarding the settlement of a class action suit related to certain investments made in your Lockheed Martin 401K. A final hearing on the settlement, which amounts to \$62,000,000 minus attorney's fees, will be July 17, 2015. The investments affected are the "Stable Value Fund" for the period from September 11, 2000 to September 30, 2006 and the "Company Common Stock Fund/ESOP" for the period August 1, 2002 to December 22, 2008. If you are a current participant in these plans you do not need to do anything, but if you are a former participant you must submit a claim form to the settlement administrator. Additional details are in the mailing. If you receive a share of the settlement you should consider rolling it over into an IRA to avoid having to pay income taxes on the amount now.

Web Site 'Article for the Month': For July, we posted '1988 Club Recruiting'. We recently received and scanned the information letter and flyers given to UNISYS retirees – this was before Lockheed Martin or Loral were in the picture. A couple text excerpts are: "Unisys provides a pleasant room for meeting with other retirees which is equipped with lounge furniture, a television, cards, games, a complete kitchen and telephone. This room is exclusively for retirees and is open night and day, seven days a week." "Your VIP pass will also entitle you to lunch at 1/2 price at Unisys cafeterias. Guards will let you in the building during the lunch hours when you show them your VIP pass. Retirees are not permitted to go to their old work areas, visit old friends, etc. The VIP pass is intended to allow retirees to go directly to and from the cafeteria without an escort." *L.A. Benson.*

REMINDER
PADELFORD CRUISE
SIGN-UP DUE
JULY 10th

I received the following UNIVAC ad last year – enjoy!



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NOSTALGIA

Clellan Card's Closings

In concert with our Syttende Mai activity we offer this bit from the past. At 5 p.m. on Aug. 5, 1954, a goofy-looking guy named Axel Torgeson made his television debut on WCCO. Axel talked funny, dressed funny and lived in a treehouse with an unseen dog named Towser. This was Clellan Card with his Scandinavian accent using the phrase that became the most famous sign-off in area television history, and a trademark of one of the most talented and best-loved broadcasters of the era. "Birdie with a yellow bill, hopped upon my window sill, cocked his shining eye and says ..."

Here are some of Clellan Cards finishing lines and an internet link to one of his episodes:

- What's keeping you in jail, Goldie ----- locks?
- How do you like your bathwater, Luke ----- warm?
- Where was you on Christmas ----- Eve?
- What kind of car you driving, Abe ----- Lincoln?
- What did you do in the kitchen ----- sink?
- What did you do with your car in St. Louis ----- Park?

Link to Axel, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=No0a8QEK1VM>

LIGHTER SIDE

From Their Horses' Mouths:

- Tonto, what's that bird overhead? *Eagle, Scout.*
- Lone Ranger, how fast should I go? *Quick, Silver.*
- Roy, what's my mane made of? *Hair, Trigger.*
- Gumby, how was that joke? *Hokey, Pokey.*

Dr. Geezer

An old geezer, who had been a retired farmer for a long time, became very bored and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: Dr. Geezer's clinic. "Get your treatment for \$500, if not cured get back \$1,000."

Doctor "Young," who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic. This is what transpired:

Dr. Young: --- "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth." can you please help me ??

Dr. Geezer: --- "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: --- Aaagh !! -- "This is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Doctor Young: "Oh no you don't, -- that is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see !!!!

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so -- " Here's your \$1000 back."

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$500..."

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story -- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an old "Geezer" !!!!

Better Mottoes: NOTHING IS CONFIRMED UNTIL AFTER OFFICIALLY DENIED. YOU DON'T SEEM TO BE YOURSELF TODAY – what an improvement! PEOPLE WHO THINK THAY KNOW IT ALL REALLY ANNOY THOSE OF US WHO DO.

VIP Club June 2015 Newsletter



Photos and collage by Nick Benson

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Celebrating Norwegian Constitution Day – May 15, 2015
Casper's Cherokee House in Eagan, Minnesota



Keith Myhre, Gayle Hove



Tricia Myhre



?, Wayne Olson, Roscoe Evavold



Frank & Johanne (born in Norway) King



Bernie Jansen, Frank King



Jack Sater, Dick Syverson, et al'



Mikkelson, ?, Jim Larsen, Chuck Wenz



Jon & Donna Simon



Photos by Keith Myhre
Collage by Lowell Benson

Sorry that I don't recognize everyone in the snapshots,
LABenson.



?, Ron Olson, ?, ?, Nancy Gountanis



Gish Devlinnick, ?, ?, Dave Carter



Ernie Lantro Bill Galle



Gayle & Paul Hove

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CRUISE REGISTRATION FORM

VIP Club member(s)

I plan to attend (name): _____ \$10.00 per member

Spouse/friend will attend (name): _____ \$10.00 per spouse/friend

Non-member*

I plan to attend (name): _____ \$15.00 per non-member

Spouse/friend will attend (name): _____ \$15.00 per spouse/friend

My email address is: _____ @ _____ . _____

***Non-members can get the \$10 cruise price by including a VIP Club membership, <http://vipclubmn.org/Membership.html>, registration form with a \$7 or \$18 dues check, i.e. a \$17 check is good for membership through 2016 and the cruise. You do not have to be retired to join the VIP Club as an associate member.**

Please mail w/check before **July 10th** to: VIP CLUB CRUISE P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-0020

Note that to get the group rate we must pre-pay so if you miss the boat there are no refunds.

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 MACS building 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 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 block 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. From Hwy 280 northbound, use left lane exit just past County Rd B for Terminal road access [St Croix St.] Turn left at Terminal Rd, then 1.5 mi to Highcrest Rd.

To the Padelford Landing on Harriet Island, St. Paul, MN: Due to summer road construction in St. Paul, the recommended route to the boat landing is via the Robert Street Bridge when approaching from the downtown area. More info can be found at <http://www.riverrides.com/pages/misc/mappl.html>. There will be ongoing construction closing the Wabasha St. Bridge and Highway 52 Bridge. Please be mindful of these detours and plan on giving yourself some extra driving time!

Directions to the Lawshe Museum in South St. Paul: Set your GPS unit to South Saint Paul, 130 Third Avenue. From the Roseville area, take Hwy 36 to I-35E south toward downtown St. Paul. Get into the left lane then take the I-94/Hwy 52 left exit to merge onto Hwy 52 going south. 3.4 miles later, take the Butler Ave exit and turn left. Go 0.7 mi and turn right onto MN156 S. After 1.8 mi, turn right onto Grand Ave. W – Drive up the hill a block and turn left, the parking lot is then 400 ft. on the left. From the Eagan area, take I494 toward the Mississippi river then take exit #65 onto 7th Ave. Turn left and drive a mile to South view Blvd, turn right at the light. After 0.3 mi, turn left onto 3rd Ave – the museum parking lot is then 0.2 mi on the right.