VIP Club Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENT ITEMS

Our IT Legacy	April 6	10 AM – Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
Engineering Research Associates 1946 - 2016	April 20	11 AM – Volunteer Recognition Luncheon	Joseph's in St. Paul
	May 4	10 AM – Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
	May 6	10:30 AM – Roseville Good Old Days	Mermaid in New Brighton
	May 13	11:00 AM – Syttende Mai	Casper's in Eagan

APRIL PROGRAM Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

April 20th, 11:00 AM: April is National Volunteer Month; our Club's Recognition Luncheon honors all VIP Club members who perform volunteer services wherever they reside. Please join

us at Joseph's Grill in St. Paul MN. Your entry ticket for a free lunch is the submittal of your 2015 VOLUNTEER SURVEY

FORM. This Newsletter provides options for survey submittal by US mail, email, or online. The website link and the Survey Form with directions for entering your Volunteer Services information are on page 7. Unisys and Lockheed Martin Management representatives are invited to be our event guests; they'll give us company status update briefs.

Last year 106 Unisys and Lockheed Martin retiree members responded to the 2014 hours' survey with 25,968 hours of service to various non-profit organizations in Minnesota, and several other states. Last April fifty members and guests attended the Luncheon as we honored Keith Myhre with the first Kathy annual Bernie & Jansen Volunteer Extraordinaire award. For those of you who were not at the 2015 luncheon, look at the entries on web page: http://vipclubmn.org/History.html#Milestones. Please send nominees for this year's award to Past President, labenson@q.com.

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MAY PROGRAM Syttende Mai Lunch & Speaker

Last year the VIP Club board decided not to have a club program, but to encourage our membership to participate in the annual Unisys/Lockheed Martin Mai (Norwegian Constitution Syttende

luncheon/program Friday May 13th at Casper's Cherokee in Eagan. We are doing the same this year.

NORWEGIAN SYTTENDE MAI LUNCHEON

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





This year's speaker is Maya Rao, a staff writer for the Minneapolis Star Tribune since 2012. She characterized herself as a "biracial East Coaster," having grown up on the East Coast, the product of an Asian Indian father and a European American mother, and never knew she had Minnesota roots, that is,

until she moved here. For the Strib she wrote mainly about urban issues and Minneapolis City Hall, and then moved to the regional team covering Minnesota and surrounding states. Before working at the Strib, she wrote for newspapers on the East Coast since 2006, spending much of that time at the Philadelphia Enquirer. She will recount her surprising discovery of her Norwegian roots in Minnesota.

Our annual Syttende Mai lunch/old friends gathering will take place at 11:00 Friday, May 13th, at Casper's Cherokee of Eagan, 4625 Nichols Road. The cost this vear is \$17 for the delicious buffet which features NORWEGIAN MEATBALLS for the first time. The program will start at 11:45. Reminiscing and socializing afterwards is open-ended and encouraged. To sign up or for other information, email Dale





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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Roseville Good Old Days: The ninth annual RGOD celebration will be at the Mermaid in New Brighton on **May 6th**. Check-in doors open at 10:30 AM. Please send a note to Tom Turba, <a href="mailto:theta:th



printed nametag list and to volunteer at the check-in table. Page 8 has GPS and direction information.

First Call for Set-up, Cooks, and Clean-up: Our Annual Picnic at the Highland Park Pavilion begins at 3:30 PM on **June 15**th. Please send a note to jwestergren@frontiernet.net to lend a hand and enjoy the pre-picnic libations.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In this issue you will see the first of the reviews of our recent membership survey. Our purpose is to make sure that we are satisfying the needs of our many members. Obviously many of our former coworkers have relocated out of the Twin City metropolitan area so they are not able to take part in the VIP Club events. That is why



we try to cover a broad range of topics in the newsletter and on the web-site. However, with 639 membership units (includes spouses) out of 832 within the five county metropolitan area we try to provide local programs that appeal to the majority. Your feedback helps us make decisions on future programs and activities. So don't wait for a formal survey to let us know what works and what doesn't.

Keith Behnke, 2016 Club President.

VOLUNTEER SURVEY DATA IS DUE BY APRIL 6TH

IN REMEMBRANCE



Atsatt, Thomas Craig - Age 69 of Ellsworth, WI. Passed away February 14th, 2016. Tom is survived by his wife Julie. Tom was a long time employee of Unisys.

Burrell, Warren - Age 92, passed away on February 1st. He is survived by Charlotte, his wife of 70 years. Warren was one of our 'Life' club members, and the 5th member of the "Original Geek Squad." His IT Legacy



is that he was the design/project engineer for the ERA 1102 computer development and delivery to the USAF in the early 50s.



Fritze, Kenneth S. -Age 85, of Bloomington, MN. Survived by wife, Joan. Kenneth was a Unisys retiree and a member of the VIP Club.

Ganzer, Peter Jacob - Age 87, of Eagan, MN. Passed away February 24th, 2016. Survived by wife of 57 years, Barbara. Peter was a former Unisys employee.



Javinsky, Melvyn Aaron - Age 82 of Bloomington, MN. Passed away March 7th, 2016. He is survived by his beloved wife of 34 years, Heeyeon Javinsky. Melvyn had a 53-year professional career with UNIVAC and Lockheed/Martin.

Plante, Richard L. - Age 71 of Sebastian, FL. Passed away peacefully on February 8th, 2016. He is survived by his wife Leona. Richard was a former Unisys employee.



Saba, Dean Edward - Age 70 of Fridley, MN. Passed away after a courageous battle with scleroderma. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Lynne. Dean worked as an engineer at Unisys

(formerly Sperry Corp).

NEW MEMBERS, Jan-Feb '16

Alan Powell

Blue Bell, PA

SOCIAL ACTIVITY ITEMS

Recreation – Golf The combined Lockheed Martin/Unisys golf league (ULGL – Unified Legacy Golf League) is entering it's fifth year with an additional feature called "Tee It Ahead", which is promoted by the PGA/USGA as a way to make golf

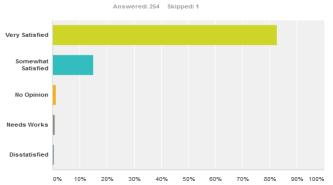
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more enjoyable. It provides the ability to assign tee boxes based on the average length of drive rather than having everyone tee off from the same location. As our league members age, more are retirees and our distance off the tee decreases. We found we were losing active golfers because of this. We continue to look for new golfers so if anyone has an interest please contact me. Keith Behnke - keithbhnk@comcast.net

Membership Survey: The VIP Club Board conducted a survey from Dec 4th through Jan 11th utilizing the Survey Monkey® tool to all the 781 active club memberships who've provided us with email addresses (thanks to Tony Pascuzzi and Bob Jablonski at Product Development Associates for the use of their tool subscription). From that Club membership population, we received 255 responses, 32.6% which is an excellent response rate for any survey; thanks to all who responded. Over the next few issues of the Newsletter, we will provide the results and a summary of the comments we received along with the Boards' plans to implement some of the excellent suggestions that were provided.

The first survey question was to see how you felt about this newsletter and below is the result graph.

Are you satisfied with the VIP Club monthly newsletter?



Overall, everyone seems to like the format and content of the newsletter, but we also received some excellent suggestions for possible improvements: "Cover events outside of Minnesota for those that have retired outside of the Twin Cities. It is good to read about the happenings in Eagan and Roseville" and "mention of parts of the company that are not local to Minnesota." Most of the comments were positive and the newsletter is as informative as it is and the generation of it is appreciated by the membership.

Next month we'll address the questions and comments concerning our events, so stay tuned and thanks again for your interest in the VIP Retiree Club. Submitted by former Director, *John Westergren*.

Membership Tidbits: The Club's membership database has been expanded by the current Membership Director, Gish Devlaminck, to include a

wide variety of membership statistics. This table lists where most of our members reside:

Member Distribution by State/Country				
State	Active	%	All	%
Arizona	19	2.0%	28	2.2%
California	12	1.3%	18	1.4%
Florida	20	2.1%	26	2.0%
Minnesota	808	85.0%	1112	85.6%
Pennsylvania	15	1.6%	15	1.2%
South Dakota	5	0.5%	5	0.4%
Virginia	8	0.8%	8	0.6%
Wisconsin	27	2.8%	38	2.9%
Total by State	951		1299	

There are from one to four active memberships in the following states: Wyoming, Washington, Utah, Texas, Tennessee, South Carolina, Oklahoma, North Dakota, North Carolina, New York, New Mexico, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Nevada, Missouri, Michigan, Maryland, Kentucky, Kansas, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Hawaii, Colorado, Canada, and Arkansas. Next month we'll list how many have pre-paid their membership through future years and how many have dropped memberships since 2010. Submitted by *LABenson*

March Program Recap: Thanks again to Steve Koltes for hosting us and presenting the future of Air Traffic Management on March 9th. There were two presentation parts, the first illustrated by this slide.



Steve discussed FAA's En Route Automation Modernization and the National Air Traffic Services (privatized) systems which are expected to make all or most flights more efficient. Like so many hi-tech business arenas, the acronyms were almost overwhelming. Audience discussions tried to jump in and solve some outstanding problems.

The second part of the talk was about the future of the Air Traffic Management (ATM) group in Eagan. "On January 29th, Lockheed Martin entered into a definitive agreement to combine their government Information

Technology and technical services businesses at IS&GS with Leidos as part of a Reverse Morris Trust transaction." For many of us technocrats, an extended legalese education may be needed to understand the structure under this new management company. The 120-150 Eagan ATM site employees will be part of a 12,000 to 15,000-person organization. The East Coast



ATM Rockville group will be merged with others at Gaithersburg. As illustrated by this slide; adding the **Leidos** icon to our IT Legacy icons is possible within the next year. Submitted by **L.A.Benson**.

When Did Air Traffic Control Really Begin Anyway? Even though our company takes a lot of credit and deserves a lot of credit, it did not invent Air Traffic Control. Yes, it did computerize it starting in the late 50s/early 60s, but the true origins date to 1920 in Croydon, England about 25 miles south of central London. "Croydon is also credited with being the first airport with air traffic control." At Croydon, "The runway crossed an active roadway and a man waving a red flag was in charge of stopping the traffic." This was of course "traffic control," but it was not Air Traffic Control. In 1920, following the end of WWI, Crovdon became London's main airport. In 1922 Crovdon innovations began with Radio Position Fixing, a "new system using aircraft radio transmissions to fix an aircraft's position - an essential first step in establishing a radio based global air navigation network. Before the advent of the control tower, "Pre-1930s, air traffic control consisted of a man waving a red or green flag!" Another development at the time was the transition from radio telegraphy (Morse code) to radio telephony (speech transmissions). At Croydon, "Fred Mockford, Croydon's Senior Radio Officer, coined the distress phrase "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday" as part of ensuring clearly understood messages. "This

phrase became the international standard distress phrase and it still saves lives today. Another Croydon anecdote: "Winston Churchill, in his book, 'Thoughts and Adventures,' gives an account of his flying lessons at Croydon Aerodrome. Churchill gives a vivid recollection of one of his final flying lessons that resulted in a brutal crash. Fortunately for Britain, it was a crash he survived." In 1946 the role of London's international airport passed from Croydon to Heathrow and in 1959 Croydon closed. Croydon today is one of three UK control centers, the other two being Stanwick and Prestwick. These centers are used by NATS. The National Air Traffic Services organization, which along with its partners, is using Time Based Separation (TBS) to increase safety and efficiency under the "Single European Sky". On March 8th Lockheed Martin (Mark Cooper), along with its partners Heathrow Airport, NATS, and EUROCONTROL received the very prestigious CANSO Runway Award. Congrats.

Note: items above in quotes are from reliable sources. Submitted by R. Lundgren

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1-877-864-7972

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PERIODIC GROUPS

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

One Breakfast Group meets monthly at 8:00 AM on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Capitol View Cafe, 637 Smith Ave. St. Paul.

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

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

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

A Fourth Luncheon Group (SCF) meets in the odd numbered months on the 2nd Saturday at 11:30 AM at the Baker's Square on 3088 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood. Coordinator phone is 651-429-3319.

REPORTS, LEGACY ACTIVITIES

Do You Remember? Marilyn Payne, a retired UNISYS Roseville programmer, contacted Lowell asking if there was a place for old artifacts. She said that many years ago, the company was offering

employee discounts on commercial products. She purchased an electronic calculator for her father. When cleaning out his estate a few years ago, she found the complete calculator kit in the bottom of a drawer.



This Sperry-Remington model 819 has a 16-digit display. The booklet recommends use of 4 AA manganese dry batteries for up to 22 hrs. of operation. Those batteries weren't in the unit; however, it does execute all functions when powered with the AC adapter. The next destination will be the Lawshe Memorial Museum in S St Paul (if not accepted, we'll check other museums or the antique roadshow?)

Article for the Month: "Artifact Collecting" Yes, we are still collecting books, manuals, and hardware items! If you are cleaning your basement, attic, garage, or home office; the Legacy Committee is interested in some of what you find. The April web site article is a paper listing the artifacts transferred from Lowell's temporary basement repository to the Lawshe Museum in July 2015. Each of those items illustrates or describes bits and pieces of our extensive Information Technology history. If you have one or more items; please contact co-chairs jwestergren@frontiernet.net or labenson@q.com who will facilitate your donation. By LABenson.

LIGHTER SIDE

Why at 70 yrs and over, you shouldn't be on face-book!

Read it all the way through! It's a good laugh! AND really quite true!!

When I bought my Blackberry, I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a cell phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter. I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, my 13 grand kids and 2 great grand kids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of

the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag. The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive. I wore it once and was standing in line at Barnes and Noble talking to my wife and everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. I had to take my hearing aid out to use it, and I got a little loud.

I mean the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside that gadget was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "Re-calculating." You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then if I made a right turn instead. Well, it was not a good relationship...

When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GPS lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I lose three phones all at once and have to run around digging under chair cushions, checking bathrooms, and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop. I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused, but I never remember to take them with me. Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or plastic?" I just say, "Doesn't matter to me. I am bisacksual." Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look. I was recently asked if I tweet. I answered, No, but I do fart a lot."

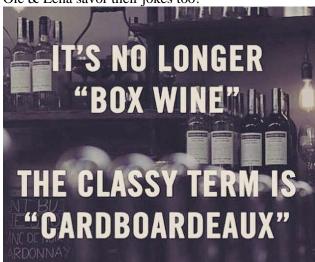
P.S. I know some of you are not over 70. However, I sent it to you to allow you to forward it to those who are.

We senior citizens don't need any more gadgets. The TV remote and the garage door remote are about all we can handle.

We discovered where the old 'Ole & Lena' jokes go!



Ole & Lena savor their jokes too!



Drink Substitution — A doctor made it his regular habit to stop off at a bar for a hazelnut daiquiri on his way home. The bartender learned the doctor's habit and would always have a drink waiting. One day, the bartender ran out of hazelnut extract, so he substituted hickory nuts. When the doctor arrived, he took a sip and exclaimed, "This is not a hazelnut daiquiri!" "No, I am sorry," the bartender replied. "It's a hickory daiquiri, doc".

APRIL 20 AGENDA and 2015 VOLUNTEER SURVEY FORM

- 11:00 AM 11:30 AM Check in, Nametags, Coffee & Socializing,
- 11:30 AM 12:15 PM Enjoy a sandwich buffet sandwich luncheon,
- 12:15 PM 12:45PM Program recognizing our volunteers, then
- 12:45 PM 1:30 PM Last cup of coffee and a bit more socializing.

Your Volunteer Survey Form must be received by April 6th for listing in the Printed Program.

VIP Club	<u>Service Area</u>	Code	<u>Service Area</u>
Volunteer			
Services			
Codes with			
Organization			
Samples in			
each			
Category:			
<u>Code</u>			
	Community and Related Services		Meals, Food and Housing Services
	AARP Volunteers Civic/Government Support Services		Dorothy Day Center
	Community Services		Food Services / Senior Dining Habitat for Humanity
	DARTS		Loaves and Fishes
1	Minnesota Senior Federation/VISTA	2	Meals on Wheels
	Scouts		Sharing and Caring Hands
	Senior Centers		Sharing tild Caring Hallas
	United Way		
	Health and Disaster Services		Religious and Related Services
	American Cancer Society,		Basilica of St. Mary
_	Arthritis Foundation,	_	Church Missions and Camps
3	Courage Center,	4	Lutheran Missions,
	Red Cross & Bloodmobile Services,		Presbyterian Homes,
	Signet Health & Rehab. Center		Related Charities
	Schools and Educational Services		Music and Theatrical Services
5	Historical Societies Volunteer Services in Schools	6	Guthrie Theater
3		U	Northern Lights Variety Band North Suburban Chorus
	Wright Brothers National Memorial		Other Services
	Animal Humane Society	In	venile Court Guardian
_	Law Enforcement Services		utual Interest Association
7	Small Business Consulting		NISYS & LMCO Legacy
	Veterans & Armed Forces Support		IP CLUB

- E-mail your volunteer information directly to Frank King at kingx063@umn.edu. Provide the same information as detailed in the "Volunteer Hours Survey Form" below including how many will be at the luncheon. **OR**
- Go on-line to http://vipclubmn.org/volunteer.html. Scroll down to the on-line survey submittal boxes section. Enter your name, e-mail address, volunteer information per the example, your total hours, and how many will be attending the luncheon. Then click on the 'Submit Query' button. **OR**
- Fill out and mail the form below to Bernie Jansen 848 Ivy Lane Eagan, MN 55123-2425

	VIP CLUB Volunteer	Hours Survey Form for Year 2015	
N	Member/Spouse Names	Your City	State
*Service Code	Organization(s) for which volume	nteer Services were performed	Member & Spouse Hours per line
	**Please indicate how many of you v	will attend the volunteer luncheon.	Total Hours:
	Enter 0, 1, or	2:	



P.O. BOX 131748 ROSEVILLE MN 55113-0020

DIRECTIONS TO ACTIVITY VENUES

Car-pool if possible to all events or contact a board member for possible 'ride-with' suggestions.

Directions to UNISYS in Roseville: Set your GPS unit to Roseville MN, 2470 Highcrest Road. From Hwy 35W north; exit onto W County Rd C to go west a mile, then turn left onto Walnut St. Then turn right onto Terminal Road for half a block, turn right at Highcrest Rd. to building entrance. From 35W south, exit on Industrial Way / St. Anthony Blvd off ramp, turn left, drive under the freeway, then turn right onto Walnut St. Follow it 0.8 mi north then turn left on Terminal Road. Go ½ blocks and enter the UNISYS parking lot on the right. From Hwy 36 east, drive west until 36 joins Hwy 35W just past Hwy 280, then exit at the Industrial



Way / St. Anthony Blvd. off ramp of 35W. Go north on St. Anthony Blvd. to Walnut St. [the first street on the right]. Turn right onto Walnut Street.



Directions to Unisys MACS in Eagan: Set your GPS unit to Eagan MN, 3199 Pilot Knob Road. From Hwy 35E take the Pilot Knob Road exit ramp. Then go north on Pilot Knob Road about ½ mile to Tower View Road. We use the Unisys north parking lot and the visitor entrance thereby.

Directions to Joseph's in St Paul: Set your GPS unit to St Paul, MN - 140 Wabasha St S 55107. From the Roseville area take 35E South toward St Paul, get into the left lane and exit onto Hwy 52 going south. After crossing the river, take the ramp right toward Eaton St. At the stop sign, turn right onto E Florida Street. Then turn right onto State St for 2 blocks and then turn left on Plato Blvd. Drive west on Plato for 0.4 mi then turn right onto Wabasha [north]. Joseph's will be on the right. From the Eagan area take 35E north to I494 east to Hwy 52 going north. Take the ramp right for Lafayette Road then turn left [west] onto Plato Blvd. After 0.6 mi, turn right [north] onto Wabasha, Joseph's Grill will be on the right.

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

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