

VIP Club Newsletter

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Remember:

The VIP Club P.O. Box changed to P. O. Box 21903 Eagan, MN 55121, effective immediately

Did You Know?

As of June 1st, our VIP Club has 695 paid member units in 40 states, plus one each in Canada, Germany, and Greece! That is an amazing impact and it represents only paid members. Just imagine the footprint left by retirees no longer with us or who have not (yet 😊) joined the club.

Reminder: Evite Adopted by the VIP Club

Evite is a digital invitation and event management solution. The software allows event planners to create online invitations and ecards, notify and register event participants, and track RSVPs.

The VIP Club is using evite to notify VIP Club members with email addresses about near-term events. The VIP Club newsletter and website social page will continue to detail all our near-term and future events.

Evite recipients are asked to always RSVP, and reply to comments to answer requests from the event coordinator, such as food choice and payment requirements. A major evite benefit is that the “Guests” button allows invitees to see who else is coming to an event.

Evite also sends a reminder two days before the event. The host can then monitor responses in real-time to assist in event planning, making a response of Yes, No, or Maybe from ALL invitation recipients that much more valuable and appreciated. Those with e-mail addresses who do not want to receive evites can request to “opt out” by sending a request to membership@vipclubmn.org.



Keith Behnke article updated by Mary Beth Ruhland

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE A Little COVID-19 Humor

- *The Department of Health is looking to hire couples married seven years or more to educate people on social distancing!*

YOUR STORY HERE!

We want to hear from you! Do you have a story to share? Have you been dying to tell somebody what happened to you when you made that work trip 20 years ago?

Did you solve your client’s problem with a team unlike any you ever worked with before or since? Were there circumstances beyond your control—you, know, those “Acts of God” and unending customer changes and requests?! Or did you complete that project to everyone’s delight on a wing and a prayer? Then there is that team that finally comes through with the perfect solution at the most opportune time. Or maybe the timing wasn’t quite perfect, and that’s where the story gets interesting. Speaking of interesting, whom did you meet while traveling; somebody famous, politicians, a long-lost family member, royalty? What was it about working for this company that made it, the work, or its people memorable? Why are you still hanging around with these former coworkers?

We want to hear from you! Don’t worry about perfect grammar or spelling. We’re not judging or awarding programs like you’re submitting a proposal. Jot down your story, long or short, and we’ll clean it up and make it newsletter ready. Submit a picture of yourself to include as well, if you like. Some of us are at that point of remembering a face better than a name. We’ll also consider including other pictures to go along with your story, like the PROM chips Gish Devlaminck provided with his story in the May/June newsletter.

Submit your entry(ies), anytime, to the VIP Club newsletter email: newsletter@vipclubmn.org

Your picture could be here, if desired!



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm guessing that by now, most of you are feeling a little bit overdosed on COVID-19 virus news.



I suspect most of you are getting as overloaded with COVID-19 dominating the news as I am, so I am going to be very brief on that topic. Two comments: *First, we are keeping our remaining Club events on the calendar and will be scheduling regular events for 2021. Acceptable conditions for get-togethers are evolving, and if these events can occur and if there is membership interest in attending, then they will be held. If not, we typically will wait until 2-4 weeks before the event before announcing any cancellation. *Second, there is a reality that even if it is permissible to hold an event, many of our members may feel uncomfortable attending. All of you electronically connected should have received an evite asking for your current interest in a VIP Club 40-year anniversary dinner party in September. Your responses help the board gauge your feelings about large group gatherings and will guide future board decisions to hold, cancel, or postpone an event.

The 40th anniversary celebration is an important milestone for the VIP Club, and we WILL celebrate, if not this year, then later. If Tokyo can reschedule the Olympics as the 2020ne games, we certainly can consider a 40ne celebration!

On a more mundane note, I have been painting about 200 spindles on my deck. It's a pretty boring job, so one's mind tends to wander in a variety of odd ways. I wandered back to Gish's vignette published last month. The actual job he was tasked to do was straightforward, but it showed focus and creativity in quickly solving a customer's problem. He made a friendly personal connection along the way. What could have been "just a job" became a mini adventure in life. I can't help but think that this sort of attitude and approach to work was pretty common across the Minnesota contingent and beyond, creating a pretty good place to work.

I didn't fully realize it at the time, but in retrospect I was exceedingly fortunate to be a part of that environment. I never had a stinker of a boss – in fact, many of them were outstanding leaders. I never had a job where I struggled to go to work every day because work was unpleasant. I got to know many good people, and made some lifelong friends. I worked with numerous other companies over the years, and never saw one that was more attractive overall. Not to be too Pollyanna about it, of course we had some "imported" upper management that didn't do us much good, but the working troops were generally great.

Bob Ragsdale, a longtime employee who finished his career working at Martin Marietta in Orlando as our liaison on the Communications Control Nodal Element (CNCE) program was always quick to remind everyone that "Sperry was the best place I ever worked." I think most of you would echo that sentiment. I believe our retirees could tell thousands of stories that would remind us how fortunate we were to be part of a great group of people at a great time in our industry. I encourage you all to share some of them in writing to preserve some of that history. Like Gish, you have interesting tales to tell, and your fellow retirees want to read them.

Harvey Taipale, VIP Club President.

2020 ACTIVITIES BEING PLANNED

The following activities are tentatively still being planned; watch the website and your email/evites for possible future updates:

- **Roseville Good Old Days** The 13th gathering of current and former UNISYS Roseville employees, originally scheduled for May 1st, is now scheduled for October 2nd. We will be sending out a reminder with details sometime in August. Watch the website and your email/evites, or email questions to the coordinator: paul.dickson@comcast.net.


- **VIP Club 40th Anniversary Dinner Party** This celebratory program and buffet dinner are scheduled for September 15th beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the Royal Cliff in Burnsville. VIP Club email recipients were asked to reply to an evite polling interest and comfort in attending depending on pandemic and personal considerations. The event is being hosted by the Club board and coordinated by *Keith Behnke* and *Harvey Taipale*.


- **Unihogs & Technologists Reunion** is planned for November 4th at 11 a.m. at Casper's in Eagan. Guest Speaker will be Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS) Executive Director, Matthew Carter whose topic is *Status and Future of the IT Legacy Exhibit* at the Lawshe Memorial Museum. See details here: [Announcement2020](#). Coordinators are *Fred Vihovde* and *Lowell Benson*.
- **VIP Club 2021 Elections** are also taking place on November 4th at 11:55 a.m. at Casper's in Eagan during the Unihogs & Technologists Reunion. See the [Announcement2020](#) flyer for details, or contact VIP Club members *Harvey Taipale* or *Lowell Benson* with your questions.

Elections Tidbit: You may recall . . . in 2014 the committee accepted a request by the VIP Club board to combine the Club's annual elections with the then "Unihogs/Uniturkeys" program. This Unihogs/VIP Club elections history is captured on the VIP Club's Social Activities website: <http://vipclubmn.org/Social.html>.

- **Old Timers' Reunion** at the Lost Spur in Eagan is scheduled for December 3rd at 11 a.m. Watch for evites in October. Coordinators are *Paul Hove* and *Steve Koltas*.



Does your organization Zoom? The VIP Club now has an account set up for VIP-associated organizations and social groups to use for your virtual meetings and get-togethers. If you're not familiar with Zoom, it is an online chat service through a cloud-based peer-to-peer software platform used for teleconferencing, telecommuting, distance education, and social relations. To get a meeting set up for your group, send a request with date, time, duration of meeting, and your contact information (email and phone number) to vipzoommtg@vipclubmn.org. A VIP Club member will reply to let you know if your requested time is available and provide the Zoom meeting specifics. You will then be responsible for inviting your guests to Zoom and running the meeting. Zoom makes it easy and the VIP Club coordinator will be able to answer any questions you may have.

VIP Club Board Meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m. on August 5th, October 7th and December 2nd, and are currently occurring virtually via Zoom among board members due to COVID-19. Meetings will resume at Unisys, Eagan TBD. Club members are invited to join if curious about how we handle club business. Contact the President the week before to gain access.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The VIP Club gladly welcomes new members. Fill out the membership form accessible at the following link:

http://vipclubmn.org/Documents/MEMBERSHIP_FORM.pdf

Contact board member via the Club's membership email (see the Club Contact Data later in the newsletter):

membership@vipclubmn.org

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

SOCIAL REPORTS & ARTICLES



Golf League:

2020 league play is ongoing. Check the website for status: <https://ulglmn.org/umgl/>.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF:

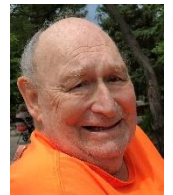
The obits hereunder are redacted from funeral home postings or Pioneer Press, Star Tribune, or applicable local listings.

Clark, William Carl Jr. – Age 59 of Minneapolis, MN, transitioned from sunrise to sunset on June 18. Carl was born and raised in Asheville, NC, graduated from John C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC, then



relocated to Minnesota, where he worked for Lockheed Martin and recently retired. Carl was an avid fisher and camper. He also loved remodeling his home and spending time with family and close friends. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his daughter, Hannah Nicole Clark Johnson, and her mother, his beloved friend, Ann Louise Johnson. He is also survived by his mother, two sisters, two brothers, nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives and friends; Carl will be missed but not forgotten.

Dunkelberger, David D – Age 77, passed away Sunday, August 26, 2018 at the Veterans Hospital in Albuquerque, NM. David spent a wonderful day with his wife, and his son Duren and his wife and two grandchildren. David was a good husband, father, grandfather, friend and Sperry employee. Many people knew him as the guy at the end of the dock as one of David's passions was fishing. He is survived by his wife, Kay, two children and two grandchildren.



Eckstrom, Carl Howard "Howie" – Age 91, passed away on June 6, 2020. Howie lived a full and wonderful life. He was a talented athlete raised on St. Paul's East Side where he played on the 1947 Johnson High School MN State Hockey Championship team. He



married his late wife, Dorothy, in 1955, and together they raised their family in St. Paul and Maplewood, MN, teaching his children to swim, skate, and do handsprings. He encouraged his children to follow their interests without limits, giving them the freedom to take risks and the reassurance that he would always be there. He was known for his can-do attitude, skill for building, and inventive solutions to everyday tasks. Howie received his mechanical engineering degree from the University of Minnesota and went on to work for 33

years at Unisys at the forefront of mainframe computing. He enjoyed tennis in his later years, and lived his retirement in Marine on St. Croix, MN. Howie is survived by his special friend, Mary Jirik, four children, nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Gallagher, Kay Annette – Age 71, passed away May 15 at her home in Apple Valley with her loving husband of 50 years, James, by her side. Kay was one of 12 children born at home in Hager City, WI, on June 9, 1948, then grew up in Zumbrota, MN. On May 1, 1970, she married the love of her life; they had many adventures together, including moving to California for several years, visiting Ireland, building a house together, and creating lasting friendships along the way. She loved being on the pontoon catching fish, no matter what the size, organizing events, and cooking. Kay worked at Lockheed Martin in the HR department and was a VIP Club member for a while. Kay is survived by her husband, James (Jim), nine siblings, many nieces and nephews, her neighborhood friends, The Cabin Girls and the girls from Zumbrota. She will be dearly missed in the community and at family events.



Hunkins, Stanley Henry – Age 89, of Minneapolis, passed away on Sunday, May 10. Stan graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1952 with a BA in mathematics, then served in the U.S. Navy as communications officer on the minesweeper USS Endicott during the Korean War.



Once discharged, he returned to the University of Minnesota to pursue his master's degree, but upon the arrival of his first child he left academia. He briefly worked for Univac in the Twin Cities area before accepting an engineering position with RCA and moving his family to Delaware Township (later Cherry Hill), NJ. Not long after, he formed Ultronic Systems Corp. with several other former RCA employees, where he designed their entire stock market dissemination system for which he was awarded five U.S. patents. In 1968, Stan and colleagues founded his second and most successful company, Infotron Systems Corp. He grew the company from "three guys in the basement" to a multi-million dollar international corporation. Stan moved back to Minneapolis in the early 1980s and formed his third and fourth companies. He often said he "didn't know what he wanted to be when he grew up" and even until his death was working on complex mathematical challenges involving encryption. Stan was an uncommon individual who lived life on his own terms, never concerned about the opinions of others. He

dearly loved and was generous to his children, but was also fiercely self-sufficient. Stan is survived by a brother, three children, six grandchildren, a nephew, two stepdaughters, and two great-grandchildren.

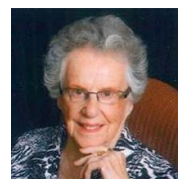
Larson, Dale Oscar – Passed away peacefully on May 1. Born in Iowa, Dale was a mechanical engineer graduate of Iowa State University in 1949. He worked at Maytag in Newton, IA 1949; then was a Sgt. Army Ord. White Sands, NM 1950. He worked in computer research and development at Engineering Research Associates (ERA), St. Paul 1952; Maico, Minneapolis 1958; Control Data/Ceridian 1960-1989. Finally, he was a volunteer AARP tax preparer for 10 years. Dale had an extraordinary life and will be dearly missed as a wonderful dad and family man by his three daughters, a brother and a sister. He is preceded in death by wife Lucille (Bong) of 56 years.

Lizakowski, Vernon Stanley – Age 78 of Stillwater, MN, passed away April 27. Vern, born in North Dakota and eventually raised in Minneapolis, MN, served in the U.S. Navy from 1960-1964 and was an aviation electronics technician aboard the USS Essex



aircraft carrier. He began his career in 1964 at Univac Corporation as a computer electronics technician. Taking the next several years to teach himself computer programming, he was hired in 1968 as a systems programmer, Employee 49, at the newly founded Comcet, Inc. (eventually acquired as NCR Comten, Inc.). During the following three decades, Vern would distinguish himself as a premier software engineer/architect in the Twin Cities, earning multiple Outstanding Technical Achievement awards, the Chief Scientist's Eureka Award, and two top Laureate Awards for Continuing Outstanding R&D Contributions at NCR. Vern suffered a stroke in 2001 resulting in partial paralysis and aphasia. With his ingenuity and tenacity, he was able to maintain relative independence for the next 18 years, including reworking his apartment setup by building custom shelving and setting up a personalized, remote-controlled lighting system. Vern will always be remembered for his brilliance, work ethic, and determination, always encouraging continued learning. He is survived by two children, two grandchildren, and two sisters. He is preceded in death by his wife, Judy Jablonske, whom he married in 1965.

Loughney, Mary Frances – Age 95, passed away June 15. Mary grew up on a dairy farm in Hudson, WI, began her working career as a governess, then became a bookkeeper and supported the war effort at the Twin City Arsenal. In 1958 she began a 30-year career at Univac (Unisys) and



retired as manager, Records and Insurance; she was an active VIP Club member. Mary always loved horses, nice cars and other people's dogs. She excelled at sewing, cooking, and needle work art. Some of her best times were spent at her cabin where she drove her pontoon and speedboat and ruled over many parties and get-togethers. She also traveled the U.S. extensively and went to Ireland and Japan. Mary was known to family and friends for sharing her time, generosity, and hope. Mary is survived by a sister and brother and many, many nieces and nephews.

Mealhouse, Betty Lois – Age 94 of Elk River, MN, passed away peacefully on May 18. Betty was born in Minneapolis and was married for 66 years to her husband, Dean. Together they raised five children in Anoka. Betty worked at Unisys for many years. Her passions were reading, gardening, music, sewing, and a complete devotion to her children, 13 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren. Betty was preceded in death by Dean and one son. She will be deeply missed by her four children.

Moe, Donald Everett – Age 86 of Burnsville, passed away April 28. Don was born on a farm near Madelia, Minnesota. He studied electronics at vocational college then majored in both mathematics and business administration at Minnesota State University at Mankato. After college, he joined Remington Rand. He worked on computer engineering projects in both the Defense and Commercial divisions. Initially he was a statistician/mathematician, then became aware of and fascinated by programming and transferred into a programming group. After several years working as a computer software engineer in the technical field, at age 29 he advanced to supervisory and management positions where he was involved with computer systems design, development and support. While in Engineering he also assumed hardware and software project management roles. He went into the Program Manager organization responsible for the management of all the software development programs associated with the Navy business area. At Unisys and its predecessor companies, he traveled over two million miles. When he took an early retirement and left Unisys after 34+ years, he consulted for several other computer companies. Don was an active VIP Club member.

Don married Delores Mae (Dee) Kramer in 1961, they had three children, and as a couple or family took vacations around the country to national parks, Alaska, Hawaii, and various destinations around the world; Don visited 49 out of the 50 states through work, vacation, and his hunting and fishing trips. His other hobbies included reading, coin collecting, genealogy, golf, and

following financial investments. Don is survived by his wife Delores, three children, five grandchildren, and many loving family and friends.

Oltman, Bonnie – Age 75 of Brooklyn Park, passed away May 6 due to COVID-19. Bonnie was a lifelong employee of Sperry Univac, and finished her career at Medtronic. She loved family get-togethers and attending the Minnesota State Fair with her sister, Laurie. Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband, John Oltman, and is survived by two brothers, her sister, and other relatives and friends.



Peterson, Melvin C. (Mel, Pete) – On Monday, May 4, Mel passed away at the age of 76 from complications related to Parkinson's disease. Mel was born on January 21, 1944 in Cumberland, WI. Shortly after graduating from Wisconsin State University, River Falls, he moved to Huntsville, AL to work for Boeing on the development of the Saturn V rocket. Upon moving back north to the Twin Cities, he began a career as a software engineer with Univac that lasted more than 40 years through multiple company name changes, ending with Unisys Corporation. He spent a number of years living in London, England and Zürich, Switzerland working directly with clients, and his intelligence, work ethic, and honesty earned him respect throughout his professional career.



Mel was quiet and kind, with a dry wit and quick laugh. Growing up on a farm, he quickly learned the value of hard work and self-sufficiency, and built his first house with his own hands. He loved classical music, especially opera, and for many years maintained season tickets to the Minnesota Orchestra. He also enjoyed photography and researching his family genealogy, traveling to Sweden to research his origins. He was enormously proud of his work in the space program, and that his name was entered into the Apollo/Saturn V Roll of Honor, a copy of which resides in the Library of Congress. Mel was a longtime member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, where he served as an usher. In retirement he enthusiastically volunteered for Meals on Wheels. Mel was preceded in death by his parents, brother, and a grandson. He is survived by his wife, Jean (Forsythe), five children, five grandchildren, three siblings, and many nieces and nephews.

Richardson, Susan Austin – Age 61 of Piedmont, SC, went to the Lord on June 6 surrounded by her loving family after a courageous seven-year battle with ovarian cancer. Susan was



born on April 9, 1959 at Miller Hospital in St. Paul. She graduated from Lakeville High School in 1977, joined the U.S. Air Force and served with dignity and dedication for 22 years. She retired from the Air Force and worked for the government through Lockheed Martin until she retired again in 2018. Susan is preceded in death by her father and sister-in-law. She is survived by her loving husband of 41 years, Parker, one son and two daughters, one grandson, her mother, a brother and a sister, many nieces and nephews, and special friend Colleen. She will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her, even her feisty cat, Link.

Sandusky, Vernon L. – Age 75, of Vacaville, CA, passed away May 20, attended by his wife of 39 years, Paula. Vern was born in Sioux City, IA, was an Eagle Scout who graduated from Central High, then earned an electrical engineering degree from Iowa State University. He worked for Unisys, and once retired became a VIP Club member. Vern wrote a column for the Vacaville Reporter for a number of years, offering advice on computer issues, and used his carpentry skills to build a Little Library in his neighborhood. He enjoyed a good book, trying out a new recipe, and researching his family's genealogy. A beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Vern will be fondly remembered by those who survive him: his wife, Paula, four children, nine grandchildren, a sister, and a host of extended relatives.

Shepard, Arlin Russell– Passed away due to complications from a brain tumor. He was a wonderful husband and an amazing father of a blended family; a superhero who lived his life to the fullest. He was born in Valley Township, ND, on October 13, 1933, and lived in Washington, Iowa, and Minnesota. Since he was a small boy, he was a devout fan of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. He served in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1955 as a radio operator stationed in Guam. He received a BS in electrical engineering from Iowa State University, and worked for Sperry Univac/Unisys in Roseville for many years before retiring in 1995. He was a VIP Club member.

After retiring he learned to wake board and scuba dive and maintained his lake home until October 2019. He loved to paddle in the Canoe Club in Maui every year. He created beautiful seed-bead jewelry for his family and won many blue ribbons at the Minnesota State Fair. Arlin was married in 1956 to Gertrude DeJood with whom he had 1 daughter, 2 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. In 1962 Arlin married Sue Volkamer; Sue passed away in 1993. Arlin and Sue had 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. In 1999, Arlin married Maureen (Hand) (Casey) and her 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren

blended into his family. They all saw their parents as the perfect example of putting their blended family first.

Arlin was surrounded by friends and family through his final journey and is survived by his wife, Maureen, 5 children, 3 stepchildren, 30 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and 2 stepbrothers. He was preceded in death by a brother and stepbrother.

Terhaar, Roland F. – "Rollie" to his departed wife



and other loved ones; Dad, Grandpa, or Great-Grandpa to his family, died March 17, one month shy of his 90th birthday. He was surrounded by family when he died, as he was in life. Men often are defined by their

careers, but Rollie was defined by his commitment to family, his faith in God, and his willingness to give to others when he had little to share. As a teenager, he quit school to help his parents support the family. Once he was married, he worked as an engineer and a farmer, both jobs necessary for a family with eight children.

Rollie was a child of the Great Depression, with all the hardships that entailed. He grew up speaking German in Pierz, MN, learning English in first grade at the one-room schoolhouse. But high school wasn't in his future; he instead helped on the family farm, then took a factory job in St. Paul. He changed his life's trajectory when he joined the air force division of the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. The coursework he took while in service allowed him to earn his high school GED in 1955. After his discharge, Rollie moved home and met Dorothy Ella DeMarais, who became his lifelong love and wife of more than 60 years. He enrolled at the Milwaukee School of Engineering and soon joined then-Sperry Univac as a manufacturing engineer, using every spare minute to run the small farm near Corcoran he bought with Dorothy in 1969. At age 56 he turned to full-time farming.

Rollie could fix anything, from a tractor engine to the foundation of a house. He was a lifelong learner who shunned television and spent rare leisure time reading. He was the go-to parent for help with math homework. He found joy in his old-time music and played piano and button accordions, often with a child happily dancing to his songs. In retirement, he always had a project going, whether refurbishing an antique riding lawn mower or remodeling the barn for family weddings. Rollie was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, and is survived by 8 children, 15 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 3 siblings.

Vizanko, Donald "Buzz" – On June 13, loving husband and father passed away at the age of 99. Don was born November 6, 1920, in Washburn, WI. He served his country as a U.S. Navy



radio specialist and Radar officer stationed in the Philippines during WWII. He earned his engineering degree with the GI Bill from Montana State in Bozeman, MT. He later moved to Indiana before making his home in Minnesota. His career was as an electrical engineer/director at Sperry Univac Defense Systems developing many pioneering computer systems. Once retired, he was an active VIP Club member who had a great sense of humor and enjoyed sharing his stories.

Buzz loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, skiing, and camping with his family and friends. He also loved spending time at the shooting range with his buddies. In his spare time, Buzz was an accomplished woodworker who built his family bedroom sets, dining tables, and other furniture. Buzz is survived by his loving wife, Barbara, his four children, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and his two sisters.

LEGACY TIDBITS

Name Change: The latest CBI newsletter, Director's Desk printed "As of April 2020, our new name (or rather, revised full name) is the Charles Babbage Institute for Computing, Information, and Culture. "What is in a name?" Why the change? To the former question, a tremendous amount, to the latter question, we consider it very important as it far better reflects our wide-ranging interdisciplinary activity, commitments, and goals—our tremendously diverse and extensive computing/IT archival collections, our research and editing leadership, our events, our oral history program, and other initiatives." The full article is available at <https://justcode.cbi.umn.edu/newsdirectors-desk>.

As we, the VIP Club, celebrate our 40 years of retiree social activities—CBI also opened at the University of Minnesota in 1980 with the director holding the Engineering Research Associates Land-grant Chair for the History of Technology. They continue to archive documents collected by our Legacy Committee. We thank CBI directors Dr. Norberg, Dr. Misa, and Dr. Yost for their support of our Legacy initiatives over the last 15 years. *LABenson*

Our Legacy Anthology always appreciates your stories! Browse the legacy anthology's site map at <http://vipclubmn.org/SiteMap.html#Level3> to see what we have and where your project story, program story, or career summary might fit. OR, submit a free-standing paper for inclusion as a monthly article at <http://vipclubmn.org/OurStories.html#2018>.

Don't Forget . . . We Want to Hear from You!

We welcome reader articles, jokes, pictures, or whatever you want to share with former co-workers.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE More COVID-19 Humor

- *My wife and I play this fun game during quarantine. It's called, "Why Are You Doing It That Way?" There are no winners . . .*



- *Due to my isolation, I finished three books yesterday. And believe me, that's a lot of coloring!*
- *So . . . we don't go to restaurants, kids aren't signed up for anything, and we just stayed home for Spring Break. Sounds like my childhood!*

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PERIODIC SOCIAL GROUPS

Monthly Breakfast Gathering

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

Monthly Lunch Gatherings

- **1st Tuesday** at 11:00 a.m. – Rickey's Café at Stark's, 3125 Dodd Road, **Eagan**, MN
- **2nd Tuesday** at 11:30 a.m. – **Mall of America** 3rd floor North Food Court; we meet by the tables between the elevator & Burger King. Coordinator Paul Wennerstrom: 952-854-7855.
- **2nd Wednesday** at 11 a.m. – Baker's Square, Northtown, 221 Co. Rd. 10 NE, **Blaine**, MN
- **2nd Saturday** of odd-numbered months at 11 a.m. – Baker's Square, 1881 West Hwy 36, **Roseville**. Coordinator Urho Rahkola: 651-429-3319.

Quarterly Breakfast Gathering

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