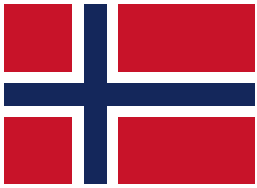


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A great day to celebrate your Norwegian Heritage is happening on **May 19th** at the annual **Lockheed Martin/Unisys Syttende Mai Celebration** in the back room at **Casper's Cherokee of Eagan!** Doors open at 10:45 a.m., and lunch starts at 11:15; see details below.
TUSEN TAKK! "a thousand thanks"

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Roseville Good Old Days** Formerly held in **May**, will be held **September 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**, at the Rosetown American Legion Post in Roseville. Watch for a hold-the-date e-mail and watch the website for details as they become available.
- **Syttende Mai** **May 19** doors open 10:45 a.m. Watch for an evite; until then, here are details:
 - **WHAT:** Annual Lockheed Martin/Unisys Syttende Mai Celebration.
 - **IMPORTANT:** Register before May 12 with Dale Torgerson at dale.o.torgerson@gmail.com; we need the headcount for the food quantities
 - **WHERE:** Casper's Cherokee of Eagan (back room), 4625 Nicols Road, Eagan, MN 55122
 - **COST:** \$22, plus cash bar available for those who want to mingle before the lunch and program
 - **FOOD:** Buffet includes Norwegian meatballs, salmon, BBQ ribs, chicken and veggies
 - **PROGRAM:** ♦Eivind Heiberg, Honorary Norwegian Consul General, will bring greetings from the Palace. ♦Joe Grødahl, Director of Programs & Events at Norway House (norwayhouse.org), will discuss the monumental leaps forward in the past year, which include the completion of the Norway House building, the visit of Queen Sonja and the detailed security for her visit, the installation of the major sculpture outside the main entrance, etc.

Dale Torgerson and Dick Lundgren are coordinating.

VIP Club Scheduled Board Meetings: June 7, August 2, October 4 and December 6. We're scheduled to meet in person at the Eagan Wescott Library. Club members may sit in if curious about club business. Contact the president two days prior for access.

- **Annual Reunion Picnic** **June 21** at Eagan



Central Park Pavilion. Watch the website and your e-mail/evites for details as they become available. *John Westergren is coordinating.*

- **Old Timers' Reunion** **November 2** at the Lost Spur Golf and Event Center. Event is moved from December to November to allow winter snowbirds to attend. Watch the website and your e-mail/evites for details as they become available. *Paul Hove and Steve Koltes are coordinating.*
- **ERA Plaque Unveiling** VIP Club members, families and friends are invited **June 15 at 3:30 p.m.** The Ramsey County Historical Society (RCHS) will unveil a commemorative plaque recognizing the importance of Engineering Research Associates (ERA) and spinoff companies to the local economy and the world. The new plaque theme is "ERA and spinoffs' technologies came to rival agriculture and mining as a leading industry in the state." "From this plant, an enormous contribution was made to human welfare throughout the world, and the benefits to the local economy are almost beyond measure."

The disappeared 1986 40th anniversary plaque only noted ERA and 100 spinoff companies as the start of Minnesota's computer industry. Speaking for the VIP Club, Lowell Benson will note a few significant time points of the ERA through Unisys corporate lineage, including the club's participation in a documentary and volunteerism at the Lawshe Memorial Museum. ♦BTW, the president of the RCHS is Chad Roberts, who was previously executive director of the Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS) and who brought us to the Lawshe Memorial Museum in 2011! Our Legacy Anthology



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has data about this historic building that was ERA Plant 1, then UNIVAC/Unisys Plant 2; browse to <https://vipclubmn.org/Locations.html>.

Plan to attend? Set your GPS to 1902 Minnehaha Ave. in St. Paul, noted in the aerial image that follows. Scheduled to speak, 3-5 minutes per person, are:

- **History of Building/Why ERA in St. Paul:** Don Hall, 2014 author of *Generation of Wealth – the Rise of CDC*
- **Unveiling:** Chad Roberts, Ramsey County Historical Society President
- **ERA Successors:** Lowell Benson, Unisys retiree, VIP Club historian
- **Personal Experience:** Dean Laurance, ERA engineer
- **Control Data:** Norb Berg, close associate of Bill Norris
- **Cray Research:** John Rollwagen, close associate of Seymour Cray
- **Medical Industry:** Manny Villafana, founder of Cardiac Pacemakers and St. Jude Medical
- Audience comments, questions and photo opportunities.

If you can't get to this 'free' event, watch for the July 'Our Stories' or for a report in the next newsletter.



Company Tidbits:

- Unisys is the last ERA direct lineage corporation in MN (<https://vipclubmn.org/Exhibits.html#Unisys>).
- For the 2008 Sesquicentennial on the Minnesota State Capitol Mall, Quint Heckert, one of our volunteers created a poster that showed the MN impact; Picture 1 on page 2 in <https://vipclubmn.org/Articles/It'sAWrap.pdf> illustrates over \$100 billion in economic contributions to Minnesota.
- Our Legacy website Chapter 6 has a table of many of the spinoffs from the ERA lineage, as well as from CDC (<https://vipclubmn.org/Spinoffs.html#Corporations>). We have added a few since a June 23, 1986 St. Paul Pioneer Press and Dispatch listing.
- A speaker at the 1986 original plaque unveiling was then Sperry general manager, Wilfred 'Bill' Geiger (<https://vipclubmn.org/Locations.html#Commemorated>).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was good to see a lot of you at the open house held at the Lawshe Memorial Museum in March. There are many impressive displays, as well as an area dedicated to our heritage companies. Seeing our display brought back many great memories of the people, systems and programs that we all worked with and on through the years. Reminiscing with colleagues and hearing their stories was an added bonus.



This leads me to make a request of you. On our VIP Club website, the Legacy chapter ([Legacy Anthology, Chapter 1 \(vipclubmn.org\)](https://vipclubmn.org/Chapter1)), has an area for shared stories and experiences. I would encourage all of you to check it out and share your own experiences and stories. You will be surprised at how many people share some of those same memories. You can submit your story(ies) to any of the board members. As an example, I will share one of my work memories with you.

Back in the early 1980s, I was involved in the refurbishment of the UYK-5 system aboard four Navy support ships: the USS Dixie (AD-14), USS Ajax (AR-6), USS Hector (AR-7) and USS Jason (AR-8). The UYK-5 system consisted of a 1218 computer, two 1240 tape drives, a 3300 High-Speed Printer (HSP) and a Card Reader Punch Interpreter (CRPI) used for logistics support and payroll.

The overhaul effort would request 3-4 weeks of 12-hour days for 3 hard-working individuals. The 1218 computer was stripped of all chassis and cables. The cabinet cables were rebuilt with new shielding and sleeving and all indicators and switches were replaced. Chassis were stripped of all cards and the forks within the connectors were tightened and replaced if necessary. The chassis were then scrubbed and cleaned with an alcohol bath. The 1240 tape drives went through a similar process with the addition of all servo motors, tension arms and sensors reworked. The HSP always had several hammers to replace, as well as an occasional new drum. The CRPI was the scariest part of the process since the punch motor was disassembled and rebuilt. With more than 800 individual parts, it was quite an effort.

The best part of the effort was the looks we received from the sailors (Data Systems techs) that watched us strip the system down to the base components and rebuild the system like new, right there on the ship. I have left many details out in this summary version of my story, but I will add them to the Legacy Anthology page, just as I am encouraging all of you to do.

This effort was very successful and led to efforts in rebuilding several more systems aboard ship to allow the NAVY to receive equipment refurbishments without removing and shipping to a depot.

In relaying this story to you, I want to acknowledge John Bly, who was key in leading these refurbishment efforts. John passed away in 1997 at the age of 50.

Steve Koltas, VIP Club President

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Lawshe Memorial Museum Open House

The newly renovated Lawshe Memorial Museum was visited by 62 VIP Club members, spouses, family and friends who had a good afternoon at the open house on **March 7**. Three sons came with their fathers, one daughter and one daughter-in-law were there and five walk-ins were welcomed. All enjoyed the setup showing company history from Engineering Research Associates (ERA) through Lockheed Martin. They browsed the updated and expanded artifact exhibits in the Great Room, reveled in legacy accomplishments since the 2012 closure of the Eagan Lockheed Martin facility and could see the room dedicated to legacy cataloging. Check out the event pictures here, and more in the VIP Club website Gallery (<https://vipclubmn.org/Gallery/2023/0307Lawshe.pdf>).



Smock, CP-2044, Live MSP ATC Display and an ATC IOP



UYK-44 on a Display Pedestal and More Display Units

They also enjoyed a spread of hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments. Thank you to museum personnel, board members and spouses recruited to help with the planning, setup and cleanup. Special thanks to our volunteers who have donated thousands of hours cataloging documents and photographs as well as providing poster board data (<http://vipclubmn.org/Exhibits.html#Essay>).

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Volunteers gathered at Joseph's Grill on **April 19** to recognize April as National Volunteer Month, and enjoy a free lunch and a chance to visit with former coworkers and friends. All VIP Club members who volunteered for any non-profit organization or activity in 2022 were welcome. Each year the VIP Club recognizes all members who submit their input, and selects a recipient for the *Jansen Volunteer Extraordinaire* award. This year, John Westergren was awarded the 8th [Volunteer Extraordinaire award](#) in recognition of his years of VIP Club picnic management and co-chairing the IT Legacy committee, among other volunteer activities.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

We have entered the 2023 golf season! The Unified Legacy Golf League (ULGL – the combined Unisys and Lockheed Martin leagues) has about 260 members that play in 4 different afternoon leagues, each at a different course and each on a different day. Nine tournaments are scheduled each year, every 3 weeks at different courses and utilizing different formats. We averaged 118 golfers per tournament in 2022. **New individual members are invited to join us for 2023.** We started with a tournament in April, and league play begins the first week of May. Please contact Keith Behnke at keithbhnk@comcast.net to join or for more information. There is no deadline for new members; teams may need replacements during the year, and tournament players can join at any time.

Webmaster Ron Shursen has built an incredible website that provides up-to-date statistics on tournaments, leagues, teams and individuals. The ULGL website is found at <http://www.ulglnm.org/umgl/>. The weekly leagues are at Bunker Hills, Phalen, Emerald Greens and Southern Hills. A season-ending awards banquet is held in October at Mancini's to recognize the winners and conduct a short business meeting. Usually, each attendee goes home with a door prize. Visit the ULGL website (link above) to view pictures from the banquet. **New teams or individual golfers are always welcome to join;** contact Keith Behnke at keithbhnk@comcast.net for more information.

LEGACY STORY

Air Traffic Control was International

Browse to Our Stories in the Legacy Anthology (<https://vipclubmn.org/OurStories.html#2023>), then open the June article, a story from Glen Hambleton about his trials and tribulations working the ZKSD proposal. ZKSD stands for **Z**entraler **K**ontroll **S**treifen **D**ruck (literally, Central Control Strip Printing), or more descriptively, Central Flight Plan Data Processing and Strip Printing System. Flight strips were UNIVAC's original entry into Air Traffic Control (ATC); i.e., the file computer was used for 'strips' in the mid-50s before Automated Radar Tracking Systems (ARTS). The Legacy Committee welcomes more stories like Glen's; innovations in business often complemented technology to solve problems.

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ON THE FUN SIDE

We ran across a Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Test Group photo on Facebook and received the okay from Bob Buth to share it with you — as long as they didn't have to go to Hollywood or DC for more photo shoots! Pictured here, from L to R clockwise, are Tom Grendzinski, Lee Sheldon, Chuck Warnert, Bob Buth, John Rachac, Andy Simon and Roy Wilson.



RAAF Test Group Reunion Lunch ~
Yeah, we've aged a tad in 25 years!

Bob said there were 12 in the group back in the 90s; Ron Thule and Don Lovely have passed, Jerry Schmidt is in Thailand, Henry Yost is working in Iowa and Morley Moe lives in Hawaii. They have been meeting at the Italian Pie Shoppe for years, but met at Carbone's in April. Bob said it was the first time their lunch group was this big since pre-COVID.

If you have a recent photo of former coworkers or a story to share, send it to clubnewsltr@vipclubmn.org and we'll do our best to share it in the newsletter or on the website.

YOUR STORY

That Little Instrument in Your Pocket

G. Devlaminck

In 2003, Richard Rubin interviewed 102-year-old Frank Buckles for his book, *The Last of the Doughboys*. Buckles still lived and worked on his farm at 102. He died at the age of 110. At the end of the interview, Rubin asked Buckles, "You have lived to see so many changes. What kind of things have you seen that you could never have imagined?"

"That little instrument you have there in your pocket," he said, pointing to Rubin's cell phone.

Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876, and 97 years later (1973), Martin Cooper, a Motorola engineer, made the first handheld cellular phone call while walking along Sixth Avenue in New York between 53rd and 54th Streets. Now we have smartphones that are like a computer in our pockets.

The first programmable, electronic general digital computer, the Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer (ENIAC), was invented in 1946. It was primarily used to calculate artillery firing tables for the U.S. Army's Ballistic Research Laboratory, and was heralded as a "Giant Brain" by the press. It contained 18,000 vacuum tubes, 7,200 crystal diodes, 1,500 relays, 70,000 resistors, 10,000 capacitors and approximately 5,000,000 hand-soldered joints. It consumed 150 kW of electricity, weighed about 27 tons and occupied roughly 1,800 sq. ft.

The smartphone is the most common computer today, and we carry it in our pockets. You may not think of it as a computer, but the functionality is enabled by multiple computers working together. The cell phone is something the designers of the ENIAC could never have imagined, but let us jump ahead to the transistor-era computers, because those ENIAC vacuum tubes would be too hot in our pockets.

Today's smartphone has the equivalent of 2 billion transistors, or as many as 6 billion. Assuming a 2-billion transistor smartphone and 1 cubic inch for each transistor using 1950s technology, the size of that little instrument in your pocket would be a 4-story building approximately 240 feet long and 100 feet wide (1,157,407 cubic feet). Would it fit into a building the size of Plant 8 that was located at Pilot Knob and Yankee Doodle in Eagan or the Roseville facility? A smartphone with 1950s technology will not fit in your pocket, and you would need to be connected to the grid to power it. Don't forget that you also would require a cathode ray display and a big camera.

That little instrument has changed the way we socialize. At gatherings, many people are texting or

playing games on their little instruments instead of conversing with each other face-to-face.

There are also smartphone applications for many other functions, such as continually tracking your location, whether you are driving, riding a bike or walking. You get reports via e-mail of all the places where you've been. If you're having a secret rendezvous, you better turn off your smartphone before leaving home or someone may find out where you went! Smartphone apps can also monitor your sleep and record what you say while sleep-talking. When you wake up in the morning, you can listen to your phone to hear stories you have forgotten about the adventures of your youth.

I think old Frank Buckles was right when he told author Richard Rubin that the little instrument in his pocket was the biggest change he had seen in his lifetime.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF:

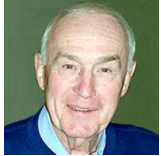
The obits hereunder are redacted from funeral home postings or Pioneer Press, Star Tribune, or applicable local listings.

The VIP Club board extends its sympathies to the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones.

We will grieve not, rather find strength in what remains behind.

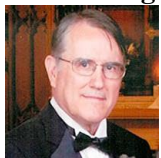
~William Wordsworth~

David Dake Chatfield – Age 89, passed away of natural causes in his home in Bloomington, MN on February 27, 2023. David served four years in the U.S. Navy and worked for Sperry Unisys for 35 years as a systems programmer.



Coworkers considered him clever, a smart and knowledgeable teacher and mentor, but most of all the nicest guy to be around and a lot of fun. David was quick to offer up a riddle and even quicker to solve one. He was incredibly caring, evident through his abundant giving and service. David loved spending time outdoors and waterfowl hunting, and was known for his cunning cribbage and croquet playing. He and the love of his life, his wife, Donna Niebuhr, went on many adventures in their retirement years. David is survived by his wife, Donna, two sons and four grandchildren.

David Eugene Cross – Age 75, passed away February 23, 2023. David served his country for seven years in the U.S. Navy and graduated from the U of MN with a bachelor's degree in computer science. He worked at Unisys and Cadence as a staff engineer. Unisys coworkers knew David as a nice fellow, and remembered he regularly attended their Eagles breakfasts; he was also a VIP Club member. He was a member of MENSAs and Westonka Historical Society, and was a past coordinator of the Gillespie



Center Bridge Group. David was passionate about genealogy; he was a past president of MN Genealogy Society and a Rogalandslag genealogist. David will be missed by his wife of 52 years, Gaynal, two daughters, two grandchildren and other family members.

Kenneth Lyle Engelbrecht – Age 71, of Blaine, MN, passed away from metastasized Melanoma on February 26, 2023. Following graduation from the U of MN, Ken started as a test engineer in Manufacturing and culminated as a professional consultant in Product Development at Univac/Sperry/Unisys, Roseville, where he spent his entire career until retirement. Ken's main focus was on addressing and control in the 1100/2200 system processors. He also helped develop the Unisys proprietary BEST logic synthesis tool before industry-standard tools were available. Ken was an expert in processor development, greatly contributing to bringing excellent systems to market and respected by colleagues and management.



William Arnold "Bill" Galle – Age 92, passed away surrounded by his family on March 6, 2023. Bill enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard, while also attending Elgin Watchmakers College. He later served in the U.S. Navy on the USS Rehobeth, a geological survey ship conducting Oceanographic research in the North Atlantic. Bill began his career at Sperry UNIVAC/Unisys, where he worked for 36 years, both in New Jersey and Minneapolis. After retiring, Bill and his wife, Fran Dirckx, moved to Las Vegas where Bill was proud to be a ranger of the Dell Webb golf community. They also did a lot of world traveling with friends and family. After Fran passed, Bill enjoyed his family time, especially the grandchildren's games, plays and concerts. He also enjoyed volunteering for Habitat for Humanity and the Unisys VIP Club where he served on the board as newsletter editor and treasurer. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Frances, and is survived by 5 children, 10 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and other family and friends. He was buried at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery with full military honors.



Stanley John Hinich – Age 91, of St. Paul, MN, passed away peacefully on February 16, 2023. Stanley worked for 38 years at Unisys, Eagan, and at H&R Block after retirement. He is survived by his wife, Muriel, six children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Debra Sue 'Debby' Jesser – Age 65, of Andover, MN, passed away peacefully on March 2, 2023. Debby attended Northwestern College where she met the love of her life, Keith Jesser, who was later employed at



Unisys, Roseville. Debby was a faithful follower of Jesus, living by His example and giving her time to the Church. Debby held several careers; she worked in the home, was a filing clerk, secretary, bank teller, volunteer, preschool teacher's assistant and a successful Medicare insurance agent winning multiple sales awards. Debby's true joy came from helping seniors live comfortably in retirement. She cherished connections, always looking to plan a party, a gathering at the "lake place," a holiday event or just a visit with someone in need. She had many hobbies and loved creative decorating projects, crafting with the kids and rubber stamping. Debby loved to explore, taking road trips with Keith and dreaming up new family adventures. She loved children as a mother, a preschool teacher and a grandma. Debby is survived by her husband, Keith, two children, two grandchildren and other family.

Eugene "Gene" Johnston – Age 88, of Fort Collins, CO, passed away on February 28, 2023. Gene worked the Nike-x program as a field engineer at Bell Labs in Whippany, N.J., and worked on several other design programs after UNIVAC lost the field support contract to Western Electric.

Bonnie Klick – Age 67, passed away surrounded by family on April 1, 2023, after a courageous battle with brain cancer (glioblastoma). Bonnie earned her bachelor's degree in computer science at the U of MN, and a master's degree in software systems from St. Thomas University. She had a handful of jobs for a few different fortune 500 companies. A coworker in the Unisys S/W Support group remembers Bonnie as always having a great attitude and as a great resource. Another remembered her as "social, smart, and sassy...so much fun! Always first in reaching out to the sad, taking on a new task and defending and bolstering the hurting." Bonnie's ultimate goal was to work for a large medical company where she could contribute to making lifesaving devices. She landed at Boston Scientific for the majority of her career, and from which she retired. Despite her many professional accomplishments, her favorite job was as wife, mother and grandmother. Bonnie's hobbies included traveling the world; she loved the outdoors—fishing, hiking and bird watching and loved reading, particularly science fiction or fantasy. Bonnie was selfless, a servant of God devoted to being a good Christian. Bonnie is survived by her husband of 40 years, Dennis, three children, three grandchildren and a sister.



Sandra Kaye Kratz – Age 79, passed away unexpectedly on March 24, 2023. Sandie earned a bachelor's degree and later a master's degree from Mankato State University, where she met the love of her life and



true companion, Thomas Kratz, to whom she was married for 57 years. Tom, spent his entire career with UNIVAC/Unisys/LM (<https://vipclubmn.org/People4.html>), and is one of the few people who belonged to the Univac P3-C Flying Programmer Club (<https://vipclubmn.org/flyingps.html#Others>).

Both Sandie and Tom are VIP Club members. Travel was a theme throughout Sandie's life; Tom's work took them coast-to-coast and to Germany, and they continued world travelling, often with their special travel group. Sandie was a loving and caring special education teacher in the Burnsville school district for over 25 years. She had an appetite for lifelong learning, loved nature's splendor, and later in life found interests in golf outings w/luncheons, daily walks and spending time with friends. Her greatest joy was being "Meema" to her grandchildren and creating cherished memories. Sandie was preceded in death by a baby granddaughter, and is survived by her husband, Tom, two sons, four grandchildren and many other family members.

Vivian Ellen Marie Lahti – Age 93, of Little Canada, MN, formerly Fridley, MN, passed away peacefully on March 23, 2023. Vivian's husband, Archie, worked for UNIVAC/Unisys from June 1956 to March 1989, when there was a voluntary retirement offer. He worked mostly on the 1100/2200 series, then as a logic designer at Roseville. They both became VIP Club members. Vivian attended Duluth Business School and McConnell Travel School in Minneapolis, and completed further dental assistant training. She worked as a dental assistant in Virginia, MN, and at Columbia University in New York City. Vivian was an adventurous young woman who took many vacations with friends. She was a volunteer at Unity Hospital, and with a quilting and sewing group that provided clothing for needy families. She enjoyed sewing, walking, art, gardening and traveling, having traveled with Archie to many of the 50 states. Vivian and Archie were longtime Fridley residents; they survived the 1965 tornadoes which totally destroyed their home, rebuilt and remained for a total of 60 years. Vivian is survived by her husband of 67 years, Archie, four children, nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.



Robert Emil 'Bob' Lemke – Age 80, of Medina, MN, passed away suddenly at home on March 8, 2023. Bob joined the U.S. Air Force and went on to attend the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point where he earned a bachelor of science degree. Bob had a highly successful 30+-year career as a Production Manager and Quality Control Engineer with Unisys, 3M and Medtronic. Bob was first married to Louise, then to Judy



Lemke (Gollon) for 50 years. For over 50 years he went to countless kids' practices, games and recitals for dance, music, baseball, basketball, gymnastics or soccer. He made it through 5 decades of doctors' visits, theme park rides and waterslides, always there to cheer them on, boost their spirits or just listen. Bob was an avid outdoorsman who loved anything outdoors—fishing, hunting, boating, golfing and snowmobiling. He was most at home in the woods, or at his place in Hayward, WI. He was also a big fan of professional golf, basketball, football and, of course, the Packers. Bob had wit and humor with his predictable little quips and practical jokes getting a laugh every time. He especially enjoyed family gatherings, and would never miss an outing with his life-long buddies. Bob is survived by his wife, Judy, three children, a grandson and many other close family members and friends. His Celebration of Life Service in Hayward included military honors.

Paris “Perry” Nitti – Age 66, passed away February 13, 2023, after a brief courageous battle with cancer. Perry’s loving wife of 47 years is longtime Sperry Univac/Lockheed Martin employee Janice (Jan) (Dwuznik) Nitti; they are both VIP Club members. Perry was a 37-year member of Local 49



Operating Engineers. He loved his family, spending time at the lake, woodworking, cooking, sous vide, grilling, smoking food and having the latest cooking spices, rubs and gadgets. Perry is survived by his wife, Jan, two sons, Papa Perry to five grandchildren and many other family members.

Janice Pannkuk – Age 87, of Burnsville, MN, passed away on April 16, 2023. Janice was married to Arlo Pannkuk, who worked for Sperry UNIVAC and Unisys in Roseville. They are VIP Club members, including regular participants at the December



Christmas parties. Janice got her associates degree from the U of MN. While Arlo was in the U.S. Army, they lived on Fort Bliss military base in Texas. Upon discharge they moved to St. Louis, MO, where Arlo took a job at MacDonal Aircraft; they later moved to the Twin Cities. Janice was an active church participant and program leader. Janice and Arlo chaired the church’s Refugee Resettlement Program, helping to resettle a family from Vietnam to Minneapolis. After raising her family, Janice became her mother’s caretaker, including taking a job at Carefree Living Care Center where her mother lived. Janice and Arlo traveled to West Africa through Arlo’s involvement with the YMCA International Association of Y’s Men’s Clubs. Janice was so inspired by the hard work of the women she met, she became a member of the Roosevelt Chapter Y Service Club, and 29 years later was still serving

people around the world. They traveled to at least 22 different countries and hosted countless foreign guests in their home. Janice enjoyed reading and became well-versed in events impacting people’s lives in those countries. Books were a part of her life at home and at their cabin on Borden Lake, a special joy where she had time to meditate, enjoy God’s beauty, reflect on life and be surrounded by family. They also attended countless soccer, football and basketball games, dance recitals, concerts and plays. Janice was preceded in death by a granddaughter, and is survived by her husband of 66 years, Arlo, five children, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and other family members.

Floyd “Pete” Jarvis Pedersen – Age 88, of Prescott, WI, passed away peacefully on March 24, 2023. Floyd received his teaching degree from UW-Superior, then taught science at Prescott Middle School for 10 years. He joined the National Guard, finishing first in his division, allowing him to earn a



master’s degree at Texas A&M. He went on to a longtime career at UNIVAC. Floyd enjoyed golfing, bowling, playing cards, entertaining and doing whatever his wife of 66 years, Darlene (Dar), told him to do. He also enjoyed summers at their cabin on Connors Lake in Webster, WI and wintering in Texas. Floyd will be remembered for his strong Norwegian heritage, his love and devotion to Dar and excellent storytelling. They rarely missed an opportunity to spend time with family and seeing their great-grandkids always put a smile on their faces. Floyd is survived by two children, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene.

Retirement Status and Benefits:

Numbers to call if you or your heirs have death benefit or pension questions – you will need an SSN and a PIN.

- ♦ **UNISYS:** **1-877-864-7972**
- ♦ **Lockheed Martin:** **1-866-562-2363**

****LMCO retirees:** If you are eligible for the health care supplement through VIA Benefits, submit your expenses to receive up to \$900 each annually for you and your spouse (Total \$1,800). Eligible expenses include copayments, Medicare premiums and insurance supplement premiums. For questions call **VIA Benefits** at **1-844-596-0460** or go to <https://my.viabenefits.com/>.

Picture Caption Acronyms Defined	
Acronym	Definition
ATC	Air Traffic Control
CP-2044	AN/ASQ-212 computer to replace the CP-901 on the U.S. Navy’s P-3C aircraft
IOP	Input Output Processor
MSP	Minneapolis St. Paul
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force
UYK-44	U.S. Navy Standard 16-bit Computer (replacement for UYK-20)



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PERIODIC SOCIAL GROUPS

Monthly Breakfast Gathering

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

Monthly Lunch Gatherings

- **1st Tuesday**, 11:00 a.m. – **Casper's Cherokee of Eagan**, 4625 Nicols Rd. **Keith Behnke**: 651-587-2591.
- **2nd Tuesday**, 11:30 a.m. – **Mall of America** 3rd floor North Food Court between the elevator & Burger King. **Paul Wennerstrom**: 952-854-7855.
- **2nd Saturday** of odd-numbered months, 11 a.m. – Baker's Square, 1881 West Hwy 36, **Roseville**. **Urho Rahkola**: 651-429-3319. **Temporarily Suspended**

Quarterly Breakfast Gathering

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

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