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

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Wednesday, August 03
Wednesday, August 10

Board Meeting, Eagan
Eagan, Program & Social Time

10:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 07
Wednesday, September 14

Board Meeting, Roseville
Roseville, Program & Social Time

10:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

AUGUST PROGRAM: EAGAN

Do you want to learn a little more about Minnesota weather? Dr Mark Seeley, climatologist / meteorologist from the University of Minnesota Department of Soil, Water and Climate will speak to us on "Climate Trends in Minnesota - Some Implied and Documented Impacts". Recent climate trends in Minnesota show a pronounced warming in the winter months, biased contribution in warmth from minimum temperatures, higher frequency of tropical like dew points, and an increase in annual precipitation. The change in winter temperature has both frequency and amplitude characteristics that have implications for soil and lake freezing. Minimum temperature trends have had impact on the biological environment as well as animal behaviors. Other consequential implications of these changes in climate characteristics will be discussed.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: ROSEVILLE

For the September 14th program we'll have Gordon "Porky" Lee, from the Our Gang (Little Rascals) movie series, speak to us about his experiences working as a child actor on a movie set about 70years ago. Porky was eclipsed by the likes of Spanky, Darla and Alfalfa in the series but played a supporting role in 24 of the films. We'll watch him in video versions of "Hide & Shriek" and "Little Sinner". His autographed pictures will be available for sale.

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REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE
LIGHT GOES OUT**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From: Dale Phelps

The Unisys/Lockheed Martin VIP Club commemorated a major milestone on the thirteenth of July celebrating its 25th Anniversary with a picnic in Highland Park. Past Presidents in attendance were: Ray Miller, Millie Gignac, Warren Becker, Chuck Homan, Barney Buss, Bernie Jansen, John Dufour and Hank Dotzler. It was good to see the support for the club from these past presidents. A special gold imprinted VIP Club 25th Anniversary pen was presented to each member in attendance. Everyone had a chance to look at the collection of memorabilia that was displayed on a table - there was a lot of history for us to reminisce about. Even though it was a very warm July night, the attendance was the largest I have ever seen at a VIP Club Picnic. Everyone had a good time socializing and eating the wonderful potluck food along with the grilled hamburgers and soft drinks and 25th Anniversary cake provided by the Club. Special "thanks" are offered to: 1). Jim Larson, Chuck Homan, and Paul Lindholm for their preparation of 160 hamburgers in 90 degree plus weather; 2). Ruth

Sanborn, Marion Scott, Dorothy Becker, Midge Homan, Geri Dotzler, and Lynn Lindholm for their layout of all the potluck items, table prep and the cleanup of the kitchen and tables after the picnic; 3). Nick Benson for taking photos of the picnic highlights; and 4). Chuck Homan for reserving the pavilion back in January. Picnic pictures are included as an insert in this newsletter.

I personally want to thank everyone who helped make this 25th Anniversary party a big success. I can say it was a big success with all the support we had.

Our August program will be in Eagan with Dr. Mark Seeley who will be speaking on "Climate Trends in Minnesota – Some Implied and Documented Impacts".

Respectfully, Dale Phelps, VIP Club President

Only Irish coffee provides, in a single glass, all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat. Alex Levine

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DINING CLUBS & GROUPS

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

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

Luncheon Groups & Dinner Clubs:
One Unisys Luncheon group meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet, Holly Shopping Center, located at University

Ave. and Mississippi St. just north of I-694. For information call **651-552-1465**

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

And another Luncheon group (Unisys and Burroughs) meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the Mall of America 3rd floor North Food Court. We sit at the tables between the elevator and Burger King. For information call **952-854-7855**.

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

MEETING & EVENT DATES 2005/2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Activity</u>
June 08	4:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
July 13	4:00 p.m.	Park	VIP Club Picnic
Aug 10	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Sept 14	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Oct 12	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Nov. 09	6:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Pot Luck – Program
Dec. 08	5:45 p.m.	USAF	Christmas Party
Jan. 11	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Feb. 08	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Mar. 08	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Apr 12	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
May. 10	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time

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

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. Will Rogers

WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Butler, Bill	U	St. Paul, MN
Edwins, Al and DeDe	LM	Inver Grove Hts, MN
Roos, William	LM	Bloomington MN
Skelton, Margaret	U/B	Eagan, MN

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

IN REMEMBRANCE



Hemp, Carl William – Age 70 of Hastings, MN. Died on Tuesday, 6/21/05 at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN from complications of his 11 year battle with chronic lymphosetic

leukemia. Carl was employed for 36 years as a budget analyst at Lockheed Martin (formerly known as Remington Rand, Unisys, Univac, Sperry Univac, etc.) He retired in 1995. He is survived by his wife, Judy. Carl was a member of the VIP Club.

Hoelle, Raymond R. - Age 80, Formerly of Brooklyn Center & Golden Valley. Raymond was a Unisys retiree. He was preceded in death by his wife, Juanita.

Schroeder, Richard L. - Age 70 of Apple Valley, MN. Born October 20, 1934 in Moline, IL and died peacefully at home June 17, 2005 from cancer. Richard is survived by loving wife of 38 years, Evelyn.

HAPPENINGS

Jim Commander VP Unisys Retired July 1, 2005



After 30 years with Unisys Roseville, Jim Commander, Vice President, ClearPath OS2200 Systems, has retired. Jim as VP at Unisys was a strong supporter of the VIP Club. The VIP Club wishes you the best of luck in your retirement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Live Auction for United Way at Unisys

During this year's Unisys United Way campaign, the VIP Club will help host a "live auction" at Unisys for all retirees and Unisys, Roseville employees. All retirees are invited to participate by attending this special event to bid on auction items and visit with employees over the noon hour.

Please consider donating an item for the live auction. All sorts of things are needed such as art work, antiques, gift certificates, time-shares, a week or weekend at your lake home, special services such as painting or wallpapering, Sperry memorabilia items, etc. The list of possible items to donate is endless so think about what you can donate!

This event will take place during the Unisys United Way Campaign scheduled for the week of September 12 so now is the time to think about what you can donate. *All proceeds from the auction will be donated to United Way and all items donated to the auction are tax-deductible.* Be sure to watch the next newsletter for more details about this event including date and time.

Questions about the auction in general or about donating an item can be directed to Pauline Alfors at Pauline.Ash@Unisys.com or 651-636-3979 (Unisys). Also, if you are interested in volunteering to help with this event, let Pauline know.

MEDICARE'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY

You are invited to Medicare's 40TH Anniversary Congressional Summit. Help us celebrate Medicare's important history and review its unfinished business. Former Vice-president and Senator Walter Mondale will offer reflections on the passage of Medicare and Jan Malcolm, President and CEO of Courage Center will speak to current concerns. In addition, speakers will address Medicare issues from hospital, physician, payer (HMO), and consumer perspectives. All of our Congressional officeholders have been invited (Rep. Ramstad and Sabo have already committed). The date is Monday, August 1, 9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Creek Center, 14,800 34th Ave. N., Plymouth.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

As a former employee of one or more of the many legacy companies now comprised by Lockheed Martin, you may possess information or even artifacts that the company would like to preserve. Lockheed Martin Maritime Systems & Sensors (MS2) has embarked on a research project into the company's history and memorabilia. MS2 is particularly interested in the reservoir of knowledge represented by its retirees. If you have recollections, documents, photos, or artifacts you think may be significant in the history of the company, or know of someone who might, please contact John Skonnord, Lockheed Martin Publications, by 3 August 2005 (651-456-3541, john.a.skonnord@lmco.com).

OLD TIMERS FIELD ENGINEERING PICNIC

Mark your calendars for the OLD TIMERS FIELD ENGINEERING PICNIC. This picnic will be at Spring Lake Park Reserve /Schaar's Bluff on the 6th of August from noon to five. This picnic is arranged and sponsored by Curt Anderson. More information and directions are shown on page 5. Questions can be directed to Curt Anderson at 651-438-9851 or email anderscurt@comcast.net.

BLOODMOBILE

Bloodmobile Information from Marion Scott: RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES SCHEDULE.

Wednesday, August 24th, Lockheed Martin, Eagan.

Thursday, August 25th, Unisys MACS, Eagan.

Tuesday, September 13th, Unisys, Roseville.

HEALTH ISSUES

SOCIAL SECURITY UPDATE

The Pozen Plan to ensure benefits are smaller in the future proposes substitute price indexing for wage indexing beginning in 2012; the President likes this for those earning over \$20,000. The plan also allows workers to voluntarily place 2% of their Social Security taxes in investment accounts that are projected to return about 4.8%. At retirement, the worker would convert the account to an annuity that would supplement regular Social Security benefits that have been cut by the percentage contributed to the voluntary account (see August, Consumer's Reports).

Another result would be the benefit cuts seen by surviving family members of workers who die before retirement. The Pozen Plan (President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security) would impose a 9.4% benefit cut for a worker who dies at age 45. Men in their twenties have a 30% chance of becoming disabled before retirement, and with a third of those likely to die before retirement. (28 June, Economic Policy Institute).

Worse is the DeMint Plan to use the current Social Security tax surplus to fund private accounts until the surplus runs out in a projected 11 years. The typical worker might accumulate \$3-5,000 in such an account – and owe the equivalent amount to the government. Many more workers would accumulate only a few hundred dollars in accounts, all of which would have to be managed until retirement and all subject to level of repayment to the government. This is a good chance to lose money and a sure way to accelerate the time when Social Security funds could no longer pay 100% of planned benefits – projected to be 2041 or 2052 (6 July, Economic Policy Institute).

Even though members of Congress have said they do not have time to find agreement on any Social Security proposals, both Rep. Thomas and Sen. Grassley are thought to have some form of reform bills available that would appear mostly reasonable and could actually be voted on. The fear is that if both houses passed an innocuous bill, a conference

committee could add private accounts or worse. Remember, a conference committee gave us the 2003 Medicare Modernization Act. The drug companies and health insurance companies got theirs with the MMA; Wall Street would get theirs with private accounts. Submitted by Brian Berggren

CONSUMER DRIVEN SENIORS

Consumer-driven is the latest and greatest direction for "Older Adult Services," according to a 2005 Minnesota Department of Human Services report. Projections have Minnesota's senior population tripling between 2000 and 2050; those over 85 will grow by a factor of six. Human Services also projects that the elderly dependency ratio will more than double. By 2030, 1.3 million persons will be 65 and older; 265,000 will be women living alone with limited family and personal resources and 180,000 will not have adequate income for health and long-term care costs. The good part of the report is the goal of reducing care through the institutional model (nursing homes) and expanding home care and residential options. The bad part is the financing options: five types of long-term care insurance products, reverse mortgages and family loans, and private savings for a care annuity. The Dept. of Human Services even considers Medicaid as something that crowds out private options. The report concludes by saying, "There needs to be a variety of options available to meet the differing circumstances of individuals and families." Is this just a polite way of saying you only get what you can afford? Submitted by Brian Berggren.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

A pastor, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with these guys? We must have been waiting for 15 minutes!" The doctor chimed in "I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude!" The pastor said. Hey, here comes the greens keeper, let's have a word with him." "Hi George! Say, what's with that group ahead of us? They are rather slow, aren't they?" The greens keeper replied, "Oh yes, that's a group of blind fire-fighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime". The group was silent for a moment. The pastor said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight." The doctor said, "Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for them." The engineer said, "Why, can't these guys play at night".

9th ANNUAL
OLD TIMERS FIELD ENGINEERING PICNIC
ERA / UNIVAC / UNISYS / LOCKHEED-MARTIN

WHEN: SATURDAY 6 AUGUST 2005 (NOON TO 5PM)

WHERE: SPRING LAKE PARK RESERVE / SCHAAR'S BLUFF (EAST SHELTER) LOCATED 5 MILES WEST OF HASTINGS ON COUNTY ROAD 42. TURN NORTH ON IDELL AVE (A SIGN READING "DAKOTA COUNTY SPRING LAKE PARK - SCHAARS BLUFF" MARKS THIS INTERSECTION) AND GO TO THE EAST PICNIC SHELTER.

WHAT: BRING YOUR OWN FOOD BUT BEER/POP/CHARCOAL WILL BE PROVIDED

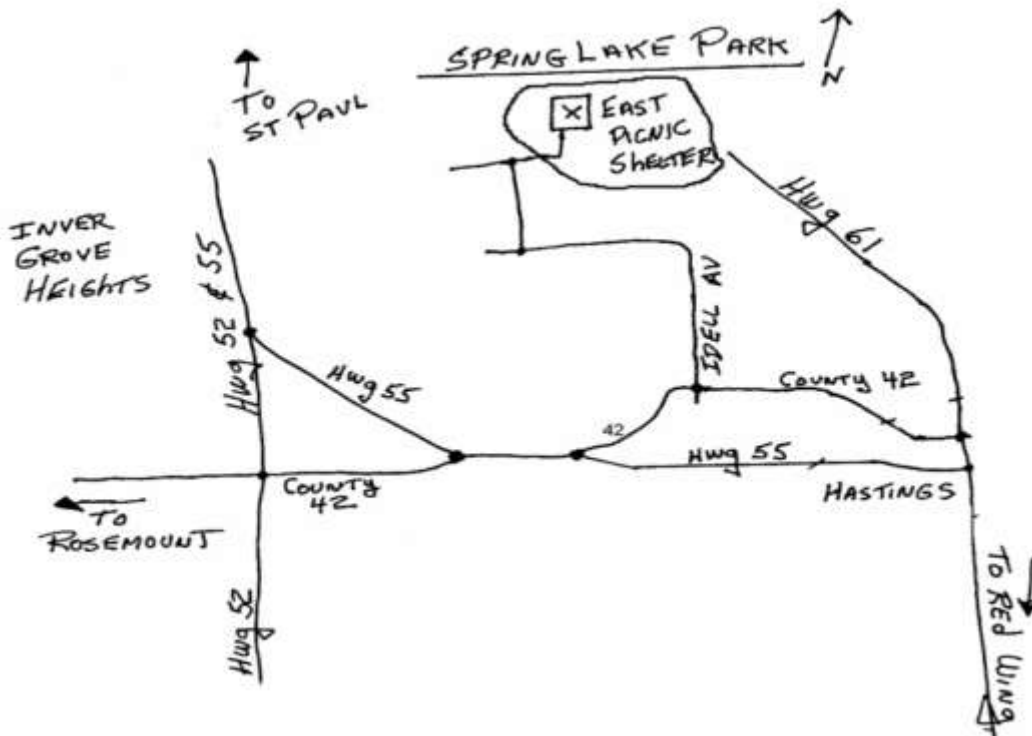
COST: \$10 DONATION APPRECIATED TO COVER SHELTER RENTAL / BEER / POP / ICE / CHARCOAL / POSTAGE

PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD TO ALL OF OUR CO-WORKERS AND FRIENDS FROM ANYWHERE IN THE COMPANY - NOT JUST FIELD ENGINEERING. LAST YEAR WE HAD ABOUT 30 PEOPLE ATTEND SO LETS HAVE ANOTHER GOOD TURNOUT THIS YEAR.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THE PICNIC.

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

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

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