

VIP Club Newsletter

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

The Number to call for information on Lockheed Martin Retirement Status and Benefits: 1--866-562-2363.

Wednesday, September 07	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 14	Roseville, Program & Social Time	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 05	Board Meeting, Eagan	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 12	Eagan, Program & Social Time	7:00 p.m.

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 70 years 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.

OCTOBER PROGRAM: EAGAN

The October program for Eagan will be announced in the next newsletter.

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

Please send permanent address changes to Dick Mullins addressed to the VIP Club at the address given on the label page of the newsletter. Also, please remember that for temporary changes the U.S. Postal Service will forward your mail.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

IF YOUR ADDRESS LABEL HAS 2005 AFTER YOUR NAME, YOU ARE NOT PAID FOR 2006. THE YEARLY RATE HAS INCREASED TO \$5. **SAVE MONEY AND RENEW FOR 3 YEARS FOR \$12.** PLEASE USE THE DUES COUPON ON PAGE 5 AND RENEW FOR 3 YEARS OR MORE AT A \$4 PER YEAR RATE.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From: Dale Phelps

Our August program began with short presentations by two guests.

Ms. Pauline Alfors, the United Way executive for Unisys, requested VIP Club members' help in two areas: 1). Financial support of the United Way Campaign which the Club has participated in for many years. A September mailing from Unisys will provide current status and Fund Drive donation forms; 2). Direct support of the United Way Campaign "live auction" which be held the week of September 12th - members are asked to help by donating items for the auction and to attend and help staff the booths for the auction. Further details on this event are provided in the **ANNOUNCEMENTS** section on Page 2 of this Newsletter.

Mr. R.J. (Ole) Olson of Lockheed Martin spoke in behalf of the ongoing "History Legacy" project which seeks to gather historical information, records and artifacts from the predecessor, legacy companies to Lockheed Martin (MS2) in the Twin Cities. If anyone has information or artifacts they would like

to donate, please contact Ole Olson at Lockheed Martin, phone number 651-456-3158.

The featured speaker at our August program meeting, Dr. Mark Seeley gave an excellent and lively presentation on Minnesota weather and climate. He presented historical data on Minnesota weather, temperatures, and climate trends in relation to national and global weather conditions. He discussed the resultant impact of these factors in terms of environmental, ethical, and political restraints. We hope all persons that attended got a better understanding of our weather changes in Minnesota and nationally.

The VIP Club is still looking for members to be an Officer or Director of the Club. I strongly encourage you to make a commitment to fulfill this request so your name can be on the ballot for our 2006 election which will be held at the November program meeting.

Respectfully, Dale Phelps, VIP Club President

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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 Larpentour Avenue. For information call **763-786-1044**.

MEETING & EVENT DATES 2005/2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Activity</u>
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.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Feb. 08	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Mar. 08	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Apr 12	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
May. 10	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
June 14	4:00 p.m.	Park	VIP Club Picnic
July 12	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Aug 9	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	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

WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Anderson, Donald & Connie LM Apple Valley, MN
Anderson, Rip and Judy LM Apple Valley, MN
Floeder, John LM Arden Hills, MN
Lindemann, Darrell & Barbara LM Lakeville, MN
Moe, Gary U St Paul, MN
Tiede, Max and Alice LM Eagan, MN

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

IN REMEMBRANCE

Dikis, Lester Curtiss - Age 62 of Prior Lake, MN. Survived by mother, Ruth Dikis of White Hall, IL; and wife, Dianne "Sunny" Dikis of Prior Lake. Lester was a Lockheed retiree and a member of the VIP Club.



Schoeberl John W. - Age 76 of White Bear Lake. Survived by wife, Betty. John retired from Unisys in 1990 after 34 years of service. John was an electrical design engineer in Component Engineering in Plant 8 when he retired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Can You Donate Something for the Unisys United Way Auction?

During this year's Unisys United Way campaign, the VIP Club will help to host a "live auction" at Unisys for all Unisys employees and retirees. 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 auction will take place **Monday September 12th in Eagan** at the MACS building and **Tuesday September 13th in Roseville**. View times for auction items are 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon with the auction starting at 12 noon. *All proceeds from the auction will be donated to United Way and all items donated to the auction are tax-deductible.*

Questions about the auction in general or about donating an item can be directed to Pauline Alfors at Pauline.Ash@Unisys.com or 651-635-3979 (Unisys). Also, if you are interested in volunteering to help with this event, let Pauline know.

You Are Invited

You are invited to attend the kick-off events for this year's Unisys United Way campaigns for Eagan and Roseville: Monday, September 12th in Eagan (MACS) 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will include activities such as a live auction, picnic and golf games; and Tuesday, September 13th in Roseville 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will include activities such

as a live auction, employee farmer's market, car show and games. Please come and join the fun, visit with friends and support United Way.

HEALTH ISSUES

Medicare's Future

With current Medicare enrollment at 42 million beneficiaries, the number of those eligible will rise rapidly starting in 2011 when the first boomers born in 1946 reach 65. When the last of the boomers born in 1965 reaches 65 in 2030, Medicare enrollment is estimated to almost double at 79 million.

Thomas R. Saving, a senior fellow with the National Center for Policy Analysis and a Medicare trustee, has told Congress that after 2075 Medicare will consume nearly all money from income taxes. He said, "In 2004 it accounted for 13 percent of the Federal budget, 2.6 percent of GDP and required general revenue transfers equal to 10.7 percent of federal income taxes." (Data is from Source Book of the National Academy of Social Insurance.)

I'll close with some discouraging words from Senator Durenberger's NIHP Commentary papers. The trustees predict the program's bankruptcy in 2019. Congress is required to act when 45% of Medicare payments come from general revenue in 2007. Even if Congress adopted every MedPAC recommendation for the next 40 years, program changes alone cannot save the Medicare program as we know it today. Submitted by Brian Bergren.

Social Security

Social Security as it turns 70, will pay benefits that exceed income in 2017, will no longer grow trust fund reserves in 2027, will no longer have trust fund reserves in 2041, and will only be able to pay about 75 percent of planned benefits after 2041 (or 2052). Retirement planning always used savings, pensions, and Social Security. Savings have fallen from 9.4 percent of income to 1.3 percent in 2004. Pension plans have fallen by two-thirds in this period. Social Security's 25 percent shortfall in 36 years looks almost benign. The real problem is that the dollars from savings and pensions aren't doing as good a job as the second and third parts of retirement support. The Washington Post (24 July 2005) projects that retirees will have "...at least \$45 billion less in 2031 than what they will need to cover basic living expenses"...and care costs.

Population Watershed

We are in a decade with three significant transitions. From 2000 on, old people will outnumber young people; from 2007 on, urban people will outnumber rural people; and, from 2003 on, women will have

only enough children to replace the mother and father. (See Joel E. Cohen, Scientific American Sept. 05).

Cohen notes three additional transitions. "No person who died before 1930 had lived through a doubling of the human population." And no one born after 2050 is likely to. Between 1965 and 1970, the population grew at about 2.1 percent a year, the highest ever reached. The growth rate has fallen to 1.1 to 1.2 percent a year. And last, "in 1950 the less developed regions had roughly twice the population of the more developed ones; by 2050 the ratio will exceed six to one."

To the optimist, the glass is half full. To the pessimist, the glass is half empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

HAPPENINGS

The Lebanon Cemetery of Apple Valley By Wilton Anderson

Wilton Anderson is a 30-year Sperry employee who retired in December 1986. For the last 17 years he has volunteered at the Apple Valley Lebanon Cemetery. He was instrumental in turning the cemetery over to the city in 1998 and presently serves as the chairperson of the Apple Valley Lebanon Cemetery Committee. The following is his story.

The Lebanon Cemetery of Apple Valley was established in 1863 at the time of the civil war when the area was known as Lebanon Township. The original 2-acre grave site has been the only public non-denominational cemetery to serve this entire community. The earliest recorded burial is May 25, 1861 and the first lot was sold for \$5.00 to a H.J. Verill.

More and more cemeteries today are owned by large for-profit corporations who operate many cemeteries throughout the United States. But for 135 years the Lebanon Cemetery, a valuable part of Apple Valley's history, had been association owned - that is owned by those who buy and own a grave site. It had been managed and operated by a small volunteer Board of Trustees who with limited resources, from the sale of grave lots, maintained the cemetery as a public service throughout those many years.

After the area became Apple Valley with a fast growing but aging population, many of the area citizens were choosing Lebanon as their final resting place. This historic cemetery, nearing capacity,

needed additional space and a major upgrade if it was to continue to serve this community. In 1992, the Board of Trustees realized that the cemetery could not meet today's needs without additional resources and voted to offer the cemetery to the City of Apple Valley in return for city perpetual care and expansion.

The city did not accept the offer but realized the cemeteries importance to the community as well as its historic value and responded by conducting a study of other area cemeteries. The study suggested that a more formalized Board of Directors first be formed and incorporated. The study also showed that the present cemetery had to be improved and expanded for future needs but was still reluctant to take city ownership.

A new board was formed and incorporated consisting of an area clergyman, mortician, city council members, area business people, and senior citizens. Volunteer groups like the Boy Scouts, Sentence-to-Serve, and New Chance programs from Dakota County were obtained to help clean up the original cemetery. This did not alleviate the space problem so in April of 1997, the board asked for City Council approval to put a stand-alone cemetery referendum question on the ballot to let the voters of Apple Valley decide its future.

In May of 1997 the voters approved by a wide margin a \$795,000 bond referendum for an additional 8 acres of land. A master design and development plan in four phases was then drafted. Transfer of the original 2 acres of the cemetery was made to the city in December 1998 and the additional land was purchased. A dedication ceremony for the opening of Phase 1 in the expansion area was held on September 13, 2001. The cemetery expansion project includes a total of approximately 4,500 traditional lawn burial sites, 1,200 cremation lawn burial sites, and 1,400 columbarium cremation niches. The original 2-acre cemetery has around 1,500 burial sites with around 100 sites left but around 50 of those are considered usable lots.

The Phase 1 expansion area currently has 1,003 traditional lawn burial sites, 589 cremation lawn burial sites and 76 columbarium cremation niches. Phase 1, now completed, consisted of land fill, lawn, trees, shrubs, a roadway, parking lot, flag poles, fencing, lot surveying, fresh water, a columbarium and a storm water drainage system. It took nine years to accomplish but thanks to many people, Apple Valley now has a beautiful cemetery to serve its citizens now and into the future under city control.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

The Monk

A man's car broke down as he was driving past a beautiful old monastery. He walked up the drive and knocked on the front door. A monk answered, listened to the man's story and graciously invited him to spend the night. The monks fed the man and led him to a tiny chamber in which to sleep. The man thanked the monks and slept serenely until he was awakened by a strange and beautiful sound. The next morning, as the monks were repairing his car, he asked about the sound that had awakened him. "We're sorry," the monks said. "We can't tell you about the sound. You're not a monk."

The man was disappointed, but eager to be gone, so he thanked the monks for their kindness and went on his way. During quiet moments afterward, the man pondered the source of the alluring sound. Several years later the man happened to be driving in the same area. He stopped at the monastery on a whim and asked admittance. He explained to the monks that he had so enjoyed his previous stay, he wondered if he might be permitted to spend another night under their peaceful roof. The monks agreed, and so the man stayed with them again. Late that night, he heard the strange beautiful sound. The following morning he begged the monks to explain the sound. The monks gave him the same answer as before. "We're sorry. We can't tell you about the sound. You're not a monk."

By now the man's curiosity had turned to obsession. He decided to give up everything and become a monk, for that was the only way he could learn

about the sound. He informed the monks of his decision and began the long and arduous task of becoming a monk. Seventeen years later, the man was finally established as a true member of the order. When the celebration ended, he humbly went to the leader of the order and asked to be told the source of the sound. Silently, the old monk led the new monk to a huge wooden door. He opened the door with a golden key. That door swung open to reveal a second door of silver, then a third of gold and so on until they had passed through twelve doors, each more magnificent than the last. The new monk's face was awash with tears of joy as he finally beheld the wondrous source of the beautiful mysterious sound he had heard so many years before. But, I can't tell you what it was. You're not a monk.

The Good Fairy

A man and his wife, now in their 60's, were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary. On their special day a good fairy came to them and said that because they had been such a devoted couple she would grant each of them a very special wish. The wife wished for a trip around the world with her husband. Whoosh! Immediately she had airline/cruise tickets in her hands. The man wished for a female companion 30 years younger...Whoosh...immediately he turned ninety!!! Gotta love that fairy!

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

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VIP CLUB APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

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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.