

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, November 02	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 09	Roseville, Pot luck & Program	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 07	Board Meeting, Eagan	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 08	Christmas Party, NCO Club	5:45 p.m.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: ROSEVILLE

The evening begins at 6:00 pm with a pot luck dinner followed by election of officers for the upcoming year. Following the elections there will be a musical program by the Barb Piper and Bill Hammond Duo. Barb Piper is a sensational vocalist and instrumentalist from Faribault, MN, whose rich and expressive voice will enchant you. Roseville-based Bill Hammond is an accomplished acoustic guitarist and compelling singer. **What to bring** for the pot luck meal is based on the first letter of your last name: A-H, Hot Dish, I-P, Salad, and R-Z, Desert.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual VIP Club Christmas Party is on a Thursday this year; December 08 is the date and the NCO Club is the place. Following a social hour, The Twin Cities Women's Choir will present a program of Christmas music. After dinner the Connie Villars Quartette will play music for listening and dancing. **REMEMBER TO CARRY PICTURE I.D.** For those who would like to attend but are unable to drive at night, please give one of your officers a call; we may be able to arrange a ride. (See map to the NCO Club on page 6 and reservation form on page 7).

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.

**FIRST AND ONLY NOTICE
TO SIGN UP FOR THE ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARTY ON
DECEMBER 8TH. SEE PAGE 7
FOR RESERVATION FORM**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE From: Dale Phelps

Wishing you a bountiful Thanksgiving. We have so very much to be thankful for here in America.

Rick Ambrose, Lockheed Martin Vice President and General Manager, was to be our speaker for our October VIP Club program meeting at the Eagan Community Center. However, due to two major International jobs that needed his urgent attention, he was unable to come and speak. Lee Meyer gave an outstanding presentation in his absence. Mr. Meyer gave us an update of current business activities in the various interest areas, Lockheed Martin's interest in the VIP Retirees Club and a request for retirees to submit material to the Legacy History Project. Lee

Meyer stayed and answered questions and socialized with the retirees, which was excellent.

The VIP Club will host our annual potluck dinner for November's program meeting in Roseville. What to bring for the potluck meal is based on the first letter of your last name (see November program). Election of officers will be held that night. You still have time to contact Hank Dotzler (952-892-0175) to submit your name for an officer's position. After the great potluck supper, our entertainment will be a musical program by the Barb Piper and Bill Hammond Duo. This will be a good time to relax and enjoy the rest of the evening.

VIP Club membership renewals are due. You can save money on dues by paying \$12.00 for 3 years instead of \$5.00 for one year.

Remember the annual VIP Club Christmas Party Dinner Dance to be held on Thursday, December 8th, 2005 at the NCO Club at the Air Force Base. Also, remember to bring your drivers license for ID when entering the guard gate. The Christmas party is a great opportunity to socialize with your fellow VIP Club members. Hope to see all of you at this gala event!

Respectfully, Dale Phelps, VIP Club President

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 Richard Lundgren, e-mail rflundgr@aol.com
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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**.

YOUR NEWSLETTER WILL STOP

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 7 AND RENEW FOR 3 YEARS OR MORE AT A \$4 PER YEAR RATE.

From the Editors



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MEETING & EVENT DATES 2005/2006

Date	Time	Location	Activity
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
Sept 13	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Oct 11	6:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Pot Luck – Program

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

Lecy, Myron & Bev LM Cannon Falls, MN
Leclerc, Gene and Jan U Bloomington, MN
Nissen, Howard LM Savage, MN

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

Birthdays are good for you; the more you
have, the longer you live.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Daley, Carl, Age 73 of Lutsen. Died Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2005 in St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. Carl is survived by his wife, Nancy. Carl was a 25 year employee of Univac.

Fox, Elton A. Age 85 of Ft. Myers, FL formerly of St. Paul, MN. Passed away peacefully on Sept. 23, 2005. Preceded by his wife Bernice. Elton was a 20+ year employee of Unisys and also a member of the VIP Club.

Freeman Charles Robert Age 73, passed away Sunday, September 25, 2005 in Orlando. Robert worked for 3M for 28 years and subsequently for Unisys and Varitronics.

Johnston Burton H., Age 95 of Minneapolis, MN. Burton died peacefully at his home on February 5th, 2005. He is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Beatrice A. (Lapping) Johnston. Burton was a salesman for Remington Rand and later for Sperry Univac. He was also a member of the VIP club.

Lamb Gordon, Age 85 of Prior Lake, MN. Gordy died peacefully after a valiant struggle with pneumonia. Preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn. Gordy was a Univac retiree and long time member of the VIP Club.



Lavin, Manuel Age 62 of Minneapolis. Passed away on Oct. 11, 2005. Survived by his wife, Rita. Manuel was a retired Unisys employee.

Myers, Leslie S. Age 83 of Coon Rapids, MN. Passed away August 12th in St. Paul, MN. He is survived by his wife, Myrtle. Leslie was a buyer for Univac until his retirement.

Murray, Fred R. Age 83 of Edina. Survived by wife, Catherine. Fred was a Univac retiree and a long time member of the VIP club.

Vanderhoff, Franklin G. Age 73 passed away on October 8, 2005. He is survived by Wife, Dorothy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

The VIP Club annual Christmas party will be held on Thursday Dec. 8th. See page 7 for menu and reservation form.

UNI-HOG/TURKEY & SPOUSES

The UNI-HOG/TURKEY & SPOUSES 2005 luncheon will be on 18 November, 11:00 a.m. at the **CITY VIEW** (former Lost Spur.) Menu includes Spur Burger or Chicken Caesar. Send your \$15 reservation check to Bob Blixt, 4300 W River Pkwy Apt 278 - Minneapolis, MN 55406-3683. Attendees may offer their memories of the company.

THE ANNUAL OLD WHATEVERS SOCIAL

at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club will be on Thursday, December 1st, starting at 11 a.m. There will be two cash bars and lunch will be available. We have been asked to keep our socializing out of the hall to minimize access problems of the regular members. There is no admission fee. If you have any questions contact Earl Lillestrand 952-884-7619.

BLOODMOBILE INFORMATION

Bloodmobile Information from Marion Scott:

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the following blood drives:

The April 29th blood drive at Unisys Roseville collected 35 units. Volunteering were James Roth, John Dufour, and Jim and Alice Montain.

The August 24th blood drive at Lockheed Martin collected 66 units. Volunteering were Dale Phelps, Ruth Sanford, Marion Scott, Roger Gillette, Dale Kenyon, Roy Nelson and Gene Achterberg.

The August 25th drive at the Unisys MACS collected 34 units. Volunteering were Jim Larson, Marion Scott, Nancy Gountanis, Geri and Hank Dotzler, James Sherek. and Warren and Dorothy Becker.

The September 16th blood drive at the Unisys Roseville collected 51 units. Volunteering were Richard and Irene Roller, John Dufour and Skaidritta Zarins.

HEALTH ISSUES

Medicare

The Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Benefit marketing race has started and the only response from most seniors is confusion. Those eligible, especially those qualifying for the low-income assistance, should have received information from Medicare by now. Those with drug costs above \$5,100 should be investigating formularies for the

needed drugs. The low-income and high drug cost groups will get a benefit.

Next comes the advertising for your Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) insurance premium dollar. Remember, Part D is a voluntary program paid for by those who enroll and subsidized by the government. As listed in the 1 October Star Tribune, insurers are offering 41 plans in Minnesota. PDPs are being offered with premiums ranging from \$1.87 up to \$99.90, and you get what you pay for – mostly.

The problem is in understanding the coverage offered by the various plans. All have different premium costs, different formularies, different drug prices, different pharmacy affiliations, different deductibles, and different copays. Most of us are not up to the task without help.

Two of the groups who won't need a PDP are those in an HMO or in Tricare. Many will likely stay with a Medicare Advantage program through Health Partners, Medica, or UCare (HMOs) that include drug coverage along with doctor and clinic services. This group will not need to sign up for a PDP. The people who are in Tricare have no worries; they already get drug coverage and their drugs are priced at the rates negotiated by the VA. Others who use Canadian or generic outlets, or who have minimal drug expenses, will have to determine if any of the PDP offerings have value.

Get information. Get help. Understand the big four: cost of benefit, price of drugs, participating pharmacies, and drug formularies. The Minnesota Senior Federation is publishing a Health Choices supplement with plain English descriptions of the PDPs and other drug coverage. Good Luck. Submitted by Brian Berggren.

Energy Conservation?

A recent trip to the West Coast had us paying just under \$3 for gas at most stops. At 35 mpg a fill rarely went over \$30. The bigger surprise was the number of big pickups on the road, all going at least the speed limit (75 in Idaho) and most towing something.

The administration suggests conservation, but without higher vehicle mileage requirements or lower speed limits. With more domestic production and more refineries, only a little conservation may be needed. In home heating, the suggestion is to lower the thermostat and use mini-florescent light bulbs.

Somehow, it's tough to be optimistic about our energy future when hybrid cars are only expected to make up less than 5% of our vehicles and the size of homes keeps going up. We should just consider ourselves lucky to be getting so much of our energy from Canada. Submitted by Brian Berggren.



VIP CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

**THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY NOTICE FOR THIS
ANNUAL PARTY
SEE PAGE 7 FOR MENU
AND RESERVATION FORM**

HAPPENINGS

A Grand Reunion

A grand reunion of the old Univac DSD Training Department was held September 20th at Casper's Cherokee Sirloin Room in Eagan. The catalyst for the event was a visit to the Twin Cities of former training department manager Doug Dorner. Doug, a resident of Green Valley, AZ, was in town for a Marine Corps convention and seized upon the golden opportunity to see and chat with many old acquaintances from the 60s and early 70s. The old guys came out of their graves (or at least their social closets) to see a very good friend from so long ago. About 40 old Univac-ers showed up, and the ones who couldn't make it are still beating themselves and doing penance for not being able to be part of the fun. It was truly a showstopper of an event.



Kneeling or sitting, left to right: Joe Schwarz, Paul Burley, Frank Kuhn, Dick Lundgren, Tom Dunn, Bob Vogel, Roger Dalziel, Duane Domeier, Dick Hartung, and Gene Leclerc.

Standing, left to right: Floyd Pedersen, Jerry Lundberg, Dave Burgwald, John Smyrski, Jerry Engelke, Glen Hambleton, John Hartman, Brian McNally, Al Thomson, Don Kimball, Gary Hagen, John Henrikson, Jim Cherry, Doug Dorner, Sam Charchian, Ken Coy, Dan Newton, and Al Fox.

A Letter to the Editors from Doug Dorner

A recent trip to the Twin Cities for a Marine reunion showed some special qualities of the "VIP gang". As a former marine we had a special bond with the comrades with which we trained and served. As an old Univac employee I also felt that same camaraderie with the field engineering and training group with which I worked. Perhaps it was the fishing trips, the softball games or the broomball games. In any case it manifested itself during my trip. Dick Lundgren instigated a luncheon reunion and I looked forward to seeing a few friends from the past. My feelings about the bonding that took place some 30 or 40 years ago was real. I was overwhelmed by the turnout and the reception my wife and I received. A truly warm and heartfelt gathering made a special mark with me. I was greeted by an array of older but familiar faces and an equal number of familiar yet unassociated names. I shall try to remember next time as I hold the memory of that gang of buddies from training, field engineering and publications.

Thanks to all especially to those that put it together and also to those that traveled long distances. Any time you can get Dan Newton to kick in on the bill, it's like a star in the east.

It was really a memorable moment in my life.

Thanks.

Doug Dorner

THE LIGHTER SIDE

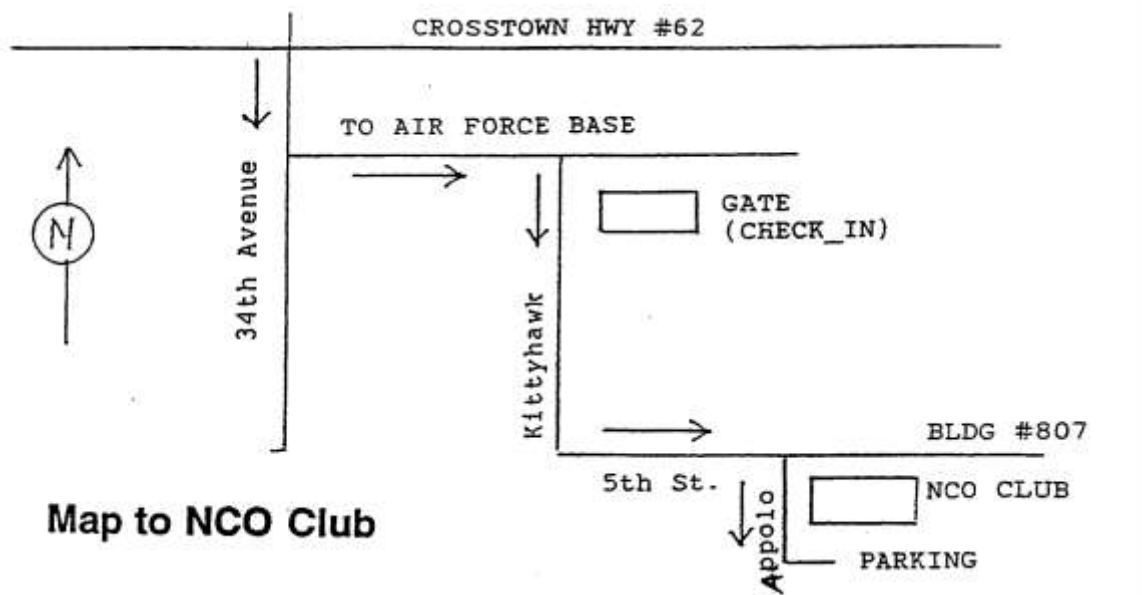
To Be 6 Again

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, observing his wife turning back and forth, looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she'd like to have for her birthday. "I'd like to be six again." She replied, still looking in the mirror. On the morning of her birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Lucky Charms, and then took her to Six Flags theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Monster Roller Coaster, everything there was to ride, she rode. Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach was turned upside-down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie where she sipped a soda pop and munched happily on popcorn and her favorite candy, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure! Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted. He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, "Well Dear, what was it like being six again?" Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed, as she said, "I meant my dress size. The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is probably going to get it wrong."

A Minnesota ghost story

This happened about a month ago just outside of Willmar, a little town in the back country of Minnesota, and while it sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock tale, it's real.

This out of state traveler was on the side of the road, hitchhiking on a real dark night in the middle of a thunderstorm. Time passed slowly and no cars went by. It was raining so hard he could hardly see his hand in front of his face. Suddenly he saw a car moving slowly, approaching and appearing ghostlike in the rain. It slowly and silently crept toward him and stopped. Wanting a ride real bad the guy jumped in the car and closed the door; only then did he realize that there was nobody behind the wheel, and no sound of an engine to be heard over the rain. Again the car crept slowly forward and the guy was terrified, too scared to think of jumping out and running. The guy saw that the car was approaching a sharp curve and, still too scared to jump out, he started to pray and began begging for his life; he was sure the ghost car would go off the road and into a nearby lake and he would surely drown! But just before the curve a shadowy figure appeared at the driver's window and a hand reached in and turned the steering wheel, guiding the car safely around the bend. Then, just as silently, the hand disappeared through the window and the hitchhiker was alone again! Paralyzed with fear, the guy watched the hand reappear every time they reached a curve. Finally the guy, scared to near death, had all he could take and jumped out of the car and ran and ran, into town, into Willmar. Wet and in shock, he went into a bar and voice quavering, ordered two shots of whiskey, then told everybody about his supernatural experience. A silence enveloped and everybody got goose bumps when he realized the guy was telling the truth (and was not just some drunk). About half an hour later two guys walked into the bar and one says to the other,-- "Look Ole, ders dat idiot dat rode in our car when we wuz pushin it in the rain."



ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

5:45 pm - 6:30 pm

Social Time

6:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Christmas Music Presented by
The Twin Cities Womens Choir

7:15 pm - 8:00 pm

Enjoy an elegant sit down dinner with your choice of Top
Sirloin, Champagne Chicken or Walleye Pike

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Dancing to the music you like by The Connie Villars
Quartette.

VIP CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY, Dinner-Dance Reservation Form

Please reserve, at \$25.00 each, ____ place(s) for the Annual VIP Club Christmas Party, Dinner & Dance being held Thursday, December 08, 2005 at the NCO Club at the Air Force Base off Hwy 62. The social time begins at 5:45 p.m., at 6:30 Christmas Music, at 7:15 dinner will be served then at 8:00 The Connie Villars Quartette will play music for your listening and dancing enjoyment. Please send in your reservations now, since seating is limited. **Your reservation must be received by Nov. 30th.** If your reservation is for more than 2 persons, please attach a list of added names and you will be all seated together at a reserved table.

Picture ID required for entry to Air Force Base.

Check here () if you have attached _____ additional names.

Names: _____

Address _____, _____

Entree selection(s) & qty.: Top Sirloin ____; Champagne Chicken ____; Walleye Pike ____

Please make your check or checks payable to: **VIP CLUB**

Mail to:	Dorothy Becker 8630 Queen Avenue South Bloomington, MN 55431	Phone: 952-881-3516
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VIP CLUB APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

Retiree Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____, _____
STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

Phone: () _____

Check here if your address
or phone number has changed

New Member(s) _____
Renewing Member(s) _____

Company: Lockheed Martin & Predecessors: ____; Unisys: Univac & Predecessors: ____; Unisys: Burroughs: ____

**Please make check payable to
the VIP CLUB and mail to
address shown at right:**

**VIP CLUB
Jack Farber
5700 Villa Dr.
Shoreview MN 55126**

**Dues: \$12 for 3 years
Single year rate \$5. Note to new
members: Your newsletters start
after dues are received.**

Check here if you do not wish to have your name listed in the VIP Members directory. (Directory distributed to members only)

SAVE MONEY ON DUES – PAY \$12 FOR 3 YEARS OR \$5 FOR ONE YEAR

**VIP CLUB – MS 4003
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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.