

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, October 04	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 11	Roseville, Pot Luck & Program	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 01	Board Meeting, Eagan	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 08	Eagan, Program & Social Time	7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER PROGRAM: ROSEVILLE

The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with a pot luck dinner, followed by a musical program. Our program "Music That Tickles" will be provided by J. Shawn Sweeney. In a world that has come to promote sameness above creativity, endless sequels over originality and a bland, soulless fast food mentality to almost every human endeavor, J. Shawn Sweeney provides a refreshing, eccentric alternative to the cookie cutter approach so prevalent in our cellular society. Combining an exquisitely expressive and flexible voice, a wonderful and evocative musical timing and an offbeat and, yes, somewhat warped sense of humor, Shawn provides you, his listener, with a wonderful musical experience guaranteed to touch your heart and tickle your funny bone. **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.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: EAGAN

The November meeting will consist of the election of officers for the year 2007. Following the election there will be a program that will be announced in the next Newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

IF YOUR ADDRESS LABEL HAS 2006 AFTER YOUR NAME, YOU ARE NOT PAID FOR 2007. PLEASE USE THE DUES COUPON ON PAGE 5.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From: Bernie Jansen

(Report from pres-in-training, Brian) Your October newsletter has both membership and Christmas Party coupons on page 5, and a repeat of information about the October potluck. Through the coordinating work of Warren and Dorothy Becker and Hank Dotzler, our per-person cost for the Christmas Party will be \$25 – same as last year. Help us by not waiting until the last week to mail in your reservation.

We still need candidates for Vice-President and one Director position. The time commitment is only two hours a month, with free coffee. Most of us have suffered through less interesting meetings with less pleasant people for much of our careers.

Lowell Benson has designed VIP Club business cards that we can carry to give to older current employees or non-member retirees to encourage membership. Also, our LM Legacy Project members Bernie, Lowell, Dick Lundgren, and Harry Wise met with the real Lockheed Martin Corp. project executives and all are very pleased with the progress.

Lastly, we should all appreciate our good fortune. The September program had Lee Peterson, author of "When the Merry-GO-Round Stops," sharing her story of ups and downs both financial and physical with humor and strength.

Respectfully, Brian Berggren, VIP Club Vice 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 Larpenteur Avenue. For information call **763-786-1044**.

MEETING & EVENT DATES 2006

Date	Time	Location	Activity
Sept 13	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Oct 11	6:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Pot Luck Program
Nov. 08	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social time
Dec. 14	5:45 p.m.	USAF	Christmas Party

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

Bolton, Larry & Ruth LM Burnsville, MN.

Douglass, Allan C. LM Farmington, MN.

Erickson, Gordon A. U Fairfield, CA.

Nowak, Darrel & Sandy LM Minneapolis, MN.

Overocker, Jim LM Eagan, MN.

.Sears, Dick & Sandra LM Eagan, MN.

U = Unisys B = Burroughs LM = Lockheed

Martin D = Unisys Defense Systems

IN REMEMBRANCE

Erickson, Daniel J. - Age 64 of Vadnais Heights, MN. Passed away August 15, 2006 at his home. Dan started at Univac in 1963 at plant 4 and spent 35 years working at the Roseville plant.

Miller, William D. - Age 76 of Burnsville, MN. Passed away on Sept 4, 2006. William was a former Unisys employee.



Norris, William Charles - Age 95 of Bloomington, MN. Passed away on August 21, 2006. Survived by wife of 61 years, Jane Malley Norris. After WWII, he moved to St. Paul where he helped found Engineering Research

Associates. He then co-founded Control Data Corp in 1957 and served as President and CEO for 29 years.

Perkins, Ralph E. - Age 57 of Minneapolis, MN. Passed away Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2006, at his residence. Ralph worked for Unisys Corporation in Roseville, MN, from 1972- 1991.

Wettleson, David E. - Age 65 formerly of Inver Grove Hts. Passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Aug. 27, 2006 after a 7 month battle with Melanoma. Survived by loving wife of 40 years, Joyce. David worked in Eagan at Lockheed Martin and retired in 2005.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Uni-hog/Uni-turkey luncheon:

The annual UNI-HOG/TURKEY luncheon will be on **November 17th** at the City View (former Lost

Spur). Check in starts at 11 a.m., lunch served at noon. A reminisce program starts about 12:30 - we'll have some of the VIP Club/Lockheed Martin 60-Year **LEGACY** artifacts on display. Your reservation is due by NOVEMBER 11th, indicate your choice of the Spur Burger or Caesar Salad on your \$15.00 check payable to 'City View'. Please mail your reservation check to: Lowell A. Benson 1040 Ingerson Road, Shoreview, MN 55126-8146.

LEGACY NEWS UPDATE

LM Eagan Legacy Presented to the Corporate Office

The content and approach of the LM Eagan Legacy effort were presented on September 1st to the LM Legacy Program Executive Steering Council in Bethesda, MD. The presenter was LM Director Barbara Reinike, who visited Eagan in early August. To support Barbara in covering our six decades of progress, we made available several carefully chosen items from our growing collection of artifacts and documentation. A major item of captivating interest was our computer genealogy chart beginning in 1946 and continuing to the present. The evolution of our computers, and the systems built upon them, is the record of our legacy. Published books by non-company people were also made available with selected pages flagged for interest. These books were *When Computers Went to Sea* by David L. Boslaugh (retired USN Officer) and *Computers and Commerce* by Arthur L. Norberg, Ph.D. (former director of the Charles Babbage Institute and very well respected historian of technology). The Boslaugh book chronicles the history of NTDS development in which many ERA/Univac personnel played crucial and indispensable roles. The Norberg book is an academician's analysis/assessment of our company's legacy in the first decade (1946-57). Incidentally copies of the definitive Norberg book with personal dedications from the author were also provided to members of the LM Legacy Initiative Team. We also supplied one hardware item which was a chassis for an 1824 computer, a missile-borne computer from the late 60s. Supporting documents addressed our efforts in inertial guidance and ground guidance. Overall, the presentation was very well received, and the Executive Steering Council foresees the Legacy Program running into 2008.

More Career Summaries Needed

The LM Eagan Legacy website, <http://www.usfamily.net/web/labenson/Legacy.htm>, continues to expand with the addition of more career summaries submitted by many interesting employees from many different work areas. Check out the write-ups provided by Jim Hyslop, Keith Myhre, Phil Phipps, Bill Butler, Bob Bro, Dr. John Esch,

Bruce Grewenow, and many others. Our collective memory via our collective authoring approach is growing and succeeding, but we are far from complete. Many areas have barely been touched, and we need more inputs. A typical career summary can be 1-3 pages and include career highpoints, "impact" items from your career, leading technology items from your career, and of course memorable anecdotes (humorous or serious, but publishable) from your days as part of our legacy. If you are ready to submit something, or have questions about it, contact Dick (Ole) Olson at r.d.olson@lmco.com or 651-456-3158. Each person's input is often a catalyst to trigger the memories of others.

Need Something to Celebrate?

This year is the 25th anniversary of the Personal Computer, the origin of which is generally defined as the introduction of the IBM PC in 1981. Most of us will remember the announcement of the Sperry PC in 1984 and the employee purchase option via payroll deductions. Sperry's introductory ad featured in cartoon form a svelte cosmopolite sashaying her way into a soiree already well in progress. She was carrying, of course, the new Sperry PC, which drew approving and appreciative glances. The caption read something like, "It's OK to be late to the party if you bring something really good." Well, sometimes it's OK to just not go to the party. It's a long shot, but if a reader out there still has the technical data/features sheet (short form) for that Sperry PC, it would be fun to publish it here. Submitted by Dick Lundgren, rflundgr@aol.com.

HEALTH ISSUES

Health care equity is now being talked about in terms other than regional Medicare reimbursement rate differences. (Remember, our 7-state region has 91% of the lowest reimbursed counties in the nation.) A second point is the planned nation-wide 5.1% cut in fees paid to physicians for services to Medicare patients, a number that will likely put next years' monthly Part B cost above \$100. A third equity issue relates cost of care to quality of care – value-based medicine. The Dartmouth Atlas Project and other studies show consistently better results (outcomes) with care coordinated by primary care doctors, the doctors who are often reimbursed at rates below their overhead costs, rather than care provided by multiple specialists.

A new fourth equity entry that is outside of Medicare is the discussion of the Massachusetts mandatory insurance law. Trudy Lieberman writes in the Sept. 18 Nation, "every endeavor to cover more people results in a complicated, contorted and underfinanced scheme." Gov. Romney wants to

define a “culture of insurance with personal responsibility.” What is actually planned is high-deductible, high-co pay insurance with varying subsidies based on income and number of employees in a company. Again, you get what you pay for and Massachusetts subsidy estimates that started around \$500 million a year are already going over \$700 million for the third year.

Another part of this to think about was that the Massachusetts law was largely drafted by the state BlueCross/BlueShield organization. Didn't the Minnesota BC/BS president just have a piece in the paper (early September) about mandatory insurance for Minnesota residents? Submitted by Brian Berggren.

Big Money – Little Value

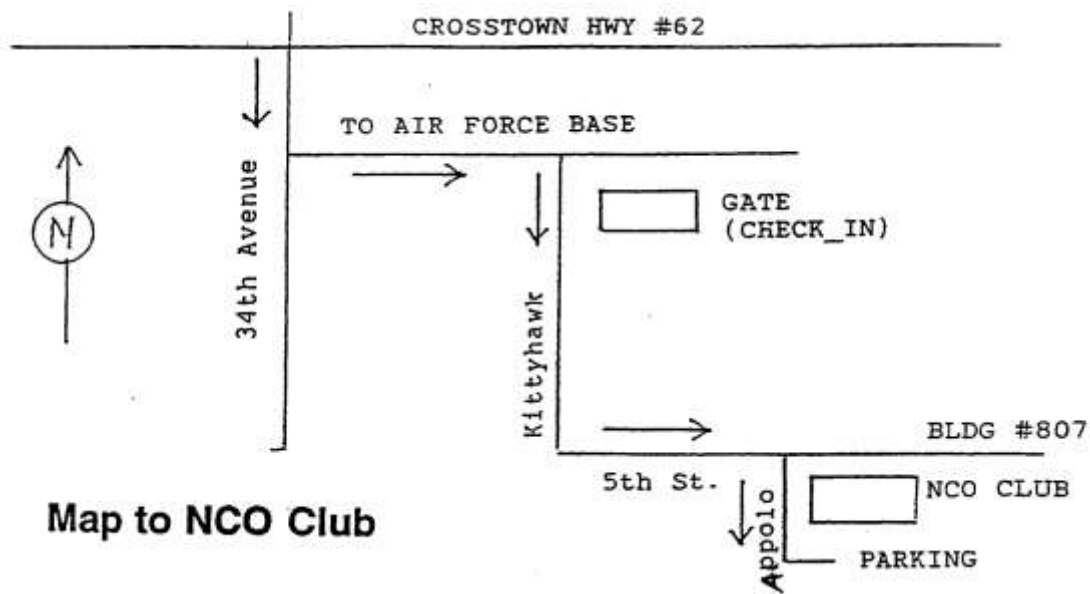
FDA regulators have approved the first fully implantable heart device, the AbioCor, for “humanitarian use.” The 6 Sept. LA Times article said “approval came 15 months after an FDA advisory panel voted 7-6 that the risks outweighed the probable benefits to patients.” The device has been tested on 14 men (it’s too large to use on women) with advanced heart disease and other chronic conditions like diabetes and liver failure that disqualify them from transplant programs. Two died from the operation, one never regained consciousness, the others survived for an average of five months, and one even left the hospital. The FDA thought the number implanted each year might be 25 to 50, although up to 4,000 might benefit. The device has enough power to run for one hour before needing recharge, costs \$250,000 and requires another \$300,000 for the hospital, surgeons, anti-

clotting drugs and other costs. That is \$550,000 for an additional five months in a hospital, with a battery- powered device to let you shower and sit on the stool.

A spokesman for the Boston University School of Public health thought Medicare coverage would be next, even though Medicare has a 20-year-old rule excluding any payment for artificial hearts. He said, “If it works clinically and seems safe and effective, they are obliged to cover it without considering the cost.” Submitted by Brian Berggren.

Suggested Reading

After our Holocaust program with Henry Oertelt and his book, “An Unbroken Chain,” I recommend two other books that also discuss tragic and sad results of war. “Oath Betrayed: Torture, Medical Complicity, and the War on Terror,” by Steven H. Miles, M.D., is a well-researched book about the misuse of our armed forces medical corps and the loss of our country’s standing in respecting human rights. Dr. Miles has reviewed over 35,000 pages of documents and interviewed more than 800 witnesses and victims. “Wounded: Iraq – Vietnam” by Ronald J. Glasser, M.D. is a small, informal, but no less disturbing book about the changes in weapons, tactics, armor and soldiers in wars over the years and the damage done to bodies and minds. He also mentions Civil War and WW I & II perspectives. Along with increasing survival rates of our wounded in Iraq are the number with horrific damage from proximal explosions and the new understanding of PTSD. Both these doctors are Twin Cities based and Glasser is a Vietnam vet. By Brian Berggren.



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
P.O. Box 131748
Roseville MN 55113-0020

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)

ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

- 5:45 pm - 6:30 pm Initial social time with hors d'oeuvres
- 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm Christmas Music Presented by The North Suburban Chorus
- 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm+ Enjoy an elegant sit down dinner with your choice of Top Sirloin, Champagne Chicken or Walleye
- 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 14, 2006 at the NCO Club at the Air Force Base off Hwy 62. The social time begins at 5:45 pm, at 6:30 pm Christmas Music, at 7:15 dinner will be served and at 8:00 pm 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 Dec. 4th.** 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 _____

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

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Bloomington, MN 55431

Phone: 952-881-3516

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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 Road. It 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.