

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.

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

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| Wednesday, December 06 | Board Meeting, Roseville | 10:00 a.m. |
| Thursday, December 14 | Christmas Party NCO Club | 5:45 p.m. |

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: EAGAN

Carl R. Hansen Jr., M.D. will speak at our November program. All of us are concerned about good health in our lives. Our high stress, fast-paced lifestyles challenge good health. Americans spend about \$2 trillion on "sickness" (health) care, consuming about 15% of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product. The cost is growing like a cancer and threatening to kill our economy. Dr. Carl Hansen will give us ways to profit freely from the valuable benefits of the "FAST" System of Good Health. The "FAST" System relates to: Food Selection; Activity; Supplementation, and Treatment. This System of Good Health is Simple, Practical, and Scientifically Sensible.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual VIP Club Christmas Party is on a Thursday this year; December 14 is the date and the NCO Club is the place. Following a social hour, The North Suburban Chorus 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 4 and reservation form on page 5).

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

As noted in the September Issue of the Newsletter, the Board is considering for next year reducing the number of Program meetings and the frequency of issuing the Newsletter. This subject will be discussed in more detail at our November Board Meeting. You will be notified if any changes are approved. At the October Board Meeting it was decided that we will issue a regular December Newsletter but that we will combine the January and February 2007 issues. This joint Newsletter is expected to be delivered to members around the middle of January 2007. This was done to allow more time for the editing and enhancing of the many digital photos that will be taken at the December 14th Christmas Dinner and Dance; these photos will be published in the January/February Newsletter.

We have two openings on the Board for 2007 – that of Vice President and the Director spot vacated by Lowell Benson. Thomas Turba, a recent retiree from Unisys Roseville has volunteered to run as a candidate for the position of a Board Director for

2007. Please contact Dale Phelps if you would like to volunteer to be a candidate for one of these vacancies. Elections for 2007 Club Officers and Directors will be conducted at the November Program Meeting on November 8th. Please plan to attend!

The VIP Club Potluck Dinner held at Unisys Roseville on October 11th was a great success. We thank Unisys for providing the coffee and rolls to complement the hot dishes, salads and desserts brought by the members. Approximately 45 members attended. The program, "Music That Tickles" was provided by J. Shawn Sweeney, a non-stop entertainer with a fine voice and unique recall- he knew all our first names by the end of the evening.

Respectfully, Bernie Jansen, VIP Club President

From the Editors



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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 |
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| 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

Kruelle, Paul & Lynn U Ashburn, VA.
 Ostenso, John & Sherri U Coon Rapids, MN.

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

IN REMEMBRANCE

Arntzen, Terrence "Tad". - Age 60, of Hermantown, MN, passed away on September 25. Tad worked as programmer and systems engineer in Roseville for 25 years. Tad is survived by his wife, Catherine.

Timm, Arthur M. - Of Hugo, was buried on September 28. Art was a longtime employee of UNISYS, and is survived by his wife, Shirley.

Wendt, Ernie - Passed away August 4. Ernie was a Unisys employee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Old Whatevers Social at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club will be on Thursday, December 7th, starting at 11 a.m. There will be two cash bars and lunch will be available. There is no admission fee. If you have any questions contact Earl Lillestrand 952-884-7619.

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

The **Legacy** Project was initiated by Lockheed Martin MS2 in 2006 with VIP Club Support to document its 60-year Information Systems Legacy. This Legacy began with the founding of Engineering Research Associates (ERA) in 1946 in St. Paul and the development and applications of computers in Defense Systems Projects. This Legacy today is resident in Lockheed Martin MS2 in Eagan, Minnesota. In support of this project, VIP Club Director Lowell Benson developed a **Legacy** Website which is hosted on his personal website. The **Legacy** Website is the vehicle to document this 60 year Legacy. The Site Map identifies nine areas for gathering pertinent Legacy information. These are: Legacy, Artifacts, Careers, Computers, Facilities, Hardware, Software, Support and Systems. The website content is updated regularly by Lowell but there are still several areas that need inputs from retirees who made contributions in these areas. Approximately 30 career summaries are recorded under the "Careers" area but many more are needed. To find relevant information on our Legacy, go to the **Legacy** website at: <http://www.usfamily.net/web/labenson/Legacy.htm>. Your part of our Information Technology heritage is important to us and is needed to make our **Legacy** complete. Send your inputs via e-mail to Ole or to Lowell using the contact links on the Legacy web site main page; or send hand written submittals (two of the career summaries came in this form) to the VIP Club, P.O. Box 131748, Roseville, MN 55113-0020. Please submit anything and everything to us by November 15th so that we can merge it all together before 2007!" Submitted by Bernie Jansen.

LM Eagan Legacy Website – Progress Continues Admirably

The Legacy website has seen some interesting, informative, and enticing additions in the last month. Taking it from the top, as in top management, be sure to check out the "Presidents List," recently provided by Lowell Benson. From 1946 to today, this list presents the leaders of the St. Paul organization in chronological order. If you can fill in some

missing data or provide any corrections, please contact Lowell at labenson@usfamily.net.

Other great additions have been supplied by Marc Shoquist, John Byrne, Jim Rapinac and Bob Blixt. Marc Shoquist provided "The Antenna Coupler Program," the critical revenue generating program that allowed ERA to survive and eventually grow as the St. Paul computer pioneer. Marc recalls the history of the Coupler, its technical aspects, and the personnel involved, as well as his travels with Fred "Hargy" Hargesheimer. The Fred Hargesheimer story itself is a not-to-miss highlight of our legacy. John Byrne's "Early Memories of an Old Programmer" is a fascinating piece on software development in the early days of assemblers and compilers, including customer pressures, fledgling software and hardware, shipboard systems, and all in historical perspective. Jim Rapinac's input is entitled "Anti-Submarine Warfare - A History of the Relationship between Sperry Univac Defense Systems Division and Lockheed California Aircraft Company." It could be a stand-alone chapter in the legacy of involvement between Lockheed California Aircraft Company (CALAC) and Univac. What an amazing breadth of knowledge for company history and customer (USN - NAVAIR) history, as well as competition and key personnel. Bob Blixt's write-up, "P-3C Early Computer Development at Univac," describes the conception-to-production process for the CP-901 Computer and its operational software. This system has truly stood the test of time of a generation in the fleet of P-3C ASW aircraft.

Legacy the Website, or Legacy the Book?

The LM Legacy website is clearly off and running and gaining momentum. In addition, some Legacy committee members have suggested capturing our history in book form. Consider the following. If we were to print the web site as a first draft, it would be just over 150 printed pages. Eliminating the web navigation buttons and headers would give a 100 page second draft. Many more inputs are still needed, so KEEP WRITING!

Legacy of Patents

Our history would not be complete without compiling a catalog of our patents. Patents from 1975 forward can be researched from the government website

<http://patft.uspto.gov/netahtml/PTO/search-adv.htm>. However, to gather information about patents from 1946 to 1974, we will need inputs from readers. If you have patents yourself, or can identify people and their patents from that early time period, please contact Dick (Ole) Olson at r.d.olson@lmco.com or 651-456-3158. Submitted by Dick Lundgren, rflundgr@aol.com.

HEALTH ISSUES

Your standalone Medicare Part D options just got bigger; Minnesota residents now have 53 plans from which to choose, up from this year's meager list of 41 plans. You should also note that Part D premiums are expected to rise 13.4 percent, along with the deductibles, co pays, and donut hole amount. In addition to the 53 standalone plans, we also have 44 Medicare Advantage plans with drug benefits-up from 22 this year.

At the October Medicare Justice Coalition meeting, we heard that the GOP leadership has told congressmen to plan on staying in D.C. to do their Christmas shopping and serious lame duck legislating. Many of the Coalition members are hoping that the 5.1 percent physician payment reduction will be eliminated before the new year so the payers and providers

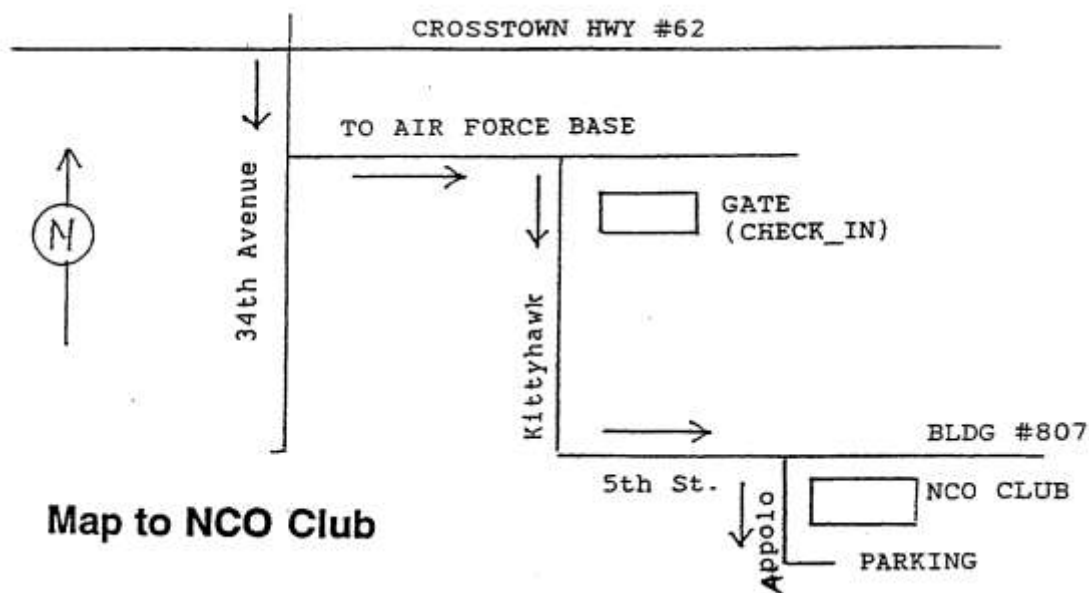
won't have to redo so much of their financial planning. (This amounts to \$5 billion in cuts to physicians over the next 10 years and could be taken from the \$10 billion slush fund to "encourage multi-state payer (like Humana) competition.")

Two other hoped-for Medicare changes are delaying the Part D enrollment penalty until the number of plans and costs settle down and legislating a real drug reimportation law that might even allow out-of-country drugs to count toward the Part D tally. Given that this congress has failed to pass anything meaningful on anything, I'm more afraid that the leadership may give us only quickie legislation for special interests that will take more time to get straight.

Semi-Politics

Some of you may remember the October 17 visit to the Rosemount VFW Post by Representatives John Murtha and Jim Oberstar on behalf of Coleen Rowley. The part that made both the Star-Tribune and Pioneer Press was the name-calling and car pointing by Rep. John Kline's state director and his group of protesters. What didn't get any press coverage was Murtha's talk on the backdoor draft, misuse of the Reserve and National Guardsmen sent overseas, and the problems and costs of the returning injured.

Submitted 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.