

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, January 03	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, January 10	No Meeting	

Wednesday, February 07	Board Meeting, Eagan	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 14	Eagan Community Center, Program & Social Time	7:00 p.m.

JANUARY PROGRAM: ROSEVILLE

There will not be a program meeting in January 2007.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: EAGAN

DO NOT MISS THIS PROGRAM. For the February 14, 2007 VIP Program, our speaker will be Bob Price, CEO of Control Data Corporation, who succeeded Bill Norris in 1985. Many of us had friends or neighbors who worked parts of their careers at Control Data - that "other" computer company in town. Bob will talk about corporate perceptions - how Control Data viewed us (and other members of "IBM and the BUNCH" as the major players were then known). He will also speak about how he thought others and we viewed Control Data. He will review major innovations of Control Data and how these innovations were integral to the company's strategy. Bob will also provide some insight and perspective on his "life after Control Data." There will be plenty of time for your questions.

ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

Please send permanent address changes to Lowell Benson addressed to the VIP Club at the address given on the label page of the Newsletter

YOUR NEWSLETTER WILL STOP IF YOUR ADDRESS LABEL HAS 2006 AFTER YOUR NAME, YOU ARE NOT PAID FOR 2007. PLEASE USE THE DUES COUPON ON PAGE 7.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From: Brian Berggren

At its December 6th Meeting, the VIP Club Board approved several changes to the number of Program meetings for the year 2007 but the frequency of issuing the Newsletter and Board Meetings will be decided on a month-by-month basis. You will recall that at its October meeting, the Board decided to cancel the January 2007 Program Meeting and to combine the January and February 2007 issues of the Newsletter. The additional changes to the 2007 Program Meeting schedule are as follows: the April 11th Program Meeting was cancelled and the annual "Volunteer Recognition Breakfast" (usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of April) will replace it; also the July 11th Program Meeting at Unisys was cancelled. The rest of the 2007 Program Meeting schedule is unchanged and is as follows: February 14th - Eagan; March 14th - Roseville; May 9th - Eagan; June 13th - Picnic (Highland Park); August 8th - Roseville; September 12th - Eagan; October 10th - Potluck (Roseville); November 14th - Eagan and December 13th - NCO Club.

A total of eighty-nine members and guests attended the annual Christmas Party Dinner-Dance on December 14th. Christmas The North Suburban Chorus provided the Christmas music and the Connie Villars Quartette provided the dance music. Management representatives

of Lockheed Martin and Unisys attending included Mr. Richard (Ole) Olson of Lockheed Martin and Mr. Robert Vavra, Program Manager of Unisys Clearpath OS 2200 Systems and his wife, Betty. Unisys and Lockheed Martin provided table favors for each guest. The 2007 Christmas Party will again be held at the NCO Club. A collage of photos taken at the Christmas Party is provided as pages 4 and 5 of this issue of the Newsletter. Also special recognition is due to Dorothy and Warren Becker for their efforts in setting up and coordinating the annual Christmas Party.

As noted in the Meeting Schedule discussion above, Unisys will host the VIP Club Volunteer Recognition Breakfast at the Roseville Facility on April 11th. In order to collect and collate the "Volunteer Services Survey" information in a timely manner it is necessary to include the Survey Form in the January/ February and March Newsletters. See the survey form on page 7 of this Newsletter. Responses are due by April 4th, 2007.

I noted in the "PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE" of the December Newsletter that it would be my last Newsletter column as VIP Club President since our new President, Brian Berggren would be taking over this column in January 2007. However Brian has had a family emergency and he and his wife will be out of state until the middle of January. The Board and I hope he'll be able to take over his President's role at that time. Meanwhile, Tom Turba, our new Club Vice President will chair the next Board Meeting on January 3rd at Unisys Roseville.

Respectfully, Bernie Jansen, VIP Club Past 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 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Jan. 10	.	No Meeting	
Feb. 14	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Mar. 14	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Apr. 11	8:00 a.m.	Rsvl.	Volunteer Breakfast
May. 09	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
June 13	4:00 p.m.	Park	VIP Club Picnic
July 11	.	No Meeting	
Aug. 08	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Sept. 12	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Oct. 10	6:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Pot Luck Program
Nov. 14	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social time
Dec. 13	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

Allen, Richard & Ester	U	Forest Lake, MN.
Anderson, Roland D.	U	Burnsville, MN.
Bilski, Julian & Mary	U	Apple Valley, MN.
Bolton, Larry & Ruth	LM	Burnsville, MN.
Booher, John & Sharon	U	Lake Elmo, MN.
Branning, Will & Judy	U	Apple Valley, MN.
Carlson, Pam	U	Rochester, MN.
Casey, Pat & Donna	U	Orlando, FL.
Clark, Dick & Jean	U	Plymouth, MN.
Douglass, Allan C.	LM	Farmington, MN.

Freeberg, Darrel & Priscilla LM Burnsville, MN.
 Jacobsen, Don & Sylvia LM Wht Bear Lake, MN.
 Joseph, Earl C. U St. Paul, MN.
 Kehrwald, Tom & Cathy U Columbia Hts, MN.
 Klutzke, Ken & Rosann U Roseville, MN.
 Kuhns, Dick & Sharon U Hayward, WI.
 Nelson, Leslie & Barbara LM Excelsior, MN.
 Ney, Dick and Diane LM Eagan, MN.
 Nowak, Darrel & Sandy LM Minneapolis, MN.
 Overocker, Jim LM Eagan, MN.
 Pederson, Sharon & Ronald U Cape Coral, FL.
 Rhode, Bill & Judy U New Brighton, MN.
 Schwitters, Roland LM Cottage Grove, MN.
 Sears, Dick & Sandra U Eagan, MN.
 Stern, Roger & Lisa U Fairfax, VA.
 Wandersee, Timothy & Kay U Eagan, MN.
 Wozniczka, Larry U Richfield, MN.
 U = Unisys B = Burroughs LM = Lockheed
 Martin D = Unisys Defense Systems

IN REMEMBRANCE



Coughlon, Kay D. -Age 71, of Shorewood, formerly of Burnsville, MN. Passed away suddenly at her home on 11/22/06. She is survived by husband, Bob. Bob is a VIP Club member.

Flatness, Arnold - Age 92, of Coon Lake, MN. Died, December 19, 2006. He was a sheet metal worker at Unisys. His wife, Mabel, preceded him in death.

Kunz, Thomas F. - Age 81, of St. Paul on 12-12-06 after a short but courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Survived by wife of 54 years, Joyce. Tom was a Unisys retiree and a member of the VIP Club.

Stay, Ruby - Passed away on September 23, 2006. She is survived by her brother, Curtis Kempf. Ruby retired in from Unisys in 1981 and was a VIP Club member.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLOODMOBILE INFORMATION MARCH RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES.

Tuesday, March 20th Unisys Roseville needs greeters and servers 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 12 p.m.-3 p.m.
 Please call Marion Scott at 651-455-7952 to sign-up.

UNCLE UNIVAC NEEDS YOU!!! After 24 years of service, Lt. Col. Earl Lillestrand (USMC Ret.) has retired from coordinating the December *Old Timer's gathering* at the Ft. Snelling Officer's Club. This two to three hundred participant activity **will cease unless 4 volunteers** come forward to make it happen; #1 to manage the e-mail notification list, #2 to manage the

phone call notification list, #3 to make name tags using the lists from Persons #1 and #2, and #4 to be liaison with the Officer's Club. The good news is that there is a *person 4* in the wings when 1, 2, and 3 have volunteered. Please send your 'eager to help' note to labenson@usfamily.net or the VIP Club P.O. Box by March 15th.

LEGACY NEWS UPDATE

By Richard Lundgren

A New Year of Legacy

The Legacy Project team wishes all newsletter readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year as we enter the 61st year of our legacy history. We hope you have enjoyed the Legacy News Update in the past months of 2006 and have to some extent relived your own personal history in your career with us. We also hope that you have been visiting our legacy website, <http://www.usfamily.net/web/labenson/Legacy.htm>, and following the monthly updates in the Careers section. The Career Summaries are our key to reconstructing the significant events over our six decades of company

history. Check out some of the recently added very interesting summaries. For example, **Jim Bougie** engagingly describes how his early work at Univac on the Control Format Unit (a 1218 computer) was an overachieving effort. Instead of near misses on drone targets, he was reprimanded for 100% "skin-to-skin" hits and had to "correct" the software to save the drones. His path then followed a "guns to butter" route influenced by world events and personal choices. Another great summary is **George Fedor's** career in field engineering. George supplies many stories of traveling domestically and internationally for business purposes (going to where the rubber meets the road to solve computer problems), resolving issues of colored timecards, developing training curricula, extending his expertise into work with the community, and identifying dozens of coworkers (we know all of them) in various contexts. **Mike Bukovich** also does an excellent job of tracking his career from a start on the technical side to becoming a pillar of marketing. In a span exceeding 41 years he worked UYK-20, CP-901, UYK-7, UYK-43, UYK-44 and others in various capacities. His strength lay in marketing with solid presentations to critical customers for both computer production jobs and for systems jobs. Of particular interest is the "Price to Win" approach as well as the sharing of credit with dozens of former and currently active employees. It's a Must-Read.

Legacy Project Breaking New Ground

Since the last newsletter, LM Eagan has begun the process of capturing oral histories on videotape. The first two contributors, each providing 45-50 minutes of their recollections, were Manny Block and Marc Shoquist, both of whom trace their careers to early ERA days. Several others, all with high responsibility for building the St. Paul/Eagan division, have already agreed to recorded oral interviews, and many more are being sought.

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The histories recorded by LM Eagan are over and above the 300 plus oral histories currently held in the computer industry archives of the Charles Babbage Institute at the University of Minnesota. The CBI database of oral histories can be viewed at <http://www.cbi.umn.edu/oh/index.phtml> and includes such notables as Sid Rubens, Bill Butler, Jack Hill, Bill Norris, and Bob McDonald. This database can be searched by a person's name or company name. The ERA company name, for example, appears in 176 different oral histories. A recent addition to the Legacy Project team is Ed Nelson who hired into ERA in 1951. Ed is looking into how the CBI Oral Histories can complement our Legacy effort and the Legacy Web Site.

Retro is IN

Here's a chance to visit "how it was then" on those who only know "how it is now." LM Eagan, as it does every year, is recognizing the 2007 National Engineers Week, February 18-24, by creating a display of what the workstation of an employee in the computer industry might have looked like in the 1950s (or 60s, 70s, or 80s). If you still have vintage "tools of the trade," please consider loaning them to LM Eagan for the display. These engineering tools can be from mechanical, electrical or software engineering (we still call it programming) or other areas. The actual date, February 19, would be a good opportunity for Retirees to come in and educate "Newbies" about the good old days. We think that they need some new/original ideas. POC for LM Eagan is Dick (Ole) Olson, 651-456-3158 or r.d.olson@lmco.com

Centenarian Identity Revealed

Last month's newsletter had a feature called *Legacy of a Centenarian*. The person's name was not stated, but many clues were provided to help identify her. This key person in our corporate legacy and in the history of the onset of the computer age itself was Grace Murray Hopper, Ph. D., Rear Admiral USN Ret.

CURRENT ISSUES

By Brian Berggren

Reading List Last fall I suggested two books by Minnesota physicians, "Wounded" and "Oath Betrayed." With an expanding but inter-related cast of character, here are three more. "The Looming Tower" by Lawrence Wright starts with Sayyid Qtub, the often-jailed and abused Egyptian intellectual who wrote the justification for death to Muslims (and others) with imperfect belief, continues with bin Laden and al-Zawahiri in both Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan. The bigger surprise is how beautifully Wright tells the appalling story.

The second book, "Fiasco" by Thomas A. Ricks, is USA Today's 2006 Book-of-the-Year. Ricks, with so many inside sources, gives us the incompetence, ignorance, prejudice, spinelessness and worse of the players that got us to where we are now.

The third book, "Imperial Life in the Emerald City" by Rajiv Chanrasekaran, tells of life in the Green Zone. How about pork on the menu for all three meals, water for boiling the hot dogs imported, and staff made up of young GOP campaign workers looking for adventure?

Medicare Update

Our lame duck Congress froze Medicare reimbursement at the 2006 level to avoid the 5% cut scheduled for 2007. The Jan/Feb issue of Metro Doctors describes what had been planned for physician payment changes. A third of Minnesota docs would get 6 to 15% Medicare pay cuts and the state would get \$40 million less for health care. (North and South Dakota would see 17% cuts.) All this happens because of the bizarre series of calculations used to determine funding and limits: sustainable growth rate, geographic adjustments, imaging cuts, fee schedule adjustments, practice expense methodology changes, SRG mitigating factors. Transparency? This is what happens when Congress makes legislation without reading it and delegates making it work to other agencies and advisors. We have to hope something better happens with the new 110th Congress.

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
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 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)

VIP Volunteer Services Areas with Samples of Organizations in each Category

<p>Code 1 Service Area Community and Related Services AARP Volunteers Civic/Government Support Services Senior Centers Community Services DARTS Scouts Minnesota Senior Federation/VISTA United Way</p> <p>Code 2 Service Area Health and Disaster Services American Cancer Society Arthritis Foundation Red Cross & Bloodmobile Services Courage Center Signet Health & Rehab. Center</p> <p>Code 3 Service Area Meals, Food and Housing Services Meals on Wheels Loaves and Fishes Sharing and Caring Hands Dorothy Day Center Food Services / Senior Dining Habitat for Humanity</p>	<p>Code 4 Service Area Music and Theatrical Services Guthrie Theater Northern Lights Variety Band North Suburban Chorus</p> <p>Code 5 Service Area Schools and Educational Services Volunteer Services in Schools Historical Societies Wright Brothers National Memorial</p> <p>Code 6 Service Area Religious and Related Services Church Missions and Camps Related Charities Lutheran Missions Presbyterian Homes Basilica of St. Mary</p> <p>Code 7 Service Area Other Services Animal Humane Society Law Enforcement Services Juvenile Court Guardian Small Business Consulting Veterans & Armed Forces Support VIP Club Mutual Interest Associations</p>
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On your Volunteer Hours Survey Form select one of the above codes that best represents each Organization Served.

VIP Club Volunteer Hours Survey Form For Year 2006		
Member/Spouse Names _____ Your City _____ State _____		
Service Area Code (1-7) See Listing Above	Organization for which volunteer Services was performed	Member and Spouse Total Hours per line

Cut out and Mail this form to: **Bernie Jansen**
848 Ivy Lane Total Hours _____
Eagan, MN 55123-2425.....

OR

Email this information to Bernie at bjskj@hotmail.com

Survey results will be published in the VIP Club Newsletter.
The VIP Recognition Breakfast will be at 8:30a.m. on April 11th at Unisys, Roseville.
Your Volunteer Survey Form must be received by April 4th for you to be listed in the Breakfast Program.
Please indicate how many will attend the volunteer breakfast. Enter 0, 1 or 2:_____.

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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.