

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, March 07	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, March 14	Roseville, Program & Social Time	7.00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 04	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 11	Roseville, Volunteer Breakfast & Program	8.00 a.m.

MARCH PROGRAM: ROSEVILLE

Our March 14, 2007 VIP Program will be about travel. This will be a slide show to five very different destinations, some of which you may have already been to and others that you are still dreaming about. Kent VanRoekel from Collette Vacations will take us on a tour of New York City where there is much to see without flying half way across the world. Across in Ireland you can kiss the Blarney Stone as well as the residents. Then it will be off to Italy for a visit to Rome and the Amalfi Coast with all its great scenery and history. Finally, Kent will show us Tropical Costa Rica with its many natural wonders. The above locations are upcoming travel opportunities which are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. To begin the evening program Roger Gillette will show slides of a more strenuous activity, backpacking the Bridger Wilderness in Wyoming's Wind River Range with his nephew. The object of this particular trip was to climb Squaretop Mountain, one of Wyoming's often photographed locations.

APRIL PROGRAM: ROSEVILLE

April will feature the volunteer breakfast at Unisys. Therefore, **no evening meeting or program** is scheduled on April 11th.

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

**LAST ISSUE AND
FINAL NOTICE TO RENEW**
IF YOUR ADDRESS LABEL HAS 2006
AFTER YOUR NAME, YOU ARE NOT
PAID FOR 2007. PLEASE USE THE
DUES COUPON ON PAGE 6.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From: Brian Berggren

First, a big thanks to Tom, Bernie, Joe, Lowell, and the rest of the board for allowing Barbara and me to spend a month plus in Gulfport, MS, helping the brother-in-law after back surgery. Next, send your volunteer hours to Bernie for the April Volunteer Breakfast. For you older "old-timers," the original Geek Squad meets for lunch the first Friday at the old Parrish's site. Also, help Ole and the Legacy effort by sending him your career info. Lastly, those who attended the February program got a treat from Bob Price, the Control Data CEO who followed

Bill Norris. Bob told us how lucky and proud we should feel for being in on the start of the computer industry as he reminisced about the people and machines that led that development.

Respectfully, Brian Berggren, 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 Larpenteur Avenue. For information call 763-786-1044.

MEETING & EVENT DATES 2007

Date	Time	Location	Activity
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

Brown, George	U	Falcon Hts, MN.
Hauck, George	U	Vadnais Hgts, MN.
Hodek, James	U	Shoreview, MN.
Johnson, Tom & Mary	U	Roseville, MN.
Palmer, Steve & Kathy	U	Lake Elmo, MN.
Skoog, Jeanne	U	Columbia Heights, MN.
Taipale, Harvey & Gayle	L	Lake Elmo, MN.
Westergren, John & Patricia	L	Apple Valley, MN.

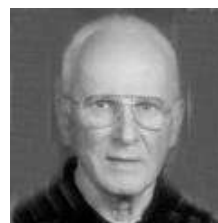
U = Unisys **B** = Burroughs **L** = Lockheed Martin
D = Unisys Defense Systems

IN REMEMBRANCE



Kohout, Robert A. - Age 69 of St. Paul, MN. Passed away on January 3 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Donna. Bob was a Unisys retiree and a member of the VIP Club.

Milligan, Mary L. - Age 87 of St Paul, MN. Retired employee of Univac. Preceded in death by beloved husband, Raymond A. Schwartz. Mary was a member of the VIP Club.



Youngner, Paul Luther - Age 76, of Burnsville (formerly Eagan). Passed away peacefully Feb 1, 2007, after living with Parkinson's Disease for 15 years. Paul is survived by Betty, his wife of 47 years. Paul worked

his entire career as a Principal Programmer for Unisys.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

On April 11th Unisys Roseville will again host the annual Recognition Breakfast for VIP Club members who performed volunteer services in 2006. The month of April is National Volunteer Month and our Breakfast honors all VIP Club members who perform volunteer services where ever they reside. We thank all VIP Club members for the many hours of volunteer services you provide each year. Last year, VIP Club members who responded to our Survey, donated approximately 19,000 hours to various organizations in Minnesota, Arizona, Illinois, Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin. Sixty members attended the Breakfast at Unisys and we hope this many will attend this year. Please note that all members who respond to the "Volunteer Survey" are invited to attend this Breakfast. The Breakfast will begin at 8:30 A.M. in the Roseville Building 3 Cafeteria – enter through Gate 5. The entertainment for the Breakfast will feature humorist, Vicki Snyder presenting the "Heart of a Volunteer". Please provide your responses to the Volunteer Survey Form provided on page 6. Thank you. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Volunteer Recognition Breakfast.

Submitted by Bernie Jansen, Volunteer Event Chairperson.

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. Thanks to the following volunteers who helped at the January 11, 2007 Blood drive at Unisys MACS: Jim Larson, Bernie & Kathy Jansen, Mary Popehn, Nancy Gountanis, Marion Scott and Hank Dotzler. Thanks to the following volunteers who helped at the January 31, 2007 Blood drive at Lockheed Martin: Dale Phelps, Ruth Sanford, Jim Drabek, Marilyn Schwartz, Eugene Westerberg, Gene Achterberg, Dick Mullins and Pat Gagnier.

Unihog/Uniturkey recap:

The City View served 71 luncheons to 'Univac' retirees on November 19th. A few more artifacts were given to the Legacy project, a couple of attendees joined or rejoined the VIP Club. This annual 'retirees/former employees' event has occurred for over 20 years. The planning committee of Fred Vihovde, Bob Blixt, Jack Ross, Leo Bock, Ross Rash, and Lowell Benson invites all VIP Club newsletter readers to the November 16, 2007

reminiscence luncheon. For those not on the Uni-Hog/Turkey mailing list, an announcement will be in this newsletter next October.

LEGACY NEWS UPDATE

Submitted by Dick Lundgren, rflundgr@aol.com.

Following the Philosophy of a Proven Leader

A proven world leader, known to everyone, said "History will be kind to me for I intend to write it," and he did. And we, the Legacy Project team, subscribe to his philosophy as we chronicle our own company past and put the emphasis on the positive. We all made positive contributions which grew the company, established its reputation, and secured its future, and even helped the company to be in a position to provide support to us in retirement. By the way, this famous world leader (1874-1965) is remembered for a 1946 speech he gave at Westminster College in Fulton, MO in which he coined the phrase for a symbolic metallic drapery in Europe which finally fell under President Reagan.

Legacy after One Year

After one year into the legacy initiative, it's time to give a status update for the main efforts. The first focus was to chronicle in graphic form the many successful computer developments in our first six decades. The resulting product is the Military Computer Genealogy chart which is shown in the "Computers" section of the legacy website*. This chart was checked for accuracy and brought up to date by the Computer Genealogy Subcommittee consisting of **Dick Erdrich, Gary Hokenson, Harry Wise, Lowell Benson, and John Skonnord**. The performance and unmatched reliability of the early military computers directly led to our initial involvement in the Air Traffic Control (ATC) systems for 62 major U.S. airports, and this effort continues today as Air Traffic Management (ATM) which is now part of Lockheed Martin's Transportation and Security Solutions (TSS) division. The chronology of this excellent 40-year+ effort, with many international spin-offs, is shown in the "Systems" section of the legacy website under "Air Traffic Control." Thanks to **Tom Montgomery** and **Jack Sater** for their efforts in the legacy of ATM. Also thanks to **Anil Deodhar** for the depiction of significant Postal Programs over the years. Developments over the decades for Navy Surface Systems (thanks to **Dave Kolling, Bob Scholz, and John Byrne**) and for Navy Subsurface Systems (thanks to **Quint Heckert**) are also shown in the "Systems" section. Additional great historical perspective is supplied for International Programs

(**Bruce Grewenow, Keith Myrhe**, et al.), Missile Systems (**Bob Hanson, Dick Kistler**, et al.), Canadian Programs (**Gene McCarthy, Marc Shoquist**, et al.), Hardware Design (**Don Mager, Jack Hill**, et al.), P-3/S-3 ASW Systems (**Jim Rapinac, John Spearing**, et al.), Field Engineering (**George Fedor and Dick Erdrich**), etc.

The second major focus of the legacy initiative has been the compilation of Career Summaries (typically 2-3 pages) from many current and former employees. To date about 60 have been submitted (long range goal is 200 or more) and the list of names whose career summaries have been posted to the legacy website follows below. If these names and their stories don't jog some of your personal career memories, then you need to get new batteries and/or increase the refresh frequency of your own "storage device."

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| • John Alton | Archie Lahti |
| • Keith Behnke | Don Lovely |
| • Lowell Benson | Don Mager |
| • Jim Bergum | Ben Manning |
| • Manny Block | Ed Michaud |
| • Larry Bolton | Keith Myhre |
| • John Booher | Mert Nellis |
| • Jim Bougie | Curt Nelson |
| • Bob Bro | Ed Nelson |
| • Mike Bukovich | Don Neumann |
| • Bill Butler | Richard 'Ole' Olson |
| • John Byrne | Phil Phipps |
| • Bob Chappellear | Jim Rapinac |
| • Gerry Del Fiacco | Bob Russell |
| • Michael Doll | Vernon Sandusky |
| • Hank Dotzler | Norb Santoski |
| • Dr. John Esch | Jack Sater |
| • Millie Gignac | Bob Scholz |
| • Lee Granberg | Marc Shoquist |
| • Thomas Grendzinski | Tom Sinkula |
| • Bruce Grewenow | John Spearing |
| • Bob Hanson | Jim Stephenson |
| • Jim Hyslop | Bernie Svendsen |
| • Ron Irwin | Ed Tilford |
| • Dick Kistler | Sam Walzer |
| • Steven Kloner | Don Weidenbach |
| • Dave Kolling | John Westergren |
| • Bruce Klugherz | Monte Widdoss |

Many more career summaries have already been requested. A frequent response we get is that "I don't know what to say," "I never did anything that was that important," or "I have no idea what is important." We believe that our history is so rich and so varied that once you get started, your career summary will flow onto the paper, and that every piece will be important. In addition to your work

chronology and memorable anecdotes, you might consider commenting on some highlights of your career, such as examples of events or circumstances that were the most challenging, the most satisfying, the most frustrating, the luckiest, the most difficult, the most misunderstood, the most important to the company, or the most important to our nation. Relationships with your customers, coworkers, or teaming partners and suppliers are also important pieces of information to preserve.

The third major focus has been to respond to the request from LMHQ that we compile "Oral Histories from the top five people responsible for our division history." We told them we couldn't do five, but we could identify 16, and we are already in the process of recording these audio-visual histories. To date four individuals have provided videotaped historical narrative (**Manny Block, Marc Shoquist, Clyde Allen**, and **Gene McCarthy**), and many more have agreed to do so. These interviews are structured around a set of questions provided by LMHQ and given in advance to the interviewee, and from that point the history just flows. Another good one we are expecting soon is the **Fred Hargesheimer** story which is being documented by **Ed Nelson** (of early ERA days). Fred has taken 15 trips back to New Guinea to help the natives who saved his life when he was shot down there in a Lockheed P38 during WWII.

* <http://www.usfamily.net/web/labenson/Legacy.htm>

CLUB GOVERNANCE TIDBITS

Submitted by Lowell Benson.

(The first of a 2007 series):

Our VIP Club operations are governed by a Club Constitution which defines the Board as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, four Directors, and the Past President. The Constitution authorizes this Board to enact a set of Bylaws with four goals:

- 1) The Club shall provide an opportunity for social interaction of its members,
 - 2) The Club shall provide services and information appropriate to the interest of its members,
 - 3) The Club shall provide a mechanism for member services to the community, and
 - 4) The Club shall provide a forum for information on the heritage and on-going action of the sponsoring business entities and their predecessors.
- The Club is sponsored by UNISYS - Roseville and Lockheed Martin - Eagan.

BOARD PROFILES

Lowell A. Benson, Treasurer

My primary engineering career [1960=>'94] was at Sperry UNIVAC/UNISYS in various computer

development and engineering management positions. I worked on computer systems for many government agencies including the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the CIA, NSA, ASA, the Canadian Forces, and the German Navy. My second career [94=>01] was as a research laboratory developer and manager for the Center for Transportation Studies at the University of Minnesota. I've served our country as a Russian linguist [1958=>1963] for the U.S. Army Security Agency in Germany and a Ft. Snelling Military Intelligence detachment plus volunteering for 20 years on a standby draft board.

Gloria and I have been married for 46 years. We have two sons, a daughter, and seven grandchildren - all living in the Twin Cities area. Shoreview has been our home since 1967 - except for our two years in Holland-Germany in the early '70s and an eighteen month Rockville, MD assignment in '91/'92. Our favorite rest and relaxation places are summers at our Lake Milona cabin and Hawaii in February. My retirement hobbies are grandchildren, photography, travel, bridge, crossword puzzles, and my web site. I'm excited by the Legacy project and comfortable with the VIP Club Treasurer's responsibilities for 2007.

TRAVEL

Upcoming Travel Opportunities

Through Collette Vacations

1. New York City

May 24, 2007 - 5 days, \$1749

2. Shades of Ireland

August 14, 2007 - 10 days, \$2723

3. Rome & the Amalfi Coast

November 1, 2007 - 10 days, \$2189

4. Tropical Costa Rica

February 13, 2008 - 9 days, \$1899

Brochures will be available at meetings, or you can call or E-mail Roger Gillette and tell him which brochure(s) you would like mailed to you. Call 612-926-7214 or E-mail RG5628@hotmail.com. Please provide a mailing address.

CURRENT ISSUES

Submitted by Brian Berggren

Book Suggestion

Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid by Jimmy Carter is both a soft history of the region and its players, and narratives of Carter's Biblical interests and frequent visits. He started traveling to the region in 1973 when he was Georgia's governor. We learn that the area had one of the better educated Arab communities, that farmers and shopkeepers, doctors

and lawyers prospered, that Muslims, Christians, and Jews shared the land and religious sites. Over the last 30 years, Carter describes the situation as evolving to apartheid. His observations of the military occupation that denies the Palestinians legal rights, trade and travel freedoms, and access to adequate water for drinking and sanitation are all too sad and unnecessary.

Health Issues

MSF Programs

The Minnesota Senior Federation announced two program changes. In January, Target sent letters to MedSave Pharmacy customers that Target had bought the business. Second, MSF published information in the Senior News about dental plans being coordinated by HealthPartners.

MedSave had offered very good generic drug prices, credit card billing, and one or two day mail delivery. Target will continue to provide good prices and service; what will be lost is the mail service. When I asked prices of several drugs, Target's quoted price of \$14 for the generics was on average less than the MedSave prices. MSF now offers generics through SeniorCareRx, with mail service.

The dental program offers three plans, all with options to use the HealthPartners Dental Group, an Open Access Network of 1700 dentists, or out of network dentists. The plans are called Maintenance, Major, and Comprehensive. The least costly at \$16.83 per month is the Major Plan using the HealthPartners Dental Group. The most expensive at \$39.98 per month is the Comprehensive Plan using either the Open Access Network dentists (or the out of network dentists at higher deductibles).

Medicare

I'll start with some numbers that were shared at the February Medicare Justice Coalition (MJC) meeting: 12% of Medicare patients are responsible for 69% of the costs; 7% account for 53% of the costs; to serve the aging boomers hospitals will have to add beds at a current cost of \$1 million per bed.

Next, the FDA is back to confiscating Canadian mailorder drugs, this time in Florida, for labeling infractions - the drugs are all in factory-sealed packages. Also, Consumer Reports Best Buy Drugs program has identified specialist prescribing as the biggest drug problem. Do you share your drug list with your doctor, especially your primary care doc, at every visit? Remember, when you take more than five drugs, the chance for interactions or conflicts rises significantly.

The MJC is hoping to work with CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) to share demonstration and pilot program results. In

Minnesota we have the Minn. Senior Health Options (MSHO) pilot to pool Medicare and Medicaid dollars to provide more care flexibility. Too many of the dollars ordinarily are only available for "medical services" using a doctor and nursing, home care, and hospice care that are often far cheaper and effective are excluded from the payment system. P4P (pay for performance) and other demos have shown improved outcomes and reduced costs and should be better publicized.

CMS has also told us to back off on Medicare regional inequities, the 12% higher Medicare Advantage payout to private insurers over traditional Medicare, and the drug price negotiation issues. In spite of their regulation and rule making power, CMS thinks these problems should be handled by Congress.

In a January meeting with HealthPartners leaders, two subjects not directly related to care were at the top. A big concern was the lack of new primary care and geriatric doctors coming out of training. Even though most medical students voiced a preference for primary care, by the time they graduated their debts made the pay in the specialties necessary to see a way out of their school debt. This led to the question of how to better pay for medical education. Using foreign medical schools to supply a significant percentage of our primary care docs cannot be the answer. I'll close with a quote from Dave Durenberger's 1 February commentary, "It has been my experience that none of the players in this medical game are willing to play unless they are guaranteed incomes that they believe are commensurate with their competitive worth. Like every NFL, NBA, or NHL team owner knows, you

pay for what you get, but you don't always get what you pay for."

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Lars, a Norwegian from Cook County in northern Minnesota, was an older, single gentleman who was born and raised a Lutheran. Each Friday night after work, he would fire up his outdoor grill and cook a venison steak. Now, all of Lars's neighbors were Catholic and since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating meat on Fridays. The delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks was causing such a problem for the Catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest. The priest came to visit Lars, and suggested that Lars convert to Catholicism. After several classes and much study, Lars attended Mass and as the priest sprinkled holy water over Lars, he said, "You were born a Lutheran and raised a Lutheran, but now you are Catholic." Lars's neighbors were greatly relieved, until Friday night arrived, and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison filled the neighborhood. The priest was called immediately by the neighbors and, as he rushed into Lars's yard, clutching a rosary and prepared to scold Lars, he stopped in amazement and watched. There stood Lars, clutching a small bottle of water which he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat, and chanted: "You were born a deer, and raised a deer, but now you are a walleye."

Norwegian Syttende Mai Luncheon
 The annual Norwegian Syttende Mai lunch will take place Thursday May 17th at Casper's in Eagan.
 More details in next month's newsletter.

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: _____

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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)

