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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, May 02	Board Meeting, Eagan	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 09	Eagan, Program & Social Time	7.00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 06	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 13	Annual Picnic Highland Park Pavilion	4.00 p.m.

MAY PROGRAM: EAGAN

James Mossman will speak on the subject "The Importance of Mentors and Community in a Lonely World". Just as fear is ever present in our current world, so is loneliness. James Mossman learned this from experience. His father died when he was four years old, and when his mother set up her own business, James and his sister were among "the first latch-key kids" in Minnesota. His novel, **From Drying Lakes**, is dedicated to the men and women who, at an early age, lost the support of a loved one through death, divorce, war, poverty, or abandonment. Their lives had to emerge as if from "drying lakes". The book is also dedicated to the many mentors and wise ones who helped those who survived to fill again the drying lakes of their lives by guiding them in learning to love and laugh and grow. James will share his view of the opportunities that exist for finding one's own identify through mentors and community. He will have his book, *From Drying Lakes*, available.

JUNE PICNIC: HIGHLAND PARK

COME OUT AND CELEBRATE! The VIP Club Annual Picnic will be held at 4:00 p.m. on June 13th. This event enjoys the largest attendance of any Club event each year. It will be held at the Pavilion at Highland Park in St. Paul. The Club will supply hamburgers, buns, condiments, coffee, and soft drinks. All attendees are requested to bring food items for the potluck portion of the picnic - suggestions of what to bring are based on the first letter of your last name:

A – D Desserts, E – L Casseroles, M – P Appetizers, and Q – Z Salads. Please include serving utensils for your dishes and mark them with your name.

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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From: Brian Berggren

For volunteers, the adventure never ends. We started with a bit of weather to accompany the April 11th Volunteer Breakfast that also kept Vicki Snyder, our program speaker, stuck at her home in Rochester. Bernie and Dale made a great save by inviting several of the volunteers to tell of their experiences and rewards. To a person, everyone enjoyed this impromptu addition to the program and hoped it could be part of future programs. Lowell also brought some Legacy "artifacts" and encouraged all to check their closets and tell their stories. And in

spite of the weather the volunteer turnout was very good. Best of all was the breakfast buffet from the Unisys kitchen; the eggs were tasty and tender, the fruit cut small, and the mini rolls and muffins of many flavors.

Now is the time to mark your calendars for the June 13th picnic at Highland Park. We will start our planning at the May board meeting and hope for good weather and another opportunity to visit with old friends.

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

<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

Abrahamson, Carol	U	Roseville, MN.
Bakken, Larry & Vickie	U	Lakeville, MN.
Bratten, Joyce & Gary	U	Somerset, WI.
Fuhrman, Cal & Joan	U	Burnsville, MN.
Lavers, John & Grace	U	Woodbury, MN.
Marousek, Richard	U	Vadnais HGTS, MN.

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

IN REMEMBRANCE



Casey, Patrick Michael - Passed away March 11, 2007 at the age of 76. Survived by loving wife of 53 years, Donna Rae. Retired after more than 30 years at Unisys Corp.



Ketchum, James Richard - Age 84, of Burnsville formerly of Prior Lake. Passed away on April 3, 2007. Preceded in death by wife, Evelyn. James was an engineer with Sperry Univac for many years.



Kramer, Larry E. - Age 61, of Burnsville, MN. Passed away suddenly on March 28, 2007. Survived by loving wife of 38 years, Gail. Larry was a former Univac employee.



McCabe, Frank C. - Age 78, of Plymouth, MN (formerly of New Brighton). Passed away peacefully on February 25, 2007. He is survived by his loving wife, MaryAnn. Frank was a Unisys retiree.

Smyrski, Mary A. (Nee Buscher) - Age 73, of Hastings, MN. Died March 29, 2007. Survived by husband John A. Jr. John is a VIP club member.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL NORWEGIAN SYTTENDE MAI LUNCHEON PLANNED – MAY 17, 2007

Celebrate your Norwegian heritage, or that of your friends or associates, by attending a luncheon in recognition of Norway’s Constitution Day, Syttende Mai (May 17th). This event, a tradition for more than 30 years, will again be held at Casper’s Cherokee Sirloin Room, 4625 Nicols Rd, Eagan on Thursday, May 17th. The price of the lunch is \$13.00 which includes a delicious buffet, beverage (coffee, tea or milk), salad, rolls, and dessert, tax and tip. The buffet opens at 11:15, so come early. Our program speakers in past years have included Norwegians and Norwegian-Americans of world class talent and expertise. Twice we have had Prof. Odd Sverre Lovoll Ph.D., a preeminent scholar, author, and historian of Norwegian immigration to America (who additionally has grandchildren in both Norway and the U.S). Also for several years we were honored to have Major Hans Joakimsen and Capt. Sverre Aastorp, both officers in the Royal Norwegian Air Force who were assigned to LM-Eagan at different times for RNoAF professional duties (see *Legacy News Update* in this newsletter). Another great program is planned for this year. Contact Dale Phelps (952-831-7843) by May 10 if you would like to attend.

BILL EVANS NEW ORLEANS JAZZ EVENT

Mark your calendar for the first ever Dixieland Jazz Event at the Eagan Community Center! The Bill Evans New Orleans Jazz Band has played nationally,

internationally, and locally. Ticket price includes admission, entertainment and light snacks. Beverages and an open bar will be available for an additional fee. This program is hosted by the Eagan Seniors.

Sunday, June 24 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. \$20.00 per person on or before June 1. \$25.00 per person after June 1 and at the door. Information available at www.cityofeagan.com or 651-675-5500. Submitted by Millie Gignac.

LEGACY NEWS UPDATE

Submitted by Dick Lundgren, rflundgr@aol.com.

LEGACY OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS – FOCUS ON NORWAY

This article is the first of a series of articles highlighting the legacy of LM-Eagan in international business. Why start with Norway? The reasons are provided at the end of the article.

Norway was one of the 12 founding members of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) which marks its 40th anniversary this year. **SHAPE** (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) is the military wing of NATO, and Norway is the strategic northern anchor of SHAPE’s command structure. LM-Eagan has had a significant business relationship with Norway for more than 20 years.

Our legacy of Norwegian business began in 1986 with the sale of the **Maritime Air Support Center (MASC)** to the **Royal Norwegian Air Force (RNoAF)**. The RNoAF assigned **Major Hans Joakimsen** to oversee the 2-year development of the MASC in Eagan. His presence in Eagan was engaging and masterful, and he was a delight to all who knew him. The MASC was a ground support center similar to the US Navy’s ASWOC (Anti-Submarine Warfare Operations Center) used for P3-C operations. The RNoAF did not yet have the (Lockheed-built) P3-C Orion aircraft, but their arrival was imminent. The RNoAF did have five P-3B Orions, and in fact they had them since 1969 when Norway, because of its strategic monitoring location for Soviet submarines, became the first P-3 operator in Europe. The MASC was delivered to the RNoAF P-3C 333 Squadron at Andøya Air Station in the Vesterålen Islands (70° north latitude). Company people involved in the MASC program from conceptual development to delivery and on-site support included **Keith Myhre, Art Francis, Denny Drake, and Gary Reetz**. The MASC is still at Andøya and still in use today.

Four Norwegian P-3Cs, with avionics built around the Univac CP-901 computer (AN/ASQ-114), arrived in Norway in 1989 to replace the P-3Bs.

They operated mostly in the as-delivered condition until 1996 when Lockheed Martin received a contract for the **Upgrade Improvement Program (UIP)** to “add capability and increase service life.” The RNoAF assigned Captain **Sverre Aastorp** to LM-Eagan as the on-site customer representative to coordinate the effort. Sverre was a very competent and impressive professional as well as surprisingly multi-talented. From 1997 to 2000, the four Orions were modified at the LM Aircraft and Logistics Center facility in Greenville, SC and returned to Norway with the “P-3C UIP” designation. The modifications included the replacement of the original Univac central computer with the CP-2044 (AN/ASQ-212) computer.

Another facet of Norway’s commitment to NATO has been the order by the **Royal Norwegian Navy (RNoN)** of five new frigates. The lead frigate, delivered in 2006, is the **Fridtjof Nansen**, named, of course, for Norway’s outstanding explorer, scientist, diplomat and winner of the 1922 Nobel Peace Prize. The Nansen class ships are being built by a consortium that includes the Spanish shipyard Navantia (Ferrol, Spain), Lockheed Martin Maritime Systems and Sensors (MS2 - Moorestown, NJ and Eagan, MN), and Bath Iron Works (Bath, ME). MS2 is the maker of the Aegis system and Legacy Eagan equipment on board these Frigates includes UYK-43s and UYQ-70s.

Status, Control, Alerting and Reporting System (SCARS) is a program that emerged on the Eagan consciousness about the time that Burroughs was swallowing itself and Sperry and becoming Unisys. SCARS, actually SCARS II, was not a Norwegian program, but it involved Norway. The customer for SCARS was **SHAPE** with its headquarters in Mons, Belgium. SCARS was a long overdue replacement for a pretty archaic command and reporting system used throughout SHAPE commands in all NATO countries. Communications stretched from northern Norway, through the UK and west central Europe, and down to Turkey. **Mark Swanson** was our on-site lead at SHAPE (1987-89).

So why do we begin our legacy of international business with a focus on Norway? There are abundant reasons. Consider the following. Norway was the unchallenged master of the seas from the 8th to the 11th century, and Norway is still pre-eminent in keeping the northern sea lanes secure as well as keeping the southern seas pleasurable (think Norwegian cruise lines). Norway is consistently at the top of the world’s countries with the highest standard of living, and Norway is the host country for the annual Nobel Peace Prize award. Norwegian-American relations have always been

very strong, with the US among the first to recognize Norway after the peaceful dissolution of its union with Sweden in 1905. And needless to say, Minnesota-Norway connections are very vigorous and thriving. Witness the coming Lockheed Martin Syttende Mai luncheon, mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, as well as many other activities of Norwegian-Americans.

LEGACY WEBSITE CONTINUES TO GROW (<http://www.usfamily.net/web/labenson/Legacy.htm>)

Contributions recently posted to the Legacy website have come from **Al Heiden, Tom Kratz, Dick Roessler**, and others. Al Heiden’s is interesting because of his recollections from his 1978-1989 career span with us when he worked in PC Test Engineering at Plant 1, part of Quality Assurance. He recalls many coworkers by name and a simulator named INDICATES. He now lives in Phoenix where he discovered our Legacy website. Tom Kratz recounts his early days with the CS-1 compiler and how it was a programming necessity to also know the computer hardware architecture. He worked the beginnings of the P-3C software development in Willow Grove, PA and Patuxent River, MD, and also at prime contractor Lockheed in Burbank, CA. This led into the German Fast Patrol Boat program with work at Signaal in Hengelo, Netherlands and later in Wilhelmshaven, Germany. Then followed a long career in program management for a wide variety of international programs. Tom recalls a great many names from those programs over the years and also includes some great anecdotes. Dick Roessler’s account is a well-written classic progression of experiences lived and lessons learned. Who would have thought that a career headed at radio broadcast engineering or color TV broadcasting would have taken a turn to the digital world? Check out some of Dick’s background experiences and the paths they led to in his varied career at our company. Note too his emphasis on the importance of community involvement, for active employees and retirees as well.

CLUB GOVERNANCE TIDBITS

(The third of a 2007 series):
Submitted by Lowell Benson.

A summary of the requirements to become a Club member are: 1) Club is open to all retired employees or former employees who are of the sponsors and their predecessor companies. Spouses of deceased former employees qualify for membership. The predecessor organizations include ERA, Remington

Rand UNIVAC, Sperry Rand UNIVAC, UNIVAC, Sperry UNISYS, the merged portions of Burroughs, PARAMAX, and Loral's Minnesota entities. 3) Submittal of a written application with payment of annual dues. 4) Submittal of renewal form and check when current membership expires.

TRAVEL

SPRING FLINGS

Submitted by Yvonne Cecchini

Melting snow and Spring Fever--a combination that's sure to bring VIP. members thoughts of fun 'n the sun. Here are a few tempting examples:

One Day Tours:

*MAY 9 -OLD LOG THEATRE" Over the Tavern" Family comedy, set in 1959 \$52.95

*MAY 15 UP A LAZY RIVER is a 3 hour paddleboat ride with lunch served by Tinucci's. \$49.00.

*JUNE 21~DULUTH WITH TRAIN/Bus to Duluth, board train to Two Harbors, enjoy buffet lunch at Grand Superior Lodge, Duluth city tour. \$52.00

*JULY 11-MUSICAL AT THE NEW GUTHRIE "1776" Lunch at The Old Spaghetti Factory. \$49.95.

*OCTOBER 13~OCTOBERFEST IN NEW ULM- Tour the town and brewery, then join the festivities at the Holiday Inn. \$37.95

Extended Tours:

*BRANSON CHRISTMAS TOURS begin Nov.5-9, thru Dec.4-8; 5 Shows \$599 per person(dbl.)

*MAY 7-11, AUG.27-31~DAKOTA GOLD TOUR BLACK HILLS including Badlands National Park, Mt. Rushmore, and more \$499 per person(dbl.).

*MAY 29-JUNE1/OCT.2-5~DOOR COUNTY stay at Deluxe Wagon Trail Resort \$579 per person.

*JUNE 15/17/AUG.24-26/SEPT.28-30~CHICAGO WEEKEND GETAWAY~tours, 2 nights'hotel, 2 dinner shows, and more.~\$429 per person dbl.

*NEW ENGLAND 12-DAY GUIDED TOUR THAT WON'T BREAK THE BANK! June 3-14/ July 8-19/ Aug.5-16 Boston New England Canada Double:\$1299 pp ~ Sgl.\$1649 pp ~Trpl/Quad \$1229 pp. Please phone or email Yvonne Cecchini to hear about additional tours, and also world-wide cruises, including Alaska. Call Yvonne at 651-437-9278 or ycecchini@earthlink.net.

UPCOMING TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Through Collette Vacations

Submitted by Roger Gillette

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

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CURRENT ISSUES

UNISYS PENSION STATUS

Submitted by Tom Turba, April 7, 2007.

The current state of the pension fund is something most Unisys retirees are interested in. It is also a lively topic among current and former employees thinking about retirement. With the Unisys 2006 Annual Report just out we can see again what the current state is. The basis for all numbers referenced here is what has been reported in Unisys Annual Reports. In some ways, the current status is both good news and bad news.

The bad news is that the overall pension fund continues its 5 year status of being under funded. The current under funding is \$256 million. But, this is less than the under funding reported last year, which was \$829 million. This is the overall funding, which includes both the domestic and international sides of the pension plan.

If you look at the domestic side, things look better. Last year it was under funded by \$279 million. This year it has a positive status of \$159 million. This is partly because the company has capped the traditional pension plan and changed the way employees can accumulate money for retirement. Over the last year, the domestic pension obligation has decreased for the first time in 7 years.

The 3.3% positive status for the domestic fund for calendar year 2006 does not compare to the 44.5% positive status it had in 1999, when there was over \$1.5 billion extra funds available. It is a good sign even though we still have not reached the asset value we had in 1999 when we began the precipitous three year drop and lost over \$2 billion in assets.

Unfortunately, the pension obligation for the international side continued to rise and grew by over \$200 million last year. It is currently \$415.5 million under funded, or 16.86%. But, this is less than the 24.5% under funding for 2005.

What does this all mean? From the traditional pension perspective, things look better this year than they did last.

DRUG MONEY

Submitted by Brian Berggren

Those full page PhRMA ads in our newspapers the first week in April were in fearful response to the hearing for Senate bill 242; this bill deals with drug price negotiation, safety, and importation. The seven points in the ad are all incomplete. Not all seniors have comprehensive coverage and many pay the price through the “donut-hole”. The wide choice of plans only makes finding a plan with the appropriate formulary more difficult. Patient choice is really market segregation; plans cannot afford to offer all drugs to their members. And the bill “would have a negligible impact on federal spending“.

At the National Coalition of Consumer Organization on Aging Prescription Drug Importation Work Group conference call on March 30th, we heard staffers from Senators Snowe and Dorgan describe PhRMA chief Billy Tausin’s plea for a “closed” system to prevent counterfeiting and distribution “pedigrees” only for those authorized by the drug manufacturers. Tausin gave no numbers for any safety problems and thought the three big drug distributors were doing just fine.

Pharmacy professor Steve Shondelmeyer from the U of MN had testified at the hearing and said the 12-20 percent drug cost saving would actually give ten times the savings estimated by the Congressional Budget Office. Shondelmeyer said that with current drug spending of \$267 billion per year, savings would be in the \$28-46 billion per year range – real savings that would no longer go to PhRMA. The FDA had been non-responsive but, after hearing the numbers, offered to “give technical assistance”, which then got an impolite laugh.

CORN FOR CARS

Now that hydrogen isn’t going to be a near term energy fix, the hype is now about corn-based ethanol. The Jan-Feb 2007 U of MN Alumni magazine has a great article on “Five Reasons Corn Ethanol Won’t Save the Planet” by Greg Breining, using research by the U’s Jason Hill and David Tilman.

“Ethanol production requires almost as much energy as it yields.” Corn-based ethanol gives at best a 25 percent gain over the energy needed to make it, and some researchers (disputed by U researchers) say the energy used to make ethanol is greater than the energy the ethanol contains.

“It isn’t easy being ‘green’ when growing corn.” Corn uses about half the nation’s fertilizer, 135 pounds of nitrogen per acre, phosphorus and

phosphate, plus lots of herbicides and insecticides. And water.

“Corn crowds out wildlife.” Ninety-nine percent of native prairie is gone as are most of the wetlands. Loss of habitat has taken a huge toll on grassland and game birds.

“Corn ethanol doesn’t cut enough greenhouse gases.” E85 fuel is worse than gasoline in the amount of carbon monoxide, sulfur and nitrogen oxides, and organics and particulates. Ethanol in small amounts is valuable in replacing MBTE to help gasoline burn cleaner.

“We can’t grow enough corn.” Our use of 12 percent of the corn crop for ethanol replaces only two percent of gasoline consumption. Using all our corn for ethanol would lower gas consumption by 12 percent.

Hill’s study of soy biodiesel has it giving 93 percent more energy than needed to produce it, while using only one percent of the nitrogen and 13 percent of the pesticides needed for corn. (Tilman and Hill wrote a half-page Viewpoint in the March 27th Pioneer Press on biofuels that discusses the carbon cycle and other sources of ethanol. They also discuss the effect of corn ethanol on foods. Prices for tortillas doubled in Mexico; three pounds of corn are needed to get one pound of chicken and eight pounds for a pound of beef.) Another commentator mentioned that 60 percent of the cost of eggs is corn-based feed.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

HOW TO CALL THE POLICE.

George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi was going up to bed when his wife told him that he’d left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked “Is someone in your house?” and he said “no”. Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available. George said, “Okay,” hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again. “Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don’t have to worry about them now cause I’ve just shot them all.” Then he hung up. Within minutes three police cars, an Armed Response unit, and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips residence and caught the burglars red-handed. One of the Policemen said to George: “I thought you said that you’d shot them!” George said, “I thought you said there was nobody available!”

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BREAKFAST AND YEAR 2006 VOLUNTEER SURVEY RESULTS

On April 11th Unisys again hosted the Volunteer Recognition Breakfast for the VIP Club members who performed Volunteer Services in 2006. A total of 122 Unisys and Lockheed Martin retiree members who responded to the *Newsletter* survey donated 22,998 hours to various charities in Minnesota, Arizona, Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin. Additionally Marilyn and Greg Schwartz participated in a nine-day Cleft Repair Mission” to China paying for their own flights and as well as donating their services in-country. Sixty-four members attended the Breakfast. Brian Berggren, VIP Club President welcomed the attendees; the overall Program was chaired by Bernie Jansen, VIP Club Past-President. Unisys Corporate sponsors attending included Ron Smith, Architect, ClearPath OS2200 Systems and Sue Carrigan, VIP Club Liaison; Lockheed Martin Corporation was represented by Peggy Mullikin, Communications. Ron Smith and Peggy Mullikin addressed the group thanking them for their significant volunteer contributions during the past year. (The scheduled Entertainment by Humorist, Vicki Snyder was cancelled due to weather conditions.) Following the Management addresses, Lowell Benson, Webmaster of the 60 year Legacy Project presented a progress overview stressing that more artifacts and career summaries are needed. In conclusion Dale Phelps, VIP Club Program Chairman introduced volunteers Marilyn Schwartz, Joe Schwarz, Millie Gignac and Robert Myller who recounted their unique volunteer experiences.

The following twenty-one VIP Club members who together donated 10,803 hours were recognized for their outstanding service: Larry and Vicki Bakken, Barney & Ardella Buss, Dave and Kay Duncan, Millie Gignac, Dorothy Gilpin, Dale and Jan Harbour, George and Barb Kydd, Richard and Marie-Rose Lundgren, Robert and June Myller, Jerry and Nina Raveling, Donna Sylvester, and Tom and Virginia Turba. The following one hundred and one members also responded to our survey: Ron & Nancy Abicht, Eugene Achterberg, Richard & Janet Acquard, Bob & Joyce Alexander, Warren & Dorothy Becker, Lowell Benson, Brian & Barbara Berggren, Jeanette Bias, Bob Blixt, Jim & Kay Bratsch, James & Shirley Brown, Helen & Robert Cartford, Gordon & Teta Cleaveland, Hank & Geri Dotzler, Leroy & Loretta DuBois, John Dufour, Jack Farber, Roger Gillette, Nancy Gountanis, John & Margie Grape, Fred & Violet Hebeisen, Chuck & Midge Homan, Bob & Joanne Iverson, Bernie & Kathy Jansen, Dale & Kathy Kenyon, William & Harriet Kiffe, Jim & Marge Larson, Vern & Mary Latwesen, Darrell Lindemann, Lynn & Paul Lindholm, Bob & Lois Massey, Howard & Arlene Meier, Jim & Alice Montain, Joyce Mortison, Dick Mullins, Don & Marlys Naaktgeboren, Larry Nelson, Wilbur & Renee Nelson, Dick & Corky Nicholson, Marlin Olson, Jim Overocker, Dick & Betty Petschauer, Dale Phelps, Dick Roessler, Richard & Irene Roller, Duane Sandstrom, Ruth Sanford, Jack Sater, Owen & Sue Scharf, Robert Scholz, Marilyn & Greg Schwartz, Joe & Nancy Schwarz, Marion Scott, Woody Spitzmueller, James & Bunny Sullivan, Robert & Elaine Sund, Norris & Dorothy Swanburg, Wesley Swanson, Joe Teare, Paul & Carol Thompson, Don & Charlene Weidenbach, Earl & Darlene Westlund, and Skaidrite Zarins.

The Year 2006 Volunteer Activities performed by members and the hours donated to the various organizations summarized by Categories are shown in the following Table:

1.	<u>Community and Related Services</u>	4,959 hours
2.	<u>Health and Disaster Services</u>	2,904 hours
3.	<u>Meals, Food and Housing Services</u>	1,881 hours
4.	<u>Music and Theatrical Services</u>	586 hours
5.	<u>Schools, Museums, and Educational Services</u>	2,685 hours
6.	<u>Religious Support and Related Services`</u>	6,098 hours
7.	<u>Other Services</u>	3,885 hours

TOTAL DONATED VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR YEAR 2006: 22,998

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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.