

# 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 09	Board Meeting, Eagan	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, January 09	No Program or social Time	

Wednesday, February 06	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, February 13	Roseville Program & Social Time	7.00 p.m.

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM: ROSEVILLE

*"Coming Home – Reintegrating Citizen-Soldiers Back into the Workplace and the Community"* is the theme of our February program. Our soldiers returning from deployments in Afghanistan and Iraq have been in abnormally high nonstop stress conditions for lengthy periods. The return to life in the U.S. is not always a smooth transition, and there are responsibilities to be shared among employers, coworkers and community support organizations. Our presenter, Maj. Cynthia M. Rasmussen, RN, is the Combat Operational Stress Control Officer with the 88<sup>th</sup> Regional (Midwest) Readiness Command Surgeon's Office. She has been a psychiatric nurse since 1983 and a US Army Reserve Officer since 1989. As a member of the Combat Stress Team, she has had a lot of experience in the reintegration of our citizen soldiers back into society at home. She will draw on her experience to describe strategies to handle the challenges faced and adjustments required by both the returnee and those waiting to welcome him or her.

## MARCH PROGRAM: EAGAN

*"Celebrating Minnesota: 150 Reasons to be Proud of Being Minnesotan"* is the title of our March program. As many already know, Minnesota reaches its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 11<sup>th</sup> of this year. Festivities are planned and many exhibits are in the works for our Sesquicentennial. One exhibit already running at the Minnesota History Center is called "Minnesota 150" and it features "The People, Places, and Things that Shape Our State." A lengthy nominating and selection process reduced the hundreds of publicly submitted

ideas for significant people/events/inventions to 150. Those that made the cut are represented in the Minnesota 150 Exhibit, organized by the Minnesota Historical Society, and presented to us by Karen Humphrey. Karen is celebrating her 34th year of membership in the Minnesota Historical Society. She has served for 25 years on the Board of Directors and was President of the Society from 1996-1998. She is now privileged to be a member of the Society's staff, working with individuals and family philanthropy.

**LAST ISSUE AND  
FINAL NOTICE TO RENEW**  
IF YOUR ADDRESS LABEL HAS 2007  
AFTER YOUR NAME, YOU ARE NOT  
PAID FOR 2008. PLEASE USE THE  
DUES COUPON ON PAGE 7.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE From: Brian Berggren

With the year-ending Christmas Party at the NCO Club, 75 smiling faces enjoyed the social hour with plenty of nuts, crackers, cheeses, herring, and

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retirements from the ever-helpful bar mistress. Ann Thureen gave us end-of-an-era information on the Unisys move away from in-house hardware design to Intel-platform processing; Ole Olson then talked about Lockheed Martin's new work on military radio and remotely-piloted vehicles.

After Bernie's obligatory officer, board, and past-presidents photo op, we sat down to our well-prepared and well-served dinners and the great listening and dancing music from the Connie Villars Quartette. Again, a special thanks to Dorothy and Warren Becker for their organizing efforts and Hank Dotzler for NCO Club access. A collage of photos taken at the Christmas Party is provided as center insert of this newsletter.

Respectfully, Brian Berggren, VIP Club President

## ADDRESS CORRECTIONS

Please send permanent address changes to Quintin Heckert addressed to the VIP Club at the address given on the label page of the Newsletter. Also, please remember that for temporary changes the U.S. Postal Service will forward your mail.

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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.

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

## MEETING & EVENT DATES 2008

Date	Time	Location	Activity
Jan. 09			No Meeting
Feb. 13	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Mar. 12	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Apr. 09	8:00 a.m.	Rsvl.	Volunteer Breakfast
May. 14	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
<b>June 11</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Park</b>	<b>VIP Club Picnic</b>
July 09			No Meeting
Aug. 13	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Sept. 10	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Oct. 08	6:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Pot Luck Program
Nov. 12	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social time
<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>5:45 p.m.</b>	<b>USAF</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>

**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

Bertram, Bernard & Patricia L Burnsville, MN.  
 Boudreau, Tom & Ilene U New Brighton, MN.  
 Breen, John & Suzanne U Pine River, MN.  
 Bro, Robert & Sandi U Eagan, MN.  
 Carlson, Richard & Elizabeth L Rosemmt, MN.  
 Dickerson, Paul & Connie U North Oaks, MN.  
 Franklin, Lyle J. U Sun City West, AZ.  
 Frattalone, Mike L Eagan, MN.  
 Gildemeister, Jay & Donna L Burnsville, MN.  
 Hogenson, Curtis & Joann U St Paul, MN.  
 Hogle, Ken & Marion U Burnsville, MN.

Kelleher, Michael & Ethel U Burnsville, MN.  
 Kent, Gene & Betty L Bloomington, MN.  
 Koltes, Steve & Lennie U Cottage Grove, MN.  
 Mattson, George & Jean U New Brighton, MN.  
 Myhre, Keith & Patricia U Rosemount, MN.  
 Peacock, Harry L Minneapolis, MN.  
 Plait, Mark & Jenny Lakeville, MN.  
 Price, Richard & Jeri U Apple Valley, MN.  
 Richards, Bryce & Sally L Eagan, MN.  
 Rundquist, Jim & Maureen L Eagan, MN.  
 Sandusky, Vernon & Paula U Vacaville, CA.  
 Seaberg, Dick & Carolyn U Palos Verdes, CA.  
 Vettleson, Don & Karen U Blaine, MN.

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

## IN REMEMBRANCE



Blixt, Robert P. - Age 83, of Mpls., MN. Passed away Dec. 4, 2007. Preceded in death by wife, Marion. Bob was one of Minnesota's computer pioneers. During his 35 year career, as a computer engineer at ERA and

UNIVAC, he was a mentor to many younger engineers. Robert was a long time member of the VIP Club.



Crane, John R. - Age 85, of the Twin Cities area and Sedona, AZ. John died peacefully, November 24, 2007 of cancer. John was a Sperry/Unisys retiree having worked as a semiconductor engineer. John was also a

VIP Club member.

Davidson, Keith W. - Age 84, of St. James, MN. Keith passed away on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 in St. James, MN. He is survived by his wife, Elaine. Gerald was a Unisys retiree and a member of the VIP Club.

Fremstad, Gerald B. - Age 78, of Minneapolis, MN. Gerald passed away on 22 October 2007 at Fairview Riverside Hospital. Gerald was a Unisys retiree having had a 30 year career with the company.



Hardenbergh, George A. - Age 89, of Stillwater, MN. Passed away on December 24, 2007. George was part of the original engineering team at ERA that designed, built and delivered the first stored program computer in the U.S. He was a regular participant at the "Original Geek Squad" luncheons.



Kelly, Maryjane L. - Age 89, of Roseville, MN. She passed peacefully at her home on Mon., 12/3/07. Maryjane retired after 23 years at Univac as an exec. Secretary.

Mott, Gerald Edward - Age 76, of Bloomington, MN. Passed away peacefully at his home on January 10, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Jennie. Gerald was employed by Unisys and retired in 1997 after a 34-year career.



Pence, Charles "Chuck" - Age 81, of Lakeville MN. died January 3, 2008. Survived by wife Helen of 56 years. Chuck began a 38 year career in the emerging digital computer field, beginning with ERA, then

Remington Rand Univac, Sperry Rand and lastly with Control Data.



Rubens, Dr. Sidney Michael - Age 97, passed away December 13, 2007. He is predeceased by his wife Julienne. After the war, he joined Engineering Research Associates in St Paul,

Minnesota, which subsequently became UNIVAC. He retired from Univac in 1975. Sidney was a long time member of the VIP club.



Smith, Gailen R. - Age 75, of Stillwater, MN. Passed away Dec. 15 at home. Survived by his wife of 52 years, Anita. Gailen was retired from Unisys after 35 years.

Workman, Shirley - Age 78, of Mendota Heights, MN. Preceded in death by husband George. Shirley worked at Univac in the systems engineering dept. and was a former member of the VIP club.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

**BREAKFAST** Submitted by Bernie Jansen

The VIP Club's Volunteer Recognition Breakfast will again be held at Unisys, Roseville at 8:30 a.m. on April 9<sup>th</sup>. **If you have internet access**, please register your hours online at the VIP Club website at "<http://vipclubmn.org/Calendar.aspx>" using the survey form in section "2. Volunteer Hours Survey Submittal process". (When filling out the internet form, be sure to include your name and address in the Message area and indicate if you plan to attend the breakfast. This info is necessary

to prepare a volunteer list, list of attendees, and state tabulations. You will receive a reply when your submittal is received.

**If you do not have internet access**, the March issue of the VIP newsletter will have a "Volunteer Hours Survey Form" which can be mailed back to me. Please note that the Volunteer Recognition Breakfast replaces the normal Program meeting for April 2008.

## **BLOODMOBILE INFORMATION**

### **FEBRUARY RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES.**

Monday, February 11 Unisys MACS Eagan needs greeters and servers 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, Lockheed Martin, Eagan 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.

## **LEGACY NEWS UPDATE**

Submitted by Dick Lundgren, [rflundgr@aol.com](mailto:rflundgr@aol.com).

### **Legacy Website Transitioning**

The Lockheed Martin Legacy website is transitioning from A to B, where A is the original website

(<http://www.usfamily.net/web/labenson/Legacy.htm>) and B is the new website (<http://vipclubmn.org/>). Check out the new website which is expanded, more user-friendly, more appealing, and more accommodating to the legacy of Unisys Twin Cities as well.

### **More on our Involvement in 2008 Minnesota Sesquicentennial**

Our planning efforts continue with concepts for design and content for our planned exhibit next May 17-18 on the Capitol Mall. The exhibit will be presented by the VIP Club with combined Unisys/Lockheed Martin efforts. The main thrust will be our Minnesota roots going back to Engineering Research Associates in 1946 and our unbroken progress and innovation under various company names. The exhibit will include a chart of our family tree as well as identifying spin-off companies. Another feature will be the importance of our economic impact on the state of Minnesota over the last six decades. Various artifacts from our growing legacy collection will also be on hand, and if we're lucky, the exhibit centerpiece will be the original magnetic drum memory from 1946-7, an engineering model built by ERA with a fantastic 24K bytes of storage (remember, this was the 40's) and currently preserved at the Minnesota History Center. This drum, paraphrasing a recent magazine article, has been referred to as the "mother of all

rotating magnetic media." Its early existence for the most part was unknown because of its applications in classified programs. A large screen display in the exhibit will also allow for a roll-through of selected images from our company history. An estimated 80,000 visitors will attend this Sesquicentennial event. We will welcome retirees and seasoned active employees to help staff the exhibit during the two day event and set the record straight on the early days of the computing industry in Minnesota.

### **Need Something to Celebrate? How about a Silver Jubilee?**

So what's a Silver Jubilee? A celebration of something that happened 25 year ago, and in addition is part of our ("our" meaning all of us) legacy, and furthermore has impacted virtually the entire planet. So what are we celebrating? It is (or was on January 1<sup>st</sup>) the 25<sup>th</sup> birthday of TCP/IP. That's Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol, and it's the "protocol suite" that makes the Internet universally usable. Without going into any detailed history, the seminal event took place on January 1, 1983, when a full switchover to TCP/IP took place on the ARPANET. The history of the development of the ARPANET, out of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), is interesting in and of itself, but for our purposes we acknowledge the event and celebrate by lifting our glasses to the ultra user-friendly end working product.

Note that Univac, Burroughs, and Unisys were systems networking and communication technology leaders even before this silver anniversary of TCP/IP. Read two on-line documents, <http://vipclubmn.org/Documents/The%20Invention%20of%20Voice%20Mail.pdf> and <http://vipclubmn.org/Documents/Nethist5.pdf>, to discover unique aspects of our Twin Cities heritage.

### **Further inputs?**

Additions or corrections to any of the preceding stories are always welcome. Please contact the author ([rflundgr@aol.com](mailto:rflundgr@aol.com)).

## **CURRENT ISSUES**

Submitted by Brian Berggren.

### **Beam me up, Scotty!**

Back on the morning of November 27, Barbara and I parked on Post Road to await the appearance of the giant Airbus A380. The local papers got the size and features right, but missed the quality most apparent to those of us between the road and the fence. While taxiing to the east end of the airport, this mammoth thing three stories high with a

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CHRISTMAS PARTY





wingspan the length of a football field was whisper quiet – PC cooling-fan quiet.

The next surprise was at take-off. We saw, not heard, the A380 coming at us on the near runway. As the plane passed, we heard a sound not unlike a 20-inch floor fan, and the sound was gone when the wheels lifted about 200 feet further down the runway. A second bonus was the view through the engine exhaust – no heat distortion and no soot like the 757 that followed on the far runway. The A380 may not be powered by di-lithium crystals, but it sure demonstrated progress in noise and combustion control.

### **Econ 01**

The Winter 2008 U of M Alumni magazine article on 2007 Economics Nobel Prize winner Leonid Hurwicz gives us a peek into his “theories that help set rules for transactions from auctions to elections.” With his “mechanism design,” economic interactions use human motivations and incentives to reach desired outcomes with benefits to both parties to the transaction. The article further explains that mechanism design principles confirm that free market economics could not lead to a way to reduce air pollution. A radio talk by Hurwicz’ co-Nobelist, Roger Myerson of the University of Chicago, in October went even further. Myerson described the economic transactions as communications between parties where results lead to a good or benefit to both. He, like Hurwicz, said economic markets do not work for “commons” situations. Commons problems such as clean air and clean water do not have costs or benefits that can be part of a transaction.

At the Gustavus Adolphus Nobel Conference, MIT Professor Paul Joskow went even further and said only government could determine costs to reduce pollutants and that a tax may be most effective. In a similar line, Princeton medical economist Uwe Reinhardt developed the QALY (Quality Added Life Year) to in an attempt to value life-extending medical procedures. With “good health” not having a value in our current system of health care, Reinhardt is trying to close in on the cost/benefit number. I’m sure other “commons” areas such as “good energy” and “good transportation” will also get more analysis. Poor behaviors may have to be assigned a cost (tax).

### **Climate Bad News**

The 16 November 2007 Summary for Policymakers of the Synthesis Report of the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report described: 1. Observed changes, 2. Causes of change, 3. Projected climate change and its impacts, 4. Adaptation and mitigation options,

and 5. Long-term perspective. Because science doesn’t do 100% absolutely, this summary uses “with high agreement and much evidence” as its qualifier.

Starting with “warming of the climate system is unequivocal,” observed changes include, “increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice, and rising global sea level.” Regarding causes of change, “global GHG (green-house gas) emissions due to human activities have grown since pre-industrial times, with an increase of 70% between 1970 and 2004.”

This 24 page summary is so data dense almost every sentence is worth quoting, and most of the data is supported by colorful figures and graphs, and intelligible tables. With a little encouragement, I’ll probably try a summary of the summary.

What makes all this worth presenting is Bill McKibben’s late December Washington Post article quoting James Hansen, the NASA climate scientist who spoke at last October’s Nobel Conference at Gustavus Adolphus. Hansen said the CO2 target of 450 ppm is a big risk and “the evidence indicates we’ve aimed too high – the safe upper limit for atmospheric CO2 is no more than 350 ppm.” The IPCC reported a 2005 CO2 level of 379 ppm and 2007 reports say we are already at 383 ppm. Hansen further calls for a carbon tax and bans on coal-fired power plants that don’t sequester CO2.

### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

(Letters may be edited for length and name corrections when necessary.)

December 14, 2007

Mr. Joe Schwarz, Editor

VIP Club News letter

Roseville, MN 55113-0020

To The Editor:

First of all I have appreciated Brian Berggren keeping us up to date on “Socialized Medicine.” He must have spent many hours trying to keep up with the changes. I could list my own gripe of the problems with HMO’s and other health insurance run by the private insurers but I thought it would be best to just jot down a few items taken from an article in Consumers Reports (Jan 2, 2008) which reports of what happens to people who have no employer insurance.

“Kathie Baughman, 57 a self employed title researcher, couldn’t get insurance because she takes a medication for high blood pressure and a lab test detected slightly high blood sugar.” Another quote “People who consider themselves in fine health are declined insurance because of previous treatment

even for conditions such as hay fever and acid reflux.”

Another example from Consumers Reports is almost unbelievable. An Indianapolis lawyer started with a policy premium of \$23.50 per month in 1980. Premiums rose steadily for years but at a pace deemed rational due to the rise in medical costs. Then in 2003 the premium shot up \$1200 to \$1900 a month. The attorney contested the rise in premium with the Indiana state insurance department and was informed that the rise in premium was permissible under state law. In August his premium rose to \$4284. He then found he was uninsurable because of high blood pressure, high cholesterol and allergies. He is now insured by the state for \$650 per month.

Universal health insurance will be explored and debated by our congress on both sides of the isle beginning in 2008. The United States cannot continue this hodgepodge of insurance plans which enriches a few people and drives others into bankruptcy.

The United States must solve the problem of health care and it won't be solved by a short 6 paragraph letter to the editor or a 15 paragraph letter either. So let's wait and see what our highly paid congress can come up with on a bipartisan basis.

Lawrence Hamre  
Unisys Retiree 1981

## TRAFFIC SAFETY, 1 OF 9

This is the first of a series of articles for the VIP Club newsletter with the premise that *informed drivers will be safer drivers*. In the 50s and 60s AAA members could request a trip plan and get it 5 to 10 days later. Today you could do your own planning in minutes, starting with <http://www.511mn.org/>.

In Minnesota and in 33 other states of the union, automobile drivers can reduce their automobile insurance cost by 10% by taking a safe driving refresher class every three years. The most popular of these is the AARP 55-ALIVE series. In Minnesota, AARP has over 100,000 drivers per year taking their primary 8 hour course or the 4 hour refresher course. The Minnesota Safety Council's Mature Driver Safety Program has about an equal number of annual participants. To find classes near your home, access the web at <http://www.minnesotasafetycouncil.org/traffic/mature.cfm?L1=71&L2=245> or AARP's at [http://www.aarp.org/families/driver\\_safety/wrapper\\_driver.py](http://www.aarp.org/families/driver_safety/wrapper_driver.py).

UNIVAC Old Timers Jack Ross, John Dufour, Dick Roessler, and Lowell Benson have been AARP 55-Alive Instructors. The series editor, Lowell A.

Benson, worked with the MN Department of Public Safety (DPS) and Mn/DOT while managing the U of MN's Intelligent Transportation Systems Laboratory at the Center for Transportation Studies. Most of this series information is excerpted from the Minnesota Safety Council's 2007 "The ROI OF TRAFFIC SAFETY". Next issue we'll list some defensive driving tips - BUCKLE UP for safety! Submitted by L.A. Benson.

## FUN AND FREE

This section occasionally provides suggestions for grandparents (that's most of us) to have entertaining "bonding" experiences with grandchildren or other youngsters. The criteria are that the experience is generally fun and free (or almost free) and takes place in the greater Twin Cities area where about 85% of the VIP Club members live. All members are invited to submit suggestions, hopefully based on their fun and free personal experiences.

This month's surefire suggestion is a visit to "Night Trains" at Bandana Square. Night Trains is put on by the Twin Cities Model Railroad Club (<http://www.tcmrm.org> and click on Night Trains), and it runs every Saturday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 PM ending on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The house lights are doused leaving the only layout lighting coming from train headlights and car interiors, signal lights, building and street lights and other surprising sources. Kids move into an imaginary world where they become bigger than the trains themselves as well as buildings, bridges, and rivers. Adults will recognize the Mississippi River, the Stone Arch Bridge, the old Minneapolis Great Northern Depot, and more. The kids love the annual Christmas Train too with a mobile manger scene as well as Santa with a fleet of reindeer (primary mode) and a fleet of helicopters (backup plan). Smaller wooden train layouts are available too for hands-on interactions. Cost is \$4/person if you're over five.

Another idea is a splendid product of nature especially visible now that the leaves are off the trees. How about a nest, 6-7' across, of our spectacular national bird, the American Bald Eagle? It's in the middle of the Cities, and kids can't miss it. In fact, it can be seen from the intersection of the Crosstown (Hwy 62) and Cedar (Hwy 77). Better yet, it can be spotted from the parking lot on the west side of the 5-8 Club (not to be confused with the 5-8 Tavern and Grill in Maplewood). It's high up in a grove of trees along 58<sup>th</sup> street between 18<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. As spring arrives, the nesting pair of eagles will again have eaglets (usually two) and there is much more parental activity around the nest. Just imagine this mom's version of "OK kids, now don't





go play in the traffic" when the traffic is the air traffic into/out of MSP.

## THE LIGHTER SIDE

### Heaven and Hell

While walking down the street one day a US senator is tragically hit by a truck and dies. His soul arrives in heaven and is met by St. Peter at the entrance. "Welcome to heaven," says St. Peter. "Before you settle in, it seems there is a problem. We seldom see a high official around these parts, you see, so we're not sure what to do with you."

"No problem, just let me in," says the man. "Well, I'd like to, but I have orders from higher up. What we'll do is have you spend one day in hell and one in heaven. Then you can choose where to spend eternity." "Really, I've made up my mind. I want to be in heaven," says the senator. "I'm sorry, but we have our rules."

And with that, St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. The doors open and he finds himself in the middle of a green golf course. In the distance is a clubhouse and standing in front of it are all his friends and other politicians who had worked with him. Everyone is very happy and in evening dress. They run to greet him, shake his hand, and reminisce about the good times they had while getting rich at the expense of the people. They play a friendly game of golf and then dine on lobster, caviar and champagne. Also present is the devil, who really is a very friendly guy who has a good time dancing and telling jokes. They are having such a good time that before he realizes it, it is time to go. Everyone gives him a hearty farewell and waves while the elevator rises... The elevator goes up, up, up and the door reopens on heaven where St. Peter is waiting for him.

"Now it's time to visit heaven." So, 24 hours pass with the senator joining a group of contented souls moving from cloud to cloud, playing the harp and singing. They have a good time and, before he realizes it, the 24 hours have gone by and St. Peter returns. "Well, then, you've spent a day in hell and another in heaven. Now choose your eternity."

The senator reflects for a minute, then he answers: "Well, I would never have said it before, I mean heaven has been delightful, but I think I would be better off in hell."

So St. Peter escorts him to the elevator and he goes down, down, down to hell. Now the doors of the elevator open and he's in the middle of a barren land covered with waste and garbage. He sees all his friends, dressed in rags, picking up the trash and putting it in black bags as more trash falls from above. The devil comes over to him and puts his arm around his shoulder. "I don't understand," stammers the senator. "Yesterday I was here and there was a golf course and clubhouse, and we ate lobster and caviar, drank champagne, and danced and had a great time. Now there's just a wasteland full of garbage and my friends look miserable. What happened?" The devil looks at him, smiles and says, "Yesterday we were campaigning.--Today you voted."

### EDITORS NOTES

Renew your dues or loose your news  
And

Send in your volunteer work hours  
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"Volunteer Recognition Breakfast"

### 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  
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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)