

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, December 03	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 11	Christmas Party NCO Club	5.45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 07	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, January 14	No General Meeting	

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

IF YOUR ADDRESS LABEL HAS 2008 AFTER YOUR NAME, YOU ARE NOT PAID FOR 2009. PLEASE USE THE DUES COUPON ON PAGE 4.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual VIP Club Christmas Party is on a Thursday this year; December 11 is the date and the NCO Club is the place. Following a social hour and dinner the Connie Villars Quartette will play music for listening and dancing. **REMEMBER TO CARRY PICTURE I.D.** For those who would like to attend but are unable to drive at night, please give one of your officers a call; we may be able to arrange a ride. (See directions to the NCO Club and reservation form on page 5).

**LAST CHANCE
TO SIGN UP
FOR THE ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARTY
ON DECEMBER 11TH. SEE PAGE
5 FOR RESERVATION FORM.**

JANUARY PROGRAM:

No general meeting scheduled for January.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From: Brian Berggren

Dan Karvonen, a U of M professor of Finnish, gave us a very educational, enthusiastic, and enjoyable presentation on Genetic Genealogy. Dan is a participant in the National Geographic Genographic Project and introduced testing of mitochondrial DNA from females and Y chromosome DNA from males to place individuals in haplotype groups with sets of matching DNA markers associated with global emigration patterns and distributions within ethnic groups. His sharing of the DNA heritage of his male and female relatives made his ancestry personal and connected well with the 50-plus in the audience.

I had falsely thought the great crowd was in response to my request for a good turnout for our November election of officers. Bernie introduced our slate, with Tom Turba for president, Lowell moving from treasurer to vice-president, Harvey Taipale joining us as the treasurer candidate, and Lynn continuing as secretary; our board remained unchanged with Dale, Quint, Joe, and Marion. Dale did the ritual "are there any nominations from the

floor?" before asking confirmation of your new board for 2009. I get to be a past-president and continue appreciating the ever-improving website, the legacy project, the content and look of the newsletter, our programs and events, and the help of so many members. Thanks to all who have made the last two years so memorable and so quickly passed.

With our annual Dinner/Dance coming up soon (Thursday, December 11), I am encouraging any that have not yet sent a check to Warren and Dorothy to do so quickly (see page 5). We always have good music, good food, and good company at the NCO Club.

Lastly, have a safe and happy holiday season with your family, friends, and co-workers, and remember that, like last year, we will not have a January program and that your next newsletter will be a combined January/February issue.

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, from September through April, on the 4th Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. at Champs located at 35E and Larpenteur Avenue

MEETING & EVENT DATES 2008/2009

Date	Time	Location	Activity
Dec. 11	5:45 p.m.	USAF	Christmas Party
Jan. 14, 2009			No Meeting
Feb. 11	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Mar. 11	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl.	Program - Social Time
Apr. 08	8:00 a.m.	Rsvl.	Volunteer Breakfast
May. 13	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
June 10	4:00 p.m.	Park	VIP Club Picnic
July 08			No Meeting
Aug. 12	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Sept. 09	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Oct. 14	11:30 a.m.	Rsvl	Pot Luck Program
Nov. 11	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social time
Dec. TBD	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

Beatty, Kathryn & Richard LM Eagan, MN.
Gilde, Kathleen & Gordon U Hugo, MN.
Guyer, Richard & renee LM Eagan, MN.
Hove, Paul & Sheryl U St. Paul, MN.
Matzek, Robert U Cottage Grove, MN.
McNeely, Priscilla & Gerald L Menifee, CA.
U = Unisys B = Burroughs L = Lockheed Martin D = Unisys Defense Systems

IN REMEMBRANCE

Gauthier, Lloyd – Age 80, of Cottage Grove, MN. He is survived by his wife, Beth. Lloyd worked for Sperry Univac until 1983 and then enjoyed a long retirement until his 3 year battle with lung cancer.

Jeffries, John T. (Jeff) - Age 77, of Venice, Fl. Passed away on 10/21/2008 at his summer home at Lake Dora, MN. Jeff' is survived by his wife, Sally. Jeff was a 33

year Unisys employee in Defense Systems Field Engineering and a member of the VIP Club.

Petrucci, Olive J. (Schilling) - Age 87, passed away peacefully October 29, 2008. Preceded in death by husband, Michael. Olive was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary and 25 year employee at Univac.

Robinson, Tom – Age 66, of Apple Valley, MN. Passed away Monday October 27, 2008 after a two-year battle with colon cancer. Tom is survived by his wife, Beth. Tom worked for Unisys Defense Systems.



Taillefer, Homer J. - Age 61, of Richfield, MN. Homer was born on May 14, 1947; died suddenly on November 10, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Alice. Homer was employed at Lockheed-Martin for 43 years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIP CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The VIP Club's annual Christmas dinner/dance will be on Thursday, December 11th at the Ft. Snelling NCO Club. A reservation form, cost, etc. is shown on page 5.

BLOODMOBILE INFORMATION FEBUARY RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES.

Tuesday, February 10th Unisys MACS, Eagan needs greeters and servers 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Please call Marion Scott at 651-455-7952 to sign-up.

BENEFITS FOR RETIREES

Do you still have your Retiree VIP Card? It looks like this:

UNISYS	LOCKHEED MARTIN
Retiree VIP Card	
Retired from:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unisys <input type="checkbox"/> Lockheed Martin
Name	<u>I. M. Somebody</u>
Date of retirement (mm/yy)	<u>12/96</u>

UNISYS and Lockheed Martin are members of the Minnesota Employee Recreation & Services Council (MERSC.) As such, employees and retirees are eligible for Employee Discounts of many, many types. Checkout <http://www.mersc.org> to see the offers. If you've lost your card, see Lowell at a CLUB program or see Sue Carrigan at Plant 4 for a replacement.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY[©]

We've developed a new directory using our August membership database. You may request an electronic copy by sending an e-mail to labenson@usfamily.net. For those of you without e-mail, the board will have printed copies available for member pick up at our CLUB fall events beginning with the September 10th program at the Eagan Community Center. We won't be posting the Directory on the web to protect our listing from web phishing software. If you have requested a directory and have not received it, please send a new request because some early requests were lost due to an email problem. Submitted by Lowell Benson.

OLD TIMERS GET TOGETHER

Thursday, December 4th is the date at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you haven't received a notification e-mail or phone call by November 28th, contact labenson@usfamily.net or 651-483-3709 to register and have your attendance nametag pre-printed. We also need to give the cook a head count by 12/1 so let us know if you plan to go through the lunch line. Donations to cover extra bar tender costs when checking in will be appreciated [\$2]. **Thanks!** Submitted by Lowell Benson.

LEGACY NEWS UPDATE

CBI FEATURED CDC IN ITS YEAR-LONG SERIES OF PUBLIC LECTURES. WE'RE NEXT!

The Charles Babbage Institute at the University of Minnesota continued its series of talks on "Minnesota's Hidden History in Computing" with a lecture on ERA-spinoff Control Data Corporation. On November 19th, Dr. Tom Misa, director of CBI, presented an interesting talk entitled "Lives and Legends at Control Data Corporation." Of course, ERA pioneers Bill Norris and Seymour Cray were the headliners, and the technology stars were world-leading supercomputers and innovative educational computing. The talk also unveiled CBI's online site where a site visitor can help document CDC photographs which are part of the CDC corporate archives held at CBI. Perhaps some of our legacy enthusiasts with long memories will recognize former Univac co-workers in the CDC photos.

But take note: **OUR TURN** in the lecture series will occur on December 17th. CBI will cover the **Univac to Unisys** era which continues today with Unisys in Roseville and Lockheed Martin in Eagan. Future talks at Babbage are as follows:

- 12/17 Univac ->
- Unisys 01/21 Honeywell
- in spring, dates TBD – IBM Rochester, the U of M's Gopher (an early document search and retrieval protocol), biomedical technology, and IBM's Blue Gene

The location for the talks is Andersen Library 120 on the University of Minnesota, West Bank. For more info, go

to www.cbi.umn.edu and click on "Minnesota's Hidden History in Computing" under SPOTLIGHT.

It should be noted that this series of talks is already drawing attendees from the employee/retiree ranks of CDC, Honeywell, various U of M departments, and many others. It makes for interesting interchanges and can stir old rivalries and bragging rights.

Submitted by Dick Lundgren, rflundgr@aol.com.

TRAFFIC SAFETY, 10 OF 9

Roundabouts: A roundabout is used to increase safety and increase flow parameters at heavy-traffic, four-way-stop intersections.



A traffic circle is used to facilitate traffic flow when a diagonal street intersects with two or more other streets. Both have a center 'island', thus those of you who are familiar with the seven corners area of Minneapolis would correctly conclude that it is neither a roundabout nor a traffic circle.

A vehicle entering a roundabout must yield to a vehicle already in the roundabout, SO, when approaching a roundabout you should slow down, look left, yield if necessary, then proceed. Signal with your blinker when you are ready to make your right turn to exit the roundabout, then accelerate to continue your journey.

The most common 4-way intersection crash type involves at least one vehicle making a left turn, a roundabout reduces crashes by eliminating left-turns. When compared with 4-way stop intersections, the roundabout 'slow and go' traffic flow reduces total exhaust emissions because autos aren't idling as much by waiting in line. Also, everyone's gas mileage improves because of less idling/creeping and fewer stopped position accelerations. There are at least 17 now in operation in Minnesota and several more on the drawing boards.

A colleague had asked me to add another topic to the series so this is the last, if you'd like an electronic copy of all 10 articles, e-mail labenson@usfamily.net! Submitted by Lowell Benson.

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Fill in the blank cells using the letters BCILMNPUV. Each letter can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Answer will appear in the next issue.

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LIGHTER SIDE

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Richard, the 11 year old next door whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over. Richard clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him, 'so, what was wrong?' He replied, 'It was an ID ten T error.'

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, 'An, ID ten T error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again.'

Richard grinned.... 'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?' 'No,' I replied. 'Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.' So I wrote down: I D 1 0 T

I used to like the little KID.

*****RENEWAL FORM—CUT HERE AND RETURN LOWER FORM*****

VIP CLUB APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

Retiree Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____, _____, _____, _____
STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

Phone: () _____

Check here if your address or phone number has changed

New Member(s) _____
 Renewing Member(s) _____

Company: Lockheed Martin & Predecessors: _____; Unisys: Univac & Predecessors: _____; Unisys: Burroughs: _____

Please make check payable to the VIP CLUB and mail to address shown at right:

VIP CLUB
 P.O. Box 131748
 Roseville MN 55113-0020

Dues: \$12 for 3 years
 Single year rate \$5. Note to new members: Your newsletters start after dues are received.

Check here if you do not wish to have your name listed in the VIP Members Directory. (Directory distributed to members only)

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ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

5:45 pm – 7:15 pm **Initial social time with hors d'oeuvres**
7:15 pm - 8:00 pm+ **Enjoy an elegant sit down dinner with your choice of Top Sirloin, Champagne Chicken or Walleye**
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm **Dancing to the music you like by The Connie Villars Quartette.**

_____ PARTY FORM _____ CUT HERE AND RETURN LOWER PORTION _____

VIP CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY, Dinner-Dance Reservation Form

Please reserve, at \$25.00 each, _____ place(s) for the Annual VIP Club Christmas Party, Dinner & Dance being held Thursday, December 11, 2008 at the NCO Club at the Air Force Base off Hwy 62. The social time begins at 5:45 pm with hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will be served at 7:15. At 8 pm the Connie Villars Quartette will play music for your listening and dancing enjoyment. Please send in your reservations now, since seating is limited. **Your reservation must be received by Dec. 3rd.** If your reservation is for more than 2 persons, please attach a list of added names and you will be all seated together at a reserved table.

Picture ID required for entry to Air Force Base.

Check here () if you have attached _____ additional names.

Names: _____

Address _____, _____

Entree selection(s) & qty.: Top Sirloin _____; Champagne Chicken _____; Walleye _____

Please make your check or checks payable to: **VIP CLUB**

Mail to: Dorothy Becker
 8630 Queen Avenue South Phone: 952-881-3516
 Bloomington, MN 55431

DIRECTIONS TO NCO CLUB

1) When approaching from the East, going West on Hwy 62, take the 34th Avenue exit and make a right turn heading East on the North Frontage Road to 34th Avenue. Then make a right turn onto 34th Avenue (heading South) and cross over the Hwy 62 overpass and proceed until it ends (about one block), then make a sharp left turn and stop at the base Security gate for check in.

2). When approaching from the West, going East on Hwy 62, take the 34th Avenue exit and make a right turn onto the South Frontage Road and continue to the 34th Avenue stop sign. Then make a left turn onto 34th Avenue and proceed until it ends (about one block), then make a sharp left turn and stop at the base Security gate for check in.

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VIP CLUB OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS FOR THE YEAR 2008

* = A/C 651, + = A/C 612, @ = A/C 763, # = A/C 952

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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.