

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, June 03	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 10	Picnic at Highland Park	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 01	Board Meeting, Eagan	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, July 08	No Program	

JUNE PICNIC: HIGHLAND PARK

COME OUT AND CELEBRATE! The VIP Club Annual Picnic will be held at 4:00 p.m. on June 10th. 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 – E Appetizers, **F – K** Salads, **L – O** Desserts, and **P – Z** Hot Dishes. Please include serving utensils for your dishes and mark them with your name.

JULY PROGRAM: EAGAN

No meeting or program scheduled for July.

AUGUST PROGRAM: ROSEVILLE

Beverly Gherity, Senior Outreach Program Manager for the Better Business Bureau (BBB) of MN and ND, will talk about dependable tips from the BBB. More details will be in the July/August newsletter.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: EAGAN

Dr. Tom Misa, director of the Charles Babbage Institute at the University of Minnesota, has just concluded a year long series of talks on the "Hidden History of Computing in Minnesota." He has agreed to present the Hidden History's "Origins in the Engineering Research Associates" on September 9th. Come and hear about the very significant role of our founding company, ERA. As Tom examines the pioneering efforts of ERA, he will address the question: Did a Minnesota start-up company

create the country's first stored-program computer? Organized in 1946, this St. Paul company was a seed-bed of innovative technologies and computer designs. ERA also helped create the modern computer industry, evolving into the Univac Division of Sperry-Rand as well as spinning off the notable Control Data Corporation. This talk surveys ERA's accomplishments and discusses its legacy in shaping modern computing.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From: Tom Turba

At our May program meeting, Mike Schwartz of Lunds and Byerly's gave us an interesting presentation on the history of grocery stores and what has been happening in the food industry during the last 100 years. With peaks into what was happening at ten-year intervals, Mike showed how the grocery store business has changed from selling basic commodities that people would use to prepare their food at home to a provider of prepared foods that can be used to fix a meal in a matter of minutes or just eaten out of the box. At one time, a good grocery store would have hundreds of items to sell, now it must have 10s of thousands of

different items to be competitive. It's another example of how life has changed, mostly for the better.

With warm weather finally arriving, the grass growing and barbeques being brought out, it's time to think about the annual picnic. Hopefully, you have all put it on your calendar: Wednesday, June 10th at 4:00 p.m. at Highland Park. It doesn't matter if it rains, we'll have the whole shelter and umbrellas for the cooks. I'm not sure if we'll have wild turkeys walking by this time, but I'm sure we'll have fun. Talk to your friends and get them to come. It's good to just sit down, share a meal, talk about the old times at work, and share some of the stories you know. I hope to see you there. Respectfully, Tom Turba, 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 2009

Date	Time	Location	Activity
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. 15	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. 10	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

Alanen, Dennis & Cynthia U Roseville, MN.
 Donaldson, Harry & Irene U Bloomington, MN.
 Fasching, Herman & Carol U Minneapolis, MN.
 Gilbertson, Lyle & Janet U Greer, SC.
 Heltemes, Garrett & Judy U Roseville, MN.
 Semmelink, Bert & Gloria U White Bear Lake, MN.
 Johnson, Emmett & Barb U Green Valley, AZ.
 U = Unisys B = Burroughs L = Lockheed Martin D = Unisys Defense Systems

IN REMEMBRANCE

Adcock, James "Jim" - Age 65, of Stillwater, MN. Avid Pilot and Former Unisys Employee.

Wade, Raymond A - Age 87, of Apple Valley, MN. Passed away on May 1, 2009. Ray is survived by his wife, Norma. Ray worked for UNIVAC for over 40 years, retiring in April 1997. Ray was a long time member of the VIP Club.

Zimmer, Jerry Lee - Age 64, of Bay City, WI. Passed away May 1, 2009. Jerry retired from Lockheed-Martin in 2003.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BERNIE JANSEN MEMBER EMERITUS AWARD

As part of the Volunteer Recognition Breakfast program, Bernie Jansen was presented a certificate granting Member Emeritus status by President Tom Turba.



Your board wants the members to share our appreciation of Bernie's commitment to the VIP Club through the 11 terms as a club officer, the 11 years coordinating the Volunteer Recognition Breakfast, and the special support to our Legacy Project. His ready counsel, eager assistance, tempered voice, and gentle smile always make our meetings better and we are all fortunate to have his help and friendship. (At the Dinner/Dance last December, Millie Gignac and John Dufour received Member Emeritus certificates for their special contributions to the success of our Club.)

VOLUNTEER WITH DARTS' LEARNING BUDDIES PROGRAM IN YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL

As a retiree, are you looking for a way to make a difference in your community? If you like mentoring kids and you enjoy reading, math, or science, take a look at this terrific volunteer opportunity. As a DARTS Learning Buddies volunteer, you would work with elementary school students on their basic skills and, as important, you would share your time and life experiences. Learning Buddies spend 1 to 2 hours once a week in neighborhood elementary schools. Volunteers are needed this fall for schools in Dakota County, MN. .

DARTS provides volunteer training and free transportation on a DARTS bus to the school (if desired). To learn more about the Learning Buddies program, contact JoLynn Bucki at 651-234-2227 or jolynn.bucki@darts1.org. Visit darts1.org to learn about other volunteer opportunities. DARTS is a

volunteer-driven nonprofit organization that serves older adults and their families in Dakota County.

GOOD OLD DAYS REUNION SUCCESS

The Good Old Days reunion, for people who worked at Univac/Unisys in Roseville, was a great event with close to 400 people in attendance. Everyone that was at the reunion really liked it. There definitely will be another one next year. The main activity was visiting with friends and coworkers, many of whom had not been seen in 5, 10, or 20 years.

There were many artifacts and mementos on display from years past. One of the more interesting ones was the infamous "ball and chain" (shown below), which many people who got married while working at Roseville remember quite well, especially if they suffered though a day of being attached to it.



More photos from the event are on the Web at <http://picasaweb.google.com/dewilhelm53/UnisysReunion?feat=email#> .

ENERGY ISSUES

Princeton geosciences professor Kenneth Deffeyes had said in the fall of 2005 that Peak Oil production had been reached in May of that year at some 87 million barrels of oil per day. This winter theoil drum.com website had a graphic that showed the peak oil plateau was pretty much over at the end of third quarter 2008. The site had several sets of numbers that accounted for petroleum from tar sands, LPG, and other sources, but these numbers made little difference in arriving at a total under 85 million barrels per day and trending down.

On the renewable side, an article in the May 4 issue of The Nation describes China's recognition that air pollution from reliance on coal for power will only get worse and that wind energy can be the answer to prevent air quality from getting worse. China has also recognized that wind farms provide many economic

benefits: job creation, rapid growth, profit, technology links, and power grid improvement. China is now the world's fourth largest wind power producer, is on track to produce 20 giga-watts before 2012, and has a goal to produce 20 percent of its power from renewable energy by 2020. China's planners use subsidies, regulations, tax reductions, and windy site allocations to help its wind sector. They have also bought technology licenses from European companies like Denmark's Vestas, and now have a dozen large wind turbine and generator manufacturers, including two among the world's biggest.

The U.S. in contrast has left renewable energy to the private sector with little government help as described in the May 8 Star Tribune article, Twisting In The Wind. Without subsidies and regulatory streamlining, our wind sector has stumbled along boom and bust cycles and speculator interest. European countries have used long-term subsidies to develop their renewable power industries. A Vestas VP said, "It takes continuity, predictability, and consistency, and that's not what the U.S. ever had." Our short-term tax credits, 1.9 cent/kWh production credit, and regulatory hurdles require serious Capitol Hill and Wall Street help. Submitted by Brian Berggren.

E-NEWS STATUS

Thanks to the 335 members who are receiving this newsletter electronically. So far 52 of those with email have opted to continue receiving print newsletters, three have reversed their E-acceptance because dialup speeds just didn't work. About another 110 of our member readers [whom we know have e-mail addresses] have not informed us of a YES or NO. For those of you reading the newsletter electronically, we look for your feedback about the electronic versus U.S. Mail delivery. Comments to newsletter@vipclubmn.org – thanks, Lowell

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE GOING UP

With the recent cost of the Volunteer Breakfast, the continuing subsidy of our Christmas Party, and anticipation of future printing costs or special program activities – the Board voted to raise membership dues effective July 1, 2009. For new joiners or membership renewals, the dues will be \$7 per year or \$18 for three years. Members who have already paid the current rate for one or more years won't pay the new fee until their present membership expires.

PROGRAM PLANNING REQUEST

The Board has observed that membership participation at the October 'Pot Luck' has been quite low over the last five years – thrice as an evening event and twice as a noon event. Please send the board feedback about what you'd like to see or hear in place of the fall 'Pot Luck.' We've floated two ideas: 1) Bring back travel

slide shows somewhat like Jack Farber used to do, or 2) Have a 6 or 6:30 p.m. pie ala mode desert gathering along with a topical speaker or light entertainment. Contact any board member via e-mail (<http://vipclubmn.org/contactus.aspx>) or telephone them with your thoughts.

13TH ANNUAL FIELD SERVICE PICNIC SAT AUGUST 1, 2009

The 13th annual Field Service picnic will once again be held at Dakota County Spring Lake Park (East Shelter) on Saturday August 1, 2009 - Noon to 5PM.

The park is located 5 miles west of Hastings. Come early and join the best ball golf tournament. Mark your calendar and contact Curt Anderson at anderscurt@comcast.net or 651-438-9851 for details.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BREAKFAST AND YEAR 2008 VOLUNTEER SURVEY RESULTS

On April 15th the VIP Club hosted the Volunteer Recognition Breakfast for the VIP Club members who performed Volunteer Services in 2008. The Breakfast was held at the TriCity Legion Post in New Brighton. (Two photos taken at the Breakfast are shown below.)



A total of 146 Unisys and Lockheed Martin retiree members who responded to the *Newsletter* survey donated 27,576 hours to various charities in Minnesota, Arizona, Illinois, Nevada, North Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin. This year we had the best response to our Volunteer Survey since its beginning about 15 years ago. The number of members who responded to our 2008 Survey increased by approximately 20 % and the total volunteer hours reported increased by 12 % as compared to the year 2007. Seventy members and guests attended the Breakfast. Tom Turba, VIP Club President, welcomed the attendees and chaired the overall Program. Bernie Jansen, VIP Club event-chairman, summarized the survey results recognizing all volunteers and the year 2008 Outstanding Volunteers. Our Unisys Corporate sponsor was represented by Ron Q. Smith, Chief Architect, Unisys Roseville - Lockheed Martin Corporation was represented by Terry Johnson, MS2 Tactical Systems Diversity Council Chair. Ron Smith and Terry Johnson addressed the group thanking them for their significant volunteer contributions during the past year and provided a synopsis of current corporate activities. Following the Management addresses, Lowell Benson, of the VIP Club Legacy Project, summarized the significant progress made over the past three years, provided a summary of the Charles Babbage Institute's year long series on the "Hidden History of Computing in Minnesota", and gave a preview of future activities. The Entertainment featured Humorist, Al Batt, a Minnesota farmer is also a writer, speaker, story teller, and columnist. He shared with us his stories of growing up and life on a farm and how they are remembered today. The excellent Program brochure was again prepared by Joe Schwarz, our Newsletter editor and printed at the Unisys Roseville print shop. The following thirty-four VIP Club members who together donated 13,670 hours were recognized for their outstanding service: Eileen Angelucci & Paul Jorgensen, Lowell Benson, Larry & Ruth Bolton, John & Marge Grape, Quintin Heckert, Bernie & Kathy

Jansen, Brent and Pat Jordahl, George and Barb Kydd, Wayne & Helen Leverkus, James & Lucille Lewis, Dick Lundgren, IvaNell & Luther Monson, Bob and June Myller, Jerry and Nina Raveling, Bob & Joyce Schneider, Joe & Nancy Schwarz, Donna Sylvester, Harvey & Gayle Taipale, and Tom and Virginia Turba. The following one hundred and twelve members also responded to our survey: Ron & Nancy Abicht, Dick & Jan Acquard, Bob & Joyce Alexander, Warren & Dorothy Becker, Brian & Barbara Berggren, B. J. Bertram, Jan Bias, Emanuel Block, Jim & Kay Bratsch, James & Shirley Brown, Thomas Burns, Barney & Ardella Buss, John Cafferty, Gordon & Teta Cleveland, David Cross, Hank & Geri Dotzler, Leroy & Loretta DuBois, John Dufour, David & Kay Duncan, Al & DeDe Edwins, James & Carol Engelking, Rodney Ewert, Herman Fasching, Sam Fudenberg, Bill & Fran Galle, Millie Gignac, Roger Gillette, Nancy Gountanis, Chuck & Midge Homan, Bob & Joanne Iverson, William & Harriet Kiffe, Tom Kratz, Archie & Vivian Lahti, Ron & Sue LaPointe, Jim & Marge Larson, Vern & Mary Latwesen, Darrell & Barbara Lindemann, Lynn & Paul Lindholm, Howard & Arlene Meier, Don & Marlys Naaktgeboren, Gerald & Lucy Nelson, Larry & Alice Nelson, Dick & Corky Nicholson, John & Lois Novotny, Marlin Olson, Dale Phelps, Phil Phipps, John & Shari Rachac, Dick Roessler, Jack & Marjorie Ross, James & Janice Roth, Ruth Sanford, Duane & Marilyn Sandstrom, Jack & Louise Sater, Owen & Sue Scharf, Robert Scholz, Marion Scott, John Smyrski, Woody & Barb Spitzmueller, Walter Strey, Walter & Cori Strobel, Jim & Bunny Sullivan, Robert Sund, Wesley Swanson, Mir & Shirley Verner, Joe & Patti Vignalo, and Don & Charlene Weidenbach.

The Year 2008 Volunteer Activities performed by members and the hours donated to the various organizations summarized by Categories are shown in the following Donated Hours Table. Submitted by Bernie Jansen.

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DONATED HOURS

1.	<u>Community and Related Services</u>	5,747 hours
2.	<u>Meals, Food and Housing Services</u>	3,247 hours
3.	<u>Health and Disaster Services</u>	3,638 hours
4.	<u>Religious Support and Related Services`</u>	5,886 hours
5.	<u>Schools, Museums, and Educational Services</u>	2,239 hours
6.	<u>Music and Theatrical Services</u>	934 hours
7.	<u>Other Services (includes VIP Club & LEGACY Project)</u>	5,885 hours

TOTAL DONATED VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR YEAR 2008: 27,576

LEGACY NEWS UPDATE

HAVE ABILITY. WILL TRAVEL. WHERE DID WE WORK AND WHEN?

The Legacy Committee would like to fill in many of the missing facts about the where and when of our rich computer and systems legacy. We're looking for specifics on dates and sites (not websites, which didn't exist back then, but geographic sites and time spans). Here are some questions to give you the flavor of our search.

Do you remember when UNIVAC opened or closed the Pueblo plant? How about Winnipeg or Plant 3 on Prior Avenue in St. Paul? What about Jackson, MN, or Clear Lake, IA, or Clearwater, FL? Did you do anything at or with the SLC plant which reported to St. Paul for a period of time? Who were the managers or directors at these places? What was the major product? Please send your tidbits to **Ole** [olelela@charter.net] or **Lowell** [labenson@usfamily.net]. Remember: Incomplete history is like unrequited love, so send us your info.

RECONSTRUCTING HISTORY CONTINUES

John Westergren reports the receipt of the next set of "planned for destruction" materials from Iron Mountain. He has reviewed them and found there are about 10 boxes from about 20-30 years ago with patent information and applications from the 60's through early 80's. He has asked for a postponement of the destruction until further review by Legacy team personnel.

In addition, John has provided recently recorded video tapes for the "3W's plus One" – **Wright (Jim)**, **Williams (Jerry)**, **Weidenbach (Don)** and **Nelson (Ed)** to **Taipale (Eric)** for transcribing to CD/DVD along with the **Block (Manny)** interview focusing on **Cray (Seymour)**.

READERSHIP COUNT KNOWN TO BE 2

The VIP Club newsletter has a distribution of about 1000 copies either in electronic form or in paper copy. However, we who produce it have never known whether the "Readership" count and the "Receivership" count were more or less the same. Well, we finally have some real data, based on measurable feedback, that the readership count is known to be 2, as in t-w-o. The responses to the last two month's newsletters were quite different, but well worth noting.

The first response came from someone who had noted the article about the early ERA magnetic drum in the April newsletter. The response came from no less than **Norm Palzer** who in 1991 had originated the OTS

(Order to Ship) to transfer the ca. 1946 drum to the custody of the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS). This drum is being featured and rightly so in the currently running *Greatest Generation* exhibit at the MN History Center. Norm's hand-written letter to the VIP Club was a historian's dream. It was as if the drum had written its autobiography. The letter will be posted to our VIP Club website (vipclubmn.org). It provides many details of the company's care and preservation of this true historic artifact up until its transfer to the MHS. The VIP Club and computer historians in general thank Norm for his input.

The second response came from someone who had noted a possible error in the announcement about the Norwegian Syttende Mai lunch in the May issue of the newsletter. The email response came from **Toivo Rapican** (code name Eisenhut/Iron Hat) who thought it amusing that there was probably an unintentional juxtaposition of the adjectives in the phrase "delicious speaker and entertaining food." It would take someone like Toivo with an eye for detail to notice such a thing. Just note that Toivo was no average Toivo. He had a long corporate career in deciphering hidden meanings in language (spoken, written and body) and an above average ability in channeling with the spirit world and other arcane business machinations (read marketing).

Our thanks to Norm and Toivo for providing their responses and proving that some of the readership actually goes beyond the obituaries!

STRIP CLUB VISITS CONTINUE

Let it be known that the long established tradition of the Strip Club visit is alive and well among VIP Club members. A follow-up to our 2008 MN Sesquicentennial involvement occurred May 8th when certain VIP Club members hosted an appreciation luncheon for our three favorite (read most active and engaged) members of the MN Sesquicentennial Commission. Just for the record, the Strip Club isn't what you think. It's a legitimate east side St. Paul restaurant (check it out at domeats.com) with an imaginative menu (sturgeon, cheese curds, Swede Hollow meatballs, anyone?). This luncheon, originally slated for the time of the Sesquicentennial closing in January, had to be slipped a few months due to schedule conflicts, but finally a workable date emerged. It was our goal to thank the commission ladies, director **Jane Leonard** and her assistants **Karen Rickert** and **Denise Cumming** for all the hours they put in to make all the Sesquicentennial events successful and to open for us an opportunity to showcase our company legacy within the context of Minnesota's history. They truly helped us get the VIP Club name, as well as the UNISYS and LMCO names in front of the Twin Cities public. Attending the

luncheon were members of the core Sesquicentennial team, **Ron Q. Smith, Tom Turba and Bernie Jansen** from Unisys, **John Westergren** and **Dick Lundgren** from Lockheed Martin. No closet ecdysiast stepped forward.

Submitted by Dick Lundgren, rflundgr@aol.com.

SUDOKU CHALLENGE THE END

I hope that you've enjoyed this stimulating series of letter and character mind bogglers. The answer to May's Sudoku is shown below.

C	H	A	J	S	R	O	E	W
W	S	J	O	E	C	H	R	A
E	R	O	A	H	W	S	C	J
S	J	R	W	A	O	E	H	C
A	E	H	C	J	S	R	W	O
O	W	C	H	R	E	A	J	S
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TRAVEL

TRAVEL TIDBITS:

CRUISES are an outstanding value right now. European destinations are going for about the same price as the Caribbean. And there's still time to snatch up that dream cruise to Alaska this August. No fuel surcharges-lots of bonuses!

FALL MYSTERY BUS TOUR on Sept. 16th. Sure to fill up fast, but I can't say where we're going. Just \$25! Call soon! List available for other one-day tours thru 2009.

NORSE HOSTFEST, Sep.30-Oct. 3 - Is this the year you'll finally make it? Includes bus, lodging, 2 days' admission, concert tickets for Reba McIntyre & Ray Stevens' performances, much more. Phone or email for a flyer. Just \$575 pp (dbl.)

BOATS, BIRDS & BLUE HERON, June 26-27 - Kayak/Pontoon Marsh Tour on largest US Cattail Marsh, plus Dells Duck Boat Tour. \$299 pp (dbl.)

CASINO TOURS one day or several—too numerous to list them all here. Ask me for detailed flyer.

BRANSON CHRISTMAS 5-day tours start in November. Many include singer Daniel O'Donnell. \$659 pp (dbl.). Buses pick up at various places, such as Maplewood, Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Richfield, Apache Plaza, South Robert Street, 94 & Hamline, Little Canada, as needed.

OBERRAMMERSGAU, the Passion Play that occurs in Europe once every 10 years, comes in Summer 2010. Discover Croatia, Prague, Vienna, Medjugorje, etc. Yvonne Cecchini, your personal, full-service Travel Agent, 651-437-9278, email: ycecchini@earthlink.net

LIGHTER SIDE

John's egg business

John was in the fertilized egg business. He had several hundred young layers (hens) called pullets and ten roosters to fertilize the eggs. He kept records, and any rooster not performing went into the soup pot and was replaced. This took a lot of time, so he bought some tiny bells and attached them to his roosters. Each bell had a different tone, so he could tell from a distance, which rooster was performing. Now, he could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report by just listening to the bells.

John's favorite rooster, old Butch, was a very fine specimen, but this morning he noticed old Butch's bell hadn't rung at all! When he went to investigate, he saw the other roosters were busy chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing, but the pullets, hearing the roosters coming, could run for cover. To John's amazement, old Butch had his bell in his beak, so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job and walk on to the next one. John was so proud of old Butch, he entered him in the Renfrew County Fair and he became an overnight sensation among the judges. The result was the judges not only awarded old Butch the No Bell Piece Prize but they also awarded him the Pulletsurprise as well. Clearly old Butch was a politician in the making. Who else but a politician could figure out how to win two of the most highly coveted awards on our planet by being the best at sneaking up on the populace and screwing them when they weren't paying attention.

Bubba Had Shingles.

Those of us who spend much time in a doctor's office should appreciate this! Doesn't it seem more and more that physicians are running their practices like an assembly line? Here's what happened to Bubba:

Bubba walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. Bubba said: 'Shingles.' So she wrote down his name, address, medical insurance number and told him to have a seat. Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aide came out and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, 'Shingles.' So she wrote down his height, weight, a complete medical history and told Bubba to wait in the examining room.

A half hour later a nurse came in and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, 'Shingles.' So the nurse gave Bubba a blood test, a blood pressure test, an electrocardiogram, and told Bubba to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor.

An hour later the doctor came in and found Bubba sitting patiently in the nude and asked Bubba what he had. Bubba said, 'Shingles.' The doctor asked, 'Where?' Bubba said, 'Outside on the truck. Where do you want me to unload 'em??'

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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.