

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, May 04	Board Meeting, Eagan	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 11	Program and Social Time	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 01	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 08	Picnic: Highland Park	4:00 p.m.

MAY PROGRAM: EAGAN



We've all seen TV and newspaper photos of Egyptians milling about in Cairo as the people there are effecting a government change. There is much more of Egypt to see! Lowell Benson has put together a travelogue of places, people, and objects in the Alexandria, Aswan Dam, Cairo, Giza, Luxor, Nile, and Sinai areas. The slide show includes snapshots from **Bernie Jansen** and **Paul Lindholm** presented by area, occasionally pausing for questions or comments. These travelers will also have some photo albums and souvenirs for browsing. No travel agency ads are included in the presentation! We will also entertain comments from anyone who worked on the Sperry submarine systems delivered in the 80s to the Egyptian Navy.

This monthly program (May 11th) will be the inaugural meeting at the MACS building in Eagan

instead of at the Eagan Community Center as we continue our year of transition. The MACS building address is 3199 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan. Go to the North parking lot, the conference room is at the right, inside of the Visitors Entrance. Join us at 7 p.m. for cookies before the slides. Submitted by Lowell Benson.

JUNE PICNIC: HIGHLAND

Our June 8th program is the annual picnic at Highland Park beginning at 4 p.m. If your last name begins with **S-Z**, please bring an appetizer. If your name begins with **A-F**, bring a fruit or vegetable salad. If your last name begins with **G-N**, bring a potato or bean or pasta hot dish. If your last name begins with **O-R**, bring a desert. The Club board members buy and bring angus burgers, soft drinks, de-caffeinated coffee, chips, condiments, and table ware.

We've noticed the last couple of years that some 'former' club members have dropped in to eat and chat without bringing any dish. If a board member notices anyone who isn't a member partaking, that person will be asked to contribute \$5 or to renew his/her membership. A point of clarification – a spouse of a member is also a member! If you have limited mobility and have a son, daughter or other relative drive you to this event, that individual isn't considered to be a 'gate crasher' and is welcome to dine with us.

I want to die peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather. Not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
From: President Lowell Benson

How many of you have wondered what the Club Board does at its monthly meetings? In a nut shell; we listen to reports from our coordinators, discuss issues, and take action as needed to resolve issues. At each meeting we discuss possible topics or speakers for future program meetings. We also have continuing discussions about promulgating the Club in light of the announced 2013 LMCO date for closing the Eagan facility. A first action of this transition time at the January meeting was to appoint Keith Behnke as a Board Associate to coordinate communications with various LMCO recreation clubs as those club boards look forward. As a board we immediately agreed to provide pages on our web site for 'recreation' communications. At the February meeting we decided on the April volunteer breakfast program and a new venue. We selected a travelogue for the May program, including going to the Eagan, Unisys building instead of the Eagan Community Center. At our March meeting we discussed LinkedIn as we'd been asked to consider that as a Club communications method. We decided that, like Face Book, electronic contacting via LinkedIn is an individual choice and the Club won't directly participate. At the April meeting we decided who brings what for the June picnic, selected an entertainer for our October pie and ice cream meeting, and asked the program committee to get additional information about their suggested August outing. Also at our April meeting we formed a Constitution and Bylaw update committee, see the HEADS UP article elsewhere in the newsletter.

Club members are welcome to sit in at board meetings, just let us know the week before so that we can arrange access to the building. . Respectfully, Lowell Benson, VIP Club President

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.

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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 Gina's Café at the Eagles Club, 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 2011

Date	Time	Location	Activity
Jan. 12, 2011			No Meeting
Feb. 09	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Mar. 09	7:00 p.m.	Eagan.	Program - Social Time
Apr. 20	8:30 a.m.	Gina's Cafe	Volunteer Breakfast
May. 11	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time

June 08 4:00 p.m. Park VIP Club Picnic
 July 13 No Meeting
 Aug. 10 7:00 p.m. Rsvl Program - Social Time
 Sept. 14 7:00 p.m. Eagan Program - Social Time
Oct. 12 6.30 p.m. Rsvl Social Program
 Nov. 09 7:00 p.m. Eagan Program – Social time
Dec. 15 4:00 p.m. USAF Christmas Party
Note: Rsvl = Roseville, Roseville; Eagan = Unisys
MACS Bldg.; Park = Highland Park Pavilion,
USAF = OFFICERS Club at Fort Snelling.

WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS

No new members this month.

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

IN REMEMBRANCE

Bethel, Gerald "Jerry" - Age 77, of Fridley, MN. Passed away peacefully at home March 14, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer. Preceded in death by his wife, Kellie. Jerry was a long time Unisys employee who retired in 1994.

Hyslop, James M. - Age 75, of Bloomington, MN. Passed away on March 17, 2011 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. James was a 39 year employee of Unisys. He is survived by Marlys, his wife of 53 years.

Skweres, Maximilian (Max) - Age 80, of St. Paul, MN. Passed away peacefully on March 15, 2011. Max was a Unisys retiree.

Wagner, Marlin Lee - Age 72, of Lakeville, MN. formerly of Agar, SD. Passed away peacefully April 3, 2011. Marlin was a long time Univac/Unisys employee.

Zurn, Mark N. _ Age 77, of Circle Pines, MN. Passed away on April 5, 2011 after a short, courageous battle with cancer. Mark was a long time Unisys/Lockheed employee and a Lockheed retiree.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

LEGACY OF RELIABILITY CONTINUES!

The LMCO MS2 team recently delivered the 8,000th AN/UYQ-70, or Q-70, combat console suite to the U.S. Navy on March 2nd, 2011. A ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the milestone was held at MS2's Clearwater, Fla. facility and attended by over 100 Q-70 program team members and Clearwater employees. Ceremony attendees were also able to hear from Robert Jackson, Deputy Program Manager for the U.S. Navy's Submarine Combat System Program Office (PMS-425). Jackson spoke about the value the program has brought to the Navy, saying "The one thing that never comes up is reliability problems with this product. That's something everyone needs to be proud of because it's appreciated. [The Navy] is taking

your product into environments that are harsh and the product stands up, day in and day out."

MS2 has been the lead contractor on the Q-70 program since it was first awarded in 1994. Components of the system can be found on surface warships, aircraft and shore stations around the United States. Q-70's have also benefited other internal MS2 products over the past decade, such as the Aegis combat system found on *Ticonderoga*-class cruisers and *Arleigh Burke*-class destroyers and the E-2C Hawkeye Airborne Early Warning (AEW) aircraft. The Q70's have been primarily built by our teammate/subcontractor DRS Technologies in Johnstown, PA (former congressman Jack Murtha's district) along with a subset of units being built in Clearwater. Clearwater is now building about 40% of the units annually.

The program is approaching \$3B over its life – not bad for a projected loss leader that no one really wanted in the 1990's. There is a bit more about the Q70s on our web site "Computers, Other" page. Submitted by John Westergren with editing by Lowell.

HEADS UP, CONSTITUTION CHANGE BALLOT IS COMING.

At the April board meeting, we appointed Quint Heckert to chair a constitution and bylaw update committee. Harvey Taipale as an LMCO retiree and Tom Turba as a UNISYS retiree volunteered to work with Quint. Their charge is to bring recommended constitution changes to the Board's May meeting. Assuming acceptance by the board, a constitution change ballot will be distributed to all Club members with the June newsletter. A 30 day ballot response time frame is in order. Then if the majority of members voting accept the recommended changes, we will do an update to our bylaws to incorporate definitions and policies as necessary to comply with the revised constitution. Two major items under consideration: 1) LMCO will no longer be a sponsor of the CLUB and 2) we are considering a 'Club Associate' possibility for those who want to keep connected until they are eligible to retire. Submitted by LABenson.

RE-LOCATING?

Please send permanent address update information to our database Membership Director at, VIP Club - P.O. Box 131748 - Roseville, MN 55113. Also, please remember that for temporary address changes, (vacations/snow birds, etc.) the U.S. Postal mail forwarding service should be used. Submitted by Quint Heckert

BLOOD DRIVE REPORT

A Blood Drive was held at Unisys, Roseville, on March 17. The quota was 18 units; 24 donors were

processed. Marion Scott volunteered as Greeter/Server.

WEB SITE REVIEW by Lowell Benson.

This is the thirteenth in the series of 'Article for the Month' reviews for the 42.3% of our Club members who don't have immediate internet access.

In December 2009, Vern Sandusky provided us with two 1972 Field Service reports describing the repair actions taken on Johnston Atoll after hurricane Celeste caused some devastation on August 19, 1972. The first is an initial analysis of the damage, the second is about the repairs to bring the systems back on line. Paul Castrodale and Vern were on site within 3 days of the Air Force request for an assessment. There were two 642B computers, a 1218 computer, and numerous peripherals on site - none were damaged beyond repair. While bringing the systems back on line, several PC cards were replaced with design updates to give the systems broader operating margins.

In January, 2010 we posted "Our Winnipeg Story" by Glen Johnson with an addendum from Dave Saxerud. Winnipeg manufactured computers and



computer modules from 1977 to 1997. This included the AN/UYK-502, AN/UYK-507, and many of the modules for the CP-140 (the 1832 used aboard the Canadian P3C ASW aircraft.) They also built most of the SHINPADS system hardware. "As with any facility, it's the employees who make it successful, and Winnipeg had a wonderful group of people. At one time we counted 27 first-generation nationalities among the 600 employees we had. In 2005, the former employees held a Sperry reunion for all the folks who had worked for Sperry over the years, and 350 people showed up. Not bad considering that every one of them had been laid off at some point. It was a great evening. It was a hell of a ride while it lasted. Glen"

SPORTS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

The Lockheed Martin Golf League is starting the 2011 season with leagues at Emerald Greens in Hastings (Monday and Tuesday), Highland in St. Paul (Monday), Inverwood in Inver Grove Heights

(Wednesday) and Valleywood in Apple Valley (Wednesday). Members of the league are also eligible to play in the tournaments scheduled at different courses during the summer. There is a \$25 registration fee to join this league.

If you are interested contact me or Jerry Luger (jerry.d.luger@lmco.com) for more information.

The Trap and Skeet Club now has its web page on the VIP web site so you can find out more about this activity there. Click on the "Recreation" tab at www.vipclub.org to get to it.

These leagues will be seeking new members as current employees relocate or move to different jobs during the phased shut down of Lockheed Martin in Minnesota.

Keith Behnke

NORWEGIAN SYTTENDE MAI LUNCH EVENT

The annual **Norwegian Syttende Mai** lunch is set for Thursday, May 19, 2011. Come and enjoy with fellow Norwegian-Americans, friends, spouses and associates. The event, as usual, will take place at Casper's Cherokee Sirloin Room, 4625 Nichols Road, Eagan. The cost will be \$15.00 for the buffet lunch with ribs, chicken, salmon, and beef stroganoff. The buffet will open at 11:15, and the program will start at 11:45. Reminiscing and socializing afterwards is open-ended and encouraged. To sign up or for other information, email Dale Torgerson at dale.o.torgerson@gmail.com (ph. 612-597-3714) or Dale Phelps at rsanford@usfamily.net (ph. 952-831-7843). Email is preferred! You can also check the "Syttende Mai Luncheon" group on Facebook.

The speaker for this year's program will be **Colonel Scott St. Sauver, the Post Commander of Camp Ripley**, Minn., a 53,000 acre State of Minnesota owned training facility, and Commander of the Training Support Unit that is responsible for the day to day operations of Camp Ripley. Col. St. Sauver began his career by enlisting in the South Dakota Army National Guard in 1980 and has held numerous positions of increasing responsibility up to today. He also holds a Bachelors of Science Degree in Agriculture and Park Management and Master's Degree in Education from South Dakota State University.

Col. St. Sauver's topic will be The **Norwegian Troop Reciprocal Exchange Program**. This program between the Minnesota National Guard and the Norwegian Home Guard started in 1974 and has taken place every year since then in the month of February. Approximately 100 Minnesota National Guard Soldiers travel to Norway and approximately 100 Norwegian Home Guard Youth travel to Minnesota. Over a 10 day period they train with the host country's/state's

military forces. Many personal relationships and many unique



(Colonel Scott St. Sauver)

stories have developed over the years in this very challenging and enlightening program.

ROSEVILLE GOOD OLD DAYS REUNION

The reunion for people that used to work in Roseville will be the biggest ever with over 400 people planning to attend. It will be held on Friday, April 29th at the Mermaid in Mounds View on the corner of County Road 10 and County Road H. It will be in the Coral Bay ballroom, on the upper level. An entry fee of \$1 is needed to cover the room rental. A selection of foods will be available at a reasonable cost. If you plan on attending and have not already done so, please send a message to Tom Turba at TNTurba@Comcast.net so we can get a count of the number of people and make name tags. Indicate if you plan on eating. If you don't have email, give him a call at 651-489-0779. Pass the word on to your friends and come together. We will have the room from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a cash bar. Submitted by Tom Turba.

MINNESOTA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

"On July 15th and 16th, the Minnesota Air National guard will celebrate 90 years of service with an open house at Ft. Snelling. In 1921, the 109th Observation Squadron became the first

federally recognized National Guard flying squadron. See <http://www.mnangmuseum.org> for participation details."

LIGHTER SIDE

TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US

An elderly Floridian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: 'They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!' she cried. The dispatcher said, 'Stay calm. An officer is on the way.' A few minutes later, the officer radios in 'Disregard.' He says. 'She got in the back-seat by mistake.'

'I CAN HEAR JUST FINE!'

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, 'Windy, isn't it?' 'No,' the second man replied, 'it's Thursday.' And the third man chimed in, 'So am I. Let's have a beer'

SENIOR DRIVING

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, 'Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!' 'Heck,' said Herman, 'It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!'

DRIVING

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car – both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself 'I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light.'

After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it. She was getting nervous.

At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, 'Mildred, did you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!' Mildred turned to her and said, 'Oh, crap, am I driving?'

REMINDER
ANNUAL PICNIC IS JUNE 8th

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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 Walnut Street. It is the first place where you can turn left. Then turn left onto Terminal Road. Then turn right at Highcrest Rd. to building entrance. 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.”