

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 07	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 15	Christmas Party Officer Club	4.00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 04	Board Meeting, Eagan	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, January 11	No Meeting	

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Our annual VIP Club Christmas Party is on a Thursday this year; December 15th is the date and the Officers' Club is the place. Following a social hour and dinner Mr. Linden Peterson will play music for listening and dancing. 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 Officer Club and reservation form on page 5.)

JANUARY MEMBER PROGRAM:

No Program is planned for January.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP

2011 Christmas Dinner PLUSES!

- No AF Security Gate to pass through.
- Earlier start (4 pm) avoids rush hour traffic.
- \$20 per person is a 20% savings from last year.
- Dinner served at 5 pm versus previous years' 7 pm.
- **SIGN UP NOW – SEE PAGE 5.**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From: President Lowell Benson

In national politics there's a term 'Lame Duck' president, the period between the November election and the January swearing in ceremony. The 'Lame Duck' term is usually equated to indifference as to what happens with the country or organization. 'Lame Duck' does not apply to any of the former VIP Club presidents because our Club constitution states that the past president is a member of the board. Furthermore, many former Club presidents have continued to work functions for the Club well past their tenure as Immediate Past President, i.e. Warren Becker, Hank Dotzler, Millie Gignac, Chuck Homan, Bernie Jansen, and Dale Phelps.

There are others too who keep this CLUB operating! Have you looked into the kitchen area at the annual picnic to see Board member spouses Barbara Berggren, Geri Dotzler, Kathy Jansen, Ruth Sanford, Nancy Schwarz, and Ginnie Turba plus Lynn, Marion, and Millie putting out the food and cleaning up? Sue Carrigan at UNISYS, Roseville and Kim Loskota at



UNISYS, Eagan and John Westergren, LMCO have arranged meeting rooms for the Club. Former Club Secretary, Jim Larson (a Board Associate), is at the St. Paul Park & Recreation at 5 am the first business day of January to secure the Highland Pavilion for our annual picnic. Board Associate Dick Lundgren has aided the program committee with many suggestions and arrangements. Keith Behnke joined us as Board Associate to coordinate the LMCO recreation leagues future associations with the Club.

A sincere thanks to all of these 'behind the scenes' people, the entire 2011 board, and the Roseville UNISYS print shop for their support of my 2011 presidency year. Hope to see many of you on December 15th at the dinner. Respectfully, Lowell Benson, VIP Club President

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DINING CLUBS & GROUPS

Breakfast groups and get-togethers:
One breakfast group meets monthly at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the 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 2012

Date	Time	Location	Activity
Jan. 11, 2012			No Meeting
Feb. 08	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Mar. 14	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Apr. 18	8:30 a.m.	Gina's Café	Volunteer Breakfast
May. 09	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
June 13	4:00 p.m.	Park	VIP Club Picnic
July 11			No Meeting
Aug. 08	7:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Sept. 12	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
Oct. 10	6.30 p.m.	Rsvl	Social Program
Nov. 14	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social time
Dec. 13	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

Watkins, William L. U Bethel, MN.
 Cady, James & Mary L Burnsville, MN.
 Smith, Ronald & Judy U Gainsville, VA.

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

IN REMEMBRANCE

Baniak, Anne M. - Age 83, of Shoreview, MN. Passed away on October 25, 2011. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Victor who is a retired Lockheed Martin employee.

Beljeski, Robert J. "Bob" - Age 79, of New Brighton, MN. Passed away at home on October 21, 2011. Survived by his wife of 59 years, Beverly. Bob was a Unisys retiree and VIP Club member.

Day, Colleen J. - Age 58, of St. Paul, MN. Survived by daughter, Rochelle and brother, Paul. Colleen was a former Unisys employee and VIP Club member.



Markfelder, John L. - Age 79, of Coon Rapids, MN. Passed away November 11, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Carol. John was a Unisys retiree and long time member of the VIP Club.

Marwood, Ray Clement Jr. - Passed away Oct. 21, 2011, at a Bangor health care facility. Ray was born Feb. 12, 1923, in Ontario. He was employed by Univac until 1967.

Swanson, Wesley E. - Age 90, formerly of Becketwood. Preceded in death by wife, Rose. Wesley was a former employee of Univac.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR –

December 1, The Old Timers will gather at the Ft. Snelling O' Club beginning at 11 am. Cafeteria lunch will be available ~ 11:30. If you plan to come BUT haven't been contacted with a reminder phone call or e-mail, *please* send a "I'm participating with yes or no to cafeteria" message to webmaster@vipclubmn.org before November 27th. Thanks, LABenson.

December 15, The annual VIP Club Christmas dinner w/background music will be at the Ft. Snelling Officer's Club: 4 to 5 pm will be check in, hors d'oeuvres, and conversation time - at 5 pm a sit down dinner will be served. Reservations and entrée choice counts are needed on or before December 10th. A special of \$20 per person, see Page 05 for reservation form - the first 90 will fill the ballroom, others will be put on a waiting list.

ELECTION RESULTS

Attendees at the November 9th meeting elected the 2012 VIP Club Board: Tom Turba - President, Harvey Taipale - Treasurer, Lynn Farris Lindholm - Secretary, Dale Phelps - Director (programs), Keith Behnke - Director (membership), Brian Berggren - director (senior's advocate), and Joe Schwarz - Director (newsletter). The fifth director candidate received the fewest votes. Since there were no vice president candidates, 2011 President Lowell Benson appointed Bernie Jansen as VP pro tem, to serve until a volunteer can be found to back up Tom Turba for 2012. The ballots submitted had five different names written-in as VP (no duplicates therefore none elected.) Bernie will contact each to ascertain their willingness to serve the club in the VP capacity. Board Associates Jim Larson and Dick Lundgren will continue to support picnic and program planning. Members Emeriti Warren Becker, Millie Gignac, Chuck Homan, Bernie Jansen, and Marion Scott will continue to support special functions of the board. Thirty one people enjoyed the evening slide show presentation by Manny Block. Attendee Bob Malnati related how Manny's early work supporting tracking stations led to many other space related contracts including the Minuteman computer systems.

WEB SITE REVIEW by Lowell Benson.

This is the nineteenth in the Article-for-the-Month review series for Club members who don't have immediate internet access. In October 2010 we posted "How was the CP-754/A associated with the Navy's Anti-Submarine Warfare Project ANEW in 1963? Read an [Aviation Week article](#) to find out. Scanned by Lowell Benson" This July 8th, 1963 item was contributed by Curt Nelson. "PROJECT A-NEW, RECENTLY LAUNCHED Navy land-based ASW aircraft into more effective system for coping with high-speed nuclear submarines. Previously, Navy first bought able aircraft such as the P3A and S2d, then stuffed them full of avionic black boxes." "Because of the key role planned for the airborne digital computer, Sperry rand's Univac Div. is playing a major role in the A-New program. It is responsible for modifying an existing computer, originally developed by Univac under Air Force sponsorship for missile guidance, to suit the ASW mission. Univac also is developing the complex programs, 'software,' needed for this new ASW mission." This AF computer was type 1020, the type 1824 predecessor. "The machine is a stored-program type rather than a wired-program computer which Navy currently is using on its Grumman E-2A and A-6A. The choice of a stored program machine will not only provide greater flexibility for evaluating different tactics and procedures during the early flight test phase, but also will make it easier to adapt an operational system to new ASW sensors or tactics, according to M.R. Clement, Jr., Univac's A-New program manager."

The rest of the story not in that article is that Mr. Clement convinced the Navy to use a UNIVAC 1206 computer as a simulator and software development and then the 1830 – CP-823 computer so that there would be software compatible with the fleets NTDS computers. Then it was the 1830A – CP-901 of which we built 499, there are still a few of these flying in P3C airplanes operated by other countries! Next month I'll review the systems specification authored by Bob Blixt. Submitted by LABenson

Legacy Project Report - Drum Collage Delivery

A July, 1953 newsletter article documented the hanging of a Drum Products mural on the office wall of William C. Norris, director of ERA's St. Paul Operations. As one of the 1946 ERA founders, William 'Bill' Norris, is better known for leaving UNIVAC to start Control Data Corporation in 1957. As the '57 janitorial staff was cleaning out Mr. Norris' UNIVAC office, they decided that the mural should be offered to the guy shown in the center, Don Weidenbach. Don accepted, then framed and mounted this collage on his home office wall until 2010 when he moved to a 'down size' condo. At that time collage custody was given to the VIP Club Legacy Committee.



The collage center shows Don as a young engineer holding an experimental airborne drum alongside several other drum products. The periphery of the collage shows many of the drum manufacturing phases. ERA and its engineers had received patents for creation of

magnetic drum memories, re-writeable devices which are the 'grandfather' of today's computer hard drives. Don had worked at Engineering Research Associates and its corporate successors from 1946 until retiring in 1976.

On October 5th, 2011 Don Weidenbach presented the 4'x6' collage of magnetic drum memory photos to the Charles Babbage Institute. Accepting on behalf of CBI was Dr. Tom Misa, Director of CBI at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Misa holds the Engineering Research Associates Land Grant Chair for History of Technology. Lowell Benson, Legacy Committee co-chair, and Quint Heckert facilitated the delivery to CBI.



The rest of the story? Erwin Tomash was an ERA engineer in the late 40s and early 50's designing computers and computer systems using drum memories – Don knew Erwin but didn't work directly with him. Erwin and his wife Adelle are credited with the founding of the Charles Babbage Institute in 1978. In 1980, CBI was located at the University of

Minnesota as Mr. Tomash led the funding drive to create and name the ERA land-grant chair to support a CBI directorship.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

The executive boards of the Unisys and Lockheed Martin golf leagues met on October 17 to discuss the proposed merger for 2012. An agreement was made to proceed with the merger to ensure that the participants of both leagues will have a golf organization in the future. Individual board members will meet with their counterparts during the winter to consolidate their particular area of responsibility retaining the best features of each league. The plan is to continue league play at the same courses (which currently include Bunker Hills, Phalen, Emerald Greens, Inverwood, Highland Park and Valleywood) and have a full slate of tournaments as in 2011. A survey will be taken in the early part of 2012 to assess any changes in participation and make the necessary adjustments to the league make-up. The planned merger was announced at the recently held golf banquets for both leagues. Further information about the merger will be reported in this newsletter as it becomes available. Anyone wishing to join the league or volunteer to be an officer please contact Keith Behnke at keithbhnk@comcast.net.

LIGHTER SIDE

From the Northport Engineering 'Better Mottoes' – NOTHING IS MORE OFTEN" OPENED BY MISTAKE" THAN THE HUMAN MOUTH.

MY FAVORITE ANIMAL:

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken." She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed. My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef. Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office. I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.. She sent me back to the principal's office. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am. Today, my teacher asked us to tell her what famous person we admire most. I told her, "Colonel Sanders." Guess where I am now...

If the number after your mailing address name is **2011**, then it is time for you to renew your membership for 2012 or beyond. If you receive the newsletter electronic and the number 2011 is in the subject line, then it is time to renew.



RENEWAL /

APPLICATION FORM: Dues are: \$7.00, 1 year ___ or \$ 18.00, 3 years ___.

Member (≥ 55) __, or Associate (< 55) __: Address Change __, New __, Renewal __

Name First M.I. Spouse's Name

Street Address or P.O. Box City State Zip Code

(____) _____ - _____ @ _____ . _____

Primary Telephone Number E-mail address

Newsletter delivery preference is: Electronic (DSL or faster recommended) ___ or U.S. Mail ___.

Employer is/was: UNISYS __, Lockheed Martin __, and/or predecessor company _____.

Include my data in the Club's Directory? Yes ___ No ___. *DIRECTORY is only available to Members and Associates!*

MAIL THIS FORM WITH A CHECK TO: VIP Club P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-

ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY – 2011

- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm** Initial social time with hors d'oeuvres & cash bar
- 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm** Enjoy an elegant sit down dinner with salad, vegetable, your choice of entrée, & desert.
- 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm** Music for your listening & dancing enjoyment by one man band – Mr. Linden Peterson

Please reserve, at \$20.00 each ___ place(s) for the Annual VIP club Christmas Party & Dinner being held on Thursday, **December 15, 2011 at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club**. Send in your reservations now, since seating is limited. Your form and check must be received by Dec. 9th. If your reservation is for more than 2 persons, please attach a list of the added names and you'll be seated together at a reserved table.

Full Name: _____

Address _____

Full Name: _____

Address _____

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

Entrée selections(s) & Qty: Top Sirloin ____, Burgundy Chicken ____; Walleye ____.

Make your checks payable to: **VIP CLUB**

Mail to: Warren Becker #401
9401 Lyndale Ave South
Bloomington, MN 55420

CHRISTMAS PARTY: NEW TIME AND PLACE SIGN UP NOW

Directions to the Officer's Club: The Club is located at 395 Minnesota Highway 5, at the East side of the MSP airport. Take the Hwy 5 Post Road Exit, go east, then follow the signs to the Officers' Club. There is limited parking on the upper level with additional parking on the lower level.

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Directions to Unisys MACS Bldg. in Eagan. Take Hwy 35E south or north to Pilot Knob Road. Turn left (north) on Pilot Knob Road. Turn left on Tower View Road. The Unisys MACS Bldg. is at 3199 Pilot Knob Road.

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.”