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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 02	Board Meeting, Eagan	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 09	The last walk through of Plant 8	9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 06	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 13	Picnic Highland Park	4.00 p.m.

## MAY PROGRAM: EAGAN

### PLANT 8 VISIT, THE LAST WALK THROUGH

We continue to get sign-ups for the Plant 8 Walk About (9:00am) and the Villaume Industries (Eagan) WWII gilder reconstruction (1:00pm) events. Lockheed Martin is organizing short tours around the building to view the areas of Environmental Test, Prototype, ARTS Lab, Calibration Lab and the Design and Integration Lab along with some of the office areas. This will be after the "What's Brewing" coffee, refreshments and cake where time to renew old acquaintances with present and past employees will be possible.



It is not a requirement for our visit, but Project M.E.N.U. (Mission, Engage, Nourish, Unite) is a Lockheed Martin corporate-wide initiative with the goal of helping the over

49 million Americans that struggle to secure enough food each day. As part of Project M.E.N.U., the Eagan Financial Leadership Development Program will host a food drive from May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 18<sup>th</sup>. During the May "What's Brewing" event at the Eagan facility there will be donation bins set out where you can drop off any non-perishable food items you would like to donate. All food collected during the food drive will be donated to the Eagan Resource Center.



For anyone wishing to visit Plant 8 this one last time, please RSVP to John Westergren at Lockheed Martin ([john.h.westergren@lmco.com](mailto:john.h.westergren@lmco.com) or 651-456-3380) by May 1. Visitors must be registered before their visit, and each person must bring proof of U.S. citizenship, either a passport or birth certificate. Parking is available in the Visitor Parking lot at the East entrance, accessible from Pilot Knob Road. John is also compiling the list of individuals interested in seeing the glider reconstruction.

Please let him know if you're planning to go to Villaume Industries at 1:00 p.m.

**To summarize, here's the information John Westergren needs by May 1:**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9:00 a.m. Plant 8     Yes    No  
1:00 p.m. Villaume    Yes    No

**And remember to bring your passport or birth certificate to enter Lockheed Martin on May 9.**

**The proof of citizenship requirement is only satisfied by a U.S. passport or birth certificate. A driver's license is NOT sufficient.**

## **JUNE PICNIC HIGHLAND PARK**

### **JUNE PROGRAM – ANNUAL PICNIC**

June 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm is our annual picnic at the Highland Park Pavilion. The Club's Board again will provide Angus Burgers (grilled), buns, condiments, chips, picnic place settings, and cooled soft drinks. If your last name begins with the letters **A=>H**, please bring a **hot dish** to share or a casserole if you aren't Scandinavian. If your last name begins with **I=>K**, bring a **desert** to share. If your last name begins with **L=>O**, please arrive at 4 sharp with an **appetizer** plate. If your last name begins with **P=>Z**, please bring a **salad**. Each of you who is bringing a dish, remember to include a serving spoon, ladle, tongs, or whatever to get the item from the dish to the plates. If the serving utensil has your name taped to it, there is a chance that you'll get it back.

We won't have a polka band or a karaoke machine so participants will have more time to chat with old friends. Thanks in advance to Board Associate, Jim Larson, for getting the pavilion reservation and bringing the grills and charcoal. Submitted by LABenson

The 2011 Volunteer Services Survey results will be featured in the June Newsletter. VIP club members who responded to our Survey reported approximately 26,000 hours of services were provided to various charities and organizations in the states of Minnesota, Nevada, Georgia, Texas, Arizona, Wisconsin, and Illinois.



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**From: President Tom Turba**

For those of you that could not attend the Volunteer Breakfast, it was a very good event. One of the notable items mentioned is that last year club members contributed the equivalent of over 1/2 million dollars worth of volunteer work and this only represents the reported hours.

One of the things the Board is thinking about is having a super reunion event next year, where anyone who used to work for Univac, the predecessor companies, or the current follow on companies would be invited. Any ideas you have on this would be appreciated.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Club picnic in June or any other event that fits into your schedule. Respectfully, Tom Turba, VIP Club President.

## **From the Editors**



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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**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Jan. 11, 2012			<b>No Meeting</b>
Feb. 08	2:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program - Social Time
Mar. 14	2:00 p.m.	Eagan.	Program - Social Time
Apr. 18	9:00 a.m.	Gina's Cafe	Volunteer Breakfast
<b>May. 09</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Eagan</b>	<b>LM Walk Through</b>
<b>June 13</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Park</b>	<b>VIP Club Picnic</b>
July 11			<b>No Meeting</b>
Aug. 08	2:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program
Sept. 12	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program - Social Time
<b>Oct. 10</b>	<b>6.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Rsvl</b>	<b>Social Program</b>
Nov. 14	7:00 p.m.	Eagan	Program – Social time
<b>Dec. 13</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>USAF</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>

**Note: Rsvl = Roseville, Roseville; Eagan = Unisys MACS Bldg.; Park = Highland Park Pavilion, USAF = OFFICERS Club at Fort Snelling.**

**WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS**

Anderson, Bill & Evaughn U Inver Grove Hts. MN.  
 Erickson, Beverly U New Hope, MN.  
 Lingofelt, Daniel & Darlene White Bear Lake, MN.  
 Kroll, Dick & Kris (no address listed)  
 Suckstorff, Dale & Margaret L Inver Grove Hts. MN.  
**U = Unisys B = Burroughs L = Lockheed Martin D = Unisys Defense Systems**

Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly, and for the same reason.

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

Motis, Benedict - Age 73, of Wascott. Passed away on Wednesday, April 4, 2012, after a short battle with myeloid fibrosis. Ben was a 30 year employee of Unisys.

Ben is survived by his wife, Mary.

Roen, John Harold - Age 73, of Richfield, MN. Passed away peacefully on March 13, 2012. Survived by loving wife, Ninanne (Nan). John worked for Univac and Unisys in Roseville, MN.

Svobodny, Dick – Age 70, of Spring Lake in Jordan, MN. Passed away on Thursday, April 12, 2012. Dick worked for Univac in St. Paul and retired in 2000. Dick is survived by his wife, Diana.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS**

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR  
 VOTER ID AMENDMENT**

According to Brian Berggren in 2008, there were seven voter investigations for voter fraud (0.0002% of voters), and no convictions in Minnesota..

See: [www.electionintegritywatch.com/documents/2011-Report-Voter-Fraud-Convictions.pdf](http://www.electionintegritywatch.com/documents/2011-Report-Voter-Fraud-Convictions.pdf)

"As of August 10th, 2011, 113 individuals are now known to have been convicted in 2008. We believe this is the highest number of voter fraud convictions obtained in any state for a single election cycle since 1936."..."Far more ineligible voters cast fraudulent votes than are reflected by the 113 convictions obtained to date. As many as 2,803 ineligible felons may have cast ballots in the 2008 election, but as previously noted, most were not charged due to claims of ignorance of the law. The common expression, "ignorance of the law is no excuse" doesn't apply to Minnesota statute 201.014, which reads in part: "Any individual who votes knowingly is not eligible to vote is guilty of a felony." In other words, if you can convince the authorities that you are stupid, you can't be charged.

Brian states that the ex-St Paul Police Chief reported at a Senate hearing that any felon voting problem would not be fixed by a photo ID. If perfection was required before passing a law, no laws would be passed.

Brian also stated that Amendment XXIV of our Constitution for Federal office elections, states that no tax can be required. In Minnesota, identification card fees are \$18 for people younger than 65, \$11 for those ages 65 and older, and fifty cents for those with a qualifying physical or developmental disability.

In the 1970s, you were required to show a photo ID in order to vote in Burnsville. Last month I couldn't get an x-ray without producing a photo ID and a health insurance card. It is nearly impossible to buy anything

without producing a photo ID. Submitted by Bill Bergen.

**LETTER FROM Nick Linsmayer - President, Villaume Industries.**

Dear Lowell: One behalf of the NAC WACO CG4-A glider restoration crew, we welcome your Club visit to Villaume Industries on May 9th - before the glider heads to its final destination at Granite Falls, Minnesota.

Our hope is to connect with anyone who may have been working in glider production, who then became an ERA employee. We would like to learn more about this amazing transition from wood and steel tubing to computers. In addition, we are looking for any copies of "Tow Lines" which was the in-house NAC publication.



We are about to start documenting this amazing company and its journey. Does anyone have a parent who may have worked at NAC?. Any help would be invaluable. Best Regards, Nick Linsmayer - President, Villaume Industries

**VIP CLUB DIRECTORY**

In March we sent an electronic 2012 directory to each Club Member and Associate Member for whom we have an e-mail address. A few members had requested a printed directory with their renewal form – Lowell did print, bind, and mail to those individuals: Envelopes 26 cents, binding 10 cents, printing of 19 two-sided sheets 95 cents, and US postage \$1.70 each.

At the April Board meeting, we decided to not incur this cost level in the future. BUT, we will try to get some directories printed and stapled to have available for members without e-mail at future program events.

We will do an update to include late renewals and feedback from the first 2012 edition - electronic distribution planned with the June newsletter notifications. Submitted by LABenson

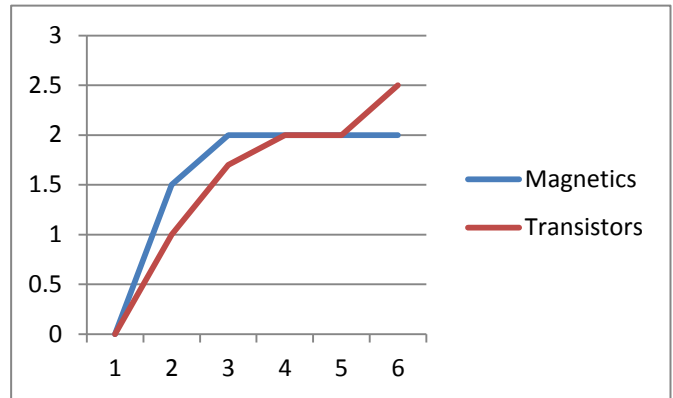
**WEB SITE REVIEW** by Lowell Benson.

This is the twenty-third in the Article-for-the-Month review series for Club members without immediate internet access. The public library PCs are available to re-read previous 'Articles for the Month', linked from <http://vipclubmn.org/documents.aspx>.

In March 2011 we posted [Pre-ATHENA](#) musings by Warren Burrell. Warren started working at ERA in 1948 after a stint in the Air Force. One of his jobs was to evaluate transistor versus magnetic circuitry as vacuum tube logic replacements. These studies were for the Tactical Air Command computer system proposals. He

wrote: "At the subsequent briefing at the Western AF Development Procurement Office, I met with Erv Tomash, UNIVAC marketing, and Major Gerry Probst. In response to their queries about circuit choices, I promptly read from my data in the proposal."

"Several engineers [including myself] did try to graphically create values for the comparisons between magnetic logic and transistor logic after the tests and decisions had been made. It showed a later ascendancy of transistors though time. The two curves were very close for a period before the transistor forged ahead gradually. Note: As depicted in the chart below, the graph ordinates are quite arbitrary as the ultimate value was a combination of many factors."



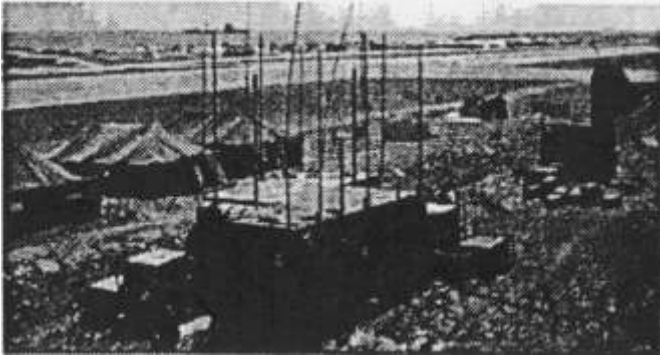
{Editor's note: *The vertical axis has somewhat arbitrary numbers. The horizontal axis is time in years – the illustration is not factual, rather to illustrate the recollections of the author.*}

In April 2011 we posted "MATCALs - [Controlling the Skies](#)" written in 1993, author unknown and "[Deployment to Somalia](#)" by CWQ4 John P. Rego, March 1996. Both articles submitted by Ron Irwin.

1993 - "In the wake of Operation Desert Storm two years ago, commercial air traffic over Kuwait was at a standstill until the U.S. Marines --and a unique mobile air traffic control (ATC) system --came to the rescue. The Marine Air Traffic Control and Landing Systems (MATCALs) returned normal air service to Kuwaiti skies after electrical power problems and war damaged control equipment shut down commercial air traffic. More recently, MATCALs was deployed to Africa as part of the Joint Task Force's humanitarian relief effort Operation Restore Hope in Somalia. More specifically, MATCALs was utilized at the International Airport at Mogadishu as its sole air traffic control system from mid- December 1992 through April 1993 when ATC responsibility transitioned to the United Nations."

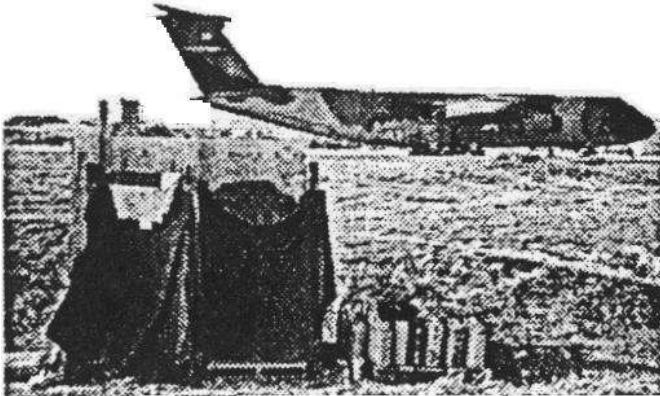
"The development of MATCALs, from initial studies in 1973 to the field-proven system of today, has been driven by the growing demands of ATC and military technology. Its application for military and commercial air traffic control --in both Kuwait and Somalia --is

proof that the system goes beyond military use with a flexibility that can be applied in nearly any civil or military emergency situation. MATCALs is proven as a mobile air traffic control center in both civilian and military environments.”



*View of radar system taken from the control tower.*

“During our final approach into Mogadishu, our C5 was jinking about as though we were in severe turbulence. About halfway through the approach, an aircraft crew member came back and suggested that we lock and load (we had been issued ammunition at El Toro prior to departure). He also mentioned that the evasive flying was due to the small arms fire that was apparently directed at our aircraft.”



*Our shower facilities were right in the middle of the action (C-5 in the background).*

“During April of 1993, serious planning was underway for the withdrawal of remaining US Forces, which would complete the “thirty day” operation known as RESTORE HOPE. Responsibility for Somalia was to pass from US to UN Control upon our withdrawal. What we considered a key part of this plan was the fact that the ATC Detachment could not withdraw until replaced by another ATC organization. The search for a replacement was more difficult than anticipated, but this would not hinder the retrograde of other US forces. There was some talk of assigning us to the UN force, but we were saved when the UN hired some Kenyan controllers to work out of a tower, eagerly constructed by our detachment with the assistance of Army Engineers and Canadian Armed Personnel. The thought of living on the airfield with a perimeter guarded by forces (who shall remain nameless) was not a pleasant one and we were quite happy indeed when our

personnel started departing on the fifth of May and were completely out by the eighth.”

### **August 8<sup>th</sup> Program Preview:**

*Whom is big brother watching? Who is big brother?* Call a friend or two and meet him/her at Rosedale about 12:30 for lunch. Then about 1:40, drive to the Water’s Edge Building on County Road C just east of Snelling for an escorted 2:00pm visit of the Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC) operated by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT).



Mn/DOT has over 450 closed-circuit TV cameras posted along 340 miles of metro-area freeway. Learn how they use these cameras to dispatch ‘highway helper’ pickups to vehicles in distress. Did you know that the state patrol’s 911 response center shares these cameras and facility? The RTMC’s computers also control the freeway on-ramp meter rates using sensor inputs from over 4,500 loop detectors. Mn/DOT also allows local TV stations access to the camera video streams so that they can provide the public with up to the minute visual news about traffic accidents, congestion, etc. Send a note to [tnturba@comcast.net](mailto:tnturba@comcast.net) if you’ll be coming so that Tom can pre-print visitor nametags. Thanks to Club President Turba for arranging this ‘informative’ visit; *LABenson*.

### **WEB SITE UPDATED**

By the time you read this, our web site is no longer hosted by Microsoft nor is it being maintained with their on-line software. Our site uses 140 megabytes of storage composed of the 74 individual pages, over 200 linked documents/newsletters, about 300 images, and some other stuff. There was no direct quality control of the reconstruction so it is quite likely that errors were made. If you notice anything amiss during your browsing, please send a note to [labenson@q.com](mailto:labenson@q.com) – include the web page and section number of the problem. Thanks in advance for your help; *LABenson*.

### **7000 DOWN, 30000+ TO GO**

Thanks to the efforts of the Photo Sleuths over the past few months, about 7000 old photos and negatives from

the ERA/Univac/Sperry and successors have been identified and cataloged. This leaves us with only about 30-some thousand more currently in our possession to complete all this before we need to turn them over to CBI prior to Lockheed vacating the Eagan facility. The target for completion of our work is the end of 2012. The word “currently” was emphasized because recently we became aware of thousands of additional photos in the Publications department and in some storage areas, many of which are of definite historical value. In addition, we have secured a cartload of old 16mm films to be reviewed. Thus, a huge job has grown even bigger, and more volunteers are needed.

The current group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, but the facility is open anytime during working hours, so after a bit of familiarization, you can make your hours your own. To generate an opportunity for new volunteers to participate, we will have an orientation session on Thursday May 3 in our new work area, just to the east of big indoor courtyard. All sleuthing wannabes are welcome, and we really can use the help. Work consists of looking at old photos and negatives and entering data into an Excel database, along with a bit of friendly camaraderie. If you're interested, please contact Harvey Taipale at 651 748 5083 or [hjtaipale@comcast.net](mailto:hjtaipale@comcast.net). Prior to entering the plant, John Westergren will need to secure visitor authorization, and upon your first entry, you will need to show a birth certificate or passport, along with a driver's license or state ID.

## **NORWEGIAN SYTTENDE MAI LUNCH EVENT (May 17)**

The annual **Norwegian Syttende Mai** lunch is set for Thursday, May 17, 2012. Come and enjoy with fellow Norwegian-Americans, friends, spouses and associates. The event 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](mailto:dale.o.torgerson@gmail.com) (ph. 612-597-3714) or Dale Phelps at [rsanford@usfamily.net](mailto:rsanford@usfamily.net) (ph. 952-831-7843). Email is preferred.

The speaker for this year's program will be **Kim Ode**, general assignment feature writer for the Star Tribune and a Norwegian American. Kim wrote a series of articles in the Strib related to the Minnesota visit of Norway's King Harald V and Queen Sonja. Kim had the interesting and privileged task of personally interviewing King Harald on the recent royal visit to Minnesota. She has a number of interesting tales related to the visit including preparation, security,

protocol, conversations, etc., as well as her own trip to Norway. This opportunity might also put her first in line to do likewise with the Swedish royalty, King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia, who are coming to Minnesota in October.

## **HEALTH CARE REFORM**

Jonathan Gruber, H.P. Newquist & Nathan Schreiber (2011) - *“HEALTH CARE REFORM”*.

Jonathan Gruber is an MIT economist and principle architect of Massachusetts Care, and was a consultant with the Obama administration and Congress during development of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). His book, with H.P. Newquist, is an educational comic book that tells us “what” the ACA is, “why” it's necessary, and “how” it works. It is actually a fast and fun read with a bunch of easy to understand factoids.

We first learn almost half of our “private” health care system is already paid by the government, with a lesser amount paid by consumers/employers. Back in 1950 only 5% of our earnings went for health care; we now pay over 17% for care. But Gruber tells us we don't want 1950s medicine where 29 of 1000 infants died in the first year versus 7 today, and 6 out of 1000 adults died of a heart attack versus half that today.

Regarding wasted and expensive care, we are told that each Medicare enrollee in McAllen, Texas cost the system \$15,000, twice the cost in El Paso for patient outcomes that are no better. Another example is Camden, New Jersey where 1% of the population accounts for more than 30% of the city's health expenses.

The Massachusetts care solution was to get everyone covered so the insurance companies could price the insurance fairly knowing they were getting the average risk. This was the individual mandate that provided subsidies for coverage that included preexisting conditions.

Under the ACA insurance will need to cover a standard set of services for doctors, hospitals, drugs, and mental health, where total out-of-pocket expenses cannot exceed \$6000 per year. Families will pay as little as 2% of their income and no more than 9.5% to buy the insurance. Because the ACA is so expensive (\$940 billion over 10 years), the government will cut overpayments to private insurance companies, tax the profitable drug, device, and insurance companies, and individuals earning more than \$200,000, and put a surcharge on the “Cadillac policies” that drive up medical costs with overly generous benefits using tax-free money.

The goals of the ACA are to lower individual health care costs and reduce costs to the government. Maybe

it is worth the wait to see if something good happens.  
Submitted by Brian Berggren.

## **SPORTS AND RECREATION**

The golf season has started with the new Unified Legacy Golf League (ULGL) after merging the former Unisys and Lockheed Martin golf leagues. A full schedule of league play is in place at Emerald Greens on Monday and Tuesday, Phalen on Monday, Inverwood on Wednesday, Valleywood on Wednesday and Bunker Hills on Thursday. The Highland league disbanded and the teams went to the remaining leagues. There is still room for individuals or teams with league play starting the first week of May. Tournaments are scheduled for each month with the first one having been played at Indian Hills on April 9. League and tournament information can be seen on the ULGL web site - <http://www.umglmn.org/umgl/>.

## **LIGHTER SIDE**

**The Blonde Who Hunted Alligators:** After becoming very frustrated with the attitude of one of the shopkeepers, the young blonde declared, "Well, then, maybe I'll just go out and catch my own alligator and get a pair of alligator shoes for free!" The shopkeeper replied with a sly smile, "Well, little lady, why don't you go give it a try?"

The blonde headed off to the swamp, determined to catch an alligator. Later in the day, the shopkeeper was driving home, and spotted the young woman standing waist deep in the murky water, shotgun in hand. He saw a huge 9-foot gator swimming rapidly toward her. With lightning reflexes, the blond took aim, shot the creature and hauled it up onto the slippery bank. Nearby were 7 more dead gator's all lying belly up. The shopkeeper watched in amazement as the blond struggled with the gator. Then, rolling her eyes, she screamed in frustration. Drats!!! THIS ONE'S BAREFOOT TOO.

### **Traveling destinations:**

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

And, sometimes I think I am in Vincible but life shows me I am not!

### **Air Disaster**

Minnesota's worst air disaster occurred today when a Cessna 152, a small 2 seater plane, crashed into a Norwegian Lutheran Church cemetery here early this morning. Ole and Sven, working as a search and rescue team, have recovered 826 bodies so far and expect the number to climb as digging continues into the evening. The final fatality count will be in the next newsletter. Lowell Benson.

### **Sounds logical**

Cliff Clavin was explaining the Buffalo Theory to his buddy Norm. "Well ya see, Norm, it's like this... A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers."

### **Football**

A BIG 12 football coach walked into the locker room before a game, looked over to his star player and said, "I'm not supposed to let you play since you failed math, but we need you in there. So, what I have to do is ask you a math question, and if you get it right, you can play." The player agreed, so coach looked into his eyes intently and asked, "Okay, now concentrate hard and tell me the answer to this. What is two plus two?" The player thought for a moment and then answered, "4?" "Did you say 4?" the coach exclaimed, excited that he had got it right. Suddenly all the other players on the team began screaming, "Come on coach, give him another chance!"

### **Fairy Tale**

I met a fairy today that granted me one wish. "I want to live forever," I said. "Sorry" said the fairy, "I'm not allowed to grant wishes like that!" "Fine" I said, "I want to die after the Vikings win the Super Bowl!" "You are one crafty Norwegian," said the fairy.

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**VIP CLUB OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS FOR THE YEAR 2012**

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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.”