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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, September 05	Board Meeting, Eagan	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, September 12	Program and Social Time	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 03	Board Meeting, Roseville	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, October 10	Program and Social Time	6.30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: EAGAN

Kathryn Pearson is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Minnesota. She received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley in 2005. Pearson specializes in American politics; her research and teaching focus on the United States Congress, elections, women and politics, and political parties. She has published several book chapters, and her research recently appeared in *The Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Legislative Studies Quarterly*, *Politics & Gender*, and *Political Research Quarterly*. She is currently finishing a book titled *Party Discipline in the House of Representatives*. Pearson is a recipient of the Morse Alumni Award for Outstanding Contributions to Undergraduate. In 2002-2003, Pearson was a Research Fellow at The Brookings Institution, and from 1993 to 1998 she worked on Capitol Hill as a Legislative Assistant for two congresswomen, one Democrat and one Republican.

In her talk, she will provide a preview of the 2012 Elections, explaining how political scientists analyze the presidential campaigns and the most competitive congressional elections. She will analyze the role of voters, the media, political parties, and campaign finance.

OCTOBER PROGRAM: ROSEVILLE

Our October program will be a real treat, from the standpoint of both "nutrition" and entertainment. Ice cream and pie are the calling cards for feeding and pleasing the inner bear. And for entertainment we will have Bill and Judy Rohde present their Retirement Adventure:

SAILING FROM LAKE SUPERIOR TO THE CARIBBEAN.

In 2006 Bill Rohde retired from Unisys in Roseville, where he had worked all but five of his over thirty-nine years with the company. Less than a year later he and his wife, Judy, set out from western Lake Superior on an open-ended sailing adventure, cruising aboard their 42-foot sailboat, the *Jubilee*.



Since June of 2007 they've typically sailed four to five months each year, storing their boat in various spots along the way while returning to spend time at their home in New Brighton. To date they've put over 10,000 miles

under the keel, having explored all five Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River and Canadian Maritimes, the US East Coast, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, and the Spanish, US and British Virgin Islands, plus they made brief stops at the Turks and Caicos and Dominican Republic along the way. The *Jubilee* is currently stored in Puerto Rico for the 2012 hurricane season, patiently waiting to continue their cruising adventures this coming January.

Join Bill and Judy aboard the *Jubilee* as they introduce you, through presentation and pictures, to the sailboat cruising lifestyle, discuss what it's like to live and cruise aboard a boat, and share highlights from their travels to date.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
From: President Tom Turba

Our August program meeting, which was a tour of the Minnesota Department of Transportation Control Center at their Waters Edge facility was well received by everyone attending. People got to see horses being herded by cars on the freeway, a runaway dog being chased by state police cars, an exploding truck, people running from a stalled car on the freeway before it was demolished by a truck and many other traffic scenes that were captured by the video cameras placed along the major traffic arteries around the Twin Cities that can zoom in on what happens around us on a daily basis.

Program meetings give us a chance to come together with old friends and coworkers, to learn something new and renew acquaintances. If you have any ideas of interesting program topics and places to visit, please share them with us so we can make them happen.

I'm looking forward to see you at one of the coming events. Respectfully, Tom Turba, 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Jan. 11, 2012			No Meeting
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
May. 09	9:00 a.m.	Eagan	LM Walk Through
June 13	4:00 p.m.	Park	VIP Club Picnic
July 11			No Meeting
Aug. 08	2:00 p.m.	Rsvl	Program
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

Korsman, John & Pam U New Brighton, MN.
 Olson, Kenneth & Mary L Eagan, MN.
 Sides, Kathy L Apple Valley, MN.
 U = Unisys B = Burroughs L = Lockheed Martin D =
 Unisys Defense Systems

IN REMEMBRANCE



Herschbach, Thomas G. - Age 92, of Hopkins, MN. Passed away on July 18, 2012. Tom is survived by his wife Beverly. Tom was employed by several Twin City companies including Northwest Airlines and Univac.

Horning, Ernest F., "Ernie" - Age 81, of Apple Valley, MN. Passed away peacefully on July 12, 2012. Ernie was a Unisys Retiree and member of the VIP Club.



Mattson, Jean Aloy (Blocker) - Age 77, of New Brighton, MN. Passed away peacefully at home, after a year-long battle with cancer, on June 22, 2012. Jean is Survived by her husband George who is a Unisys retiree and VIP Club member.



Sarych, Richard J. "Duke" - Age 76, of NE Minneapolis, MN. Passed away on, July 21, 2012. Duke is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Virginia. Duke was a Unisys employee for 42 years and long time VIP Club member.



Schurmeier, John W. "Bill" Age 87, of Cottage Grove, MN. Passed away Sunday, April 22, 2012. Bill is survived by his wife, Joylyn "Joy". Bill was a Univac retiree. Bill and Joy have been long time VIP Club members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

LOCKHEED MARTIN ESCORTS CURIOSITY AND LEADS THE CHARGE INTO THE MARTIN ATMOSPHERE

Once again Lockheed Martin has very publicly put its reputation on the line and come through with MISSION CRITICAL Gold Medal success. LM's contribution to the safe landing of the Martian Rover CURIOSITY was the design, test, and build of the aeroshell (heat shield/back shell) which deflected the heat of entry to ensure the safety of the precious rover. You can view a short video with LM personnel at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYsezwd_AIs.

REPORT: LAWSHE MUSEUM LEGACY EXHIBIT

The future Lockheed Martin and Unisys Legacy Exhibit will be located in the Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS) Lawshe Museum in South St. Paul. The current Lockheed Martin schedule is for shipments to the Museum to begin in early September. Lockheed Martin will donate several items including the large history display sign at the entrance to the auditorium, several computers (an AN/UYK 43, one or more AN/UYK 44's, and a CP 901), a large 3 screen interactive Valiant workstation (possibly two versions), appropriate documentation of all equipment and numerous marketing brochures, plus various artifacts such as cups, ashtrays, etc.

The LM/Unisys Legacy Exhibit will be located in the Northeast corner of the main floor of the Lawshe Museum. The accession of these items into the Museum records, etc. will be done in the display area with help from VIP Club members plus other LM and Unisys retirees! The DCHS Executive Director, Chad Roberts is hoping for a significant volunteer effort from VIP Club members to properly identify and describe all of these items. When you are ready to volunteer your support, please contact me at: bjskj@msn.com or 651-681-9988.

(Also, separate from the ongoing LM/Unisys Legacy Exhibit accession efforts, the current photo and negative identification effort spearheaded by Harvey Taipale could be continued and collocated in this area during 2013.)

As a member of the DCHS Board of directors I will coordinate these efforts with LM, the Lawshe Museum, and the VIP Club. Submitted by Bernie Jansen

HEALTH CARE DECISION TIME APPROACHING

Look at your current health care usage: primary care, specialist visits, hospital stays, branded and generic drugs. Then look at your insurance costs and copays and if your (Continued Page 6)

VIP CLUB

Established in 1980

Last Walk Thru
May 9, 2012 @ LMCO

John Westergren
welcomes
"What's Brewing"
Guests as Mark
Stanga watches.



Bernie Jansen



Dick E. Steve N.



Brian M, Keith B, Paul H, Sue B, Jim A



Dick L, Mike P, John S, Rosie L



Glad to see
John W.



Wayne L & John P



Steve E & Jeff P



Iva Nell M & Harvey T



Don N.



Dan R., Joe S., & Brian B.



John W & Bernie J



Herman F.



Ken H, Wayne L, ?, Bob M, ?, Dick L, Don W.



Dick L.

Bill G & Will B

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(Continued from Page 3) drugs get you into the donut hole. These are only some of the considerations to help find your best plan option. Just do not assume, for Lockheed Martin retirees, that the offered insurance options are your best or even good choices.

The 2012 LM options and costs for individual plans were: HP Freedom HMO - \$186; Aetna Sr PPO - \$252; Medicare Plus - \$255; and Medicare Plus Catastrophic - \$346. For comparison, the HP Freedom Vital with Rx Plan for an individual cost \$60.20 – one-third the cost of the near-equivalent LM HP Freedom Plan. Admittedly, some copays are higher and other benefit limits restricted for some services. But for most of us without high-maintenance chronic conditions, the savings can be significant.

The 2011 Health Care Choices booklet lists two Medicare Select, 18 Cost, four Local HMO, nine PPO, and four Private-Fee-For-Service Plans. Also listed are Special Needs and Part D Stand-alone plans. UCare and Medica offer competitive plans, and for-profits like Aetna and Humana have low cost options. Our November program should help answer many of our questions. Submitted by Brian Berggren

LAST WALK THROUGH FOLLOW-UP

At the May 5th LMCO Eagan ‘What’s Brewing’ open house, an LMCO photographer took many snapshots. John Westergren put 98 of them into a power point slide show. That 9 Megabyte show is too large for web site posting. A collage of some of these photos is on Pages 4 & 5. Submitted by LABenson

WEB SITE REVIEW by LABenson

This is the twenty-sixth in the Article-for-the-Month review series for Club members without immediate internet access.

In September 2011, we posted the [Hardware Artifacts List](#): This list of 468 items was compiled by Larry Bolton. The actual count is about 400 as we have several duplicate items. The oldest DATED artifact that we have is a 1954 ERA magnetic drum memory which was donated by Don Andersen.



World's first computer Hard Drives invented in St. Paul We

do have photos of many of them, the links in the document were not put onto the website – we could send the *.jpg file to anyone who wants it. The Legacy Committee needs to find a home for them by 2013 – some will become part of our

Dakota Co. Historical Society Lawshe Museum history display this fall. If you are willing to help set up the display there, contact either Bernie Jansen or John Westergren.

In October 2011, we posted [The Digital Age](#), a scan of an *Inventing Tomorrow* article on pages 14 and 15 of the *Inventing Tomorrow* issue that was a special edition celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Institute of Technology, now the College of Science and Engineering. I obtained U of MN permission to post the article on our web site. Two of the sections are:

The history of computing in Minnesota can be traced back to the post-war era when Engineering Research Associates (ERA) in St. Paul was developing some of the most advanced computers.

Co-founded by computer pioneer and visionary William Norris, and employing numerous engineering graduates of the University of Minnesota, including Seymour Cray, ERA was a dominant player in the budding computing industry. Several computer industry powerhouses can be traced to ERA, including Sperry-Univac, Control Data Corporation (CDC), and Cray Research.

On the University campus, there was growing interest in computing and its application to mathematics, physics, chemistry, and economics. Several departments were using the University's Reeves Electronic Analog Computer (REAC)—state-of-the-art in 1949. The REAC was in constant demand and it soon became clear that the University needed to expand its resources. In 1955, Sperry-Univac, a company formed by the merger of ERA and Eckert-Mauchly Computer Corporation, gave the University a gift of 400 usage hours on the ERA 1103, which sparked the beginning of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

"I was fortunate in having an instructor at the University of Minnesota who was looking after me. When I said, 'What's next?' he said, 'If I were you, I'd just go down the street here to Engineering Research Associates, and I'd think you'd like what they're doing there'."

—Seymour Cray, EE '49
FATHER OF THE SUPERCOMPUTER

In this posting prologue I wrote: "More of **our legacy story** - not in the brief article! As Dr. Stein took on more computer science department responsibilities in late '70s, Dr. Peter Paton became director of the Experimental Engineering

housed Numerical Analysis Center. Pete was a former UNIVAC employee – In the early '80s; he and Dr. Bill Franta collaborated on a cache memory simulation consulting contract with Sperry-UNIVAC. Lowell Benson was the cache memory study manager, Dave Kaminski the lead engineer. Those simulation results subsequently formed the architecture basis for the cache memory designs of the AN/UYK-43 - Dave was one of the UYK-43 logic design engineers.”

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SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

BOWLING – The Z Bowling League which is a three person team mixed league made up of employees and former employees of Univac/Unisys/Lockheed, et al who bowl at 5:00 PM on Wednesdays at Cedarvale Lanes in Eagan. The league is looking for individuals and/or teams for the upcoming season which will start on August 29, 2012. For additional information contact Kevin Schwarzbauer at kschwar@hotmail.com.

SENIOR CLUB ACTIVITIES - We have included information on recreational activities that were sponsored by Lockheed Martin in the Newsletter and on the VIP web site. These include golf, skeet and trap, bowling and pc/electronics. There are many more activities available through the senior citizen clubs in many municipalities throughout the state. Our membership list shows that over 86% of us live in Minnesota. Initially we will focus on providing a link and phone number on our web site for the senior clubs in the cities having ten or more VIP Club members. In cities where we are unable to locate one we will list the nearest within a reasonable distance. These clubs offer a wide variety of activities and most will welcome your participation even if you don't live in their city. The cities having ten or more VIP Club member populations are (in descending order): St. Paul, Eagan, Burnsville, Apple Valley, Bloomington, Roseville, Minneapolis, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Rosemount, New Brighton, Shoreview, White Bear Lake, Fridley, Prior Lake and Richfield. For further information go to <http://vipclubmn.org/Recreation.html>

FEEDBACK REQUEST – NEW NAME?

The Annual 'Old Timers' gathering the first Thursday of December was initiated in the early 80's by retired Sperry Defense Systems marketer, John Markfelder. Univac retiree Earl Lillestrand,

USMC Lt. Col., Ret., coordinated the invitations for twenty+ years – Dante (Dan) Maseratti, also a marketing manager and a Marine, plus a cadre of volunteers made invitation & reminder phone calls.

In 2007 - Fred Vihovde, USA MI Lt., Ret., accepted the O' Club hosting responsibility and Lowell Benson began coordinating the reminder notices. In 2010 the VIP Club board passed a resolution to cover any costs over the 'donation box' for this event as well as for the Roseville Good Old Days event. Reference is section 4 of <http://vipclubmn.org/LunchGroups.html>.

Jim Rapinac has suggested that the Legacy Committee **rename** the Ft. Snelling December 'Old Timers' Lunch the "John Markfelder Memorial Annual Univac Lunch and Reunion."

As event coordinator, I agree with Rapp that a name change is appropriate. Please send your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice names from the following five to labenson@q.com by 10/2:

- A. Rapp's suggested name change
- B. UNIVAC Annual Reunion
- C. ERA Legacy Winter Reunion
- D. Continue with 'Old Timers'
- E. Univac Legacy Reunion

The 'voted' new name will be in the November newsletter announcement for the Dec. 6th event.

2012 Directory – In July we transmitted our directory electronically to each member for whom we have a current e-mail address. If you have e-mail and didn't receive it, please send a Directory request note to newsletter@vipclubmn.org. We do have some printed copies available for non-email members to pick up at our program meetings.

LIGHTER SIDE

A friend of a friend of mine was sitting on a lawn sunning and reading, when he was startled by a fairly late model car crashing through a hedge and coming to rest on his lawn. He helped the elderly driver out and sat him on a lawn chair. "My goodness," the friend exclaimed, "you are quite old to be driving!"

"Yes," the old man replied, "I am old enough that I don't need a license." "What... NO LICENSE?"

"Nope! The last time I went to my doctor he examined me, and asked if I had a driving license. I told him 'yes' and handed it to him. He took scissors out of a drawer, cut the license into pieces, threw them in the wastebasket and said, 'You won't need this anymore.' So I thanked him and left."

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VIP CLUB OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS FOR THE YEAR 2012

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

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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.”