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The Number to call for information on Unisys Retirement Status and Benefits: 1-877-864-7972.

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Wednesday, October 03
Wednesday, October 10

Board Meeting, Roseville
Program and Social Time

10:00 a.m.
6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 07
Wednesday, November 14

Board Meeting, Eagan
Program and Social Time

10:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

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.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: EAGAN

Our November program will help us better understand the many options available to us as Medicare enrollees. Lee Graczyk, CEO of Mature Voices Minnesota and long-time senior health policy issues advocate, will give us information on Medicare changes and how those changes

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will likely affect both our Minnesota non-profits and for-profits that offer policies.

Because each of us has different needs, whether special drug coverage, multiple chronic condition coordination, out-of-area coverage, limiting co-pays or deductibles, hospital and clinic preferences, outpatient services, or home care, it is so important for both health care quality and total care costs to consider which insurance programs will give us the better benefits.

To get the most from our program, do a little homework. The healthcare article in this newsletter suggests several resources to better understand Lee's talk.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
From: President Tom Turba

For those of you that couldn't make it, the September program meeting by Kathryn Pearson from the University of Minnesota gave an interesting, nonpartisan view into the world of American politics that is now playing out every day in the media around us. Her insight was that of a political scientist, looking at the numbers and surveys, watching how things unfold and people and parties work around whatever is put in front of them. A good time and interesting conversations were had by all.

Although we don't have the Christmas Party form in this Newsletter, be sure to mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 13th. The party will again be at the Fort Snelling Officer's Club and be at a reasonable price with good food. It will be a good time to get together with old friends and coworkers in a friendly atmosphere, so talk to your friends and plan to come as a group.

Our next meeting in October will also be a fun event with pie, ice cream, and a very interesting talk by Bill Rohde. I hope to see you there, but also remember that the Club elections are coming up in November as well as the national elections. We still need a couple volunteers for open offices.

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

Date **Time** **Location** **Activity**

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

No new members.

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

IN REMEMBRANCE



Chartier, Eugene G. _ Age 88, of Mounds View, MN. Passed away September 9, 2012. Gene was an Electrical Engineer at Sperry Univac. Gene was preceded in death by his loving wife, Rosemary.

Dowdy, Linda – Age 72 of Bethel, MN. Passed away Monday, August 13, 2012. Linda began her career as a software engineer for Unisys in White Sands, NM. Linda transferred to Unisys in Roseville in 1979, After retiring, she embarked on a fulfilling second career as a flight instructor.

Kangas, Kenneth J. - Age 87, of Richfield, MN. Passed away August 30, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Pat Kangas. Ken was a Unisys retiree and a long time member of the VIP Club.

Reents, Richard J. "Dick" - Passed away August 10, 2012. Ken was a retired Unisys employee and longtime resident of Shoreview, MN. He is survived by his wife, Joann. Ken was a former VIP Club Member.

Wright, Loretta Mae - Age 72. Survived by husband of 51 years, Dennis. Loretta was a secretary / administrative assistant, who worked at Unisys in Roseville

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTS

HEALTHCARE AND MEDICARE

The August 28 Star Tribune article by Maura Lerner introduced the October Consumer Reports that rates 550 Minnesota clinics for cost and quality. Check both the

article and the magazine. Other resources are the 2012 Health Care Choices (Minnesota Board on Aging), Health Care Reform by MIT economist and “Massachusetts-care” architect Jonathan Gruber, and Social Security, Medicare, & Government Pensions from NOLO Press (17th edition). Gruber’s book is in education comic form and tells us “what” the Affordable Care Act 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.

NOLO is law-for-all in plain English and best describes – well, all Medicare issues in a well-organized, well-written, and well-indexed form. We are told that Medicare medical insurance is never enough and shown how costs and coverage limitations can get even the supposed best insured in trouble. For most Minnesotans, the Medicare Advantage chapter is great; the HMO, POS, PPO, and PSO options are explained better than I have ever read elsewhere. The chapter also offers suggestions on choosing plans and understanding features.

The 2010 Affordable Care Act is simply an expanded version of “Massachusetts-care” enacted in 2006 under then-Governor Mitt Romney that expanded private insurance by adding requirements and incentives to encourage residents to have some form of insurance. Our new law mostly compels people to buy insurance that still may be unaffordable and pay drug prices that the pharmaceutical companies have set. Doctor payments will not be cut, but primary care docs will continue to be underpaid and specialists will continue to be overpaid. If it had provided for a “Public Option” and mandated negotiated drug prices as the Veterans Administration does we would have had something to help with care.

Because the World Health Organization ranks U.S. healthcare 37th out of 190 ranked countries, I thought I’d share a small group of factoids from the July 25th, 2012, issue of Medical Economics on the number one French system. David Edelberg, M.D. tells us the French “believe every citizen has an unquestionable right to affordable healthcare.” The government is involved, every citizen must buy insurance, and the non-profit insurance companies have no investors or traded stock –more like the Red Cross. Edelberg summarizes with the following eight points: You can never lose your insurance; It is not possible to be uninsured; You can never be denied benefits for any reason; The concept of a “pre-existing condition” is unknown; You can always see any doctor you like, primary care or specialist; There are no networks to contend with.; Doctors are not gatekeepers; and The waiting time to see a physician or undergo a surgical procedure is the same as in the United States.

(Submitted by Brian Berggren)

computer history began with Engineering Research Associates (ERA) in 1946 and continues yet today in Minnesota. During the fall of 2011, a Legacy Committee informational display was setup at four venues:

50th Annual Seminar of the Twin Cities Chapter of the National Contract Management Association - Sept. 14th & 15th, 2011

University of Minnesota Computer Science and Electrical Engineering Forum - October 14th, 2011

Unihogs/Uniturkeys Annual Gathering - November 18, 2011

Old Timer's Annual Gathering - December 1, 2011

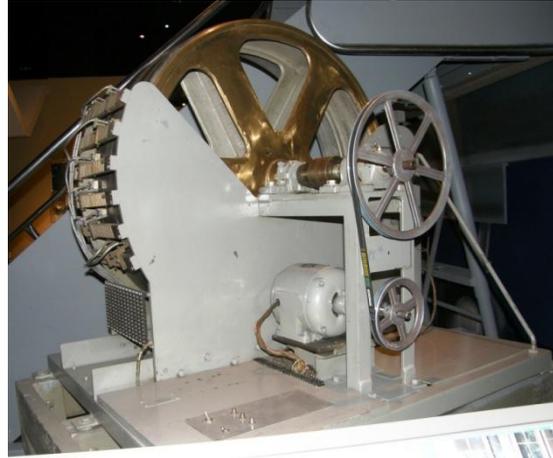
The theme at all four venues was the 65 year history which continues today with minor focus on relationships with the University of Minnesota. Some of the charts and display data had been used during the 2008 Minnesota Sesquicentennial and the 2010 U of MN Walter Library displays. The primary display board is shown here:



Thanks to the entire Legacy Committee who gathered the materials as I developed the display poster text. And thanks to Lockheed Martin for printing the large poster items, Quint Heckert was the principal creator of the main history poster. Immediately in front of the display board is a set of Naval Tactical Data Systems computer models. Just in front of the display is the book: *When Computers Went to Sea* by David L. Boslaugh and a sheet relating the book to the Navy, UNIVAC, and UofMN.

The beginning of the '65 Years' poster are: Government Contract Milestones (two 8 1/2 x 14 posters) **1947:** ERA delivered the Goldberg I with a drum memory for a U.S. Navy crypto-analytic system. Goldberg I and II were developed for the Navy, for classified purposes.

They are historically significant as the first magnetic drum was built for use with the Goldberg I analytical processor. This rotating magnetic drum memory was the **world's first delivered, operational hard drive.**



The end of the '65 Years' poster is: March 2, 2011 Delivered S/N 8000 AN/USQ-70 Dual Display and Processor - Today's Naval Tactical Data System standard hardware.



This unit will be installed aboard the USS Minnesota (SSN-783) - a new Virginia Class attack submarine.

READER FEEDBACK from Chuck Budd

Some clues on the September issue collage of pictures from the Plant 8 walk-through: 1) Bottom of page 4 of the newsletter -- Photo labeled: "Ken H, Wayne L, ?, Bob M, ?, Dick L, Don W." -- The second "?", the guy between Bob M and Dick L, is Mark Wilson (Facilities).and 2) Middle of page 5 -- Photo labeled: "Don W, Iva Nell, Ken N" -- The tall fellow marked "?" is Kevin Quass (MSA).

INNOVATION CHALLENGE by LMCO via Andrea Greenan - On Monday, August 6, we launched a worldwide "Innovate the Future") contest with cash awards totaling \$50,000. Interested participants are invited to share their ideas on how innovation can enable a more secure future for the planet. Participants can post submissions on a range of topics facing the world community, including the need for sustainable

energy, cyber security, and healthcare. Retirees are going to be uniquely qualified to participate. They have tremendous knowledge about the company's products and services. This challenge might be an opportunity to share an idea that they didn't have a chance to pursue while employed with the company. To enter the contest, participants must complete a brief submission online between August 6 [sorry this didn't make our September newsletter deadline] and September 30, 2012 at <http://www.lockheedmartin.com/innovatethefuture-contest>.

Up to five ideas will be selected for cash awards by a committee comprised of Lockheed Martin employees and at least one independent third party. There is one eligibility requirement that I want to note. Retirees that are immediate family members (parent, spouse, sibling or child) of current employees cannot participate. VIP Club members who worked in Roseville are eligible to participate. There will be one \$25k award, a \$10k award, and three \$5k awards.

MEMBERSHIP REVIEW – RENEWAL

It is time for 32% of our members to think about renewing their membership for 2013 and beyond. Your paid through year is printed after your name of US Mail newsletters. Your paid through year is included in the subject line of electronic newsletter distribution.

We have 942 members/friends in our newsletter database; 86.1% in Minnesota, 3.1% in Wisconsin, 2% in Arizona, 1.6% in Florida, 1.1% in PA and the rest in 27 other states and two foreign countries. 77% of our members live in the Twin Cities environs: 30% in Dakota Co., 21% in Ramsey Co., 14% in Hennepin Co. 7% in Washington Co. and 5% in Anoka Co. 51% of our members receive the newsletter electronically. Another 28% have e-mail addresses in our database, only 26% of you haven't provided us with a current e-mail address. If you've changed your e-mail address recently or just obtained e-mail, please send an update note to our database guru, Keith Behnke - keithbhnk@comcast.net. If you've recently moved, please send address change to him also.

NOMINATION TIME!

We will elect 2013 Officers and Directors at the Nov. 14th program meeting. Volunteers to serve the Club and your fellow retirees as Secretary, Vice President, and Directors are needed! Contact any board member before October 2nd to discuss your interest – the candidate slate needs finalization at our Board meeting on October 3rd.

SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

SENIOR CLUB ACTIVITIES - We have included information on recreational activities available through the senior citizen clubs in many municipalities throughout the state. We have added

additional cities to the list available at our web site. For further information go to <http://vipclubmn.org/Recreation.html>

There is also a senior expo scheduled in Eagan. The 8th Annual 55+/Senior Expo will be bursting with businesses and organizations sharing their goods and services focusing on fitness, wellness, finance and health. Be sure to mark Tuesday, October 9, on your calendar for this free event open to everyone. Healthy snack bar also offered. Contact Eagan Parks & Recreation at (651) 675-5500 for more information.

UNITED LEGACY GOLF LEAGUE – With the impact of Lockheed Martin closing operations in Eagan the golf league will have openings for individuals and teams next year. We are in the planning stages for next year's activities. If you are interested in playing in the league contact Keith Behnke, keithbhnk@comcast.net.

LIGHTER SIDE

Subject: Contractor Call for Bids.

Three contractors are bidding to fix a broken fence at the White House.

One is from Chicago, another is from Tennessee, and the third is from Montana. All three go with a White House official to examine the fence.

The Montana contractor takes out a tape measure and does some measuring, then works some figures with a pencil.

"Well," he says, "I figure the job will run about \$900. That's \$400 for materials, \$400 for my crew and \$100 profit for me."

The Tennessee contractor also does some measuring and figuring, then says: "I can do this job for \$700. That's \$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew and \$100 profit for me."

The Chicago contractor doesn't measure or figure, but leans over to the White House official and whispers, "\$2,700."

The official, incredulous, says: "You didn't even measure like the other guys. How did you come up with such a high figure?"

The Chicago contractor whispers back: "\$1000 for me, \$1000 for you, and we hire the guy from Tennessee to fix the fence."

"Done!" replies the government official.

And that, my friends, is how the Government Stimulus plan worked.

Understanding Engineers

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers? Mechanical engineers build weapons. Civil engineers build targets.

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!" The priest said, "Here comes the greens-keeper. Let's have a word with him." He said, "Hello George, What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" The greens-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime!" The group fell silent for a moment. The priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight." The doctor said, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything she can do for them." The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

An engineer was crossing a road one day, when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess." He bent over, picked up the frog, and put it in his pocket. The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn back into a beautiful princess and stay with you for one week." The engineer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to the pocket. The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want." Again, the

engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket. Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess and that I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?" The engineer said, "Look, I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog - now that's cool."

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
If the address block of your Newsletter shows 2012 after your name, your membership and Newsletter subscription will expire. Use the form below to renew.

Ole and Sven are walking down a street in WI, when they see a sign on a store that reads, Suits \$5.00 each, shirts \$2.00 each, and trousers \$2.50 per pair. Ole says to his pal, "Looky here! We could buy a whole gob of dese, take 'em back ta Dulute, sell 'em to our friends, n make a fortune. Now when we go in der, you be quiet, okay? Just let me do da talkin cuz if dey hear yur accent, dey might tink we're ignrant n try to cheat us. No way, dey'll know we're from Minnesota."

They go in and Ole says with his best "Wisconsin" accent, "I'll take 50 of those suits at \$5.00 each, 100 of those shirts at \$2.00 each, and 50 pairs of trousers at \$2.50 each. I'll back up my pickup and..."

The owner of the shop interrupts, "You're from Minnesota, ain't you?"

"Vell...yeah," says a surprised Ole, "How'd ya know dat!?"

"Because this is a dry-cleaners' store!"....

If the number after your mailing address name is **2012**, then it is time for you to renew your membership for 2013 or beyond. If you receive the newsletter electronically and the number 2012 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 ___.

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

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