

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, June 5	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
Wednesday, June 12	4 p.m.	Grand Reunion Picnic	Highland Park, St. Paul
Tuesday, June 18	1 p.m.	IT Legacy Committee meeting	Lawshe Museum
Any day in July		No Club activities planned	Check the Periodic Groups for monthly gatherings
August 7	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
August 13	7 p.m.	Wine and Cheese Social	South St. Paul, MN

JUNE PROGRAM: Grand Reunion Picnic

June 12th, 2013 – Our annual June members’ picnic will be a *Grand Reunion Picnic* event at Highland Park in St. Paul beginning at 4 pm! If Club members have friends who previously worked for Lockheed Martin, UNISYS, or predecessor companies but haven’t retired or joined the Club – All are invited!

We’ll have purchased food instead of ‘pot luck’ and some beer in addition to the usual pop!

The charge is now \$10 per person. If not a member, the attendee(s) will receive a one year club membership in addition to the meal and drink. If a member, the attendee will have his/her membership extended by one year.

**Beer
Brats
Buns
Burgers
Sides**

You’ve already missed the registration date of 5/15/2013, BUT WALK-INS ARE WELCOME:

1. Email keithbhnk@comcast.net before **June 1** that you plan to walk in. June 1 is our dead line for food and drink ordering quantities and name tag printing.
2. Fill out the form [Page 7] and bring it to the check in table at the Pavilion along with a **\$10** bill for yourself and for each person coming with you.

[See directions to the Highland Pavilion on page 8, we encourage car pooling.]

AUGUST PROGRAM: LAWSHE MEMORIAL MUSEUM

The date of the August Program has been changed to Tuesday, August 13th. It will be a wine & cheese social at the Lawshe Memorial Museum hosted by the Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS) at 7 P.M.. (Last December Lockheed Martin donated 18 palletes of our Legacy Artifacts to the Lawshe Museum in South St. Paul. These Artifacts included computers, displays, other hardware, documentation, miscellaneous items such as projects cup & pins, plus thousands of unidentified photos.)

Since March of this year some of our volunteers have been working on the photo cataloging effort at the Museum each Wednesday. (See photo 2 of the Photo Cataloging area: shown left to right are Les Nelson, Harvey Taipale, Keith Myhre, and Bob Pagac)



Photo 2

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In parallel with this effort, Museum staff has been performing the "Accessioning in View" of the Legacy Artifacts into the Museum's data base. (See photo 1 of the CP 2044 Computer (Japanese P-3C) in the Display Area: shown left to right are Bob Pagac, Les Nelson, Pat Myhre and Harvey Taipale; also see photo 3 of the "Accessioning In View" effort in the Display Area: shown left to right are Keith Myhre and Andrew Fox (Museum Staff).



Photo 1



Photo 3

The Program at the Lawshe Museum will feature a tour of the Lawshe Museum including the viewing of the temporary exhibit of our Legacy Artifacts.

For planning purposes a head count of attendees is needed – please send an email to me at bjksj@msn.com by August 2nd. Note parking in the Museum area is limited – you are encouraged to car pool. *Submitted by Bernie Jansen*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From: Bob 'RC' Hanson

The Roseville Good Old Days gathering was well attended again. The socializing was great. The noise level became significant as clusters of people told stories of the past..

The May 8 Program speaker was retired Navy Commander, Chip Laingen; a helicopter pilot who frequently landed on the moving deck of ships. He now is a key member of the Defense Alliance. This organization is focused on being a catalyst for innovative technology while accelerating economic development principally thru small business. The Defense Alliance is one of several that were funded by the SBA to shorten the time it takes from an idea to a usable product. The greatest impediment to growth of this business is the actions of both Federal and Minnesota governments.

I hope to see many of you at the "Grand Reunion Picnic" in Highland Park on June 12th. You're welcome to attend even if you did not preregister. You may attend at a cost of \$10 per person. (See the "Walk-in PICNIC FORM" on page 7)

Respectfully, *Bob 'RC' Hanson*, VIP Club President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Newsletter: We'll be combining the July and August newsletter into one issue, delivered to your e-mail inbox or US mail box in late June or early July. The ensuing September newsletter will be out in mid to late August.

Lockheed Martin Employee Store:

Order Centennial merchandise and receive a 25% discount



and free shipping on your entire order. This offer is available to Lockheed Martin retirees while supplies last. To take advantage of this deal, visit <https://lockheedmartinstore.3dcartstores.com>. As you checkout, be sure to enter the promotion code "LMhistory-(SITE)" and include the Lockheed Martin site you worked prior to retirement.

Example: "LMhistory-Baltimore" or "LMhistory-Owego." There is no limit on quantity. (Note: leather jackets and fleece apparel are excluded from this offer as these are special order items.) The store features a variety of promotional items branded with the Lockheed Martin Centennial logo, vintage style t-shirts and classic military patches from programs like the SR-71 Blackbird and F-16 Fighting Falcon. From: *Patty Apostolakes* - Manager, Branding and Visual Design Marketing Communications, Lockheed Martin Corp.

Death Benefit Information: "I finally got my password entered into the Hewitt website and then talked to a Unisys Benefits Service Center representative at the number you suggested (877-864-7972). He confirmed that on my death; my beneficiary would receive a \$5K death benefit. There was no beneficiary listed for me, so as part of this conversation

one was designated. Somehow, during my UNISYS retirement process, designating a beneficiary for this death benefit "fell through the crack." I went to a Unisys lunch at the Roseville VFW today and of the ten or so people with whom I talked, none seemed to know about the death benefit. I looked at the March VIP newsletter and since I knew what I was looking for, I found **Retirement Status and Benefits:** Unisys, 1-877-864-7972 there too.

Thanks for your help – my estate executor will have an easier time. From a VIP Club member via *LABenson*.

Summer & Road Construction

time: Please avoid hefty fines and don't hit the workers! Read what work zone workers are reading - <http://www.cts.umn.edu/Publications/catalyst/2013/april/tutorial/>. By state law, insurance companies must give Minnesota drivers over age 55 a 10% discount on their primary vehicle if a driving safety class is taken every three years. If your spouse also takes the class, an insurance discount applies to your second vehicle. By *LABenson*, ex-instructor for the AARP 55-Alive older driver classes.



Apology to E-news recipients: For some unknown reason the last two months some of you haven't been able to open the newsletter with the underlined URL, <http://vipclubmn.org/Newsletters/Enews1304.pdf>. Apparently my Outlook Express has been substituting a link to the stationery directory of my PC instead of the Newsletters folder on the host server. This issue, June 2013, will be distributed by direct attachment as well as an embedded URL. Sorry for the hassle to which I've subjected you. *LABenson*

PERIODIC GROUPS

One 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 at the Grill is 651-222-2435.

Another breakfast group meets monthly at 9:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Gina's Café at the Eagles Club, Old Hwy 8, in New Brighton. Phone of coordinator is 763-416-3903.

One Luncheon group - [engineering/drafting] meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet at 2000 S. Robert, in West St. Paul.

A Second 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. Coordinator phone is 952-854-7855.

A Third 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. Coordinator phone is 651-552-1465.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Arcand, Karen	U	Little Canada, MN.
Bock, Pete	L	Apple Valley, MN.
Brown, Susan & Brad	L	Burnsville, MN.
Dylla, David	L	Burnsville, MN.
Erickson, David	L	Farmington, MN.
Fadden, Connee	L	Rosemont, MN.
Fischer, Joe	L	Apple Valley, MN.
Franta, Jim & Cathy	L	Eagan, MN.
Hamlin, Dawn & Daryle	L	Apple Valley, MN.
Harmer, Candace	L	Fairbault, MN.
Hoepner, Larry & Pat	L	St. Paul, MN.
Honsa, Sandie	L	Mulberry, FL.
Huie, Jack & Barbara	U	Richfield, MN.
Kotter, Tom & Joyce	L	Hudson, WI.
Kurata, Eugene & Marcia	L	Burnsville, MN.
Lopac, Tom & Gail	U	Eagan, MN.
Maifeld, Lester & Gail	L	Burnsville, MN.
Mathews, Len & Diane	U	Eagan, MN.
Nickell, Marv & Doris	U	Case Grande, AZ.
Nitti, Janice & Perry	L	Inver Grove HTS. MN.
Niznik, Mark	L	Eagan, MN.
Peterson, Robert	L	Eagan, MN.
Ramier, Al & Joan	U	Webster, MN.
Rogers, Loren & Joyce	U	Cottage Grove, MN.
Schliesing, Rick & Vicki	L	Eagan, MN.
Simning, Karen	U	Minneapolis, MN.
Soebbing, Jack & Pat	U	St. Paul, MN.
Sowada, James & Rosann	L	Rosemount, MN.
Thomson, Al	L	Inver Grove Hts. MN.
Tietz, Patty & Daon	L	Eagan, MN.

Worked at: B => Burroughs; D => Unisys Defense Systems; L => Lockheed Martin; or U => Unisys Comm'l

IN REMEMBRANCE

Beck, Betty J. - Age 81 of Bloomington, MN. Passed away July 3, 2012 after a courageous battle with Myelodysplastic Syndrome/ Leukemia. Betty is survived by her husband, Virgil who is a Lockheed retiree and long time VIP Club member

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DuBois, LeRoy L. - Age 90, grew up in Chetek, Wisconsin. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Loretta Denise. LeRoy served in the U.S. Army Air Corps for 4 years. After the service, he spent 17 years working in Army counter-intelligence and then as a technical writer at Sperry-Unisys for 15 years. LeRoy was a long time member of the VIP Club.

Graper, William "Bill" - Age 58, of Circle Pines, MN. Survived by his mother, Jane. Bill is a computer science graduate of Southwest State University in Marshall, MN. Bill was a former Unisys employee.

Keding, Lillian G. (Mevisen) age 85, of Plymouth, previously of Fridley, MN. Passed away peacefully on May 11, 2013. Lillian is the wife of Al Keding who is a former employee of Unisys and a long time VIP Club member.



Tschida, Elizabeth A. - Age 79, passed away peacefully on May 3, 2013. Elizabeth is a beloved Wife, Mother, Sister, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother. She is survived by her husband, Mark. Mark is a former Sperry/Univac employee.

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REPORT, WEB SITE REVIEW

This is the thirty-sixth in the newsletter 'Article-for-the-Month' review series for Club members without immediate internet access. By Lowell A Benson

In November 2012 we posted '[Sperry History Boxes](#)'. "This series of seven photos was recorded in the UNISYS, Roseville facility on April 4, 2012. These shadow box photos illustrate the Twin Cities Sperry-UNIVAC company Engineering Developments in the years FY '79 through FY '85, the seven years preceding to the Burroughs buyout of Sperry in 1986." One of these is shown on page 7 of this newsletter. These boxes are now mounted in a different hallway at UNISYS, Roseville.

Mike Svendsen is in the process transcribing all the words of these seven technology history boxes. He will also transcribe the other 16 shadow boxes which exhibit the systems technologies of computers from 1955 thru 1996 [These photos are at <http://vipclubmn.org/Articles/ATLASevolution.pdf> .

In December 2012 we posted '[IT Legacy - Preservation Sites](#)' as presented by Bernie Jansen at the Nov. 16th, 2012 Unihogs/Uniturkeys luncheon.

Artifact Preservation Site Summary
Exhibit Location: *Lawshe Memorial Museum*
Dakota County Historical Society
(shown next page top left)



Planned Exhibit Size: ~1,000 square feet

Material contributions from Lockheed Martin, the Club's Legacy Committee, and many former employees: including -A variety of computers, including the AN/UYK 43 shown below.



Other items available for Lawshe exhibit variations are Training films, Photographs, Marketing materials, Project files, Internal phone books and sample forms, and selected Laboratory equipment.

We have been working in conjunction with the Charles Babbage Institute for preserving our collection of documents. The CBI Director at the University of Minnesota is Dr. Tom Misa, an advisor to our IT Legacy Committee. CBI is housed on the west bank of the Minneapolis campus, located and shown here:



Charles Babbage Institute
211 Andersen Library
222 - 21st Avenue South
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN 55455
<http://www.cbi.umn.edu/>

REPORTS, ACTIVITIES

Sports and Recreation: by Keith Behnke

GOLF – Unfortunately we've already had to postpone a tournament because of the continuing Minnesota winter. Interested in joining the golf league? Contact Keith Behnke at keithbhnk@comcast.net.

Legacy Committee Report: The Legacy Committee met on May 1st. Lawshe Museum employee Andrew Fox has set up a preliminary exhibit as he continues the accessioning process – unpacking and recording our donated hardware and photo artifacts into their database. Keith Myhre is importing our Excel photo database into an Access database which will be linked with the museum's donated items database. The committee will have a display table at the picnic – give away trinkets and old photos as well as a poster display of our 50 years of airborne ASW history. The next IT Legacy Committee meeting will be at the museum, 1 p.m. on 18 June– driving directions to the Lawshe are on page 8. By *LABenson*

Roseville Good Old Days Report –

Mark your calendars now! We've reserved the Atlantis Ball Room for April 25th, 2014 as this annual event continues to draw great numbers of former Roseville employees back to the area.

Thanks to Bob 'RC' Hanson, Marv Brown, Doug Zamow, Russ Sherer, and Pat Corbin [*not pictured*] who helped to check in our 372 attendees (see photo below).





In the front right of the RGOD panorama shot below, wearing the orange shirt is Peter Hancock, our next October 'Pie and Ice Cream' Program speaker. Although Peter's mailing address is in British Columbia, he enjoys returning home for the Minnesotan camaraderie. Dave Wilhelm has posted his snapshots on the web at <https://picasaweb.google.com/dewilhelm53/RosevilleGoodOldDays2013?feat=email#> . By *LABenson*

LIGHTER SIDE

'Better Mottos' from a Northport Engineering card:

"I'M A MAN OF FEW WORDS
as I've told you a million times."

Pre-Nuptial Lesson: Ole invited his friend, Sven, back home for dinner. His wife Helga screams at Ole: "I've not done my hair, not done my make-up, not done any housework, not done the dishes & can't be bothered with cooking that lutefisk soup! Why the xyz@!Z did you invite him around for?"

Ole smiled saying: "Cuz he's thinking of getting married."

Golfing: My boss phoned me today. He said "Is everything OK at the office?"

I said "It is all under control. It's been a very busy day. I haven't stopped to take a break all day."

"Can you do me a favor" he asked.

I said "Of course, what is it?"

"Pick up the pace a little. I'm in the foursome behind you."

Over the air waves: The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation. "He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought. He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now - in her 80's - a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

(The editorial staff welcomes your 'clean' jokes!)



Roseville Good Old Days Crowd in the Atlantis Ball Room at the Mermaid in Moundsview, MN.



A shadow box display of the Sperry FY '80 Engineering Highlights, one of seven in a UNISYS, Roseville hallway.

FORM: PICNIC REGISTRATION FOR PROCRASTINATORS

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Walk-in PICNIC FORM: \$ 10.00 per person - Print, fill it out and bring it with you.

Member (≥55) __, or Associate (<55) __: Address Change __, New to the VIP Club __,

 Name First M.I. Spouse's Name

 Street Address or P.O. Box City State Zip Code
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Include my data in the Club's Directory? Yes __ No __. DIRECTORY is only available to Members and Associates! ©11/29/2012

E-mail keithbhnk@comcast.net before June 1st if you plan to walk in – bring form and \$10 cash.

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DIRECTIONS TO ACTIVITY SITES

Car-pool if possible or contact a board member for possible 'ride-with' suggestions.

Directions to Unisys MACS in Eagan: Set your GPS unit to Eagan MN, 3199 Pilot Knob Road. From Hwy 35E take the Pilot Knob Road exit ramp. Then go north on Pilot Knob Road about ½ mile to Tower View Road. We use the Unisys north parking lot and the visitor entrance thereby.

Directions to Unisys in Roseville: Set your GPS unit to Roseville MN, 2470 Highcrest Road. From Hwy 35W north, exit onto W County Rd C, go west a mile, then turn left onto Walnut St. Then turn right onto Terminal Road for half a block, turn right at Highcrest Rd. to building entrance. From 35W south, exit on Industrial Way / St. Anthony Blvd off ramp, turn left, drive under the freeway, then turn right onto Walnut St. Follow it 0.8 mi north then turn left on Terminal Road. Go ½ block and enter the UNISYS parking lot on the right. From Hwy 36 east, drive west until 36 joins Hwy 35W just past Hwy 280, then exit at the Industrial Way / St. Anthony Blvd. off ramp of 35W. Go north on St. Anthony Blvd. to Walnut St. [the first street on the right]. Turn right onto Walnut Street. From Hwy 280 northbound, use left lane exit just past County Rd B for Terminal road access [St Croix St.] Turn left at Terminal Rd, then 1.5 mi to Highcrest Rd.

Directions to the Lawshe Museum in South St. Paul: Set your GPS unit to South Saint Paul, 130 Third Avenue. From the Roseville area, take Hwy 36 to I-35E south toward downtown St. Paul. Get into the left lane then take the I-94/Hwy 52 left exit to merge onto Hwy 52 going south. 3.4 miles later, take the Butler Ave exit and turn left. Go 0.7 mi and turn right onto MN156 S. After 1.8 mi, turn right onto Grand Ave. W – Drive up the hill a block and turn left, the parking lot is then 400 ft. on the left. From the Eagan area, take I494 toward the Mississippi river then take exit #65 onto 7th Ave. Turn left and drive a mile to South view Blvd, turn right at the light. After 0.3 mi, turn left onto 3rd Ave – the museum parking lot is then 0.2 mi on the right.

Directions to the Highland Park Pavilion in St. Paul: Set your GPS unit to St Paul, 1200 Montreal Ave. From the Roseville area; take 36 to 35E going south through the city, exit at W 7th (Hwy 5) and turn right. After three blocks angle right onto Montreal Ave and drive uphill ½ mile. The Pavilion is on the left. From the Eagan area take 35E north toward St. Paul, exit at W 7th (Hwy) 5 and turn left. Proceed to Montreal Ave angling right and drive ½ mile. From St. Paul, find Snelling Avenue, drive south to Montreal Ave then turn left. Drive ¼ mile to Pavilion on right.