

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All days 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 [Tuesday]	7 p.m.	Wine and Cheese Social	South St. Paul, MN
September 4	10:00 a.m.	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan (MACS)
September 11 [Wednesday]	7 p.m.	Speaker, cookies & de-caf ^o	UNISYS, Eagan (MACS)
October 9	6:30 p.m.	Speaker, pie & ice cream	UNISYS, Roseville

AUGUST PROGRAM:

Wine and Cheese Social

Tuesday, August 13th at 7 pm will be a wine & cheese social at the Lawshe Memorial Museum hosted by the Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS). For planning purposes an attendee head count is needed; please send an email to Bernie (bjskj@msn.com) or call a board member before August 6th. Set your GPS Unit to South Saint Paul, 130 Third Avenue as indicated by this map inset [right]. Note that parking in the Museum area is quite limited; we suggest car pooling.



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

Last December Lockheed Martin (LMCO) donated 18 palettes of our Information Technology Legacy Artifacts to the DCHS museum in South St. Paul. DCHS employee, Andrew Fox has been cataloging these palette items. Keith Myhre is converting the LMCO donation lists from Excel to the DCHS Access database. These Artifacts included computers, displays, other hardware, documentation, miscellaneous items

such as projects cup & pins, plus thousands of unidentified photos. The photo below shows initial work in progress on 50-years of our airborne ASW history in the temporary exhibit area. Left to right are Bob Pagac, Les Nelson, a Japanese P-3C CP 2044 Computer, Tricia Myhre, and Harvey Taipale.



We hope to see you here!

September PROGRAM:

Vikings in the Attic

ERIC DREGNI: VIKINGS IN THE ATTIC

Most readers are either of Scandinavian descent or live among those who are. Hardly any of us can remain uninfluenced by the ubiquitous Nordic heritage. How did this happen and why here? And what are the idiosyncrasies of these ever so prevalent people? Our speaker for September is Eric Dregni (yes, Dregni is a Norwegian name), assistant professor of English (writing and journalism) at Concordia University in St. Paul and author of 16 books including *Follies of Science: 20th Century Visions of our Fantastic Future*,

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Weird Minnesota, and *Midwest Marvels*. As a Fulbright fellow to Norway he wrote *In Cod We Trust: Living the Norwegian Dream*. Dregni worked in Italy for five years as a travel journalist for a weekly paper and compiled his essays into a book in Italian, which was later translated into English as *Never Trust a Thin Cook: and Other Lessons from Italy's Culinary Capitol* (U of M Press). His most recent book is *Vikings in the Attic: In Search of Nordic America*. In summer he is the dean of the Italian Concordia Language Village, *Lago del Bosco*.

Eric grew up with Swedish and Norwegian grandparents with a bit of Dane thrown in. That experience helped shape his perception of "normal" people. He listened to their stories, believed most (at least until later on), but then discovered so many more unusual habits, traits, beliefs, dietary peculiarities, etc. He spins great yarns, throws on a heavy gravy of humor, and helps us see what makes us, or at least our coworkers or neighbors, tick. Come join us for enlightened entertainment September 11th.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From: Bob 'RC' Hanson

Apparently the grand reunion picnic was a great success. I was unable to participate due to a conflict with my annual fishing trip to Canada. The planners and volunteers contributed greatly to the success of this event. Further information is included in this newsletter, which I hope identifies the people who so richly deserve our thanks for a job well done.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September Newsletter Inputs: Members are invited to submit activity reports, IT Legacy articles, or jokes electronically to Chief Editor Joe Schwarz, jschwarz@isd.net by August 8th.

Death Benefit Information: Last month we posted information about the UNISYS retiree \$5k death benefit. The article spurred Lucille Elms to check into the Lockheed Martin retiree benefits. LMCO retirees are eligible for a \$5k benefit. Retirees should verify that he/she has a beneficiary on record with the pension administration. Name, Social Security Number, and PIN are needed.

Field Service Picnic: Curt Anderson reported that there will not be an annual August picnic this year.

Mark Your Calendar:

- 9 October 6:30 PM- UNISYS Roseville; Pie and Ice Cream night - Peter Hancock will show slides on his "Australian Outback" trip.

- 13 November 7:00 PM- Eagan MACS - Denise Nelson, RN - "Navigating your Health and Wellness in today's complicated medical world". AND election of the Board for 2014.

- 12 December 4:30 PM Fort Snelling Officers Club - Christmas Party. One man band Lyndon Peterson will provide Christmas music for dancing or conversations.

Dale Phelps, Director & Program Coordinator.

Road Construction Updates:

Rainy weather continues to hamper construction activities. Crews have focused

their efforts on work that is less weather dependent. Grading and material hauling activity will increase as soils dry so that the contractor can make up for lost time. For those of us in the Northeast area of the Twin Cities there are four summer long projects impacting travel. Look at detour information and maps for the I-694, Hwy 10/96, I35E, and Hwy 36 projects at: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/694expand/>, <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy10ardenhills/>, <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/35estpaul/>, <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy36maplewood/>. By *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

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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.

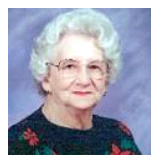
NEW MEMBERS

Albee, David & Beverly	Naples, FL
Alexander, Jim	St. Paul, MN
Alm, Mark & Nina	Eagan, MN
Armstrong, Carol	Eagan, MN
Barton, Ronald & Dorothy	Burnsville, MN
Belden, Cheryl & Tom	Eagan, MN
Bergstrom, Joan & Bob	Eagan, MN
Bjoin, Jay & Connie	Burnsville, MN
Brown, Frank & Joan	Brooksville, FL
Campbell, Eric	Eagan, MN
Chrastil, Jay & Sue	Eagan, MN
Cornwell, Virjeanne	St. Paul Park, MN
Dady, Mike & Christi	Minneapolis, MN
Degerstrom, Donald	Minneapolis, MN
Dimick, Mark & Mary	Inver Grove Heights, MN
Dubrral, Bob & Deb	Eagan, MN
English, Dennis & Nancy	Prior Lake, MN
Evans, Josh	Plymouth, MN
Fleck, Candis	Red Wing, MN
Garrett, Mavis & Tom	Little Canada, MN
Gartner, Randy & Peggy	Eagan, MN
Gjovik, Bob & Gail	Apple Valley, MN
Grieves, Bruce & Ruth	Rosemount, MN
Groat, Jeff	Edina, MN
Harvego, Dale & Diana	Rosemount, MN
Henninger, Richard	Eagan, MN
Hollmen, Michael	Marinette, WI
Jacobsen, Marge	Stillwater, MN
James, Karen	Apple Valley, MN
Johnson, Jim & Terry	Maple Grove, MN
Kalb, Jim & Anne	Eagan, MN
Karben, Steve	Apple Valley, MN
Kedziora, Marie & Gary	Eagan, MN
Kenney, Faye	Apple Valley, MN
Kohler, JoAnn	Shoreview, MN
Krummel, Bob & Diana	Eagan, MN
Rainford	
Larsen, Karen	Inver Grove Heights, MN
Lindstrom, David & Peggy	Elko, MN
Mager, Don	Mendota Heights, MN
Manka, Jason	Prescott, WI
Martin, Rick & Jennifer	Minneapolis, MN

Melohn, Joel & Jane	Apple Valley, MN
Miller, Greg & Linda	Farmington, MN
Morris, Roger	Minneapolis, MN
Mutchler, Dave	Shoreview, MN
Nelson, Dean & Mary	Eagan, MN
Newcomer, Steve & Diane	Apple Valley, MN
Oien, Mary Pat & Scott	Woodbury, MN
Olson, Rick & Cathy	Prior Lake, MN
Orlowski, Mark & Lynn	South St. Paul, MN
Ormston, Cecile	Hammond, WI
Palmer, Steven & Kathy	Lake Elmo, MN
Palzer, Gordy & Mary	St. Paul, MN
Palzer, Norm	St. Paul, MN
Pascuzzi, Tony & Patty	Eagan, MN
Pernic, John & Judy	Cannon Falls, MN
Peroutka, Gregg	Chanhassen, MN
Ramsay, Judy & John	West St. Paul, MN
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Rother, Norb	Lakeville, MN
Rust, Gary & Elizabeth	Burnsville, MN
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Schultz, Tony	Burnsville, MN
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Singleton, Tim & Maureen	Danbury, WI
Sterner, Jeanette	Eagan, MN
Stever, John	Minneapolis, MN
Stodden, Earl & Barbara	Cannon Falls, MN
Swezey, Jim & Nancy	Eden Prairie, MN
Tharp, Kim & Colleen	Hastings, MN
Uittenbogaard, John	Apple Valley, MN
Vatalaro, Robert	Minneapolis, MN
Velure, Dave & Nancy	Inver Grove Heights, MN
Wandersee, Dale & Sheila	Rosemount, MN
Warnert, Chuck & Irene	Eagan, MN
Witzman, Hal & Kathleen	Richfield, MN
Workman, Eric	Northfield, MN

IN REMEMBRANCE

Bauer, Janice – Age 72 of rural Cushing, WI. Passed away on April 30, 2013 from a rare form of cancer. Janice is survived by her husband Michael Bauer. Jan is the wife of Mike Bauer who is a former employee of Univac/Lockheed and a VIP Club member.



Carter/Fleming, Mildred C. – Age 96, passed away on May 18, 2013 at North Ridge Care Center in New Hope, MN. Millie worked at MN Dept of Licensing, and Univac/ Sperry Rand. After retiring she spent summers in MN and winters in McAllen, TX

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Black, Robert Jay. - Age 88, of [Mission Viejo](#), CA. formerly of White Bear Lake, MN. He became a pioneer in the computer industry in 1956 when he moved to White Bear Lake MN to work for Univac. Robert retired from

Univac in California. Robert is survived by his wife Velda.

Grenuer, Michael W. – Age 54 of St. Paul, MN. Passed away June 27, 2013. Michael is survived by three children. Michael worked with Lockheed Martin Air Traffic Control group.

Hagen, Donald "Don" – Age 84 of Prior Lake, MN. Passed away on 6/1/2013. Don is survived by his wife Betty. Don had over 34 years of experience working with military computer systems design and application. He was employed by Douglas Aircraft, Hughes Aircraft and Sperry/Unisys. Don was a long time member of the VIP Club.

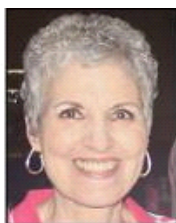


Harbour Dale E. - Age 83 of St. Paul, MN. Passed away peacefully May 24, 2013 with his beloved family by his side. Dale is survived by his wife, Jan. Dale was a Sperry retiree and a long time VIP Club member.



Johnson, George Arthur – Age 74 of Apple Valley, MN. Died at Mayo Clinic in Rochester on July 4, 2013 from complications arising from a stroke. George spent 35 years in Eagan, MN at Lockheed Martin Corp.

becoming a Project Engineer at Eagan Defense Systems; he retired in 2001. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Mary. George and Mary are long time members of the VIP Club.



Much, Sue Ellen - Age 64 of Savage, MN. Passed away on July 10, 2013 following a long and courageous fight with cancer. Sue will be remembered with love by her husband, Steve. Steve is a long time retired Lockheed Employee and

former member of the VIP Club.

Pemberton, John Harper – Age 79, died June 1, 2013, at his home in Sioux City, Iowa, after a long illness. John is survived by his wife, Carol. John's career as a computer programmer/systems analyst began in August 1961 with Sperry Univac in St. Paul, Minnesota.



Schwalbe, Lawrence A. "Larry" - Age 74, of New Brighton, MN. formerly of Avon, MN. Larry will be greatly missed by loving wife of 50 years, Karen. Larry was a Unisys retiree.

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REPORT, WEB SITE REVIEW

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

In January 2013 we posted "A Brief History of Sperry Corporation", re-typed from an undated paper. "

The Sperry story begins in 1873 with the introduction of the first commercial typewriter by E. Remington & Sons of Iliion N.Y. After a half century of business operation, E. Remington & Sons was merged with several other business machine makers to form a new company in 1927 - Remington Rand, Inc. During the next two decades, Remington Rand earned an enviable reputation as a developer of financial record and filing systems and a manufacturer of typewriters, mechanical calculators and punched card systems. But the acquisition of two small companies in 1950 and 1952 would form the nucleus of an entirely new kind of business which continues to be reflected in the organization today.

In 1950, Remington Rand purchased the Eckert-Mauchly Computer Corporation of Philadelphia, PA. A few years earlier, while affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania, J. Presper Eckert and John Mauchly had designed and assembled ENIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator and Calculator.) This huge electronic computer, the first of its kind in the world, was built to solve ballistics problems for the U.S. Army and was hundreds of times faster than any of its mechanical counterparts. The success of ENIAC prompted Eckert and Mauchly to form their own computer company in 1947. In 1949, they completed BINAC (Binary Automatic Computer) for the Northrop Corporation in California. Another computer which they called UNIVAC (Universal Automatic Computer) was only partially completed when the Eckert-Mauchly Computer Corporation was acquired by Remington Rand in 1950. the first model of the UNIVAC I Series was delivered to the United States Bureau of the Census in 1951.

In 1952, Remington Rand purchased Engineering Research Associates (ERA) of St. Paul, Minn. ERA had been organized in 1946 by a group of World War II mathematicians and engineers who had developed considerable expertise in electronic cryptography and special purpose military electronic systems. In 1950, ERA delivered two electronic computers to the United States Navy and Tahoma Institute of Technology. After ERA was acquired by Remington Rand, each of the computer models in this initial series was identified as a UNIVAC 1101.

In 1955, Remington Rand merged with the Sperry Corporation, forming Sperry Rand. The Sperry Corporation had been founded in 1910 by Elmer A.

Sperry, a prolific inventor and applied scientist. The 1960s and 70s were decades of organizational stability and business growth in Sperry's key markets. The company expanded its international operations through formation of joint ventures in Scandinavia and Japan and established engineering and manufacturing sites in Canada, Belgium Germany, France, Scotland and England. In 1979, with the planned divestment of Sperry's electric shaver and office products operations, Sperry Rand Corporation changed its name to Sperry Corporation to streamline the corporate identity. The 1984 divestment of Sperry Vickers further focused the corporate mission on designing and producing high technology, electronic-based systems and products for commercial business, government, defense, aerospace and maritime markets.

Since the 1952 acquisition of ERA, the company's operations in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota have been steadily expanded. Today, Sperry's employment in Minnesota numbers 14,000, ranking the company as the State's fourth largest industrial employer.

The Defense Products Group is headquartered in Eagan, Minn., and operates 12 divisional facilities in the St. Paul area. Information Systems Group's System Products Division designs and manufactures large-scale computers and components at facilities in suburban Roseville, Brooklyn Park, and Eagan, and in outstate Jackson, Minn. A regional Information Systems Group asset reclamation center is located in Mendota Heights, as is the Systems Management Group's air traffic control operations. Eagan is also the site of regional operations for Sperry New Holland." [re-typed by LABenson]

In February 2013 we posted *My ERA and pre-ERA 'mini-history'* by Don Weidenbach. This paper begins



LIGHTER SIDE

with: **“Prologue:** Don Weidenbach is from America’s ‘Greatest Generation’ – those who served our country during WWII followed by a memorable career. Don’s career was part of the Information Technology industry which had some of its roots in St. Paul, MN. (Photo circa 1939) Don has been supporting the VIP Club’s IT Legacy project with recollections of computer technologies of the 50s and 60s.” “In July of 1946 I was on board an Army troop ship, along with several thousand other GI’s, coming home from the Philippines. We were in a happy mood. The war with Japan had been over for a year and we were finally on our way home.”

Don’s mini-history story ends with: “In 1976, I retired from Univac after 30 years in a company that I doubted I would stay with for more than a year or two when I joined it in 1946!! My parting gift was a desk set with a Speed Tally vacuum tube, an Athena module, and a Nike-X project sticker – it is now at the Lawshe Museum in S. St. Paul [photo below.] *It was a great time for 30 years!*”



Edited by Lowell A. Benson.”

REPORTS, ACTIVITIES

Sports and Recreation: by Keith Behnke
Contact Keith Behnke at keithbhnk@comcast.net.

Legacy Committee Report: The committee under the leadership of Harvey Taipale is helping the Dakota County Historical Society’s Lawshe Museum prepare proposals to the state and LMCO for grants to develop our history exhibit.

Club Members are invited to submit their ‘Generation Epoch Stories’ to fit within exhibit topic areas: a) 55+ years of Navy Command and Control, b) 45+ years of Eagan operations, c) 50+ years of Airborne ASW, d) 50+ years of Air Traffic Control, e) 45 years on Minnehaha avenue, f) 40+ years in Roseville, By
LABenson

‘Better Mottos’ from a Northport Engineering card:

“He who hesitates gets bumped from the rear.”
Pun-ography: I tried to catch some Fog. I mist.
 I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
 When chemists die, they barium.
 Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
 A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
 I know a guy who’s addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.
 How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
 I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
 This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I’d never met herbivore.
 I’m reading a book about anti-gravity. I can’t put it down.
 They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type-O.
 A dyslexic man walks into a bra.
 PMS jokes aren’t funny, period.
 Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
 VIP Club outing is being planned to a Coca-Cola factory, a pop quiz will come at the end.
 Energizer bunny arrested. Charged with battery.
 I didn’t like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
 Did you hear about the cross eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn’t control her pupils?
 When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
 What does a clock do when it’s hungry? It goes back four seconds.
 I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!
 Broken pencils are pointless.
 [The editorial staff welcomes your ‘clean’ jokes!]

REPORT, Grand Reunion Picnic

The rain stopped, the clouds parted [kind of], food was purchased [almost not], cars parked, and fun was had by all! Final count of attendees at the Grand Reunion Picnic at Highland Pavilion on June 12th was 359. Thanks to all who ignored possible rain weather forecasts to get there.

Nothing like this happens without the hard work by a lot of people and my personal thanks go out to every one of them. It is because of these people that everyone seemed to have a good food, fine drink, and excellent fellowship. Here they are in no particular order since without any of them, everyone wouldn’t have had enjoyed it quite as much:

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Patty Tietz: food planning, ordering, kitchen, setup, pickup [and when Sam's Club doesn't get the order pulled and ready for pickup an hour before the Picnic she and her helpers get it all to the Pavilion in plenty of time] – We couldn't do it without you!

Don Tietz: kitchen – dishpan hands and clean pots/pans.

Darrell Nowak: kitchen – if you didn't get your bratwurst until the end of the picnic, you missed his beer/onion preparation.

Dan Rogers, Bob Pagac, Bob Shutt: grill [really hot] – the hair on your hands and arms will eventually grow back.

Sue Rogers: kitchen and set up – anywhere and everywhere.

Mary [Bob again] Shutt: food pickup, kitchen, coolers – calm, cool, and collected.

Jay Chrastil: food pickup, coolers, beer helper, everything else – restocks what he drinks and more.

Mike Regan: beer selection and pickup – best beer ever. Sláinte!

Keith and Susan Behnke & crew: registration – imagine keeping track of 450 people, amazing!

Tom and Virginia Turba: everywhere – I don't know about you, but I needed the name tags: Thanks!

Jim McGuire & Others: registration table – Got everybody those needed name tags and to the food and fun quickly.

Deone and Mark Ward: grill – they were there in spirit, but the only way to do that much meat for this size of crowd is on their grill.

Joe Schwarz & crew: table coverings – classes up the joint really nice.

Tom and Joyce Koetter: set up, wherever needed – that will teach you to get there early.

Dean Nelson, Bob Fried, and everyone else who helped cleanup – I missed most the names, but lots of hands make light work.

Dale Phelps: shuttle bus – a long walk made shorter.

Harvey Taipale: money – thanks for paying the bills.

Jim Larson: permits and extra stuff – a truck load of everything.

Lowell Benson: IT Legacy display and pictures – we got a few more answers. Our remaining stock of ERA 40 year booklets and Fred Hargeshheimer books went home with attendees.

Nick Benson: a newsletter photo collage.

Stephano's Bistro: chafing dishes, serving items and anything else I needed – one of the best friends in the business.

Frank King: check in table and permits – you've gotta have those permits and stay legal.

Pat Westergren: setup, kitchen – best cook, best advice, always there for me!

VIP Club Board: idea, commitment, and support – lots of ideas and a little trust.

If I missed anyone, I apologize since it is because of my poor memory, not because of their hard work went un-noticed.

There have been a few people who asked if we're doing this again; let someone on the Board know if you want a picnic, or not, or something else? Anything we should do better? More of? Less of?

Remember: volunteers and helpers with good ideas and lots of energy are always needed. I hope you're having a Great Summer!

John (jwestergren@frontiernet.net)



The VIP Club Board specifically thanks John Westergren who organized the volunteers and coordinated everything!

Picnic Photo Collage by Nick Benson shown on page 8. Top row: June & Bob Myller; Sue Rogers, Cheryl Belden, and Lynn Lindholm; Joan & Mike Svendsen; ? & ?; and Joe Schwarz & Lynn Lindholm. Middle row: John Westergren with brats; Dan Rogers with burgers; Lynn & Paul Lindholm; Marv Williams & Dave Saxerud; Jim Madigan & Jon Simon; and Marv Williams & Dave Saxerud (again). Bottom row: Theresa Sweitzer, Bob Pagac & Darrel Nowak; ? & ?; Joe Juneau, a two fisted drinker; Curt Nelson & Warren Becker; and Al Bloomquist & Marge Jacobson. Two small snaps between middle and bottom rows: Jim & Ruth Frazier; Bob & Lynda DeWard; Sandi Anderson & Don Naaktgeboren. ;



Picnic Photo Collage by Lowell Benson
shown on page 9. [labenson@q.com.] Sorry that I didn't recognize all of you or that your nametag wasn't obvious. The two digit number preceding names is a file reference if you request that I send a *.jpg file to you.

Row 1: 98– Sandi Andersen, Don Naaktgeboren; 99– Barb & Brian Berggren; 00– Bert & Anita Johnson; 01– Rosie Angelo [married to Jerry Nickell], Sandi Kratz; 02– Diane Newcomer, Jim Alexander, Connie Pogemiller; 03- Patricia Pataki and ?.

Row 2: 04– Lee Farley-Moe, Mike Pataki; 05– Lorna and Albert Trapp; 07 – Jack Huie, Jim Engleking.; 08– Barbara Huie, Kathleen Juneau; 10 – Candis Fleck, ?; 11– Karen Simning, JoAnn Kohler.

Row 3: 15- Mavis and Norm Garrett; Steve and Janice Knutson; 18– Sue & Keith Behnke; 22– Robert and JoAnn Sund; 23– De Ett and Dan Rayman; 24– Therese Sweitzer & John Samuelson.

Row 4: 9 – Theresa Swietzer, Bob Peterson, 13– Jon Simon, Andrew Simon; 12– Lester Maifeld, Nancy Wood; 26– Marie Kedziora & Dennis English; 27–

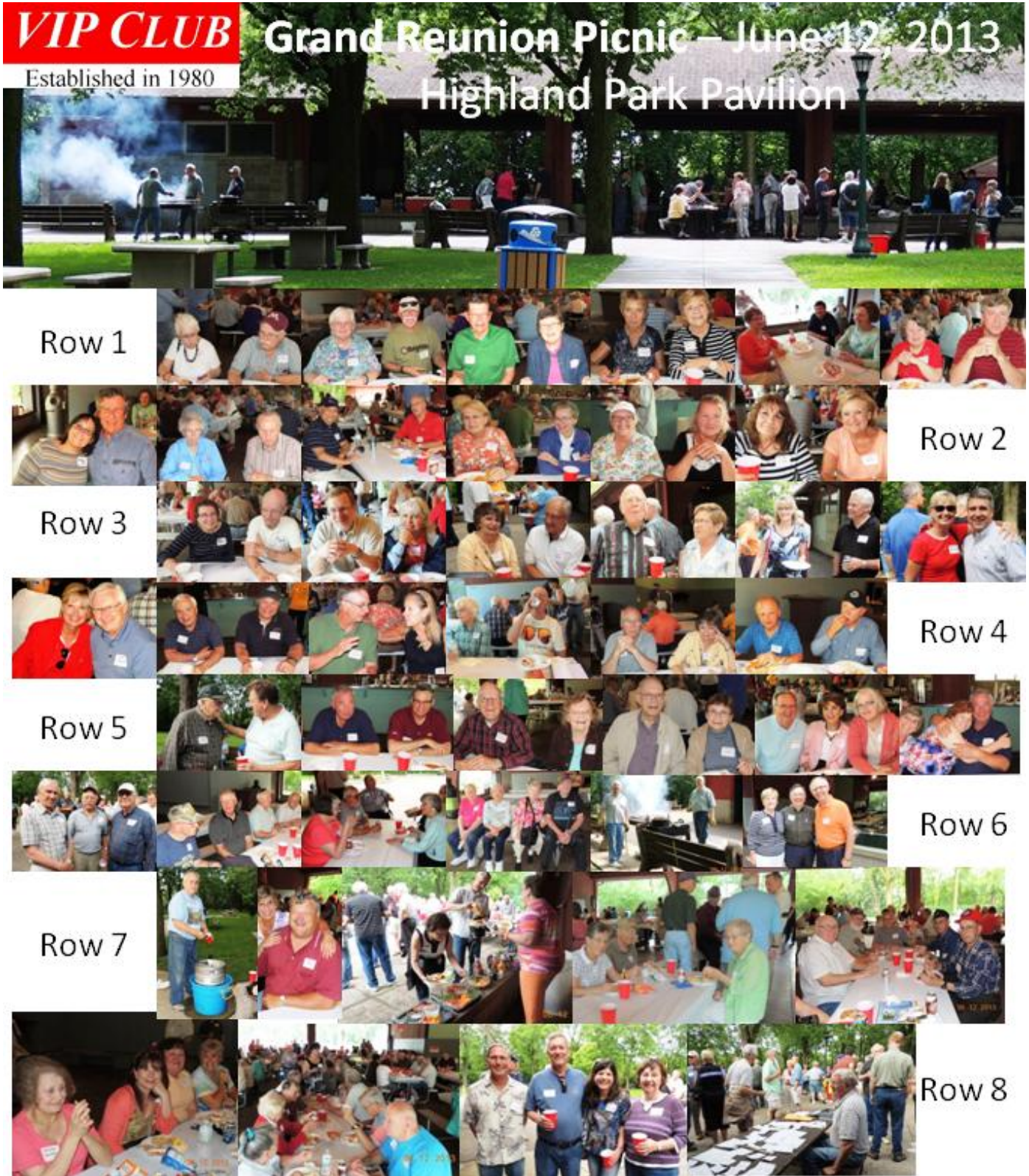
Dan Rogers & Sue Behnke; 28– Gary Herman & John Pernic.

Row 5: 29– Ernie Lantto & Norb Rother; 31 –Glen Johnson, Jeff Parker; 37- Gil Van Ohlen, Joanne Van Oehlen; 92 – Richard & Irene Roller; 30– Bob Gjovik, Gayle Gjovik, Colleen Tharp; 32– Patti Tietz, Mary Shutt, Glen Johnson.

Row 6: 34 – Vic Baniak, Don Naaktgeboren, Joe Schwarz; 97– Bob Fried, ?, Robert Matzek, ?; 90 – Nancy Swezey, Larry Haupt, Jim Swezey, Barb Gureschow; 84 – Dale Phelps, Ruth Sanford, Lynn & Paul Lindholm; 82 – Dan Rogers & Bob Shutt; 35 – Sandi Kratz, Lowell Benson, Tom Kratz.

Row 7: 40–Mike Regan; 33– Patty Tietz, Tom Eytken; 14- Anne and James Kalb; 87- Dede and Al Edwins, Carol Engelking; 93– Niel Macrorie, Jim Frazier, Bruce Greeves, Mel and Marv Janisch.

Row 8: 95– Annette Burdahl, ?, Mary Pat Oien, Marge Jacobsen; 89– ?, Judi Myller, Frank King, ?, Pat Westergren, Havey Taipale, Bob Myller, Jim Inda, 19– Perry Nitti, Myron Kranz, Janice Nitti, Judy Kranz; 25- Harvey Taipale staffing the check in table.



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DIRECTIONS TO ACTIVITY SITES

Car-pool if possible to all events 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. .

