

FUTURE EVENT CALENDAR

December 4	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
December 5	11:00 AM	Annul UNIVAC Old Timers' Reunion	Ft. Snelling O' Club
December 12	3:30 PM	Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance	Ft. Snelling O' Club
January tbd	tbd	1 st 2014 Board Meeting	tbd
February 5	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
February 12	7:00 PM	Social hour and speaker	UNISYS, Roseville

DECEMBER PROGRAM: Christmas Dinner/Dance

December 12th: Check in, hors d' oeuvres' and cash bar will begin at **3:30 PM** – not 4 PM as printed in the October newsletter. The event again will be at the Ft. Snelling Officers' Club. Their main event room seating is limited to ~100 people so we urge you to make early reservations. Reservation requests with your check of \$20.00 per person [payable to VIP CLUB] should be mailed to Warren Becker before December 3rd using the form on page 7.



- 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM Initial social time with name tag check in, hors d'oeuvres & cash bar.
- 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM Enjoy an elegant sit down dinner with salad, vegetable, your choice of entrée, and cherry pie ala' mode dessert.
- 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM A short program, then music for your listening and dancing enjoyment by Mr. Lyndon Peterson, a one man band.
- *Page 8 has GPS and driving directions.*

JANUARY PROGRAM: Participation Invitation

The VIP Club Board does not have a program planned for this month. *We suggest that you make the time to participate at one or more of the Periodic Group gatherings listed on page 2!* Or, spend a Tuesday morning at the Lawshe Museum. Help to write Legacy storyboards or to identify photos.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE From: Bob 'RC' Hanson



This has been a great year; over 100 'new' members joined the club via our June picnic special. The election resulted in the following; I will become the past president with Lowell Benson moving to President. Tom Turba will continue to manage the Good Old Days event. The

remainder of the board is unchanged. Thus we need to find a person for Vice President.

The December events are the Old Timers Reunion at the Officers club on 5 December. If you plan to attend and haven't received an email or phone call, please notify Lowell Benson by November 29th. The December 12th Dinner/Dance requires an RSVP to Warren Becker by December 2nd. (See page 7). Respectfully, Bob 'R C' Hanson, VIP Club President.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unisys United Way Campaign

The Twin Cities Greater United Way and Unisys campaign kicks-off on November 18th and runs through December 6th. Unisys will be providing a link for those who would like to pledge on-line (it will be in the announcements section of <http://vipclubmn.org>). If you currently receive the Newsletter by mail, Unisys will be sending hard copies of the donation form and you should receive those in the next few days. Thank you so

much for all that you do. We can make a difference. Sue Carrigan

Store To Door

Store To Door is a nonprofit grocery shopping and delivery service for aging adults throughout the seven-county Twin Cities metro area. The goal of this organization is to help people continue to live independently in their home. Customers need to be sixty-years old or older, and have difficulty doing their own grocery shopping.

Store To Door shops exclusively from six metro Cub Food locations around the Twin Cities. Clients pay for their groceries, along with a small delivery fee, when the groceries are delivered to their home.

Over 400 volunteers, primarily Order Takers and Shoppers, help to accomplish the Store To Door mission. **Volunteer Order Takers** call a customer over the phone from their home and enter their grocery order into Store To Door's online database. This takes about one hour a week, working with two clients each week or four clients total. Store To Door provides an online training program that includes practicing skills so the Volunteer Order Taker is comfortable calling their first client.

Volunteer Shoppers work from their assigned Cub location, shopping from 6 to 10 a.m. on specific weekday mornings. Shoppers fill orders on each list, typically each completing 3-4 orders in a morning. Paid staff take care of the deliveries to clients.

Store To Door is currently accepting both clients and volunteers. To learn more, visit us at www.storetodoor.org or call 651-642-1892.

January/February Newsletter Inputs: Members are invited to submit activity reports, IT Legacy articles, or jokes electronically to Chief Editor and Director, Joe Schwarz by December 30th. [jschwarz@isd.net]

Membership Renewal Time: If 2013 is in your newsletter electronic delivery Subject line or is printed after your name of US mail deliveries, your membership will expire on Dec. 31st this year. **Page 7** has a blank membership/renewal form.

Innovation with Purpose: A '100 years of LM' history book will be available free at upcoming events. John Westergren has ~~400~~ 300 copies for VIP Club members; 1st come, 1st served. See him at Unihogs, the Old Timers reunion, and the Christmas Dinner.

Mark Your Calendar and plan to participate:

- December 5th, 11 AM: Annual UNIVAC Old Timers' Reunion at the Ft. Snelling O' Club. Volunteer coordination help needed – contact Lowell.

- 2014 Dates, venues reserved; Volunteer Breakfast on April 16th at the Roseville VFW, Roseville Good Old Days on April 25th at the Mermaid, Annual Univac Old Timers Reunion on December 4th, and the VIP Club Dinner/Dance on December 11th at the Ft. Snelling O' Club.

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

Boyd, James
Hansen, Robert

Inver Grove Heights, MN
St. Paul, MN

IN REMEMBRANCE



Shoquist, Marc – Passed away on October 15th at age 85 due to a stroke while at his favorite cousin's cabin in WI. Marc is survived by daughter Cheri, granddaughter Annika and extended family. Marc was an active Legacy committee participant, a member of the Original Geek Squad, and a long time VIP Club member.

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REPORT, WEB SITE REVIEW

We're caught up! This is the forty-first and final of the 'Article-for-the-Month' review series for Club members without home internet access.

In September 2013 we posted A [First Flying Programmer](#) as follow-on to the August Ocean Surveillance history article. Oscar Lundbeck was our 1st flying programmer on the Lockheed P-3C out of NAS Patuxent River. Pax River conducted the early operational tests of digital computer based flying Anti-Submarine Warfare systems.

Ned Hunter wrote: "We convinced the Navy we needed an "on-site programmer" to provide liaison with the software group in St. Paul, but that was only half the issue. We had to provide someone who could quietly gain their respect and be an integral, contributing part of the team. Remember, this was early in the game, and most people didn't know who programmers were or what they did. Some were convinced that programmers had to have come from another planet! They were more skeptical of programmers than they were of the unproven system they were asked to test.

This was the environment Oscar walked into. He arrived with no job description in hand and had to hammer out his role on his own. This could have gone either way, but Oscar had the moxie and personality to make it work. His rapport with Cmd. Waller [later Admiral] was excellent! Oscar earned this rapport through showing a dedication to supporting the test team. Oscar not only spent many extra hours on the ground but also in the air because the system could only be integrated and tested in the air – mostly over the Atlantic Ocean at altitudes of two to three hundred feet. Some of these P3C flights lasted 12-16 hours. This was very stressful, as anyone belonging to the "Flying Programmer Club" can attest." This article also recaps the CP-754/A and CP-823 computers' places in history.

In October 2013 we posted [Realization of a Dream](#) - The 1st report about our IT Legacy exhibit at the DCHS Lawshe Museum.



The Lawshe Museum entryway poster reads as follows: "Most of the history of computers is focused on the contributions from Silicon Valley in California, but Minnesota also played an integral role in the

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computer industry; so much so that it could be considered the 'Silicon Valley' of the 50s and 60s.

Minnesota's legacy in the computer industry began with Engineering Research Associates, Inc. (ERA) which was founded in 1946. The legacy continued with ERA's successor companies, which include Remington Rand, Univac, Sperry, Unisys, and Lockheed Martin. Over the years the corporate name of the company changed many times but its ingenuity endured. These companies have had a vital presence in the computer and defense industries.

In 2010 Lockheed Martin announced that it would close almost all Minnesota operations by the end of 2012, including its facility in Eagan in Dakota County. This marked the end of an epoch of Minnesota's innovation in the computer industry.

With the of the Eagan facility closure, a large collection of artifacts -representing the companies' legacy – was donated to the Dakota County Historical Society. The collection includes objects from the 1940's up to the present day covering all time periods in the Lockheed Martin's history. There are archival records for once top-secret projects, naval computer workstations, pictures of early computer production, a Japanese airplane computer, and many other artifacts.

We are honored to be able to help preserve this legacy of innovation through the preservation of these artifacts and the presentation of this exhibit." *DCHS Board of Directors*. Web site 'Article' summaries by *LABenson* **The December 'Article'(s) for the Month'** will be: We [UNIVAC/Sperry/UNISYS] supported the KH9 Imaging program and others with the 1230 mTc computers at Sunnyvale, CA. The KH9 program lasted for 20 years with a variety of spacecraft; information at <http://www.thespacereview.com/article/2383/1>.and <http://blogs.fas.org/secretcy/2013/04/kh9-imagery-declass/>. Sunnyvale facility data is available too; <http://vipclubmn.org/Articles/AFD-060912-026.pdf>. By Don Neuman

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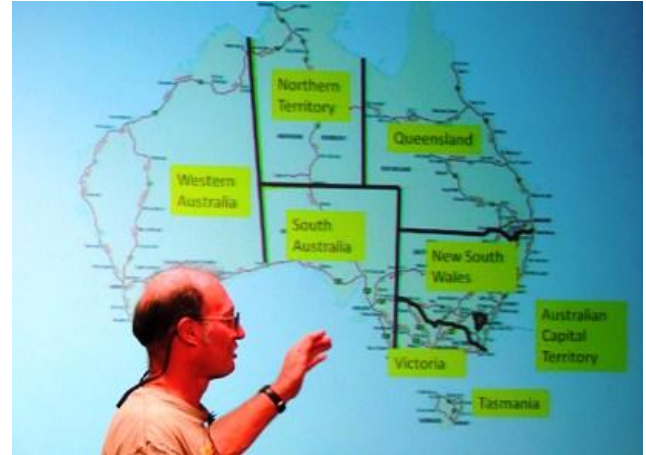
MSD geschlossen! Many of us are a bit saddened ☹ as we've heard that in 2014 Lockheed Martin will be closing the Bad Godesberg, Germany office and a few other sites in that country.

Did You Know? UNIVAC 1004s, 1050s, 1108s, etc. were all part of the Viet Nam War history! Point your browser to: <http://www.history.army.mil/search.html> then type UNIVAC into their search box to get 21 links to UNIVAC references on this Army site.

Charles Babbage Institute: Their latest newsletter has an article about our Lawshe Museum exhibit – see <http://www.cbi.umn.edu/newsletter/article7.html>. Also,

CBI Director Thomas Misa's new book *Digital State* (University of Minnesota Press, 2013) includes parts of our IT Legacy.

Pie and Ice Cream – About 58 people enjoyed the pumpkin pie and the Australian slide show on October 9th. We learned a lot about the Australian outback, the creatures, mountains, and the seasons from Peter.



Thanks to Tom and Virginia Turba for bringing the Ice Cream and making the coffee; to Lynn Lindholm for buying the pumpkin pies; to Harvey Taipale for serving the ice cream; and to Dale Phelps and Ruth Sanford for cutting and serving the Pie.



Below are Bob Hanson, Warren Becker, and Donna & Glen Hambleton waiting in line.



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Below are Barb (is she praying?) and Bob Grueschow and Arlo and Janice Pannkuk



Presenter Peter Hancock with wife Sandra, two daughters and a granddaughter.



Marv & Mel Janisch (or Mel & Marv) with Jim Larson



Ardella and Barney Buss with Jack & Marge Ross.



Name tags would have helped me identify the west side of the room as I only recognize Barney here.



Pie and Ice Cream snapshots by LABenson – send me a note if you'd like to get a *.jpg copy of any photo.

LIGHTER SIDE

Your Lighter Sides: Did you know that two opposite words can have the same meaning in the right context? For example, when dieting there are two chances of losing weight; A FAT chance and a SLIM chance!

Idiom Sources: In George Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of George Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and both arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but by how many limbs were to be painted. Arms and legs are 'limbs,' therefore painting them would cost the buyer more. Hence the expression, 'Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg.' (Artists know hands and arms are more difficult to paint.)

SPEAKING GERMAN IN TEXAS

Throughout much of central Texas, German is spoken as the area was settled by immigrants from Germany. One day, a local rancher driving down a country road noticed a man using his hand to drink water from the rancher's stock pond. The rancher rolled down the window and shouted: "Sehr angenehm! Trink das Wasser nicht. Die kuehe haben darein geschissen."

This means: "Glad to meet you! Don't drink the water. The cows have pooped in it." The man shouted back: "I'm from New York and just down here campaigning for Obama's health care plan. I can't understand you. Speak in English." The rancher replied: "Use both hands." "[Trink mit beide Hande!]

Don't you just love Texas Hospitality?

Thanks to our readers for 'joke' submittals.



CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 12
SIGN UP NOW (SEE PAGE 7)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
IF YOUR ADDRESS SHOWS 2013
USE FORM ON PAGE 7 TO RENEW

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In the photo below I recognize Bill Galle (back left), Bob Hanson, Glen Hambleton, Don Naaktgeboren, Warren Becker, Roger Gillette, Mel & Marv Janisch, ..., Arlo Pannkuk, Bob & Barb Grueschow, Virginia Turba, ..., Manny Block, and Sandra Hancock. Sure wish that I'd brought nametags for all participants to fill out.



How good is your Memory? The photo below is from the softball league fall banquet in 1958 – the left most person at the top is Ordean Joachim, the photo source. Where were you 55 years ago?



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CHRISTMAS PARTY: SIGN UP NOW

Please reserve, at \$20.00 each ___ place(s) for the Annual VIP Club Christmas Party & Dinner being held on Thursday, **December 12, 2013 at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club**. Send in your reservations now, since seating is limited. Your form and check must be received by Dec. 2nd. If your reservation is for more than two persons, please attach a list of the added names and you'll be seated together at a reserved table.

Full Name: _____

Address _____

Full Name: _____

Address _____

Check here () if you have attached ___ additional names.

Entrée selection(s) & Qty: Prime Rib ___; Champagne Chicken ___; or Walleye ____.

Make your checks payable to: **VIP CLUB**

Mail to: Warren Becker #401
9401 Lyndale Ave South
Bloomington, MN 55420

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

If the address block of your Newsletter shows 2013 after your name or if the subject line of your Enews notification shows member list 2013, your Club membership and Newsletter subscription will expire on December 31st 2013.

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FORM, MEMBER 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*

MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO: VIP Club P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-0020

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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 the Officers' Club: Set your GPS unit to St Paul MN, 5512 Post Road, The Club is located on a service road off of Minnesota Highway 5, at the east side of the MSP airport. Take the Hwy 5 Post Road Exit at the southeast corner of the airport, go east then follow the signs to the Officers' Club. There is ramp access to the building and handicapped parking on the upper level.

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. .

