

FUTURE EVENT CALENDAR

March 5	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
March 12	7:00 PM	Social hour and speaker	UNISYS, Eagan
April 2	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
April 16	9:00 AM	FREE Volunteer Breakfast	VFW, Roseville
May 7	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
May 14	7:00 PM	Social hour and speaker	UNISYS, Eagan

MARCH PROGRAM: Organic Farming Cooperatives

March 12th, 7 PM - at the UNISYS, Eagan Visitors' conference room. Preston Green is our invited speaker. Mr. Green grew up on an Organic Valley Farm. Since 1992 his family has farmed the land organically and takes a certain pride in doing so. His family has since moved to Virginia and is farming with the same principles there as they did in Southwest Wisconsin. Being a part of the Farmer-Owned Cooperative allows his family and many others access to a market place that individually the over 1800 farmers would not have the opportunity to enjoy.

Organic Valley and CROPP Cooperative is governed by principles that farmers ratified, a mission that was written by those farmers, and by an undying need to farm the land sustainably and most importantly pay the farmer a living wage. Where else in the world has a privately held company undertaken such an incredible task and grown in 25 years the way that Organic Valley has.

During this talk you will learn why organic farming methods have benefited Preston and his family, why being a part of one of the largest farmer-owned cooperatives in North America has pushed his family forward in Agriculture, and why it is important to vote with your dollars. We will discuss farming practices and even might touch on some holistic gardening techniques that you can take home.

Please join us in enjoying a presentation as well as a discussion on one of the fastest growing segments of the agriculture industry. *Page 8 has GPS and driving directions.*

APRIL PROGRAM: Volunteer Recognition Breakfast

April 16th, 9:00 AM – The VIP Club will host the annual Recognition Breakfast at the Roseville VFW for Club members who performed volunteer services in 2013. [Please review the “**Volunteer Breakfast Schedule and 2013 Survey Form**” on Pages 6 & 7 or on-line at <http://vipclubmn.org/volunteer.html>.]

April is National Volunteer Month; our Breakfast honors all VIP Club members who perform volunteer services wherever they reside. Last year, the 101 VIP Club members who responded to our 2012 Survey, donated over 21,000 hours to various organizations in Minnesota, Arizona, Illinois, Texas, and Wisconsin. Twenty five of our membership had over 500 hours.

All members [and spouses] who respond to the “Volunteer Survey” are invited to attend this Breakfast. We will accept and count your survey information even if you aren't able to attend the recognition breakfast. Forty seven members attended the Breakfast last year and we hope as many or more will participate this year. Management representatives from Lockheed Martin and Unisys will be in attendance as our guests.

Two deadlines for our membership: 1) to be listed in the breakfast program, please complete your survey submission by April 2nd and 2) The Club has to provide the VFW with a head count by 11 April – **if your attendance plans change, the Board would appreciate a call or e-mail as we pay for the head count ‘plates’.**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I herewith apologize for the misleading item in the Jan/Feb VIP Club newsletter "Missed Obits: James Patrick informed us in late November that Bob Faust and Errol Morrison passed away in 2013. We did not receive detail obits for them." Within an hour of the electronic news distribution, Jim Frazier sent us a link to an obit for Errol Morrison. The next day, Myron Lecy called John Westergren stating that he'd just spoken with Bob Faust. After some more internet communications, it was determined that Jim Patrick was indeed correct; however he was referring to E. Robert 'Bob' Faust who was a 30+ year employee of Sperry in South Carolina. I then telephoned and apologized to our Twin Cities Robert 'Bob' Faust for spreading a word of his demise. Toward that end, if you've heard of the passing of a former colleague - please provide us with a link to the obit! It is a good thing that a few are put behind bars for believing what



is read on the internet. Sorry that I submitted the item to the newsletter without checking further. Five days before our February program meeting; Ray Quinn, the scheduled

speaker, called Dale Phelps, our program coordinator, informing him of David Fitch as a substitute speaker. We wish Mr. Quinn well as he recovers from a heart attack. At the 2/12 program, a baker's dozen of our members listened to Mr. Fitch speak about "Aid and Attendance Benefit Services" (A&ABS), a VA benefit program enacted in 1951 for WWII veterans. The VA also refers to this as the "Improved Pension Program." Since the inception, it has been extended to cover Korean conflict and Viet Nam war veterans. We had club member veterans in attendance from each of these three wars! One of the qualification requirements of the A&ABS is that the veteran is 65 years old, thus Golf War and recent middle east veterans don't qualify yet. Mr. Fitch fielded many diverse audience questions, if any reader has individual eligibility questions - contact him at www.eldercareminnesota.com. Respectfully; *Lowell A. Benson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Newsletter Inputs: Members are invited to submit activity reports, IT Legacy articles, or jokes electronically to Club Director and Chief Editor, Joe Schwarz by March 7. [jhschwarzsr@centurylink.net]

Innovation with Purpose: John Westergren still has some '100 years of LM' history book copies for VIP Club members; 1st come, 1st served basis.

Join Our Mailing List! Are you still receiving the newsletter via the US mails? Have you recently upgraded your PC and/or ISP? If yes to both questions, please consider 'going green' with electronic delivery. Browse to our newsletter page, <http://vipclubmn.org/Newsletters.html> for links to 100 previous newsletters, the latest Blue Bell newsletter, the most recent Babbage Institute news, and instructions as to how to get electronic deliveries.

Mark Your Calendar: April 25th at the Mermaid, Roseville Good Old Days; June 11th at the Highland Park Pavilion, VIP Club picnic; November 21st at Casper's, Unihogs/Uniturkeys luncheon; December 4th at the Ft. Snelling O' Club, Annual Univac Old Timers Reunion; and December 11th at the Ft. Snelling O' Club, VIP Club Dinner/Dance.



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

Chesky, Dan	Port Charlotte, FL
Chupurdia, Jim	Lutsen, MN
Hallberg, Lars	Eagan, MN
Heryla, Robbin	Columbia Heights, MN
Swanson, Mark	Apple Valley, MN

IN REMEMBRANCE

Brasket, Curt Justin Jr. - Age 81, of Bloomington, MN. Passed away in his sleep on January 24, 2014. Curt worked for Univac/Unisys as a computer programmer for which he continued to work his entire career. Curt is survived by his wife, Rita. Curt was a former VIP Club member.



Harte, James Christopher – Age 87 of Salt Lake City, Utah. James passed away January 31st, 2014 from accidental injuries sustained while on vacation. Jim is survived by his wife, Alice. Jim started his career at Sperry Gyroscope and he spent 38 years working in the Aerospace/Defense industry retiring in 1988 as Vice President and General Manager Communications Systems Division of Unisys Corporation in Salt Lake City.

Johnson, Glen E. - Age 71, of Lakeville, MN. Passed away on Friday, January 31st, 2014 in Mesa, AZ. Glen is survived by his wife of 43 years, Bonnie (Franta). Glen held extensive management position in all areas of engineering and manufacturing operations, customer support and program management, both internationally and in the United States. In late 1977, he moved to International Program Management with Sperry Univac. When Glen retired in April of 2004, he was the Program Director of Navy Standard Programs for Lockheed Martin. Glen was a long time member of the VIP Club.



Kunshier, Donald J.- Age 73, of St. Paul, MN. Passed away on December 16th, 2013. Don retired after a 46 year career with Unisys working on many projects including the Apollo moon project.



Morrison, Thomas (Errol) – Age 72, of Hilton Head, SC. Passed away unexpectedly at his home Wednesday, June 12th, 2013. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Connie Wimsatt Morrison. Errol worked at SPERRY-UNIVAC which later became Unisys Corporation. He

retired after 34 years as their Senior IT Project Manager Officer.

Roberts, O. Wynn - Passed away quietly on June 6th, 2013. In the early 60s; his career began as a draftsman at UNIVAC in Utica, NY. ‘Owen’ was Director of Program Management when he retired from UNISYS, Roseville in 1996. Owen was a VIP Club member.

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REPORTS, LEGACY ACTIVITIES

Be a Historian – part 2. And the winner is Ed Michaud. We weren't really having a contest, but Ed was the first to send in a nomination for a great topic to be considered for investigation in conjunction with the Minnesota Legacy grant provided to the Dakota County Historical Society. Be like Ed, and get your nomination in: either by US mail (form on page 5) or on the VIP Club website announcement section of <http://vipclubmn.org/Exhibit/historian.html>

The real history of the company is only partly told in the company newsletters and commemorative documents. The full story of the achievements of the past six decades needs to be given life by your input. Every recollection, anecdote, and reminder of a milestone will help bring this history to life for future visitors to the museum and will aid in capturing a story of innovation that has never been adequately told.

This project is also an opportunity to get involved – we ultimately project a need for almost a person-year of volunteer effort to find, research, and digitize the information for DCHS. Interest is the only requirement to get involved, so please consider becoming a part of this project. It's work guaranteed to bring back memories and reconnect with other retirees.

Speaking of volunteers, you should be aware that a loyal crew of folks has been meeting Tuesdays at the Lawshe Museum to catalog materials received from Lockheed Martin and material that continues to come in. This is a big, ongoing job and they would welcome more help. The work is easy – they will show you how to put the data in the Access database, but retiree's knowledge of the material they are cataloging is a priceless asset. DCHS needs this to be completed to thoroughly understand and use the material they have. If you're interested in either activity, contact Harvey Taipale or Bernie Jansen.

Norwegian Syttende Mai

The annual **Norwegian Syttende Mai** lunch/old friends gathering will take place Friday May 16th at Casper's Cherokee Sirloin Room, 4625 Nichols Road, in Eagan. The 2014 Syttende Mai is hugely important in Norway this year as it marks the 200th anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution. Come and celebrate with fellow Norwegian-Americans and renew acquaintances with former coworkers (Norwegian and non-Norwegian alike). The cost remains unchanged from last year at \$16.00 for the buffet lunch with ribs, chicken, salmon, and beef stroganoff. The buffet will

open at 11:15, and the program will start at 11:45. Reminiscing and socializing afterwards is open-ended and encouraged. To sign up or for other information, email Dale Torgerson at dale.o.torgerson@gmail.com (ph. 612-597-3714) or Dale Phelps at rsanford@usfamily.net (ph. 952-831-7843). Email is preferred. The speaker for this year's program will be **Chip Laingen**, director of the Defense Alliance in MN. Chip is the son of **Bruce Laingen**, a 100% Norwegian Minnesotan and the leader of the American hostages held for 444 days in Iran (1979-81). Chip will speak of his Norwegian heritage, his work with the Defense Alliance, and share his father's stories from the **Iranian hostage crisis** and the impact it had on the family and the nation.

February and March 'Article for the Month':

For February we posted an article about how a local Army Security Agency reserve unit moved into the Plant 2 Navy buildings, as NSTR phased out their use of that 'classified' facilities. Thanks to Ben Monson (USAASA CWO4 Ret.) read the article at: <http://vipclubmn.org/Articles/ASAinPlant2.pdf>.

For March, we've posted a slide set showing how museums have captured the history of WWII gliders built in Plant 2 before ERA existed. Thanks to Gish Devlaminck for the photos, read the article at <http://vipclubmn.org/Articles/Plant2History.pdf> - Enjoy these tidbits of our history, *LABenson*.

What's in Your Basement/Attic? Barbara Halverson has donated several items pictured here in addition to her ILAAS technical manual. She had worked with Gary Bosworth as an engineer on that computer development project.



At the left are two 'D' size schematic drawings by/from Barbara's deceased husband, Jim Wright. Most important is a 1954 Type 1102 arithmetic logic drawing, the other is an unidentified 1961 CDC computer logic drawing. In the center is an 1102 logic module, the booklet is a technical description of the 1102 multiply and divide algorithms. Six photos at the right are quite interesting; the back of lower left is stamped "Central Photo Lab ARO, Inc – AEDC

Tullahoma Tenn' and 'Neg. No. B54-474.' To me, Lowell, this is an 1102 operator console and computer cabinets at the Arnold Engineering Development Center, photo #474 of 1954. The bottom right photo is labeled 'Univac File Computer Proposal - May 1958'. The others aren't labeled [I penciled 'from Jim Wright' on the back], are either 1102 or File Computer vintage. The hardware and photos go to the Lawshe Museum, the book and drawings go to CBI. By LABenson.

From an Inquirer: "I just recently discovered that this computer was built by the Research & Development Department at Sperry Univac in Eagan at the "Plant 8" building. An employee who started there in 1975 found it on a shelf gathering dust and was able to procure it for hobby purposes. I bought it from him at an electronics swap meet in the early 1980's. This elaborate computer was professionally fabricated and built in mid-1972 according to the date codes of the electronic components." If you recognize this item - please send a note to Bernie Jansen or Lowell Benson so that we can help the guy who has contacted us - thanks.



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LIGHTER SIDE

Homographs & Heteronyms: Homographs are words of like spelling but with more than one meaning. A homograph that is also pronounced differently is a heteronym.

- The bandage was wound around the wound.
- The farm was used to produce produce.
- We must polish the Polish furniture.
- He could lead if he would get the lead out.
- Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
- A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
- When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- I did not object to the object.
- The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- They were too close to the door to close it.
- The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- How can I intimate this to my most intimate?

- Senior Texting:** ATD - At the Doctors
 BFF - Best friends funeral
 BTW - Bring the wheelchair
 CBM - Covered by Medicare
 CU@SC - See you at the Senior Center
 DWI - Driving while incontinent
 FWIW - Forget where I was
 GHA - Got heartburn again
 LMDO - Laughing my dentures out
 LOL - Living on Lipitor
 OMSG - Oh my, sorry, gas
 TOT - Texting on toilet
 WAITT - Who am I talking to?

BE A HISTORIAN FORM

My Name is: _____ Contact me at: _____

I worked at _____ from _____ until _____.

My history topic for the exhibit is _____ .

I think that _____ could also contribute to this topic's exhibit.

Please fill use a blank sheet (s) of paper to expand upon your suggested topic; then mail this brief form along with any supportive documents or photos you may have saved over the years. Note if you would like to have the documents or photos returned. The mailing address is: VIP Club, Attn: Historian P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-0020.

As an alternate, you could email your information and topic to historian@vipclubmn.org.

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Goodbye Plant 1 – Photos taken by Roger Forman from Gannon’s parking lot.



2013 VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST AGENDA – 16 April, 2014

- 9:00 am – 9:30 am Check in, Nametags, Coffee & Socializing,
- 9:30 am – 10:00 pm Enjoy a buffet breakfast,
- 10:00 am – 10:15 am Program recognizing our volunteers, then
- 10:15 am – 10:30 am 3rd cup of coffee and a bit more socializing.

Your Volunteer Survey Form must be received by April 2nd for listing in the Printed Program.

VIP Club Volunteer Services Codes with Organization Samples in each Category:

<u>Code</u>	<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Service Area</u>
1	Community and Related Services AARP Volunteers Civic/Government Support Services Community Services DARTS Minnesota Senior Federation/VISTA Scouts Senior Centers United Way	2	Meals, Food and Housing Services Dorothy Day Center Food Services / Senior Dining Habitat for Humanity Loaves and Fishes Meals on Wheels Sharing and Caring Hands
3	Health and Disaster Services American Cancer Society, Arthritis Foundation, Courage Center, Red Cross & Bloodmobile Services, Signet Health & Rehab. Center	4	Religious and Related Services Basilica of St. Mary Church Missions and Camps Lutheran Missions, Presbyterian Homes, Related Charities

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<u>Code</u>	<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Service Area</u>								
5	Schools and Educational Services Historical Societies Volunteer Services in Schools Wright Brothers National Memorial	6	Music and Theatrical Services Guthrie Theater Northern Lights Variety Band North Suburban Chorus								
7	Other Services <table style="width:100%; border:none;"> <tr> <td style="width:50%;">Animal Humane Society</td> <td style="width:50%;">Juvenile Court Guardian</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Law Enforcement Services</td> <td>Mutual Interest Association</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Small Business Consulting</td> <td>UNISYS & LMCO Legacy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Veterans & Armed Forces Support</td> <td>VIP CLUB</td> </tr> </table>			Animal Humane Society	Juvenile Court Guardian	Law Enforcement Services	Mutual Interest Association	Small Business Consulting	UNISYS & LMCO Legacy	Veterans & Armed Forces Support	VIP CLUB
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- E-mail your volunteer information directly to **Frank King** at kingx063@umn.edu. Provide the same information as detailed in the “**Volunteer Hours Survey Form**” below including how many will be at the breakfast.
 - **OR** -
 - Go on-line to <http://vipclubmn.org/volunteer.html>. Scroll down to the on-line survey submittal boxes section. Enter your name, e-mail address, volunteer information per the example, your total hours, and how many will be attending the breakfast. Then click on the ‘Submit Query’ button.
 - **OR** -
 - Fill out and mail the form below to Bernie Jansen 848 Ivy Lane Eagan, MN 55123-2425
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VIP CLUB Volunteer Hours Survey Form for Year 2013		
Member/Spouse Names _____		Your City _____ State ____
*Service Code	Organization(s) your for which volunteer Services were performed	Member & Spouse Hours per line
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**Please indicate how many of you will attend the volunteer breakfast. Enter 0, 1, or 2: _____		Total Hours: _____

VIP CLUB

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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 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 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 to 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 VFW in Roseville: Set your GPS unit to Roseville, MN, 1145 Woodhill Drive. From the Eagan area take 35E through St. Paul to go west on Hwy 36. Exit to Lexington Avenue then right about a mile to Woodhill – turn left, drive about 100 yards and enter the VFW parking lot on the right. From the Minneapolis area, take 35W to Hwy 36, then exit onto Lexington Ave - turn left, then drive about a mile to Woodhill – turn left, go 100 yards and enter the VFW parking lot on the right.