

FUTURE EVENT CALENDAR

May 7	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
May 14	7:00 PM	Social hour and speaker	UNISYS, Eagan
June 4	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
June 11	3:30 PM	Annual Reunion Picnic	Highland Park Pavilion
July		Nothing Planned	See Periodic Groups Section
August 6	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville

MAY PROGRAM: Invasive Species!

May 14th, 7 PM - at the UNISYS, Eagan Visitors' conference room. Mr. Adam Block will discuss issues facing the DNR regarding invasive species both aquatic and terrestrial. He will also briefly touch on how the face of enforcement is changing regarding water appropriations within our State.

What is happening at your favorite lake? Please join us for a discussion, a dessert cookie and a cup of decaffeinated coffee. *Page 6 has GPS and driving directions.*

JUNE PROGRAM: Annual Reunion Picnic

June 11th, 3:30 PM – Join us at the Great VIP Club Get-Together and Picnic at the Highland Park Pavilion (last year's location.) We will start a little earlier this year - 3:30 PM for food and be done by about 7:30 PM. Once again since we are planning for a big group, we will have additional parking at the Highland Park High School parking lot with bus service to the Pavilion, but more on that in the June newsletter. We're making the cost simple this year: \$5/person, \$10/couple, \$15/you & two friends. Please RSVP with the form on page 5 by June 4th to: VIP Club P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-0020 with your money and name(s) so we can print a nametag and have enough food. Last year we had about 400. We look forward to seeing everybody there.



Volunteers Welcome – contact John Westergren for prep/cook/clean-up job assignments at 952-358-1174 or jwestergren@frontiernet.net



Mr. Block grew up in St. Peter, MN. He graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato with a BS degree. Upon graduating from college, Adam spent four years working for St. Peter Police Department. He began working for the DNR as a State Conservation Officer in 2005, working out of the Prior Lake station. Adam served as the Conservation Officer in the Prior Lake station until May 2013 when he was promoted to the 7-county metro Water Resource Enforcement Officer, overseeing all water and wetland related issues within the 7-county metro area. He and his wife have a two year old son, who seems to love the outdoors as much as his dad. In his free time Mr. Block can be found in the woods, on the water, or on a golf course.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A non-profit organization had asked to use our membership database for mailing capital campaign flyers. Our bylaws state: "Sec. 3 The use of the name THE VIP CLUB or the Membership List for other than club functions, by any individual without the express prior approval of the Board is prohibited." Your VIP Club Board has had several lively discussions during the previous two board meetings about giving permission. Comments have included: "Don't do it", "just give them mailing labels", "What about organization xyz, if we do for one we should do for others", and "we have to consider member privacy."



The only previous 'approval' has been for United Way as part of our newsletter distributions. So, we will not hand out the database nor a redacted address set for any area mailing list - BUT we encourage our members to take a look at historical societies in his/her respective home towns and consider becoming a member with their stated benefits and opportunities:

- Anoka Co. Historical Society <http://anokacountyhistory.org/>
- Dakota Co. Historical Soc. <http://www.dakotahistory.org>
- Hennepin Co. Historical Society <http://www.hennepinhistory.org/>
- Minnesota Historical Soc. <http://www.mnhs.org/>
- Ramsey Co. Historical Soc. <http://www.rchs.com/>
- Washington Co. Hist. Soc. <http://wchsmn.org/>

78% of our membership resides in the five county Twin Cities area, 8.4% in out-state Minnesota. The remaining 13.6% of our members who live in 33 other states and two countries should check locally to see what 'historian' benefits may be available to you.

Respectfully; *Lowell A. Benson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Back Bill: William Galle has agreed to become a Board Associate and assist Marion Scott with our Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance arrangements. In the late 90s, Bill had served on the Board as director and chief newsletter editor then as Treasurer - two years each.

May 6th, 10 AM: Legacy Committee and 'Exhibit Teams' will meet at the Lawshe Museum. Bring a friend as we form topical Exhibit development teams.

June Newsletter: Members are invited to submit activity reports, IT Legacy articles, or jokes electronically to Club Director and Chief Editor, Joe Schwarz by May 8th. [jhschwarzsr@centurylink.net]. The Board is planning reports from the Volunteer Breakfast and the Roseville Good Old Days

Mark Your Calendar: 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.

Where Is? One of our members would like to get in touch with Otis 'Odie' Eling. If a reader has any information, please email webmaster@vipclubmn.org.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Recreation Groups: GOLF - The Valleywood Golf League is moving to Southern Hills for the 2014 season. We play on Wednesdays at 4:00 PM (shotgun start) and currently have 6 teams. Anyone interested in joining us contact Keith Behnke for more information at keithbhk@comcast.net. For some Univac Golf League nostalgia see the 1960 league roster on page 5.

Norwegian Syttende Mai Luncheon

IF EVER THERE WAS A TIME to let your Norwegian identity bubble to the surface, this is the year, Norway's Bicentennial Year! Our tradition tracks back to 1973 when Dick (Ole) Olson was a co-Founder of an employee gathering to celebrate Norwegian Constitution Day (grunnlovsdag). The annual 2014 *Syttende Mai* lunch/old friends gathering will be Friday, May 16th at Casper's Cherokee Sirloin Room, 4625 Nichols Road, in Eagan. The 2014 Syttende Mai is hugely important in Norway as it marks the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Norwegian Constitution. Come and celebrate with



fellow Norwegian-Americans and renew acquaintances with former coworkers (Norwegian and non-Norwegian alike). **FREE special issue Syttende Mai buttons** will be available while supplies last. 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. To sign up or for other information, contact Dale Torgerson at dale.o.torgerson@gmail.com (612-597-3714) or Dale Phelps at rsanf416@gmail.com (952-831-7843). 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

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and the leader of the American hostages held for 444 days in Iran (1979-81). Chip will speak on his Norwegian heritage and 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. His biography is available at <http://www.defensealliance.com/?id=72>. R. Lundgren.

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 (OCB) at 2000 S. Robert, in West St. Paul. The consensus opinion of the group is to continue meeting here in that OCB has agreed to reserve a special seating arrangement for us.

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

Brondum, Harold	Vallejo, CA
Jurgens, Clint	Chaska, MN
Nally, Lowell	Shoreview, MN

IN REMEMBRANCE



Becker, Warren W. - Age 85, of Bloomington, MN. Passed away March 29, 2014. Preceded in death by wife, Dorothy and son, Bruce Becker. After his retirement from Unisys, Warren remained a dedicated member of many organizations including the Sperry Incentive Retiree Advisory Committee of the 1985 Retirees Group and the Unisys/Lockheed Martin Retirees' VIP Club. He was

President of the VIP club for three years from 1990 through 1992. In recent years, he was co chair of the annual VIP Club Christmas Dinner/Dance which he and Dorothy had managed for at least 15 years. He was a charter member of St. Richard's Catholic Church in Bloomington where he served as a member and volunteer for over 60 years.



Eiker, Walter J. "Ike" "Walt" - Age 76, of Burnsville, MN. Passed away peacefully after a long illness on Wednesday, March 26, 2014. Survived by Paula, his wife of 55 years. Walt spent most of his working life as a systems analyst at Sperry Univac and Lockheed Martin.

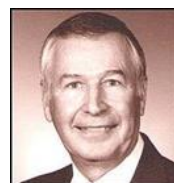


Hulslander, Lee W. - Age 85, of Apple Valley, MN. Passed away after a brief illness on March 9, 2014. He is preceded in death by his wife, Marguerite "Margy". Lee worked for Sperry-Rand and Univac for over 30 years. Lee worked on navigation programming for defense contracts and also worked navigation systems.

Goettl, John - Age 74, of Osseo, MN. John who was suffering from dementia passed away peacefully in the rest home where he had been living. John is survived by his wife, Marlene. John was part of the original group at Univac/Unisys who worked on the ANEW/P3 program.

Moseng, Richard "Dick" - Age 77, of Shoreview, MN. Dick passed away on April 7, 2014. He is survived by wife, Janet. Dick was a Unisys retiree and long time member of the VIP Club.

Ream, Don - Mr. Ream passed away on April 8, 2014 at Banner Desert Hospital in Mesa. In 1953 Don Ream was recruited by Remington Rand Univac to be technical manager of their Arlington, Virginia, ERA 1101 computer center. Then in 1955 he went back to Navy civilian service in the BUSHIPS Computer Design Section. There he became responsible for the Navy Tactical Data System (NTDS) computer developments. He, to a large degree, was the UNIVAC/Sperry customer interface lead during the AN/USQ-20, 20A, 20B, and AN/UYK-7 computers design and production projects



Roessler, Richard "Dick" - Age 84, of Arden Hills, MN. Passed away peacefully March 13, 2014. Dick is survived by wife, Norma. Dick was a 35 year employee of Unisys and a Navy veteran. Dick was a long time member of the VIP Club.

White Hewitt, A. 'Hue' - Age 73, of Burnsville, MN. Passed away on March 17, 2014. Hue proudly served his country in the US Air Force. Hue then worked with Sperry UNIVAC Corp. where he retired after 30 years. Hue is survived by his wife of 53 years, Barbara.

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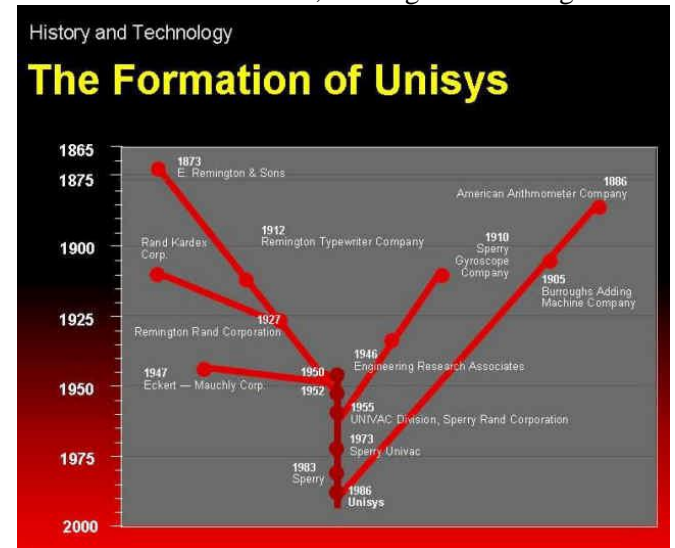
Retirement Status and Benefits: These are numbers to call if you or your heirs have death benefit or pension questions - you'll need SSN and a PIN.

Unisys 1-877-864-7972
 Lockheed Martin 1-866-562-2363

REPORTS, LEGACY ACTIVITIES

Be a Historian: The Legacy History team will be meeting at the Lawshe Museum, 10 AM on May 6th. We will discuss exhibit development foci then - only the people (you) that were part of making the history can make sure all the important and interesting events, inventions, decisions, products, etc, are included in the Museum's future exhibits. Please join us in this discussion so that the full history of ERA and its successors can be captured and told - coffee is on.

April Web Site 'Article for the Month': Our Legacy Committee has focused quite a bit on the ERA to LMCO lineage, recognizing that LMCO Corporation roots went back to 1912. The UNISYS lineage goes back even further to 1873, the origin of Remington!



<http://vipclubmn.org/Documents/HistorySequence.pdf> shows the sequence of this UNISYS corporation lineage. It also provides readers with the technology evolution of the ERA 1101 through the UNISYS 2200 systems of the 90's. Ron Q. Smith had created these 63 history pages as part of our 2008 State Fair Technology Symposium. Watch for the May and June 'Articles' as Mike Svendsen finishes documenting more of our commercial systems' technologies. *LABenson*

LIGHTER SIDE

A Northport Engineering 'Better Motto' card:
 NO MATTER HOW CAREFUL YOU ARE,
 SOMETHING'S BOUND TO GO RONG!

Norwegian Dieting: Ole was turning 78 and was overweight, so his doctor put him on a diet. The doctor said, "I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a

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day, and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks. The next time I see you, you should have lost at least 5 pounds." When Ole returned, he shocked the doctor by having lost nearly 60 lbs! "Why, that's amazing!" the doctor said, "Did you follow my instructions?" Ole nodded... "I'll tell you though, by God, I thought I wuz gonna drop dead on dat 3rd day." "From the hunger, you mean?" asked the doctor. "Heck no, it wuz from all dat dawgon skippin!"

Grandparents through Children's' Eyes:

1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye.
2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I

told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

Univac Golf League Members – 1960 (compliments of Bill Galle)

Played at Highland on Monday and Tuesday, Como on Friday. Tournaments were held at Theodore Wirth, Galls & Keller. Current VIP Club members are in bold with an asterisk.

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	TEAM 4	TEAM 5	TEAM 6	TEAM 7
Tom O'Leary	R.L. Archer	John Miller	L.J. O'Brien	Dick Sether	Pete Skaar	L.J. Matth
E.V. McEwen	T.O. Robinson	Clarence Seiben	R.W. Alexander *	Ken Asplund *	LeRoy Prohofski	F.J. Carpenter
D.M. Olsen	R.J. Sherlock	Ray Miller	D.W. Blattie*	Norm Knock	R.C. Phillips	C.P. Kjeer
D.D. Olson	G.J. Linn	Bob Miller	J.P. Hinton	Bob McMillen	D.L. Sandstrom	Lyman Hanson
M.D. Carlson	Ernie Hall	Bob Green *	G.O. Lamb	Bob McNevin	C.A. Johnson *	W. F. Nelson
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W.P. Lambert	Larry Nelson	Bob Oulicky	C.E. Schoener	Tom Rowan	J.E. Diger	Bob Leacock
W.D. Knott	Henry Reardon	Manny Block *	P.W. Skeba	Chet Rowland	Bill Jenkins	Frank Schlottman
			H.E. Stenzel		Jim Brown	
			R.M. Tracy *			

TEAM 8	TEAM 9	TEAM 10	TEAM 11	TEAM 12	TEAM 13
Bob Faust	J.S. Sargent	Floyd Hartwig	M. Sorenson	E.H. Smith	Bob Olson
Al Nieters*	L.C. Dominick	Kevin Leenay	J. Rolfs *	Bob Blau	Jerry Anderson *
Norb Ewald *	L.A. Bruncker	Bill Galle *	Art Berg	R.P. Fischer	Russ Swensen
Bob Kissling	V.D. Klette	Gilbert Johnson	T.M. Nack	Art Hever	Fred Williams
Bob Keenan	R.L. Gehring	Verne Pickering	Pete Lau	Russ Swensen	Cliff Cunningham
Tom Thomas	L.W. Reid	Jim Larson *	Floyd Miller	Jim Montain	Jim Dech *
Paul Welshinger	D.A. Schley	Jim Bratsch *	Ed Solheim *		Charlie Brown
Vern Benrud	L. Gilbertson*	Jim Alman			Joe Weeker

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I Plan to Attend the Picnic (name) _____ \$5.00

With me will be spouse/friend: _____ \$5.00

My email address is: _____ @ _____ . _____

Please mail w/ payment before June 4th to: VIP CLUB PICNIC 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 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 building 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 Highland Park: Set your GPS unit to St. Paul, MN, 1270 Montreal Ave. From the Eagan area take 35E toward St. Paul, exit onto West 7th and go west. 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.