**FUTURE EVENT CALENDAR**

| June 4  | 10:00 AM | Board Meeting | UNISYS, Roseville |
| June 10 | 10:00 AM | Legacy Committee Meeting | Lawshe Museum, S. St. Paul |
| June 11 | 3:30 PM | Annual Reunion Picnic | Highland Park Pavilion |
| July    | The Club suggests that you participate in/at a Periodic Group gathering; choose one or more! |
| August 6| 10:00 AM | Board Meeting | UNISYS, Roseville |
| August 13| 2:00 PM | Program Outing | Charles Babbage Institute, Mpls. |

**JUNE PROGRAM:**

**Annual Reunion Picnic**

**June 11th, 3:30 PM** – Please join us at the Annual VIP Club Get-Together and Picnic at the Highland Park Pavilion. We will start a little earlier this year - 3:30 PM for food and begin clean up 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/from the Pavilion. The HS is located on Montreal just west of Snelling Ave, Bus service available from 3:00 PM to 8 PM, running about every 20 minutes. Your cost this year is simple: $5/person, $10/couple, $15/you & two friends, etc.

Please RSVP with the form on page 6 by June 4th to: VIP Club P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-0020 with your money and name(s). We do need an advanced participant head count, so we can have enough food [but not too much] and pre-print nametags. Last year we had about 400 people. 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

Page 8 has GPS and driving directions.

**JULY PROGRAM:**

The Club has no planned activities; we invite you to go to one or more of the Periodic Group gatherings.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Member Emeritus:** At the volunteer breakfast the Club Board awarded Member Emeritus status to Tom Turba in recognition of 7 years service to the Club as Vice President, President, and Past President; creation of and continuing coordination of the Roseville Good Old Days annual event; continuing liaison with Unisys Roseville; liaison with the Roseville VFW; and his continuing support of the IT Legacy activities. Member Emeritus includes a life time Club membership and an Ex-Officio Director board position for as long as he is able and willing to serve.

Tom joins current member emeriti Millie Gignac, Bernie Jansen, and Marion Scott; great volunteerism!

**August Outing:** We are planning an afternoon visit to the Charles Babbage Institute (CBI) on the University of Minnesota’s west bank. CBI Director Dr. Tom Misa and Archivist Arvid Nelson will be our hosts. Tom holds the Engineering Research Associates Land Grant Chair for the History of Technology. We'll learn how they archive documents and support research plus have an opportunity see the storage facility in the underground limestone caves. Details are still open for car pooling, parking suggestions, and possible small lunch gatherings before this exciting 2 PM outing. Please let us know if you'll be joining us there.
**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Welcome back AZ and FL snowbirds. Welcome home to our out-of-state members who have planned a summer vacation back in Minnesota. Although time always seems to fly in Minnesota; I invite you to take a break from your lake fun or the golf course while you are here! The newsletter lists several PERIODIC GROUPS breakfast or lunch gatherings at which you could meet and greet a few former co-workers. Better yet, if your timing is right come to the June picnic or the August outing at the Charles Babbage Institute. The picnic and CBI tour are also opportunities for donations of your old ERA/UNIVAC/Sperry/UNISYS hardware items and documents. Plus, if you still have a few vacation hours to burn; the Lawshe Museum great hall has preliminary displays of our ERA to LMCO history!

Respectfully; Lowell A. Benson

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**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**Roseville Good Old Days:**

The seventh Good Old Days reunion for people that used to work at Univac/Unisys in Roseville, or who knew people that did was another success with about 375 people attending. Countless memories were shared and old friends reunited. Pictures of the event are not yet up on a website, but when they are, a link to them will be published here. In the meantime, mark your calendar for Friday, April 24th 2015, which is the date for the next Good Old Days reunion.

**Volunteer Breakfast:**

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION BREAKFAST AND YEAR 2013 VOLUNTEER SURVEY RESULTS**

On April 16th the VIP Club hosted the Volunteer Recognition Breakfast for the VIP Club members who performed Volunteer Services in 2013. The Breakfast was held at the VFW Club in Roseville (A collage of Photos taken at the Breakfast are shown on Page 7) A total of 98 Unisys and Lockheed Martin retiree members who responded to the Newsletter survey donated 21,681 hours to various charities in Minnesota, Arizona, Illinois, and Texas. Thirty six members and guests attended the Breakfast. Lowell Benson, VIP Club President welcomed the attendees and Bernie Jansen, VIP Club event-chairman chaired the overall Program; he summarized the survey results recognizing all volunteers and noted we had twenty-six Outstanding Volunteers in 2013. He also noted that the estimated value of the reported Volunteer Services contributed by VIP Club members for the year 2013 exceeded $520,000. The Unisys Corporation was represented by Ann Thureen, Vice President ClearPath & Transportation Development & Engineering. The Lockheed Martin Corporation was represented by Steve Koltes, Operations Manager, IS & GS Civil. Ann & Steve addressed the group thanking them for their significant volunteer contributions during the past year and provided a synopsis of current corporate activities. Ann mentioned that she had an occasion, on the visit of the Unisys CEO, to meet with MN Gov. Dayton. She told how she had used the MN company history material created by the Legacy team in her
conversation with the governor. She also mentioned Unisys’s radio ad with its **Stealth** Cybersecurity Solution with the tag line “You can’t hack what you can’t see” and added that some of the **Stealth** activity is being done in Roseville. Following the Management comments, Dale Phelps introduced several members who described their volunteer experiences in 2013, noting their personal satisfaction involved with these activities.

Dick Lundgren and Harvey Taipale of the VIP Club Legacy Project summarized the significant progress made over the past eight years. Harvey updated the group on the Club’s joint efforts with the Dakota County Historical Society’s Lawshe Museum in South St. Paul: 1). the ongoing exhibit “From ERA to Lockheed Martin: Minnesota’s Computer Industry” and 2). the retirees efforts with Museum Staff on implementing the 2014 State of Minnesota Legacy Grant “The Birth of Minnesota’s Computer Industry”. The excellent Program brochure was again prepared by Joe Schwarz, our Newsletter editor. Thanks are also due to Frank King who helped compile and acknowledge the 2013 Survey inputs received via Email and the website.

Twenty-six VIP Club members who together donated 11,700 hours were recognized for their outstanding service: Warren Becker (Deceased), Lowell Benson, Bernad Bertram, Bernie & Kathy Jansen, Brent Jordahl, Frank & Johanne King, James & Lucille Lewis, Richard Lundgren, Robert & June Myller, Jim Overocker, Dale Phelps & Ruth Sanford, Joe & Nancy Schwarz, Woody & Barb Spitzmueller, Harvey & Gayle Taipale, and Tom & Virginia Turba, and Don Weidenbach.

Another seventy two members also responded to our survey: Ronald Anderson & Sherin Dahn, Keith & Susan Behnke, Nick Benson, Brian & Barbara Berggren, Jim & Kay Bratsch, Calvin & Jeanette Buck, Barney & Ardella Buss, Clinton Crosby, Jim Donaldson, Hank & Geri Dotzler, David & Kay Duncan, Sam Fudenberg, Bill Galle, Millie Gignac, Roger Gillette & Elaine Johnson, Nancy Gountanis, Robert Hanson, Quintin Heckert, Gary Herman, Bob & Pat Hoaglund, Jim & Barbara Inda, Stuart Johnson, Ron Kronen, Archie Lahti, Vern & Mary Latwesen, Lynn & Paul Lindholm, Darrell & Barbara Lindemann, Tammy Ludwig, Keith & Tricia Myhr, Don Naaktgeboren, Leslie Nelson, Beth Olson, Marlin Olson, Sandy Ozhowski, Bob Pagac, Phil Phipps, Larry Pinsky, John & Shari Rachac, Jack & Louise Sater, Robert Scholz, Thomas Schonebaum, Marion Scott, Jon Simon, Donna Sylvester, Dick Syverson, John & Susan Thieste, Paul & Carol Thompson, Tom Weidenkopf, and John & Patricia Westergren.

The Year 2013 Volunteer Activities performed by members and the hours donated to the various organizations summarized by Categories are shown in the following Table:

1. **Community and Related Services** 6,633 hours
2. **Meals, Food and Housing Services** 2,230 hours
3. **Health and Disaster Services** 1,787 hours
4. **Religious Support and Related Services** 4,319 hours
5. **Schools, Museums, and Educational Services** 1,837 hours
6. **Music and Theatrical Services** 441 hours
7. **Other Services (includes VIP Club & LEGACY Project)** 4,434 hours

**TOTAL DONATED VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR YEAR 2013:** 21,681 hours

The photo collage on page 7 was created by Nick Benson with person id numbers added by Lowell. 1) Harvey Taipale talked about exhibit development at the Lawshe Museum. 2) Event Coordinator Bernie Jansen greets Dick Syverson. 3) Director Dale Phelps introduced ‘volunteer’ speakers. 4) Secretary Frank King talked about multiple volunteer activities. 5) Club President Lowell Benson with Unisys executive Ann Thureen. 6) LMCO speaker Steve Koltes chats with Dick Lundgren. 7) Don Naaktgeboren checks in. 8) BJ and Gary at the buffet line. 9) Don, Dale, and Dick reminisce. 10) Virginia and Tom Turba. 11) Bernie, Nick Benson, and Lowell. 12) Kathy Jansen, Bernie, and Millie Gignac, thanks to Millie Gignac and Kathy Jansen for staffing the check-in table. 13) Lowell, Tom, Steve, Ann, and Bernie.

### 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.
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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

Bell, Lynn
Falcon Heights, MN

IN REMEMBRANCE

Erickson, Merle Glen – Age 75, passed away Monday, Jan. 20, 2014, at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse. Merle worked for 24 years at Unisys Corporation in Roseville, Minn. Merle retired from Unisys in 1991. Merle is survived by his wife Mary. Merle has been a long time member of the VIP Club.

Kangas, William - Age 88, of Bloomington, MN. Passed away peacefully on April 12, 2014. William is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara. William worked as a technician for Univac for over 25 years.

Karnopp, Patricia Mary - Age 55 of Eagan, MN. Passed away April 11, 2014. Patricia is survived by Roger Karnopp, her loving husband of 32 years. Roger is a Lockheed Martin Employee.

Reeder, Ronald R. - Age 83, of Forest Lake, MN. Passed away Thursday, May 8, 2014 while surrounded by his family following a battle with cancer. He will be dearly missed by his wife of 55 years, Lanora. Ron was a Unisys retiree.

Valen, Raymond J. - Passed away October 17, 2013. Raymond is survived by his wife of 68 years, Lois. He worked for Engineering Research Associates which became Sperry Rand/Univac, for 37 years until retirement in 1986.

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REPORTS, LEGACY ACTIVITIES

Be a Historian: The Legacy History team met at the Lawshe Museum May 6th. We discussed exhibit development topics then resolved to make personal contact to fill out our topic candidate listings. The candidates to date are available on a new web site page 19, section 3 of http://vipclubmn.org/Exhibits.html. 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 review this listing then send us a note about your project/program which we've missed. Or, if we've already listed your favorite item, please take time to write a paragraph or two about details you recollect. Our intent is to support the Lawshe Museum exhibit grant so that the full history of ERA and its successors can be captured and told.

**May and June 'Article for the Month': UNISYS**

Roseville had a sense of history thus began creation of technology artifact shadow boxes a decade before our IT Legacy Committee formation. Harry Smuda [management] and Richard Petschauer [engineering] are credited with the development. When UNISYS, Roseville downsized a couple of years ago, Chuck Lefebrve coordinated shadowbox mounting in a new hallway. Now Mike Svendsen has transcribed all of the plaque text from within these shadow boxes. The sixteen computer series shadowboxes are listed in [http://vipclubmn.org/Documents/ERA2unisysWeb.pdf](http://vipclubmn.org/Documents/ERA2unisysWeb.pdf), the May article. The June seven 'Engineering Highlight' shadow boxes paper is still being edited as this newsletter issue goes to press. . LABenson

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**LITGER SIDE**

**A Northport Engineering 'Better Motto' card:**

I'VE MADE ONLY ONE MISTAKE THIS YEAR
I thought I was wrong; turned out to be right.

**Unstoppable Virus:** Even the most advanced Norton or McAfee programs cannot take care of this one. It appears to affect those who were born prior to 1945.

**Symptoms:**

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice. Yes!
2. Causes you to send a blank e-mail! That too!
3. Causes you to send e-mail to the wrong person. Yep!
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you. Aha!
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment. Well darn!
6. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished. Oh, no not again!
7. Causes you to hit "DELETE" instead of "SEND." And I just hate that!
8. Causes you to hit "SEND" when you should "DELETE." Oh No!

ITS CALLED THE "C-NILE VIRUS."

Did we already print this?

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**Ole** had just finished reading a new book entitled, "You Can Be The Man of Your House."
The following morning he vent over to his wife in the kitchen and announced, "From now on Lena, you need to know dat I am da man of dis house and my vord iss law! You vill prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm finished eating my meal, you vill serve me a sumptuous dessert. After dinner, you are going to go upstairs vitt me and... vell... you get da point. "Later, you're going to draw me a batt so I can relax. You vill vash my back and towel me dry and bring me my robe.. den, you vill massage my feet and hands. Den tomorrow, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?"
Without even looking up from her breakfast Lena replied, "Da funeral director vould be my first guess."

"Lexophile" is a word used to describe those that love using words in rather unique ways, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish", or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless." A competition to see who can come up with the best one is held every year. This year's winning submission is posted at the very end.

When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate. A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months. When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A. The batteries were given out free of charge. A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail. A will is a dead giveaway. With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress. A boiled egg is hard to beat. When you've seen one shopping Center you've seen a mall. Police were called to a day care Center where a thre-year-old was resisting a rest. Did you hear about the fellow whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now. A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.
When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she’d dye. Acupuncture is a jab well done. That’s the point of it. Those who get too big for their pants will be exposed in the end.

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A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, watching his wife, who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she’d like to have for her birthday. 'I’d like to be six again', she replied, still looking in the mirror. On the morning of her Birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Lucky Charms, and then took her to Six Flags theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Roller Coaster, everything there was. Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down.

He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake. Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, a soda pop, and her favorite candy, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure! Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted.

He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, 'Well Dear, what was it like being six again?' Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed. 'I meant my dress size, you retard!!!!' The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is gonna get it wrong.

RAMBLINGS OF A RETIRED MIND

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener.

I also made a cover for my hearing aid and now I have what they call blue teeth, I think.

You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized that people didn't like me anyway.

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is 'when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.'

I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age, and call it 'Pumping Rust'....

I've gotten that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest is falling into your drawers!

When people see a cat's litter box, they always say, 'Oh, have you got a cat?' Just once I want to say, 'No, it's for company!'

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, 'A Good Doctor!'

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then, it dawned on me. They were cramming for their finals.

As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve.

Enjoy your days and love your life, Because life is a journey to be savored.

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DON'T FORGET RSVP NOW FOR THE ANNUAL PICNIC ON JUNE 11

RSVP FORM BELOW DUE IN BY JUNE 4th

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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 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.