

FUTURE EVENT CALENDAR

November 5	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
November 12	7:00 PM	2015 Election, Program, & Social Time	UNISYS, Eagan
November 21	11:00 AM	Unihogs/Uniturkeys Luncheon	Casper's in Eagan
December 3	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
December 4	11:00 AM	Annual UNIVAC Old-timers' Reunion	Ft. Snelling O' Club
December 11	3:30 PM	Christmas Dinner & Dance	Ft. Snelling O' Club

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: **Wildlife Rehabilitation & Election**

November 12th, 7 PM: Join us in the Unisys, Eagan north side visitors' conference room – MACS building. After the 2015 Board election, we will have a most interesting presentation that Dale Phelps and Dick Lundgren have arranged. The program is titled **"Wildlife Rehabilitation - The Science and Compassion of Wildlife Medicine."**



The **Wildlife Rehabilitation Center (WRC) of Minnesota** (<http://www.wrcmn.org>) provides quality medical care and rehabilitation for all injured, sick and orphaned wild birds and animals, and shares its knowledge with the people who care about them. Our presenter is the **WRC Executive Director Philip Jenni** who will talk about the work of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, one of the nation's leading veterinary clinics for injured and orphaned wildlife. He'll outline some of the larger cultural trends that provide historical context for this rapidly growing field and talk about why this work is socially significant in today's world.

Phil Jenni has been the Executive Director of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota, since March 2002. WRC is an emergency wildlife clinic and

hospital which annually treats more than 9,000 wild animals from more than 200 different species. Prior to this position he was Finance Director of the Citizens League (1986 to February 2002) and was responsible for all of the day-to-day operational details, and was involved in several policy issues, including property tax and fiscal policy, transportation and education policy.

Phil, a Wisconsin native, grew up in a floral shop/garden center in west central Wisconsin, graduated from Ripon College with a B.A in history and moved to St. Paul in 1976 to attend graduate school at the University of Minnesota specializing in Elizabethan history. While attending graduate school he and several partners, including University All-American and Olympian Garry Bjorklund, developed a specialty retail store devoted to distance running. He helped start many area races including the Twin Cities Marathon. A former competitive athlete he competed in national and international road running events and has run both the Boston and London Marathons twice. He ran the 1983 London Marathon in 2 hours and 26 minutes.

Among a wide range of community activities, Phil is a member of the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Commission. He is a member of the Dean's Advisory Board of the University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) and is the 2011 recipient of CVM's Outstanding Service Award.

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DECEMBER PROGRAM:

Dinner & Dance (or listen)

December 11th, 3:30 PM: 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 should be mailed to Bill Galle before December 2nd using the form on page 5. The form is also available on-line at the bottom of our web site Contact Us page.



- 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 – 5:45 PM Introduction of guests and the 2015 VIP Club Board
- 5:45 PM – 8:00 PM Music for your listening and dancing enjoyment by a one man band, Mr. Lyndon Peterson.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month we asked for planning feedback for next year. If there are no major objections, the board intends to make a few changes to better serve our membership: 1) Instead of program/speaker meetings the 2nd Wednesday of most months, we will switch to the 2nd Tuesdays thereby avoiding conflicts with mid-week church activities, golfing, etc. 2) Our annual April 'Volunteer Recognition' event will be a luncheon instead of a breakfast and will be at a more hospitable site instead of in a room with a bar. 3) We will look for opportunities to facilitate at least one co-activity with our Legacy artifact repositories, the Lawshe Museum and the Charles Babbage Institute.



Next year is an anniversary year! We've already set 2015 event dates and venues for the Roseville Good Old Days, the Annual

UNIVAC Old-timers Reunion, and the Club's Christmas dinner/dance. If you, the reader, would like to make a suggestion as to a special way to celebrate, send a note to me. If you and a former co-worker would like to present a topic or an issue to the Board, we are open to suggestions.

Respectively, *Lowell A. Benson*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2015 Elections! The November 12th, 7 PM meeting at the Eagan MACS building is the time and place to 'ratify' the volunteers who will lead our organization during 2015!

- **President** Lowell Benson.
- **Director** Dale Phelps - programs.
- **Director** Joe Schwarz - Newsletters
- **Director** John Westergren – Picnic.
- **Director** Keith Behnke – Membership.
- **Secretary** Frank King -
- **Treasurer** Harvey Taipale
- **Vice President** , Open

Thanks to our **Immediate Past President** Bob 'RC' Hanson for chairing the 2015 nomination committee. Thanks to Bob Pagac for serving as our Vice President during 2014.

Thank You: The board wishes Kim Loskota well in her retirement years. Kim had facilitated our meeting room use at the UNISYS, Eagan MACS building since 2011.

Who Remembers: Ron Q. Smith provided the answer to October's question: "I remember for sure that the 3-emerald one was 15 years. That was the last one I got because Burroughs bought the company before I got to 20 years. I believe the 3-topaz color was 10 years." Thx.



Help sought: Our September issue had asked for feedback about NASA UNIVAC 418IIs for the American Computer & Robotics Museum in Bozeman, MT. Phil Ross provided a listing of all of the Univac computers used in support of the Apollo program. Arlyn Solberg wrote: "**NASA Manned Spacecraft Center - 1964:** Univac had both 494s at Mission Control Center (Bldg. 30) and 1230s which were being installed at Apollo tracking sites around the world. The 1230s were replacing the Gemini program 1218s which were connected to U494s at Goddard space Center in Greenbelt, MD which in turn was connected to Houston's 494s via three 40.8kbs land lines. There was also a 418 computer in Building 30 which drove all the big screen displays in Mission Control. I believe it interfaced with the 494s receiving satellite tracking data in real time and driving the big wall displays showing the satellite and a couple of track revolutions. I had two programmers and two engineers on a one year contract that got extended several times. The Manned Spacecraft Center was south of Houston about 20 miles; chosen as the best location in the USA by Lyndon Johnson who was President at the time. The

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'Campus' consisted of about 20 buildings of various sizes on about 100 acres.

I recall that Vic Benda (subsequently helped start AIC) probably wrote most of the programs for the 418 II and Bob Malnatti helped design interface hardware between the two systems."

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Sports and Recreation

The ULGL (Unified Legacy Golf League) has 114 of its 264 members registered for the end of year award banquet at Mancini's Restaurant in St. Paul. The league's last tournament of the year was held October 13 at Indian Hills in Stillwater. The average participation at each of the tournaments this year has been slightly more than 80. Anyone wanting to join the league next year contact Keith Behnke at keithbhnk@comcast.net.

October 8th Program Recap:

Many of us are still laughing because of our speaker, Sarah Routman. This snapshot shows some of the audience participation as Sarah led us through various laughter yoga exercises.



Forty-five of us are still dieting because of the excellent pumpkin pie and vanilla ice cream. Thanks to Dale Phelps for arranging the speaker and thanks to board Associate, Lynn Lindholm, for procuring the pies. Also thanks to Tom, Virginia, Bill, et' al for the ice cream, coffee, and for serving us. By LABenson

Mark Your Calendar: November 21, 11 AM at Casper's; Unihogs/Uniturkeys luncheon. Don Hall, author of "*Generation of Wealth – The rise of Control Data and how it inspired an era of innovation and investment in the Upper Midwest*" will be our featured speaker. For the Unihogs/Uniturkeys history and a link to the invite flyer, just point your browser to <http://vipclubmn.org/LunchGroups.html#Unihogs>.

December 4th, 11:00 AM: at the Ft. Snelling O' Club, Annual Univac Old Timers Reunion.

PERIODIC GROUPS

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.

One breakfast group now meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st Thursday of each month at Capitol View Cafe, 637 Smith Ave. St. Paul. (Corner of Smith and Baker).

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.

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.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Stelling, Wayne

Minneapolis, MN

IN REMEMBRANCE



Johnson, Florence O. - Age 101 of St. Paul, Mn. Flo passed away on September 28th, 2014. Flo was a retired Univac employee and a longtime member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul.



Olson, Norman O. Age 83, of Blaine, MN (formerly of La Crosse, WI). Passed away peacefully on Sept. 16th, 2014 after a decade long battle with Alzheimer's. Survived by loyal wife of 56 years, Gretchen. Norm worked 25 yrs for Unisys corporation. .

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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.

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Lockheed Martin 1-866-562-2363

VIP CLUB Corporate Liaisons:

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Unisys print shop – Judy Bornetun, 651-635-6792

Unisys, Roseville/Eagan – Sue Carrigan, 651-635-7712

REPORTS, LEGACY ACTIVITIES

Web Site 'Article for the Month': Since April of 2007, we've now reached 100 submittals! For November 2014 we have a doublet submitted by Bernie Jansen, a Dakota County Historical Society (DCHS) trustee and a VIP Club member emeritus: #99) *From ERA to Lockheed Martin: Minnesota's computer Industry* by Andrew Fox and #100) *Dakota County Accessions Lockheed Martin Collection* by Sally Anderson. Mr. Fox is a part time DCHS employee, active in cataloging and documenting our artifact collection since 2012. Ms. Anderson is a DCHS trustee. Both articles used with permission of the Lawshe Museum publications coordinator.

Andrew summarizes our corporate history and recaps the events which led up to the emerging exhibits at the Lawshe Museum.

Sally wrote: "The Dakota County Historical Society has been busy processing a large donation of documents and artifacts from the Lockheed Martin Company's Eagan facility, which closed in 2012. The project started more than a year ago, while the records were still onsite at the Eagan facility. Employees at the location had been collecting historical items for several years, and volunteers began sorting and cataloging the records and artifacts." "The collection includes artifacts, documents, memorabilia, company newsletters, and more than 50,000 photographs and slides. Some date back to the mid-1940s, and the early days of the Lockheed Martin Computer Division, when it was called Engineering Research Associates (ERA). The crew indexes each of these items using a custom database, which will make them more accessible to future researchers."

"The next phase of the project has now started. Volunteers and staff will be culling through thousands of images, selecting and digitizing several hundred, which will be juried down to several dozen representing the history of ERA and its successor firms. The images and descriptive captions will form the basis of a new permanent exhibit, "The Birth of Minnesota's Computer Industry."

Volunteers shown in this snapshot are Jim Donaldson (erroneously identified as Les Nelson in the Museum's article), Clint Crosby, Tricia Myhre, and Jon Simon.



As the Legacy Committee begins its 10th year, we still need your personal story for the web site anthology, volunteers to help at the Museum, and more monthly articles. All 100 Articles are linked from section 2 of <http://vipclubmn.org/documents.html>. By LABenson

LIGHTER SIDE

A Northport Engineering 'Better Motto' card:

If it were not for the last minute, nothing would ever be done.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY: SIGN UP NOW

Please reserve, at \$20 each ___ place(s) for the Annual VIP Club Christmas Party & Dinner being held on Thursday, **December 11, 2014 at the Fort Snelling Officers' Club**. Send in your reservations now, since seating is limited. Your form and check must be received by Dec. 5. If your reservation is for more than two persons, please attach a list of the added names and you will be seated together at a reserved table.

Full Name: _____

Address _____

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

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

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

Mail to: William 'Bill' Galle
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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 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 Casper's [651-454-6744]: Set your GPS to Eagan MN, 4625 Nicols Road, From I35E, take the Cliff Road exit and go west to Nicols, turn left. From Cedar Ave, take the Cliff Road exit, go east to Nicols, then turn right.

