

FUTURE EVENT CALENDAR

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
January	No Club events are planned, meet friends at a Periodic Group breakfast or lunch!		
February 4	10:00 AM	Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
February 10	7 PM	Program (Tuesday evening)	UNISYS, Roseville

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 Name tag check in and Initial social time with 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 a la' 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Your 2015 Calendar: February 10, 2015 at 7 PM: This is the first of our 2015 'changes' programs on Tuesday evenings to avoid church & golf activities. Other planning dates for programs are: March 10, 7 PM; April 15, 11 AM [volunteer recognition @ tbd]; May 12, 7 PM; June 10; 3:30 PM [picnic]; August 11, 1:30 PM [outing]; September 8, 7 PM; October 13, 6:30 PM [Pie & Ice Cream]; and November 10, 7 PM.

Please send your candidate speaker topic ideas or summer outing sites to Dale Phelps before January 1. Roseville Good Old Days (RGOD) will be at the Mermaid, 10:30 AM on April 24th.

Annual UNIVAC Old Timers Reunion: 11 to 3 on December 4 at the Ft. Snelling Officers' club. *If you haven't been contacted and plan to participate; send an email to labenson@q.com before Monday, December 2nd. Please indicate if you plan to go through the cafeteria lunch line too, the Officers' Club staff appreciates a head count estimate for food planning.*

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If your address label reads 2014, your subscription expires this December. Please renew using form on page 5.

Newsletter Notes: We will be doing a combined January/February newsletter - to be distributed in late January. Please send articles, recent obits, or lighter side items to Joe Schwarz before Jan 6, 2015.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A 3rd term as the 2015 volunteer Club President! I am still passionate about promoting our Information Technology Legacy and the Club's social interaction events. Others with similar passions have led before me – nine 2-term presidents and three 3-termers: Warren Becker, Bernie Jansen, and Tom Turba. The Club's longest serving Director is Joe Schwarz, now 16 years as the newsletter chief editor.



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I'm very pleased at the willingness of the other elected Board members, our board associates, and members emeriti to continue serving our membership for 2015. I invite each of you to look at our rich club history on the web page, <http://vipclubmn.org/History.html>. [No home internet access? Please use the library, only 19% of our 1,000+ membership don't have email.]

Board challenges for 2015 are to: 1) increase member participation at program meetings, 2) stimulate more members to volunteer at the Lawshe Museum, 3) to entice more UNISYS Roseville retirees to serve on future VIP club boards, and 4) find a backup webmaster. Respectively, *Lowell A. Benson*

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Retirement Hobby: I joined my son-in-law 5 years ago in his four-wheeling activities. Our club (rpm4x4.com) is part of the Minnesota 4 wheel drive association (MN4WDA). There are five or six events that we go to every summer. There is no competition at these events. We just have fun trying to climb hills with boulders, rocks and logs in the way. This picture was at a Toys-for-Tots event west of Rochester, put on by the Rochester Rough Riders.



Wrangling through a mud pit at the Apple Valley Farms Off-road park in New Auburn, WI was exciting!



We also go to some events at Dresser WI. There are more pictures, browse to <http://www.rpm4x4.com>. By *Don Vettleson*, a 2004 UNISYS retiree.

November 12th Program Recap:

The November 12 meeting was chaired by Past President, Bob Hanson who officiated in the election of

officers for 2015. There were no nominations from the floor so the results were:

Lowell Benson - President

Keith Behnke - Vice President & Membership/Recreation Director

Harvey Taipale – Treasurer

Frank King - Secretary

Dale Phelps - Programs Director

Joe Schwarz - Newsletter Director

John Westergren - Legacy/Picnic Director

Bob Hanson - Immediate Past President - Nominations/Roseville Good Old Days

This program also gave us some insight into the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota (WRC), (<http://www.wrcmn.org/>). It is the largest center of this type in the country and maybe the world. The Executive Director, Philip Jenni, provided us with an in-depth picture of the workings of the Center. With a medical staff of 8, the Center is one of the largest and busiest wildlife medical centers in the nation. More than 400 volunteers care for, rehabilitate and release the wildlife that they've worked with. The WRC treats more than 8,500 wild animals every year, representing more than 160 different species. Phil filled us in on the latest event which was the receipt of a wayward Rufous Hummingbird. They are not native to this part of the country so must have strayed from its migration south. The WRC will arrange transportation from Minnesota to Arizona so it can join the rest of his species. This was also reported in the local newspaper and on local news programs. Additionally, the WRC website has a link to a video of the Rufus Hummingbird in residence at the WRC with remarks by Phil Jenni. This was one of many stories he told of rescues that we never hear of.

By Keith Behnke

PERIODIC GROUPS

A Luncheon Group [engineering/drafting] meets monthly on the 1st Tuesday in West St. Paul at 11:00 AM - at the Old Country Buffet, 2000 S. Robert.

One Breakfast Group now meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st Thursday of each month at the 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 the 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 the Eagles Club, Old Hwy 8, in New Brighton. Phone # of coordinator is 763-416-3903.

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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.

children and six grandsons. Dick is a Sperry retiree and long time VIP Club member. He was the St. Paul Defense Division VP and GM from 7/77 to 10/84, before promotion to Sperry VP.

Youngquist, Donald - Age 84 of Mission, TX. Passed away on October 23rd, 2014. Survived by and greatly missed by wife, Gloria. Donald worked at Unisys and Holaday Circuits.

NEW MEMBERS

Arends, Hank	Otsego, MN
Conn, Jim	Maple Grove, MN
Chen, Tom	Seminole, FL
Larson, Royce	Blaine, MN
Peterson, Norm	Eagan, MN
Chuck Prosheck	Burnsville, MN

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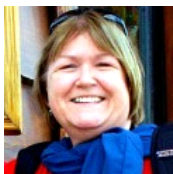
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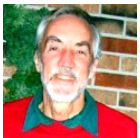
IN REMEMBRANCE

Belfry, Keith L. - Age 83 of Eden Prairie, formerly of Excelsior. Passed away peacefully at home on Sat. October 11th, 2014. Keith was preceded in death by his wife Hank and brother Melvin. Keith was a former Unisys employee and a former VIP Club member

Greenwell, John Manning - Age 68 of Cottage Grove, MN. Passed away Friday, November 7th, 2014. John is survived by his wife, Karen. John worked for Burroughs in Connecticut as a repair technician and then joined Unisys Roseville in 1987.

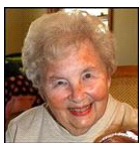


Mazzuco, Linda A. - Age 60, of Andover, MN. Linda passed away November 10th, 2014. After college she commenced her successful 40 year career in IT in the Twin Cities at Unisys Corporation, Roseville.



Meddaugh, Samuel Alan - Age 78 of Eagan, MN. Passed away in his home on October 13th, 2014. He is survived by his children Anne (Dean), Mark (Janessa).

Sam was retired from a lifelong career at Unisys.



Miller, Roma - Age 87 of Arden Hills, MN. Passed away October 15th. Survived by children (Kathy, Joe, Nancy). Preceded in death by husband Bob. Bob was a former Unisys employee.

Sarych, Virginia I. "Ginger" - Age 77, of NE Mpls. Passed away on April 18th, 2014. Preceded in death by husband Richard who was a Unisys employee and long time VIP Club member.



Seaberg, 'Dick' Richard: Mr. Seaberg, passed away at age 81, October 16th, 2014 in Los Angeles, CA. Richard is survived by Carolyn, his wife of 60 years; their three

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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

VIP CLUB Corporate Liaisons:

LMCO, Eagan - Scott Schmidt 651-846-2426
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': For December, we've posted 'More than a Customer'. Captain Don Leichtweis, USN retired, along with a few other retired Navy officers and a couple of retired Sperry executives have created a letter to the Secretary of the Navy nominating 'Donald L. Ream' as a future Navy Ship name, recognizing Mr. Ream's leadership role in the NTDS development.

A few excerpts from the Nomination paper:

"In 1954 the highest levels of leadership in the U.S. Navy were concerned about the future viability of the Navy's surface fleet. Fleet exercises with massed Soviet style practice air attacks against U.S. task forces had revealed that World War II style manual plotting teams could not support fighter, gun and missile direction at a pace fast enough to adequately defend forces afloat. The high speeds of new jet propelled attack aircraft allowed too many attackers to break through to fleet center; thus, in war game exercises task forces were theoretically annihilated."

"In April 1956 the Chief of Naval Operations tasked the Bureau of Ships (BUSHIPS) to develop an automated system to correct this problem with fleet anti-air battle management. It would be called the Naval Tactical Data System (NTDS) and the new BUSHIPS NTDS project office was expected to do in five years, what normally took 15 years of development time. The heart of this radical new command and control system was what would become the Navy's first shipboard digital computers, and a young Bureau of Ships engineer, Donald L. Ream, was assigned the job of developing the new computers."

"Don Ream was more instrumental than any other person in bringing the U.S. Navy into the information age decades ahead of the other industries! Don's guidance led the Navy to making maximum use of the new digital technology that gave the USN a great advantage during the "Cold War" years. What Rear Admiral Grace Hopper was to Navy business, administrative, and financial computing systems, Don Ream was to tactical and strategic digital weapon systems. However, because his work had to be done in far greater secrecy, his contributions were well known

only to those who had a need to know. We, who served with him in the Naval Tactical Data System, Operational Control Centers and subsequent projects, recommend strongly that a U.S. Navy ship be named "Donald L. Ream" in his honor."

This photo from the 100th AN/UYK-7 delivery shows VP & GM Richard 'Dick' Seaberg, Rear Adm Wayne Meyer, Sperry Mfg. Dir. Robert 'Bob' Faust, Mr. Donald Ream, and a USN Captain (unknown).



All previous Articles are linked from section 2 of <http://vipclubmn.org/documents.html>. By *LABenson*

New Computer History Article: Bill Bergen sent a link to an [IEEE history paper](#), prepared by Capt. David Boslaugh, USN retired. I spent 45 minutes savoring it! One paragraph is noteworthy: "The CO of the Computing Machine Lab assigned leadership of the Atlas project to the Lab's Technical Officer, Lieutenant Commander Edward C. Svendsen." Lcdr. Svendsen was in the Minnehaha Ave ERA facility for a few years – Legacy Committee member B.N. 'Mike' Svendsen called Ed 'uncle!' By *LABenson*

LIGHTER SIDE

Finality: A man and woman were married for many years. Whenever there was a confrontation, yelling was heard late into the night. The old man would shout; "When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!"

Neighbors feared him. The old man liked the fact that he was feared. Then one evening, he died at age 98.

After the burial, her neighbors, concerned for her safety, asked: "Aren't you afraid that he may indeed be able to dig his way out of the grave and haunt you for the rest of your life?"

The wife said: "Let him dig! I had him buried upside down and I know he won't ask for directions."



REMINDER



CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 11

SIGN UP NOW (SEE PAGE 5)

*****C*U*T**H*E*R*E*****

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 _____

Full Name: _____

Address _____

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
Kenwood Isles, #118
1425 West 28th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55408

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

If the address block of your Newsletter shows 2014 after your name or if the subject line of your Enews notification shows member list 2014x, your Club membership and Newsletter subscription will expire on December 31st 2014



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 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 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.