


UPCOMING EVENT ITEMS

 Thanks to the vision of Millie Gignac!	April 1	10 AM - Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
	April 15	11 AM - Volunteer Recognition Lunch (Wed)	Josephs' in St. Paul
	April 24	10 AM: Roseville Good Old Days @ Mermaid	in Moundsvie
	May 6	10 AM - Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
	May 15	11 AM - Syttende Mai, Lunch and Program	Casper's, Eagan

APRIL PROGRAM

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

On Wednesday, April 15th the VIP Club will host the annual Recognition Event for VIP Club members who performed volunteer services in 2014. This year the Board approved a "Tuscany Buffet" luncheon at



[Joseph's Grill] in St. Paul. April is National Volunteer Month and our Recognition Luncheon honors all VIP Club members who perform volunteer services wherever they reside. We thank all VIP Club members for the many hours of volunteer services you provide each year. Last year, the 98 VIP Club members who responded to our 2013 Survey, donated over 22,700 hours to various organizations in Minnesota, Arizona, Illinois, and Texas. The estimated value of these services in 2013 exceeded \$520,000.

Thirty-six members and guests attended the breakfast last year and we hope this many or more will attend this year. Please note that all Club members and Photo Cataloging volunteers at the Lawshe Museum, who respond to the "Volunteer Survey", are invited to attend this Luncheon. [Directions to Joseph's Grill in St. Paul are on page six of this newsletter and in section six of our web site Club page.]

Management representatives from Unisys and Lockheed Martin are invited to be there as our guests.

(Just a reminder: the Club must guarantee the number of diners that plan to attend the Luncheon and pay for that number! Please, if your plans change after replying that you will attend, let us know in a timely manner!)

By Bernie Jansen & Frank King

MAY PROGRAM:

The VIP Club board has decided to not have a club program on May 12th. Instead we encourage our membership to participate in the Syttende Mai luncheon on May 15th.

NORWEGIAN SYTTENDE MAI LUNCHEON

Are you all Norwegian, part Norwegian, or no Norwegian at all? No problem. All are welcome at this year's Syttende Mai luncheon. This tradition to honor the Norwegian Constitution Day, May 17th, was begun 40 some years ago by Dick (Ole) Olson and others. Last year's program celebrated the bicentennial of the signing of the Norwegian Constitution in 1814. This year's program celebrates an event which amazingly brought all members of Minnesota's congressional delegation together in unanimous agreement. Yes, our two Democrat Senators and our 8 Representatives (5 Dem/3 Rep) rose up to oppose a presidential nomination for Ambassador to Norway. The nominee was both unqualified and unprepared and eventually withdrew his name last December from consideration, thereby removing the possibility of a huge embarrassment. At present the U.S. Ambassador to Norway position remains unfilled, and embassy functions are being carried out by career foreign service personnel. Our annual Syttende Mai lunch/old friends gathering will take place Friday, May 15th at Casper's Cherokee Sirloin Room, 4625 Nichols Road, in Eagan. 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



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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 (612-597-3714) or Dale Phelps at drphelps416@gmail.com. (952-831-7843) by May 7th - Email is preferred. The speaker for this year has not yet been finalized, but all options under consideration are interesting, entertaining and relevant to all. We will again have greetings from H.M. King Harald V of Norway via the Honorary Consul General of Norway to Minnesota, and in addition we'll have an update on the progress of Norway House (norwayhouse.net). Submitted by R. Lundgren. *Page 6 has GPS and driving directions.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer Survey Deadline: Please report your 2014 hours before April 3 with the page 5 form or via <http://vipclubmn.org/volunteer.html>.

Newsletter Inputs: For the May newsletter, please send articles, recent obits, or lighter side items to Joe Schwarz before April 7, 2015.

Mark Your Calendar: In addition to Upcoming Events on page 1, our plans are for: June 10; 3:30 PM picnic at Highland; August, we are considering options for a Mississippi outing on the Paddleford river boat; September 8, 6:30 PM Wine & Cheese at the Lawshe Museum; October 13, 6:30 PM Pie & Ice Cream at Unisys Roseville; November 10, 7:30 PM program in Eagan; November 20, 11 AM UNIHOGS/UNITURKEYS at Casper's; December 3, 11 AM Annual UNIVAC Old timers Reunion; and December 10, 3:30 PM Christmas dinner/dance again at the Ft. Snelling O' Club. By *LABenson*.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Traditions! As the second Wednesday breakfast ended today, 3/11, Marv Brown stated that this was the 279th monthly gathering of UNISYS, Roseville retirees. That is 23 years of 25 to 45 people meeting having breakfast in New Brighton and maintaining work-based friendships.

In 1973, Richard 'Ole' Olson gathered a group of UNIVAC employees to celebrate Norwegian Independence Day at a luncheon. Because of the friendships, several non-Norwegians have been participating at these Syttende Mai celebrations. With 50 to 100 participants, this gathering is as much about friendship as it is celebrations. This year the Club board decided that this mid-May gathering would be a good program for the month.



Information about the first two traditional meetings is on web site page 8.

This morning I read a blog link from Larry Debelak about an aircraft built in 1962: "*Above, the HC-130P Iron Horse, tail number #62-1863, begins its final flight to retirement at the bone yard at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ; below, the same aircraft in its previous configuration as an EC-130E, based at D-M in the 1990s.*" This is a tacit tribute to the many, many years of UNIVAC/Sperry/UNISYS equipment and systems quietly serving our country aboard Lockheed aircraft types. We already have some ABCCC information on page 62 of the website, I will add the blog link and other ABCCC data by the time you read this newsletter. Did I mention that Ole was one of the ABCCC systems' engineers?

BTW (By The Way in texting), if you want to know on which page(s) your name appears on our website, take a look in section 3 of page 28 - <http://vipclubmn.org/PeopleIndx.html>.

Hope to see you in April at the Volunteer recognition luncheon and/or Roseville Good Old Days gathering. Best Regards, *LABenson*

SOCIAL ACTIVITY ITEMS

March Program Recap: The second program this year was held on Tuesday, March 10th at the LMCO Eagan facility. : USN Capt. Brent McMurray gave us an interesting review of the US Navy and its global perspective of serving our country's interests. We have 288 active vessels, down from the 450+ of the Reagan years. Most are equipped with newer electronics and weapon systems. Their carrier operations in the mid-east hot zones are night operations. The Captain is head of the navy reservists in Minnesota, over 700 individuals. About 10% of those are on active duty assignments. As a former E2C pilot, he has experienced many carrier landings. He asked how many were veterans in our small audience then made the time to thank each for his service. A special thanks to our LMCO host, Steve Koltes, for providing refreshments and the meeting room.

Roseville Good Old Days: Plans are on track for the seventh annual Good Old Days Reunion on Friday, April 24th in the Atlantis Ballroom on the lower level of the Mermaid at 2200 Highway 10 in Mounds View. We have the room from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM, volunteers at 10 AM please. A \$1 per person donation is requested to cover room rental – a cash bar and reasonably priced lunches will be available. Send a note to nturba@comcast.com to get on the pre-printed nametag list. Also, let him know if you plan to eat so



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we can give an estimated head count to the restaurant.

Thanks, *Tom Turba*

Golf Team Sign Up Dates:

The combined Unisys/Lockheed Golf League (ULGL) is starting preparation for the 2015 season. We will have 5 leagues, Monday at Phalen in St. Paul, two on Tuesday at Emerald Greens east of Rosemount, Wednesday at Southern Hills south of Rosemount and Thursday at Bunker Hills in Coon Rapids. Bunker Hills will be cutting down to 4 teams from 8 last year due to the golf course reducing the available tee times. All start the first week of May. We also have 10 tournaments scheduled between April and October. If you are interested as an individual or as a team and would like more information contact Keith Behnke, 651-894-2182 or keithbhk@comcast.net.

June Picnic Preview: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 has been set aside for the VIP Club Picnic at Highland Pavilion, 1270 Montreal Ave, St. Paul [same place as the previous 25 years] where we'll celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the VIP Club. Start time will be about 3:00 pm. Volunteers are always welcome, so contact, jwestergren@frontiernet.net, if you can help. More information to follow in the May Newsletters, so stay tuned. Hope to see you there, *John Westergren*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Hawley, Charles "Chuck" - Age 84 of Shoreview, MN. Passed away on February 24th, 2015. Charles is preceded by his wife, Beverly. Chuck worked for Sperry-Univac, Control Data and ETA Systems and retired in 1987.



Johnson, Irvin "Bill" - Age 87, of Maplewood, MN, formerly of White Bear Lake. Passed away on February 24th, 2015. Bill is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Jan. Bill worked many years as an electrical

engineer at Univac



Lagerquist, Vern Roy - Age 82 of Cannon Falls, MN. Passed away on February 26th, 2015. Vern is survived by wife of 54 years, Joann. Vern is a longtime retired Unisys employee.

Sides-Horning, Kathleen Ann - Age 67, of Apple Valley, MN. Passed away peacefully at her home on March 3rd, 2015. Kathleen is survived by her loving husband, Ernest. Kathy was a long-time employee of Lockheed Martin, proudly supporting the submarine program. She retired in 2012 and was a member of the VIP Club.



Wozniczka, Lawrence R. "Larry" - Age 82 of Richfield, MN. Passed away peacefully March 6th, 2015. Preceded in death by wife, Rosemary. Larry worked 29 years at Unisys in St. Paul, MN and 6 years at Bendix Corp in South Bend, IN.

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. Coordinator Marv Brown's phone 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.

A Fourth Luncheon Group (SCF) meets in the odd numbered months on the second Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at the Baker's Square on 3088 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood. Coordinator phone is 651-429-3319.

NEW MEMBERS

Neudahl, Craig	Eagan, MN
Nyflot, David	West St. Paul, MN
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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' (A ft M): For March, we've posted "[NSA Used UNIVAC Computers](#)." George Gray has extracted several pages from previously classified NSA documents, focusing on the use of UNIVAC equipment during the 60s and

70s. He found these at the George Washington University National Security Archive. The extractions include applications of the 490, 494, 1108, and CP-818 FLEXCOP computers in various NSA programs.

In 2007, Mr. Gray had provided our web site with #102 A ft M, <http://vipclubmn.org/documents.html>, section 2. George also co-authored "*Unisys Computers: An Introductory History*" (UNISYS, 2008) with Ron Q. Smith. Ron had sent George's paper to me for our IT Legacy web use.

For April, we've posted "Blue Bell Plated Wire Memory" by engineer Harry Goldbacher. His paper complements previous 'A ft M' articles #113 and #150 written by Larry Bolton, et al'. Harry's mini-bio from an email is: "Lowell, Being a Brilliant Univac Blue Bell Alumnus (BUBBA), I thought I knew nearly everything – but, thanks for the Blue Bell retirees URL. I will be attending their next meeting. There were some rough spots in my career but for the most part the company was good to me. I went from the wire program to software development in CAD, manufacturing technology, hardware test, OS1100 development – then worked on NEXRAD in Ivyland, PA. When we delivered NEXRAD, I had the option to go to [what was then] LMATM in Atlantic City (AC). I commuted from Montgomery County, PA to AC for 14 years; 2 hours down and 2½ back [if I was lucky]. After a while it wore me out but I loved it. I still keep in touch with my old buddies in sunny New Jersey. Looking forward to keeping in touch, and by all means, please use the article. I assure you that it was more fun to write than it will be to read. Best," *Harry*

Demolition videos: Demolition of old plant 8 began the week of 8 February. Crews have salvaged 8 million pounds of steel, 58 tons of copper, and 60 tons of aluminum from the old 620,000 square ft. Lockheed facility. Retiree Tim Johnson has razing status at a mini-blog [<http://lm-eagan-pictures.blogspot.com/>]

No home internet? Try your local library. *LABenson*

**LAST CHANCE---SIGN UP NOW
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION
LUNCHEON**

APRIL 15 AGENDA and 2014 VOLUNTEER SURVEY FORM

- 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM Check in, Nametags, Coffee & Socializing,
- 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM Enjoy a Tuscany Buffet sandwich luncheon,
- 12:15 PM – 12:45PM Program recognizing our volunteers, then
- 12:45 PM – 1:30 PM Last cup of coffee and a bit more socializing.

Your Volunteer Survey Form must be received by 3 April for listing in the Printed Program.

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

Code	Service Area	Code	Service Area
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
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 Animal Humane Society Law Enforcement Services Small Business Consulting Veterans & Armed Forces Support		Juvenile Court Guardian Mutual Interest Association UNISYS & LMCO Legacy VIP CLUB

- 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 luncheon. **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 luncheon. 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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<i>VIP CLUB Volunteer Hours Survey Form for Year 2014</i>		
	Member/Spouse Names _____	Your City _____ State __
*Service Code	Organization(s) 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 luncheon. Enter 0, 1, or 2: _____	Total Hours: _____

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DIRECTIONS TO ACTIVITY VENUES

Car-pool if possible to all events or contact a board member for possible 'ride-with' suggestions.

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 Joseph's in St Paul: Set your GPS unit to St Paul, MN - 140 Wabasha St S 55107. From the Roseville area take 35E South toward St Paul, get into the left lane and exit onto Hwy 52 going south. After crossing the river, take the ramp right for Lafayette Rd toward Plato Blvd. Turn right onto Plato [west] for 0.2 mi then turn right onto Wabasha [north]. After 1/2 mi, Joseph's will be on the right. From the Eagan area take 35E north to I494 east to Hwy 52 going north. Take the ramp right for Lafayette Road then turn left [west] onto Plato Blvd. After 0.7 mi, turn right [north] onto Wabasha, Joseph's will be on the right after 1/2 mi.

Directions to Casper's Cherokee House in Eagan: Set your GPS unit 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, and turn right.

Directions to Mermaid in New Brighton: Set your GPS unit to Moundsview, MN - 2200 CR 10. From Minneapolis, other southwest points, and Roseville - take I35W north then at exit 28C take ramp right for CR10, cross over the bridge then turn left onto Co. Rd H. From Eagan and southeast points - take I35E north to I694 West, keep in the right lane for Hwy 10, get into the left lane, cross over I35W, then turn left onto Co Rd H.