

UPCOMING EVENT ITEMS



Thanks to the vision of
 Millie Gignac!

April 24	10 AM - Roseville Good Old Days @ Mermaid	in Moundsview
May 6	10 AM - Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
May 15	11 AM - Syttende Mai, Lunch and Program	Casper's, Eagan
June 3	10 AM - Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
June 10	3:00 PM - Annual Reunion Picnic	Highland Park, St. Paul

MAY PROGRAM: The Value of DNA Testing

Are you descended from explorer Leif Erikson or first king of Norway Harald Fairhair? How about Charlemagne, Genghis Kahn, or a Neanderthal? So what's the value of DNA testing, the real value for real people like those reading this right now? This year's Norwegian Syttende Mai lunch presentation will answer those questions.

Regardless of the Norwegian "content" in your DNA, please join us at Casper's Cherokee Sirloin Room in Eagan, Friday May 15th at 11:00 for the annual LM/Unisys Syttende Mai lunch. To sign up or get more info, contact Dale Phelps (drphelps416@gmail.com or 952-831-7843) or Dale Torgerson (dale.o.torgerson@gmail.com or 612-597-3714). The \$16 cost, unchanged from last year, covers a delicious buffet and an intriguing program. In May of 1999, Dixie Hansen spoke on the topic of the newly emerging Internet resources for the purpose of genealogy and specifically for Norwegian genealogy. Dixie, a board member of the Norwegian-American Genealogical Association, returns after 16 years to discuss the value of DNA testing. Do you think you know who you are? Your DNA does!



In our speaker's words: "Dixie Hansen, a long-time family historian and a bit of a computer nerd, has very eagerly played with all of the cool new software and

internet tools for digging into the past which have emerged in the past 20 years. One of the more recent and useful tools is Autosomal DNA analysis ... a way to explore personal ancestry from a way different vantage point. All it takes to get started is a little bit of spit and \$99 or so. In the interest of learning what it was all about, Dixie (always an early adopter) submitted her DNA to three of the major US genealogical testing services: *23 and Me*, *AncestryDNA*, and *FamilyTreeDNA*.

Unlike earlier YDNA and mtDNA tests – which primarily give a family historian clues into their very deep long ago ancestral past and then only on straight paternal or maternal lines, Autosomal DNA gives the researcher scientific clues about ALL of their ancestral lines and reliably helps them identify living cousins and, through those cousins, common ancestors in the last several generations. All three companies also give you a report (though this science is still fairly rudimentary) of your ethnicity and the likely geographic origins of your family. Autosomal DNA testing is easy, it's practical... and, with a little bit of work, it can definitely help you add to your family tree. As importantly, it can support (or challenge!) the accuracy of work you've already done through more traditional research. Maybe your DNA will tell you something about your family that you weren't expecting? If you don't want to know, don't look!

Dixie has futzed with the various computer tools that each of the three testing companies provides to help the family historian make sense of their DNA test results. She'll give you a tour of the tools and cousin-matches and will explain what to expect if you are inspired to spit." Submitted by Richard Lundgren.

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JUNE PROGRAM Annual Reunion Picnic

Join us at the VIP Club Get-Together and Picnic at the Highland Park Pavilion on Wednesday, June 10. *We will start earlier this year - 3:00 PM for food then be done around 7:00 PM.*

Once again, since we are planning for a big group, we're will have additional parking at the Highland Park High School parking lot with bus service to the Pavilion if necessary, but more on that in the June newsletter.



We're making the cost a little different this year, \$5.00 per member (spouse or significant other is counted as a member). Please RSVP with the form on page 5 by June 2nd so we can print a nametag, have enough food, and schedule the shuttle bus service. Unregistered drop-ins will be charged \$10 at the name tag table. Last year we had about 300. We look forward to seeing everybody there. If anyone wants to have some additional fun by volunteering to help with preparation, serving, or clean-up, please contact John Westergren at jwestergren@frontiernet.net or 952-358-1174.

Submitted by *John Westergren*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter Inputs: For the June newsletter, please send articles, recent obits, or lighter side items to Joe Schwarz before May 8, 2015.

Mark Your Calendar: In addition to the page 1 Upcoming Events; August 12, at noon the Jonathan Padelford leaves its Harriet Island dock. We've reserved space for 50 of us, details in future newsletters; September 8, 6:30 PM; Exhibit Poster Showing plus Wine & Cheese at the Lawshe Museum; October 13, 6:30 PM; Program with Pie & Ice Cream at Unisys Roseville; November 10, 7:30 PM 2016 Board election and speaker 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

Do you wonder what happens at our Board meetings? At the April board meeting we set the member price for the June Picnic and for the August Jonathan Padelford river cruise. The actual per person cost is about 25% above what we charge



our members, the VIP Club is quite solvent. We also discussed which guests to invite to our September program and candidate speakers for the October and November programs. Our Programs Coordinator, Dale Phelps, was asked to book the musician for the Christmas dinner/dance.

In addition to social activity planning, fixed items on the agenda are secretary's report, treasurer's report, membership report, Sunshine report, Legacy reports, and next newsletter scheduling.

After some discussion, we resolved to create and award a *Volunteer Extraordinaire Certificate*. The first recipient is Keith Myhre, presented at the 2015 April Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. Keith has been instrumental in the exhibit development successes of the second Minnesota Legacy Grant at the DCHS Lawshe Memorial Museum.

If are willing to help plan the Club's future, try a 'test visit' to a Board meeting. We have a Director slot open, just a test visit would not commit you. Hope to see you at Syttende Mai and the Picnic! Sincerely, *Lowell Benson*.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY ITEMS

Roseville Good Old Days: As we went to press with this issue, 240 people had sent a note for the pre-printed nametag list. It isn't too early to mark your calendar for May 6, 2016, Thanks, *Tom Turba*



Golf Teams Status:

The ULGL (Unified Legacy Golf League) which is the combined Unisys and Lockheed golf leagues is always looking for new participants. While it is made up of current and former Unisys or Lockheed employees, it also welcomes relatives, friends, neighbors, etc. of our members. Please contact Keith Behnke at keithbhnk@comcast.net if you want more information.

Periodic Gatherings: Have you been to one of the Periodic Group gatherings lately? The snapshot below comes from Marv Brown, coordinator of the



second Wednesday breakfasts at the New Brighton Eagles Club. It was their 278th meeting.

VIP Club May 2015 Newsletter

Did you notice that we added a 'Fourth Luncheon Group' to our 'GROUPS' last month?

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. We went to press before this April activity, 51 registered to participate. Complete summary next month.

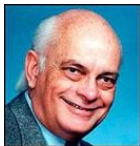
IN REMEMBRANCE



Andersen, Jorgen - of Phoenix, AZ. Passed away on Feb. 12th, 2015. Jorgen is survived by his wife and three children. Jorgen started to work for UNIVAC in 1963. He was a programmer in the compiler development department. Jorgen retired from Unisys in 1993.



Boehm, Arthur F. - Passed away on April 2nd, 2015 with his family at his side. Art is survived by his wife, Margaret Crocker Boehm. Art had a thirty-five year career at Univac Computer Systems (now Unisys) as a mainframe computer designer. Art has been a long time VIP Club member.



Bruns, Henry 'Hank' - Age 89, passed away March 19th, 2015 in his Arden Hills home. Hank came to UNIVAC from Collins in Cedar Rapids in the late 60s to work in the Antenna Coupler department. In the early 70s, he had the onerous job of transitioning the Coupler engineering design support and documentation from the Twin Cities to Sperry Marine in SC. He left in the mid 70s, then worked at EMR, CDC, and Mn/DOT where he retired in 1991.



Gits, Thomas George, - Age 80, of Apple Valley, MN. Passed away Friday, April 10th, 2015 surrounded by his loving family. He was preceded in death by his wife Karen. Thomas was fortunate to work for one company, (ultimately) Lockheed Martin, as a program manager. Tom was a long time member of the VIP Club.



Glasow, Duane R. - Age 91 of Roseville, MN. Passed away March 18th, 2015 He is survived by wife, Marion. Duane was a Unisys retiree and long time VIP Club member



Schmidt, Marcus F. - Age 82, of Bloomington, MN. Passed away on March 19th, 2015. Marc, fought an extended battle with multiple sclerosis. Survived by loving wife and best friend of 30 years, Constance. Marc was employed as a Q&A Engineer for

Sperry Univac. After 30 years of employment he went to work for Walter Dorin Teague in CA.

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

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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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REPORTS, LEGACY ACTIVITIES

Web Site 'Article for the Month': For April, we posted a doublet. Blue Bell to LMCO employee, Harry Goldbacher [1965-2007] has bits of his career summary in a hardware paper, [wired up](#), and in a personal paper, [Mentor Frank](#). The hardware paper includes some interesting snapshots of manufacturing equipment used to build and test plated wire memory which was used in the 9200, 9300, and Minuteman computers.

For May we've posted "[Legacy Preservation Partnerships](#)". Lowell Benson's paper describes Club partnerships with our hosts, the Charles Babbage Institute, and the Dakota County Historical Society. The paper's subtitle is: "*Millie, the Club, the University, the Museum and more!*" This paper also provides some prognostications for the future of the IT Legacy Committee. My thanks to Sue Goolsby for editing. *LABenson*

Do you remember the 1218 computer ?

Astronauts Could Depend On Reliable Univac Computers

Highly reliable Univac 1218 Computers operated a total of 910 hours during the historic Gemini 4 space mission earlier this month — without a single failure.

Twelve 1218's, strung out at bases surrounding the earth, kept track of information within the capsule and the astronauts' physical condition during the four-orbit flight.

The computers summarized and stored the data that was beamed to the ground from the capsule. The data was transmitted for final processing on two Univac 490 computers at Goddard space flight center, Greenbelt, Md., and the Houston mission control center.

The systems also enabled the National Aeronautics and Space Administration controllers at Goddard to select and examine specific in-flight information such as the astronauts' pulse beat, blood pressure and temperature, on a real-time (no delay) basis.

The 1218 computers, made in Univac Plant 3, are installed at Cape Kennedy; Bermuda; the Canary Islands; Corpus Christi, Texas; Guaymas, Mexico; Kauai, Hawaii; Carnarvon, Australia; Wallops Island, Va.; Greenbelt, Maryland, and aboard two tracking ships on the Atlantic Missile Range.

The Instruction Set Architecture (ISA) and basic logic design for the 1218 came from a Computer Unit Tester developed for internal factory use. The first units were built using PC cards from the CP-642 computer. Well over 1,000 computers were delivered with this basic 18-bit ISA including the commercial 418 series. Defense computer ID numbers were the CP-789, CP-848, 1819, and AN/UYK-11. By LABenson

LIGHTER SIDE

LEMON SQUEEZER: At the bar in Washington D.C. the owner & bartender, was so sure that he was the strongest man around, that he offered a standing \$1,000 bet. The bartender would squeeze a lemon until all the juice ran into a glass, and then hand the lemon to the patron. Anyone who could squeeze two more drops of juice would win the money. Many people had tried over the years; weightlifters, longshoremen, etc., but nobody had ever been able to get a drop.

One day, this scrawny little fellow came into the bar, wearing thick glasses, and a polyester suit. He sat down, ordered a glass of draft, & started looking around the bar. After reading the sign on the wall about the lemon challenge, he said in a small voice: "I was just reading your sign, and I'd like to try the bet." After the laughter had died down, the bartender said: "Ok, ..." He grabbed a lemon and squeezed the heck out of it.....then he handed the wrinkled remains of the rind to the little fellow. The crowd's laughter turned to total silence as the man clenched his little fist around the lemon and six drops fell into the glass. As the crowd cheered, the bartender paid the guy his \$1000, and then asked the little man: "Do you mind if I ask what do you do for a living? Are you a lumberjack, a weight-lifter, or what?" The little fellow quietly replied: "I work for the IRS." Submitted by Rapp.

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THE OLD GEEZER

An old geezer, who had been a retired farmer for a long time, became very bored and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: Dr. Geezer's clinic. "Get your treatment for \$500, if not cured get back \$1,000."

Doctor "Young," who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000.

So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

This is what transpired:

Dr. Young: --- "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth." can you please help me ??

Dr. Geezer: --- "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: --- Aaagh !! -- "This is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Doctor Young: "Oh no you don't, -- that is Gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see !!!!

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so -- " Here's your \$1000 back."

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$500..."

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story -- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an old "Geezer " !!!!

A DAY OFF!

SO, you want the day off!

Let's take a moment to look at what you are asking for. There are 365 days available for work.

There are 52 weeks per year, of which you already have 2 days off each weekend, leaving 261 days left available for work.

Since you spend 16 hours each day away from work, that accounts for 170 days. There are 91 days left available for work.

You spend 30 minutes each day on breaks, that accounts for 23 days each year, leaving 68 days available for work.

You spend 1 hour a day at lunch, that accounts for another 46 days per year, leaving 22 days available for work.

You spend 2 days per year on sick leave, leaving 20 days available for work.

You take 9 holidays per year, leaving 11 days available for work. "-

You take ten days vacation each year, leaving 1 day left for work and NO WAY are you going to take that day off!

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REUNION PICNIC REGISTRATION FORM --

VIP Club members

I plan to attend (name): _____ \$5.00 per member

Spouse/friend will attend: _____ \$5.00

Non-member

I plan to attend (name): _____ \$10.00 per non-member

Spouse/friend will attend: _____ \$10.00

My email address is: _____@_____.

Non-members may include a VIP Club membership registration form and dues to get the member price, i.e. \$12 for a one year membership (2016) and the picnic.

Please mail w/check before **June 2nd** to: VIP CLUB PICNIC P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-0020

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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 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.

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. Shuttle bus parking is at the High School, Snelling and Montreal.