


## UPCOMING EVENT ITEMS

 Thanks to the vision of Millie Gignac!	September 2	10 AM - Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
	September 8	6:30 PM – Legacy poster & artifact exhibit with wine and cheese	Lawshe Memorial Museum, S St Paul
	October 7	10 AM - Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
	October 14	6:30 PM - Program w/Pie & Ice Cream	UNISYS, Roseville
	November 4	10 AM - Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan

### SEPTEMBER PROGRAM Private IT Legacy Exhibit

The Board invites our members to the Club's September social gathering. In cooperation with the Lawshe Memorial Museum staff, we are hosting a private function open only to VIP Club members, museum staff, and invited guests. On Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9 PM, we will:

- View a multitude of educational computer history posters developed by museum staff and Club volunteers as part of a recently completed Minnesota Legacy Grant; “The Birth of Minnesota’s Computer Industry – A Photo Essay,”
- Observe many of the donated hardware artifacts positioned around the great hall periphery,
- See the workstations' area where Club volunteers continue to identify and catalogue the ~20,000 media donations of the Legacy committee, and
- Enjoy cheese, wine, and light refreshments while mingling with other attendees.



We are delighted to highlight and share these results of our volunteers during the Club's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. **Please RSVP on or before August 31<sup>st</sup>** to Club Treasurer, Harvey Taipale 651-748-5083 or [hjtaipale@comcast.net](mailto:hjtaipale@comcast.net), so that we can order sufficient hors d' oeuvres and refreshments. If your spouse or significant other is attending with you, please include his or her name so that a correct nametag will be ready. Submitted by *LABenson* Page 6 has driving directions.

### OCTOBER PROGRAM Speaker, Pie, & Ice Cream

Please join us for the now traditional pumpkin pie and ice cream social on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the UNISYS, Roseville large conference room. The entertainment is yet to be determined. The next Newsletter will contain the program for the evening.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ann Thureen retired June 5<sup>th</sup>:** As the Unisys Roseville Vice President for ClearPath & Transportation Development, Engineering & Supply Chain; she was an enthusiastic supporter of the Club. We wish Ann and Jim well in their future travel and hobby activities. Perhaps they'll come to some of our future events as Club members. Charles ‘Chuck’ Lefebvre is now leading the Unisys, Roseville organization. We heard him speak at this year’s Volunteer luncheon.

**Opportunities:** Bob 'RC' Hanson, our immediate past president, is chairing the nomination committee for the Club's 2016 Board. Contact him at 651-633-4259 or [hansonrc@hotmail.com](mailto:hansonrc@hotmail.com) before October 6<sup>th</sup> to volunteer for or to nominate any other club member for the 'slate of candidates'. The November 10<sup>th</sup> election will be for four Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and President. Lowell Benson will become the 2016 immediate past president; he has now served 3-terms. <http://vipclubmn.org/About.html#Elections> recaps the election process required by section V of our constitution and detailed in our By-laws' Article IV.

**Mark your electronic device:** November 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM 2016 Board election and a speaker in Eagan;



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November 20<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM UNIHOGS/UNITURKEYS at Casper's; December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11 AM Annual UNIVAC Old Timers Reunion at the Lost Spur in Eagan; and December 10<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 PM Annual Christmas dinner/dance at the Lost Spur in Eagan. May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Roseville Good Old Days at the Mermaid.

**Newsletter Inputs:** For the October Newsletter, please send articles, recent obits, or lighter side items to Joe Schwarz before September 4<sup>th</sup>.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Life is the time space continuum of human interactions!* That is the subtitle of my career summary. When we formed the Legacy Committee a decade ago, little did I realize the resulting breadth of our continuum. In this Newsletter issue, we have Legacy articles about a 1952 ERA directory and the 1977 engineering organization. Both publications list dozens and hundreds of departmental, program, and project co-workers. Our most important current project is the Tuesday morning photo ID work at the Lawshe Memorial Museum, not obvious on paper is the camaraderie among those volunteers. Earlier this year, I joined some of them and two LMCO visitors during their lunch break at the nearby Coop sandwich shop.



Bob Pagac, Scott Schmidt, Tricia & Keith Myhre, Les Nelson, Steve Koltos, Greg Oxley, and me. One of these days I hope to catch up with Jon Simon, Clint Crosby, et al' on their Tuesdays at the museum. When you are at the September program, thank all of them. Or better yet, ask how to be a part of their continuum! Sincerely, *Lowell Benson.*

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**Open position** *Director*

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### 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 AM on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Capitol View Cafe, 637 Smith Ave. St. Paul. (photo above)

**A Second Luncheon Group** [Unisys and Burroughs] meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 11:30 AM at the Mall of America 3rd floor North Food Court. We sit at the tables between the elevator and Burger King. Contact phone is #952-854-7855.

**Another Breakfast Group** meets monthly at 9:00 AM 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 AM at the Old Country

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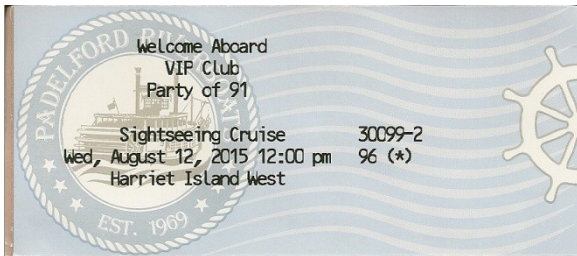
Buffet, Holly Shopping Center, located at University Ave. and Mississippi St. just north of I-694.

Coordinator phone is 651-552-1465.

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

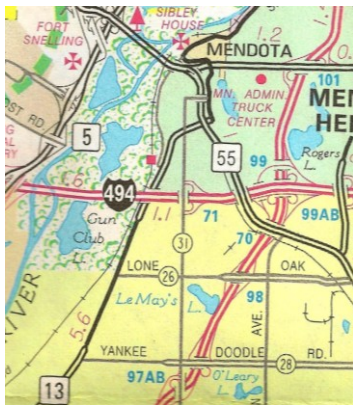
### SOCIAL ACTIVITY ITEMS

**Mississippi Cruise Summary:** As shown by this ticket stub scan, we bought 91 tickets for the cruise on 8/5 based on reservations received during July. Then we had ten late cancellations or no shows plus five late comers for a sum of 86 participants.



A special thanks to Tom Turba who brought the cruise idea to the board, made the contacts and arrangements with the Padelford Company, coordinated nametag printing, and then somehow arranged for fabulous weather. Thanks to Keith Behnke and Harvey Taipale for handling the mail, reservations, and financing. Thanks to Bill Galle and Lowell Benson for staffing the check in table at Harriet Island. Lowell also took snapshots; collages are on following pages. Along the Mississippi River, we saw the St. Paul skyline, light industry, some wildlife, several bridges, the Pool and Yacht Club, and a bunch of happy people onboard. It was delightful to have three members share the experience with their grandchildren, a few other members treated their friends! Thanks to all for coming! There is a picture collage of the cruise on page 5. Submitted by *LABenson*

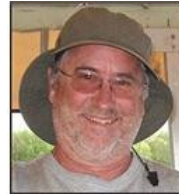
**New Events' Venue:** Because of the Ft. Snelling Officers' Club closure, we have scheduled the Annual UNIVAC Old Timers' Reunion and our Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance at the Lost Spur in Eagan. This map cutout shows the Fort Snelling area at the top left. At the bottom center is the Pilot Knob Rd (31) and Yankee Doodle Rd (28) intersection, the former plant-8 location. The



Lost Spur entrance is on Hwy 13 a bit south of I-494 and east of the Gun Club swampy area. Unfortunately, 494 does not have an exit to Hwy 13. Lowell recommends the 35E exit to Lone Oak Road, drive west to Hwy 13, then north to the entrance.

### IN REMEMBRANCE

**Degendorfer (nee Nelson), Marcine I.** - Age 95, of Edina, MN. Passed away on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Preceded in death by her husband, Glen. Glen was a security guard at Lockheed Martin.



**Metzger, Greg F.** - Age 59 of Oakdale, MN. Passed away suddenly June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. He will be remembered for his selflessness & dedication to his family. Greg was a Unisys employee and a member of the Unisys/Lockheed golf league.

**Monson, Luther D.** - Passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, at the N.C. Little Memorial Hospice, Edina on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015. He was born Dec. 31, 1927 in Fargo, ND. Luther was a 1956 graduate of Luther Seminary, and served 3 churches in Wisconsin: Navarino, Strum and Prairie Farm. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, IvaNell (Mundt) Monson who is a Lockheed Martin retiree and long time VIP Club member.



**Morstad Larry Earl** - Age 69, of Roseville, MN. Passed away June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, surrounded by family. Larry is survived by his wife, Lois. Larry worked 40 years for Lockheed Martin, as a graphic designer.



**Solheim, Edward J.** - Age 86 of Shoreview, MN. Passed away July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Ed is survived by his wife of 59 years, Una. Ed worked for Sperry/Unisys for 35 years and has been a long time VIP Club member

**Squires, Jeremiah F. "Jerry"** - Age 92, of Edina, MN. Passed away July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Preceded in death by his wife of 70 years Jane D. Squires (March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015). In 1969 he accepted a position with Sperry Univac - Defense Division - St. Paul, MN as Director of Purchasing, making computer systems for US Navy and FAA. Jerry became VP of Quality and capped his career as General Manager - Sperry Canada Operations in Ottawa, before retiring in 1987.

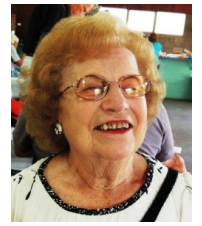


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Zieske, Lloyd - Age 89 of Stillwater, MN. Lloyd passed away Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Brookdale of Blaine Assisted Living. Lloyd was employed with the Minnesota Prison at Stillwater, Sperry-Univac, Control Data and ending with Andersen Windows

Most amazing is that LaVerle has the same street address in both directories! In 1952, Seymour Cray lived at 3714 43rd Ave S, Mpls - phone # Pa9144. Bill Norris lived on Pinehurst in St Paul - phone # De8190. Thanks for the directory Roy, it'll go to CBI at the University. *LABenson*



**NEW MEMBERS**

NONE

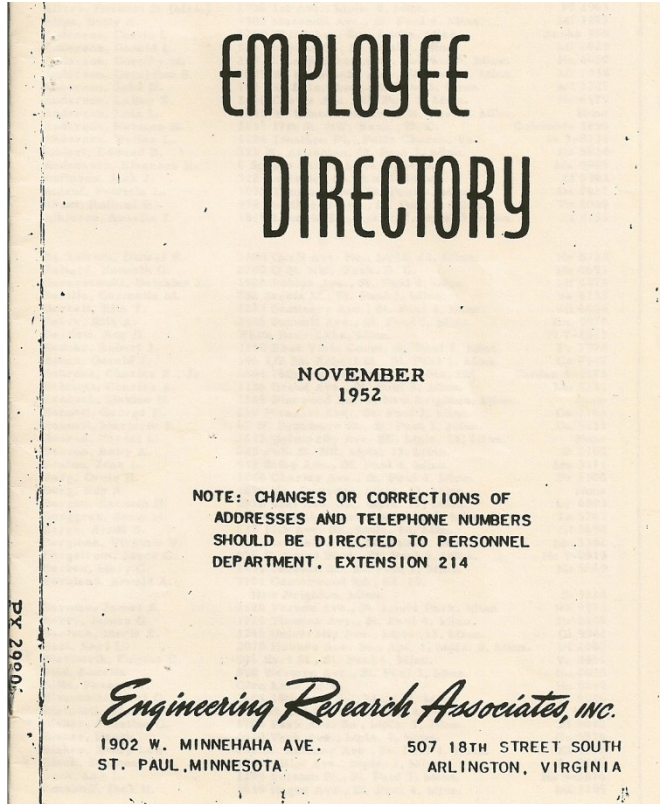
**REPORTS, LEGACY ACTIVITIES**

Web Site 'Article for the Month': For August we posted, the February 1977 Engineering Organization list of Vice President, R.A. Erickson 'Bob'. At that time, there were 512 people reporting to Bob via two directors, Hy Osofsky and Ralph Kerler.

The original list only had the staff first & middle initials, Larry Bolton diligently entered the first names that he knew into an Xcel spreadsheet. Then we distributed it to a few people in the list for whom we have email address to fill in many more. The unusual thing about this bit of history is that some engineering staff at Clearwater FL and Salt Lake UT reported to St Paul - and not to the top nor 2<sup>nd</sup> level of management. Both the indented organization chart and an alphabetized list are included in the paper.

By my count, ninety-two current VIP Club members are in this document including three 2015 board members. I would guess that about a dozen are now employed at PDA! *LABenson*.

Membership directory from 1952: Roy Hain sent us the ERA directory shown below. It has ~850 people listed at ERA's St. Paul and Washington facilities. People in both the 1952 ERA directory and our May 2015 VIP Club directory are: Curt Anderson, Jack Anfinson, Manny Block, Warren Burrell, Bill Butler, LaVerle Cocchiarella, Joseph Feely, Abe Franck, Harold Grandprey, Roy Hain, John Hartmann, Gale Jallen, Art Johnson, Richard Johnson, Tom Jones, Dick Mullins, Curt Nelson, Ed Nelson, Larry Pinska, Bill Theros, and Don Weidenbach.



**LIGHTER SIDE**

**Before Automobiles:** An early traffic control sign found at the Parker Ranch on the Big Island of Hawaii. Couldn't find a green giddy-up at the intersection.



**SEPTEMBER PROGRAM REMINDER**

Attendance at this program requires an **RSVP** to Harvey Taipale by August 31<sup>st</sup>! Contact Harvey at 651-748-5083 or [hjtaipale@comcast.net](mailto:hjtaipale@comcast.net)

Program details provided in article on page 1 of this Newsletter.

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This collage has Dennis English, James Brown, Bill Roos (dueling camera), Barney Buss, Lyle Olson, Padelford Captain, Bill Galle, Paul Lindholm, Tom Gufstason, Jan & Darrell Lynn, Sue & Dan Rogers, Roy Hain, Norb Santoski, Tom Turba, Jim Larson, Gayle & Harvey Taipale, and Bob Grueschow.

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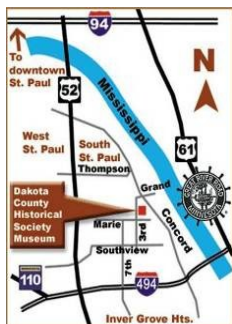
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## DIRECTIONS TO ACTIVITY VENUES

*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. Meetings are in the conference room adjacent to the lobby.

**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 blocks 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.



**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 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Turn left and drive a mile to South view Blvd, turn right at the light. After 0.3 mi, turn left onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave – the museum parking lot is then 0.2 mi on the right.

**Directions to the Lost Spur in Mendota Heights:** Set your GPS to St Paul, 2750 Sibley Memorial Hwy, or take exit #98 off I-35E onto Lone Oak Road. Go west across Pilot Knob Road and down the hill to Hwy 13. Turn right and proceed north ~ ½ miles to the Lost Spur (City View) entrance on the right.

