

## UPCOMING EVENT ITEMS



Thanks to the vision of  
 Millie Gignac!

October 7	10 AM - Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville
October 13	6:30 PM - Program w/Pie & Ice Cream	UNISYS, Roseville
November 4	10 AM - Board Meeting	UNISYS, Eagan
November 20	11 AM - Luncheon & Program	Casper's in Eagan
December 2	10 AM - Board Meeting	UNISYS, Roseville

### OCTOBER PROGRAM

#### Speaker, Pie, and Ice Cream

Please join us for the now traditional pumpkin pie and ice cream social on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM in the UNISYS, Roseville Superior conference room. The entertainment is yet to be determined.

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### NOVEMBER PROGRAM

#### Women in Computing

The VIP Club Board invites you to the Annual Unihogs/Uniturkeys' lunch gathering at Casper's in Eagan on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM.

No, the Unihogs are not a group of overeaters – They started as a group of old time Univac and spin-off company employees who traditionally got together for lunch and fellowship every year around Groundhogs Day. The Unihog/Uniturkeys' annual gatherings started several years before the VIP Club! Bob Jablonski, an early Unihog, wrote the beginning history:

- "It started as informal evening get together of **ex-employees** who had worked together in Univac Roseville who left to form COMTEN, Weismantel Associates, and Intech.
- Original meetings were at the Canadian on Rice St; we had dinner and I believe played cards in the back room. As it grew, we moved to Parrish's on West 7th, with a nightcap at Casey's for some.
- It was usually held in early February (close to Groundhog Day), hence the UNIHOG name.
- Fortunately or unfortunately, some near retirees and retirees got wind of this group and because some left

Minnesota for the winter, they eventually took control and changed the date to the Friday after Thanksgiving Day. This caused some problems for those still working who went out of town for the T' Day weekend to be with family, prompting a switch to a lunch on the Friday before Thanksgiving.

- It was renamed UNITURKEY because of the day/date change, but they also kept the UNIHOG."

This year the VIP Club is joining in the gathering.

On Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> All VIP Club members, including spouses, are invited to join the Unihog/Uniturkey lunch at **Casper's Cherokee of Eagan - Back Room**. Social hour begins at 11, lunch at 12, and the program starts at 12:45. The speaker will be Dr. Tom Misa, Director of the Charles Babbage Institute at the University of Minnesota. Tom has been a great supporter (and recipient) of the legacy archiving work done by club members, and will speak on his research into the topic of "Women in Computing." For you women who mistakenly thought this was a guy's event, here's a chance to come and hear about some of the great contributions made by the fair sex to our industry.

There are three choices on the lunch menu: Chicken Caesar Salad, Steak Sandwich, or Walleye Fingers, each with appropriate sides. Cost of the lunch is \$19 per person. Reservations can be made by November 14<sup>th</sup> by mailing a check to **Fred Vihovde – 2162 Water Lilly Lane, Eagan, MN 55122**. Indicate your menu choice(s) on the memo line.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

For your electronic device: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11 AM Annual UNIVAC Old Timers Reunion at the Lost Spur in Eagan; December 10<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 PM Annual Christmas



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dinner/dance at the Lost Spur in Eagan; and May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Roseville Good Old Days at the Mermaid.

**Newsletter Inputs:** For the November Newsletter, please send articles, recent obits, or lighter side items to Joe Schwarz before October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Opportunities to serve:** 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) to volunteer for or to nominate any other club member for the 'slate of candidates'. The November election will be for four Directors, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, and President. <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.

**Planning Ahead?** Renew your membership now for 2016, and then don't fret while snow-birding or traveling. We have provided a form on page 4.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have just started the planning for next year's VIP Club Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. This brings to mind the fact that many retired persons do volunteer their time to help others in many ways. In my discussions with other retirees, I find that there are those that do volunteer work but don't acknowledge it by submitting their volunteer hours to the VIP Club each year. I know that some feel that they don't need any special recognition for the things they do but the VIP Club would like to be able to show how much their members contribute in this way. At the last Volunteer Recognition luncheon, I talked briefly about the company volunteer activities in 1985 when we were still Sperry. We had a committee assigned to promote and coordinate volunteer activities of those who were still working full time with a significant number of participants. I would like to ask you as members of the VIP Club to take the time to keep a log of the volunteer time you spend during 2015 so that you can submit that information when we request it early next year. Let's try to increase the amount of volunteering we do and definitely increase the reporting. The new recognition luncheon arrangements we made this year turned out to be very well received and we would like more of you volunteers to join us next year. Sincerely, *Keith Behnke, vice president.*

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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.

**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

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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 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 Snapshots:** Only a few of my cruise snapshots made the newsletter collage, See all at <https://picasaweb.google.com/10981773827217522854/2/Padelford?authkey=Gv1sRgCLaW2cHIy8iNxAE>.

Submitted by *LABenson*

**Lawshe Memorial Museum Program Review:**

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, about 60 VIP Club members enjoyed an evening of appetizers, beverages, and socializing at the Lawshe Museum in South St. Paul. On permanent display were several computers and artifacts from the past and posters reflecting the museum's work to interpret the history of the early computer industry in Minnesota. Friendships were renewed, interesting facts were uncovered, and a great time was had by all. Thanks to Nick Benson for the great photo collage (page 5) of the evenings activities.

A special thanks goes to Nancy Hanson and Rebecca Snyder, the museum staff people who worked so hard to host this event. Other museum people who participated include Dakota county Historical Society board members Tom Achartz, President, Sally Anderson, Vice President, and Bernie Jansen and Millie Gignac. Also attending was former DCHS Executive Director, Chad Roberts, who was instrumental in forging the initial relationship between the museum and VIP legacy activities.

It's hard to believe, but the legacy activity started about a decade ago, and accelerated when the closure of the Eagan facility was announced. During that time, there has been an ongoing effort by volunteers to collect, catalog, and preserve historical material relating to the computing history that arose from ERA and all the successor companies. That activity continues to the present, with a regular ongoing effort to continue cataloging and digitize information sent to the Lawshe Museum.

If Club members are interested in getting involved, there are several opportunities. First, the regular work crew can use volunteers – all who have participated agree that the cataloging and digitizing effort has been very enjoyable and highly satisfying, but there is still much to be done. The group is at the museum most Tuesdays – contact Jon Simon or Keith Myhre if you would like to check it out. Secondly, it was remarked that there is not much about the Unisys commercial side of our history – and it's true. The biggest missing ingredient here is involvement of club members from that side of the business – so this is a special invitation for Unisys retirees from the Roseville centric operations to become a part of the activity.

Finally, DCHS would enjoy your support by becoming a member – the cost is nominal, membership provides some great benefits, and you will be helping to insure the future of a great partnership. Submitted by Harvey Taipale

### IN REMEMBRANCE

**Bednar, Joyce E. (Taverna)** - Age 90, of New Brighton, MN. Died peacefully at home Wednesday, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>, of cancer. Preceded in death by her husband, Robert J. Bednar, (former Unisys employee). Joyce volunteered for many years as a Unisys blood drive volunteer..

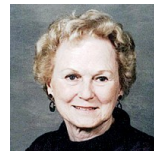


**Flom, Keith L.** - Age 85, of Edina, MN. Passed away Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 2015, after a short illness. Keith was preceded in death by Joan, his wife of 54 years. Keith worked for Unisys Corporation for over 35 years, retiring in 1995.

**Murphy, Andrea M.** - Age 69 of Alabama, formerly of Apple Valley, MN. Passed away August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Andrea was the widow of Jim Murphy who was a Lockheed employee.



**Peterson, Faye** - Age 95, passed away June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the age of 95. Throughout the 1970's and 80's Faye was head technical librarian for Sperry Univac, later Unisys. She is survived by her two sons, Brent and Brad, and her daughter, Sheri.



**Timgren, Eugene G. "Gene"** - Age 77 of Farmington, formerly of Bloomington, MN. Passed away August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Survived by loving wife of 55 years, Diane. Gene loved his family and took great joy in fishing.



Gene was an Electrical Engineer, spending most of his career with Unisys Corp

**NEW MEMBERS**

Hill, Michael	Vadnais Hts., MN
Roberts, William	Rosemount, MN

**REPORTS, LEGACY ACTIVITIES**

Web Site September 'Article for the Month': We posted 'Eighteen Bit Computers', an article inspired by emails from three 'outside of Minnesota' people:

- "We have the last remaining mainframe computer used by NASA for the Apollo Moon Missions, a UNIVAC 418-II used at Mission Control in Houston." George Keremedjiev; Director of the American Computer Museum in Bozeman, MT

- "Mid Atlantic Retro Computer Hobbyists (MARCH) are looking for info on 1219's, 1532's, and 1540's that we've rescued from Johns Hopkins APL." From Duane Craps.

- "I am an old service engineer from Univac to Unisys. I am trying to find out if there are any more physical units (418-II) in the world. Our website has some pictures, <https://datamuseet.wordpress.com>." From Anders Carlsson, Sweden

Keith Myhre provided this NASA snapshot showing two 1218s and a 418 computer with peripherals.



Thanks to Keith who scanned the picture at the Lawshe Memorial Museum and to several others who

provided 18-bit computer experience and information tidbits. On-line at <http://vipclubmn.org/Articles/EighteenBitRevB.pdf>

Formatting and editing by *LABenson*.

From Oct. '60:

Bill Galle gave us an old Management Bulletin, it is now archived at the University's Charles Babbage Institute. In so many old publications, Univac editors rarely used first names. My memory/notes are Julian Bilski, Hubert Humphrey, Wally Miner, Richard 'Dick' Yost, Leo Oxman (why was he bowing?), Donald Pennie, and P(?). Richmond. Submitted by *LABenson*



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Shown greeting Sen. Humphrey during his recent Univac visit are, l. to r.: Joseph E. Karth (Rep., 4th Dist.); J. Bilski; Sen. Humphrey; W. Miner; R. Yost; L. Oxman; D. Pennie; P. Richmond.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

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**Lawshe Memorial Museum**

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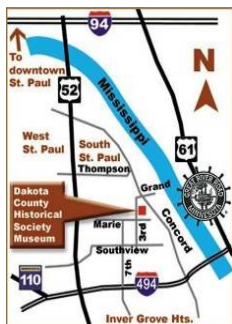
## DIRECTIONS TO ACTIVITY VENUES

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

**Directions to Casper's Cherokee Steak House in Eagan:** 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. This is the Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> UNIHOGS luncheon venue.



**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.

