VIP CLUB UPCOMING EVENT ITEMS

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Our Legacy

Erased in 1946

Unisys Today

FEBRUARY EVENT
Where the Vikings Play

Our First 2017 Event, US Bank Stadium Tour:

Want to see what a billion dollars looks like? The VIP Club has arranged for a private group tour of US Bank Stadium, the new home of the Minnesota Vikings. Our tour is scheduled for 12:00 on February 22nd, 2017. Cost is $10 per person for VIP Club members; non-member guests can tag along for $14 per person. We are required to commit to and pay for a final number in advance, so your reservation and payment need to be received by February 3rd, 2017. If you have questions, check the stadiums website for the prohibited items listing - http://www.usbankstadium.com/stadium-tours/faqs

The US Bank Stadium has quite a list of prohibited items. If you have questions, check the stadiums website for the prohibited items listing - http://www.usbankstadium.com/stadium-tours/faqs

There is no designated stadium parking area for tour groups, but there are several lots nearby. Both the Green Line and Blue Line light rail trains stop at the Stadium station on the northwest side and the skyway system connects from there to the stadium.

Tours go "snow or shine." The stadium's emergency weather policy is still TBD, so if anything happens at the last minute, we'll call your form’s phone number.

The people who have been on the stadium tour all indicate that it's an impressive place and a very enjoyable tour. So, make your reservations now to join us at 5 minutes before Noon on Wednesday, February 22nd. Submitted by Club VP, Harvey Taipale

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

2017 is a transition year for us; the Roseville Unisys operations will be moving into a wing of the Unisys Eagan building. No more evening program meetings in the Roseville plant and no more board meetings there after
Welcome to the Board: Ben Manning has volunteered to join the board for 2017 as an Officer and our Secretary. Ben’s career with our heritage companies began in England in 1969. Then in 1975, after a marketing support gig in Blue Bell, he moved to Defense Systems in St. Paul. He retired in 2006 from Lockheed Martin in Eagan. His vast array of technical contributions and project leaderships are in his mini-bio, http://vipclubmn.org/people5.html#Manning. As a retiree, his joys come from a musician avocation – ask him about lutes at an event. By Lowell Benson

Arizona VIP Directory? Some of you who live in Arizona or winter there would like to know who the other Arizona snowbirds are to arrange golf outings, coffee gatherings, or other social events. To address this need, the VIP club will create an Arizona VIP directory. It would include the names and contact information of those of you that winter in Arizona and those who live there permanently. If you would like to be included in the Arizona VIP directory, send an email subject line VIP Arizona, to gdevlaminck@comcast.net, text 651-470-8905 or call him at 651-470-8905. The directory shall be distributed electronically only to those who asked to be listed in the AZ directory. By Gish DeVlaminck

Newsletter Inputs: For the March/April 2017 newsletter issue; send articles, recent obits, or lighter side items to Joe Schwarz before February 8th. Use Joe’s email address from back page box or the Club’s US mail address at the bottom of pages 2 => 10.

Membership Renewals: THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE DISTRIBUTED TO 2016 MEMBERS! If 2016 appeared after your name on your Newsletter address, or if the subject line of your electronic delivery has list 2016 in it, your renewal form is overdue. Please use the renewal form on page 9 for 1 or 3 years.

If your age is 90 or more – just put an X on the form’s ‘Life (>89)’ and then send it without a check! Club membership is free to our retirees over the age of 90. We presently have eighteen Life members.

April Program Preview: We laud the volunteerism of our club members every April during national volunteer recognition month. The board will host a luncheon at Joseph’s in St. Paul on April 19th for members who return the survey. The agenda will be:

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

Your participation reservation is easy, just fill out and return the survey for you and your spouse’s 2016 donated hours. See page 9 for instructions and the form. Even if you can’t come to the free lunch; we’d appreciate your survey volunteerism inputs.

May Program Preview: We will meet on May 19th, 11 AM at Casper’s in Eagan along with the Syttende Mai activities. Reservation information, speaker, and driving directions will be in the next newsletter and on the club’s web site. Dick Lundgren

Web Site Updates: Here is your chance to be an editor! There is a re-construction underway to make our site easier to read with smart phones, etc. Review your favorite pages and send editorial comments to webmaster@vipclubmn.org. And if your career summary isn’t on one of the People pages; it isn’t too late to relate and add your part of our history.
Bute, Curtis J. - Age 88, of Mendota Heights, MN. He passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, November 1st, 2016. Curt is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Shirley. Curtis retired from Sperry Rand/Unisys in 1990.

Brill, Alan T. - Age 95 of St. Paul, MN. Passed away peacefully on November 3rd, 2016 surrounded by his loving family. Preceded in death by wife, Sheila. Alan was a Univac retiree.

Commander, Donna L. - Age 74 Of White Bear Lake Township, MN. Survived by her husband of 54 years, James V. Commander. Jim and Donna have been VIP Club members since he retired a decade ago as head of the UNISYS, Roseville Facility.


LaBreche, Dr. Gary P. - Age 79, of Hudson, WI. Passed away November 23rd, 2016. Preceded in death by his wife Jeanne. Gary worked at Temple Univ., the Univ. of Chicago, the North Central Health Care Center in Wausau, Wis., and Unisys in Roseville.

LaPointe, Ronald F. "Ron" - Age 80, of Eagan, MN. Passed away peacefully December 2nd, 2016. Ron is survived by his wife Suzanne. A memorial service will be planned for early 2017. Ron was a Unisys retiree and longtime member of the VIP Club.

Moran, Arthur L. - Age 81, of Webster, MN. Art passed away Wednesday, October 26th, 2016. He was as a long-time employee of Unisys, horseshoe pitcher, Model T guy, storyteller and friend to all.

Outlaw, Gary Alan - Age 84, of Apple Valley, MN. Passed away peacefully on November 24th, 2016. He is survived by his loving wife Ute. Gary was a longtime employee of Burroughs Corporation, which though a merger with Sperry-Univac, became Unisys. Gary was a long-time member of the VIP Club.

Peterson, Gary "Nick" - Age 72 of Star Prairie, WI. Died peacefully December 4th, 2016. He spent 35 years working at Sperry/Unisys.
Roth, Ronald A. - Of Eagan, MN. Passed away November 28th, 2016. Ron is survived by loving wife Carole. He served in the Air Force and then became the head of the Graphic Arts Department at Unisys. The Roth's have been long time VIP Club members.

Thompson, William "Jerry" – Age 82 of St. Paul, MN. Passed away on November 21st, 2016. Jerry was a Univac/Unisys employee for 20 years, He was lead security guard at the Roseville plant. He is survived by his wife, Kathy.

Torok, Ernest James "Jim" - Age 80, of Shoreview, MN. Passed away at home on November 8th, 2016. Survived by his wife of 38 years, Nancy Hite. Jim was a research physicist for almost thirty years at UNIVAC, which later became Unisys. He was a prolific inventor with more than 40 patents in his name. Some of our readers may remember him as the leader of the Pig’s Eye Band that played Dixieland Jazz along with UNIVACers Bob Blixt, Roy Prohofsky, et al’.

Wedger, Steven D. age 66, of Stacy; formerly of Eagan, died unexpectedly, Friday, December 16, 2016. Steve was a graduate of NDSU and a 2012 Lockheed Martin retiree. He is survived by wife Paula, they weren’t VIP Club members.

NEW MEMBERS, DECEMBER ‘16

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*Former UBBRG officer keeping in touch.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY ITEMS

Future Social Activity Dates: May 12, Roseville Good Old Days at the Mermaid in Moundsview; June 14 [tentative], Picnic at Highland Park; November 17, Unihogs/Uniturkeys at Casper’s in Eagan; December 7, Annual UNIVAC Old Timers’ Reunion at the Lost Spur in Eagan; and December 14, Annual VIP Club Christmas dinner at the Lost Spur.

Floridians Socializing with Snowbirds: LM retirees Jeff Parker, Mari Hansen, Tom Hansen, and Brian Leininger, had breakfast in November at the Bonifay Country Club located in The Villages, Florida. Kathy Parker is in the chair next to Jeff. This was the second breakfast get together for the group.

If any other Villagers or Floridians want to eat and chat with them; E-Mail Jeff at jkparker1@yahoo.com for the next date and time. Brian and Cathy Leininger are full time residents of The Villages; while the Hansens and Parkers spend summers in Minnesota.

Recap from the Unihogs/Uniturkeys luncheon on November 18: VIP Club President Keith Behnke presented the slate of directors and officers for 2017, there were no nominations from the floor so members elected the slate by acclamation. Keith also recognized activity coordinators who were in attendance.

Head Hog Fred Vihovde reviewed the Unihogs/Uniturkeys history then read several names from the listing of our colleagues who have passed away since last year’s luncheon. [see section 2, 2016 link of http://vipclubmn.org/deceased.html.]

Guest speaker! Dale Weeks, is shown here while Keith and Fred listen. The presentation topic was “Minnesota
Computer and Technology Industry History Initiative. Mr. Weeks’ vision is: “Create a dynamic and vital state-wide community resource that:

- Acts as a historical account of Minnesota’s role as a technology visionary; showcases our state’s achievements and contributions to the global economy in a single site
- Provides a learning environment for students and entrepreneurs to access our rich technology history to ignite the spark of innovation
- Supports knowledge transfer that leads to greater and more sustainable technology-driven economic development, across the technology industry in Minnesota.

Dale worked for CDC during part of his career thus has been part of Minnesota’s computer industry. Rich Daly, a former ERA employee, began a vision of a focused museum a few years ago. Mr. Weeks has picked up that effort and is leading the fund-raising efforts. Dr. Misa, Director of the Charles Babbage Institute is providing those two with access to the history documents housed at the U of MN. The Minnesota High Technology Association (MHTA) has endorsed this initiative. Submitted by LABenson.

Annual UNIVAC Old Timers’ Reunion Report:
For the first time since 2007, there were under 200 participants. We distributed ~500 reminders; 110 invitees responded “keep me on the list for next year”, 30 opted off the reminder list, and 194 had planned to attend with 82 sandwich pre-orders, delicious as usual.

Page 7 has a collage; I think that LaVerle was the only ERA employee there, shown chatting with Dick Erdrich [bottom left of collage]. A topic of conversation was Jim Spurrier’s UYK-7 license plate. Dan Chesky and Jeff Parker came from FL, Paul Kruelle from VA, Ken W. Nelson from Duluth, Ernie Lantto from Dassel, and Ralph Kerler from northern WI. Great fun by all!

Thanks to Gish and Keith for name-tag table help. Hope to C U on Dec. 7th, 2017! By LABenson

Summary of the Christmas Dinner: On December 8th, forty members enjoyed a delicious meal and conversations at the Lost Spur in Eagan. The reservations were coordinated by Bill Galle. Lynn Lindholm prepared the nametags, handled seating arrangements for the five tables of eight and coordinated with the kitchen. And, Nick Benson snapped pictures and made a collage, see page 8. Thanks to all of them for a successful event. December 14, 2017 is reserved for next year’s Christmas dinner.

From the Board: At the November Second Wednesday breakfast [see page 10, right side] Lowell was asked what the board does with the dues money. Per this chart, Club income is more than just ‘Dues paid’.

![2016 Income was $7,059.](image)

The other income includes donations at the Roseville Good Old Days and Annual Old Timers’ events, August boat ride fee, and interest on CDs. We pay for:

1) the volunteer luncheon [$776 last April], 2) a P.O. Box and web site hosting, 3) event room rent at the Mermaid and the Lost Spur, 4) The 2016 picnic fee income was $950 but the cost of food, drink, shuttle bus, shelter rent, etc. was $1,890. 5) occasional program speaker honoraria, coffee, and cookies [or pie & ice cream] 6) Club business expenses by board members such as the sympathy cards sent to families of deceased members, and 7) annual memberships at the Lawshe Memorial Museum and the Charles Babbage Institute – the two non-profit organizations that house our Legacy artifacts.

The board officers, directors, and event coordinators serve without remuneration – dedicated volunteers!

| LEGACY ACTIVITIES |

Recollection: I’m 97 and want to my renew membership. ERA was first housed in an old foundry with wood block floors. It had sky lights near the high roof. One day a sky light was broken and pigeons entered. We didn't mind until we found pigeon droppings on our drawings. We got the carpenters to build a canvas roof over our desk space. Bill Butler

A Treasure Trove: Art Charlton donated a box to the Legacy Committee. It contains the history of the employee UNIVAC/SPERRY/UNISYS Photo Club. That club was formed in February 1968 with Gary Cutter as the first President. The Club disbanded 25 years later in 1993 because of declining membership and discontinued company support.
The Photo Club had four slide competitions per year. Prints of the winning slides were then displayed regularly in Roseville, buildings 1 & 3 and in Eagan. They also had four print competitions per year with a max of four color and four B/W entries per person.

For most of their 25 years, the Club participated in the Twin City Area Council of Camera Clubs (TCACCC) that included Honeywell, 3M, Women’s Color Photo club, the Minnesota Nature Photography Club and about a dozen others in MN & WI. The Photo Club was a member of the Photographic Society of America. They met 10 times yearly, had a quarterly newsletter, and an annual winner recognition banquet.

A Treasurer Trove? There are four PHOTO ALBUM 3-ring binders containing the winning competition pictures between 1980 and 1993. There are three file pockets of papers and booklets – I’ve sorted them:

1. Papers relative to the TCACCC and duplicates of items in the other two folders
2. Photo Club papers; newsletters, flyers, and even a 1984 MAPPER membership list showed 52 members, including my own name [I didn’t remember being a member.]
3. About 20 company publications from 12/78 to 3/93 that had Photo Club articles. For example, the Nov/Dec 1989 UNISYS PROFILE wrote about an employee calendar “including selected contest entries from Eagan, St. Paul, Roseville, Clearwater, Pueblo, and Winnipeg.” Two other articles therein begin: “The Dakota County Armful of Love program needs volunteers to …” and “Don Blattie, a staff consultant in contracts, deserves kudos for his leadership and innovation in securing three significant international contracts.”

So, there is more than just beautiful pictures. The stories about people and projects in the newsletters provide snapshots in time! This history box will go to the Lawshe Memorial Museum, volunteers there will determine which, if any, items go to the Charles Babbage Institute and then how to have the others available for visitors to look at and enjoy. Thanks for the memories Art! By Lowell Benson.

Legacy Committee Rejuvenation: The committee met on December 13th, in the visitors’ conference room, of the UNISYS Eagan MACS building. Notes:

1. Andrew Fox who did much of the work on two State of MN Legacy grants is departing for a position at the Minnesota Historical Society.
2. Jon Simon leads the photo ID team on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings - Jim Hilliard works with him; the 5 workstations are not fully used thus more volunteer help is needed these days.
3. Tricia Myhre leads the photo ID team on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays - Bob Pagac, Les Nelson and Keith help these days. Greg Oxley also works with the teams on some Tuesdays.
4. Keith reported that there is yet ~3-years of ID work including about 10,000 slides to review.
5. Since January 2013, volunteer teams have catalogued approximately 20,000 photos/negatives, 4,000+ documents and 1,462 35 mm slides have been cataloged to date. These teams and others also helped Museum staff perform on two State Legacy grants.
6. Some help is needed to write grant(s) submittals to get funds for development/refinement of the poster boards drafted during the second grant.

We resolved to continue to monitor the efforts by Mr. Weeks and Mr. Daly, however will not donate any club funds to that effort. Lowell Benson. Thanks!

LIGHTER SIDE

Still laughing? A few days ago I was having some work done at my local garage. A blonde came in and asked for a seven-hundred-ten. We all looked at each other and another customer asked, 'What is a seven-hundred-ten?'

She replied, 'You know, the little piece in the middle of the engine, I have lost it and need a new one.'

She replied that she did not know exactly what it was, but this piece had always been there.

The mechanic gave her a piece of paper and a pen and asked her to draw what the piece looked like.

She drew a circle and in the middle of it wrote 710. He looked at each other and another customer asked, 'is there a 710 on this car?'

She pointed and said, 'Of course, it’s right there.' the mechanic fainted.

If you're not sure what a 710 is, look down!

They told me I was gullible, and I believed them.

We welcome reader inputs: jokes, snapshots, or whatever you want to share with former co-workers.

I just couldn't resist forwarding this one on ... One of the best blonde jokes I've seen in a while. Submitted by Marv Brown.
Old Timers' Snapshots: Just a few of the 185 attendees – email labenson@q.com if you want jpg file(s) copy.

Stadium Tour Reservation Form

VIP Club US Bank Stadium Tour - February 22, 2017, 12:00
Reserve tour spots for the following people:

__________________________________________ □ Member $10 □ Guest $14

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Payment Enclosed $________________            □ Please arrange a wheelchair.
In case of a last-minute cancellation by the Stadium, call me at ____ _____ ___________.

Mail to: VIP Club – Stadium tour, P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-0020 before Jan 30.
Christmas Dinner Pictures by Nick Benson:

People in the collage from left to right - top to bottom as recognized by LABenson.

- Geri & Hank Dotzler, Johanne & Frank King, Ruth Sanford & Dale Phelps, Harvey Taipale, and Willis & Martha Unke.
- Bob & Barb Grueschow, Rita Conrad, Dale Phelps standing between Bernie & Kathy Jansen, Judy Chicone & Al Bloomquist, and Nancy Gountas - Menning, Jim Larson, and Harvey.
- (short row) Sisters Barb & Rita, Joe Schwarz standing with event coordinators Lynn Lindholm and Bill Galle.
- Bernie walking away from the Dotzler table, Bill & Lynn giving name tag to Jack Huie, Arlo & Janice Pannkuk, Paul Lindholm, and Barbara & Jack Huie.
- Virginia Turba & Martha Unke, Marv & Mel Janisch, Joe Schwarz & Don Naaktgeboren, ditto, and Neil Leum.
- 40 people at five tables of eight and Bill giving name tag to Roger Gillette.
**Volunteerism Survey for your 2016 time:** If you and your spouse both worked at ‘the company’ and have separate emails, you may submit two survey forms. Last year only 94 of our 900+ households responded with 24,275 hours of members and spouses. We’d like to hear from more than 9% of our membership this year! Three survey response methods are:

1. E-mail your volunteer information directly to Frank King at kingx063@umn.edu. Provide the same information as requested in the “Volunteer Hours Survey Form” below including how many will be at the luncheon. **OR**
2. Go on-line to [http://vipclubmn.org/volunteer.html](http://vipclubmn.org/volunteer.html). Scroll down to the on-line survey submittal boxes section. Enter your name, e-mail address, your total hours, volunteer information per the example, and how many will be attending the luncheon. Then click on the ‘Submit Query’ button. **OR**
3. Cut out, fill out, and then mail the form below to Bernie Jansen 848 Ivy Lane Eagan, MN 55123-2425.

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**VIP CLUB Volunteer Hours Survey Form for Year 2016**

Member/Spouse Names _____________________________ Your City ___________________ State __

1. **Member plus spouse total hours volunteering during 2016 were:** ____________

2. **Recipient of most of my/our hours was:** ____________________________, (fill in one organization name.)

3. ____ will be at the luncheon. (enter 0, 1, or 2).

4. **Comments, (optional) ____________________________________________

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL or APPLICATION or CHANGE FORM**

If the address block of your Newsletter shows 2016 after your name or if the subject line of your Enews notification showed member list 2016; your VIP Club membership and newsletter subscription expired on December 31, 2016. Dues: $7.00, 1 year ___ or $18.00, 3 years ___.

Renewal ___ New ___ Member (>55) ___ or Associate (<55) ___ or Life (>89) ___ or Information Change only ___.

Name (Last, First, M.I. – or attach an address label.) _____________________________ Spouse’s Name _____________________________

Street Address or P.O. Box _____________________________ City ___________________ State ___________________ Zip Code ________________

(_____) __________ - _____________________________ E-mail address

Primary Telephone Number

Newsletter delivery default is electronic. ____ or U.S. Mail if you have no email ___.

Employer is/was UNISYS ____, Lockheed Martin ____, and/or predecessor company ____________________.

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

*not required if only changing information in our database or if renewing at age 90.

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PERIODIC SOCIAL GROUPS

Monthly Breakfast Gatherings

- **1st Thursday** at 8 AM at the Capitol View Cafe, 637 Smith Ave. St. Paul.
- **2nd Wednesday** at 9 AM in the Eagles Club, Old Hwy 8, in New Brighton. Coordinator is Marv Brown, 763-416-3903.

Monthly Lunch Gatherings

- **1st Tuesday** in Eagan at 11:00 AM - Rickey's Cafe at Stark's, 3125 Dodd Road, Eagan, MN
- **2nd Tuesday** at 11:30 AM - Mall of America 3rd floor North Food Court, we meet by the tables 'tween the elevator & Burger King. Coordinator is Paul Wennerstrom, 952-854-7855.
- **2nd Wednesday** at 11 AM at the Olive Garden, North town Village, 150 Coon Rapids Blvd NW, Coon Rapids. Coordinator is Gladys Langer, 651-552-1465.
- **2nd Saturday** of odd numbered months at 11:30 AM at the Baker's Square on 3088 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood. Coordinator phone is 651-429-5872.