FYI: Club memberships expire on December 31st. For US Mail deliveries, your expiration year is printed after your name on the address label. For electronic deliveries, the expiration year appears in the email subject line.

**MAY PROGRAMS**

**Roseville Good Old Days:** Please join us at the 12th annual gathering of UNISYS, Roseville former employees (plus some current employees) on May 4th beginning at 10:30 AM at the Mermaid in Moundsview. We have the room until 3 PM if you want to come after your lunch break.

Please send your participation intent to paul.dickson@comcast.net or call him 651-483-9934 before April 27th so that we can have your pre-printed nametag available at the check-in table. We ask for a $1 per person donation to off-set the room rental charge. Paul volunteered to take on the Coordinator responsibility after Tom Turba took care of this event for ten years. Volunteers at the check-in table are always welcome. A cash bar will be available in the meeting room. Lunches will be available upstairs from the standard menu. Legacy Storyboards borrowed from the Lawshe Memorial Museum will be displayed.

**Driving Directions:** Set your GPS unit to Moundsview, MN - 2200 CR 10. From Minneapolis, or southwest points - 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. Byline LA Benson

**Syttende Mai Luncheon:** Friday May 18th, 11:00 AM at Casper’s Cherokee of Eagan, 4625 Nicols Rd. RSVP by May 11th to Dale Torgerson (612) 597-3714 dale.o.torgerson@gmail.com, or to Dale Phelps to drphelps416@gmail.com (952) 831-7843. As usual, we will have the great buffet put on by the staff at Casper’s in the reserved back room! Pay $17 for lunch and pick up name tag at the door, cash bar available. At this year’s Syttende Mai lunch we’ll pay tribute posthumously to Richard (Ole) Olson, one of the six “pure” Norwegian founders of his fun annual event.

**MAJOR NEW PROGRAM ADDITION:** we invited His Majesty, The King of Norway, Harald V, but he understandably had other obligations. However, attending this year will be Hårek Elvenes, a Member of the Norwegian Parliament since 2005, who represents the Akershus area. He will be in town over the Syttende Mai period and is eager to attend our event. More about Representative Hårek Elvenes’ history is on-line at https://www.stortinget.no/no/Representanter-og-komiteer/Representanterne/Representantfordeling/Representant/?perid=ELV.

We all remember Ole’s perpetually proud claim of his ethnicity. Ole’s son David will be attending and will share Ole’s real heritage through DNA results. All other attendees are also invited to share their DNA results if they have them, and if not, there may be time to send in your spit and get the results back before 5/18. DNA providers are listed at the bottom of http://www.dna-testing-adviser.com/support-files/recommended-genetic-genealogy-tests.pdf. DNA surprises are usually more fun than the expected results! For example, the DNA results of this event’s two main planners/organizers are: one has North African heritage and the other Ashkenazi Jewish heritage. Submitted by R. Lundgren

**Driving Directions:** Set your GPS to Eagan MN, 4625 Nicols Road, From I-35E, 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.

**JUNE ANNUAL REUNION PICNIC**

June 13th at 3:30 PM, rain or shine at the Highland Park Pavilion. Brats, Burgers, Buns, Beer, and reconnecting with former co-workers for only $5 per Club member, note that spouses are members too! Friends of members are welcome @ $10 per head.
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PICNIC: Please pre-register before June 5 so that our planners can order enough food, print nametags, set up tables, etc. – use the form on page 6. Or go on line to http://vipclubmn.org/PicnicForm.html.

If you are willing to help with the planning, ordering, set-up, cooking, or clean-up – call John 952-358-1174 or send him an email at jwestergren@frontiernet.net.

While at the picnic, you may bring mementos to trade, i.e. project cups and/or other company labeled trinkets. And, the Legacy Committee will accept old company documents and other hardware artifacts. The Photo ID team from the Lawshe Memorial Museum will have some ‘people pictures’ for your help to identify.

And, take a moment to thank John W. and the volunteer team who make this event happen. Also, thank Frank King who annually goes to the St. Paul Parks office before 5 AM on January 2nd to reserve our June date.

Driving Directions: Set your GPS unit to St Paul, 1200 Montreal Ave. From Roseville; 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.

Parking: If the lot below the Pavilion is full, drive across the street and up the hill to the right. That lot has a bridge across Montreal Ave. to the Pavilion.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Every American History buff and sports fan is familiar with Tennessee's identity as the "Volunteer State," This nickname was adopted during the War of 1812 or the Mexican -American War ("Remember the Alamo!"), depending on which version of Tennessee's history one chooses to accept.

But when it comes to volunteering today, things have changed - Utah is the national leader in volunteering, with over 43% of the residents volunteering in some form throughout the year. Minnesota ranks second, with over 35% of our fellow state citizens volunteering. Folks over 55 in Minnesota continue to volunteer at about the state average but spend considerably more hours supporting their favorite organizations than the state average. Most popular organizations supported by volunteers are churches, educational/youth services, and community service.

The value of volunteer service in Minnesota is estimated at several billion dollars annually. This year, April 15 - 21 was designated as “National Volunteer Week” in recognition of the many contributions volunteers make to our society. The VIP Club honors volunteers every year with our Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, a free event for anyone who registers. The club keeps an informal tally on the number of members who volunteer and the hours they spend, and it's clear that we as a group are super - volunteers; the hours spent volunteering per person are far greater than the Minnesota average. It's also clear that there are quite a few folks who are a bit timid about publicly mentioning their volunteer efforts - I would estimate that only about a third of those members who do volunteer work actually report their efforts and even fewer sign up for the lunch.

Whether or not you joined us this year, on behalf of the VIP Club and all the organizations you support, I would like to echo a big THANK YOU for all work you put in over the past year and urge you to join us for lunch next year on April 10th to recognize the many contributions volunteers make to our community.

Harvey Taipale VIP Club President.

NEW MEMBERS, Feb/Mar 2018

Baron, Jeffrey J. Eden Prairie, MN

IN REMEMBRANCE

Alrick, Norman L. - Age 83, of Woodbury, MN. Preceded in death by beloved wife of 60 years, Viola. Survived by children David and Susan. Mr. Alrick worked in field service at UNIVAC/Unisys for most of his career. Norm was a long time VIP Club member and participated in many of the VIP Club activities.

Aronson, Roy E. - Age 82 of New Brighton, MN. Passed away on March 19th, 2018. Preceded in death by son, Martin. Survived by wife of 60 years, Violet and sons, Timothy (Janet) and Terrence. Roy was a longtime Unisys employee and former VIP Club member. He retired from the Roseville facility.

Bock, Verona (Hafner) - Age 93, of Burnsville, MN. She was welcomed into her heavenly home on 2/23/18 by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband Leo. Leo was a Sperry retiree and former VIP Club member.

Dalziel, Roger - Age 78, passed away March 9th, 2018. Roger’s career spanned Remington Rand Univac to Unisys. He wasn’t a VIP Club member.
Emerson, Wally - passed away in January in AZ. On May 10th there will be a visitation and service at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel from 9 - 11 AM with a gathering to follow at Atonement Church on 98th and Portland in Bloomington with a luncheon. Wally was one of the original UniHogs. After retiring in AZ, he coordinated snowbird gatherings for many years. And, he was a long-time VIP Club member.

Erickson, Gerald W. "Jerry" - Age 85, of Bloomington, MN, formerly of Richfield. Jerry is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marilyn. Jerry was a long-time employee of Unisys.

Ewald, Norbert M. - Age 95, of Minnetonka, MN. Passed away March 7th, 2018. He is survived by his beloved wife of 71 years, Ruth (nee Laas). Norb was a Professional Engineer and had a long career as an Electrical Engineer working for Sperry Univac and as a consultant. He was a quiet ‘hero’ of WWII, flew bombing raids from Egypt to the oil fields of Ploesti Romania and survived. Norb and Ruth are long-time VIP Club members.

Hain, Roy W. - Age 89, of West Saint Paul, MN. Passed away March 7th, 2018. He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Patricia. Paul retired from Unisys after a 31-year career.

Hain, Roy W. - Age 89 of West Saint Paul, MN. Passed away March 7th, 2018. Roy is preceded in death by his loving wife, Rosemary (nee Brault). Roy had a long career at Sperry Univac/Unisys and was able to enjoy an early retirement traveling with Rosemary. Roy was a long time VIP Club member.

Klette, Vernon Dale - Age 87, of Burnsville, MN. Passed away February 6th, 2018. Dale is survived by his wife, Karen. Dale attended North Dakota State where he majored in Electrical Engineering. Dale’s career spanned over sixty years, starting with ERA then NASA and finally worked at UNIVAC.

Langer, Gladys L. (Overby) - Age 89 of Inver Grove Heights. Gladys was an assembler in the printed circuit/core matrix manufacturing area at the Roseville plant. Gladys and her small group of ladies were often at the Roseville Good Old Days gathering at the Mermaid and also used to meet monthly at the Old Country Buffet in Fridley. Gladys was a long time VIP Club member.

Marousek, Richard (Rich) - Age 70, passed peacefully on March 3rd, 2018, after a one-year battle against lung cancer. In 1973 Rich moved to St. Paul and began his life long career as an Engineer at Sperry/Univac in Roseville, MN. He spent 36 years at Sperry, retiring in 2009. Rich was a long time VIP Club member.

Nicklaus, Paul A. - Age 84, of Burnsville, MN. Passed away March 31st, 2018. Paul is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Patricia. Paul retired from Unisys after a 31-year career.

Turba, Tom – Age 74 passed away on April 5th with his beloved wife, Virginia by his side. After retiring from UNISYS Roseville, Tom joined the VIP Club Board as Vice President. He then served us as President for 2009/10/12 and Past President for 2011/13/14. In 2007 he initiated the Roseville Good Old Days event then coordinated those thru 2017 even as a 2nd stroke limited his mobility.

Mr. Turba was a cold war veteran; he was graduated from the Defense Language Institute as a Spanish Linguist then worked with the Naval Intelligence Services and NSA. After developing ‘special crypto-systems’ for them; he joined Sperry/UNISYS for a 34-year career that included several software patents.

Tom and Virginia raised their sons in Roseville where Tom volunteered as a Boy Scout leader. This leadership continued for a couple of decades after their sons graduated; including the Silver Beaver award from the North Star Council and representing MN on international scouting committees. In recognition of this community service; on April 4th the VIP Club had resolved to present Tom with a Volunteer Extraordinaire award, sadly now posthumously. Tom, we will miss your wisdom! 

Shrake Jeanne Marie (Bowman) - Age 85, died peacefully on March 6th, 2018. Jeanne is survived by her loving husband Jim and their 8 children. She will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her. Jim is a Univac retiree and longtime VIP Club member.

Vogel, Marion Katherine - Age 88 of Apple Valley, MN, formerly of Eagan and St. Paul. Went to her Eternal Home on February 26th, 2018. She is preceded in death by her loving husband Bob. Bob was a long-time employee of Unisys and was a VIP Club member.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

**August Excursion:** On August 8th bus check in and boarding starts at 8:15 AM for an 8:30 departure from the North parking lot of UNISYS, Eagan. **Space is limited to 56 riders**, please use the page 7 registration form or [http://vipclubmn.org/FagenRegistrations.html](http://vipclubmn.org/FagenRegistrations.html). Excursion lunch details (buy or self-pack) will be in next month’s newsletter. **REMEMBER your camera!**

This will be a fascinating tour for those who enjoy WWII fighter planes and history items, preview on-line at [http://www.fagenfighterswwiimuseum.org/](http://www.fagenfighterswwiimuseum.org/).

One of the highlights of this museum is the re-built WWII glider originally manufactured by Northwest Aeronautical Corporation (NAC) at 1902 Minnehaha Ave. in St. Paul, a few years before ERA began.

This 2012 snapshot shows Phil Phipps, Dick Lundgren, Bernie Jansen, and Tom Turba during the reconstruction of a WWII CG-4 glider by Villaume, Inc. in Eagan. Villaume had provided many of the shaped wood parts for the gliders during WWII. **Tour coordinator is Jim Devlaminck.**


**Newsletter Inputs:** For the July/August newsletter, before June 4th send articles, obits, and lighter side to Joe Schwarz [jschwarzsr@centurylink.net](mailto:jschwarzsr@centurylink.net) or to the Club’s US mail address at the bottom of pages 2 thru 7.


**Spring Concert:** The Eagan Men’s Chorus spring concert is May 11th, 7:30 PM at the Eagan Advent United Methodist Church – submitted by Jim Andrews

LEGACY ACTIVITIES

**More Stories Needed!** Did you work at or with our organizations in Pueblo CO, Clearwater FL, Jackson MN, or at a remote field service site or a short-term marketing office away from Minnesota? Add a brief description to our IT Legacy Anthology via a message to [webmaster@vipclubmn.org](mailto:webmaster@vipclubmn.org).

**New Book:** From punch cards to the cloud is the time span of *Making IT Work*. The author, Dr. Jeffrey Yost is Interim Director of the Charles Babbage Institute at the U of MN.

Citing oral interviews and over 250 references, Dr. Yost presents the who (people & companies), what, and when of the computer Services Industry. Although the Club’s heritage companies aren’t a big part of this book, mentions are woven into the book.

Chapter 5, *Cooperating Competitors* presents the history of the Association of Data Processing Service Organizations. This includes financial survey information that shows the computer services industry as $2.3 billion in 1972. All-in-all, a most interesting read for an old hardware geek!
New Video: U of SF Adjunct Professor Mark Greenia sent us a draft FASTRAND history video asking for feedback. Half-a-dozen retired Roseville engineers responded, their information is now part of the video. Our IT anthology March 2018 article has these messages, a Fastrand summary, and video links (http://vipclubmn.org/Articles/CompHistArchProj.pdf).

Mr. Greenia leads the Computer History Archives Project that has produced 45 Information Technology videos over the last 5-years. Half a dozen of these videos that are relevant to our IT history are linked from the FASTRAND article. One of the more interesting videos is about the 1050-II systems that were used for AF logistics during the ‘Nam conflict. Those systems used the Roseville FASTRAND drums with Blue Bell built processors. History factoids: in addition to the Roseville 418, 490, and 11xx systems, Fastrand drums were also used with Blue Bell’s UNIVAC III plus a few Navy systems.

Thanks to retired UNISYS Director Paul Dickson for knowing which Roseville engineers had worked with the FASTRANDs.

Other recently noticed computer history items:
Grandfather of 8-bit machines? Watch and listen to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KojS1ezQIY
Steve Newcomer was one of the engineers who did this micro-computer application development.

A 1st Business Computer: Read about the Remington-Rand ’1951 Model 409’ created in Rowayton, CT.

By LABenson

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Volunteerism: The Club members listed hereunder responded to our 2017 survey; contributing a total of 22,561 hours to their local communities. Those listed in bold reported over 500 hours volunteering last year. An asterisk notes luncheon attendee.

Abbott, Dennis & Paula
Andrews, *James
Angelucci, Eileen & Jorgenson, Paul
Behnke, *Keith & Susan
Benson, *Lowell & Gloria
Berget, Charles & Rosemary
Berquist, Jack
Bertram, Bernard (BJ) & Patricia
Bolton, Larry & Ruth
Buck, Calvin & Jeanette
Carlson, Richard
Carter, Dave & Kathy
Doherty, Dana & Sheila
Douglass, *Allan
Enstad, *John & *Ruthe
Fasching, Herman
Fudenberg, Sam
Galle, *Bill
Gillette, *Roger
Gountanis, *Nancy (Menning)
Hagen, Gary & Karen
Hereman, *Gary & *Betty
Hoaglund, Bob & Pat
Horn, Barbara
Hove, *Paul & Sheryl
Huber, Nancy
Jordahl, Brent
King, *Frank & *Johanne
Kurata, *Eugene & *Marcia
Lewis
Lahti, Archie
Langer, *Bob & Joyce
Latwesen, Vern & Mary
Lindemann, Darrell & Barbara
Lindholm, Lynn
Metzger, Jack & Janice
Meyer, *David & Deborah
Monson, *Iva Nell
Myhre, *Keith & *Tricia
Naakgeboren, Don
Nelson, Leslie
Overocker, *Jim
Ozahowski, Sandy
Pagac, *Bob
Phelps, *Dale & Sanford, *Ruth
Scholz, Robert
Schwarz, *Joe & Nancy
Schwitters, Ronald & Jan
See, James & Myra
Simon, Andy
Simon, Jon
Spitzmueller, Woody
Strey, Walter
Suckstorff, Dale
Taiiale, *Harvey & *Gayle
Thibideau, Jerry & Lora
Thiede, Warren & Patsy
Travalent, John
Turba, Tom & Virginia
Weidenbach, *Donald
Westberg, *Boni & *Jim
Westergren, John & Patricia

Allan Douglass reported the most 2017 hours with 1,172 hours serving his church, the Boy Scouts and the Knights of Columbus. We recognize these 20* hours per week and prior years, awarding him the ‘Jansen’ Volunteer Extraordinaire certificate.

At the 4 April board meeting, we also decided to recognize Tom Turba as a Volunteer Extraordinaire – a decade of 500+ hours per year supporting the VIP Club, Legacy Committee, the Boy Scout Northwest Council, and his Roseville community.

Thanks to Harvey for emceeing the program. Although none of our invited speakers were available, we heard Mr. Douglass speak about his Boy Scout camp management. Last year’s Volunteer Extraordinaire, Don Weidenbach, Harvey, and Lowell spoke briefly about their experiences being interviewed by TPT for their Minnesota Technology History documentary.

Club President and Emcee Harvey Taipale noted that Minnesota is 2nd in the nation per capita for volunteering. The value to our communities is ~$23 per hour! (continued on page 7.)
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Numbers to call if you or your heirs have death benefit or pension questions – you will need SSN and a PIN.
Unisys 1-877-864-7972
Lockheed Martin 1-866-562-2363

LIGHTER SIDE

Travel Destinations for the eclectic:
• I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.
• I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.
• I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there; thanks to friends, family and work.
• I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.
• I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.
• Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

Ole's Farm: Government surveyors came to Ole's farm last fall and asked if they could do some surveying. Ole agreed, and Lena even served them a nice meal at noon time.

This spring, the two surveyors stopped by and told Ole, "Because you were so kind to us, we wanted to give you this bad news in person instead of by letter."

Ole replied, "What's the bad news?"
The surveyors stated, "Well, after our work here, we discovered your farm is not in Minnesota but is actually in Wisconsin!"

Ole looked at them and said, "That's the best news I have heard in a long time. I just told Lena this morning that I don't think I can take another winter in Minnesota."

REUNION PICNIC REGISTRATION FORM – June 13th

VIP Club members

I plan to attend (name): __________________ ______________________ $5.00 per member

Spouse/Significant other will attend: __________________ ______________________ $5.00

Non-members*

I plan to attend (name): __________________ ______________________ $10.00 per non-member

Spouse/Significant other of 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 (2019) and the picnic.

Please mail w/check before June 6th to: VIP CLUB PICNIC P.O. Box 131748 - Roseville, MN 55113-0020
REGISTRATION FORM - EXCURSION TO GRANITE FALLS – August 8th

VIP Club members
I plan to attend (name): ___________________ ______________________ $20.00 per member

Spouse/Significant other will attend: ___________________ ______________________ $15.00

Grandchild(ren) will attend with member: ___________________ ______________________ $15.00 each.

My email address is: ___________________@ __________________. ___ Phone No. ____________

Non-member friend of member

I plan to attend (name): ___________________ ______________________ $25.00 per non-member

Please mail with check before July 20th to: VIP CLUB Excursion P.O. Box 131748 - Roseville, MN 55113-0020

Volunteer luncheon continued: Thanks to Frank King for processing the survey returns and for coordinating the schedule and menu with Joseph’s. The VIP Club Board appreciates member participation and continuing support of your communities and our retirees’ events. Attendees pictured hereunder are Ruth Sanford & Dale Phelps, Bob Langer, Joe Schwarz, Keith Behnke, Roger Gillette, Don Weidenbach, Ruthe & John Enstad, Jim Overocker, Bob Pagac, Keith & Tricia Myhre, Johanne & Frank King, and Boni & Jim Westberg.

Sorry that I didn’t get everyone’s picture, send me an email if you’d like a .jpg file of any snapshots. LABenson
PERIODIC SOCIAL GROUPS

Monthly Breakfast Gatherings
- 1st Thursday at 8 AM at the Capitol View Cafe, 637 Smith Ave. St. Paul.

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 Baker's Square, Northtown, 221 Co. Rd. 10 NE, Blaine MN.
- 2nd Saturday of odd numbered months at 11:30 AM at the Baker's Square on 3088 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood. Coordinator is Urho Rahkola, 651-429-3319.

Quarterly Breakfast Gathering