

# VIP Club Newsletter

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<http://vipclubmn.org>

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

## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM; wine, cheese and crackers, Legacy Exhibits, and a brief presentation program at the S St Paul Lawshe Memorial Museum.

*See the top of page 5 for museum parking information.*



At 7:00 PM; U of MN researcher Elizabeth Semler will make a 'status' presentation about the Twin Cities Public Television (TPT) legacy grant developing a documentary about Minnesota's Computer History. This project was started under the leadership of Dale Weeks (former CDC employee & current DCHS trustee) and Rich Daly (former ERA employee). The project is now a collaborative venture between DCHS, TPT, the Charles Babbage Institute at the University of Minnesota, the Minnesota High Tech Association, and the Club's Legacy committee. Ms. Semler is the project's lead researcher and is a doctoral candidate at the University of Minnesota.

TPT has interviewed 20+ individuals with local computer industry experiences, over half from the VIP Club. Liz will show a few interview video clips and introduce the grant's emerging technology history web site. The TPT filming crew is invited to join us, this is an opportunity to meet them. Thanks to Keith Myhre who helped develop the story line from a UNIVAC/Sperry/UNISYS/LMCO perspective.

There is no charge for this event; but before Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, please register with a coordinator – include names of those with you so that we can pre-print name tags and buy sufficient Velveeta and Ritz crackers ☺.

Coordinators are Gish Devlaminck (651-470-8905 [membership@vipclubmn.org](mailto:membership@vipclubmn.org)) and Jim Andrews ([James.R.Andrews@comcast.net](mailto:James.R.Andrews@comcast.net) 651-451-7502.)

## OCTOBER PROGRAM

### Fall colors along the St. Croix!

Plan Wednesday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, for a St. Croix River sightseeing cruise with included lunch buffet. We will be boarding at 11:00 AM and set sail at 11:30 AM for a 2-hour cruise. We will be off the river by 2 PM, early enough to beat the Highway 36 traffic back home. The boat will depart from the dock of the St. Croix Boat and Packet Co. at 525 South Main St. Stillwater, MN. There are nearby pay parking lots and some free street parking just to the north of the Landing.



To sign up, fill out the **page 5 form** and send it with payment **before September 28<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is \$15 per member and includes an on-board lunch. Grandchildren ages 4 => 12 are \$12. There is a cash bar available for liquid refreshments. We do have to pre-pay for our group two weeks in advance thus we've set the 9/28 registration deadline. Invite your friends to cruise with us, adult non-member guests are \$25.00 per person. Details at <http://vipclubmn.org/StCroixCruise.html>; driving directions, the form, and parking information.

Remember to bring your camera, sun screen, and tourist anticipation of the beautiful Minnesota and

**UNISYS**

**LOCKHEED MARTIN**

Wisconsin rocks, shorelines, trees, bridges, and wildlife.

Harvey Taipale and Boni Westberg are Coordinators.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Believe it or not, the VIP Club actually does have a constitution, which (with our by-laws) is available on the club website. To quote from Article III:

**"GOALS:** *The CLUB shall provide an opportunity for social interaction of its members. The CLUB shall provide services and information appropriate to the interest of its members. The CLUB shall provide a mechanism for member services to the community. The CLUB shall provide a forum for information on the heritage and on-going action of the sponsoring business entities and their predecessors."*



Over the past few years, membership and participation in various club activities has been on a gradual but steady downward path. Some of this is expected: both sponsors, Lockheed and Unisys, have significantly declined in employment in the Twin Cities, leading to fewer membership candidates. Culturally, the world seems to be gravitating to a population of non-joiners.

The Board regularly discusses the question of the future of the VIP Club itself. First of all, everyone should be assured that the club is financially solvent, has a full complement of leaders, and expects to continue for the foreseeable future. However, if we are to fully meet the goals in our constitution, we may need to change some of our traditional thinking or activities.

I recall one of Earl Joseph's presentations on the science futurism. Basically, he said that a futurist's job was to project the range of possible futures and then work toward choosing and implementing the one that is best suited to the organization.

Consider this to be your challenge to imagine the future of the VIP Club. Then share your thoughts by contacting any board member with your thoughts so that our full range of futures can be considered in the ongoing life of the club. ***Harvey Taipale, VIP Club President.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations:** Dr. Jeffrey Yost is the new Director of the Charles Babbage Institute at the U of MN. Jeff is now the 3<sup>rd</sup> holder of the ERA Land Grant Chair for the History of Technology at the U of MN.

**Future Events:** November 14 – 11:00 AM, Unihogs/Uniturkeys luncheon and the VIP Club Board

2019 elections at Casper's in Eagan. Dr. Jeffrey Yost, Director of CBI, U of MN will brief us about his vision of the future of CBI. December 6 – 11 AM, Annual Old Timers' Reunion at the Lost Spur in Eagan. January 6, 2019 Holiday Party and Concert by the Eagan Men's chorus at the Lost Spur. April 10 - 11 AM, Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at Joseph's in St. Paul. May 3 – 10 AM, Roseville Good Old Days at the Mermaid in Moundsview. May 17 – 11 AM, Syttende Mai celebration at Casper's in Eagan.

**Next Newsletter:** For the November/December newsletter, before October 4<sup>th</sup> send articles, obits, and lighter side items to [jschwarzsr@centurylink.net](mailto:jschwarzsr@centurylink.net) or to the Club's US mail address at the bottom of pages 2 - 5.

**Roseville Gathering:** September 12 at 9:00 AM; stalwart retirees from the Roseville engineering and management cadre will gather for our quarterly breakfast at the New Brighton Eagles club. Send me a note before 9/7 so that I can give cooks a head count. Thanks, Marv Brown [mdrib@cable.com](mailto:mdrib@cable.com).

**Venue & time change:** The second Saturday group will now be meeting at 11:00 AM, Baker's Square, 1881 West Highway 36, Roseville. Changed from the previous White Bear site. C U there on 8 September?

**VIP Club planning:** If you have an extra 8-hours per month for volunteering and are interested in continuing the fun of our programs, contact Past President Keith Behnke to help plan an event or to join the 2019 Board and influence all the events. Keith is at (651-894-2182), [keithbhnk@comcast.net](mailto:keithbhnk@comcast.net).

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

**Fagen Museum:** The Board decided to cancel this planned August excursion because we had not received sufficient registrations to fill the 56-passenger to an 80% level. Registration checks were refunded.

**Dear Unisys Retirees:** "My dad, L. R. Peterson, was a lifetime Unisys employee. He was a working alumnus of Kwajalein, Carnarvon, Seychelles, Guam, Greenland and Hawaii. I am writing partly because I want to suggest to retirees that if they have money with Fidelity, they need to make sure they name a beneficiary. At least some of the {nightmare} story I describe could have been avoided if Dad had named a beneficiary. My Dad died in June of 2017 at the age of 86.

He was a Unisys computer engineer with a top-secret security pass. He worked for most of his life within the American first line of defense systems as a satellite tracking engineer, which involved spending long stints of time in places like Greenland. He was a patriotic

American and quite proud of the role America played in the world as a peace keeper and innovator. He, like so many men and women of his generation, believed in the land of the free and the home of the brave." {Fidelity communications stretched over a full year – excluded herein for brevity; contact webmaster if you'd like an email copy.} Australian daughter, ***Junine Keala***

### IN REMEMBRANCE

**Ackerman, Lewis Dean** - Age 85 of Rice Lake, WI. Passed away on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the Marshfield Medical Center in Marshfield, WI. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Francene of Rice Lake. Lewis worked on the UNIVAC 9400 series computers. He was not a VIP Club member.

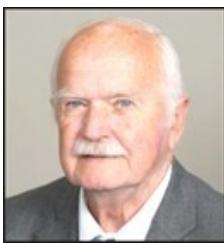


**Anderson, Russell D.**- Age 76 of New Brighton, MN. Passed away at home June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Survived by significant other, Carol and her family. Russell was a former Unisys employee.

**Block, Emanuel 'Manny'** - age 93 passed away on August 3. He is survived by Maxine, his wife of 68 years. Manny was a person of principles and integrity. His love of learning was prodigious, especially for history, Judaism, philosophy, science, music, and politics. He was an avid participant of the 'Original Geek Squad' where he related many technology stories during the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday luncheons. The Legacy Committee appreciates his many years of support; his brief career summary is on-line at <http://vipclubmn.org/People1.html#Block>. Manny; more than just the geeks and Old Timers will miss you!



**Bukkila, Charles J.** Age 88, formerly of Maple Grove, MN, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 1, 2018. He is survived by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Chuck was the holder of several patents in the area of thin film depositions. He was a leader of the Plant 1 Advanced Manufacturing department.



**Carrigan, Leo Robert 'Bob'** - Age 80, passed away on August 1, 2018. Bob is survived by his wife of 61 years, Virginia; children, many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Bob was an AF veteran and a long-time employee of Sperry/UNISYS,

Roseville.

**Carroll, Janice M.**- Age 74 of Burnsville, MN passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family. Janice is survived by her latest husband, Ken. Janice was a long time Unisys employee. (Previously known as Jan Callenius/Anderson.)



**Dudek, Paul L.** - Age 83, of Edina, MN. Passed away suddenly July 6<sup>th</sup>. Paul was born March 24, 1935 to Paul Sr. and Catherine (Kory-Chinske) Dudek in Holdingford, MN. Paul is survived by wife, Jo Anne of 59 years.

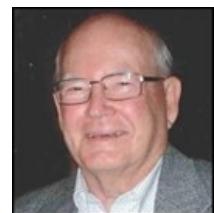
In 1965 Paul joined Sperry Rand Corp. and retired from Unisys corporation.



**Horihan, Joseph Raymond** - Age 84 Of St. Paul, MN. Passed away peacefully on June 18<sup>th</sup>. After studying at St. Thomas University, he had a long career as a computer engineer at Boeing and Unisys. Joe was known for his great sense of humor, his life stories and his love of music.



**LaBeau, Mary Jane** - Age 85 of Bloomington, MN. Passed away July 11<sup>th</sup>. Preceded in death by husband, Arthur Jr. She was a volunteer at St. Bonaventure and a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. She was an Administrator in plant 8 for Program Management and engineering departments. Mary Jane was a former VIP Club member.



**McManus, William "Bill"** - Age 80 of Pine City, MN. Bill is survived by his wife Denise. Bill was a avid golfer, woodworker, and pilot. Bill retired from Unisys after 35 years of service.



**Rowland, Chester Jr.** - Age 93 of Cheyenne passed away January 18<sup>th</sup>, at Davis Hospice center. Chet served in the U.S. Navy and Naval reserve. He was a Univac employee in the 50's and 60's working on the Nike Zeus memory systems. Chet is survived by his sisters Doris, Barbara and Patricia.

**Schmugge, Reverend Karl** - Age 97, formerly of St. Paul, MN. Fred passed away on Friday, July 6th. He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years, Doris. Fred had many vocations in life: from engineering work at Honeywell and Univac to pastoral ministries in the Missouri and Evangelical Lutheran Synods.



**Woller, Patricia "Pat"** - Age 71 of Roseville, MN. Passed away June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Pat was a 40 plus year employee of Unisys.

### LEGACY ACTIVITIES

**How is your memory?** Can you identify the application of these 1958 UNIVAC printed circuit boards? Mark Greenia sent us the snapshots and needs your ID help.



These are 4.5" x 6", with ~33 pin connectors. The P/Numbers at the left are most likely Assembly Part Numbers, stamped at the right are manufactured dates, i.e. 58 0401. What is the center 495-... number?



From the transistor count, the bottom left board looks like 12 Resistor-Transistor Logic flip-flops. The top right looks like pulse transformer circuits, either

memory interface or Input/Output circuits. There are three more photos, send me a note if you can help.

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### Retirement Status and Benefits:

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

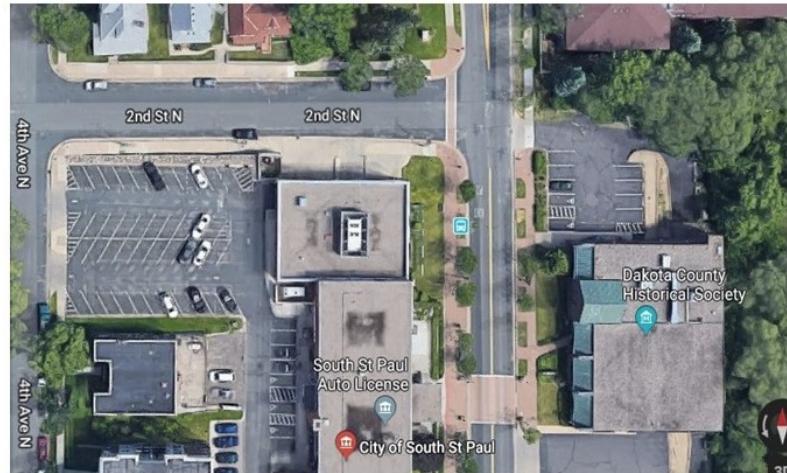
### LIGHTER SIDE

#### Just smile or ponder awhile!

- A flashlight is a carrying case for dead batteries.
- All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.
- How can there be self-help "groups"?
- I had amnesia once - or twice.
- I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.
- I'd give my right arm to be ambidextrous.
- Is it my imagination, or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?
- Is it possible to be totally partial?
- Is Marx's tomb a communist plot?
- Is there another word for synonym?
- It's not an optical illusion. It just looks like one.

**Lawshe Museum parking;** – The museum is located at 130 3rd Ave N, South St. Paul, MN as illustrated at the right of this overhead photo. **Handicapped sticker** only parking in the right top lot please. All others, if you do not have any mobility issues; please park behind the City Hall, left center of this photo.

Reserve the bottom right lot for museum staff, the event servers, and the guest speaker. Thanks! *The VIP Club Board*



## CRUISE REGISTRATION FORM – for Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>

### VIP Club member(s)

I plan to attend (name): \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 per member

Spouse/Sig. other will attend (name): \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 .

\_\_\_ Grandchildren will attend \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00 each.

### Non-members or adult friends\*

I plan to attend (name): \_\_\_\_\_ --- \$25.00

Spouse/sig other will attend (name): \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00

My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ .

\*Non-members can get the \$15 cruise price by including a VIP Club membership registration form with a \$20 check; good for membership through 2019 and the cruise. You do not have to be retired to join the VIP Club.

Please mail w/check before September 28<sup>th</sup> to: VIP CLUB CRUISE P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-0020



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### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL or CHANGE FORM

Please mark an X in the appropriate info/option boxes. Submittal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues:  \$7.00 1-year, or  \$ 18.00 3-years, or  free if age 90 or older.

Renewal,  New Member ( $\geq 55$ ),  Associate member ( $< 55$ ),  Life ( $> 89$ ), or  Information Change.

Name (Last, First, M.I. – or attach an address label.)

Spouse's Name

Street Address or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip Code

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Telephone Number

E-mail address

Newsletter delivery default is  electronic or select  U.S. Mail if you have no email address.

Employer is/was  UNISYS,  Lockheed Martin, and/or  predecessor company \_\_\_\_\_.

Include me in the Club's Directory?  Yes or  No. DIRECTORY is only available to Members and Associates!

**MAIL FORM WITH CHECK\* TO:** VIP Club, Membership P.O. Box 131748 Roseville, MN 55113-0020

\*not required if only changing information in our database or if renewing at age 90<sup>+</sup>.

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### **PERIODIC SOCIAL GROUPS**

#### Monthly Breakfast Gatherings

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 8 AM at the Capitol View Cafe, 637 Smith Ave. St. Paul.

#### Monthly Lunch Gatherings

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in Eagan at 11:00 AM - Rickey's Café at Stark's, 3125 Dodd Road, Eagan, MN
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 11:30 AM - Mall of America 3<sup>rd</sup> floor North Food Court, we meet by the tables 'tween the elevator & Burger King. Coordinator is Paul Wennerstrom, 952-854-7855.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 11 AM at Baker's Square, Northtown, 221 Co. Rd. 10 NE, Blaine MN.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of odd numbered months at 11:00 AM, Baker's Square, 1881 West Highway 36, Roseville. Coordinator is Urho Rahkola, 651-429-3319.

#### Quarterly Breakfast Gathering

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 9 AM in the Eagles Club, Old Hwy 8, in New Brighton. Sept., Dec., Mar., & June. Coordinator Marv Brown, 763-416-3903