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UPCOMING EVENTS

Lawshe Memorial Museum Reopening

After being closed from December 24, 2021 for remodeling of the research library and the exhibit areas, the Lawshe Memorial Museum is reopening January 21, 2023. A component of the Dakota County Historical Society, the museum has been a partner for the last 10 years in helping to preserve the technological history of ERA and its Minnesota successors, exhibiting various artifacts and hosting the ongoing document cataloging effort.

The museum will be hosting various member and public events the next couple of months to celebrate the reopening and the VIP Club is joining in the party by hosting a reception for VIP Club members at the museum on March 7, 2023. Watch for the Evite, check out the website and plan to **join us to see the updated museum space on the 7th of March at 2:30 p.m.**

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Mark your Calendar for **April 19, 2023!**

April is National Volunteer Month; in keeping with a long-standing tradition, the VIP Club will recognize volunteers with a FREE lunch at Joseph's Grill, 140 Wabasha Street South, Saint Paul, MN 55107. All VIP Club members (spouses are members too) who volunteered for any non-profit organization in 2022 are welcome. Save April 19, 2023 on your calendar and watch for the reservation form on the website or respond to the evite when it arrives at the end of February. Registration has been simplified—no listing of volunteer hours is required, but we need people to sign up so we can give an accurate headcount to Joseph's.

See all you Volunteers on April 19th! *Coordinator: Harvey Taipale*

VIP Club Scheduled Board Meetings: February 1, April 5, June 7. We're scheduled to meet in person at the Eagan Wescott Library. Club members may sit in if

curious about club business. Contact the president 2 days prior for access.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hail and Farewell!

As a result of our recent election, there have been some changes to the VIP Club Board. We welcome President Steve Koltes and Vice President Jim Andrews – both previous board members and both stepping up to provide board leadership in 2023. The board had an open director slot after the elections, and Mary Shutt agreed to serve then was appointed to fill the open position. Thanks to continuing VIP Club Board members Keith Behnke, Gish Devlaminck, Paul Hove, Dick Lundgren and Boni Westberg for once again agreeing to serve. Finally, a very big “Thank You” to retiring board member Arnie Schmidt for his service to the club. Arnie is another long-time employee who was motivated to serve his fellow retirees. Thank you also to retiring board associate, Lynn Lindholm. For more years than I can remember, Lynn has been sending cards to the families of our deceased members.

I will still be on the board as past president, a position specified in our Bylaws, http://vipclubmn.org/Documents/VIP_Club_Bylaws3Aug2011.pdf.

While I am saying thanks, I would be greatly remiss if I did not also give a big “Thank You” to our newsletter editor, Mary Beth Ruhland. For most of you, the newsletter is your main contact with the VIP Club, and for the past couple of years, Mary Beth has used her outstanding professional skills to deliver a high-quality publication to all of you. If there were an award for excellence in retiree publications, she would get one.

Thinking back over my past few years on the board, I have to admit my strongest feeling is one of being honored. I worked at Univac (that's the name I really associate with the Twin Cities operations) for many



years, and I got to know quite a few people. Among y'all, I met some of the toughest, smartest, shrewdest, wisest, friendliest, strongest and most compassionate people I have ever run across, and I do feel totally honored to have had the opportunity to help keep the connections between all those people going into retirement.

Speaking of those connections, you have some upcoming opportunities to keep them going—a get-together at the remodeled Lawshe Museum in March and the Volunteer Luncheon in April. Watch for the invite or check the website for details.

Finally, this is my opportunity to do one last reminder; we still need your career summaries. A bit of background: about 17 years ago, when Dick (Ole) Olson started the project to document our history, we had a meeting with the then Director of the Charles Babbage Institute, Dr. Arthur Norberg. CBI is the national resource charged with documenting the history of computing, based at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Misa replaced Dr. Norberg and was impressed with the quantity of historical artifacts available (all of which ended up at CBI or the Lawshe Museum), but also indicated that personal histories were vital to capturing a total historical picture of the Twin Cities operations. He estimated that at least 200-300 inputs would be necessary to form the basis of an accurate history. The ones we have are on the VIP Club website, but, as anyone can count, we are not there yet. Fellow retirees—none of us are getting any younger! We all have some great memories and insights into our careers. Now is the time to get them on paper to help preserve the story of this rather remarkable history of technology. I personally know there are lots of important stories that have not yet been put to paper. Those from the old Roseville operations are particularly missing. Let's get with it, folks.

Harvey Taipale, VIP Club President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Sylvester J. Fernandez, St. Paul, MN
- Jon C. Mackereth, Lake Elmo, MN

LEGACY TIDBITS

Legacy Milestone:

We have posted the January 2023 [Our Story](#), a status update of Telling the Story. At the Legacy Committee's [first meeting](#) in January of 2006, we resolved to tell the then-to-fore untold story of Engineering Research Associates, "flipping the switch to start Minnesota's computer Industry."

The <http://vipclubmn.org/OurStories.html> chapter now has 200+ stories. We have 200+ career summaries posted and listed in <http://vipclubmn.org/People.html#bios>. Chapters 11 through 22 have those career summaries

and lists of article contributors. These story authors as well as contributors to legacy chapters are listed in <http://vipclubmn.org/PeopleIndx.html#Writers>.

Our Corporate Name History is at <http://vipclubmn.org/lmcolegacy.html#Names> while our General Managers are listed in <http://vipclubmn.org/lmcolegacy.html#Mgrs>. A Legacy initiative byproduct is the VIP Club's history, <http://vipclubmn.org/history.html> and [social activity history](#). This 200th item catalogues Our Stories with their authors plus a Lawshe Memorial Museum overview. *Are we done telling the story yet? Almost!*

What Is Missing?

A sign outside a chapel: 'C H _ _ C H'
What's missing? *U R!*

Occasionally a little levity gives one pause to think of a retort or another story. For our Legacy Anthology chapters, we need stories about the Clearwater, FL and about the Pueblo, CO facilities. Both were started to support St. Paul operations with lower employment wages and lower state business taxes. Pueblo was specifically developed for Air Force computers' manufacturing. Clearwater was an expansion of a Sperry facility to produce Navy shipboard products. Do you have any stories about those two facilities or their people? Please send them to us; we do have website spaces ready for your information.

Thanks, LABenson.

Hidden Kudo:

The Vintage Technology Association <http://www.decadecounter.com/vta/> posted the following on December 2, 2017: "For nearly 10 years, we have been attempting to research the history of the so-called Western Electric SAGE hybrid logic ICs, part number series GF401xx and 112946xx. Although the Smithsonian had long ago published an anecdote which claims these devices are from the "processor of the SAGE system," this statement never really matched the reality of the AN/FSQ-7 Central Computer System, a tremendously large tube-based machine built by IBM. After years of dead-end research and much speculation, the true origin of these devices has finally been discovered. They are discrete logic Integrated Circuit Packages (ICPs) developed for the experimental Bell/UNIVAC DPS-1 and DPS-2 defense computers. The DPS-1 and DPS-2 were incredibly powerful real-time multiprocessor supercomputers used to guide the operations of the Nike-X and Sentinel anti-ballistic missile systems. The article for these devices has been rewritten accordingly. We would like to give **special thanks to retired UNIVAC component engineer Larry Bolton** for his assistance in this research effort."

Tricia Tribute:

On April 10, 2019, the VIP Club awarded the sixth Volunteer Extraordinaire certificate honoring Patricia Myhre's five-plus years of Photo ID work at the Lawshe Memorial Museum and other volunteerism (<http://vipclubmn.org/Documents/VolunteerAward6.pdf>), delivered posthumously to husband Keith Myhre, at the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.

She also was a female computer pioneer during the era of "that's a man's job." **Extracted from Keith's Minnesota Historical Society interview:** "She was a math major from Creighton University. She graduated from St. Margaret's high school in Hopkins. Benilde-St. Margaret's today, had a name change, and she graduated in '76. The job market was even worse than when I graduated [sic. 1972]. She only had one job offer and that was with Sperry UNIVAC. She got into the side of testing software. Eventually got into testing entire systems, including... she got involved for 20 years in the P-3C anti-submarine warfare aircraft, ASW aircraft. Four engine turboprops, built by Lockheed, commercially was sold as an Electra. She did some traveling to Norway and some other places as well, but mostly domestic travel. She was the only woman to be flight qualified to fly on a P-3 for the testing on that program. Flight testing was out of Patuxent River Maryland Naval Test Center.



Tricia Myhre onboard US Navy P-3C Orion AIP (Anti-Surface Warfare Improvement Program) Aircraft - 1997

Ryan Barland: Were there a lot of women that worked at UNIVAC? Or was she somewhat unusual in that respect?

Keith Myhre: Well, on the technical side, quite uncommon. You had a lot of people working there, as you remember, but we were a P&L center, profit and loss, basically operating as an independent company. You had to run your own balance sheets. You had your own full set of accounting, payroll, all of that was done

in Eagan. Many of those, more administrative jobs I mean, a lot of women in that. On the technical side in terms of actual engineers, I'm not sure I can name one when I was working there. Programmers started being some women, so Tricia was on the cutting edge on that type of thing. In fact, this was about five, six years ago, Tom Misa, who at the time was heading up the Charles Babbage Institute at the University of Minnesota, CBI, he'd gotten funding to do a study of why aren't there more women in computing. He had gotten a grant and one of the people he interviewed was Tricia. Her audio interview and transcription are online at CBI's website, if for any reason you would be interested in that. It was a different time, a different world back then."

Tricia Myhre exiting US Navy P-3C Orion AIP (Anti-Surface Warfare Improvement Program)



Tricia, thank you for serving the retirees club and thank you for serving the world by pioneering women in computing. Her career details are part of our legacy, <http://vipclubmn.org/People5.html#PatMyhre>. We indeed were blessed to have had you in our lives, amen! Keith's MHS interview transcript is our February 2023 story, <http://vipclubmn.org/Articles/KeithMyhreOralInterview.pdf>.

By LABenson

IN REMEMBRANCE OF:

The obits hereunder are redacted from funeral home postings or Pioneer Press, Star Tribune, or applicable local listings.

The VIP Club board extends its sympathies to the families and friends of those who have lost loved ones.

We will grieve not, rather find strength in what remains behind.

~William Wordsworth~

Karen Marie Buendiger – Age 78 of Shoreview, MN died on November 20, 2022 surrounded by family after a courageous battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, UNIVAC employee David, a former VIP Club member, two children and three grandchildren.

Theodore N. Carlson – Age 97 of St. Paul, MN died on August 1, 2022. Theodore, a VIP Club member, retired from Sperry UNIVAC and was a lifetime member of Roseville VFW Post #7555. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Doris (nee Lindquist), two children, two grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Peter James “Jim” Carr – Age 78 of St. Paul, MN passed away peacefully on April 7, 2022. Jim earned an engineering degree from the University of Minnesota and spent his career at UNIVAC and Guidant. He and his wife of 51 years, Deborah, enjoyed travel to Hawaii and Amsterdam; in retirement, Jim built a house near Cumberland, WI. Jim was quiet but well-liked. Jim is survived by Deborah and two children.



Clinton John Haggerty – Age 94, of St. Paul Park, MN passed away peacefully at home on December 29, 2022. Clinton, a former VIP Club member, was preceded in death by his wife, Freda Eileen. He will be missed by his 3 children, 13 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 1 on the way, nieces, nephews and other family and friends.



Dennis Andrew Harren – Age 83, of Bloomington, MN passed away April 26, 2022 surrounded by family following a six-month battle with cancer. Dennis completed a degree in accounting at the University of North Dakota. He was an accomplished athlete, a sub-3-hour marathon runner, an avid cross-country skier and bicycle rider. His drive to stay fit and to keep moving remained steady throughout his life. He was an employee/executive at Sperry UNIVAC surviving numerous corporate changes for over 30 years. He was competitive, set high standards, was reliable, consistent and was supportive of his coworkers. In retirement, Dennis and his wife, Mary Ann, enjoyed traveling, canoeing, camping and spending time with their children and grandchildren. Dennis was focused, hardworking, honest and supported



a wide variety of causes and nonprofit organizations. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary Ann, two daughters, and five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many other friends and family.

Leroy “Roy” Jernigan Jr. – Age 86, of Fort Worth, TX passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by love and support on August 30, 2022. Roy served in the United States Air Force specializing in electronics. After leaving the Air Force he instructed enlisted men in the use of Radar systems. Roy went on to work for 36 years at Sperry/Unisys, then Lockheed Martin. He was honored to observe UNIVAC, the first commercially produced computer system and contribute to the creation of the Northrop B-2 Spirit (Stealth). After retiring from Sperry, Roy joined Century 21 real-estate before permanently retiring. While living in Minnesota, Roy met and married his first wife, Carole, and they had seven children together. Roy relocated to Pueblo, CO in 1985, where he lived with Pamela (Robert Goldie) White and daughter Laura. Roy grew to appreciate the grace in his life, which then brought Roy to “one of the best things that ever happened to him,” his future wife, Terry. Terry and Roy married in 1996 and combined families with her four children. In 2016, Terry and Roy relocated to Dallas/Fort Worth, TX, where they continued to enjoy their retirement community together playing cards, dancing and golfing. Roy always had a smile, a joke or funny story to share; he was an avid fisher and golfer, sharing his hobbies on many trips to Minnesota with his children, grandchildren and his friends with whom he spent 30 years fishing at Elbow Lake. Roy was proud of his surviving 7 children, 18 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren, and relished each moment he was able to spend with them.



Harold (Hal) R. Lebo – Company security guard, passed away November 22, 2021. Services will be held in Spring 2022. A full obituary will be posted at that time. <https://www.muellerbies.com/haroldlebo>

Thomas J. “Tom” Lyke – Age 81, of New Brighton, MN died at his home on March 28, 2022. Tom obtained his AA from the University of Minnesota, spent 4 years in the U.S. Navy and retired from Unisys after a 30+ year career. He was an avid bowler and golfer. He is survived by his wife Connie (White) of 55 years, three children, five grandchildren, one great-grandson and other relatives and friends.



Douglas “Rufus” Phelps – Age 70 of Eagan, MN passed away September 1, 2022. Before COVID, Rufus, a former VIP Club member, could be seen on a regular basis by former employees at Eagan’s Wescott Library.

Rufus is survived by a sister, a niece and nephew and other dear friends and family.

Bruce Charles Posthumus – Age 66 of Rosemount,



MN passed away May 7, 2022 at his home. Bruce received a Technical Degree from the U.S. Air Force and worked as an Avionic Communication Specialist and Radio Repairman. After his military service, he began working as an Engineering Technical Specialist at Paramax – a Unisys Company, which later became Lockheed Martin. While working with the company he worked alongside the U.S. Postal Service as well as the U.S. Military. He retired from the company when the plant in Eagan, MN closed in 2013. Bruce received his Private Pilot Certification in 2001; he was working on his Certified Flight Instructor Certificate before he passed away. Bruce worked multiple security jobs in the metro, and as a tax preparer for H&R Block for a short time. He also worked at the St. Paul downtown airport, and then found enjoyment joining the Civil Air Patrol and working at the FBO Lakeville. He also liked to attend and speak at Toastmasters meetings. Bruce was an excellent troubleshooter and was usually found fixing or tinkering with something. He liked working on clocks, engines and electronics the most. He also enjoyed flying his model airplanes and drones, camping, fishing, golfing, hunting, sunbathing and visiting with his father. He liked his cars (especially his Pontiacs), and was passionate about flying. Bruce will be remembered by his two daughters, two grandchildren and other family.

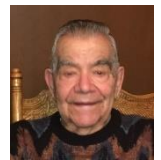
John ‘Jack’ Rolfs – Age 87, the blip of light on John’s radar screen has gone out. He lost his long battle with cancer at home on December 8, 2022. Jack earned a degree in electrical engineering from Iowa State University which quickly positioned him to become an early pioneer in the field of computer science. He worked at UNIVAC his entire career, and once retired joined the VIP Club. He met and married Suzanne Wymore at Iowa State, with whom he lived in harmony for 65 years. They raised their four children with an emphasis on family and lake life, building a cabin legacy for future generations. He was always supporting his children’s endeavors by sharing his wisdom, lending a tool, or opening his wallet. An early snowmobile enthusiast, he owned more snowmobiles in his lifetime than most men own shoes. He loved snowmobiling with friends and family and grooming trails for the Snodeos club. Jack was very involved in the Upper South Long Lake Improvement Association, serving as president and in other capacities for many years. A computer guru and audiophile, his tech savviness was driven by his



enthusiasm for data and orderliness. Jack had spreadsheets for everything. His willingness to share his knowledge and problem-solving skills with others made him many life-long friends. He enjoyed jazz music, grilling, the Iditarod, old cars, weather, Oktoberfest beers, bloody Mary’s and Maid Rites. Jack is deeply missed by his wife, Sue, three children, and three grandchildren, and is preceded in death by a son and other family. The family is planning a Celebration of Life in the spring which may involve grilled meats and coolers of beer.

Rose Marie Stevens – Age 89, of New Brighton, MN, passed away on October 3, 2022. Rose married Daryl Stevens, when home from the Army. After his discharge, they moved to Minneapolis where Rose started working at Northwestern National Life Insurance Company while Daryl started school at the U of MN. Daryl later took a job with UNIVAC/Unisys. As their family was growing up, they took many summer trips, the highlight being a trip to Washington, DC where they attended one of the Watergate hearings in person. When Rose and Daryl retired, they continued to travel, then purchased a park model trailer in Mesa, AZ spending 16 winters there before selling it. They took trips to North Carolina, Nashville, and Boston/New England and Europe; they celebrated their 60th anniversary with a cruise to Alaska, and they went to Hawaii for the weddings of two of their grandchildren. Rose loved to work with children, spending nine years as a teacher’s aide. Rose is survived by her husband of 69 years, Daryl, three sons, four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

George Temple – Age 89, of Eagan, MN, passed away December 9, 2022. George is survived by his wife of 61 years, Marlie, three daughters, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and other family.



Vernon Harvey Voth – Age 84, passed away on December 15, 2022 with his wife and daughter at his side after a 26-month battle against cancer. After marrying, Vern and Alice moved to Minneapolis where Vern completed his master’s degree, began teaching math, they started a family and he began his 37-year career at Unisys. That career choice became an adventure as the family moved to Iowa, and the couple to Tennessee, New Mexico, New Zealand, Australia, and Sweden. After retiring they moved to Arizona, where Vern had a 15-year “career” golfing five days a week, even in the Arizona summers. Vern is survived by his wife of 61 years, Alice (Thiessen), his daughter, his three grandchildren and other family, and was predeceased by a daughter and other family.



Richard J. Wagner – Age 92, of West St. Paul, MN passed away peacefully on December 22, 2022 surrounded by family. Dick proudly served in the U.S. Army, was a longtime employee of UNIVAC and was a VIP Club member.



He had many hobbies and interests and was active in the church and community. He especially enjoyed electronics, woodworking and participating in holiday lighting contests. Dick is survived by his devoted wife of 68 years, Betty, 5 children and 10 grandchildren.

Holiday Party

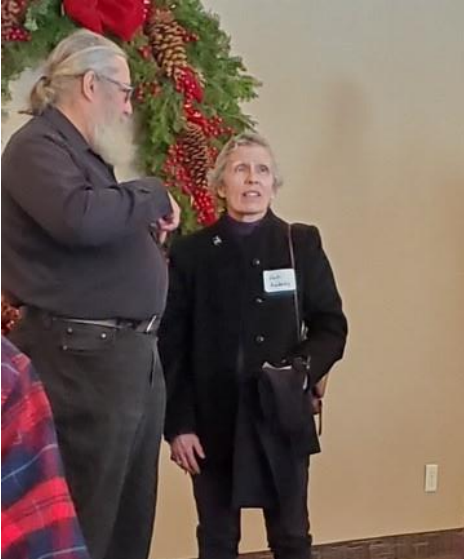
The VIP Club celebrated the New Year on January 8th with a 1:00 p.m. **Holiday Dinner Party** at the Lost Spur Event Center. Forty-four people enjoyed the spacious venue. It began with a cocktail hour where people greeted each other and reminisced about the “good old days” while the Vikings were beating up on the Bears. The staff at Lost Spur did a great job waiting on us! We were served salad and bread, then a delicious sirloin, salmon or walleye dinner of our choosing followed by a tasty dessert. All this for \$15 per person (the Club treasury subsidized the ‘real’ cost). After dinner, the Eagan Men’s Chorus entertained us with a program of holiday music, extending the Christmas season and bringing in the New Year. The only disappointment was that more people didn’t take part in the celebration. Next year we hope to see You there!

Jim Andrews

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Monthly Breakfast Gathering

- **1st Thursday**, 8 a.m. – **Capitol View Cafe**, 637 Smith Ave., **St. Paul**

Monthly Lunch Gatherings

- **1st Tuesday**, 11:00 a.m. – **Casper's Cherokee of Eagan**, 4625 Nicols Rd. **Keith Behnke**: 651-587-2591.
- **2nd Tuesday**, 11:30 a.m. – **Mall of America** 3rd floor North Food Court between the elevator & Burger King. **Paul Wennerstrom**: 952-854-7855.
- **2nd Saturday** of odd-numbered months, 11 a.m. – Baker's Square, 1881 West Hwy 36, **Roseville**. **Urho Rahkola**: 651-429-3319. **Temporarily Suspended**

Quarterly Breakfast Gathering

- **2nd Wednesday**, 9 a.m. in Mar., June, Sept., & Dec. – Eagles Club, 563 Old Hwy 8 in **New Brighton**. **Paul Dickson**: 651-482-9934. **Temporarily Suspended**

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