



ATTENTION!

Old Timers' Reunion

is now scheduled for **November 2**
at the **Lost Spur Golf and Event Center!**

Watch the website and your e-mail/evites for details as they become available.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Roseville Good Old Days **September 14,**



1:00-4:00 p.m. Formerly a May event, RGOD is transitioning! First, to late summer; the spring event prevented many of the 'snowbirds' from attending and often conflicted with fishing openers. Then, the location is back where it all started: the **Rosetown American Legion Post** at 700 County Road C West in Roseville. The Legion hall can accommodate up to 200 people, with overflow to the patio; however, they are not currently staffed to serve lunch. To accommodate parking, only available for 100 vehicles, carpooling is encouraged—perhaps meet at a Roseville area restaurant for a work-group lunch and carpool from there. Finally, there is a new RGOD leadership team keeping this event alive! *Dave Kleba, Troy Townsend and Mark Sikorski* have agreed to manage the event this year and going forward, with assistance from *Melanie Wolbeck, Bill Rohde, Keith Schreifels and Dave Wilhelm*. Watch the website and your e-mail/evites for details.

Happy Hour **Time and place TBD.** Watch the website and your e-mail/evites for details as they become available.

Old Timers' Reunion **November 2** at the Lost Spur Golf and Event Center. This event is moved from December to November, hoping to encourage better attendance, including some winter snowbirds. Again, watch the website and your e-mail/evites for details as they become available. *Paul Hove and Steve Koltas are coordinating.*

Holiday Party **January 8, 2024, 1:00-4:00 p.m.** Club members will enjoy a delicious sit-down dinner, entertained by the Eagan Men's

Chorus. Save the date! More to come from Coordinators *Jim Andrews and Boni Westberg*.

VIP Club Scheduled Board Meetings: August 2, October 4 and December 6. 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 two days prior for access.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I recently had a very dear friend of mine pass away unexpectedly. It was a gal that I have been singing with at church for the past 22 years. She was a wonderful lady. I can still hear her beautiful voice in my memories, and it makes me smile.



Memories are important to us; that is a big part of what our VIP Club is about, whether it be reliving old or generating new. Our get-togethers are also a big part of that. We currently average five gatherings a year, with the most popular being the Annual Reunion Picnic in the summer, followed closely by the Old Timers' Reunion in the winter. Both saw attendance of 125 to 150 members last year. With many of our members becoming snowbirds or vacationing during some of these events, we would like to change some of our other gatherings to be more inclusive in nature, to give us all more opportunities to get together.

One is the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and the other is the Roseville Good Old Days. Both have become very limited in scope and the membership attendance has diminished.

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon – We all volunteer in some way, whether for organizations or babysitting our grandkids or great-grandkids. It should just be another venue for us to gather for brunch, a drink and good times. We can call it our Spring Brunch.



Roseville Good Old Days – We would like to reenergize this gathering and make it another chance to get together. With the limited attendance, this gathering cannot continue to be viable. It would be great to transition it to a more-inclusive fall gathering—maybe an Octoberfest-type get-together.

We would like to hear from you all about the following proposal for our gatherings moving forward.

Five Recurring Gatherings:

- **January** ♦ Holiday Party → Dinner and entertainment
- **April** ♦ Spring Brunch → A breakfast/lunch buffet
- **June** ♦ Annual Reunion Picnic → Continue as-is
- **September** ♦ Fall Octoberfest → Happy hour-type activity
- **November** ♦ Old Timers’ Reunion → Moved to November, otherwise, continue as-is, including Election of VIP Club officers.

Other gatherings like Syttende Mai or the Lawshe Memorial Museum Open House will be included in the VIP Club calendar and advertised as they are planned. The goal is to provide more opportunities for participation by all VIP Club members.

Please send your comments with your approval, questions or concerns, as well as any event ideas you may have, to board@vipclubmn.org.

Steve Koltas, VIP Club President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Michael & Lois Doll, Rosemount, MN
- John Miller, Shoreview, MN
- Garry Reetz, Eagan, MN
- Karen & Bob Schams, Burnsville, MN

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Syttende Mai The **May 19** celebration at Casper’s Cherokee of Eagan had people waiting to get in when the doors opened. The buffet served Norwegian (similar to Swedish) meatballs, salmon, BBQ ribs and chicken with salad, green beans, cheesy potatoes and dessert. A cash bar was also available.

The program began with palace greetings from Eivind Heiberg, the Honorary Consul General for Norway in the Twin Cities, who is always pleased to be included in our event. The Norwegian embassy is in Washington, D.C., and there are 36 Honorary Consulates around the United States that can assist with certain consular matters. Honorary Consul Eivind Heiberg has his office in the Norway House building.

Next was guest speaker Joe Grødahl, Director of Operations & Programs at Norway House (norwayhouse.org). Joe showed slides and reviewed events of the past year, including the visit of Queen Sonja, completion of the Norway House expansion and

installation of a sculpture in front of the main entrance. During Queen Sonja’s visit, she met with Governor Walz, toured Norway House, then made stops at St. Olaf College in Northfield and the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church, called Mindekirken, in downtown Minneapolis. Check out the event pictures here, and more in the VIP Club Photo [Gallery](#).



Dale Torgerson and Joe Grødahl by the screen, Eivind Heiberg (right) and Dick Lundgren observing



The back room at Casper’s Cherokee of Eagan

ERA Plaque Unveiling On **June 15** a commemorative plaque recognizing the importance of Engineering Research Associates (ERA) and spinoff companies to the local economy and the world was unveiled at the original ERA site by the Ramsey County Historical Society (RCHS). The plaque theme is “*ERA and spinoffs’ technologies came to rival agriculture and mining as a leading industry in the state.*” “*From this plant, an enormous contribution was made to human welfare throughout the world, and the benefits to the local economy are almost beyond measure.*”

The event emcee was Donald Hall, author of *Generation of Wealth: The Rise of Control Data and How It Inspired an Era of Innovation and Investment in the Upper Midwest*. Speaking for the VIP Club, Lowell Benson noted a few significant time points of the ERA through Unisys corporate lineage, including the club’s participation in a documentary and volunteerism at the Lawshe Memorial Museum. Our Legacy Anthology has data about the historic Minnehaha Ave. building that

was ERA Plant 1, then UNIVAC/Unisys Plant 2; browse to: <https://vipclubmn.org/Locations.html>. Other speakers were from the RCHS, ERA/Sperry Rand, Control Data Corporation (CDC), Cray Research, and Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc./St. Jude Medical, Inc. See more details in [ERA History Talk](#), the July Article for the Month, see event pictures later in the newsletter and browse through more in the VIP Club Photo [Gallery \(vipclubmn.org\)](#).

Annual Reunion Picnic On **June 21**, 127 retirees and guests gathered at Eagan Central Park Pavilion for our annual picnic, sponsored by the VIP Club and free to all members. With a noon start and beautiful, but hot, weather, the ice-cold beer, pop and water were in demand. Thanks (again!!) to John Westergren for organizing a wonderful meal of brats and burgers with salads, chips and desserts, with support from club board members and others. President Steve Koltes served as chief chef with assistance from Bob Pagac and Jim Andrews. A good time was had by all, with lots of conversation, sharing of memories and updates on current events.

From John: “Thanks to everyone who came and hopefully enjoyed the renewal of friendships, food and beverages. A special thank-you to those who pitched in and helped with setup, registering, name tags, grilling, serving and cleanup; events like this can’t happen without great volunteers like you! If anyone has any feedback on something you want to see different, changes to the food and drink menu (or keep the same),

etc., please take the time while it is fresh in your memory to let us know. Just send your comments to: Jwestergren48@gmail.com. See you next year!”

Check out the pictures later in this newsletter, and more in the VIP Club Photo [Gallery \(vipclubmn.org\)](#).

If you have photos to share from any event or individual group gatherings, send them to clubnewsltr@vipclubmn.org and we'll add them to the [Gallery](#) on the website.

IN THE NEWS, etc.

Check out these links to recent stories in the news. This first link is an RCHS press release announcing the June 15 plaque unveiling:

- [Celebration & Plaque Unveiling: Honoring WWII Codebreakers and the Founding of ERA](#)

The following three stories were published prior to the June 15 plaque unveiling and share details about ERA:

- [WWII Codebreakers Spurred Technology Growth in Twin Cities \(tcbmag.com\)](#)
- [WWII Codebreakers Helped Launch Computer Industry in St. Paul \(Pioneer Press\)](#)
- [How a Tech Industry Bloomed in the Twin Cities \(Star Tribune\)](#)

This article speaks of bringing Lockheed Martin back to the Twin Cities:

- [Lockheed Martin Chooses St. Paul for a Business Expansion \(tcbmag.com\)](#)

We also received the **Letter to the Editor** shown below.

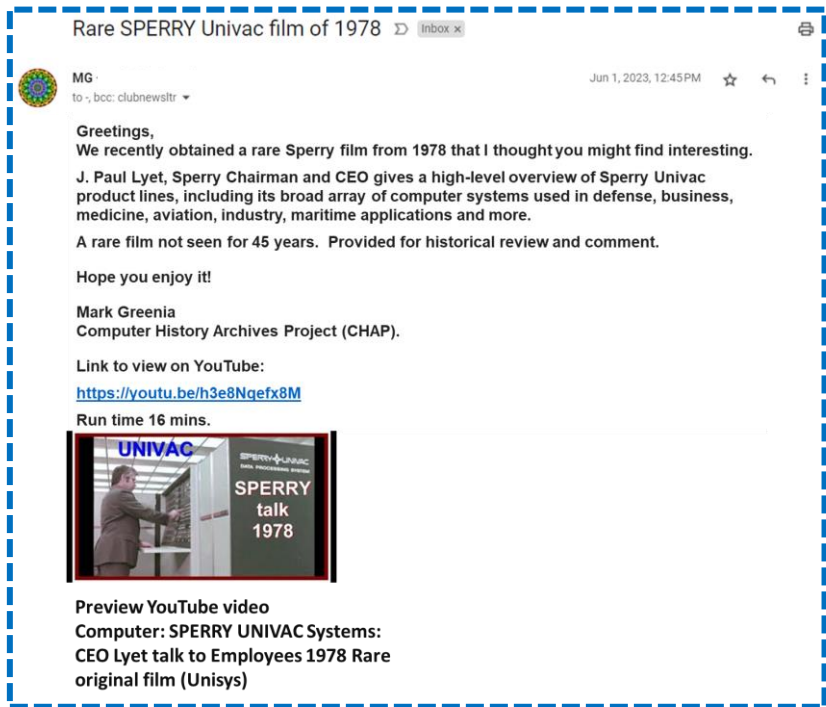
From **Mark Greenia** of the Computer History Archives Project (CHAP), referencing a rare film not seen for 45 years: (<https://youtu.be/h3e8Nqefx8M>)



The film description states that in 1978, “J. Paul Lyet, Sperry Chairman & CEO, gives a high-level overview of Sperry UNIVAC products and computer systems used in defense, business, medicine, aviation, agriculture industry, maritime applications and more.”

CHAP is:

- An independent educational research project dedicated to the research and preservation of vintage computing technologies and related electronics tech.
- Educational and documentary style computer history videos, and vintage computer company histories (IBM, UNIVAC, RCA, Burroughs, Sperry, etc.).
- Vintage technical and scientific presentations, for discussion, comment and historical interest.



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.

“Those we love don’t go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed, and very dear.”
 ~Alex MacLean, [Grave Situation](#)

Richard “Dick” Gene Arten – Age 77, of Burnsville, MN, passed away unexpectedly on May 23, 2023. Dick worked primarily in Unisys Eagan commercial operations, but was a frequent visitor to Roseville. He retired after 37 years and was a VIP Club member. Coworkers remember Dick as the anchor to their Unisys golf league team. Dick is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Bev, two stepchildren, two grandchildren and other family and friends.



Thomas Waldo “Tom” Bentrup – Age 75, passed away on April 30, 2023. Tom was a respected electrical engineer and mentor to many during his career at Lockheed Martin. He also served on many church boards. Bonding with family was a priority for Tom. He loved hosting family gatherings and dinners, and enjoyed spending time with family at their northern Minnesota lake cabin. Tom played softball and basketball for years, and he and his crew enjoyed Boundary Waters canoe trips. Golfing was a retirement priority as was cheering loudly for college sports, especially the Minnesota Golden Gophers and NDSU Bison Herd. Tom is preceded in death by his wife, Judy, and is survived by siblings, in-laws, and nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.



Richard “Rick” Carlson – Age 65, died on May 20, 2023, after living with prostate cancer for over seven years. Rick graduated with a bachelor of science in math and physics from Butler University, and a master’s in statistics from the University of Illinois. Rick worked in the Unisys Roseville Quality group; he was an industrial statistician at Unisys, Northwest Airlines, HealthPartners and Medica, retiring in 2013. He was also an adjunct instructor of both statistics and decision sciences at Metro State University for over 20 years. Playing the trombone was a passion for Rick; he played with the Seward Concert Band for 33 years, playing his last concert just two months before he died. He was involved in a variety of volunteer activities, including Minnesota History Day, community meals, the National



Park Service, Twin Cities Illini Club and AARP. Rick loved sports—he was a franchise-long fan and a 33-year season ticket holder for the Timberwolves, a lifelong fan of the Chicago Cubs, and he rooted for the Twins, the Loons and all University of Illinois teams. Rick and his wife, Vicki Sausser, enjoyed biking, hiking, snowshoeing, swing dancing, theater and music. They also loved to travel, both domestically and internationally. They visited many national parks, and every Minnesota state park. After being diagnosed with cancer in 2016, Rick adopted the Carpe Diem philosophy, making the most of every day he had left with as much joy and activity as possible. This included increased traveling, despite COVID. Rick is survived by the love of his life, wife Vicki, and other family.

Michael Wayne Goddard – Age 76, of Towamencin, PA, passed away on May 12, 2023, surrounded by his immediate family. Mike earned his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Michigan State University. He worked as an engineering manager at Unisys Roseville until his transfer to Tredyffrin, PA, in the early 90s where he worked until his retirement. Mike loved canoeing and backpacking in northern Minnesota, and adored camping with his family, putting his children to work setting up the tent and collecting firewood. He was the beloved husband of his college sweetheart, Carol Joyce (Anthony) Goddard, and delighted her with several years of ballroom dancing lessons and happy times on bike trails. He enjoyed golfing with friends, trying to outwit bridge opponents, and was an avid reader and world traveler. Mike is survived by his wife, Carol, two children, four grandchildren and other family. Mike’s family shared the video put together from old photos and mementos: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/amtjpyker3k1g5e/MikeGoddardMemorial.mp4?dl=0>.



Bruce Terry Grewenow – Age 85, of Rio Verde, AZ (formerly Burnsville, MN), died in his sleep on April 22, 2023, after battling Parkinson’s Disease. Bruce proudly joined the U.S. Marine Corps, was honorably discharged with a sergeant’s rank and graduated from the U of MN with a degree in electrical engineering. One week later he married the love of his life, Sharon Moyer. He enjoyed an illustrious career, first with Unisys and later Lockheed Martin, and contributed several items to the Legacy Anthology. His work provided him with opportunities to travel the world where there wasn’t a food he wouldn’t try nor a country to which he wouldn’t travel. Once retired, Bruce was a proud Unisys retiree/VIP Club member who

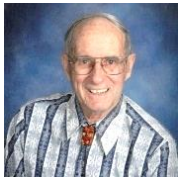


followed the VIP Club website and regularly attended the picnics. He and Sharon took memorable bike trips around the world. He loved big band music, his annual fishing trip with his daughter and the mountain views from his Rio Verde patio, surrounded by family. He had a loyal, gentle and kind spirit; one of the nicest guys one would ever meet. Parkinson's is not for the fainthearted, but Bruce accepted it without complaint, even saying he was "awesome" on the worst of days. Bruce is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Sheri, two children and two granddaughters, and other relatives and good friends.

David Leon Hines – Age 79, passed away on May 8, 2023, in St. Paul, MN. David was proud to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps; he performed electrical work and airplane services during the Vietnam War. David earned a bachelor's degree in computer science at Metro State University, and was a computer programmer for Sperry (later Unisys) for 31 years before retiring in 2006. David and his dedicated wife of 49 years, Sheila (Mauer) Hines, built a beautiful home full of simple, lovely, fun moments that will be cherished for a lifetime. David was a leader, teacher, mentor, guide, comedian and friend who made learning about and experiencing the world a good time. He continued teaching those valuable life lessons (and all that fun!) to his grandkids. David loved the outdoors and was happiest when fishing and hunting; he could find beauty in any space. He is survived by his wife, Sheila, two children, three grandchildren and other family.

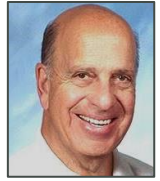


Marvin E. Janisch – Age 92, of Ellsworth, WI, died on May 12, 2023. Marvin was drafted into the U.S. Military during the Korean War. He served in the U.S. Army in the 101st Airborne, training in Fort Breckenridge, KY. After training, he and his twin brother, Melvern, served abroad in Germany, in a former SS camp called Concern, with the Vermont National Guard. While stationed in Europe, Marvin developed a love for travel, and he and Melvern experienced Europe on their available leaves. Once discharged from the Army, he became an electronic technician for Engineering Research Associates (ERA), later Sperry Rand. He worked there for 35 years, retiring early at 55, giving him and his brother the opportunity to pursue their love of travel, along with hunting and fishing. They visited 64 countries and took 28 trips to Alaska to fish and hunt. Marvin and his two brothers owned and operated a maple syrup business for over 30 years. He was also a VIP Club member, and active in the American Legion,



where he and Melvern organized the annual fish fries. Marvin is survived by his twin brother and other family.

Jack Kadrie – Age 93, of Champlin, MN, went to his heavenly home on April 5, 2023. Jack worked in Unisys Roseville Manufacturing for many years and was the Engineering interface to Manufacturing for everything from Program Evaluation and Review Technique (PERT) input, to representing Manufacturing in program reviews, and resolving engineering and manufacturing problems that arose. He was a loving husband, father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather. Jack was preceded in death by a daughter and a grandson, and is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Iris, 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and many other family and friends.



Alan S. Karoff – Age 77, of Stillwater, MN, passed away peacefully on April 25, 2023. Alan served for six years in the U.S. Navy as a radio operator aboard the USS Samuel B. Roberts (DD-823). During his deployments, the destroyer was part of the first Nuclear Powered



Task Force and participated in the Vietnam War. Alan spent his career in the technology industry, working for 25 years at Unisys, followed by 25 years at Cray Research which was acquired by Silicon Graphics International (SGI). While at SGI, he was asked to step in as interim CEO during the Hewlett Packard Enterprises (HPE) acquisition, a role he readily accepted. Alan's family was most important to him; creating centerpieces through his woodworking skills and care provided each child with a lasting memory delivered by his hands. Alan found fishing, golfing and hunting a time to relax and bond with family and friends. He was delighted by the holidays; Halloween was the most fun, decorating his porch for trick-or-treaters. Alan will remain in the hearts of his beloved wife of 55 years, Melanie (Hirdler), 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 1 great-granddaughter and other family and friends.

Richard F. Klatt – Age 79, claimed his heavenly inheritance on April 30, 2023, after living with Lewy Body Dementia and Parkinson's disease. Dick attended the U of MN and later enlisted in the Marine Corp Reserves. He had a 36-year career at Unisys Eagan commercial operations as a project manager and, after retirement, spent time creating kitchen designs at Home Depot. He was a VIP Club member. He also spent time with friends building model trains. Dick loved attending his grandkids' sporting events and concerts, and never missed a chance to help with anything they needed. He loved sailboats



and being near the water, whether at the Jersey Shore in the summer with his wife of 53 years, Patte, at the family cabin, on a trip to the North Shore or traveling to upstate New York. He found interest and peace in nature, including birding trips with his siblings. He leaves behind his wife, Patte, four children, five grandchildren and other family and friends.

Archie Edwin Lahti – Age 92, of Little Canada, formerly Fridley, MN, passed away on May 6, 2023, after suffering much grief from the recent passing of his beloved wife, Vivian. Once Archie graduated from high school, he worked in the iron ore mines near Virginia, MN, and helped his parents on the farm. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, assigned to the Signal Corps, then graduated from RCA Institutes in New York City. Archie was employed by UNIVAC/Unisys, was a VIP Club member and is the inventor and co-inventor on nine United States patents. Archie met Vivian on a blind date. They were 60-year Fridley residents, having survived the May 1965 tornadoes when their house was totally destroyed and rebuilt. Archie was an avid fisherman and deer hunter, enjoying yearly hunting trips with his sons and other family and friends at his childhood farm, and trips to Wyoming with buddies. He instilled the love of camping and the outdoors in his family on trips throughout Minnesota and the western United States and Canada. He was an accomplished woodworker/carpenter, having built the family cabin with his sons after taking early retirement. Archie was a longtime active member of the Fridley American Legion Post 303. He also enjoyed studying history, reading, cross-country skiing and traveling. Archie was preceded in death by his wife, Vivian, and is survived by four children, nine grandchildren, five+ great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.



Bruce “Mac” James McClellan – Age 80, passed away peacefully on May 29, 2023, after dealing with health issues the past three years. Mac served in the U.S. Navy (aviation), on active duty until 1969. In 1980 he re-enlisted in the Navy Reserves and was a Senior Chief Petty Officer upon retirement. His work at Unisys was as a computer project manager. Eventually he and his wife, Judi, moved from Minnesota to Texas, where he was dedicated to the Victoria Palms Resort Woodshop, ultimately renamed “Mac’s Woodshop,” responsible for the administration and day-to-day operation. Mac loved to travel in his Coachmen RV, was involved with the Coachmen Camping Club as district rep/ambassador and traveled all over the United States meeting fellow RV’ers. Mac left behind his wife, Judi,



two sons, two step-children, 13 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and other family.

Steven Ellery Olson – Age 80, of Shakopee, MN, passed away peacefully on April 26, 2023. Steve enlisted in the U.S. Navy serving 8 years, and an additional 20 years in the Navy Reserves. He graduated from Mankato State with a degree in mathematics and physics, and received his MBA from the University of St. Thomas. Steve worked for Lockheed Martin as a technical instructor for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) systems, and at one time was a VIP Club member. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, cooking, bird watching, yearly vacations with the family and nature walks. Steven is preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn, and is survived by two daughters, five grandchildren, a great-grandson and other family and friends.



Walt Pogwizd – Heaven gained an Angel when Walt passed away unexpectedly on May 27, 2023. Walt was a good friend to many at Unisys Roseville and in the field. He loved spoiling his grandchildren and grand-pups and was always there when needed. His obituary has not been published, pending the scheduling of his memorial service at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Walter “Scott” W. Strey – Age 95, of Balsam Lake, WI, passed away on April 23, 2023. Walter volunteered with the U.S. Navy, serving as Signalman-Gunner during World War II. After his military service, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a rail car mail clerk. He also worked at Unisys and was a VIP Club member. His career switched to the Hudson Police Department and then to St. Croix County Sheriff’s Department from where he retired. Walter enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, camping and winters in southern states. Walter volunteered at the Osceola St. Croix Valley Railway Museum teaching and demonstrating how to grab the mailbag. He was also an active member of VFW Clear Lake Post 5828, on the Honor Guard team. Walter is survived by three children and four grandchildren.



Norvel Edwin “Ernie” Swallie – Age 83, of Las Vegas, NV, passed away on April 7, 2023. Ernie’s love of flight inspired him to join the U.S. Air Force at age 17, working on aircraft avionics and as an Air Force target drone pilot. While stationed in Hawaii, he received his private pilot rating, instrument rating, multi-engine rating and flight instructor rating. After the Air Force, Ernie continued in aircraft avionics in the civil service at Hill Field in Ogden, UT. In 1963, Ernie was recruited by Sperry



UNIVAC where he worked as a field engineer on Navy computer systems. He married kindred spirit Anne Roney, and they began adventuring together; his career took them around the globe. After 26 years with the company, Ernie retired as the West Coast Director of Sperry UNIVAC/Unisys in San Diego, CA. After retirement, he and Anne went on to own and operate hair styling salons, computer network training and internet businesses in California, Washington and Nevada, in addition to a successful second career as a day trader. His love of exploration and photography ensured his life read like a travelog with pleasure trips in Asia, Europe and North and South America. Once settled in Las Vegas, Ernie took to the skies again, purchasing a light-sport aircraft and operating a thriving flight school. In his last years, he spent nearly every day at the hangar and in the air, taking up flight students until the very end. Ernie is survived by his wife, Anne Swallie, a daughter, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and other family.

Richard Walter Teskey – Age 91, of Oakdale, MN, passed away on April 26, 2023. Richard attended Bethany College, enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as an electronics technician, ET3, aboard the USS St. Paul, attended Bob Jones University, and then enrolled at and graduated from the University of Iowa with a bachelor's and master's in business administration. He worked at Ford Motor Company, Warner Electric Brake, Sperry UNIVAC, Cardiac Pacemakers, Physical Electronics, and Trane, and then was self-employed as a manufacturer's representative. He enjoyed volunteering for many years with Kiwanis and Key Club, and was an active church member where he served as an Elder. Dick loved sports, playing cribbage and scrabble, and spending time at the lake cabin. Richard was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Kielsmeier, to whom he was married for 61 years, and is survived by three children, eight grandchildren and other family.



Linguistic Humor, The English Lesson ~ An Ode to English Plurals

We'll begin with box, and the plural is boxes;
But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes.

Then one fowl is goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.

You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

The cow in the plural may be cows or kine,
But the plural of vow is vows, not vine.

I speak of my foot and show you my feet,
If I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth, and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

If the singular is this and the plural is these,
Why shouldn't the plural of kiss be named kesse?

Then one may be that, and three may be those,
Yet the plural of hat would never be hose;

We speak of a brother, and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren.

The masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine she, shis, and shim!

So our English, I think, you all will agree,
Is the craziest language you ever did see.

I take it you already know
Of tough and bough and cough and dough?

Others may stumble, but not you,
On hiccough, thorough, slough, and through?

Well done! And now you wish, perhaps
To learn of less familiar traps?

Beware of heard, a dreadful word,
That looks like beard and sounds like bird.

And dead; it's said like bed, not bead;
For goodness sake, don't call it deed!

Watch out for meat and great and threat;
They rhyme with suite and straight and debt.

A moth is not a moth in mother,
Nor both in bother, broth in brother.

And here is not a match for there,
Or dear and fear for bear and pear.

And then there's dose and rose and lose,
Just look them up, and goose and choose.

And cork and work and card and ward,
And font and front and word and sword.

And do and go, then thwart and cart.
Come, come, I've hardly made a start.

A dreadful language? Why, man alive,
I'd learned to talk it when I was five,

And yet to write it, the more I tried,
I hadn't learned it at fifty-five!

Origin in question; a different version attributed to Eugenie A. Nidia

ERA Plaque Unveiling ♦ June 15, 2023



Plaque Unveiled by Chad Roberts, Jay Pfaender (Local Historian), and Don Hall



Don Hall, Author of *Generation of Wealth – the Rise of CDC*



Chad Roberts, President of the Ramsey County Historical Society



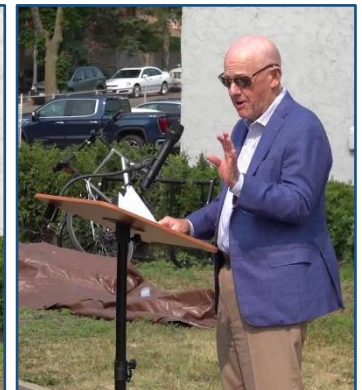
Lowell Benson, Unisys Retiree ♦ ERA & Heritage Companies Historian



Dean Laurance ♦ ERA/Sperry Rand Plant Engineer Experience



James McGuire for Norbert Berg, Control Data Corp ♦ Memories of Bill Norris



John Rollwagen, Cray Research ♦ Memories of Seymour Cray



Manny Willafana, Cardiac Pacemakers, Inc./St. Jude Medical, Inc./Med Tech Industry



Lowell Benson, Unisys Retiree & VIP Club Historian; Captain Don Leichtweis



Chuck Lefebvre, Unisys VP of Product Management; Ron Voight, Unisys Engineering Director

“The plaque memorializes the ERA story, serving as reminder of Minnesota’s place as an early founder of the region’s high-tech economy while also underscoring the importance of entrepreneurs to our community.”

Chad Roberts, President and CEO of RCHS

ERA Plaque Unveiling ♦ June 15, 2023



L to R: Ernie Lantto, UNIVAC/Unisys Retiree; Harvey Taipale, VIP Club Past President; Dick Lundgren, VIP Club Director



Keith Myhre, UNIVAC & Lawshe Museum Exhibit Support



Bob Pagac, UNIVAC & Lawshe Museum Photo ID Support; Les Nelson, UNIVAC & Lawshe Museum Support



Jim Andrews, VIP Club Vice President; Steve Koltes, VIP Club President; Les Flugum, Sperry UNIVAC



Lowell Benson, Unisys Retiree & VIP Club Historian



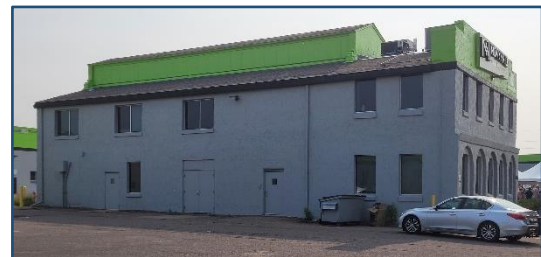
Mary Beth Ruhland, VIP Club Newsletter Chief Editor & spouse, John Ruhland; in background: Dale Weeks, Former DCHS President



Harvey Taipale, VIP Club Past President; Captain Don Leichtweis



← ERA Facility, West Side



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Annual Reunion Picnic ♦ June 21, 2023



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PERIODIC SOCIAL GROUPS

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 Rakkola**: 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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