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Calendar of Events

December 9, 2010 - Paul Vallalay will discuss medical insurance changes for 2011. January 13, 2011 - Sue Walla will give her annual Income Tax talk. February is open

March 10, 2011 - Bob Bloss will be the speaker. Bob is a retired Sports Writer.



<u>President' s</u> <u>Message</u>

Many items of interest to write about this time of year, so let's get with it. First, The Market Place at East Falls has closed their door. Their

financial situation has become unworkable. The Eckert Mauchly mini-museum is also closing. The memorabilia items will be sent to the Jean Jennings Bartik Computer Museum located at Northwest Missouri State University. The museum is "on line" and can be accessed through our web site. Check it out. 2011 is an election year; the slate of candidates is listed elsewhere in this issue. The election will be held at our January meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have served these past two years, not only those who held elective office, but also those who held appointed positions. There is a list elsewhere in NEWSBITS (page 11). Finally, on behalf of the Executive Committee, a very "Happy Holiday Season".

Al Rollin, President

<u>Unisys BB Retirees Group Execu-</u> tive Officer Elections 2011-2012

The two-year terms of the six executive officers in the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group will expire at the conclusion of our January 13, 2011 General Meeting. As of November 11, 2010 a slate of uncontested candidates were chosen for the Executive

Offices of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group. Refer to page 2 for the list.

The latest on Unisys Blue Bell

of year, so let's get with (This is not an official corporate release) it. First, The Market Hello everyone,

> The entire property (as we knew it - Blue Bell Head-Quarters) is now referred to as a Complex. Unisys occupies all but the third floor of what was once **B** Building. The third floor is available for lease. All buildings, existing and planned, are individually named and leased. Eventually **A** building will be razed and replaced with new office buildings. This decision was made after Unisys decided to stay in Blue Bell and Whitpain township nixed the building of a regional hospital complex on site by Einstein Hospital of Philadelphia. The hospital is now being erected on the Woody's Golf Course site.

> Unisys occupies less than half of the Tredy facility and leases the remaining space to other businesses. Most Unisys employees in Blue Bell work from home and only occasionally need to physically report to Headquarters. Office space is shared among working-groups. The building is primarily used as Headquarters, business, sales and accounting. Very little on-site development/engineering is performed here.

> We certainly wish Unisys well in this phase of operation.

Paul C

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Nominating Committee for Executive Offices of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group

November 11, 2010

As of the above date, this is the slate of uncontested candidates for the Executive Offices of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group. The officers are elected for a two-year term. Elections will be held at our January 2011 meeting by voice vote.

President----- Joe La Viola

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2nd VP----- Wayne Schweigert

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In Remembrance

SUDHIR K. AHUJA - July 27, 2010 CHARLES D. CARD - May 7, 2010 HENRY (HANK) FREY - October 6, 2010 DONALD A. GRAEF - November 12, 2010 GEORGE H. GUTTROFF - November 21, 2010 EMMA JANE GRESH - September 2, 2010 RICHARD P. HUNTER - November 19, 2010 (spouse of Dorothy Hunter JAMES O'NEAL JONES, SR - October 2, 2010 **GEORGE KAY** -MARGARET G. O'BRIEN - September 19 2010 (spouse of Thomas G. O'Brien) WALTER A. O'BRIEN - September 16, 2010 ALVIN E. UNBEKANT, JR. - October 17, 2010 GREGORY MICHAEL WELLS - (Son of Connie Wells) August 6, 2010

ROBERT J. WEYCHERT - September 22, 2010

Welcome New Members

Name Location Lawrence E. Gilligan Fairfax, VA John Tyska Phila., PA

Retired from Unisys Fed. System s 2002 Unisys, BB

50/50 Drawings

We have a 50/50 drawing at every monthly meeting. Here is how it works: Tickets are sold to attendees at the beginning of each meeting and a drawing for the winning ticket is held immediately following our guest speaker. Two tickets cost \$1.00 and six (6) tickets cost \$2.00. Half of the proceeds go to the holder of the winning ticket and the other half goes into our treasury to help defray the cost to rent our meeting space at the church in the Plymouth Meeting Mall.

Dorothy Rollin and Gloria Campbell will be happy to sell you as many tickets as you want. They will be seated at their concession table, at the church entrance to take your offerings.

September's winner of the 50/50 drawing was Betty Vubko, who was gracious enough to return her winning back to the group Treasury.

October's winner of the 50/50 was Dick Schmitt, who graciously donated his winnings back to the Group.

November's winner of the 50/50 was Rich McFadden, who selected a UNISYS key chain as his gift. The monies were donated back to the Group.

Ron Agresti

Unisys Blue Bell Blood Drive Dissolved

The Department that coordinated the Blood Drive and other activities has been dissolved. There will no longer be Blood Drives at the Unisys Headquarters Facility.

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Monthly Meeting Guest Speakers



Gerry Aubrey, Senior Officer, Blue Bell Consultants Company spoke at our September meeting on the subject of Home security and Inspections.

Mr. Aubrey explained that he has been inspecting homes since 1994 and trains home inspectors throughout the country. He has con-

ducted training seminars for ASHI, NAHI, Contractor's Network, and the Journal of Light Construction. Mr. Aubrey will not sell you any work; he only recommends what work needs to be done.

Mr. Aubrey is a recognized expert in home construction. His articles on home care have appeared in 16 newspapers throughout the Philadelphia area for 15 years. Mr. Aubrey is a certified member of ASHI (member #111203), a member of the Roof Consulting Institute, and licensed in the City of Philadelphia (000061). His Comprehensive Walk-thro ugh Inspection includes 1 ½ to 2 hours for the inspection. A detailed 10-page report will be faxed, mailed or e-mailed (your choice) within 24 hours of the inspection. It also includes a manual for home ownership (350+ pages) that contains everything you need to know about how your home works. Free consultation by phone is included for any concerns you may have. The following, he explained, is what would be checked:

- The roof and gutters
- The attic
- The electrical panel
- The outlets near water
- Walkways and railings
- The basement/crawl space
- The sump pump
- The washer and dryer
- The heater and air conditioner
- The water heater

Overall, Gerry was very interesting and informative and was well received by the audience.



Sgt Kathy Penecale from the Whitpain Township Police was our guest • speaker at the October meeting and spoke about, "current fraud and scams aimed at senior citizens". • Her power point presentation clearly explained:

- Investment Fraud
- Pre-Approved Credit Cards
- Free Credit report
- Do Not Call

Other things mentioned by Sgt Penecale were:

- Free credit check
- Do a check for each Service once a year
- If there is a problem then you can check it every four months
- be sure to check under your spouse's SSN
 - Be sure to shred everything that has personal information. Pick up your mail promptly, put your outgoing mail in a USPS box, not in you home mail box (if you have one). Don't be taken in by phone scams supposedly from a relative in trouble and needs money wired. Don't hesitate to report suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

Making use of the hand-outs, we clearly saw the ways in which personal information can be stolen and of successful fraud scams and how we can protect our personal information.



Jim Gallagher, Broker/Owner Bristol Auction Co., spoke at our November meeting on "downsizing" your home via sales of contents.

He told us that at Bristol Trading Company, their charge is to maximize the return on their puttion. This is

clients' high quality, gently used offerings at auction. This is achieved through crafting descriptive listings, targeting special national and international auction events, and deftly answering inquiries from prospective buyers.

Jim informed us that Bristol's difference is that regardless of the size of the client's offering, Bristol Associates are committed to delivering an exceptional, effortless auction experience. It is the kind of personalized care that affords the clientele the luxury of simplifying their lives, schedules and living spaces.

Services that are offered:

- Home Collection
- Charitable Giving
- Item Appraisals
- Professional Digital Photography
- Descriptive Copy Listings
- Targeted Auction Site Postings
- Answering Buyer Inquiries
- Payment Collection
- Packing and Shipping

Crabby Old Woman

Who, resisting or not, Lets you do as you will, With bathing and feeding, The long day to fill? Is that what you're thinking? Is that what you see? Then open your eyes, nurse,You're not looking at me.

A young girl of sixteenWith wings on her feet Dreaming that soon nowA lover she'll meet. A bride soon at twenty,My heart gives a leap, Remembering the vowsThat I promised to keep.

At twenty-five now, I have young of my own, Who need me to guide And a secure happy home. A woman of thirty, My young now grown fast, Bound to each other With ties that should last.

At forty, my young sons Have grown and are gone, But my man's beside me To see I don't mourn At fifty once more, Babies play round my knee, Again we know children, My loved one and me.

Dark days are upon me, My husband is dead, I look at the future, I shudder with dread. For my young are all rearing ...Young of their own, And I think of the years And the love that I've known.

I'm now an old woman..... And nature is cruel; Tis jest to make old age Look like a fool. The body, it crumbles, Grace and vigor depart, There is now a stone Where I once had a heart.

But inside this old carcass A young girl still dwells, And now and again, My battered heart swells. I remember the joys, I remember the pain, And I'm loving and living Life over again.

I think of the years All too few, gone too fast, And accept the stark fact That nothing can last. So open your eyes, people, Open and see, Not a crabby old woman; Look closer....see, ME!! ~Author: Anonymous~

Remember this poem when you next meet an older person who you might brush aside without looking at the young soul within.....we will all, one day, be there, too!

Kids Wisdom (written by kids) 1. HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

-You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. -- Alan, age 10

-No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. -- Kristen, age 10

2. WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOR-EVER by then. -- Camille, age 10

3. HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. -- Derrick, age 8

4.<u>WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN</u> <u>COMMON?</u>

Both don't want any more kids. -- Lori, age 8

5. WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

-Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. -- Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)

-On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. -- Martin, age 10

6. WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

-When they're rich. -- Pam, age 7

-The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that. - Curt, age 7

-The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do. - - Howard, age 8

7. IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them.

-- Anita, age 9 (bless you child)

8.<u>HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE</u> <u>DIDN'T GET MARRIED?</u>

There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there? -- Kelvin, age 8

And the #1 Favorite is......

9.HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck. -- Ricky, age 10

<u>Obituaries</u> GEORGE H. GUTTROFF

George H. Guttroff of Blue Bell, 77, passed away on Nov. 21, 2010 at his home with his family by his side. He was 77 years old. Born June 15, 1933 in Brooklyn, NY, he was the son of the late George J. and Marie (Mehring) and the beloved husband of Rosemond (Simons) with whom he shared 54 years of marriage. George rose to the rank of Lt. Commander of the <u>U.S. Navy</u> and worked as an Electrical Engineer for Unisys for 40 years. George was the father of Karen Espe (Steven), Kathy Cappa (Harry), George (Judi) and Ken, and is survived by 7 grandchildren and a sister Betty Rouse.

George was a member of the Blue Bell retirees group.

MARGARET G. O'BRIEN

Margaret G. (Dugan) O'Brien died September 19, 2010. Margaret was born in Lost Creek, PA and was formerly of Philadelphia, PA. Margaret was a former employee of Unisys Corporation, Blue Bell, PA. She was the wife of the late Thomas and the mother of Ann Marie Schmieg (Martin) and Thomas O'Brien (Jennifer). Loving Mom-Mom of Katherine, Emily and Jack Schmieg and Matthew and Martha O'Brien. Sister of the late Joe, Jack and Mary.

Margaret was a member of the Blue Bell retirees group.

<u>ALVIN E. UNBEKANT, JR</u>

Alvin E. Unbekant, Jr., 75, of Collegeville, passed away October 17, 2010 at his residence. He was the husband of Joan-Ann (Brooks) Unbekant for 53 years. Born January 17, 1935 in Brooklyn, NY, he was a son of the late Alvin E. and Lillian (Petry) Unbekant. He served six years in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Unbekant was a graduate of LaSalle College where he received his business degree and was employed at Unisys for over 35 years, retiring in 1998. He was a member of the Lynbrook Fire Department of Long Island, NY and the Worcester Fire Department. He served as an EMT for Lower Providence Ambulance and Skippack Emergency Medical Services. He also served as an instructor at the Montgomery County Fire Academy. Mr. Unbekant was a member of the Unisys Shooting Club and enjoyed wood working and traveling.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Dolores White and her husband James of Reading, and Virginia Unbekant of Eagleville; two brothers, Douglas Glenn of New Jersey, and Richard Unbekant of Florida; a sister, Nancy Huff of New York; and six grandchildren, Kirstin, Casey, Michael, Randi, Kenneth, and Samantha. He was preceded in death by a son, Kenneth A. Unbekant; a brother, Frank Glenn; and a sister, Edith Maxwell.

Alvin was a member of the Blue Bell retirees group.

The Mayo Clinic, Heart Attacks, and Aspirin

Dr. Virend Somers, a cardiologist from the Mayo Clinic who is (Trips & Speakers) and even a link to our web site. lead author of the report in the July 29, 2008 issue of the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.

Most heart attacks occur in the day, generally between 6 A.M. and noon, Somers said. Having one during the night, when the heart should be most at rest, means that something unusual happened. Somers and his colleagues have been working for a decade to show that sleep apnea is to blame.

1. If you take an aspirin or a baby aspirin once a day, take it at night. The reason: aspirin has a 24-hour "half-life" therefore, if most heart attacks happen in the wee hours of the morning, the aspirin would be strongest in your system.

2. FYI, aspirin lasts a really long time in your medicine chest for years. (when it gets old, it smells like vinegar).

Please read on.

Something that we can do to help ourselves - nice to know. Bayer is making crystal aspirin to dissolve instantly on the tongue. They work much faster than the tablets.

Why keep aspirin by your bedside? It's about Heart Attacks: There are other symptoms of a heart attack besides the pain on the left arm. One must also be aware of an intense pain on the chin, as well as nausea and lots of sweating, however these symptoms may also occur less frequently.

Note: There may be NO pain in the chest during a heart attack. The majority of people (about 60%) who had a heart attack during their sleep, did not wake up. However, if it occurs, the chest pain may wake you up from your deep sleep.

If that happens, immediately dissolve two aspirins in your mouth and swallow them with a bit of water.

Afterwards:

- call 911 (and call phone a neighbor or a family member who l lives very close by)

- say "heart attack!"
- say that you have taken 2 aspirins.
- take a seat on a chair or sofa near the front door, and wait for their arrival and...
- do NOT lie down.

WEB PAGE NEWS

Check out the latest addition to our web page. We now have a link to the Unisys-France Retirees web page. Enter their address directly into your web browser, it is:

http://www.anciens-unisys.com

Click on the bottom line of type, it is French, indicating to click here to enter the web site. If your French is a little rusty, there is a translate button on the home page that will change it to English.

BBNEWS Web Site

The BBNEWS web site is now including Retiree information (Trips & Speakers) and even a link to our web site.

Al Rollin

Retirees Meetings

Meetings are every second Thursday of the month, except for July and August, at 1:30 - 3 PM. The meeting place is at The Church on the Mall, which is located in the rear of the Mall I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for (Plymouth Meeting), adjacent to the Food Court.

On the Lighter Side Just a Tap on the Shoulder

A passenger in a taxi leaned over to ask the driver a question and gently tapped him on the shoulder to get his attention. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb and stopped just inches from a large plate glass window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab.

Then, the still shaking driver said, "Are you OK? I'm so sorry, but you scared the living daylights out of me."

The badly shaken passenger apologized to the driver and said he didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder would startle the driver so badly. The driver replied, "No, no, I'm the one who is sorry; it's entirely my fault! Today is my very first day driving a cab.

I've been driving a hearse for the past 25 years."

AAADD

Thank goodness there's a name for this disorder. Somehow I feel better, even though I have it!!

Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. - Age-Activated Attention Deficit Disorder

This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing.

As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier.

I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full.

So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my check book off the table, and see that there is only one check left.

My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Pepsi I'd been drinking.

I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Pepsi aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.

The Pepsi is getting warm, and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold. As I head toward the kitchen with the Pepsi, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye--they need water.

I put the Pepsi on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote.

Someone left it on the kitchen table.

the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of Pepsi sitting on the counter, the flowers don't have enough water, there is still only 1 check in my check book, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all damn day, and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail...

Blondes

TROUBLE

A blonde pushes her BMW into a gas station. She tells the mechanic it died. After he works on it for a few minutes, it is idling smoothly. She says, 'What's the story?' He replies, 'Just crap in the carburetor' She asks, 'How often do I have to do that?'

SPEEDING TICKET

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license. She replied in a huff, 'I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you!'

RIVER WALK

There's this blonde out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde on the opposite bank 'Yoo-hoo!' she shouts. 'How can I get to the other side?' The second blonde looks up the river then down the river and shouts back, 'You ARE on the other side.'

AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE

A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and said that her body hurt wherever she touched it. 'Impossible!' says the doctor.. 'Show me.' The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left shoulder and screamed, then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise she pushed her ankle and screamed. Everywhere she touched made her scream. The doctor said, 'You're not really a redhead, are you?

'Well, no' she said, 'I'm actually a blonde.'

Unisys Retirees Villa Roma Trip

The outing to Villa Roma took place from October 12 through October, 2010. Thirty people went and all said that they had a great time. Their comments were that: the food was delicious, the daytime activities satisfying, the nightly music enjoyable, with the overall entertainment being very funny having a different show each night. There was also a karaoke night in which our very own Dolly sang and did "Hello Dolly"; she was great and got a standing ovation. The first prize, which she received, was a bottle of champagne. On our last night we had a Gala Caesars Dinner which was fantastic. The staff was dressed in Caesars costumes and served an eight course dinner with four entrees. This is a trip that will always be remembered especially because of the terrific people and how we all got along so well. Many thanks to Gloria and Joe Campbell for all their help on the trip. Pictures that were taken on our trip are shown below and on page 8.

Mary Pacifico, trip coordinator



Bottom Row - L to R - Fran Daeche, Rose Marie McCafferty, Bill McElhaney Middle Row - L to R - Lily O'Connor, Anne Lorenz, Gloria Campbell, Barb McElhaney. Top Row - L to R -Bernie O'Connor, Bill McCafferty, Joe Campbell

Bill & Barb McElhaney



Gloria Campbell playing shuffleboard



Bernie O'Connor playing shuffleboard









Lots of Fun and Food for the Unisys Retirees Villa Roma trip

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Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs

Winter Special

Where: Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs

When: Saturday, February 19th, 2011

<u>Time:</u> 10:00 a.m.

Price: \$20

Trip Includes:

- \$15.00 in Slot Play
- Free Lunch Buffet at Timber's

All checks **MUST** be in by Monday, January 17th, 2011 and send to:

V. Bud Levito 3100 Jennifer Drive, East Norriton PA. 19401.

For information and to reserve a seat call Bud @ 610-275-1570

MUST HAVE GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICA-TION TO RECEIVE THE CASINO BONUS

DEPART FROM: NEW LOCATION: Vo-Tech School at Johnson Highway and New Hope Street, across from St. Paul's Church.

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