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## Calendar of Events

September 10, 2015 - Karen Aubert, who is a Registered Dietician, will speak about medical nutrition therapy.



### President's Message

Mary Pacifico, a longtime member of the Unisys Retirees' executive board and 29 year employee of Univac-Sperry passed away on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015. Mary served as the Travel Chair arranging many successful trips to New York and the New England States. UBBRG meetings will never be the same without Mary's outgoing personality and enthusiasm. She will be greatly missed. Mary's obituary is on page 3.

Joe LaViola - President

### 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

(Plymouth Meeting), adjacent to the Food Court.

### Vice President's Report for June

Wayne (Schweigert) reminded the group, that by September, we need to decide on a location for our meetings. Of course we may not change.

At this time there was discussion on a proposal to cut back on the Executive Meetings; perhaps quarterly. There were pros and cons to the idea. After a rather lively, but good discussion, it was decided our President would think about this over our summer hiatus. Come September we will try to finalize any changes, if any.

Tom Ambolino - Recording Secretary

### BBNEWS Web Site

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

WEBSITE (URL) [ubbrg.org](http://ubbrg.org)

### 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>

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## 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.



**Ann LaViola** (from left) and **Marie Staub** 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. The following were our winner's:  
**June's** winner of the 50/50 drawing was Alan Powell.

## Monthly Meeting Guest Speakers

There was no guest speaker scheduled for June.

## Letters to the Editor

**From Bill Ridge** - While on vacation

----- Life is full of unplanned "surprises" - some very nice and others not so.

In early July I drove to Slidell, Louisiana for a short visit with my sister. I hadn't seen her for a while and planned to stay for about a week. I thought we would just visit and possibly do some things in nearby New Orleans. Well, so much for that!

On my second day in town I set out for a walk around the neighborhood. While crossing a busy downtown intersection (with the green light) I was struck by a car running through the red light. I was lucky to avoid a direct hit but still received quite a jolt. I wound up with numerous contusions and a fractured left tibia plateau (knee).

So my one week visit was extended to about seven weeks. I have stayed in Slidell (with its 100 degree plus temps)

through emergency care, surgery, post op care, and therapy. It was probably a good time to take a break from golf and the shore anyway!

## On the Lighter Side

### *2015 Blondes*

A blonde & her husband are lying in bed listening to the next door neighbor's dog. It has been in the backyard barking for hours & hours. The blonde jumps up out of bed and says, "I've had enough of this". She goes downstairs. The blonde finally comes back up to bed and her husband says, "The dog is still barking, what have you been doing?". The blonde says, "I put the dog in our backyard ...let's see how THEY like it!"

### *Two Blondes With Hammers...*

Lisa & Judy were doing some carpenter work on a Habitat for Humanity House. Lisa was nailing down house siding, would reach into her nail pouch, pull out a nail & either toss it over her shoulder or nail it in. Judy, figuring this was worth looking into, asked, 'Why are you throwing those nails away?' Lisa explained, 'When I pull a nail out of my pouch, about half of them have the head on the wrong end & I throw them away.' Judy got completely upset & yelled, 'You moron! Those nails aren't defective! They're for the other side of the house!'

### *Frozen Blondes*

Did you hear about the two blondes who froze to death in a drive-in movie? They had gone to see 'Closed for the Winter'.

### *Accident*

A woman went through a red traffic light and crashed into a man's car. Both of their cars are demolished but amazingly neither of them is hurt. After they crawled out of their cars, the woman said; "Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days." The man replied, "I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God!"

The woman continued, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished, but my bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." Then she hands the bottle to the man. The man nods his head in agreement, opens it, drinks half the bottle and then hands it back to the woman. The woman takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap back on, and hands it back to the man. The man asks, "Aren't you having any?" She replies, "Nah. I think I'll just wait for the police."

Adam ate the apple, too! Men will never learn!

## Obituaries

### MARY (PETRINO) PACIFICO

Mary (Petrino) Pacifico, 89, of East Norriton, PA passed away on July 2, 2015. at Einstein Medical Center in East



Norriton, Pa, with her family by her side. Born and raised in South Philadelphia, she has been a Norristown area resident for the past 40 years. She was a secretary for the former *Sperry Corporation* for 29 years, retiring in 1984. After her career with Sperry Corp; she then began another 20 years of employment with

Sears Department stores for 20 years as a manager.

A daughter of the late John and Marianna Petrino, she was born in Trenton, NJ on December 16, 1925. She was the loving wife of the late Anthony Pacifico. Mary was a member of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church in East Norriton, where she was a member of the women's guild. She was also a member of the Holy Savior Church Senior Club and also with the Blue Bell Retiree Club. She was the active and current President of the Homeowners Association of Kendrick Hills in Norristown. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren. She was very outgoing and enjoyed life and would help anyone in a time of need.

Survivors include her: Daughter: Linda Centrella, Daughter: Bernice (& Daniel) Vicario, Brother: Frank (& Connie) Petrino, Brother: John (& Marie) Petrino, 3 Grandchildren, 6 Great Grandchildren, 3 Great-Great Grandchildren. She is also survived by Several Nieces & Nephews & Great Nieces & Nephews. She was preceded in death by a Brother Ralph Petrino and a Sister Lucy Harris.

Her Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 10:30 AM from the St. Paul RC Church, 2007 New Hope Street, Norristown, Pa 19401

*Mary was a member of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group.*

### PAUL ZAKARIAN

Paul Zakarian of Glen Mills Mr. Paul Zakarian passed away peacefully at Maris Grove on June 29th in Glen Mills, PA at the age of 85. Paul is survived by his wife Karen and two sons Daron (Debbie) and Adam (Kathy). Grandchildren Addison, Noah, Holden, Karina, Elijah and Klaira. He is also survived by his sister Mary Zakarian. Paul is preceded in death by his first wife Florence , and two sisters, Rose Arpajian and Sosie Kachikian. Paul was born on May 27, 1930 in Philadelphia, PA. After high

school and technical school, Paul enlisted in the [U.S. Air Force](#) serving during the [Korean War](#). After his service he achieved bachelors and masters of electrical engineering degrees from Drexel and Carnegie Mellon Universities. He started a 27-year career at *Univac Corporation* where he met his wife Florence "Chris" Brehme. After their first son Daron was born, Paul and Chris moved from Lansdale to East Norriton, Pennsylvania and Adam arrived soon after. They resided at this home for close to four decades. After an early retirement from Univac, Paul worked for Mangar Medical Packaging Company and then finished his career framing artwork in his home workshop. Chris passed away in 2004 and Paul later married Karen Chambers in 2007. Paul was a devoted husband and father. Family was always first priority for him and he was most happy when at home, surrounded by his family and friends. He took pleasure in being an active parent volunteering often in his son's scouting and sports activities. Paul was an accomplished craftsman and inventor with multiple patents. An "engineer's engineer" Paul was mechanically and electrically inclined always tinkering with devices in the home. He was witty and enjoyed roasting colleagues and friends. He was an active and dedicated member of the St. Gregory's Armenian Apostolic Church and served as the Superintendent of Sunday School for many years. He will be greatly missed and we are comforted to know that he is in heaven with his Lord, Jesus Christ.

*Paul was not a member of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group.*

### JOSEPH A. PILARSKI

Mr. Joseph A. Pilarski, 91, of Indian Land, SC, passed away on Friday, June 19, 2015 at Levine & Dickson Hospice,



Southminster. Mr. Pilarski was born on October 22, 1923 in Philadelphia, PA, son to the late Joseph and Helen Pilarski. Daughter Lorraine Saitta and sister-in-law Cass Pilarski also preceded him in passing. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during WWII and received the Theater

Ribbon and an Air Medal. Mr. Pilarski worked for *Sperry Univac in Blue Bell*. He is survived by his beloved wife, Josie Tozzi Pilarski; daughter Alma Boyle (Richard); step-daughter Debbie Helm (Jeff); grandchildren Katie Tucker (Kyle) and Kevin Boyle; great-grandchildren Alex, Dom and Ella Tucker; brother Robert Pilarski; brothers-in-law Robert Tozzi and Gerald Tozzi (Patti) and by numerous nieces and nephews.

*Joseph was a member of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group.*

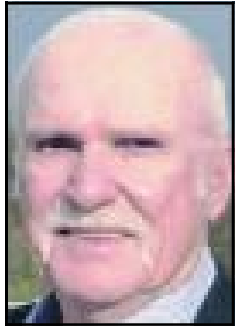
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### WILLIAM SOBECK

William "Bill" Sobeck of Ormond Beach, FL, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at Halifax Health Hospice in Ormond Beach at the age of 76. Bill previously resided in Eagleville, PA where he was employed by *Sperry Univac* and GE for the greater part of his career as a Computer Program Management Engineer. He then opened a sign company, Technine, Inc. in Eagleville, PA from 1989-2004.



After retirement he moved to Douglassville, PA, then Henrico, VA and finally Ormond Beach, FL, all in search of the best golf courses and year-round tee times. He was an avid Red Sox and Ted Williams fan, using the number 9 at every opportunity. He enjoyed playing and coaching baseball, basketball and golf. Born in Norristown, PA on November 18, 1938, Bill was the son of Steve and Harriet (Edinger) Sobeck. He was one of nine children. He was preceded in death by his wife Judith (Miller) Sobeck, who died March 11, 2004. Bill is survived by his loving companion Nancy Haug Dostie, his son Michael Sobeck, his daughter Kimberly Cassar (Bill) and grandchildren Zachary Sobeck, Nathan Sobeck, and Oia Cassar.

*Bill was not a member of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group.*

### MARGARET MARY DROZD

Margaret Mary (Hennessy) Drozd of Plymouth Meeting, PA, 78, passed away on Sunday, June 14, 2015. She died at her home in the company of her caring children and loved ones as it was meant to be in Plymouth Meeting, Pa. She was born in Rhymney Valley Town, Tredegar, South Wales, Great Britain on April 20, 1937. Mary has lived in Plymouth Meeting, Pa since 1976, formerly of Conshohocken, Pa. She was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord RC Church - Plymouth Meeting, Pa. She was a longtime employee of *Unisys Corporation*, Blue Bell, Pa. Mary belonged to New Beginnings at St. Helena's in Blue Bell, Pa and enjoyed playing Pinochle and Mah Johg, also an avid reader who loved animals. She was predeceased by her husband, the late John J. Drozd. Survivors include son, Michael J. (& Sharon) Campbell - Drozd, Downingtown, PA; daughter, Kathleen Drozd, Plymouth Meeting, PA; sister, Patricia Whelan Gilfach, South Wales; sister-in-law, Priscilla & Joseph Lotito, Norristown, PA; sister-in-law, Gerry Drozd, Conshohocken, PA. Also survived by 3 Grandchildren, 9 Nieces & Nephews, and 14 Great Nieces & Nephews. Along with her husband and parents, Michael Dermot Hennessy and Gwyneth (Hughes), she was pre-

ceded in death by a brother in law, Vincent Drozd.

*Margaret was not a member of the Unisys Blue Bell Retirees Group.*

### In Remembrance

**DALE CANNON** - June 4, 2015

**CHARLES E. DAMF** - August 3, 2015

**MARGARET MARY DROZD** - June 14, 2015

**MILFORD FAVINGER** - May 9, 2015

**JEROME FELDSCHER** - May 22, 2015

**WALLACE FUNK** - May 9, 2015

**IRA O'KENNON** - no reported date

**MARY (PETRINO) PACIFICO** - July 2, 2105

**RICHARD PERKINS** - March 2015

**JOSEPH A. PILARSKI** - June 19, 2015

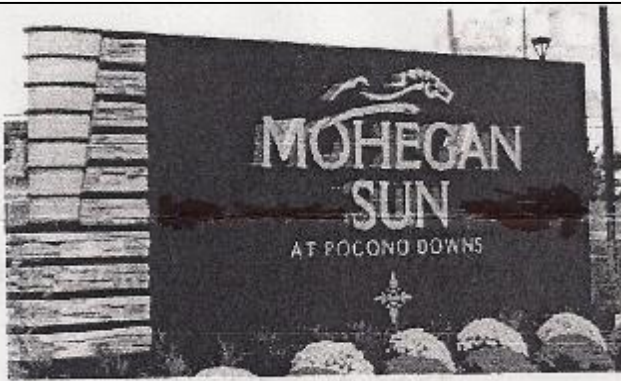
**BERNARD PIZZOLI** - May 19, 2015

**WILLIAM SOBECK** - June 10, 2015

**PAUL ZAKARIAN** - June 29, 2015

### Laws they Don't Teach in Physics

- 1.Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.
- 2.Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.
- 3.Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
- 4.Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.
- 5.Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.
- 6.Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.
- 7.Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
- 8.Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!
- 9.Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach
- 10.Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.



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**Friday October 9th 2015**

**ROUND TRIP TO MOHEGAN SUN:**

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**Time: Bus Leaves at 10 AM**

**Departure From: Vo-Tech School at Johnson Highway and New Hope Street across from St. Paul's Church**

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**\*\*Once again, due to the travel company's policy, if all checks are not in by September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the trip will be cancelled. For this reason I ask that you have your checks in ASAP. Thank You for Understanding.\*\***

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## Future Bus Trips

2015



**Mohegan Sun..... Friday October 9<sup>th</sup>**

**USA Show at the Tropicana Casino..... Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Show at Caesar's Casino.....Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup>**

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**Jukebox Memories at Harrah's Casino.....Monday January 11th**

### SIX LITTLE WORDS

{1}Once all villagers decided to pray for rain, on the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.

That's FAITH

{2}When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her.

That's TRUST

{3}Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up.

That's HOPE

{4}We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

That's CONFIDENCE

{5}We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.

That's LOVE

{6}On an old man's shirt was written THE sentence 'I am not 80 years old. I am sweet 16 with 64 years' experience'.

That's ATTITUDE



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