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Christmas Party 2016

The 2016 IBM Alumni Club Christmas party was held on Thursday, December 8th at The Eagles Club in Rochester. About 155 Alumni members, spouses and guests enjoyed great food, conversation and a visit from Santa who distributed the door prizes with help from a Karaoke Christmas Carole "Sing-a-Long" led by Board Members.



As in prior years the Eagles club, represented by Jessica Sorensen, did a great job in setting up the room and organizing the food and beverages.

A BIG THANKS goes out to the great group of Alumni Club volunteers who helped with the event including:
Seig Hoepfner, Nancy Morrison,

Jeannie Varsoke, Cindy Macrafi, Betty Shidler, Bob Mesarchik, Jim & Alice Miesbauer, Bev Gerzevske, Horst Truestedt, Rita Kiefer, Darlyne Burchfiel, Barb Nord, Judy & Larry Plank. Daune Haugen and Joan Buske involved with a multitude of chores including: Serving food, manning the welcome table, decorating, obtaining door prizes, entertainment, etc, etc.





We want to recognize the donors of our Door Prizes including: Rochester Ford, Victorias Restaurant, Carousel Floral, Grandma's Kitchen, Eagles Club, Rochester Athletic Club, Hair Studio 52, Think Bank, Canadian Honker Baseball, Canadian Honker Restaurant, Culvers, Rochester Indoor Golf, Terrarium Treasures, Rochester Civic Theatre, Senior Center (125 Live), LTS Brewery, Hillcrest Barbers, Viking Buick-GMC, Perkins South Restaurant and Adamson Motors Tire Shop.



Also, a special thanks to Sue Norell for making and donating the beautiful lap quilt, our Grand Door Prize!

The 2017 Christmas Party will be held the week of December 4th thru 8th. Watch for further announcements.

Karl Shidler and Ken Kiefer, party Co-Chairs

Sheldon Theatre in Red Wing – March 17th



That'll Be The Day

Music of Roy Orbison, Linda Ronstadt and Gene Pitney

Come join with your IBM Alumni Club friends for an evening of music and fun on March 17 at 7:30 pm.

Regional songstress Colleen Raye, with Wayne Lachau, Debbie O'Keefe and The Echoes Rock and Roll Band, premiere an all new show including such favorites as "Pretty Woman", "You Got It," "Crying," "Town Without Pity," "Blue Bayou," "That'll Be The Day," and more. Filled with stories, humor and impressive vocals, the show takes you on an emotional, energetic and nostalgic ride.

Cost for this event is \$40.00 per person which includes the bus, tickets, and all taxes and gratuities. The event is open to IBM Alumni Club members and their guests.

The play starts at 7:30 so we will meet at the Gander Mountain parking lot to start boarding the bus at 5:50. The bus will leave promptly at 6:00 pm. We expect to return to Rochester at approximately 11:00 pm.

We will not be stopping for dinner. So, you might want to eat an early dinner and/or bring something to eat on the bus. On our trips, many attendees enjoy bringing snacks and finger food to enjoy and pass. If you like, you may bring treats or snacks to pass on the bus on the way to or from the event. Bottled water and napkins will be provided.

This Waiver and General Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the state/country where the Local Club activity is being organized, and that if any portion of this Waiver and General Release is held invalid and unenforceable, it is agreed that the balance of this Waiver and General Release shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. As an eligible participant, on behalf of yourself, heirs, and assigns, you assume full responsibility for the risk of illness, injury, and possible death inherent in participating in any recreational activities. You waive, release, indemnify, and agree not to make a claim against Rochester IBM Alumni Club, Inc. and all of its representatives or agents ("Released Parties") for any and all loss or damage, all illnesses, and injuries (including, but not limited to, death) which relate to Rochester IBM Alumni Club, Inc. activities, including, but not limited to, those resulting from the negligence of one or more of the Released Parties.

For questions, call the Alumni Club office at 507-288-3663 x120 or email rchret@aol.com

***** Ticket Request form*****

***That'll Be the Day* performance at the Sheldon Theatre, March 17, 7:30 pm**

Deadline: February 23, 2017.

Mail check and this form to:

IBM Rochester Alumni Club, 20 1st Avenue NE, Rochester, MN 55906.

Ticket quantity _____ at \$ 40.00 each = \$ _____

Member Name: _____

Phone: _____ Member email: _____

The Sheldon Theatre is wheelchair accessible

Handicapped Seating Required? No _____ Yes _____ Special Need? _____

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Plymouth Playhouse Theater Musical – April 26th

Due to our Minnesota winter weather, your IBM Alumni friends did not have the opportunity to attend the January 25th presentation. However, the Plymouth Playhouse and Green Mill were



very easy to deal with and the trip has been rescheduled for April 26th. The play is a big hit and is sold out for February and a lot of March. Also, due to the demand, the play has been extended two months which enables us to go in April. We have some members that were unable to switch to the April 26th date and have tickets to be resold. In addition, we were able to reserve the option on additional tickets as well. The details are exactly the same as the original information with the only exception is the date has been moved about 3 months to April 26th. So, hold the date and the signup will be sent as the date becomes closer.

So, join your IBM friends and let's go to the Plymouth Playhouse Theatre to see a new musical comedy, THE CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES IN RISE UP, O MEN, April 26th. \$60 per person includes bus, lunch, play and all tax and tips.



The \$60 per person fee is all inclusive and will include bus trip, lunch and the play with all taxes and tips covered. A catered lunch will be included provided by the Plymouth Green Mill Restaurant. In the theme of the play, lunch will consist of Tator-Tot-Hotdish, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Salad, Jello, Assorted Bars for Dessert. Beverages include coffee and iced tea.

For this event, please be at the Gander Mountain parking lot, 3470 55th Street NW (northwest of Wal-Mart and south of Kwik Trip) at 9:15 am on Wednesday, April 26th for loading. The bus will leave the parking lot precisely at 9:30. Alternate pickup arrangements will be considered on an exception basis by calling Hal Kossman at (507) 288-5583. The bus will return to Rochester at approximately 5:45. The event is open to IBM Rochester Alumni Club members, current IBM employees and accompanied guests.

On our trips, many attendees bring snacks and finger food to enjoy and pass. Many attendees think it is a good idea and lots of fun. So, if you care to, you may bring treats or snacks to pass on the bus on the way to or from the event. Bottled water and napkins will be provided.

We 'Got Mail'

Hey Alumni Club members, this may stir a memory or two in a few members.

During the coldest part of the winter of 1984, the General Terminal Systems (GTS) Division of Rochester decided to move their Terminal Development operation to Raleigh, North Carolina. We took our survey trip in February, one of the coldest days of that year. It was about minus 20 in Rochester and, as I recall, about 65 above in Raleigh. Needless to say, we and several dozen IBM families moved to Raleigh that summer.

Over the years, some families moved back or moved to other locations. Some just retired.

The Rochester Expatriates formed a 'Lunch Bunch' which meets once a month at a local Raleigh cafeteria. Normally, it is just the IBMers attending, however, at Christmas time, spouses and friends are invited.

Here is a picture of our meeting on December 14, 2016. Due to other commitments, a few of our regulars are missing.



Seated along the left side-from the front;
Marcia Rentfrow; Judy Millar; Dennis
Reese; Elaine Reese; Libby Powell; Harry
Powell; Peter Vilter

Seated along the right side-from the front;
Dick Rentfrow; Glenn Edgington; Mary Edg-
ington; Frank Thoburn; Dick Pujdowski

Others (not pictured) who attend (some
regularly); John and Dorothy Botjer; Larry
and Margo Nicholson; Larry Marks; John
Stroebe

Cheers, Dick Rentfrow

Obituaries

IBM Alumni (club members and non-members) who passed away in 2016:

Henry 'Hank' Anderson, Elton Arneson, Michael Bjaastad, Thomas Budnick, Alan Calavano, William F. Carr, David C. Case, Scott Lynn Chambers, Arlene Christenson, James L. Clark, Joseph F. Cox, Steven Danek, Edna Denny, Lowell 'Ed' Dutton, Ambrose 'Bill' Ellis, Henry 'Hank' Eyrich, Harley Galen Flink, Michael Frain, Richard 'Dick' Fryer, Deane A. Fuchs, Earl Gronbach, Dale Habeck, Leo Hagan, James Harbaugh, Donald Harker, Don William 'Bill' Harreld, Ronald Hatcher, Dennis Heim, Ruth Hesler, Dale R. Heyn, Clifford Higgins Jr., Donald Glen House, Jordan Hove, Donald Jensen, Gordon Johannsen, Darwin D. Johnson, Delwyn 'Del' Johnson, Melvin 'Dick' Jones, Arden 'Ardie' Jurgenson, Earl 'Bill' Kesler, Eunice Kohlmeyer, Dana LaFrance, Clifford Lagging, Robert J. Lahey, George Lamb, Jack 'John' Lampman, Milan Laudon, Clifton Leininger, Charles J. Lenn, James Leonhardt, Bernard Majerus, David Marquart, John McTamney, Glenn Meyers, William 'Bill' Morman, Marvin Muller, Richard 'Dick' Navratil, Kenneth Neumann, Duane Nienow, Roger Noterman, Ronald 'Chopper' Porter, Roger J. Rabe, Darrel Rathbun, Thomas Richards, Lyle Reinsvold, Ladron 'Lad' Roering, Steven Roth, Harry Samways, Hilmen Scharberg, Richard Schendel, Larry Schmidt, Willard 'Bill' Schmidt, James Shannon, Kenneth Sperry, Agnes Splittstoesser, Freeland Terpenning, Gary Tollers, Richard Ullmer, Roger Van Der Heyden, Wilbur 'Bill' Vogley, Jim Walts, Warren Warfield, James H. Watson, Edward Whelan, Ruth Wilson, Aulden Winch, Glen Witt, Howard Wohlers

The following IBM Alumni Club members have recently passed away:

James L. Clark died November 16, 2016. He worked for IBM assembling computers. He enjoyed fishing and red Mercury Grand Marquis cars. Jim is survived by his wife, Joan; a son, Kevin; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Edna Denny died December 16, 2016. As the surviving spouse of husband Willis, she was a member of the Alumni Club. Edna is survived by a son and daughter; ten grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Lowell 'Ed' Dutton died December 22, 2016. One of many jobs that he held were 29 years of service at IBM (retiring in 1987). He is survived by his wife, Donna; three daughters; and a grandson.

Henry 'Hank' Eyrich died December 11, 2016. He held various positions at IBM including time in HR. After retirement, he was a highly regarded expert on tax matters. Hank was a past president of the Alumni Club. Survivors are children and grandchildren.

Leo Hagan died December 6, 2016. He worked for IBM Rochester as their resident interior architect from 1968 to 1985. Leo is survived by his wife, Nancy; five children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Arthur 'Art' Hambrugen died January 18, 2017. Art's entire career was at IBM as an engineer and engineering manager, where he was held in very high regard. Originally hired in Endicott in 1949, he settled in Rochester in 1964 and worked in Rochester until retirement. Art was a long-time and very active member of the Alumni Club, contributing greatly to the club's success. He is survived by two sons, six grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Ruth Hesler died October 26, 2016. Ruth was a member of the Alumni Club as the surviving spouse of Homer. When Homer retired in 1977, Ruth also retired from the Rochester Public Library and they moved to California. Survivors are a son and his wife.

Jordan Hove died December 14, 2016. Jordan worked as an electrician at IBM for many years until retirement in 1991. After retirement, he was a volunteer fireman and chief. Jordan is survived by three daughters, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

George A. Lamb died December 6, 2016. In 1954, George began a 30 year career with IBM. George was a thespian, sailor, painter, skier, traveler and story teller. He is survived by his wife, Cecelia; 5 children; 14 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Bernard Majerus died December 18, 2016. He worked for IBM as a metallurgical engineer, retiring in 1992. Bernie is survived by his wife, Sheryl; many children and step children as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Roger J. Rabe died November 26, 2016. Roger was employed by IBM for 30 years, retiring in 1993. He then worked for Nalco Chemical for 13 years. Roger is survived by his wife, Sandra Riess; children; grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

John Stadheim died January 22, 2017. He was employed by IBM for 35 years as a machinist and later as a procurement engineer. John is survived by his wife, Janis; two daughters and a son; and four grandchildren.

Freeland 'Terp' Terpenning died December 26, 2016. Terp was hired at IBM in 1953, moving to Rochester four years later where he continued working until retirement. He is survived by his wife, Viola; a daughter; 3 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Roger Van Der Heyden died December 7, 2016. Roger moved to Rochester in 1958 and worked in heat treating for IBM for 34 years. He is survived by his wife, DeeDee; a son and two daughters; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

Howard Wohlers died December 19, 2016. He worked at IBM Rochester as a tool and model specialist, making prototypes of engineering designs and assisting on many special projects. Howard is survived by his wife, Jean; daughters; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Celebrations

60th Anniversary: Don and Pat Lecy - December 29

65th Anniversary: Bill and Dorothy Fitzgerald - January 15

70th Anniversary: Leroy and Lois McCullough - December 21