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2005 RETIREE VOLUNTEERS

The American Cancer Society and the Salvation Army are very appreciative of our Retirees who consistently support them by selling daffodils in March and ringing bells during the Christmas season. Our 2005 volunteers were: **Ruth Nevling, David Middleton, George and Wilma Menshik, Jim and Mary Abraham, Bill and Lora Beaupre, Duane Haugen, Harold and Millie Ames, Chuck and Leona Abrath, Margie Anderson, Del and Bonnie Anderson, Bob and Carol Sonnabend, Nick Nielson, Gary Allar, Bill and Ann Klause, Joe and Wanda Murphy, Lila Swanson, Judy Wasser, Les and Judith Thronson, Wayne Harris, Rita Buegler, Dwight Gourneau, Maurice Greene, Jim and Peggy McEvoy, John and Margaret Corrigan and Loel Erickson.** Several of these volunteers worked both events. "Thank you" to all.

Loel Erickson, Volunteer Coordinator

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

During 2005, twenty two Retirees' Club members volunteered their time to staff the Club office at the IBM main site. Nine of the below individuals volunteered 5 or more times. Regardless of the number of times volunteered, a big **THANK YOU** to **ALL** the following volunteers:

Chuck Abrath, Gary Allar, Del Anderson, Ed Anderson, Jerry Blaisdell, Bob Bonsi, Rita Buegler, Joan Buske, Loel Erickson, Wayne Harris, Bill Harreld, Paul Klankowski, Jim Leonhardt, Ruth Nevling, Chuck Perry, Bernie Peterson, Ed Rosencrants, Bill Schmidt, Arlyn Ward, Judy Wasser, Ken Willkomm and Kenneth Yule.

Anyone interested in staffing the Retirees' Club office from 10 AM till noon on Tuesdays or Thursdays, please call the club office at 507-253-3664 or send an e-mail to rchret@us.ibm.com

Wayne Harris, Chairman, Office Staffing

RETIREES' HOLIDAY PARTY

The 2005 IBM Retiree Club Holiday party was held on December 3rd, 2005. There were 440 retirees and guests who attended this year's Holiday party. The Mayo Civic Center staff and our caterer did a wonderful job, which appeared to be enjoyed by all attendees, who appeared busy visiting with acquaintances from their past.

The 2006 Holiday party is scheduled for Dec. 9, 2006, at the Mayo Civic Center. Please put that date on your calendar now.

We want to give a special thanks to THINK Credit Union. They again paid our premium for liability insurance for the party. Please share our thanks with them when you stop by their offices.

If you have any comments that would improve the party, write or call and let us know. The serving lines moved better this year as we worked hard with the caterer to improve this based on previous comments. We had the Pine Island High School Jazz Strings, provide us an outstanding musical background again this year. Be assured your committee will work very hard to make this party as enjoyable as possible. I would like to thank all the board members who staffed registration tables, real time photos and the Holiday party members for their time planning and helping during the event. Special thanks to Nancy Morrison, for all the decorations and support she provides to this event.

Grant Cooper

Chairman, Holiday Party Committee

COMING EVENTS

Put these dates on your calendar:
Retirees' Club picnic: Wed., July 12
Retirees' Club Christmas party: Sat., Dec 9
Golf schedule in next newsletter.

More information will appear in follow-up Newsletters and on the Retirees' Club Web-Site.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I leave office after 2 years, I would like to thank the board and all of the volunteers for making this job run smoothly.

Some things you should be aware of--

IBM Rochester 50th Celebration.

This year IBM Rochester will be celebrating 50 years since the ground breaking back in 1956. Many events are in the planning stages with a sight wide family open house slated for mid-summer. More information and exact dates of the open house will be published later. Before the open house there will be several other events that you can attend. The following events are currently planned:

May 17th -- 1950s and 1960s history will be unveiled and added to the main history display at the IBM site cafeteria from about 11 to 1.

June 14th and 15th -- 1970s and 1980s history will be unveiled and added to the main history display at the IBM site cafeteria from about 11 to 1.

July 12th -- 1990s and 2000s history will be unveiled and added to the main history display at the IBM site cafeteria from about 11 to 1.

Email addresses/Reducing our Costs

We need your help to reduce our costs that continue to rise. We are moving to sending the newsletter out by email if we have your email address rather than send it via US Mail. So if you have not provided us with an email address, or you have changed your email address, please send us a note at rchet@us.ibm.com. For those of you that have already done this...thanks...

Gary Allar, outgoing President

RCCC/ECCC

On behalf of the Retiree Charitable Contribution Campaign, United Way, Katrina Relief and many other nonprofit charitable organizations, let me thank you for your generosity in 2005. The Rochester Retiree's Campaign came in at 108% of our 2005 Objective.

In addition to your generous contributions, many of you also participated in Days of Caring, Book Sale, Run/Walk and even the fun on-line Auction. The 600 lb pumpkin went to a "good home" and the two little boys were just thrilled.

Dick Odell, RCCC Coordinator

RRCLUB WEB SITE UPDATES

Be sure and check out some of the new topics on the RRClub web site, including the following: Supplemental IBM Employment, IBM Club Events and Trips, Photos from Picnic and Holiday Party, New club officers and board members. <http://rochestermn.com/rrclub>

Dick Odell, Web Site Manager

IBM RETIREES' BOWLING LEAGUE

Our league is 2 teams smaller this year, now at 12 3-person teams and 12 subs. January 4 was the halfway point of the season, and the SOS team (**Ellen Simon, Dan Oslund, and Dick Severson**) were the winners. They latched on to 1st place in week 2 and held on until week 9, when the MANIAC'S (**Marlys Ohnstad, Marv Sawyer, and Jerry Warner**) moved ahead. SOS reclaimed 1st place in week 10, and survived a weak threat by BJT KEGLERS (**Betty Voss, Jim Little, and Terry Bowman**) in the final week.

This year, ABC and WIBC merged into USBC (United States Bowling Congress) and created new special achievement awards to include lower average bowlers.

30 pins over average game:

90 avg or less **Joan Willamen** 126 game

40 pins over average:

120 avg or less **Darlyne Burchfiel** 167 game

140 avg or less **Inez Jacobson** 181 game

Clare Hawley 186 game

Isabel Smith 189 game

160 avg or less **Dick Severson** 200 game

Clarence Speltz 203 game

Bill Witte 203 game

Dave Drips 204 game

Dave Funk 214 game

Darryl Rice 225 game

170 avg or less **Dan Oslund** 258 game

75 pins over avg game:

Roy Quelle 247 game

Jerry Warner 279 game

300 series, 90 avg or less

Joan Willamen 306 series

400 series, 115 avg or less

Darlyne Burchfiel 409 series

500 series, 140 avg or less

Bill Witte 520 series

600 series, 175 avg or less

Dan Oslund 607 series

Warren Warfield 657 series

Congratulations to team SOS and to all who earned awards this first half. Thanks also to the subs who have filled in when needed.

Dick Smith, League Secretary

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO.....

A note from **Chuck Jacobson**. My journey with IBM started in Columbus, OH, in '63, having previously been employed by Firestone Tire & Rubber, and North American Aviation. This was my third and final attempt to join IBM. They hired me as a Systems Engineer, and after 4 plus years, I tried my hand as a Marketing Rep, which I enjoyed. I moved to Cincinnati to teach and then on to Rochester for an assignment with the Technical Support Center, assuming

that I would move in 3 years. Apparently never completing that assignment, I retired in '93, not too long after my term as Quarter Century Club President. Since retiring, I've had more time for my hobbies; theatre, exercise, & grandkids. I'm also active in Kiwanis, AARP TaxAide program, and my church.

My latest volunteer effort started at church when the pastor spoke about the parable of the talents and then asked for volunteers. I offered my services without knowing what I was doing. The pastor gave each of us a \$100 bill, instructing us to increase this 'talent' in some fashion other than strictly financially. My wife, Margee, and I decided to support Heifer International, an organization that donates livestock to those suffering poverty, under the condition that offspring would be shared with other poor folks. This way, the 'talent' will continue to produce an effect long after I report back to the congregation on February 14th.

So far, the increase in my 'talent' is from friends & family. If I can convince any of you fellow retirees to support this worthwhile charity, simply mail your check, made out to "Heifer International", with memo "Kingdom Assignment", to them at PO Box 8058, Little Rock AR 72203-8058. Don't forget to mail the Matching Grant form. I'd appreciate knowing how you've grown the 'talent' at [cijacobson@charter.net].

OBITUARIES

The following IBM Retirees' Club members or spouses have passed away since the last newsletter.

MARVIN F. SCHMIDT died November 2. He started with IBM in 1956 and was disabled with MS. He is survived by his wife, Coleen; 2 daughters, Jane Braley and Janet Meilander; 2 sons, David and John; 6 grandchildren, and 2 step-grandsons.

JUDITH ANN HEINZELMAN DIED November 5. She was the wife of Gus Heinzelman a 1993 retiree. Survivors include her husband; 2 daughters, Sharon Engle and Dana Heinzelman; a son David; and 8 grandchildren.

PAT BIRGIN died November 16. She was the wife of Paul Birgin, a 1992 retiree. She is survived by 2 daughters, Debbie and Theresa; 2 sons, Scott and mark; and 10 grandchildren.

CLARENCE MILWARD PETERSON died November 24. An engineer, he retired in 1986. Survivors include a son, David; a daughter, Stephanie Swanson; 5 grandchildren; and 3 step-grandchildren.

DONALD G. LUCAS died December 4. He spent most of his 26 years in Facilities Engineering, retiring in 1987. He is survived by his wife, LaDon; 2 daughters, Diana Erickson and Deidra Henslin; a son David; 7 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren.

ARTHUR 'BUD' I. REILAND died December 9. He retired in 1987 after a 30 year career as a machinist. He is survived by his wife, Marian; 4 daughters, Mary Jo Miller, Amy McCallum, Kate Kuyper, and Barbara Gentling; 2 sons, Daniel and Jeff; 13 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

The following IBM retirees, (club members and nonmembers), died in 2005:

Charles Abrath, Ferd Anderholm, Victor Andrews, James Baas, Samuel Bartel, Ardale Bell, Daniel Bennett, Harold Benson, Robert Biedlingmaier, Robert Buckmeier, Bernard Bunne, Thomas Busch, James Carroll, Violet Christensen, Thomas Clarkson, Donavon Erwin, Gordon Finstrom, Robert Floren, Robert French, George Frie, Carl Gebhardt, Norman Giere, Donald Griebenow, Marvin Haack, William Hardin, Jimmie Harding, Charles Haydon, Donald Herbst, Keith Hines, Dale Hoadley, Eugene Holderness, Robert Johnson, John Johnston, George Jones, Roger Jones, John Kaley, Roger Kennedy, Gerald Kollasch, David Larson, Charles Lettelleir, Eugene Lund, Ralph Macken, Mary Marburger, Theodore Marchand, Dennis McCarty, Richard McDermott, William Monsen, Richard Moore, Harold Mueller, Elaine Nordstrom, Robert Oesterlin, John Peterson, Melvin Peterson, John Pratten, Gerald Prow, Galen Raymond, Betty Reed, Wilmer Rietmann, Robert Ritlinger, Gerald Seefeldt, Byron Sheller, Eugene Simpson, Donald Sparks, Richard Spores, James Swaim, John Tuggle, Sterling Weaver, Daniel Wendt, Ralph Wittlief, Robert Yarbrough, and Robert Zackery

On behalf of the Retirees' Club, we extend our most sincere sympathy to all of the survivors.

MEDICARE B PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT

A reminder to send in the completed "Special Health Assistance Provision Claim Form" to get your Medicare B Premium Refund. See back of the form to see if you are eligible.

The instructions are on the back of the form, available from "IBM National Human Resources Center" at 1-800-796-9876. You have until December 31, 2006 to file for reimbursement for 2005.

LIFE PLANNING ACCOUNT

For those of you who are participating in a wellness course or an exercise/weight control program, reimbursements for certain expenses are available. File "Life Planning Account Claim Form", available from "IBM National Human Resources Center" at 1-800-796-9876. Instructions are on the back of the form. Claims must be filed by April 15, 2006.

FORMS ONLINE

Download IBM forms. See our website for instructions.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION OFFER FOR THE RETIREES' NEWSLETTER

Your membership dues for 2006 are due now. If you are a lifetime member, do nothing, you will continue to receive the newsletter. You are a lifetime member if LM is printed on the address label below. If you have been a yearly subscriber, the \$5.00 annual fee is due now, or consider the **onetime lifetime membership** of \$25.00. If you are not a member of the IBM Rochester Retirees' Club and are wondering why you got this issue of the newsletter, it's because we send a copy of the first issue each year to **ALL** IBM Rochester retirees. We want you to know that the club is active and you can join for a modest fee and get the newsletter, as well as participate in the club activities. To join, fill out the following form and send with your check.

NAME: _____ SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

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LIFETIME (\$25.00) _____

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If you haven't written to the editor, why not do it now.
We'd like to know what you've been doing since retiring.