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2006 RETIREE VOLUNTEERS

On November 17th and December 21st, IBM Retirees' Club members and spouses volunteered their time to ring bells for the Salvation Army at JC Pennys and Hy-Vee North. A special "thank you" to the following: **Nick Nielson, Ruth Nevling, David Middleton, Del Anderson, Darvin Anderson, John & Margaret Corrigan, Loel Erickson, Rita Buegler, Ann Konop, Maurice Greene, Wayne Harris, Ken Willkomm, and Duane Haugen.**

Loel Erickson, Volunteer Coordinator

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

During 2006, in excess of TWO HUNDRED hours were volunteered by 23 Retirees' Club members to staff the Club office at the IBM main site. Six of the individuals below volunteered 5 or more times. Regardless of the number of times volunteered, a big **THANK YOU** to all of the following volunteers: **Gary Allar, Del Anderson, Ed Anderson, Mike Bjaastad, Frank Braithwaite, Rita Buegler, Loel Erickson, Arnie Fredriksen, Bill Hammer, Wayne Harris, Seig Hoepner, Gordy Kappel, Jim Leonhardt, Chuck Perry, Bernie Peterson, Lad Roering, Bill Schmidt, Richard H Smith, John Sprenger, Dave Truxal, Judy Wasser, Ken Willkomm, and Kenneth Yule.**

Any IBM Retiree interested in staffing the Retirees Club office from 10:00 AM 'till Noon on Tuesdays or Thursdays is encouraged to call the club office at 507-253-3664, or send an e-mail to rchret@us.ibm.com for more information.

Wayne Harris, Chairman office staffing,

DAFFODIL DAYS

The American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days will be held March 5th thru the 9th. The Retirees' Club will again staff the sales tables at HY-Vee Barlow. If you can help, please call the Retirees' office at 253-3664 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you to schedule a time.

Loel Erickson, Volunteer coordinator

RETIREEES' CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

The 2006 IBM Retirees' Club party was held on December 9th, 2006, in Taylor Arena at the Mayo Civic Center.

There were 429 people who paid to attend. Taylor Arena was decorated by IBM Retirees' Club Board Volunteers and fully decked out with tablecloths and centerpieces. Our caterer was the Canadian Honker who presented a wonderful display of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Their main entree area was laid out with 4 serving lines to cut down on the waiting-in-line time. The food was very good, kept warm, and tastefully handled with personal service for each person.

Entertainment was provided by "Ron's Button Box Band" (Ron Deno and Duane Johnson) and they played a wonderful assortment of old time and country music as well as some old favorites.

Our friends at Think Credit Union again graciously paid for our event insurance (\$ 250) and we thank them for that. Please thank them personally the next time you go there. I would like to thank the Board and the volunteers from the Board who assisted with the

check-in, the decorating, and elsewhere during the year.

Special thanks to Nancy Morrison and Frank Braithwaite for their assistance with the financial aspects, and to Dick Odell for the pictures he took and displayed at the party.

This year (2007) the event will be on Saturday December 8th, in the auditorium.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Holiday Committee.

Nick Nielsen, Chair 2006 Holiday Party
Grant Cooper, Co-Chair

COMING EVENTS

Put these dates on your calendar;
RETIREES' club Picnic: Wed, July 11th
Retirees' Club Christmas Party: Sat, Dec 8th
Golf schedule in next issue
Newsletters in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, & Nov
More info will appear in following Newsletters and on the Retirees' Club Web-site.

RCCC/ECCC

On behalf of the Retiree Charitable Contribution Campaign, United Way and many other nonprofit charitable organizations, let me thank you for your generosity in 2006. The Rochester Retirees' Campaign came in at 106% of our 2006 objective. In addition to your generous contributions, many of you also participated in the Days of Caring and especially the 50th Habitat for Humanity home construction. Financial equity and sweat equity is what it takes to make a successful campaign and you did it all this year. Thanks for your support.

Dick Odell, RCCC Coordinator

E-MAIL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

We are getting a few rejects of newsletters sent out by e-mail. If you are missing issues, please check your filter and change it to accept e-mail from rchret@us.ibm.com

IBM RETIREES' BOWLING LEAGUE

Each new season, it seems the league suffers a small degree of attrition for various reasons, but thanks to 3 last minute entries, we kept the roster at 12 3-person teams.

On January 3rd, we arrived at the half-way point of the season. Team WOO (**Morry Witter**, **Marlys Ohnstad**, and **Dan Osland**) took over 1st place in week 4 and opened up a comfortable

lead and went on to win the first half. **Chris Osland** replaced Dan on the team in week 10 when Dan learned he required additional radiation and chemotherapy treatments. The team, We Don't Know (**Lair DeSart**, **Betty Voss**, and **Fred Garske**) came in second.

Several bowlers earned USBC Emblems or Pins for having a game or series score which met the USBC criteria for awards.

40+ pins over avg game	
120 avg or less	
Eunice Kohlmeyer	175 game
Darlyne Burchfiel	162 game
140 avg or less	
Clare Hawley	192 game
Bea Quelle	191 game
160 avg or less	
Marv Sawyer	212 game
Dan Osland	210 game
Dick Severson	210 game
Tom Stuve	206 game
Dave Drips	202 game
Bill Eitte	202 game
Clarence Speltz	201 game
Isabel Smith	201 game

75+ pins over avg game	
Terry Bowman	277 game
400+ series	
115 avg or less	
Darlyne Burchfiel	404 series
500+ series	
140 avg or less	
Betty Voss	513 series
600+ series	
175 avg or less	
Gary Allar	603 series
All spare game	
Jesse Shanklin	189 game

Congratulations to the first half season winners and to the above who earned individual awards.

Current standings for the awards to be given at the season ending (surely some will be replaced by then):

High Average	
Harry Wahl	198
Judy Garske	163
High game with handicap	
Terry Bowman	281
Eunice Kohlmeyer	259
High series with handicap	
Clarence Speltz	723
Betty Voss	722

Thanks to the subs who filled in this year and to the regulars for arranging for a sub when needed.

Dick Smith, League Secretary

WORLD COMMUNITY GRID

IBM and several other organizations are sponsoring the World Community Grid and are encouraging employees to use their work or home PCs to help solve some of the world's largest problems. If you have a cable modem or DSL you can help "save the world". Link to the following for detailed information on how to let your computer help:

<http://www.worldcommunitygrid.org>

I am currently running on a 3GHz PC and the WCG runs in the background (<30% CPU utilization) and I have noticed virtually no degradation of my normal work or response times. There are several options and Grid projects you may select, including the following:

1. Human Proteome Folding
2. Cancer
3. Fight Aids
4. Genome Comparison and other

projects.

How Grid computing works:

Grid computing joins together many individual computers, creating a large system with massive computational power that far surpasses the power of a handful of supercomputers. Because the work is split into small pieces that can be processed simultaneously, research time is reduced from years to months.

You can start and stop your computer or the Grid program at any time and it will resume automatically when you restart or resume the Grid functions. It is simple and, unless you look at your progress reports, it is virtually undetectable. So consider joining other IBMers around the world and help make a difference.

Richard Odell

OBITUARIES

The following IBMers (Club members and nonmembers), died in 2006: Joseph E Andriacchi, Robert James Anonby, Arnold C Blasing, Charles A Bond, Alberta A Chance, James Leo Clark, John D Clark, John Thomas Costello, Douglas B Craft, Richard K Daggett, JoAnn Daigneau, David W Davis, John Lyman Delaney, Douglas O Delano, Willis W Denny, John H Duxbury, Frank Alfred Else, John F Fancher, Donald Gates Jr, Gregg A Haugen,

Melvin Arnold Howard, Elizabeth M Hopkins, Richard Desmond Kilpatrick, Herman J King, Robert E Kloppstein, Alvin Eugene Knutson, Robert Carl Knutson, Walter Kohlmeyer, Richard A Krumpelmann, Richard Lagergren, Orville E Lawman, Ursula M Lenard, James O Lindquist, Harold J A Luedtke, Chih Hsin Liu, Ralph W Mcoy, Thomas Edwin Miller, Jake C Muldrow, Ronald Neubauer, Douglas John O'Hara Sr, Forest Cary Parry, Kenneth Patterson, Donald H Peters, LaVern F Peterson, Severin Rausch, John Walter Reed, Willmer A Rietmann, Dale D Roy, Jeannine J Rundquist, Canby Ryles, Everitt R Selle, Victor Cornelius Severson, Fred G Stoehr, Edward E Ulrich, Darel G Walker, Robert L Wheeler, Bruce W Wright.

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.

Note: there is a new address to send the form to. If you have the old form you may use it but send it to :

ACCLARIS
P.O. Box 20571
Tampa FL. 33622-0571

The instructions are on the back of the form, available from "IBM National Human Resources Center" at 1-800-796-9876, or as a download from Net Benefits. See instructions below for access to all forms. You have until December 31st, 2007 to file for reimbursement for 2006.

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, or as a download from Net Benefits. Instructions are on the back of the form. Claims must be filed by April 15th, 2007.

FORMS ONLINE

Downloading IBM forms has been made easier. See our website (rochester.mn.com/rrclub) for easy access to Net Benefits, or go to: <http://netbenefits.com> Then **log in** (new users follow the instructions). Then **click on** the heading "HEALTH AND INSURANCE" near the middle of the page.

Then **click on** the heading "ALL HEALTH AND INSURANCE FORMS".

That will take you to a list of about 40 IBM forms for almost every occasion. You can download them and print them out.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION OFFER FOR THE RETIREES' CLUB

Your membership dues for 2007 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. If you have been a yearly subscriber, the \$5.00 annual fee is due now, or consider the **onetime lifetime fee** 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 the January issue to **all** IBM Rochester retirees. We want you to know that the Club is active and you can still 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 it with your check.

NAME _____ **SPOUSES NAME** _____

ADDRESS _____

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IBM EMPLOYEE NUMBER _____ **E-MAIL ADDRESS** _____

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_____ **LIFETIME (\$25.00)**

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