

# NEWS

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## NEW FORMAT

In an effort to make the newsletter more readable to our on line recipients, I'm going to try the one column format. Don't hesitate to give me your feedback (as if I even had to mention that). Also, for you online readers, the type size will be larger for easier readability.

## COMING EVENTS

Put these dates on your calendar:

Retirees' Club picnic: **Wed., July 8**

Retirees' Club Christmas party: **Sat., Dec 5**

Newsletters in **Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, & Nov.**

Hi-way Clean-up: **1<sup>st</sup> one in May**

Golf schedule: here are the dates we have locked in

for 2009: **June 8-Stewartville, June 22-Coffee Mill,**

**July 6-Zumbro Falls, July 20-Frontenac, August 10-Willow Creek,**

**August 24-Dodge Center, September 14-Oak Summit,**

**September 21-The Jewel**

Daffodil Days – **March 11 – March 15**

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – **November and December**

## 2008 RETIREES' CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

The 2008 IBM Retirees Holiday Party was held on December 6, 2008 in the Exhibit Hall at the Mayo Civic Center. There were 370 people who paid to attend, a much smaller crowd than last year. The Exhibit Hall was nicely decorated with table centerpieces done by IBM Retiree Board volunteers and everyone seemed to like the extra room around the tables and the serving areas.

The caterer was Canadian Honker with a great display of warm and cold hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Our friends at Think Bank graciously paid for our event insurance (\$300.00) and we thank them. They have done this for us in past years (when they were a Credit Union) and have continued to do it even though they are now a Mutual Bank.

Thanks to the Board members for all the help with decorating and elsewhere. A

special thanks to **Joan Buske, Shirley Riley, Al Calavano, Lynn Knutson, Paulette Steinberg** who did a lot of the extra work in processing the reservations, creating name tags and greeting people. A very special thanks to **Nancy Morrison** who made the centerpieces and kept watch over the decorations throughout the year -- this in addition to helping with everything else. Finally, **Dick Odell** took wonderful photos and posted them on the website - thank you.

The next event (2009) will be on December 5, 2009 in the Exhibition Hall at the Mayo Civic Center.

**Seig Hoepfner**, Chair - 2008 Holiday Party

## HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to **Richard & Carol Gosse, Wesley & Kathleen Johnson, Wayne & Audrey Livingston, David & Barbara Postier, Merlin & Karen Ricklefs, Charles & Goldie Speltz, and Dick & Shirley Sonsalla** who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries recently.

## IBM RETIREES' BOWLING LEAGUE

Again this year, some of our regular bowlers had to drop out, but there were 7 new people ready to come in as weekly regulars and now we have expanded from 12 to 13 teams. Welcome to the following new regulars: **Paul Burkart, Terry Clark, Eric Fosdick, Ed Gomez, Ray Krolak, Ron Pew and Ed Rosencrants**. New substitutes this year are **Roy Finke** and **Rita Balm**.

December 17<sup>th</sup> marked the end of the first half season. Team INEZ SEZ (**Inez Jacobson, Bill Miller, Dick Smith**) were able to preserve a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish over two teams who were only 2 points behind and had designs on the top position also. Coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place was ALGAR (**Gary Allar, Judy Garske, Roy Quelle**) and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to JIF (**John Greilinger, Isabel Smith, Fred Garske**).

Several bowlers earned USBC Emblems or Pins for having a game or series score which met the USBC criteria in their respective average bracket.

40+ pins over average game:

140 avg or less **Morry Witter** 180 game, **Ellen Simon** 188 game,  
**Bill Miller** 190 game

160 avg or less **Karl Pasch** 200 game, **Jessie Shanklin** 201 game,  
**Nancy Shatford** 202 game, **Marlys Ohnstad** 203 game,  
**Ed Rosencrants** 205 game, **Warren Warfield** 208 game,  
**Judy Garske** 212 game, **Clarence Speltz** 212 game,  
**Bob Polilowsky** 235 game

75+ pins over avg game **Bob Polikowsky** 235 game

700+ series, 215 avg or less **Karl Anderson** 707 series

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

Below are the men and women who are (currently) in the lead for the year-end awards, but no doubt some will be replaced as we proceed into the second half season.

High Average      **Harry Wahl** 198, **Jessie Shanklin**      163  
High (hdcp) Game **Bob Polikowsky** 285, **Judy Garske** 256  
                         **Ellen Simon** 256, **Nancy Shatford** 256  
High (hdcp) Series      **Karl Anderson** 740, **Lois Douglas** 700

Thank you to the subs who have filled in this year and to the regulars for getting a sub when needed.

**Dick Smith**, league secretary

## **ROCHESTER SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

Do you still enjoy playing softball? Do you enjoy participating in activities for retirees? Do you have some free time on Monday and Wednesday mornings during the summer? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may want to join our Rochester Senior Softball league this spring. Last year we had 65 participants and we formed four teams and played a full schedule of over 40 games throughout the summer. We hope to have about 90 players and six teams this next season. Among that group were several IBM retirees. Our primary goal is exercise and camaraderie, but we all do play to win. You must be at least 50 years old to participate. We have fun and we try to keep the teams evenly matched by drafting team rosters four times during the season. We play at McQuillan Field at 9:30am each Monday and Wednesday. We supply bats and balls, hats and shirts, and other special equipment. Entry fee for the season is only \$25.

For more information please contact any of the following:

**Bill Beaupre** 288-3324, **Ben Borgen** 288-4768 , **Bill Miller**      288-3752

## **2008 RETIREE VOLUNTEERS**

During 2008, 18 Retirees' Club members volunteered their time to staff the Club office at the IBM main site. 10 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:

**Del Anderson, Jerry Blaisdell, Rita Buegler, Loel Erickson, Sharone Fiedler, Bill Hammer, Wayne Harris, Seig Hoepfner, Gordon Kappel, Chuck Perry, Bernie Peterson, Lad Roering, Ed Rosencrants, Bill Schmidt, Roger Spee, Judy Wasser, Ken Willkomm and Kenneth Yule.**

Any IBM Retiree interested in staffing the Retirees' Club office from 10 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](mailto:rchret@us.ibm.com) for more information.

Also, **Gordie Dahl, Tom Modjeski, Butch & Judy Bjork, Maurice Greene, and Bill Ketchum** assisted at the golf courses.

On November 14th, December 4th and December 18th, IBM retirees volunteered their time ringing bells for the Salvation Army. Some of the volunteers wore antlers and flashing red noses for the delight of the passersby and, I might add, got generous contributions. Newspaper articles stated that the Red Kettle goal was exceeded. A special thanks to Al Calavano for providing the antlers and noses. The bell ringers were **Al Calavano, Del Anderson , David Middleton and Loel Erickson**, who all

worked two shifts. Other ringers were **Seig and George Hoepner, Dick Armstrong, Rita Buegler, Duane Haugen, Ruth Nevling, Ann Konop, Sharone Fiedler, Wayne Harris and John and Margaret Corrigan**. I also want to recognize another volunteer who wishes to remain anonymous to protect Rudolph's reputation. He wore a Santa hat, a huge flashing red nose and life-like antlers (16 points). Thank you to all for your support.

Community Service volunteers also sold daffodils in March 2008. I would like to recognize them again for their support. They are; **Penny Ryno, Jim "Abe" and Mary Abraham, Lila Swanson, Wanda and Joe Murphy, Bob and Carol Sonnabend, Gary Allar, George and Wilma Menshik, Ken and Dotti Willkomm, Seig and George Hoepner, Duane Haugen, Ruth Nevling, David Middleton, Alan Calavano, Del Anderson, John Springer, Rita Buegler and Loel Erickson**. Thanks to all.

### **WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO.....**

Merry Christmas! At least it looks like it outside today.

After reading the Nov/Dec News letter, I decided I would give you my e mail address and save the club a few pennies a month. My address is [rodkare@mchsi.com](mailto:rodkare@mchsi.com). I retired June 1st, 1990 and after 2 years of retirement, went back to work. My wife was still working and I got tired of doing the cooking, cleaning, baking, and the laundry. I first started working part time at Sears but found they wanted 39 hrs a week so decided to try something else. I became the electronic tech at Seneca and worked until my wife and I could retire together. I started repairing the electronic boards used in their equipment, along with other duties there and am still doing some of it in retirement, only now I am doing it for Midwest Foods. One advantage is that I can do these in my shop and on my own time.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Keep up the good work and I will follow you all with your stories in the News.

**Rod Skare**

### **OBITUARIES**

The following IBM Retirees died in 2008: Dale E. Ableitner, Shirley M. Amundson, James L. Anderson, Ronald C. Anderson, Warren H. Anderson, Robert K. Arnold, Carmen I Atkinson, Morris "Red" Atkinson, Richard Bains, Ernest F. Banitt, Thomas H. Bliss, LeRoy C. Busby, Alice Helen Bush, Loran E. Carter, David B. Carey, Russell V. Clover, Victor Roy Cook, Lester A DeRoo, Alexander L. Dockstader, Thomas J. Englund, Marrion J Egan, Ione J. Erickson, Daryl Winslow Corbin Ferber, William M. Fields, Jerome "Jerry" Genz, Helen C. Gikas, Charles "Dana" Gill, Harold W. Greer, Roland N. Hansen, Charles C. Hanson, Donald W. Hickey, David W. Hoenk, Robert Charles Hoffmann, Karolmae Holtorf, Harlen M. Hostager, Mary Jo Hunter, Vernon E. Jacobson, Joseph P. Jensen, Joseph H. Kardock, William "Bill" Klause, Phillip W. Klickman, Robert E. Kroening, Audrey Ann Launt, William B. Leary, Glen E. LeBarron, Joseph E Machlika, William J. Mahon, Micalle F. Matson, Dwaine "Dewey" Mewhorter, John Miner,

Richard D. Molde, Owen Moore, Lucille E. Mueller, Grant C. Mulholland, Gail E. Mulligan, Michael A. Nelson, Lorraine J. Ness, LeRoy L. Nordeng, Gerald W. Nordstrom, Glenn W. Pembleton, Curtis W. Preuss, Leslie W. Purvis, John R. Quall, Robert B. Renken, Orville J. Rinehart, Kenneth C. Runkle, Richard J. Ryno, Larry R. Sanneman, Charles W. Schweitzer, Clair H Seibert, Michael John Snyder, Amanda Stahl, Alvin L. Steberg, Thomas R. Stuve, Kurt F. Todtenhaupt, Charles Wendell Tucker, Doris M Van Why, Thomas L. Watson, John W. Wood.

The following IBM Retirees' Club members or spouses have recently passed away.

PHILLIP E. WORDEN died December 1<sup>st</sup>. He retired in 1988, after a 25 year career with IBM. He is survived by his wife, Helen; a daughter, Cally Vinz; 2 sons, Scott and Harry; and 6 grandchildren.

ROWENA S. METZ died December 6<sup>th</sup>. She worked for IBM before retiring. Survivors include 3 children, Bob, Pat Pruden, and Betsy Larson; 9 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; and several great great grandchildren.

ROBERT W. 'BOB' STRICKE died December 12<sup>th</sup>. He was a long time employee in manufacturing, retiring in 1991. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; a son, Gregg; and a granddaughter.

RUSSELL GOODRICH died December 16<sup>th</sup>. He retired in 1987 after a 30 year career. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie; 2 sons, Russ and Tim; 6 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grandchildren.

RICHARD D. 'DICK' SHIPMAN died December 16<sup>th</sup>. He started with IBM in Endicott and retired from Rochester in 1987, after 30 years in the media department. He is survived by his wife, Allene; 2 sons, Richard and Jim; 2 daughters, Nancy Timp and Kathy Kylo; 13 grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

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

### **SUBSCRIPTION OFFER FOR THE RETIREES' NEWSLETTER**

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 for \$35.00.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSES NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY, STATE, & ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IBM EMPLOYEE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **e-mail address** \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND TO: IBM Rochester Retirees' Club**

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**Rochester, MN 55901**

We are always looking for new members for the Retirees' Club, but we do not always hear about new retirees. If you know someone who has retired and does not know about the club, please contact us with the name and address of the person. We would like to send him/her info about the club.

