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NEWS

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COMING EVENTS IN 2010

Put these dates on your calendar:

Retirees' Club picnic: **Wed., July 14**

Retirees' Club Christmas party: **Sat., Dec 4** (tentative)

Newsletters via e-mail: **Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, & Nov.**

via US mail: **Jan, Apr, July, Oct**

Hi-way Clean-up: **May 10, July 12, Sept 13**

Golf schedule: here are the dates we have locked in for 2010:

**June 7-Stewartville, June 21-Coffee Mill, July 12-Zumbro Falls,
July 19-Frontenac, August 9-Willow Creek, August 23-Dodge Center,
September 13-Oak Summit, September 20-The Jewel**

Daffodil Days - **March 17- March 21,**

Salvation Army Bell Ringing - **November and December (Actual dates to be determined)**

MEDICARE B PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT

A reminder to send in the completed "Special Health Assistance Provision Claim Form" to get your Medicare B Premium Refund. 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 (instructions below).

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.

If you want to down load either of these IBM Forms, go to:

<http://netbenefits.com>

log in (for new users follow the instructions)

click on the heading "**Health & Insurance**" on the tab at the top of the page near the middle of the page.

Click on the heading "**All Health & Insurance Forms**" on the left hand side of the page.

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

2009 RETIREES' CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

The 2009 IBM Retirees Club Holiday Party was held on December 5, 2009 in the Exhibit Hall at the Mayo Civic Center. There were 350 people who attended (each year the number decreases) but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The Exhibit Hall was nicely decorated and many people said they appreciated the extra room around the tables and the serving areas.

The caterer was Canadian Honker with some really good warm and cold appetizers and desserts. Our friends at Think Bank once again graciously paid for our event insurance (\$300) and we thank them.

Thanks to the Board members for all their help. A special thanks to **Joan Buske** and **Nancy Morrison** for their assistance in creating name tags in addition to decorating and other work, to **Lynn Knutson** and **Paulette Steinberg** (our treasurers) for a whale of a lot of work in processing all the reservations and taking care of the money, and to the other Holiday Party Committee members **Al Calavano, Jerry Blaisdell and Bob Mesarchik** for their help with decorating and greeting people. Newsletter Editor **Ed Rosencrants** was available to talk about the newsletter and other concerns. Finally, thanks to **Dick Odell** for again being the official photographer.

The next Holiday Party is tentatively scheduled for December 4, 2010. More info later.

Seig Hoepfner, Chair - 2008 Holiday Party

2009 RETIREE VOLUNTEERS

A very special "thank you" to all the 2009 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 2009 volunteers were: **Ruth Nevling, David Middleton, Jim and Mary Abraham, Duane Haugen, Del Anderson, George and Seig Hoepfner, Al Calavano, Gary Allar, Penny Ryno, Joe and Wanda Murphy, Lila Swanson, Barb Muenkel, Ken and Dotty Wilkomm, Dick and Deedee Odell, Rita Buegler, Edith Martin, Diane Moench, Sharone Fiedler, Lynn Knutson, Ed Rosencrants, Joe Endrizzi, Lance and Mary Jane Nelson, Dick Armsrong and Loel Erickson.** Several of these volunteers worked both events. "Thank you" to all. Remember Daffodil Days are in March. Please call the Retirees' office to volunteer.

Loel Erickson, Chair, Club Community Service

During 2009, 17 Retirees' Club members volunteered their time to staff the Retirees' Club office at the IBM main site and the Salvation Army. 7 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, Rita Buegler, Loel Erickson, Bill Hammer, Wayne Harris, Seig Hoepfner, Al Lun, Diane Moench,**

Bernie Peterson, Lad Roering, Ed Rosencrants, Bill Schmidt, Bill Schwartz, 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 should call the club office at **507-424-4193** or send an e-mail to **rchret@aol.com** for more information.

Wayne Harris, Chair, Office Staffing

Thanks also to the volunteer hosts for the Retirees' golf events: **Gordy Dahl, Butch Bjork, Harry Wahl, Tom Modjeski, Jim Honsey, Bill Ketchum, Jerry Blaisdell, & Gary Lingbeck**

Harry Wahl, Chair, Golf committee

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO.....

I heard from **Obert Jergenson**. I started at IBM in 1957. Seeing Jim Engh's message urged me to write. I don't know if Jim remembers me, but I worked with him on the 519 card punch.

I retired in 1990 and have been spending winters in AZ since 1996. I'm a typical snow-bird, and we enjoy it very much.

We toured Norway one fall, it was actually 9/11, and we were not sure if we would get home. However it all worked out well. We lived in Stewartville for many years, but now we are in Rochester.

Hello to everyone that remembers me, **Jergie**.

A note from **Zanti Squillace**. I joined IBM in 1962 in Product Engineering and did a temporary assignment at Endicott, NY to complete the development of the 1260 Bank Machine and transfer it to Rochester for MFG. This was a very interesting machine to work on because it required several technologies. I also worked on the development of S/38 and AS400.

After I retired from Mechanical Development at IBM in 1990, I worked part time for Munters, a Humidity and Temperature Control business. An especially interesting job was to control the humidity and temperature for the Smithsonian Exhibit at the old Civic Center in St. Paul, which included Judy Garland's famous Ruby Shoes from "Wizard of Oz", George Washington's sword, and a lot of other historical items.

Other volunteer activities included taking part in planning an addition to Mt Olive Church and setting up a system for members to donate investments to the church. Especially enjoyable are the weekly meetings of Day Makers Kiwanis Club, playing trombone with the Chatfield Brass Band and performing in many concerts and parades during the year. For about nine years I helped do sound effects for Rochester Radio Theater Guild. I was sorry to hear from our directors that our last performance was in May.

My wife and I have traveled a lot, include hiking in Nepal, sailing around Greek Islands, also touring Spain, Morocco, Finland (to see relatives), Turkey, Israel and Egypt.

I hope to stay in good health by working out at the gym regularly.

From retiree **Darrel Walberg** who switched to e-letter. Sorry to hear that you had to relocate offsite. My compliments to the board, and to Ed for the great job as editor.

A bit about myself. Since I retired in 1997, my wife and I are on our 6th motor home. We are winter snowbirds and frequent summer campers. That and home/yard maintenance are pretty much my only hobbies. Always appreciate hearing about our IBM friends

A note from **Dave Schwartzkopf** . I wonder how many of us know that **Forest Parry** invented the magnetic strip that the whole world uses today? Google forest parry for details. He and I became friends in his later years with IBM until his death.

IBM RETIREES' BOWLING LEAGUE

The 2009-10 bowling season got under way on October 7th with thirteen 3-person teams and 9 substitutes. We are pleased to welcome **Duane Glenzinski** to the league as a new regular this year and three new substitutes, **Paul & Kay Clayson** and **Dick Mustain**.

We closed out the first half of the season on January 13th , a little later than usual, due to a blizzard on December 9th that forced us to cancel bowling that week. The winners of the first half are **Ellen Simon, Eric Fosdick and Karl Anderson**. The 2nd place team is **Isabel Smith, Bernie Borgschatz and Terry Clark**.

In past years, it was customary to report that 14 or more bowlers would earn USBC achievement awards during the first half season. This year, the US Bowling Congress raised the criteria for earning an award and that puts them out of reach for most of our bowlers; however, there were four who met the threshold:

45 or more pins over average (average 130 or less)

Betty Voss 194 game Inez Jacobson 175 game

Ellen Simon 185 game

70 or more pins over average (average 180 or less)

Bernie Borgschatz 256 game

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

HAPPENINGS

Congratulations to **Sheila & Robert Coe, Ginny & Darrell Oelkers, and Madeline & Vincent Riccioli on their 50th anniversary**.

DONATE BLOOD

Mayo Clinic Blood Donor Center invites you to join the team and donate blood! Every six minutes, a patient at Mayo Clinic needs a transfusion of blood or blood products. A simple blood donation can save the life of a child with leukemia, restore the strength of a cancer patient or provide a critical transfusion to an accident victim. There is no substitute for this life-saving gift, so patients rely upon the caring spirit of blood donors like you. Please share this idea with friends and family members and encourage

them to "join the team" and donate blood today. To make your donation appointment or for more information, call (507) 284-4475, e-mail donateblood@mayo.edu or see the website at <http://mayoclinic.org/donateblood> . Or just drop by the Hilton Building or Saint Marys Hospital donor centers, where walk-in donors are always welcome.

Hours and locations: Mayo Clinic--Hilton Building, Mon. through Fri., 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saint Marys Hospital--Joseph Building , Mon. through Thurs., 7:45 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Fri., 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information from the Mayo Clinic.

Loel Erickson, Community Services Chair

OBITUARIES

The following IBM Retirees died in 2009: William Bacon, Geraldine Biaggio, Keith Bleuer, Dale Bothun, Robert Boyum, Robert Bradley, Michael Brien, Garland Buchanan, David Buesing, Dick Burns, Bruce Clark, Blake Collins, William Cook, Charles Dahms, Robert DeVinny, Ron Fite, Bryce Fossum, Walter Gardiner, Charles Geisinger, Helen Gikas, Russ Goodrich, Forest Green, Gregory Hoffa, Gerald Holst, Karolmae Holtorf, Vernon Jacobson, Thomas Kappauf, Darlene King, Gregory Kirby, Robert Leppala, Betty Lind, Joe Machlica, Kenneth Mallon, Christopher Manahan, Duane Martin, Joseph Mattison, Rowena Metz, Robert Miller, Thomas Miller, William Minor Jr., Richard Molde, Loren Monson, Grant Mullholland, Clarence Nickelsen, Lorraine Ness, David Neumann, Douglas Osland, Bruce Patterson, William Pesch, Dallas Petersen, Kristine Peterson, Fred Pexton, Susan Post, John Quall, Glen Richter, Orville Rinehart Jr., Kenneth Runkle, James Senjem, Richard Shipman, Gary Sjarpe, Catherine Smith, Norman Stevenson, Robert Stricke, Lorry Stump, Theodore Tiemens, Leonard Wilson, John Wood, Phillip Worden, & John Zweifel.

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

MICHAEL J. O'HANLON died October 11. He retired as World Wide New Products Manager in 1998, after 41 years with IBM. Survivors include his wife, Charlotte; and his daughters, Debra and Pam O'Hanlon.

HAROLD "MAC" MCMULLEN died October 30. A 1985 retiree, he began his 34 year career with IBM by helping start the Rochester location in 1956. He is survived by his daughter, Nancy Albright; a son, Patrick Cook; a daughter-in-law Gail Cook; 6 grandchildren; & 2 great grandchildren.

OBED A. JACOBSON died November 1. He retired in 1990, after a 32 year career. Survivors include his wife, Marlene; 3 daughters, Brenda Clarey, Cheri Jacobson, & Terri Jacobson; 7 grandchildren; & 7 great grandchildren.

JEFFREY J. DAOOD died November 7. He retired in 1993 after 30 years with IBM. He is survived by his wife, Susanne; 3 sons, Christopher, Michael, & Jeffery; and 7 grandchildren.

JOHN B. FUCHS died November 14. After a 34 year career, he retired in 1990 from Publications. He is survived by his wife, Mary; 3 children, Robert, Jerome, and Joan; 4 grandchildren; & a great grandchild.

DURWARD A. SHEPARD died November 14. He was with IBM in several locations and retired in 1982 after a 40 year career. Survivors include his stepson, John Dapolito; 5 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; and a great-great grandchild.

HOLLIS S. STEVENSON died November 18. He retired in 1992 after 31 years as a machinist. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; 2 children, Hollie Kennedy & Jim; a daughter-in-law, Joleen; 9 grandchildren; & a great granddaughter.

PHOEBE NELSON ST. MARTIN died November 26. She retired after 18 years with IBM. Survivors include her husband, Thomas; and 2 stepdaughters.

MARY J. DRAY died December 2. She worked at IBM for 22 years, retiring in 1992 at the same time her husband retired from IBM. She is survived by her husband, Ray; 3 children, Susan Anderson, Annette Drewes, and Douglas Dray; a daughter-in-law, Kristin Dray; and 9 grandchildren.

GLEN E. ROLLINGS died December 13. He retired in 1987 after a 33 year career with IBM. Survivors include; 5 children, DeEtta Growden-Stillwell, Kevin Rollings, Alicia Hoffman-Darr, Kent Rollings, and Julie Park; 2 grandchildren; and 3 step grandchildren.

CHARLES "COOLIE" CARLSON died December 14. He started with IBM in San Jose and retired from Rochester after 33 years. Survivors include his wife, Audrey; a daughter, Laurel Bulen; a son, David; and 2 grandsons.

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