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COMING EVENTS IN 2011

Put these dates on your calendar:

Retirees' Club picnic: **Wed., July 13**

Retirees' Club Christmas party: **Sat., Dec 10**

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

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

Hi-way Clean-up: **May 9, July 11, Sept 12**

Golf schedule: here are the dates we have locked in for 2011:

June 6-Stewartville, June 20-Coffee Mill, July 11-Zumbro Falls,

July 18-Frontenac, August 8-Willow Creek, August 22-Dodge Center,

September 12-Oak Summit, September 19-The Jewel

Daffodil Days - **Mar 9th - 12th**

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 if you are eligible (Eligibility depends upon date of retirement). 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 download 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.

2010 RETIREES' CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2010 IBM Retirees' Christmas Party was held on December 4, 2010 at the Eagles Club in Rochester. There were 396 paid retirees and guests who attended this year, more than the two previous years. It was a little crowded but cozy.

The Eagles catered the food and did a nice job with the hors d'oeuvres and dessert.

I want to thank Think Mutual Bank for the gifts they donated. Please share our thanks with them when you stop by their offices.

Special thanks to our President **Hank Eyrich**, our fabulous MC **Bob Mesarchik** for the fine words and sing along, and accompanist Eric Straubmuller. It was great to hear everyone singing.

Thanks to the Board members for all the help with decorating and elsewhere. Also thanks to **Edelgard & Bernie Peterson, Joyce & Roger Lewison, Ed & Gloria Rosencrants, Bob & Marie Mesarchik, Al Calavano, Sharone Fiedler, Ruth Van Why, Seig Hoepfner**, our treasurers **Lynn Knutson** and **Jim Miesbauer**. A special thanks to **Nancy Morrison** for making the nametags and taking care of the decorating and to **Dick Odell** for taking the pictures for our website.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year on behalf of the IBM Retirees' Board.

Joan Buske, Chair – 2010 Christmas Party

The 2011 Christmas Party has been scheduled for Saturday, December 10, at the Eagles Club. We have negotiated some changes we felt would make the party better. They are:

- We will have another room to spread out into. This will give us the whole west side of the building and the south end. We will also use the new area to create 2 more food lines.
- We have eliminated the round tables and are going to the rectangular tables which will allow for more seating and some wider aisles.
- The main entry to the club will be used for the sign-in area and we will have additional cloak storage.
- The handicapped entrance will remain the same as last year with emphasis to watch for unauthorized parking in that area.

Roger Lewison, Christmas Party Committee

2010 RETIREE VOLUNTEERS

Many IBM Retiree Club board members and club members volunteer their time each year to support club activities. It is these volunteers who make our club viable and worthwhile. Volunteers support several activities including office staffing, daffodil sales for the American Cancer Society, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, Highway Clean-Up, and the retirees' golf outings.

RETIREE OFFICE STAFFING: Ken Willkomm, Bill Schwartz, Roger Spee, Wayne Harris, Ed Rosencrants, Loel Erickson, Judy Wasser, Seig Hoepfner, Lennie Broich, Lad Roering, Nancy Morrison, Bill Hammer, Bernie Peterson, Roger Lewison, Karl Pasch, Frank Richason and Chuck Perry.

Wayne Harris, Chair, Office Committee

BELL RINGING: Jim and Mary Abraham, Del Anderson, Al Calavano, Dave Middleton, Joe Endrizzi, Loel Erickson, Ed Rosencrants, Bob Mesarchik, Lynn Knutson, Sharone Fiedler, Rita Buegler, Lila Swanson, Jim and Peggy McEvoy, Jim and Alice Meisbaur, Diane Moench, Penny Ryno and Dick and Jan Erwin.

Loel Erickson, Chair, Community Service Committee

DAFFODIL DAYS: Lila Swanson, Loel Erickson, Joe Endrizzi, Dave Middleton, Rita Buegler, Gary Allar, Del Anderson, Al Calavano, Wanda and Joe Murphy, George and Seig Hoepfner, Darvin Anderson, Jerry Kratz and Penny Ryno.

Loel Erickson, Chair, Community Service Committee

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP: Clay Arvison, Ed Berryman, Jim Decker, Joe Falcone, Glenn Hanson, Fred Huss, Alice & Jim Miesbauer, Jerry Olson, Frank Richason, Alan Rustan, Maury Salmon, John Sprenger, and me, Smokey Asfahl.

Smokey Asfahl, Chair, Adopt-a-Highway Committee

RETIREES' GOLF EVENTS: Gordy Dahl, Butch Bjork, Harry Wahl, Tom Modjeski, Jim Honsey, Bill Ketchum, Jerry Blaisdell, & Gary Lingbeck

Bob Coe, Chair, Golf committee

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO.....

I heard from **John Rink**. During my IBM career I worked in the Material's Lab and then helped start the Integrated Circuit Lab (ITL). I retired in 1988. After that I did volunteer work for the Rochester Senior Citizens Center. For several years my wife, Lois, and I planned and escorted trips for groups from the Center. We did many trips. Some were day trips to nearby places, some were longer trips in the states, and many were lengthy overseas. We enjoyed traveling with the senior citizens and seeing new places.

I frequently go to the monthly IBM Retirees luncheon meeting here in town. I spend a lot of time on my hobby of woodcarving and I belong to the local Woodcarvers Club.

John Rink

IBM RETIREES' BOWLING LEAGUE

The 2010-11 bowling season got under way on October 13th with twelve 3-person teams and 13 substitutes. We are pleased to welcome **Jack Braun, Jay Anderson** and **Rita Anderson** to the league this year as new substitute bowlers.

We closed out the first half of the season on January 5th and the winners of the first half are **Chris Oslund, Ed Gomez** and **Harry Wahl**. The 2nd place team is **Ellen Simon, John Greilinger** and **Duane Glenzinski**.

Last year in the mid-season report, I commented that USBC had raised the criteria for earning an achievement award so high that it resulted in only four bowlers in our league earning an award in the first half. Apparently, USBC heard the outcry. So this year, USBC swung the pendulum in the other direction, such that 41 awards were earned by our bowlers in this first half. This year, if a bowler has a game that is 25 pins (or more) above the bowler's average, or 75 pins (or more) above the bowler's 3 game series average, an achievement award is earned. Listed below are the bowlers who have earned 'game' and 'series' awards this year.

Game awards: **Gary Allar, Jay Anderson, Karl Anderson, Bruce Brandvold, Paul Burkart, Terry Clark, Eric Fosdick, Fred Garske, Duane Glenzinski, Ed Gomez, John Greilinger, Keith Jacobson, Eunice Kohlmeye, Ray Krolak, Steve Majerus, Bill Miller, Dick Mustain, Marlys Ohnstad, Chris Oslund, Bob Polikowsky, Roy Quelle, Marv Sawyer, Dick Severson, Ed Venners, Harry Wahl, Mary Ann Wahl, Warren Warfield, Morry Witter.**

Series awards: **Bruce Brandvold, Paul Burkart, Eric Fosdick, Ed Venners, Harry Wahl, Warren Warfield, Morry Witter.**

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	Karl Anderson	190	Jessie Shanklin	159
High (hdcp) Game	Warren Warfield	291	Mary Ann Wahl	266
High (hdcp) Series	Harry Wahl	749	Mary Ann Wahl	710

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

HAPPENINGS

Comments sent to the office:

Thank you for the insurance meeting. It was most helpful and much appreciated. Thanks also for all the hard work done on the Christmas/Holiday party. It was a bit cozy, but we know it's a hard decision.

A heartfelt "thank you" to the person who found my Kahler School of Nursing pin which was on a gold chain. It was lost at the IBM Retirees' Christmas Party. Your honesty made my Christmas much happier. Thank you again.

Congratulations to: **Bev & Jim Faulhaber** on their 50th anniversary and to **Lloyd & Marie Dickhut** and **Marvis & Marvin Muller** on their 65th anniversary.

RETIREES' CLUB MEDICAL SEMINAR

On December 9th, after having to reschedule the event 4 times, John Whelan and Michael Salscheider of Prime Time Health Advisers provided an overview of Health Insurance options available for IBM Rochester Retirees. They covered Medigap, Medicare Advantage, and prescription drug offerings. Approximately 380 retirees were in attendance at the sessions, and provided great feedback on the sessions.

Financial donations from attendees more than covered the club's expense to put on the event. Many thanks for all who contributed and those who asked many good questions.

Special thanks to the RR Club board members who championed this special event and "made it happen". A special thank you to Ed Fischel for his work in recording the seminar and producing DVDs, which will be made available thru the club office. Also to **Roger Spee** for loading the videotape to U-Tube.

Lennie Broich

OBITUARIES

The following IBM Retirees died in 2010:

Verl L. Adler, William Walter Bacon, Wuilliam L. Batchelor, Dick Bains, Arnold Carl Berg, Donald E. Berg, Geraldine Biaggio, Donald E. Birka, Keith T. Bleuer, Gary Blum, Dale R. Bothun, Robert Lee Boyum, Robert B. Bradley, Michael O. Brien, Paul R. Brinson, Gerald R. Buchanan, David A. Buesing, Charles Byron Carlson, Bruce R. Clark, Blake Collins, Rosalee M. Connelly, William Cook, Robert L. Coughlin, Charles Henry Dahms, Jeffrey J. Daood, Robert Fenton DeVinny, David Diderrich, Mary J. Dray, Robert Dunagan, Clyde J. Erickson, Robert A. Felten, Edward George Ferguson, Ron Fite, Curtis A. Fix, Bryce G. Fossum, David W. Frydenlund, John B. Fuchs, Walter J. Gardiner, Charles Geisinger, Helen C. Gikas, Russel A. Goodrich, Betty Jane Gordon, David J. Graff, Forrest Donald Green, Jerome S. Greseth, Roger J. Hagen, John C. Harmon, Richard P. Harrington, Marian L. Haugstad, Donald H. Hoerle, Howard E. Holets, Gregory A. Hoffa, Gerald Holst, Karolmae Violet Holtorf, Louis J. Hoppa, William F. Holzer, Donna Jean Hove, Virta A. Hubbard, Richard R. Hudson, David Iverson, Obed A. Jacobson, Vernon E. Jacobson, Thomas K. Kappauf, Arlend

D. Kellar, John D. Kelly, Darlyne J. King, Gregory Ervin Kirby, Reinhard D. Lampat, Janet Lee, Robert A. Leppala, Betty D. Lind, Joseph E. Machlica, Harold MacMullen, Kenneth J. Mallon, Christopher John Manahan, Raymond Marshall, Duane Martin, Joseph E. Mattison, James Edward McManus, Rowena S. Metz, John F. Middendorf, Robert H. Miller, Thomas J. Miller, William Lee Minor, Paul O. Moen, Richard D. Molde, Loren Monson, Gordon Allen Mosher, Grant C. Mulholland, Lorraine J. Ness, David Charles Neumann, Clarence E. Nickelsen, Michael James O'Hanlon, Douglas H. Oslund, Bruce W. Patterson, Charles E. Pavesich, Robert C. Pember, William Pesch, Dallas L. Petersen, Kristine M. Peterson, Fred C. Pexton, Susan Jane Post, David R. Postier, John R. Quall, Orville J. Rinehart, Glen H. Richter, Vernon J. Reiter, Max J. Robinett, Glen Everett Rollings, Kenneth C. Runkle, Howard L. Sanborn, Steven D. Schultz, Jack A. Schweitzer, James Stewart Senjem, Durward Archie Shepard, Richard D. Shipman, Gary Sjarpe, Catherine Ann Smith, Donald F. Solum, Hollis S. Stevenson, Norman Stevenson, Phoebe Nelson St. Martin, Robert W. Stricke, Lorry Matson Stump, Theodore W. Tiemens, Elwin Dean Wilcox, Allen R. Wileman, Leonard R. Wilson, Izell Winkels, John W. Wood, Phillip E. Worden, Hugh W. Young, Kenneth Peter Zubay, Mary E. Zubay, John A. Zweifel.

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

ROLAND 'BUD' DUNKLE died November 21. He retired in 1990 after a 35 year career. Survivors include his wife, Margie; daughter Connie; son David; 7 grandchildren; and 2 great grandsons.

CHARLOTTE J. JOSSELYN died November 21. She was the wife of deceased retiree Lowell. She is survived by 2 children, Sandra Clark & Brian; 5 grandchildren; & 2 great grandchildren.

MARY HELEN BROWNELL died November 22. She was the wife of retiree Wayne Brownell. Survivors include her husband; 6 children, Tim, Karen Wignes, Teresa Jahnke, Andy, Kathy, & Jeff; and 6 grandchildren.

BERNARD J. MEDDLETON died December 31. He joined IBM in 1946 and retired in 1984 after a 38 year career. He is survived by his wife, Roberta; son Pat; daughter Margie Coronal; 6 step children, Brenda Rud, Doug Burgess, Kathy Jensen, Dennis Burgess, Vicky Hoffbauer, & Robin Kruchten; 5 grandchildren; 17 step grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; 32 step great grandchildren; and 2 step great great grandchildren.

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