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From the President

Here we are at the start of 2020. I want to thank all the Board and non-board members for all the work and efforts put into the past year's activities that made them a success. If it weren't for your efforts it would be hard to keep the club going. I especially want to thank our outgoing members Murl Miller, Duane Haugen and Barb Nord. Your work is greatly appreciated.

I also want to thank and welcome back returning members Darlyne Burchfiel, Paul Brown, Karl Shidler and Nancy Morrison. Your commitment is truly appreciated too. And I want to welcome our newest Board member Mary Zastrow for volunteering to help the Board for the next three years. I have known Mary since we worked together in the 1970s on the S/3 card RPG compiler. She was just a young girl then.

Larry Plank

Election Results

The results of the 2020 Rochester IBM Alumni Club's Board of Directors vote are as follows:

Total number of votes: 51 (all votes were for all the candidates)

Number of votes by email	42
Number of votes by phone into Alumni office	2
Number of votes by USPS mail	7

Congratulations to board candidates Darlyne Burchfiel, Paul Brown, Nancy Morrison, Karl Shidler and Mary Zastrow for joining or renewing their positions on the board. They will be joining the current board members of Joan Buske, Wayne Harris, Marty Jensen, Ken Kiefer, Larry Plank, Jean Schendel, Roger Spee, Horst Truestedt, Wayne Wellik, Seig Hoepfner and George Heyne.

The club's officers are as follows:

President	Marty Jensen
1st Vice President	Larry Plank (temp)
Treasurer	George Heyne
Assistant Treasurer	Karl Shidler
Secretary	Joan Buske
Assistant Secretary	Jean Schendel

Other club members who are either on the board and/or volunteer their time for the club:

Alumni Club office management – Wayne Harris and Marty Jensen

Newsletter editor – Horst Truestedt

Anniversary announcements/obituaries for club members – Seig Hoepfner

Hardcopy newsletter distribution – Seig Hoepfner

Email newsletter distribution – Roger Spee

Special assist with club events and club technology – Nancy Morrison

Club website/Facebook group/Twitter – Roger Spee

Club event coordinators – Bill Kleis, Paul Brown, Marty Jensen, Ken Kiefer, Dave Lind and Judy Moyer

Club coordination of Highway Clean-up – Larry Plank

The IBM Alumni Club is a volunteer-based organization that relies heavily on volunteers to operate the club and coordinate events for the club. This

past year the Alumni Club has had to drop some of our community service activities because we could not recruit a volunteer to help. The past 3 Presidents have served +3 years because no one would step forward to volunteer to take on that position. I personally have been on the board +10 years (3 of which as club President). Most of the members of the board are over 70 years old. When I see some of my former co-workers who have retired from IBM, they have thanked me for all I do to keep them informed of what is going on but are shy from wanting to get directly involved in the club. When we (as a club) surveyed the club members, many have voiced the opinion that the more recent IBM retirees are needed to take board positions to help keep the club vital. So please (I repeat PLEASE) consider volunteering to be on the board to help keep the IBM Alumni club stay vital. I can say that as a board member it has been a rewarding experience for me to connect with former co-workers and help all former Rochester IBMers to stay connected as a group.

Roger Spee

Looking for technical help

The Rochester IBM Alumni Club is starting a migration off standalone Lotus Notes to a web-based application. We are in the early stages of designing/writing the web app and as such looking for technical help.

If anyone is interested in helping, we need the following skills:

- On the front end we are developing an Angular 8 app with typescript and HTML – this is of particular interest.
- Using Visual Studio Code.
- As a web service we are developing a RESTful Web Service using Java, Spring Boot, Spring MVC and JPA using Spring Tool Suite 4 (STS) which is an eclipse-based IDE.
- The backend database is MySql version 5.6.46
- As a code repository we will setting up GIT.

If you have any of these skills and are interested in helping, please send me a message via Facebook.

Paul Brown pdbrown1226@gmail.com

Spring Walk-Hike Activities



IBM Alumni Hikers at Indian Heights

Join IBM Alumni members, spouses and guests for Walking/Hiking events this spring to get some exercise while enjoying nature and the outdoors. Seven walk/hikes will begin Wednesday May 6 and continue each Wednesday to June 17th and include trails in city, county and possibly a state park or a state wildlife management area. The trails are moderate with some inclines and will take about 1½ - 2 hours with

the trail leader pointing out interesting geological features, history of the parks, and wildlife and flora along the routes. ***Details and sign-up information will be in the March newsletter.***

Dave Lind – Walk/Hike leader

Golf Committee

IBM Alumni Golf for 2020

Happy New Year! We are working on the schedule and have eight outings scheduled or in progress and working on the others. You can mark your calendar with these dates and will have everything confirmed by the next newsletter in March.

We are also working on a way to sign up online for a golfing event but that is still in progress and should have that finalized by the beginning of the season. You can always sign up the old-fashioned way by calling the office or on the sign up sheet at the prior event.

There will be more information in our next newsletter regarding format and how to sign up. In the meantime, start thinking of better weather!

Here are the 2020 golf dates:

- June 8 – The Bluffs of Wabasha
- June 22 – Pine Island
- July 13 – Zumbro Falls (We are looking to replace this one)
- July 27 – Mt. Frontenac
- August 10 – Piper Hills in Plainview
- August 24 – Dodge Center (We are looking to replace this one)
- September 14 – Oak Summit
- September 28 – The Jewel (Has not been confirmed)

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Paul Brown and Jim de Longpre - Golf Committee

Christmas Party - 2019

The last Rochester IBM Alumni Club Christmas Party of the decade was held on Thursday, December 5th at the Eagles Club in Rochester. Great food, conversation, and door prizes were enjoyed by 198 Alumni Club members, spouses, and guests - a great turnout!

The Eagles Club, once again, did a great job setting up and providing the food. Again this year, we had a buffet meal of ham and turkey breast along with potatoes, salad, carrots, rolls and more. The club also provided cake, coffee and punch in addition to the meal that was served.



A HUGE THANKS to the great group of volunteers who helped put on this event - we had folks help with the planning, decorating, setup, making name tags, keeping up with the finances, working the welcome table, taking photographs and obtaining door prizes. We would not be able to put on this event without all of their help.



This year we played several games of "reverse bingo". The crowd enjoyed this activity and we will try it again next year.

Once again, we want to thank our generous donors for the great door prizes. The feedback we received for this event was very positive. We look forward to seeing everyone at the first Christmas Party of the new decade in 2020.

Marty Jensen and Bruce Miller - 2019 Chair

Obituaries

IBM Alumni (club members and non-members) who passed away in 2019:

Robert Adams, John Bakke, Mary Jo Balcome, Peter Bandy, Roland 'Pappy' Barrett, Antanas 'Tony' Bivainis, Gile Bixby, Harold Boysen, Roberta Braaten, Gerald Brennan, Ruben Burmester, Elton 'Curley' Butlin, Dale Clark, William Damerel, Gerald Dooley, Anne Eastman, Paula Edwards, David Ellefson, Richard Ellstrom, Darlene Enderson, Lee Sherwin Evans, Richard Faulhaber, Thomas Ferry, Ronald Fess, Harrison 'Jim' Freeman,

Betty Mae French, Roger Gaio, David Gergen, Jon Griebel, Alfred Grunklee, Allan Hames, Stephen Lee Hansen, Edward Ridgway Harris, Clarence Hartman, William 'Bill' Hughes, Charles Jacobson, Sandra Janssen, Thomas Jeanson, John Kalwasinski, Virginia Kautz, James Keller, Darwyn Kilian, Max Kingsbury, Dean Klauer, Marlyce Koskovich, Hugh Kuhlman, David Lambert, Richard Larson, Wayne Larson, John Leimer, Robert Mack, Marlene Malerich, Daniel Maloney, John McCann, Joseph McGlinch, Robert McCutcheon, Rollin Miller, Thomas Modjeski, Darryl 'Hoss' Moyer, William Oberg, Charles Pagenhart, Emil Pelnar, Gunther Petersen, John Plansky, Farrell Postier, Peter Potosky, Margaret Quesnel, Ronald Rathke, Kenneth W. Reed, Vincent Riccioli, Harold Roberts, Everett Schermerhorn, John Schlumpberger, Roger Schutz, Joseph Simons, Laverne 'LP' Smith, Richard L. Smith, Robert S. Smith, Myron Snesrud, Constance Stelzner, Brent Tiefenthaler, C. Dean Tulledge, Leon 'Rocky' Vehrenkamp, Donald Virchow, Stanley Whiting, Raymond Zeman

The following IBM Alumni Club members have recently passed away.

Antanas 'Tony' Bivainis died December 27, 2019. Tony served in the German Army and later, the English Army during World War II. He had a career as a tailor for many years and then worked as a machinist at IBM for 33 years, retiring in 1986. Tony liked fishing and wintering in McAllan TX. He is survived by his wife, Hildegard, and a son and daughter.

Norris Bjorngaard died January 4, 2020. Norris went to work for IBM in 1957. While employed, he enlisted and served as a sharpshooter in the US Army and Army Reserves from 1958 to 1964. Norris was a member of the Zumbrota Lions Club and served on the Zumbrota School Board. He enjoyed his farm, bowling, sporting activities of his children and grandchildren. He was a fan of the Minnesota Twins, and Minnesota Gophers. Norris is survived by his wife, Eileen; children; and grandchildren.

Lee Sherwin Evans died December 16, 2019. Lee worked as a buyer in purchasing at IBM for 30 years, retiring in 1990. He then worked as a fishing guide. He served in the US Navy and was a member of the Rochester Elks Lodge for 53 years. Lee enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, camping, traveling, playing cards, dancing and biking. Lee is survived by his wife, Nyckie; daughters; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Roger Gaio died December 31, 2019. Roger enlisted in the Army Air Corp in 1944. After the war, Roger joined IBM in NY. In 1957, he moved to Rochester as one of the first employees in the new facility. He worked at IBM for 40 years, retiring in 1987. In retirement, he became an avid sailor. He also enjoyed camping and traveling the country in his RV. He was a craftsman, woodworker, and mechanic. Roger is survived by his wife, Barbara; children; 12 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren.

Edith Howard died December 20, 2019. Edith worked as a life guard and swim instructor at the YMCA, volunteered with the Rochester Swim/Dive Team, prepared taxes, and served as Financial Secretary on the Board for Camp Victory. She worked for her church, teaching Sunday school and serving in many other functions. Edith is survived by her husband, Phil, an Alumni Club member; her children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Joel Johnson died January 6, 2020. Joel worked as a mechanical designer at IBM for more than 30 years. He was a church member, helped with Camp Victory, and enjoyed tinkering. He especially liked being able to help others. Joel is survived by his wife, Dorothy; children; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

John Leimer died November 29, 2019. John served in the US Navy and earned a master's degree in electrical engineering. He worked at IBM for more than 35 years. He was a church member and a KIWANIS member. He volunteered at Mayo Clinic and Meals on Wheels. John enjoyed golfing, bowling, bridge, traveling and flying as a private pilot. Jon is survived by his wife, Joan; children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Wilma Menshik died November 20, 2019. Wilma was a homemaker and volunteer for many church functions and Methodist Hospital. She was an avid gardener, growing vegetables and flowers. She enjoyed canning, quilting, crocheting, knitting, crafts, and playing the piano. Wilma is survived by her husband, George, an Alumni Club member; children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Emil 'Herb' Pelnar died December 13, 2019. Herb served in the US Air Force, working on Airborne radar electronics. In 1959, he started work for IBM and continued until his retirement in 1991. He was an avid woodworker and enjoyed fixing problems with friends' computers. He was fluent

in 8 programming languages; he designed and developed many software applications. Herb is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughter; and grandsons.

Donald L. Ryan died January 11, 2020. Don served in the US Army and when worked as a newspaper photographer before starting his own printing company. He joined IBM in 1966 as a director and cinematographer, working for 24 years before retiring in 1986. He was a woodworker and built furniture from trees he planted. He had a vineyard in his backyard and made wine. He volunteered at the Rochester Remedial Reading Center. Don is survived by his wife, Judith; children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Mary Wilcox died December 28, 2019. Mary worked for a time at Saint Marys Hospital and at IBM Rochester. Mary enjoyed sewing, gardening, canning, freezing corn, and baking apple crisp and pies. She enjoyed dancing to polka bands. Mary loved Christmas and was known for her extensive decorating. Mary is survived by her husband, Tom, an Alumni Club member; children; and grandchildren.

Myron Wilke died January 1, 2020. Myron worked for IBM for 30 years as a senior lab specialist. He enjoyed photography, gardening, traveling, woodworking, metal machining, and building model steam engines. Myron was a Sunday school teacher, usher, and greeter at his church. He was a charter member of Root River Antique Historical Power Association. He and his wife attended many Alumni Club functions. Myron is survived by his wife, Marian; two sons; and a granddaughter.

Our deepest sympathy to all surviving family and friends.

Celebrations

55th Anniversary

Rick and Ruth Lindner – November 21

Michael and Patricia Haider – December 26

65th Anniversary

Colin and Alice Atkinson – December 27