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From the Office

If you need to contact the club, please call 1-651-377-8893 -- the call will be forwarded to a board member. Emails sent to the club at rchret@aol.com are checked frequently. We hope to staff the office from 11:00 to 12:00 Tuesdays and Thursdays. We will see if this is a benefit to club members.

Larry Plank

Club Status

Just a quick look at things:

We have had some questions about emailing newsletters and whether we would be getting a notification of when the newsletters are available. The answer is no, there will be no notification. The reason we are stopping the emailing of newsletters is that we simply don't have anyone who can do the MailChimp process and all that it involves. If we were to notify you, we would be going through the same process as actually emailing the newsletters. Each newsletter will tell you when the next one will be published and the schedule will be on the home page of the website.

When we asked the membership, in 2024, what they thought about the future of the club, about half of the respondents suggested we just end the club immediately or no later than 2025. The other half of the respondents said to keep going for a bit.

We opted to continue doing what we could through 2026 and then end. It has been years since we have had any volunteers to work on the board or organize any activities. We have a skeleton crew of board members who have held the club together for the

past few years. The problem is that board members are aging or looking to doing others things just like our general membership. We do have a few people who have agreed to continue but we also have others who can no longer contribute. As of now, the newsletter editor plans to continue through 2026 and we have someone who has agreed to maintain the website. We do have officers and board members who plan to continue through 2026.

The plan for the newsletters is to continue publishing them through 2026, but they will only be available on the website. They can be viewed or downloaded. We have been reporting this in the past few newsletters and encouraging people to visit the website and get used to viewing newsletters there.

As for Club activities, we did have a Mantorville dinner/theater event in July, there was a Picnic in August and there is a Christmas Party planned for December. What we do in 2026 will depend on the number of people attending the 2025 events and also on how much money we have left. We are doing heavy subsidies for the Picnic and Christmas Party and lighter subsidies for other activities. Decisions will be made in January about what can be done, everyone will be informed via the newsletter.

Alumni Fall Road Cleanup

On October 20th we did our Fall road cleanup. Monday was a touch and go day for it, sunny in the morning but with a chance of rain in the afternoon our scheduled pickup time was 2 PM. We cleaned up the first 2 miles of county road 2 north out of Douglas. We finished a little after 3 just before it started to sprinkle. There were four of us that did the cleanup. We got only about 4 or 5 bags of trash, told the guys they didn't have to bag the dead deer on the side of the road 😊. I tossed a roadkill coon off the road into the woods. The participants were, left to right – Larry Plank, Dale Peterson and Dana Duffield. Bill Kleis is not in the picture because he took it. I want to thank all of them again for the help.



After talking with the guys, I decided that this will be our last road cleanup effort. I will be notifying Olmsted County that the IBM Alumni Club will no longer participate in the road cleanup program and be returning equipment they loaned us. I have no idea how long the club has been doing the cleanup, but it must be north of 30 or 35 years. I want to thank all the people, past and present, who helped doing the road cleanup efforts. It was another good example of IBM retirees active community spirit. Again, thank you!

Larry Plank - Road cleanup Chairman

2025 Alumni Club Christmas Party

Please plan to attend the 2025 Christmas Party for IBM Alumni Club members and their guests. This will be a sit-down, served lunch. A time for good food and fellowship.

When: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 11:30 am to 4:00 pm. Meal served at 12:30

Where: Charlie's Eatery & Pub, 1654 Hwy 52 N, Rochester MN

Enter through either the Bar entrance to the West or Restaurant entrance to the North.

This year, we offer the following entrees:

- Beef Tips
- Chicken Breast Parmesan

Both options will be served with noodles. Included are: Salad with choice of dressing, Breadstick, Roasted Carrots, and Dessert. Included beverages are: water, lemonade, and coffee. Chicken can be ordered without the cheese.

There is a Cash Bar. Alcoholic and soft drinks can be ordered from the servers.

The price is \$15 per person in advance or \$20.00 at the door.

Please ensure that your reservation is received no later than November 25.

Questions? Call the office 1-651-377-8893 and leave a message or send an email to rchret@aol.com. We'll get back to you quickly.

Rochester IBM Alumni Club Christmas Party December 3, 2025

Registrations must be received by November 25.

Member Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone _____

Number of: beef entree: _____ chicken entree: _____ chicken no cheese: _____

Number Attending: _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____ Total Payment

Mail this form with your payment to:

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Alumni Golf Plan for the 2026 Season

We are planning 7 events on the following schedule:

6/1 The Bluffs
6/15 Cedar River
6/29 Zumbro Falls
7/13 Mt Frontenac
7/27 Willow Creek
8/10 St Charles
8/24 Lake City

If you have not received our email invitations and would like to participate, please send us your name and email address so we can add you to the distribution list. We will email everyone next May with details of the events and instructions for signing up.

We encourage you all to join us next season for 7 more rounds!

2026 Golf Committee: *Jeff Parker (jeff.buddyscooter@gmail.com), primary contact*
Bill Kleis (wckleis@gmail.com), assistant

Newsletters in 2026

This November 2025 newsletter is the last one to be emailed. Starting in January, you will need to go to the website IBMRAC.com to get the newsletters which are posted on the Home page.

The schedule for newsletters will remain the same as it has been all along. Newsletters are published in January, March, May, July, September, and November on or about the 21st of the month. Each newsletter will tell you when the next one is due out. There will also be a schedule on the Home page.

Obituaries

David Alexander died on October 6, 2025. With a degree in Electrical Engineering, David first joined IBM in New York. In 1969, he was transferred to Rochester MN to work with Mayo Clinic on a project to enable computers to monitor multiple ECG devices. He worked for IBM for 35 years on many research projects. After retiring, he wandered the world and hiked across the Grand Canyon, base camp at Mt Everest, Machu Picchu, and Mt Kilimanjaro. He ran marathons. David volunteered and gave many hours to benefit the community. He is survived by children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

William Budensiek died on October 18, 2025. Bill served in the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict from 1952 to 1956. He worked at IBM from 1956 to 1971 and then went to farm full time. He was a member of the Minnesota Town Board for 43 years. He was a member of VFW, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, Zumbrota Falls Gobblers, and North West Wild Turkey Federation. He is survived by children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Micah Chetrit died on September 17, 2025. In spite of a severe muscular dystrophy, Micah excelled academically and graduated, summa cum laude, with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was hired by IBM and moved to Rochester to work as part of IBM's micro-processor design group. Micah always expressed kindness and generosity. He read and collected books of many genres. He lost his battle with the disease that he battled his entire life. Micah is survived by his parents, a brother, and many relatives around the world.

Stanley deVaal died on September 26, 2025. Stanley served in the US Air Force from 1950 to 1954. He then worked at IBM as a Test Group Tech, until retirement in 1990. He enjoyed meteorology, aviation, American history, and spending time with family. He is survived by his sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

David Greden died on October 7, 2025. Dave served in the US Air Force and then was employed in numerous technical and managerial positions at IBM. He retired in 1992. He was an active member of his church and the Minnesota City Boat Club. He coached youth baseball, basketball, football, and hockey. Reading, golf, boating, traveling the world and crafting furniture were some of his favorite things. Dave is survived by his wife, Kathy; children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

John W. Huber died on September 30, 2025. Jack served in the US Marine Corp during the Korean War. In 1957, he joined IBM as a Customer Service Rep in Illinois, then was transferred to Rochester in 1966. In 1993, he retired from IBM as the Tape Products Program Manager for Customer Storage Solutions. For many years, he and his wife divided their time between Minnesota and Arizona. He had many interests such as cars, boating, fishing, flying, and especially music. Jack is survived by his wife, Nancy; children; grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Edward Korbel died on September 25, 2025. Ed enlisted in the US Army and served as a front-line infantry soldier during the Korean Conflict. He joined IBM in Rochester when the new plant was opened. Coaching little league baseball, fishing, hunting, and golf brought him great joy in life. He was most at peace when enjoying the outdoors. Ed is survived by children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Wilbert Mohlis died on October 17, 2025. Wil started working for IBM in 1957, retiring in 1987 after serving in many management positions. He was active in his church and the community working with Kiwanis, Spring Valley Hospital board, Good Earth Village,

Friends of Forestville, and SE MN Red Cross board. He enjoyed helping people, golfing, fishing, hunting, walking and hiking. Wil is survived by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Beverly Nagel died on October 22, 2025. Beverly was a homemaker and worked at a number of jobs. She taught Sunday School for many years. She was a member of Sarah Circle and the Stewartville Lioness Club. She was a Brownie and Cub Scout leader. Hobbies included reading, camping, fishing, trips to the casino and traveling. Beverly became an Alumni Club member when her husband Wayne died. She is survived by children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Cyril 'Cy' Nelson died on September 16, 2025. Cy was employed at IBM Rochester for 36 years. After retirement, he worked part time at various jobs and also as a volunteer at Channel One Food Bank. He was a Minnesota sports fan, he followed dirt track racing, and he enjoyed deer hunting. He was also a coach for youth baseball and football. He is survived by his wife, Maxine; children; and grandchildren.

Gloria Rosencrants died on October 18, 2025. Gloria was an accomplished artist, winning local and state awards. She was a freelance artist for real estate companies and for historical societies. She was a Girl Scout leader for many years, going from Brownies to Senior Scouts. She was active in her church. She played in golf leagues, bridge clubs and enjoyed cross-country skiing. She danced. For 72 years, she was married to Alumni Club member Ed Rosencrants who died in July. After a few months apart, they are, now, together again. Gloria is survived by her daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Jacqueline Ann Rueber died on February 28, 2024. Jacqueline worked at IBM Rochester from 1978 to 1993. She loved quilting and sewing and donated many quilts to various people and organizations. She enjoyed spending time with her family and vacationing at the lake. She was married to Robert Rueber, an Alumni Club member.

Robert Rueber died on August 31, 2025. Robert dedicated 35 years of his career to facility maintenance at IBM, where his skills and strong work ethic were well respected. He had a love for fixing things, welding, snow plowing, and gardening. He especially enjoyed time spent hunting, fishing, and vacationing at the lake.

Robert and Jacqueline Rueber are survived by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Douglas Seavey died on September 19, 2025. Douglas spent 34 years working at IBM in Rochester. He was a cowboy at heart with a passion for the western lifestyle. He collected antiques and traveled to shows across the country. In his younger years, he especially loved training and riding Appaloosas. He was a devoted husband, father, and friend. Doug is survived by his wife, Dianne (an Alumni Club member); children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Mary Lou Soukup died on October 11, 2025. Mary Lou was a music major and traveled extensively through Europe sharing her love of music. For years, she taught music to elementary and middle school students in Minnesota. After retiring from teaching in 1987, she worked for IBM in Rochester as a classroom facilitator for the instructional seminars IBM provided for clients. She had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. She enjoyed observing wildlife, listening to birds singing, and tending to her garden. She loved to read and work on crossword puzzles. She is survived by siblings and nieces and nephews.

Gary Titus died on October 17, 2025. Gary began his career with IBM in 1965 and worked for many years until retirement. After retirement from IBM, he farmed and became very active in Zumbrota's agricultural community. He was a devoted family man. Gary is survived by his wife, Karel; children; and grandchildren.

Gordon Westphal died on October 25, 2025. Gordon served in the US Navy Air Reserve. He was employed at IBM in Rochester from 1960 to 2000. His biggest love was flying which started at a very early age. He was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association. Over the years, Gordy built 2 airplanes from scratch and rebuilt 3 others at his home and then transported the planes to his hanger at the airport. He owned a total of 14 airplanes plus a gyrocopter. He was a kind and generous man and loved his family and community. Gordy is survived by his wife, Eileen; sons; and granddaughters.

Our deepest sympathies to family and friends.

Celebrations

50th Anniversary:	Dave and Carol Naatz	– September 27
	Tim and Mary Hung	– December 27
55th Anniversary:	Phil and Mikki Haskins	– October 3
	Wayne and Barbara Jean Herivel	– October 24
58th Anniversary:	Horst and Jeanne Truestedt	– December 23
61st Anniversary:	Rich and Ruth Lindau	– November 21
63rd Anniversary:	Karl and Betty Shidler	- November 10
67th Anniversary:	Herbert and Betty Mueller	- October 11

Please continue to let us know about obituaries and celebrations. We appreciate hearing from you.