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Summer Picnic Reminder – August 13

Please send in your picnic reservations as soon as possible. The form is included in this newsletter. We have received some signups but hope to get many more attendees. Deadline is August 6.

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

IBM Alumni Club Mantorville Dinner Theater Event

The July 11th, 2025, event had 63 attendees. We enjoyed a delicious dinner at the Hubbell House with excellent service and a choice of four different dinners from the menu.

After dinner we walked over to the Mantorville Opera House for a melodrama play "One Last Train Ride to Nowhere". The plot was a little hard to follow but was funny and nutty. It wasn't hard to figure out the good guys and bad guys.

Thanks to all our attendees.

Ken Kiefer - Coordinator

Alumni Golf Season

The Alumni Golf Season is in full swing - we already had four outings!

Our first outing, at Pine Island, had turnout depressed a bit by 50 degree temperatures and 40 mph winds, but those who were properly dressed had a good time and we had a great lunch at Tillie's afterwards.

The second outing, at the Bluffs at Coffee Mill, had both better weather and a better turnout so a great time was had by all. The club had an excellent lunch also.

The third outing, at Cedar River GC in Adams, had many people scared off by thunderstorms moving through early in the day but those patient enough to let the storms go by enjoyed a great course in great condition followed by a great burger bar with great potato salad. Greatness abounds!

For the fourth outing, at Zumbro Falls, the course was in generally good shape but the rough had a LOT of clover. This led to the groups (and scores) getting spread out since some groups were more diligent about finding errant shots than others. Scores on the front nine ranged from -6 to "we had a good time".

As noted in prior articles, each outing is a scramble on a Monday with 18 holes, generally a 9 am shotgun start and a lunch and prize awards following the golf. There is a 9-hole option for those who can't play 18 for whatever reason, but generally lunch will not be available to those players. Players can also play their own ball as long as it doesn't unduly delay play.

Our schedule for the remainder of the season is below. We'll send out a sign-up reminder about 7-10 days prior to each event to our golf email list. If you are not on the golf email list and would like to be, drop us an email and I will add you. Registration is open for all the events, and you can sign up any time at least 5 days in advance of the event. Use this link to register:

<https://ibmrac.com/ibm-rochester-alumni-club/publicEvents>

7/28/2025 Willow Creek
8/11/2025 Lake City CC
8/25/2025 St Charles (new for 2025!)
9/08/2025 The Jewel

You can also send us a note, and we will get you signed up. Please include the number of people you are bringing, their names and whether you are playing 9 or 18.

Thanks!

Jim de Longpre (jjim@delongpre.com) , Bill Kleis (wckleis@gmail.com) and Jeff Parker (jeff.buddyscooter@gmail.com) - 2025 IBM Alumni Golf Committee

IBM Alumni Club Annual Summer Picnic – August 13

This year the Rochester IBM Alumni Club hosts our Summer Picnic on Wednesday, August 13th, at the Mayowood Stone Barn from 2:30pm to 5:00pm. This Picnic is for Alumni Club members and their guests. The menu will be BBQ pork and chicken sandwiches, vegetarian baked beans, and assorted salads. Desserts will be Bunny’s Coconut Cake and Chocolate Raspberry Cake. Coffee, lemonade, and water will be provided. There will be a cash bar available.

The address of the Mayowood Stone Barn is 3385 Maywood Rd SW, Rochester

The Picnic is going to be held rain or shine. **Entry will begin at 2:30pm and food will be served from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.** Remaining time, until 5:00pm, is for socializing. When you arrive, go to the registration table and get your name tags which will serve as your meal tickets.

The registration deadline for this Picnic is August 6th. Price this year will be \$20 per person. Late registrations or ‘walk-ins’ on day of the Picnic will be charged \$23 per person.

Questions: Call the office 1-651-377-8893 or email rchret@aol.com. We’ll get back to you quickly.

ROCHESTER IBM ALUMNI CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC RESERVATION FORM

PICNIC DATE: WEDNESDAY, August 13th, 2025

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY August 6th

Member Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Contact (if you do not have email): _____

Guest Name (Limit of one): _____

Handicap Parking Required: Yes _____ No _____

Ticket Quantity: _____ X \$20 each = \$ _____

Mail form with your check made out to:

**Rochester IBM Alumni Club
20 1st Ave NE
Rochester, MN 55906**

2025 Fall Walk-Hike Activities

Join IBM Alumni members, spouses, and guests for Walking/Hiking events this Fall to get some exercise while enjoying nature and the outdoors. Nine walk/hikes will start the first week in September and continue through October and include trails in city and county parks. The trails are moderate with some inclines and will take about 1½ - 2 hours with the trail leader pointing out interesting geological features and history of the parks and wildlife and flora along the routes.

- 1. Sept 3 - 9:00 am: Quarry Hill city park, [701 Silver Creek Road NE Rochester](#)** which is accessible from County Road 22 (East Circle Drive), meet at the parking lot by the Nature Center. The Park offers more than eight miles of trails. Paved, grassy and some incline provides a variety of options of trails through meadows, woodland, oak savanna, quarry ruins and overlook of Rochester. [Park Info and trails map.](#)
- 2. Sept 10 - 9:00 am: Essex city park, [5455 West River Road NW, Rochester.](#)** Meet at the parking lot by the picnic pavilion. Essex Park, located on the north edge of Rochester, has many trails that loop through prairie, woods and meadows providing a great opportunity to enjoy nature and the outdoors. Some trails are paved, others are grass or dirt trails. [Park Directions](#)
- 3. Sept 17 - 9:00 am: Indian Heights Park, [1800 Terracewood Drive NW, Rochester.](#)** Meet at the parking area at the end of Terracewood Drive. Indian Heights Park is a little-known gem situated between Assisi Heights to the west and the Zumbro River. Trails wind through woods, oak savanna, around an old quarry and offer a hilltop overlook of the city of Rochester. The name "Indian Heights" was coined by pioneers who recognized this as an Indian burial ground in the 1800's. The trail leader will talk about the Indian and Pioneer history of the area. [Park info and map.](#)
- 4. Sept 24 - 9:00 am: Oxbow County Park, [5731 County Rd 105 NW, Byron.](#)** Meet at the 2nd bridge picnic area parking area. Oxbow Park, consisting of 572 acres, offers a great variety of hiking trails that wind through a landscape of wooded hills and meadows. We will hike on the North Meadow Trail and part of the Zumbro Trail. [Park Info.](#)
- 5. Oct 1 - 9:00 am: Root River County Park, [4012 80th St SE, Rochester.](#)** Meet at the parking lot. The 125 acres of Root River Park offers many secluded areas to hike. A 2-mile looped hiking trail winds through the meadows and wooded hills along Root River providing visitors with a variety of options of beauty and natural history. Great scenery with towering limestone bluffs along the Root River. A section of the trail is on a 1800's wagon trail used by early settlers. [Park Info and map](#)
- 6. Oct 8 - 9:00 am: Chester Woods County Park, [8378 Highway 14 East Eyota, MN 55934.](#)** Meet at the parking lot by the boat ramp. There are about 12 miles of primitive trails through a variety of inviting natural habitats in the undeveloped areas of the park. The trail leader will select a route of about 2 to 5 miles depending on weather and desires of the hiking participants. [Park Info](#)

7. Oct 15 - 9:00 am: Indian Heights Park, [1800 Terracewood Drive NW, Rochester.](#) Meet at the parking area at the end of Terracewood Drive. Indian Heights Park is a little-known gem situated between Assisi Heights to the west and the Zumbro River. Trails wind through woods, oak savanna, around an old quarry and offer a hilltop overlook of the city of Rochester. The name "Indian Heights" was coined by pioneers who recognized this as an Indian burial ground in the 1800's. The trail leader will talk about the Indian and Pioneer history of the area. [Park info and map.](#)

8. Oct 22 - 9:00 am: Oxbow County Park, [5731 County Rd 105 NW, Byron.](#) Meet at the 2nd bridge picnic area parking area. Oxbow Park, consisting of 572 acres, offers a great variety of hiking trails through a landscape of wooded hills and meadows. We will hike on the Maple trail and part of the Zumbro Trail. [Park Info.](#)

9. Oct 29 - 9:00 am: Quarry Hill Park, [701 Silver Creek Road NE, Rochester](#) which is accessible from County Road 22 (East Circle Drive), meet at the parking lot by the Nature Center. The Park offers more than eight miles of trails. Paved, grassy and rugged terrain provides a variety of options of trails through meadows, woodland, oak savanna, quarry ruins and overlook of Rochester. [Park Info and trails map.](#)

NOTE: All hikes will meet at 9:00 am. A reminder email for those who have signed up will be sent a few days prior to the walk-hike date with directions to the park meet-up area. To Sign Up_ [CLICK-HERE.](#)

Dave Lind - your walk/hiking activity leader

Remembering Ed Rosencrants

On behalf of the board members, past and present, and all the club members of the IBM Alumni Club (formerly the Retirees Club), I would like to remember Ed and all that he did for the club.

He was a board member for many years, he was president of the club, and he was the newsletter editor for 17 years, retiring from that job in 2011. As the editor, he wrote most of the articles, found and wrote the obituaries and anniversaries, prepared the hardcopy newsletters, printed labels and so on and so on. He was the Editor and the man responsible for the success of the newsletter. He left an example that we have been proud to follow. The newsletter continues to be a success to this day, due in great part to Ed's example.

In addition to being a great newsletter editor, Ed was also a heck of a nice guy. He always had something good to say about everyone and everything. He loved life.

Seig Hoepfner

Obituaries

Margaret 'Marge' Fague died May 30, 2025. Marge came to Rochester in 1977 when her husband Tim was transferred by IBM. She had a remarkable gift for connecting with people and embracing everyone with open arms. She was always ready to share a laugh over a board game or a lively round of cards. Her greatest joy and pride were her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Tim (an Alumni Club member); children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Richard Fursa died June 28, 2025. Richard served in the Army ROTC as a First Lieutenant. With a degree in electrical engineering, he began a 31-year career at IBM, working first in White Plains and later in Rochester. After retirement, he worked in the area of community counseling via Winona State University. Richard found joy in many things including reading, learning, computers, games, camping, auctions, traveling, woodworking, photography and aviation. He is survived by children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Paul M. Haas died June 15, 2025. Paul retired from IBM where he worked as a Financial Analyst. He was best known for his sense of humor and quick wit. He formed many lasting friendships throughout his life. He loved the outdoors, fishing, camping, hunting, and working with the many dogs that accompanied him along the way. He enjoyed restoring tractors. In retirement, he was a dedicated member of the Lions Club. Paul is survived by his wife, Chrissy; children; and grandchildren.

Darlene 'Dee Dee' Jorgenson died March 6, 2025. In 1965, DeeDee and her husband, Austin came to Rochester for his work at IBM. She spent many years helping others by volunteering at Bear Creek Services and Hiawatha Homes. She enjoyed welcoming all to Lake Vermillion, gathering with their card club for over 50 years, and sharing coffee with her Wednesday Coffee Ladies. She also enjoyed knitting, bird watching, playing games and visiting with neighbors. DeeDee is survived by her husband, Austin (an Alumni Club member); children; and grandchildren.

Donald Lindgren died July 12, 2025. Don moved to Rochester in 1965 and worked at IBM as well as Pemstar and Western Digital. After retirement, he worked as a substitute paraprofessional in the Rochester Public Schools. He enjoyed rebuilding classic cars, building and restoring furniture, and playing with his children and grandchildren. He liked car shows, riding his motorcycle, working outdoors, fishing, and going to Indy car races. Don is survived by his wife, Deidre; children; and grandchildren.

James H. Miller died June 13, 2025. In 1966, Jim began his career with IBM in St. Louis. In 1969, he and his family moved to Rochester where he continued working as a Customer Engineer and Sr. Laboratory Specialist until retirement in 2006. In retirement, he worked for Schleicher Funeral Homes. Throughout his life, he played softball in many leagues. He loved gardening and helping with fall harvests. Jim volunteered at a

rehabilitation center. He proudly attended all activities of his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Susan; children; and grandchildren.

Kenneth Moorhead died June 26, 2025. Except for two years in Germany with the US Army, Ken spent his entire life in the Rochester area. In addition to working at IBM, he enjoyed farming on the side, growing corn and strawberries. He hosted many hayrides, picnics, and reunions on his farm. After retirement from IBM, he volunteered for Channel One Food Bank and the Cancer Society. He served many roles in his church. Ken is survived by his wife, Lenora; children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Joseph F. Murphy died June 27, 2025. Joe was drafted and spent time in the US Army. After his service, he returned to IBM and worked for 34 years in finance, planning, and managerial positions. He enjoyed volunteering at his church, Mayo Clinic, and Lourdes High School. He was a member of the American Legion. He was an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings and St. Louis Cardinals. Most importantly, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Joe is survived by his wife, Wanda; children; and grandchildren.

Martin H. Peterson died June 28, 2025. Martin spent time in the US Army during the Korean War. He was one of the first to be hired when IBM opened an office in the Rochester area. He worked at IBM 31 years and retired at age 55 as a Project Manager. After retirement, the family moved to Crosslake, MN. He was a talented woodworker and built their home and all the outbuildings. Travel became a passion and Martin and Ilene spent 30 years of wintering along the Gulf Coast of Alabama as well as traveling the world. He volunteered with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts as well as Game and Fish Clubs and Pollution Control Agencies. Martin is survived by his wife, Ilene; children; and grandchildren.

Ed Rosencrants died July 9, 2025. Ed had advanced degrees in Mechanical, Electrical, and Petroleum Engineering as well as a degree in Technical Writing. Before IBM, he worked on the US space race developing shapes and materials to use on rockets. In 1960, Ed moved to Rochester and joined the IBM Mechanical Group. He worked on projects developing the IBM System 360 and Model 91. His last 10 years at IBM were spent managing the publications group. Ed retired in 1987 and started giving back to the community. He taught robotics and math at RCTC, joined a computer consulting group to help small businesses, volunteered to do taxes, and served as president and news editor for the IBM Retirees Club. Ed enjoyed hosting pool parties and barbeques. He liked bowling, golf, wood carving, painting, and the art of Rosemaling. Ed is survived by his wife, Gloria; daughters; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Bruce Unverzagt died May 18, 2025. Bruce began his career with IBM in Rochester, then transferred to Boca Raton, FL and, ultimately, to Boulder, CO where he spent much of his life. After retirement from IBM, he worked as an independent consultant, fully retiring in 2020. Bruce is survived by his wife, Joann; children; and grandchildren.

Judith Lee Walter died May 24, 2025. Judy worked as a medical secretary at various hospitals in the Rochester area before coming to IBM as an executive secretary. She worked at IBM until retirement. She volunteered for Olmsted County and her church. She was an avid bridge player and a devoted cat lover. She enjoyed reading, dancing, fishing, bird watching, completing a jigsaw puzzle, and spending time on the water. Above all, she cherished her role as grandmother. Judy is survived by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Our deepest sympathies to family and friends.

Celebrations

60th Anniversary: Charles and Rosemary VanHouten – May 15

65th Anniversary: Jerry and Connie Lund – September 3

70th Anniversary: Kenneth and Marlene Sabatke – July 5

72nd Anniversary: Ed and Gloria Rosencrants – June 20

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