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From the Office

If you need to contact the club, you can either email us at rchret@AOL.com which is checked several times each week, or you can call the office at 1-651-377-8893 and leave a message. A check for phone messages is done whenever someone goes into the office. We try to go into the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11am and 12pm.

As a reminder, we no longer email out links to the newsletter. If you are not one of the few that get mailed a hard copy to the newsletter (we are not adding more people to that group) then you can view the current and past editions of the newsletter on our website at **IBMRAC.COM**. In addition to the newsletter, you will find other useful/interesting links.

Larry Plank - President

Contact Us

We want to hear from you about obituaries and anniversaries. Or, of course, anything else that's on your mind. We were getting information from you when you 'replied' to the emailed newsletters, but we no longer have the userid that 'sent' the newsletters. You need to send an email to rchret@aol.com or call the office at 651-377-8893 and leave a message. We will get back to you.

Alumni Club Spring Hikes

This spring the IBM hikers had 8 hikes in city and county parks. We had a good turnout of 11 to 16 hikers on each hike.



Dave Lind - your walk/hiking activity leader

Alumni Golf

We've already had 3 events in June, with 4 left to go throughout July and August. Each event is a 9 AM shotgun start, 18 holes with cart with your own group or individuals placed into groups, most play best ball, lunch and prizes afterwards.

If you want to participate this year, but haven't been receiving our emails, please send us your name and email address now so we can add you to our distribution list.

Schedule of Events:

6/01 The Bluffs	Completed
6/15 Cedar River	Completed
6/29 Zumbro Falls	Completed
7/13 Mt Frontenac	
7/27 Willow Creek	
8/10 St Charles	
8/24 Lake City	



We encourage you all to join us for 4 more rounds this summer!

Here's a summary of our completed events:

The Bluffs (Coffee Mill) Golf Club - June 1st

We had 17 golfers, a beautiful day, and a great meal. Dave Lewis won both closest to the pin and longest putt.



Scott Frederickson, Bill Macey, and Dave Lewis finishing at #18 with a nice picture of the clubhouse in the background



John Bazey teeing off on #10, on his way to making a long birdie putt from the fringe.

Larry Pederson hitting his approach shot to #10 green.



Jeff Parker, Larry Pederson, and John Bazey on #17 green overlooking the Wabasha Bridge. John was especially happy after making a natural birdie!



Vic Hartman and Brian Eckre on #17 green. Picture taken by Phil Haskins.



Bob Harding, Dennis Noltee, Dick Thesing, and Wayne Linander. Picture taken by Phil Haskins.

Cedar River Golf Club - June 15th

On June 15 we had 12 golfers, perfect weather, and a refreshing lunch of sloppy joes, potato salad, and a cookie all made and served by the golf course ladies. Mike Schroeder won a sleeve for Closest-to-the-Pin on #3, Vic Hartman won a sleeve for Longest Putt on #9, and door prize balls were won by Mike Schroeder, Vic Hartman, and John Bazey. Two groups shot under par 🍷 and everyone had a great time 😊!



Scott Fredericksen sinking a birdie putt after a great approach shot. The whole course was in great shape and the greens were perfection!

Zumbro Falls Golf Club - June 29th

We had 14 golfers in 4 groups, a beautiful hot humid breezy day, and great burger baskets. The course was in great shape. Each group played Best Ball and shot 7 under, 4 under, 1 under, and “we had fun”.

Bob Harding shot Closest-To-The-Pin on #8 to win a sleeve of Alumni Club balls. Dennis Noltee hit the Longest Putt on #7 to win a sleeve a Alumni Club balls. Vic Hartman, Nathan Vik (Ken Kiefer accepted his prize), and John Bazey each won an Alumni Club ball as a door prize.



Dave Lewis, Phil Haskins, and Vic Hartman on #1. Phil is holding the ball he hit into the hole from 68 yards out to score an eagle. Bill Kleis took the photo. Bill hit a 60 foot putt on #9 for a birdie. Bill asks "Why wasn't this the Longest Putt hole"?



Mike Schroeder attempting a birdie putt after his great tee shot on #4.



Mike Schroeder attempting another birdie putt after yet another great tee shot on #4. He asks "Why wasn't this the Closest-To-The-Pin hole"?



Jeff Parker, Larry Pederson, Randy Ruhlow, Mike Schroeder on #4 green



Ken Kiefer (center) and his guests
Nathan Vik and Kevin Kiefer



Back Row: Dave Lewis, Phil
Haskins, Vic Hartman, Bob Harding
Front Row: Dennis Noltee, John
Bazey



Mike Schroeder, Bill Kleis, Randy
Ruhlow, Larry Pederson, picture taken
by Jeff Parker

2026 IBM Alumni Golf Committee:

Jeff Parker (jeff.buddyscooter@gmail.com), primary contact
Bill Kleis (wckleis@gmail.com), assistant

Obituaries

Daniel Bielen died on June 23, 2026. Dan spent 3 years in the US Army, then attended Rochester Community College. He worked at IBM for over 40 years. Dan enjoyed gardening, fishing, feeding birds, and bowling. He is survived by his wife, Betty; children; grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Hildegard Bivanis died on June 9, 2026. Hildegard spent her early years in Germany. In 1950, she and her husband moved to Canada and later, in 1957, settled in Rochester. She worked at IBM in quality control. For 25 years, she and her husband spent winters in Texas. She found joy in being outdoors, whether it was walking or raking her yard. Hildegard is survived by her son, Edmund, and daughter, Cindy.

Paul Burkart died on May 11, 2026. Paul was a proud veteran of the US Army Reserve. He began his career as an Engineer for IBM, settling his family in Rochester. He retired after nearly 50 years at IBM. He was a dedicated church member where he sang in the choir. He was also a member of a barbershop quartet. In his free time, he was an avid golfer and a huge Packer fan. Paul is survived by his son, Scott, and daughter, Stacy, as well as nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Richard Doty died on June 16, 2026. In 1956, Richard started his career at IBM as a computer programmer. He worked for more than 35 years before retiring in 1991. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He loved being with the people he loved. Whether traveling in his RV, tending his garden, or enjoying a good book, Richard treasured his simple blessings. He dedicated his life to living his faith and promoting the dignity of human life. He is survived by his wife, Diane; children; grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Susan Fausse died on May 7, 2026. Susan served in the US Navy. After her military service, she enjoyed a successful professional career with IBM and later worked at the Mayo Clinic. Her compassion for every living creature reflected the gentleness and generosity that defined her life.

Duane Grafe died on June 22, 2026. Duane served in the US Navy and continued his dedication to fellow veterans throughout his life. He began his civilian career at IBM but then went on to founding the Grafe Auction Company and becoming a successful leader in the auction community. He is survived by his wife, Sarah; children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Ronald Lessard died on May 31, 2026. He worked at IBM for 45 years and loved technology. He enjoyed education, spending time on extended family vacations, and boating on lakes. He loved spending time with his grandchildren. Ron is survived by his wife, Marilyn; children; grandchildren; nieces; and nephews.

Gary Lingbeck died on May 5, 2026. Gary spent time in the US Army, including a tour in Vietnam. After his military service, Gary embarked on a 25-year career at IBM. After retirement from IBM, he was one of the founders of Pemstar in Rochester. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed boating, fishing, hunting, and golfing. He was a master in the woodworking shop. Gary spent his last years in Florida and Illinois. He is survived by children and grandchildren.

Leroy 'Lee' McCullough died on May 15, 2026. In 1943, Lee joined the US Navy and served until the end of World War II. In 1947, he began his career with IBM in Indiana. In 1961, he transferred to Rochester where he worked as an instructor and engineer until retirement in 1987. He enjoyed camping, boating, and waterskiing. He was adept at electronic and mechanical repair. He loved music and was a wonderful vocalist and pianist. In 1976, due to cancer, his leg was amputated at the hip. In spite of this amputation, he continued to waterski and snow ski well into his 70s. He is survived by children and grandchildren.

Donald W. Meyer died on June 5, 2026. Donald worked at IBM in Rochester from the start of his career until retirement. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, and woodworking. He is survived by his wife, Kay; children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Judy Moyer died on May 16, 2026. Judy was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and friend. She spent most of her career at IBM in Rochester, retiring in 2010 after over 30 years of service. While her life often revolved around caring for her family, later in life, she found two things she loved very much. She loved sewing and her grandchildren. She combined those two passions, creating countless quilts for the grandchildren as well as other family members and friends. She also enjoyed taking in sewing projects. In recent years, Judy loved playing cards and developed a particular fondness for poker. She is survived by children, grandchildren, sister Janet, and many nieces and nephews.

John Mullen died on June 7, 2026. John worked as a computer engineer at IBM for 38 years. He and his wife traveled to Mexico and other warm places. They camped and went to concerts. He was a sports enthusiast, watching the Vikings, Wild, and golf. He loved hunting and fishing. He participated in many walleye tournaments. He hunted deer, turkey, and elk in many different states. He enjoyed making his own arrows and lures. John is survived by his wife, Rhonda; children; and siblings.

Steven R. Nelson died on June 18, 2026. Steven worked at IBM as a warehouse manager. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and watching the Vikings and Twins on TV. Steven is survived by his children and siblings.

Steve Ransom died on June 6, 2026. Steve's first job out of college was at IBM in Rochester. He continued to work at IBM for the next 35 years developing skills and experience as fast as the technology grew. After IBM, he spent 5 years at Mayo Clinic implementing the electronic medical record and stayed for a while longer working part time. Steve and his wife, Julie who also worked at IBM, traveled the world, enjoyed all forms of wildlife, and playing with their grandchildren. Steve is survived by his wife, Julie; daughter; two grandchildren; and a large extended family.

James R. Roberts died on May 25, 2026. Jim was a Korean War Veteran and a member of American Legion Post #92. He worked at IBM in Rochester, retiring in 1990. Jim is survived by his wife, Jo; 5 children; 9 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren as well as a large extended family.

Steven Rogers died on May 7, 2026. Steve built a highly respected career working as an electrical engineer at IBM and later Mayo Clinic. He found joy in the outdoors and especially loved hiking, cycling, golf, and traveling with his wife Sylvia. He appreciated life's quiet moments and natural beauty. Steve is survived by his wife, Sylvia; his son, Alex; and daughter, Emily.

Larry Scilley died on April 17, 2026. With a degree in electrical engineering, Larry and his wife, Gwen, moved to Rochester in 1965 and Larry began his 33-year career at IBM. As a longtime church member, Larry loved singing in the choir and playing handbells. He loved sports, playing tennis, softball, and volleyball. Upon retirement from IBM, he joined his wife at a nursery school where he spent 27 years as a handyman repairing toys and assembling playground equipment. Steve is survived by his wife, Gwen; children; grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Our deepest sympathies to family and friends.

Celebrations

60th Anniversary: Jerry and Carolyn Pittelko – August 8

70th Anniversary: Robert and Rita Roeder – May 19

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

Final IBM Rochester Alumni Club Event

Wednesday, August 19th, Noon - 3:00 pm, the IBM Rochester Alumni Club will host its final summer event for members and their guest at the main IBM site Executive Briefing Center in building 25. This is the new main entrance for the site, with doors by the relocated large IBM letters sign. Sorry, no tours will be available.

IBM Site Address: 2800 37th St NW, Rochester, MN 55901

Entry will begin at 12:00 pm noon, and food will be served from 1:00pm to 2:00pm, with a short program from the new IBM Senior Site Executive Keri Olson at 2:00pm. Remaining time until ~ 3:00pm for socializing. When you arrive, sign in at the building 25 main registration desk and get your guest badge and meal placard, indicating your meal selection for you to set at your place setting.

This will be a sit-down, linen napkins and tablecloth event served by wait-staff to your table, catered by Pinnacle Catering (Hubbell House / Canadian Honker).

The registration forms must be received by Friday August 7th. Price this year will be held to \$20 per person (tip included) with the IBM club subsidizing a large portion of the cost. Limit of first 100 attendees.

Questions: email rchret@aol.com and we'll get back to you.

Please plan on joining us and your former co-workers for the last IBM Alumni Club summer event before the club sunsets by year end.

Make your meal selections on the mail in form at the end. Note the following designations from the caterer:

- V Vegetarian
- VE Vegan
- GF Gluten Friendly, made with gluten free ingredients but not in a gluten free kitchen
- DF Dairy Free

ROCHESTER IBM ALUMNI CLUB RESERVATION FORM - IBM Site Summer Event

EVENT DATE: Wednesday, August 19th, 2026; Noon To 3:00pm, IBM Main Site

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY AUGUST 7th!

IBM Alumni Club Member Name: _____

Spouse/Guests Name (limit of 1): _____

E mail: _____

Phone Contact: _____ X \$20 each = \$ _____

Meal Selection - Indicate with a # of meals desired (1 or 2):

ALL Meals include:

- House Salad with Cucumbers and Tomatoes
with Italian Dressing (no cheese)
- Dinner Roll with Butter
- Regular or Decaf Coffee, Lemonade, Water
- Dessert: A Selection of Bunnies Coconut Cake
or Fresh Apple Crisp

___ 1. Sliced Beef Pot Roast, slow braised with Red Wine Demi-glace (GF, DF)
Creamy Centered Roasted Red Potatoes (V, VE, GF, DF)
Chef's Blend Seasonal Vegetables (V, VE, GF, DF)

___ 2. Herb Crusted Pork Tenderloin served with mild Dijon Demi-glace (GF, DF)
Creamy Centered Roasted Red Potatoes (V, VE, GF, DF)
Chef's Blend Seasonal Vegetables (V, VE, GF, DF)

___ 3. Mild Pasta Arrabbiata. Tomato sauce, garlic w/mild peppers (V, VE, GF, DF)
Served with Roasted Vegetables (V, VE, GF, DF)

Mail this form with your check for \$20 or \$40 made out to:

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