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COMING EVENTS IN 2013

Put these dates on your calendar:

Alumni Club picnic: **Wed, July 10**

Alumni Club Christmas party: **Sat, Dec 14.**

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

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

Hi-way Clean-up: **May 14, July 9, and Sept 10**

Golf schedule: here are the dates we have locked in for 2013:

06/03/13 Riverview Greens / 507-533-9393

06/17/13 The Barn Resort / Preston / 800-552-2512

07/08/13 Zumbro Falls / 507-753-3131

07/15/13 Mt. Frontenac / 651-388-5826

08/12/13 Willow Creek / 507-285-0305

08/26/13 Dodge Center / 507-374-2374

09/09/13 Oak Summit / 507-252-1808

09/16/13 The Jewel / 800-738-7714

Daffodil Days - **Mar**

Salvation Army Bell Ringing - November and December (Actual dates to be determined)

EDITOR RETIRES

It was my privilege to have been the Editor of the IBM Rochester Retiree/Alumni Newsletter for the past 14 years. I have decided that it's time for someone else to take over and bring some new ideas to the newsletter. My replacements are eminently qualified. Mike Ransom will take over as Editor of the e-mail newsletter and Seig Hoepfner has consented to add the duties of being Editor for the U.S. mail version to her existing duties as Vice President of the Alumni Club Board. I know you will continue to give them the same support that you have given to me.

Thank you all for the opportunity. I have enjoyed my time as Editor.

Ed Rosencrants, retiring editor.

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 "**Health & Insurance Overview**"

Finally, 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.

SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE

For the upcoming 2013 summer season, Rochester Minnesota Senior Softball Association (RMSSA) is looking for more SOFTBALL PLAYERS, men age 50 & up and women age 40 & up with some athletic ability. It is an opportunity to join 100+ current players to participate in organized league softball for fun, fitness, and friendship.

Games are played Mon and Wed, 9:30 am at McQuillan Fields. The season is May 6 through Sept 18. Registration dates are Wed, April 10th at the History Center (1195 W Circle Dr SW Rochester) and Wed, April 24th at the Wicked Moose (1201 Eastgate Dr SE Rochester), both Noon to 4 PM.

Everyone is welcome to join as long as you meet the age requirements and have some athletic ability. Come out to play Senior Softball this summer! Only \$40 for 40 games plus two picnics! Entry fee is \$35 if you sign up prior to April 6.

For more info, call **Bill Beaupre** at 507-288-3324 or log on to
www.rochestermnseniorsoftball.webs.com

FREE HELP WITH TAX RETURNS

Free assistance in filling out federal and state tax forms is available again for individuals and families with low-to-moderate incomes, February 1 through April 15. Please note that lower-income families also may qualify for earned income credit AND a property tax refund (as either a renter or homeowner).

In Rochester, trained tax counselors in the Tax-Aide program of the American Association of Retired Persons will be available weekly at the following locations, February 1 through April 15:

Salvation Army: call 424-4197 to schedule an appointment

Senior Citizens Service: call 287-1404 to schedule an appointment

In addition, days are scheduled at various senior high-rise apartments for building residents, and arrangements can be made for counselors to provide tax help in homes of those who are homebound by calling any of the sites listed.

2013 IBM Alumni Club Activity

You recently received the announcement for the next Alumni Club event, a trip to Treasure Island Casino on February 26. Any questions about that trip, contact Hal Kossman at halkossman@charter.net.

We would like to thank the members that participated in our survey of activities that would be of interest to them. As a result of that survey, we have put in place a tentative plan for the year. As in all tentative plans, things beyond our control can change and alter the best laid plans. However below is a list of the items we are working on. Invitations will be coming as the dates approach and the plans solidify.

Jan 29th Guthrie Theater

Feb 26th Treasure Island Casino

March ?? Chanhassen Theater – Bye Bye Birdie

April ?? Murder Mystery dinner

May?? Twins game

June?? Ordway

July 10 Summer picnic

August?? Mississippi river cruise

Sept?? Old Log Theater

Oct?? Local play – Jon Hassler??

Nov ?? Health Seminar

Dec 14 Christmas party

Stay tuned and sign up as the events are offered. We hope to see you at many of these events.

Hal Kossman, chairman, membership committee

2012 ALUMNI CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

The 2012 IBM Alumni Christmas Party was held Dec 8th at the Eagles Club. 253 Alumni club members signed up for the party, which was about the same number as last year's party. The Eagle's did a great job setting up and catering the event, and based on the various verbal and write in comments, the party attendee's agreed.

I would like to recognize the various donors who contributed gifts for the party drawing (and **Seig Hoepfner** for rounding up the gifts). Think Bank, Hair Studio 52, Canadian Honker, Toyota of Rochester, Grandma's Kitchen, Eagles Club and Rochester Athletic Club. Please thank them by patronizing their businesses.

Also thanks to the numerous volunteers who helped make the party a success.

Nancy Morrison, Roger Spee, Jim & Alice Miesbauer, Eddie Peterson, Seig Hoepfner, Dick Sulack, Carol & Bill Gorder, Barb Muenkel, Kathy & Larry Henderson, Tom Schwalen, Pete Huffman, Toni Pelke, Karen Costa-Tappon, Bev Gerzenske, Dale Hostad, Mike Wentzel, and Ed & Gloria Rosencrants.



Welcome desk. L to R: Nancy Morrison, Eddie Peterson, Ed & Gloria Rosencrants, and Jim Miesbauer



Part of the Alumni Club Party attendees.

For more pictures, go to our website at community.rochesteram.com/rrclub .

Each year we learn from our mistakes and try to make the next year's party better. So be sure to attend the 2013 party which will be even better. The 2013 Christmas Party is planned for a Saturday, December 14, 2013. Watch the Alumni Club Newsletter and Website for more details.

Chuck Kinneberg & Bernie Peterson , Party Co-chairs

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Once again the IBM Alumni Club rang bells for the Salvation Army to support their cause for helping the needy. We rang on three different days at two different locations. We rang on 2-3 hour shifts with two people on each shift. Many thanks to all of the volunteer ringers.. This is a very worthy cause and we will hopefully continue to help again next season. It's especially fun to dress up a little and interact with the many people that stop by and donate to the kettle.



Bill Beaupre & Lennie Broich



Barb Muenkel & Diane Moench

IBM ALUMNI BOWLING LEAGUE

The 2012-13 bowling season started on October 10, 2012. The league has twelve 3-person teams and 13 substitutes. We are pleased to welcome **Al Gorski** as a new member to the league.

A position round was held in the final week of the first half-season. **WE TRY (Maxine Kubat, Jim Hoss and Dick Smith)** was in 1st place with 44 wins. **TEN DOWN (Chris Oslund, Al Gorski and Terry Clark)** was in 2nd place with 42 wins. A 3-game match was bowled with **WE TRY** winning 5 points to have 49 points and **TEN DOWN** winning 2 points to have 44 points. Congratulations to **WE TRY** on winning the first half.

The United States Bowling Congress provides individual achievement awards for:

- Single game 35 pins over bowler's average
- 3-game Series based on pins over average
- Single game 75 pins over average
- 3-game Series 140 pins over average

Single game award winners for the 1st half are:

John Lundak, Gary Allar, Jessie Shanklin, Eric Fosdick, Dick Mustain, Chris Oslund, Karl Anderson, Eunice Kohlmeyer, Marlys Ohnstad, Harry Wahl, John Greilinger, Dick Severson, Bernie Borschatz, Bruce Brandvold, Al Gorski, Duane Glenzinski, Jim Hoss, Joyce Brandvold, Rita Balm, Terry Clark, Ed Venners, and Dennis Tweed.

Single game 75 pins over average award winners for the 1st half are;

Bernie Borgschatz and Bruce Brandvold

Series award winners for the 1st half are:

John Lundak, Dick Mustain, Al Gorski and Duane Glenzinski

Congratulations to the 1st half season winners and to those who earned individual awards.

Thank you to the subs who have filled in this year.

Bruce Brandvold, Secretary

WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO.....

I got a note from **Dave Schwartzkopf**.

I started high school 'Mentally Retarded', and finished being a member of the National Honor Society. Let me tell you how that happened!

Six months and four days after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, David Allen Schwartzkopf (DAS) was born. He arrived in a small farm house to his mother and a neighbor lady, his father was trout fishing, and a doctor had not been contacted. The house was 20 miles west of Shawano, Wisconsin on highway 29. Today 29 is a divided highway which crosses Wisconsin, but back then it was a gravel road. It took extra time to cut the umbilical cord, because string to tie the cord off was not readily available. String from a bag of sugar was eventually used.

At 14 months of age DAS had Scarlet fever and German measles which took away his ability to walk and talk until he was 3 years old. When his father returned from the Army in WW II, a farm near Bowler, WI was bought. It didn't have electricity or running water.

At 9 years old it was determined DAS had Cerebral Palsy and received speech and physical therapy as an outpatient from the University of Wisconsin Hospital.

For 7th grade DAS was placed with a small group of mentally retarded children. And for 8th grade he attended a one room country school, 4 kids in 8th grade. They were given a test to get ready for high school. DAS could still see good enough to mark the answer sheet but not good enough to read the questions, and too proud to have them read to him. He started high school with an IQ of 88.

The teacher who taught algebra didn't believe DAS was mentally retarded. The school hired an upperclassman daily to bring him up to being a sophomore in high school. He attended 5 schools by the time he graduated, and graduated as a member of The National Honor Society.

In 2010, the class had their 50 year graduation reunion. DAS learned from a teacher that in 1957, when he was a sophomore, the person that they hired to accurately measure his IQ could only bring it in at a maximum of 140, but I was told it was higher than that. I am 70 years old and the body is slowing down but the mind is still good. I had brain surgery 2 weeks ago for fluid on my brain and after it was over the surgeon said he very much liked my brain. Now I feel like it's back to the way it was 40 years ago.

Thank you for the newsletter, and have great holidays.

Schwartzie

HAPPENINGS

Larry & Jeanine Baringer, Margaret & Jerry Becker, Lil & Darryl Jensen, Janet & Larry Johnson, and Argene & Marilyn Treder, recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. Congratulations to all and happy anniversary.

Our 2nd Annual, IBM Rochester Snowbird Gathering had a wonderful turn out and response on a delightfully sunny, warm winter Florida day. 27 Rochester retirees and their spouses (52 total) enjoyed an afternoon of renewing friendships, getting caught up on life after retirement and meeting others they may not have previously known from their IBM days.



Row 1: Bernie Loeffler, Dennis Cox, Ken Wagner, Bob Koenck, Barb Koenck
 Row 2: Lyle Hinrichs, Glenn Van Benschoten, Dave Ness, Dale Brandenburger, Jim Clausen, Diane Moench
 Row 3: Russ Moench, Vickey Wagner, Judy Haas, Barbara Muenkel, Dave Foreman, Howard Wagner
 Row 4: Barry Pow, Gary Brun, Rick Adams, Bill Smith, Eric Schneider, Tom Modjeski, John Fletcher
 Attended, missing from photo: Joanne McCree, Paul Eberman, Al Walczak

Last year, Peter Wegmueller was our surprise guest who traveled the furthest to join in. This year, the honors went to Barry Pow. We all love surprises!

We will be hosting our 3rd annual Snowbird gathering on March 3, 2013.

Mark your calendars if you plan to be in sunny Florida. Please feel free to let either Barbara Muenkel (barbm.home@charter.net) or Lyle Hinrichs (lhinrichs@centurytel.net) know if you would like to attend and you will be kept abreast of the details.

OBITUARIES

The following Rochester IBMers, both members of the IBM Rochester Alumni Club and nonmembers, died in 2012: Wayne L. Adderman, Russell J. Ahern, Ray E. Amway, Curtis R. Andersen, Delford D. Anderson, Keith E. Bachman, Gerald Bartholomew, Douglas F. Bartsch, Robert K. Bee, Michael P. Bendel, Paul L. Benson, Lyle R. Berg, Beryl Bergschneider, Robert Books, Karen A Brandt, Wayne G. Brownell, Charles E. Buhr, Emmett L. Burdick, Emil D. Burrs, Charles D. Butruff Jr, Leonard F. Carey, William L. Champion, Donald H. Coffman, Lotus L. Conrad, Mary K. Conrad, Carl Cronk, Vernon P. Curtis, Donald S. Dahl, Arthur Daniel, Frank E. Dapron, Lair V. DeSart, Philip G. Doring, Robert Douglas, Ernest P. Dunbar, Roland L. Dunkle, Kenneth E Edstrom, Joel E. Ellringer, James W. Erickson, Loel H. Erickson, Lester J. Fiegel Jr, Terry R. Fischer, Jerrold J. Fogarty, Lyle S. Freiderich, Forrest Gardner, Orlan F. Glander, Larry T. Glynn, Melvin Gosse, Lamont A. Granger, Maynard F. Green, William Griebenow, George R. Groves, Donald E. Gruhlike, Robert Gwynn, Peter J. Hansen, Kenneth E. Hastings, George H. Hawley, George Hoepfner, Kenneth N. Hodge, Laverne Holets, Coy L. Huffine, Peggy L. Jendersee, Arthur Jensen, Howard W. Jensen, Curtis Johns, Ervin D. Johnson, Paul L. Johnson, Robert E. Johnson, Trygve R. Johnson, Mitchell S. Kidd, Gordon F. Krueger, Merlyn H. Lenox, Lawrence V. Leqve, Henry Leutink, John K. Lutzi, Glen D. Manbeck, Mervin C. Marter, Domenic Martini, Susan L. McRoberts, Bernard J. Meddleton, Harvey D. Miller, Dennis M. Mitchell, Gregory R. Molinaro, Gerald C. Molloy, Dennis L. Mongoven, Donald L. Moore, Grace H. Moore, James H. Musty, Edward A. Nelson, Daniel J. Nicholson, Jerry D. Nolte, Oliver L. Ohr, Luverne J. Olson, DuWayne R. Olstad, Jerry Ovesen, Gary R. Owens, Patricia C. Patzner, Mary J. Petersen, Roger H. Peterson, Jerry A. Plantin, Ronald A. Quandt, Joseph Reiland, Lyle A. Reinhardt, Gayle Robinson, David A. Ronning, George E. Ross, Jesse Ruick, Marion Runerson, Thomas P. Ryan, Janel K. Saunders, Antonin Sebesta, Lyle S. Severson, John Sitte, Norman Skrukud, Duane Sorenson, Merlin Spading, Richard Spaniol, Maynard A. Spring, Layton A. Steinke, Don Stephenson, Raymond G. Strebging, Paul G. Suby, Carol A. Schatz, Duard M. Svee, Richard Tangen, Harry J. Tashjian, Aldean B. Thorson, Rita Torvund, Charles Treadwell, Gary A. Turk, Gerald V. Varsoke, Cyril Veerkamp, Frank I. Vondrashek, Raymond B. Wiersbeck, Gerald Willis, Harold Wilson, and Charles Zimmerman.

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

MARGARET 'MAGGIE' JOHNSON died November 26. She worked many years until her retirement. She is survived by her son, Richard; her daughter, Debbie Merritt; 4 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren.

WILLIAM EDWIN OWEN died December 6. He was a Systems Engineer for 30 years in Rochester and Louisville. Survivors include his wife, Lucille; children, David, William, Anne Pappas Owen, Catherine Lucille Owen, Juan Cabanela, Jeannine Marie Owen, Nathan Owen-Block, Suzanne Regene Owen, and Jon Nordos; and 9 grandchildren.

ROBERT H. 'BOB' HUGHES died December 7. He worked for IBM for 30 years retiring from Rochester in 1982. He is survived by 2 sons, Robert and Kevin; 3 daughters, Maureen Hughes, Karen Spading, and Brigh Hughes; 5 grandchildren; and 2 great grandsons.

MARGARET ANN CORRIGAN died December 13. She was the wife of retiree John Corrigan. She is survived by her husband; 4 children, John, Mary Corrigan Pearson, Anne Corrigan Watson, and Kathleen Corrigan Howe; and 5 grandchildren.

ALAN GEORGE VICK died December 13. He was an engineer and computer programmer, retiring in 1990 after a 28 year career. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; 2 sons, Gregory and Dan; and 2 granddaughters.

GORDON 'GORDIE' BJELDE died December 20. He was an Electrical Engineer, retiring in 1987. He is survived by his wife, Helen; sons, Rick and Ken; a daughter, Carol Sullivan; and 4 grandchildren.

LEONARD C. BURCH died December 20. He was a model builder and manager for 33 years, retiring in 1990. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; 5 children, Richard, Randy, James, Deanna Anderson, and Patricia Trelstad; 14 grandchildren; and 8 great grandchildren.

MAX C. HEINS died December 24. He retired in 1998. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; a son, Brad; a daughter Diane Lexvold; and 8 grandchildren.

CLARION LOUIS POPP died December 24. He was an electrician for 30 years, retiring in 1996. Survivors include his wife, Kathy; 4 children, David, Jeff, Brenda Ramiraz, and Karen Popp; and 8 grandchildren.

ROBERT P. FJELSTED died December 28. He was an electrical engineer for 27 years, retiring in 1987. He is survived by 3 sons, Kevin, Mathew, and Jonathon; 9 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren.

JAMES A. HOPKINS died January 4. He started in Rochester in 1956 but retired from Tucson, Arizona in 1989. Survivors include his wife, Sharon; 2 sons, Ronald and Richard; daughter-in-law Carolyn Hopkins; and 10 grandchildren.

STANLEY E. CHRISTOPHERSON died January 7. He started with IBM in 1956 and retired after a 30 year career. He is survived by 2 sons, Steven and Scott; a daughter, Sherry Wood; 10 grandchildren; and 9 great grandchildren.

ROYCE ROBERT REED died January 9. He worked mostly in finance from 1957 until retirement in 1991. Survivors include his wife, Karen; 2 sons, Jeff and Terry; a daughter Tammy Senjem; 4 grandchildren; and a great granddaughter.

ROBERT ARBUCKLE died January 10. He retired in 1991 after a 34 year career with IBM. Survivors include his wife, Jan; Children, Bob, Vicki Wente, and Joe; step children, Scott Deobald, Chris Kolar, Shannon Mullen, and Tim Kowalski; 18 grandchildren; and 8 great grandchildren.

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

The editor thanks all who contributed to this issue. If you haven't written, why not do it now and let us know what you've been doing since retirement?