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## e-NEWS

Mike Ransom, Editor

### From Your Alumni Club President

As the new president of the IBM Alumni Club, I would like to share a few thoughts with you. First, I want to make sure that the board members and committee chairs and all the committee members know how much they are appreciated for the work they do. The secretary and treasurers have done a great job. The Christmas Party and the Picnic are always excellent events as are the golf outings and the plays and trips we've had throughout the year. Thanks to everyone who worked on all the committees.

In particular, I would like to thank the following:

- \* Roger Spee - who has been an awesome President for the past several years and has done so much to move the Club ahead. Fortunately, he will continue doing a lot of what he has been doing (just not conducting meetings).
- \* Hal Kossman - who has single-handedly made many people sit up and take notice by scheduling so many great activities. (Yes, he's had some great help, but he's still been the driving force).
- \* Mike Ransom - who has done such a wonderful job with the newsletter. People are constantly telling us how great the newsletter is.
- \* Nancy Morrison - who gets the newsletter sent out and does all the other emails (in addition to her many other duties).

Finally, I would like to thank the members for supporting our Club and events. If you haven't attended any of our activities, please consider giving it a shot. We are always looking for new members, so if you like what we're doing, spread the word. We are also looking for new board members to help run the Club and work on the various committees and events. It doesn't have to take much time, and it's a lot of fun working with a really great group of people. You don't have to be a board member to help, you can just volunteer to work on a particular activity so please think about working with us; we'd love to have you and I guarantee you will have a good time.

*Seig Hoepfner*, IBM Alumni Club President

## Mark These Club-Sponsored Events on Your Calendars



### A Preview of 2014 Alumni Club Events

**Chanhassen Dinner Theater Event:** February 15

**Highway Clean Up:** May 13, July 8, and September 9

**Golf Outings:**

June 2 - The Bluff's at Coffee Mill (651-565-4332)

June 16 - Old Barn Resort – Preston (800-552-2512)

July 7 - Zumbro Falls (507-753-3131)

July 14 - Mt. Frontenac (651-388-5826)

August 11 - Willow Creek (507-285-0305)

August 25 - Dodge Center (507-374-2374)

September 8 - Oak Summit (507-252-1808)

September 15 - The Jewel (800-738-7714)

**Alumni Club Picnic:** July 9

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** November and December (dates to be determined)

**Alumni Club Christmas Party:** December 13

**Newsletters via email:** January, March, May, July, September, and November

**Newsletters via U.S. mail:** January, April, July, and October

### A Note Regarding Club Events

At the present time, your IBM Alumni Club is working to present some more events that we hope our fellow members and friends will enjoy. The following events are in the planning stage. There may be situations that would prevent them from occurring or changing, but they currently include:

- A murder mystery dinner at the Hubbell House (see page 3 for details)
- A dinner theater presentation of *Arsenic and Old Lace* at Lanesboro's Commonweal Theater
- A Minnesota Twins baseball game
- a Rochester Trolley tour and winery visit

We are working to make these events occur in the next few months, so be prepared to join your IBM friends and have some fun with us!

*Hal Kossman*

## **Reminder: Fiddler on the Roof at Chanhassen Dinner Theater - February 15**

The Chanhassen trip presenting *Fiddler on the Roof* appears to be a great success, with forty-six having signed up to attend. Great play, good food, fun folks – can't get much better than that!

For this event, please be at the Gander Mountain parking lot, 3470 55<sup>th</sup> Street NW (northwest of Wal-Mart and south of Kwik Trip) at 9:15 a.m. on February 15. The bus will leave the parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Alternate pickup arrangements will be considered on an exception basis by calling Hal Kossman at 507-288-5583. The bus will return to Rochester at approximately 5:45 p.m. The event is open to IBM Rochester Alumni Club members and accompanied guests.



## **Murder Mystery Dinner Theater on March 27 - Death at the DooWop**

On Thursday, March 27, your IBM Rochester Alumni Club presents Death at the Doo-Wop. Join us for an evening of good food, intrigue, and much fun as we enjoy a murder mystery dinner at Mantorville's Hubbell House.

Grab your poodle skirt and horn rimmed glasses and have a "killer" evening as we Rock Around the Clock Tonight at a 1957 prom. During dinner, someone will die a "comical" death. A few of our group will be suspects and everyone will be detectives. Be careful with whom you interact; any of your friends or the person you came with is very possibly the culprit. Can you bring the culprit to justice before the sock hop prom ends? It will be like a live action version of Clue. There will be actors to lead us through each activity while guiding the plot via their hilarious characters. You are encouraged but certainly not required to dress appropriately for a 1957 era prom evening.

Upon your arrival at the Hubbell House, you will be ushered to a private dining room. At 6:00 the Hubbell House will serve a dinner consisting of your choice of:

- 8 oz. sirloin steak prepared medium
- Broiled smoked Windsor chop
- Lemon broiled torsk
- Raspberry chicken

All dinners will include Idaho baked potato with sour cream, assorted breads, garlic toast, Hubbell House salad, and coffee, tea, milk, or pop. Gratuity and sales tax are included. Appetizers, deserts, and alcoholic beverages will be available but are not included in the ticket price.

Please return the attached ticket request form and check for full payment (payable to the IBM Rochester Alumni Club) to IBM Rochester Alumni Club, 20 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE, Rochester, MN 55906. Ticket requests must be received by March 7th, 2014, so don't delay. We are limited to seventy attendees and they will be determined by order of receiving the signup in our office. Confirmation will be given to all signups. If we exceed seventy attendees, those who don't "make the cut" will be informed, and their checks will be returned or shredded, per their choice.

For this event please be at the Hubbell House restaurant by 6:00 p.m. and indicate you are part of the Murder Mystery Dinner Party. The event is open to IBM Rochester Alumni Club

members and guests. For questions, contact the IBM Rochester Alumni Club office at 507-424-4193 or Email: [rchret@aol.com](mailto:rchret@aol.com).

\*\*\*\*\* Ticket Request form\*\*\*\*\*

A fun evening of murder and mystery including dinner at the Hubbell House in Mantorville.

Deadline: 3/7/2014. Mail to: IBM Rochester Alumni Club, 20 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE, Rochester, MN 55906.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket quantity \_\_\_\_\_ at \$ 35.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**IBM Alumni Club Sponsored Events Since Our Last e-NEWS**

**Rochester IBM Alumni Club Christmas Party**

The 2013 IBM Alumni Christmas Party was held December 14th at the Rochester Eagles Club. 240 Alumni members enjoyed fine food, venue and conversation! The Eagles Club, led by Teri Moger, did another fantastic job in setting up the room and organizing the food lines. We received many positive comments again this year. We want to recognize the generous door prize donors: Think Mutual Bank, Toyota of Rochester, Grandma's Kitchen, Rochester Athletic Club, Canadian Honker, and the Eagles Club. Please thank them by patronizing their businesses.

We also had a outstanding group of volunteers help run this event. Carol Gorder lined up many food servers. We had reservation table helpers, door prize runners, photographers and even help parking cars. This is what it takes to have a successful party. Thanks to all of you!

The 2014 Christmas Party is scheduled for December 13th at the Eagles Club.

Committee co-chairs: *Chuck Kinneberg and Karen Costa-Tappon*

**Other Noteworthy Items**

**Rochester IBM Retiree Gathering in Florida**

A flock of Rochester IBM retiree snowbirds gathered in Venice, Florida, in early March 2013 for a relaxing afternoon in the sunshine. This was our third attempt at gathering those who spend some time in Florida over the winter months. Everyone enjoyed getting caught up and the wonderful catered meal. We had quite a few new attendees so it was fun connecting the 'work connection dots' per say ... amazing what our mature brain cells can correlate in a group effort ☺.

We are planning to do a fourth annual gathering on March 2, 2014. If you will be in Florida during that time and would like to join in, please send an email to either Barbara Muenkel ([barbm.home@charter.net](mailto:barbm.home@charter.net)) or Lyle Hinrichs ([lhinrichs@centurytel.net](mailto:lhinrichs@centurytel.net)), and we will ensure you are notified of the where/when.

In the meantime, hopefully, everyone is experiencing our wonderful Minnesota winter wonderland. Have a blessed 2014!

*Barbara H. Muenkel*



Rochester IBM Retiree Gathering in Florida, Sunday, March 3, 2013 at Waterside Village Clubhouse, Venice, Florida. In attendance this year were:

Row 1: Barbara Muenkel, Barb Koench, Joanne McCree, Shirley Stender, Barb Frevais, Judy Haas

Row 2: Bob Koench, Pete McCree, Carol Lucas, Nancy Kryka, Ken Wagner, Bernie Loeffler

Row 3: Gary Brun, Ray Lucas, Kim Kryka, Dale Brandenburger, Dave Monson, John Tanaka

Row 4: Barry Pow, Ken Boyles, Bob Baarson, Eric Schneider, Barry Brass, Dave Foreman, Gene Jurens, Ray Romon, Lyle Hinrichs, Glenn Van Benschoten, Steve Gardner

### **IBM Alumni Bowling League Mid-Season Report**

The 2013-14 bowling season began on October 13, 2013. The league has eleven three-person teams and fifteen substitutes. We are pleased to welcome Denise Granger, John Willaman, and George Kubat as new members to the league.

A position round was held in the final week of the first half season (January 8, 2014). The SANDBAGGERS team (Joyce Brandvold, Paul Burkart, and Karl Anderson) was in first place with 52 1/2 wins. The TRI-FECTA team (Jessie Shanklin, Jim Hoss, and Steve Majerus)

was in second place with 46 1/2 wins. An exciting three-game match was bowled. TRI-FECTA won the first two games for 4 points, so the first half champion was to be decided by who won



the third game – it was down to the wire! SANDBAGGERS won the third game and three points. Congratulations to the SANDBAGGERS on winning the first half.

The United States Bowling Congress provides individual achievement awards for single game based on pins over average, three-game series based on pins over average, single game seventy-five pins over average, and three-game series 140 pins over average.

Single game award winners for the first half are:

Dick Severson, Keith Jacobson, Dick Mustain, Jessie Shanklin, Joyce Brandvold, Paul Clayson, Bruce Brandvold, Dennis Tweed, Jim Hoss, Karl Anderson, Eric Fosdick, Paul Burkart, John Greilinger, Dave Dutelle, Dick Smith, John Lundak, Steve Majerus, Bernie Borgschatz, Rita Balm, Beth Aakre, Harry Wahl, Ed Gomez and John Willaman.

Single game seventy-five pins over average award winners for the first half are:

Bernie Borgschatz, Eric Fosdick and Dick Severson

Series award winners for the first half are:

Bernie Borgschatz, Eric Fosdick, Karl Anderson and Dick Mustain

Three-game series 140 pins over average: Bernie Borgschatz

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

Bowlers in the lead for individual women and men year-end-awards are:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
High Average	Steve Majerus 200	Jessie Shanklin 164
High (hdcp) Game	Bernie Borgschatz 319 (Actual 288)	Rita Balm 261 (Actual 214)
High (hdcp) Series	Bernie Borgschatz 817 (Actual 724)	Mary Ann Wahl 682 (Actual 484)

Finally, thank you to the subs who have filled in this year.

*Bruce Brandvold, Secretary*

### **Women’s Luncheons hosted by Janet Stevenson**

For all retiree women who have been interested in attending - or have been attending - the retiree women’s luncheons planned and hosted by Janet Stevenson, she requests that you send her an email at [janroys@charter.net](mailto:janroys@charter.net) requesting that you be added to her contact list. She recently lost all of the contacts with one of those irritating computer crashes. She is planning four luncheons this year that will be open to any women who have left IBM and would like to meet with friends for lunch. These luncheons are not part of the Alumni Club events.

### **2013 IBM Rochester Alumni Club Office Staffing Volunteers**

During 2013, eleven Alumni Club members volunteered their time to staff the Club office at the Salvation Army. Seven of the individuals volunteered five or more times. Regardless of the number of times volunteered, a big THANK YOU to ALL the following volunteers:

Joan Buske, Bev Gerzevske, Bill Hammer, Wayne Harris, Kathy Henderson, Seig Hoepfner, Nancy Morrison, Dave Naatz, Frank Richason, Lad Roering, Dick Sulack

Any IBM Alumni interested in staffing the Alumni Club office from 10 a.m. until noon on Tuesdays or Thursdays is encouraged to call the Club office at 507-424-4193 or send an e-mail to [rchret@aol.com](mailto:rchret@aol.com) for more information.

*Wayne Harris, Chairman, Office Staffing*

### **Verizon Wireless Discount for Veterans**

Retirees have lost their IBM discounts with Verizon, as the new contract doesn't include Alumni. Note that Verizon Wireless will give military veterans a 15% discount on their line charge and a 25% discount on their products. Veterans need only to bring their DD214 to show their military service.

### **The USPS (printed) Version of Our Newsletter**

Prior to 2012, we offered two no-charge ways for Club members to receive our newsletter: by email and via USPS mail. In 2012, we announced that we could no longer send the USPS hard-copy newsletter for free, and we urged members to provide an email address to us so we could send them the online (no charge) version. You are among the majority of the members who have done that and thereby get the newsletter (along with some supplemental mailings) online.

The purpose of this note is to ask that you pass it along to your friends who are not currently getting the newsletter by email and who you think might be interested in the hardcopy version. Please tell them that we would love to hear from them at the Alumni office (507-424-4193) or in writing.

To receive the hardcopy newsletter, they need only send us their name and address along with a check for \$15.00 (for postage and labels for 5 years of newsletter mailing). Neither the \$15.00 nor any unused portion is refundable.

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I want to receive the newsletter by U.S. mail. My check for \$15.00 payable to Rochester IBM Alumni Club is enclosed.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Obituaries

The IBM Alumni Club learns about deaths and celebrations by checking the Rochester Post Bulletin or from emails and phone calls from Club members. We appreciate your input as not everything gets into the Post Bulletin. The following Rochester IBM alumni (Club members and non-members) died in 2013:

Harold 'Bud' Ames, James 'Mike' Anglin, Robert Arbuckle, Conrad Jean Aug, Stephen Barna, Arnold L. Block, John D. Borgschatz, James "Jim" Buck, Robert M. Chamberlin, Kenneth Eugene Christeson, Stanley E. Christopherson, Adolph 'Bill' Feine Jr., Carl D. Freeman, Ardyce D. Galle, Russell Gangestad, Bryan Green, Joseph D Grothe, Melvin John Hettervig, William Wayne Hollar, James A. Hopkins, Herman Hovda, Obert R. Jergenson, James Jursik, Raymond Kirtz, Eugene Charles Klann Jr., LaVerne Frank Knappe, Thomas Alan Konakowitz, Don Kylo, Steven James Ligget, Royce Robert Reed, Duane Rietmann, Thomas E Rowe Sr., Kenneth L. Strom, Richard W. Tiede, Bruce Tonkin, Harold Leroy Troff, John Burton Trygstad, William 'Bill' Wesselmann, Donald G. Wester

The following IBM Alumni Club members or spouses have recently died:

**Harold 'Bud' Ames** died December 28, 2013. He started his career with IBM in Endicott, New York, in 1950, transferred to Rochester in 1958, and retired in 1981. He is survived by his wife Millie, sons Stephen and Kenneth, and grandchildren.

**Ralph L. Beaver** died January 18, 2014. He was employed with IBM in Rochester as a systems engineer and manager from 1973 until his retirement in 1998. Survivors include wife Beverly, daughters Dawn Nelson and Amy Beaver, son David, and nine grandchildren.

**Ardyce D. Galle** died December 1, 2013. She was a long-time employee of IBM until her retirement.

**Dr. LaVerne Frank Knappe** died December 20, 2013. In 1956, he was one of the original employees of the IBM Rochester location working until retirement in 1987, developing several patents, and earning Outstanding Contributions awards.

**Don Kylo** died December 20, 2013. He worked for IBM from 1964 until his retirement in 1994, then continued contract/supplemental work for IBM from 1995 to 2013. Survivors include his wife, Carmen, sons Kory and Stephen, and grandchildren.

**Norbert 'Bert' Nass** died January 10, 2014. He was employed with IBM in Rochester from 1966 to 1992. Survivors include wife Dotti, daughter Kathy Bly, and two grandchildren.

**Larry Lee Weinmann** died January 5, 2014. He worked for IBM from 1997 until his death. Survivors include wife Roxanne, children Jeremy Mott, Amber Bolles and Haley Mork, and four grandchildren.

**William 'Bill' Wesselman** died December 25, 2013. He was the husband of longtime IBM employee Myrna and was himself employed by IBM for a number of years. Survivors are wife Myrna, daughter Lori Carlin, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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

## Celebrations

**Russ and Janet Hird** celebrated their 60th anniversary on December 26.

## We Welcome Your Input

Thank you to all who have contributed to this issue, and we welcome your input for future newsletters.