

VSP Newsletter December 2023

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*Medtronic VSP
Retiree Group
Minnesota*

Learning – Connecting – Serving

RECENT VSP TEAM VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Feed My Starving Children – November 15

Thanks to the great group of volunteers who participated in this event. In less than two hours, the group packed enough food to feed 103 children for a year!



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Medtronic VSP Holiday Social

When

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023
4:00-6:00 pm**

Who's Invited

All Medtronic retirees and their guest.

Where

**The Mermaid
2200 Highway 10, Mounds View
Coral Ballroom**

Enter Event Center on the west side of the Mermaid. The Coral Ballroom is located on the main floor opposite side of the bar.

What's Included

**Hors D'oeuvres Provided
Cash Bar**

Free Will Offering

For many years there has been No Charge for this event and the VSP Group provided the Hors D'oeuvres. As we all know, prices have increased for everything. This year we are asking for a free will offering to help defray the cost of the room rental and food.

When you email or call to RSVP, please include your full name and name of your guest.

**To RSVP contact Jan Miskowic by e-mail: miskojan@hotmail.com or
Phone: (763) 425-0508.**

You will receive confirmation of your RSVP.

Experience this year's expanded Employee Holiday Program on Wednesday, Dec. 13

The Employee Holiday Program is often referred to as the most important day on the Medtronic calendar. As we reflect on the Mission, we collectively come together to reconnect, reflect, and celebrate it and the patients we've helped. As we convene around the world to watch, this year's program will start new traditions and has things just for online viewers with online Emcee Katie Osborne.

All retirees are invited to watch online with current Medtronic employees, the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 13. [Click here](#) to view the livestream the day of the program and see the schedule of events below to decide when to join (times listed are Central Time).

- 8:30 a.m.: Pre-show
- 9–11 a.m.: Show
- 11 a.m.: Post-show

If you have questions, send an email to [Medtronic Employee Holiday Program](#).

Second Harvest Heartland–Wed. January 17, 2024 Registration is open

Where: 7101 Winnetka Ave North, Brooklyn Park, Mn 55428

When: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 3:30–5:00

What will I be doing: Volunteers assist with sorting, labeling, weighing and packing various food items to meet immediate needs and help feed our hungry neighbors.

To register:

1. Sign into the Retiree Medtronic Foundation Volunteer and Giving Website: <https://medtronic.yourcause.com/auth/basic>
2. Click on **Volunteer** and search for **Medtronic Retiree Event**
3. Click **Sign Up** and choose your session

Note: If you would like to volunteer and have trouble accessing the Your Cause Site, please contact Anne Coldwell at amc57@comcast.net.

BRIDGING in Roseville – Tues. February 13, 2024
Registration is open

Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Time: 1-4pm

Location: Bridging-Roseville 1730 Terrace Drive, Roseville, MN 55113

(**NOTE:** Be sure to enter city and zip since there's another Bridging address in Shoreview that often misdirects people)

To register:

1. Sign into the Retiree Medtronic Foundation Volunteer and Giving Website:

<https://medtronic.yourcause.com/auth/basic>

2. Click on **Volunteer** and search for **Medtronic Retiree Event-Bridging**

3. Click **Sign Up** and choose the **Main Session**

Note:

If you would like to volunteer and have trouble accessing the Your Cause Site, please contact Anne Coldwell at amc57@comcast.net.

In Memoriam

- **Todd Fawcett**
- **Earl Hatten**



Todd Fawcett

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Todd Fawcett, a loving father, grandpa, brother, and son, who left this world on October 27th.

Todd was born on June 3, 1961, in Shawano Wisconsin, to Keith and Mary Fawcett. Todd is survived by his beloved son, Jacob Fawcett (Nathalia Mendes), and his cherished daughter, Brittany, (Jared) Hanson, and his grandchildren Levi and Lyla Hanson, all of whom were the light of his life. He is also remembered by his brother, Scott Fawcett, and sister, Meghan (Joe) Marks, who were not only his siblings but also his closest friends.

Todd will be remembered for his passion for photography and his love for biking. His photographs captured the beauty of the world in a unique way, showcasing his talent and creative eye. His images will continue to inspire and bring joy to those who were fortunate enough to view them. Whether it was a stunning landscape or the candid smiles of family and friends, Todd had a remarkable ability to freeze moments in time.

Biking was not just a hobby for Todd, but a way of life. He found freedom and joy in the wind on his face as he explored the open road. He also enjoyed traveling, camping, kayaking, and cooking. His love for the outdoors led him on countless journeys, and the memories he made along the way are cherished by all who knew him.

Todd Fawcett will be deeply missed, not only for his artistic talents and his adventurous spirit, but for his kind heart, warm smile, and the unwavering love he had for his family. His legacy lives on in the memories he created and the love he shared with those who were fortunate enough to know him.

Todd Fawcett may be gone, but his spirit and the love he shared will forever remain in the hearts of those who were blessed to have known him.

The family will be hosting a private memorial with dates and information to follow.

Earl Hatten

The Medtronic VSP Board wishes to extend their condolences upon the passing of Earl Hatten, a member of the "Garage Gang" and Medtronic employee #8.

Upon completion of his 35-year career, Earl remained very busy volunteering in his community and continued to read the Christmas Story at the annual holiday program. Please see the obituary at StarTribune.com and shared below.



Hatten, Earl G. 7/7/29 - 11/13/23 Son of Marion and Freida Hatten

Loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Preceded in death by wife Charlene, son Craig; siblings Cyril, Lowell, Jim and Jean. Survived by children Carol (Tim) Hanson, Sally Oss and William (Michelle) Hatten; siblings Joyce Kuehl, Roger Hatten, Russell Hatten and Judy (Jim) Sondergaard. Grandchildren Alexis Swits, Jason (Shiloh) Hanson, Brandon (Heather) Hanson, Jessica (Corey) Rheault, Joshua Swits, Danielle (Eric) Morris, Joseph Hatten and Victoria Hatten. Great grandchildren Brielle, Miles, Halle, Owen, Paxton and Archer.

Proud Korean war vet and National Guard officer. Long time draftsman at Medtronic. Served his country, family, friends, and community. Long time active member of St. Philip's Lutheran Church. Funeral service Dec 4, 11 am with visitation one hour prior at St. Philip's Lutheran Church, 6180 Hwy 65 NE, Fridley. Leaving for Honors Burial at 1 pm. Interment at Fort Snelling.

millerfuneralfridley.com

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Sources of Retiree Information

As VSP Board Members, we get many questions from retirees as to where they can obtain information on their benefits, how to get Medtronic Foundation grants and charitable giving matches, or whom to contact if they have questions. Listed below are the key sources for that information.

A. Benefits

1. Go to benefits.medtronic.com
2. Click on **Retirees** on the top line of the page
3. If you have not done so, please register to create a username and password. This will give you access to the site and, also, your specific information.
4. Once you open the site, you will have access to multiple resources on retiring, health summaries, health plans, pre-65, post-65, etc. Specifically, if you open the **Retirement Planning Guide** (on left hand side of page, under **Resources**) and go to page 23, you will find a list of key phone numbers and websites for your use.

B. Medtronic Foundation -Volunteer and Giving Site

Note: As a retiree, you will need a new login to access MDT Foundation Resources. Your employee login will no longer work after you retire. To do this, you must go to:

<https://medtronic.yourcause.com/auth/basic>

Once you login, you will have access to the volunteer grant and charitable matching site which is managed by YourCause for the MDT Foundation.

- C. You also can gain access to these and other sites by using the **VSP website: mdtretirees.org** and clicking on **Benefits**

*The VSP Board Wishes You All the Best
of Holidays and a Happy New Year!*