

VSP Newsletter June 2024

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Learning – Connecting – Serving

An Abundance of Activities: **Summer 2024 Informal Gathering**



Please join fellow retirees and kick off the first day of summer for an informal Happy Hour gathering to stay connected and socialize.

Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Place: Serum's Good Time Emporium
Bar and Grill**

**213 Jackson St.
Anoka, MN 55303**

A special area upstairs has been reserved for our group. Enjoy a cash bar with Happy Hour prices. Appetizers and a full menu will be available for purchase. Serum's specialty is delicious wings in 21 different flavored sauces.

No advanced registration required!

TWINS VS PHILLIES GAME

FLYER AT END OF NEWSLETTER
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 12:10 PM
Deadline to Register – Monday, June 28th

SAVE THE DATE

**Medtronic VSP Fall Luncheon
and Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 17th**

Full details to come

**Also in this edition:
A Plethora of Volunteer Opportunities and Initiatives
In Memoriam – Shar Rau**

Medtronic Project 6 in full swing

Now is your chance to get involved, have fun and help make a difference in YOUR community. The Medtronic Foundation recently announced it is continuing its Project 6 initiative, held May through July.

The program derives its name from Tenet 6 of the Medtronic Mission – a steadfast commitment to maintain good citizenship as a company. It serves as the company’s annual kick-off event igniting our collective passion for community engagement.

The Project 6 campaign brings together Medtronic employees and retirees as one global team. Our goal? To make a positive impact in the communities where we live and work through volunteerism and giving. Join us in celebration. Learn more at:

volunteerandgiving.medtronic.com.

For assistance in accessing the Volunteer and Giving site, please see Item B in the Sources of Retiree Info article at the end of this newsletter or use the contact information below:

medtronic-support@yourcause.com

Customer Advocate Center
7am - 7pm CST M-F
Local: (972) 755-3950
Toll Free: (866) 751-6031

Unique Local Fundraiser Benefits Special Olympics Minnesota

Special Olympics Minnesota invites you to the inaugural SOMN Open, a golf tournament fundraiser.



Special Olympics Minnesota promotes inclusion and challenges stereotypes associated with intellectual disabilities. By participating in a tournament, you are helping to break down barriers and foster a more inclusive Minnesota for all.

This isn't your average tournament—it's a celebration of inclusion.

Every birdie, eagle (and even the occasional bogey) contributes to a more inclusive world. Join them for a day of golf, games, prizes and the joy of making a difference!

SOMN Golf Tournament information details -- format, cost, schedule -- can be found here:

<https://fundraise.somn.org/event/somn-open-2024/e526807>

Recent VSP Team Volunteer Events

-Thanks to all the retirees who volunteered at Global Health Ministries In May.

-Bridging appreciates us! The Medtronic Foundation received some awesome feedback about us from the folks at Bridging.

During a May employee volunteer project, the Bridging staff had wonderful things to say about the Medtronic retirees who volunteer and the long-standing partnership we've had with them. We're just the best!

Three Upcoming VSP Team Volunteer Events

-Bridging - Registration is Open

Search Term in Your Cause: Medtronic Retiree Event - Bridging

Date: **Wednesday, July 23**

Time: **1:00 - 4:00**

Location: **1730 Terrace Drive, Roseville, MN 55113**

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

-Feed My Starving Children - Registration is Open

Search Term in Your Cause: Medtronic Retiree Event - Feed My Starving Children

Date: **Tuesday, August 13**

Time: **9:30 - 11:15**

Location: **401 93rd Avenue NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433**

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 - Feed My Starving Children"
3. Click "Sign Up" and choose the main session

-Bikes4Kids - Registration is Open

Search Term in Your Cause: Medtronic Retiree Event - Bikes4Kids

Date: **Monday, September 9**

Time: **1:00- 3:00**

Location: **16501 Buchanan Street Northeast,
Ham Lake, Mn 55304**

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 - Bikes4Kids"
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

Sharlene Ann (Lindeman) Rau



Sharlene Rau, of Elk River, MN, passed away surrounded by her family on May 12, 2024 at the age of 73.

Shar retired at 55 after a long career at Medtronic. She traveled extensively with her husband, Mark, throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and the Bahamas. Shar spent four years collectively in the Southern Baja, primarily in Cabo San Lucas. She particularly liked going to national parks and visiting friends in various states. She was a voracious reader, wonderful cook, and enjoyed games, crafts, puzzles, and gardening.

She will be deeply missed by all who loved her.

Full obituary published in *Star Tribune* on May 26, 2024, at:

<https://www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/0000488826/>

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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 24, 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.

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



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Wednesday, July 24, 2024
Game time 12:10 pm
\$42 per Ticket

Join your fellow retirees to cheer on the Twins as they take on a National League team, the Philadelphia Phillies. The Phillies are off to a hot start and look like they are going to be contenders in the National League’s East Division. The Twins have the talent to be doing much better than what their record shows. They have the potential to turn it around by mid-July.

A limited number of tickets in Overlook Section #136 have been reserved for Medtronic VSP members and their guests. The seats are located between first and second base in right field directly in front of the Target Plaza entrance - Gate #34.

Your registration and check must be received by Friday, June 28th. The tickets will be mailed to you the week of July 15th. Make checks payable to Medtronic VSP and mail with completed form to:

Denise Corbett, 1601 Rice Creek Road NE, Fridley, MN 55432.

Transportation to the game is your responsibility. Metro Transit’s Northstar line is scheduled to serve this Phillies game. Click the link below for schedule and Park N’ Ride stations. Be sure to check it again before you leave for the game. Weather, game, or transit line issues may impact the schedule. You may also sign-up for alerts.

<https://www.metrotransit.org/northstar>

Parking is available in ramps A, B & C which are located close to the stadium with easy access to the ballpark. However, Ramp B is closest to our seats in right field.

Deadline to Register – Monday, June 28th

Name:

Address:

City & Zip:

Phone: _____

_____ tickets @ \$42.00 each

Total enclosed _____