

VSP Newsletter  
November 2024

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**Learning – Connecting – Serving**



**Medtronic VSP Retiree Annual Meeting  
And Holiday Social Event**



**When**

Wednesday, December 4, 2023

Doors Open: 3:15 p.m., Annual Meeting: 3:30-4:00 p.m., Social: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**Who's Invited**

All Medtronic retirees and their guest.

**Where**

The Mermaid – Coral Ballroom  
2200 Highway 10, Mounds View

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 and 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 room rental and food costs.

**RSVP by contacting Jan Miskowic by e-mail at:**

**[miskojan@hotmail.com](mailto:miskojan@hotmail.com) or**

**Phone: (763) 425-0508.**

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

You will receive confirmation of your RSVP.

## **Recent VSP Team Volunteer Events**

**Thanks to all the retirees and employees who volunteered at The Food Group in October! Your efforts are greatly appreciated.**

## **Upcoming VSP Team Volunteer Events**

To register for a volunteer event:

1. Sign into the Retiree Medtronic Foundation Volunteer and Giving Website (Your Cause) at:  
<https://medtronic.yourcause.com/auth/basic>
2. Click on Volunteer and search for the term noted in the event details below.
3. Click "Sign Up" and choose the main session

### **November – Feed My Starving Children**

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

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Time: 9:30 – 11:15 a.m.

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

**Note:**

If you would like to bring a friend, please send a note with the friend's name to Anne Coldwell at [amc57@comcast.net](mailto:amc57@comcast.net). Also, if you would like to volunteer but have trouble accessing the *Your Cause* site, please contact Anne Coldwell at that address.

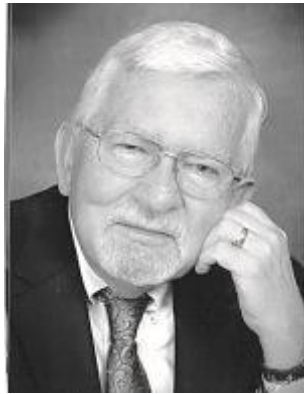
### **December/January**

- No volunteer events planned for December; January events will be posted in December newsletter

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## **In Memoriam**

**Ed Chmielewski, Ron Lund, and Dennis Madison.**  
Please see the full obituaries in the *Minnesota Star Tribune*.



**ED CHMIELEWSKI**

Ed Chmielewski 1933 -2024. Ed entered his eternal reward on Monday, October 21, 2024, at age 91. Ed served as a Catholic priest in the archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis for 17 years. During that time, he was very active with his friend Bishop Shannon in the civil rights movement. He was released from the priesthood by Pope Paul VI.

In 1975 he met the love of his life, Judith, and they were married in October of 1976. Ed worked as a counseling psychologist for Medtronic for 23 years and retired in 1998. Both he and Judith were very involved with their parish church, St. John the Baptist in New Brighton, MN, the Minnesota Symphony, and civil rights activities.

In 1998, Ed and Judith moved to Columbia, MO, in retirement. They chose Columbia because there were many opportunities for involvement in the fine arts. They became members of the Missouri Symphony and were involved for 26 years.

Ed is survived by his wife Judith, a sister, Sister Ann Marie O.S.F., and cousins. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish.

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RON LUND

***Funeral services will be held on Monday, November 11, 2024, at Normandale Lutheran Church, 6100 Normandale Rd, Edina, MN. Visitation will be held at 2:00 pm with a service at 3:00 pm.***

Ronald E. Lund, resident of Scottsdale, Arizona, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on October 29th at the age of 89, at his home in Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Prior to his passing, Ron was in hospice where he had one last weeklong family gathering filled with many special friends, shared memories, concerts, laughter, tears, prayers and love.

Ron began his legal career in 1962 with Pillsbury where he later became the Assistant General Counsel. Ron joined Medtronic in 1989, serving as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, where he guided Medtronic through its most successful decade.

Ron retired from Medtronic in 1999 and was rehired for an encore performance in 2004. Ron's "retirement" later included General Counsel roles guiding both the American Red Cross and AGA Medical and mentoring the next generation of general counsels.

Ron joined the Minnesota Orchestra's Board of Directors in 1993. He served as Board Chair from 2003-2005. Ron was made a Life Director in 2006 for his stalwart leadership, wise counsel, and generosity. Ron and Virginia were married for 67 years and had four children, Lisa, John, Mary and Sandi. He was blessed with a bonus family of Cambodian refugees whom he welcomed into his home in the early '80s and continued to love as his own throughout his life.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, November 11 at Normandale Lutheran Church, 6100 Normandale Rd, Edina, MN. Visitation will be held at 2:00 pm with a service at 3:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Minneapolis Club. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations in Ron's honor to the Minnesota Orchestra. Huber Funeral & Cremation Services Eden Prairie Chapel 952-949-4970 [www.huberfunerals.com](http://www.huberfunerals.com)

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DENNIS MADISON

*Denny was in charge of Instrumentation Engineering (test equipment) for many years, while a lot of us were at Medtronic. His funeral is at St. Katharine Drexel's Catholic Church in Ramsey Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.*

Dennis Madison, age 81, of Ramsey. Preceded in death by parents Walter and Grace and brothers-in-law, Tom Hinds and George Lahr. Survived by wife Anne, daughters Kathy (Jim) Reed and Kimberly (Ivan) John, grandchildren Michael (Holly), Connor, Daniel, Grace and Alex, sister Diane Hinds, nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 11 am at The Catholic Church of St. Katharine Drexel, 7101 143rd Avenue, NW, Ramsey. Visitation 5-8 pm Wednesday at Thurston-Lindberg Funeral Home, 2005 Branch Avenue, Anoka and also one hour prior to Mass at the church.

Interment Calvary Cemetery, Anoka. Memorials preferred. Thurston-Lindberg Funeral Home Anoka 763-421-0220 [www.thurston-lindberg.com](http://www.thurston-lindberg.com)

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