

VSP Newsletter  
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**Learning – Connecting – Serving**

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

**Thursday, October 17, 2024**, for an informal Fall get together. See details below.



**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**, for our annual VSP Member Meeting and Holiday Social at the Mermaid in Mounds View. Scheduled to speak at the event is a representative from The Medtronic Foundation, who will update us on its current activities and future plans.

Watch for additional information in future newsletters and a Holiday Social email with all the details.



**Informal Fall Event at Edinburgh Golf Course**

Fall is (kind of) in the air and many Medtronic retirees will soon be headed to warmer climates to avoid our Minnesota winter. Please join fellow retirees for an informal Happy Hour gathering to stay connected and socialize.

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024  
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Place: The Brooklyn Restaurant and Bar  
Located at Edinburgh Golf Course  
8700 Edinburgh Crossing  
Brooklyn Park, MN

A special area within the bar will be reserved for our group. Enjoy a cash bar with Happy Hour drink and appetizer specials. No advance registration required!

## Recent VSP Team Volunteer Events

Thanks to all the retirees and employees who volunteered at Bikes4Kids in September!



## 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.  
Group

3. Click "Sign Up" and choose the main session

### The Food Group – Registration is Open

**Search Term in *Your Cause*: Medtronic Retiree Event – The Food Group**

Date: Thursday, October 24

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: 8501 54th Ave. N, New Hope, MN 55428

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## Feed My Starving Children Coon Rapids– Registration is Open

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

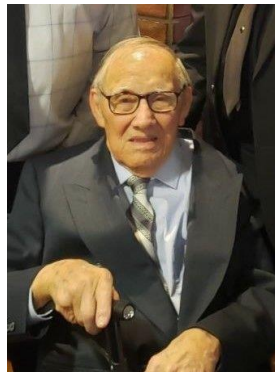
Date: Tuesday, November 12

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.



#### In Memoriam – Frank Beert

### Electrical Engineer on the first Pacing System Analyzer, Model 5300

**Francis Beert, (Frank), 92, of Champlin MN passed away on August 24, 2024**

Frank was born Jan. 9, 1932, at Lamberton, MN, to immigrants from Belgium. He repaired TV sets in St. Cloud for one year and was then drafted unto the U.S. Army where he served 14 months in the Signal Corps in Germany.

After military service he attended the University of Minnesota for some time and then worked for Honeywell's Aerospace division for 15 years. This was followed by 22 years at Medtronic. Frank was the electrical engineer on the first PSA, the 5300.

Frank enjoyed both his work and the fine people he was privileged to work with.

He is survived by his children, Brian, Mark and Anthony; granddaughter Callandra (Tim Khos-Erdene), and grandson Riley (fiancé Leah Marson).

He was preceded in death by his parents and Rosemary, his spouse of 71 years.

