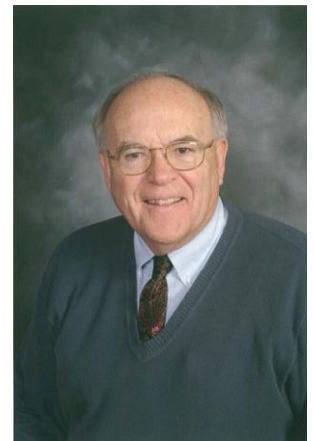


2013 MGFA Community Service Award Recipient – Victor “Buzz” Lundeen

Victor ‘Buzz’ Lundeen, Jr. began his career with the Victor Lundeen Company in Fergus Falls in 1961, the same year that he married his wife Ann, shortly after having joining the Air National Guard. Because his dad was the founder of the company, Buzz really got his start much earlier and learned the printing trade by working after school and during summers during his high school and college years. He graduated from Macalester College and received his MBA from the U of Chicago in 1960.



In the 1920's the State of Minnesota passed laws that required grain merchants to have printed scale tickets, consecutively numbered and a customer copy. Prior to that, warehouse operators often just wrote down a farmer's grain weights on a piece of scratch paper. The company geared up for that with printing presses that would also number the forms. His dad's oldest brother, Bill, went on the road for weeks at a time advising and selling to grain elevators throughout the state. Besides scale tickets, the company was selling and printing all the other forms that a grain elevator needed...checks, assembly forms, sales tickets, bill of ladings, envelopes and the Grainmen's Favorite Bookkeeping system.



The company wasn't tied into just Minnesota grain elevators. They moved into South Dakota, North Dakota and Montana and became the best name in the industry. By the early '50's, Bill turned his South Dakota territory over to his son-in-law, Warren Araskog. Many of you old timers will remember his memorable visits to your elevator and convention antics. In the mid-'60's Buzz was helping his Dad and his oldest brother run the business, and as sales territories changed, Buzz was also on the road calling on elevators for about 15 years, until current sales representative, Mike Spangler, took over most of the Minnesota territory.

When Buzz was in college in St. Paul he attended his first Minnesota Grain Convention...at the Pick Nicollet Hotel, just a stone's throw – or a drive and a five iron – away from the Great Northern Railroad Station where attendees from North Dakota and Montana would get off the train and head over for the best time of their lives. Since the first grain convention, the company has been an integral supporting partner of the Association and its members. The golf outings that the Association has put on have been a great place for all of us to gather and get to know each other better. How else would a person ever know how good a steak dinner Orv Kohl's can put on, or how far Kelly Longtin can hit his drive, or how much fun it is to play with Rick from Milroy or Dean from Holloway and the many others at the summer golf outings at Benson, Wheaton and Red Lake Falls.



In Fergus Falls, Buzz has been involved in many different organizations. He has served on several school and church committees; has been in the Noon Rotary Club since 1966, serving as its president in '89-'90; serves as a trustee of the YMCA Foundation, the Pioneer Care Foundation, A Center for the Arts, and as chair of the Oak Grove Cemetery Assn of Fergus Falls. In the 1970's he received the 'Others' award from the Salvation Army for his efforts in leading a fundraiser to fund a new permanent facility. He was a director of the Norwest Bank for 20 years. In 2005 he was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Fergus Falls School District 544 Foundation. He is a member of Pheasants



Forever and for the past ten years has served as the volunteer Loon counter on Otter Tail Lake for the MN DNR Non-Game Division.

Buzz and his wife Ann have three daughters, Susan, Julia and Kathryn and one son, Paul, who is succeeding him at Victor Lundeen's. They have four grandchildren.