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AI @ 70 Summit – Celebrating 70 Years of AI

An in-person event on **August 12, 2026** sponsored by

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Summit Description: The first recognized conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI) took place during the summer of 1956 at Dartmouth College. How has AI developed over the past 70 years? What are the current best practice concepts, models, and tools? What is the future of AI? This celebratory event will answer those questions plus cover several other valuable AI-related topics.

Summit Date: August 12, 2026

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. CST

Price: \$300

Venue: Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West

Register and Pay by August 5, 2026

To register and pay . . . Send an email message with the information below to charles@sisliedtke.com:

(1) Name, (2) Title/Position, (3) Organization, (4) Email Address, & (5) Payment Preference.

Payment Options: Credit card payment via PayPal; ACH; or check.

Note: There are no cancellation refunds. A substitute can attend in your place if necessary.

Email Charles if you have questions at . . . charles@sisliedtke.com.

Summit Agenda

7:30 a.m.	Informal Networking Breakfast (included)
8:30 a.m.	AI's Past
9:15 a.m.	Break
9:30 a.m.	AI's Present
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	AI's Future
11:30 a.m.	Discussion
11:55 a.m.	Closing Comments
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn to Lunch (included)

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AI @ 70 Summit Leader

Charles A. Liedtke, Ph.D. is the President of Strategic Improvement Systems, LLC, a management consulting company designed to assist leaders in improving organizational performance. Charles conducts **research, consults,** and provides **customized training** on *Strategy, Culture, Quality, Analytics, AI, Improvement, and Innovation*. He has worked with organizations worldwide on strategic improvement initiatives including Fortune 500 companies, privately-held companies, non-profit organizations, government entities, hospitals, and clinics. His most recent research projects were on *Quality, Analytics, and Big Data; Big Data in Hoshin Kanri; Information-Based Customer Value Creation; Advances in Strategic Planning; Shaping Organizational Culture; Visions & Visioning; Advances in Horizontal Interaction;* and *AI for Strategic Improvement*. Charles served as an editor for the Japanese Society for Quality Control on the English version technical standards on *Guidelines for Daily Management* and *Guidelines for Policy Management*. This work made the *best practice* technical standards from Japan accessible to all English speakers.

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