

# Tek Retiree NEWS

Tektronix  
Retiree  
Volunteer  
Program



A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

May 2004

## Volunteering at OMSI

Mission: The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is a scientific, educational, and cultural resource center dedicated to improving the public's understanding of science and technology. OMSI makes science exciting and relevant through exhibits, programs, and experiences that are presented in an entertaining and participatory fashion.

"OMSI puts the 'wow' in science for the kid in each of us!"

OMSI volunteers share the wonders of science with visitors from around the world. From exhibit interpreters to backstage administrative assistants, OMSI's "V.I.P.S.," or Volunteers In Promoting Science, are invaluable to the OMSI team. OMSI volunteers all have a strong commitment to sharing their knowledge with others, and to personal growth and lifelong learning. Some of the other benefits OMSI volunteers receive include:

- Individual recognition for-service and contributions to the museum.
- Admission to the museum and OMSI attractions for the volunteer.
- OMSI Family Memberships for volunteers who give a minimum of 50 hours each year.
- Discounts in the Cafe and Science Store.
- Family invitations to OMSI member nights.

General orientations for new volunteers and training sessions for particular exhibit halls and other areas of the museum are held several times each year. In addition to receiving formal training, new volunteers are mentored by our experienced volunteers and educators.

## Immediate Needs:

### *Visitor Services Greeter*

Urgently needed! The goal of Visitor Services is to provide OMSI's visitors with friendly, professional service in a fast-paced environment. Volunteers will often be involved in visitor interaction: welcoming

and greeting visitors, taking tickets, giving directions and providing information about events happening throughout the museum, and organizing groups for submarine tours. No science experience necessary!

### *Mentor to Youth*

New Position! Mentors needed now! Mentor to Youth Volunteers are responsible for interacting with high school age volunteers and helping them adjust to the workplace environment. Youth volunteers are key members of OMSI's volunteer team. Mentors provide critical support to youth volunteers, ensuring that they have a positive, productive volunteer experience.

## On-going Needs:

### *Volunteer Educator*

Share your love of science with OMSI visitors as a Volunteer Educator! Interact with visitors through exciting science demonstrations and activities, help set up labs or monitor safety, and answer questions as you greet visitors with a smile! Volunteer Educator positions are available in a variety of different areas -Tech Hall, Life Science Hall and Lab, Watershed Lab, Paleontology Lab, Earth Science Hall, Turbine Hall, Physics Lab, Early Childhood Education, Chemistry Lab, and Laser Lab.

### *Submarine Tour Guide*

The Submarine Tour Guide provides daily interpretive tours aboard the submarine exhibit and assists with necessary work related to the upkeep of the exhibit.

### *Clerical Assistant*

Assist in clerical work for backstage departments: data entry, filing, organizing, etc.

## Ivan Ivanov Story

The story of Ivan Ivanov, a retired Tek engineer, is now available in a book. Written by his wife Kathy, it describes his escape from communist Bulgaria only to be imprisoned in the West as a suspected Bulgarian spy. After many tribulations, he makes his way to the US, speaking no English and with little training. He learns the language, begins an engineering career, marries and raises a fine family, and eventually arrives at Tek. It's a fascinating odyssey.

The book's title is "Ivan Pavlov, From Freedom to Freedom". The paperback edition is available for \$16.00 from Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc., 701 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, 1-800-788-7654, and also from Amazon.com.

## Tek Retiree Picnic

ShutesPark

Hillsboro, Oregon

June 26, 2004

11:00 a.m.

Bring a dish to share, your dinner service and drinks and join other retirees and friends for a fun time to be shared by all. For additional information call: 503-627-4056.

## Death List Error Correction

Our sincerest apologies go out to Janice Gillespie for having included her in the death list in the February issue of the TRN. Her name came to us in error. We were very pleased to receive a telephone call from her to let us know of this drastic error. She tells us she is very alive and doing well. We are pleased to announce that the error has been corrected.

## Tek Reunion at Elks

Friends and co-workers gathered at the Beaverton Elks on May 15th to enjoy a fun filled afternoon. Approximately 200 were in attendance. A follow up story and pictures will be published in the next newsletter.

## OMSI Volunteer Services

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## 25 Years Ago

June 22, 1979

### Tek places in Forbes Top 500 in market value, net profit

Tektronix, Inc. was ranked in two aspects-market value of common stock and net profits-in the Top 500 list compiled by Forbes Magazine.

Tek placed 183rd in rankings of companies according to market value of common stock, and 404th in net profits.

The survey, "The Dimensions of American Business: A Roster of the U.S.'s Biggest Corporations," was presented in 34 pages of the May 14, 1979, issue. Figures quoted are for the 1978 fiscal year.

In the Fortune Magazine Top 500 (see Tekweek, May 11, 1979), Tektronix was

ranked 369th in total sales of \$598,886,000. In the Forbes listing, however, Tek did not make the Top 500, even though the sales figure was identical to the Fortune total.

Forbes also ranks companies according to assets, and here again Tek with \$491,130,000 in assets failed to place.

April 20, 1979

### Clark County considers zone change

VANCOUVER-Tektronix and Hewlett-Packard had their applications for zone changes considered last night by Clark County Planning Commission. Results of the hearing in City Hall were not available by the time Tekweek went to press.

The requests for zone changes are of interest to residents of Clark County because the area is outside urban growth boundaries

and therefore without utilities, particularly sewer and water.

The countryside involved is mostly farms and single-family residences on large lots.

County commissioners are deciding on a new comprehensive plan simultaneously with the Tek and H-P hearings. That plan, if passed in the next few weeks, will call the area "agricultural," with 20-acre minimum lots.

However, because the plants are electronics firms, the planning staff recommended the zone change, indicating a belief that Tek and H-P would be compatible with agricultural use.

The staff recommendation, however, is contingent upon other official bodies giving an OK to extending sewer and water to an area outside the urban growth boundaries.

### Costa Rica – (Continued from February issue)

We visited a small grade school (35 students, grades 1 through 6). When the bus stopped the children came out and escorted us one-at-a time into the school and gave us each a glass of water. Then they sang their National Anthem to us and we sang ours to them. Some of the girls were dressed in bright dresses and they performed dances for us. After the program our personal escorts took us into their classrooms and showed us how they were learning to speak English. They asked if we would write to them so they could practice their English. The kids were fun to be with.

We visited a plant where coffee beans and macadamia nuts were being processed. The operation was a co-op that was run by fourteen women who did all the work and shared the proceeds. I was fascinated to learn that the nut shells were saved and later burned to process the coffee beans and the shells of the coffee beans were used to roast the macadamia nuts.

I went on a canopy tour with three other members of our group. A canopy tour is no educational walk through the woods. A guide strapped me into a climbing harness, and then he clipped the harness to a pulley. From there I hurled myself from tree-to-tree along a wire cable. The decent was made by climbing down the hollowed-out interior of a giant strangler fig. The tour included eleven platforms and two rappels and took three hours to complete. This tour is not for the faint-hearted or acrophobic.

In the Palo Verde National Park we took a boat ride on the Bebedero River. This park is south of Canas and is best known for its migratory bird population. We were amazed at the variety and colors of the birds we saw. There were also a few crocodiles lying along the banks.

In the Carara National Park we took another boat trip on the Tarcoles River. The muddy banks of the river are home to a large population of American crocodiles, some as large as fifteen feet long and weighing up to 450 pounds. This park is also excellent for bird watching. The tropical Mangrove Trees along the banks house a large variety including scarlet macaws, frigate birds, pelicans and storks.

A real treat was the day we ate lunch with a farm family. Our tour group was broken up into groups of six and each group was taken to a different home. Our hosts didn't speak English and we didn't speak Spanish but they were so warm and open and we managed to communicate. We were given a tour of their home and then they served us a delicious lunch. Our lunch consisted of: chicken baked in the oven and marinated in orange juice, rice, black beans, salad, steamed mixed vegetables, fried plantains, fresh lemonade to drink and an orange mousse for dessert. This is their normal diet and was delicious.

The endangered animals and birds are cared for in game refuges in Costa Rica. We visited two of the refuges and saw a variety of large cats, exotic birds, deer, a wart-hog and a porcupine. The refuges are privately owned and not sponsored by the government.

### What did we eat?

Overall the food in Costa Rica was well prepared and there was plenty to eat. The cuisine was not fancy but it was always good.

Breakfast every day was served buffet style in our hotels and were a mixture of American and local foods. There was always a large variety of fresh fruits including the world's best golden pineapple, papaya, oranges and strawberries.

For both lunch and dinner the "plate-of-the-day" or casado is served every day. In a casado, beef, fish or chicken (most always fried) is the main attraction. Served with the meat are heaping spoonfuls of

(See *Costa Rica Continued on page 3*)

### Calendar

#### Marconi's Cronies

Meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month:  
12:00 a.m.  
at J.J.North's Buffet Restaurant  
Northeast Halsey at 105th  
Portland, OR

Contact: Jack Riley for details  
Phone: 503-235-5267

#### CRT Luncheons

3rd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 AM  
at the Home Town Buffet located at  
13500 SW Pacific Highway in Tigard, OR

Contact: Jack Neff for details  
1102 N Springbrook Rd. #252  
Newberg, OR 97132-2007  
Phone: 503-538-5130

**Retiree Deaths**  
Date: Feb., Mar. & Apr. 2004

**Baber, Bill** – d. 12/11/2003  
At Tek: 3/10/1986 to 12/31/1999

**Baer, Robert** – d. 02/13/2004  
At Tek: 06/21/1976 to 02/12/1982

**Balsiger, Carol** – d. 3/10/2004  
At Tek: 10/7/1969 to 5/28/1984

**Beanblossom, Marilynn** – d. 02/13/2004  
At Tek: 07/16/1973 to 03/25/1988

**Beers, Ray** – d. 01/01/2004  
At Tek: 01/03/1977 to 01/30/1987

**Borges, Earl** – d. 3/6/2004  
At Tek: 9/22/1969

**Borst, Dawn** – d. 1/18/2004  
At Tek: 2/13/1978 to 6/18/1993

**Brizendine, Delmer** – d. 12/30/2003  
At Tek: 07/21/1969 to 05/29/1981

**Burkett, Larry** – d. 01/8/2004  
At Tek: 8/23/1965 to 12/17/1990

Cappelli, Raymond – d. 3/30/2004  
At Tek: 1/31/1966 to 11/27/1989

**Chappell, Albert** – d. 3/27/2004  
At Tek: 1/19/1959 to 5/30/1983

**Cole, Rose** – d. 1/29/2004  
At Tek: 11/10/1969 to 05/19/1982

**Christiansen, Victor** – d. 12/13/2003  
At Tek: 6/29/1959 to 8/22/1986

**Cobourn, Virginia** – d. 2/27/2004  
At Tek: 12/12/1978

**Evans, Joan** – d. 02/04/2004  
At Tek: 11/26/1973 to 03/01/1999

**Givens, Gilfred** – d. 2/26/2004  
At Tek: 8/23/1967 to 1/31/1984

**Godwin, Melvin** – d. 01/25/2004  
At Tek: 10/06/1975 to 05/21/1987

**Grittman, Enid** – d. 2/25/2004  
At Tek: 3/24/1960

**Harnett, John** – d. 4/6/2004  
At Tek: 5/4/1959 to 4/29/1983

**Harr, Jack** – d. 4/9/2004  
At Tek: 1/3/1961

**Hume, Richard** – d. 12/13/2003  
At Tek: 11/08/1960 to 04/29/1983

**Johnston, Gerald** – d. 3/27/2004  
At Tek: 11/9/1965 to 2/15/2003

**Jones, Florence** – d. 3/13/2004  
At Tek: 2/6/1961 to 4/29/1983

**Kashmaier, Patricia** – d. 2/20/2004  
At Tek: 11/13/1974 to 6/26/1992

**Keim, Norbert** – d. 6/11/2003  
At Tek: 6/13/1956 to 4/29/1983

**Larson, Iola** – d. 3/3/2004  
At Tek: 5/16/1966 to 12/26/1975

**Liedtke, Mirian** – d. 01/20/2004  
At Tek: No information

**Loyer, Setsuko** – d. 02/13/2004  
At Tek: 08/21/1967 to 10/07/1993

**Lucero, Josephine** – d. 12/29/2003  
At Tek: 12/10/1979 to 05/27/1994

**Magar, Mary** – d. 01/25/2004  
At Tek: 02/20/1978 to 09/22/1989

**Martin, Sonja** – d. 01/30/2004  
At Tek: 08/09/1965 to 07/25/1986

**Maslach, George** – d. 1/23/2004  
At Tek: 2/13/1984 to 6/12/1999

**Mc Gill, Myra** – d. 3/2/2003  
At Tek: 9/18/1967 to 6/27/1986

**Messer, Christine** – d. 7/13/2003  
At Tek: 8/22/1966 to 10/1/1975

**Moncilovich, Milan** – d. 02/10/2004  
At Tek: 08/14/1978 to 04/15/1989

**Morehead, Virginia** – d. 3/1/2004  
At Tek: 1/23/1961 to 4/28/1983

**Payne, Harlen** – d. 3/20/2004  
At Tek: 6/4/1979

**Pietz, Albert** – d. 3/29/2004  
At Tek: 3/9/1959 to 5/30/1983

**Rickert, Geraldine** – d. 2/24/2004  
At Tek: 12/4/1967 to 5/24/1994

**Rickman, George** – d. 7/2/2003  
At Tek: 6/11/1956 to 4/29/1983

**Schendel, Rachel** – d. 02/10/2004  
At Tek: 10/03/1966 to 03/17/1983

**Shepard, Warren** – d. 3/27/2004  
At Tek: 3/1/1956 to 10/28/1983

**Shepherd, Mike** – d. 1/16/2004  
At Tek: 5/9/1977 to 5/27/1994

**Sowell, Arnold** – d. 11/25/2003  
At Tek: 09/07/1972 to 03/18/1989

**Stafford, Orlyn** – d. 02/05/2004  
At Tek: 06/13/1968

**Stipe, Arthur** – d. 01/10/2004  
At Tek: 03/16/1959 to 04/29/1983

**Strakr, Godfrey** – d. 2/22/2004  
At Tek: 6/14/1976 to 2/22/1991

**Strange, Ida** – d. 01/18/2004  
At Tek: 01/28/1980 to 06/29/1989

**Terwilliger, H.** – d. 2/21/2004  
At Tek: 11/22/1976 to 7/26/1993

**Thomas, Frances** – d. 3/12/2004  
At Tek: 7/26/1968 to 7/28/1991

**Wong, Kwai** – d. 1/31/2004  
At Tek: 9/22/1980

**Wong, Sue** – d. 1/4/2004  
At Tek: 3/15/1976 to 8/18/1990

**Wright, Gayle** – d. 10/4/2002  
At Tek: 4/30/1980 to 7/25/1997

**Yergen, Archie** – d. 3/5/2004  
At Tek: 10/18/1948

**Costa Rica** (Continued from page 2)

gallo-pinto (seasoned refried beans with rice), fried plantains (similar to bananas), salad, and a steamed or boiled vegetable. Sometimes tortillas are served but not often. We never saw a slice of bread served with lunch or dinner on our visit there. Costa Rica has excellent seafood. The most common fish is Corvina, a tasty sea bass. We ate our fill of lobster and giant shrimps, both delicious and very inexpensive.

Our trip was taken at the end of their winter. Their High Season is November, December and January. The cost of most tours change during that time period. While we were there the weather was in the low 80's and quite

humid. There were rain showers during the nights but only twice during the days. It was a memorable trip and I am pleased we were able to see this country.

**Recent Retirees**  
Date: Nov 2003 thru Apr 2004  
INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE

**Tektronix Retiree Volunteer Program Web Page Address:**  
[www.tekretirees.org](http://www.tekretirees.org)

# TEK TALK

**Tek Newsreel**

Copies of Tektronix' first annual report to employees and shareholders were distributed August 7th. The 32-page, two color illustrated report included a summary of financial performance during the year thus a message from President Howard Vollum, and background information on company history, products, organization, philosophy, and policies.

Company earnings during the year increased to \$76,908,000 from \$70,451,000.

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## Editorial

*By Louis Sowa*

Those of you who have volunteered to get the TRN from the web only will still receive a hard copy this issue. You should have received an email informing you that the email version is available. If you have requested not to receive a hard copy and did not get this email or would like to receive the TRN on the web only send an email to: Lsowa@earthlink.net

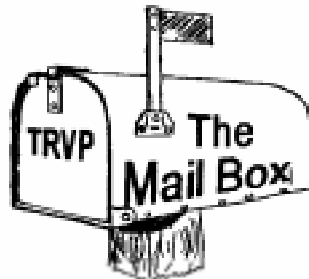
We would like to talk to any of you that might be interested in volunteering in the TRVP office one day a week. If you would like to know more about it contact me or any other staff member. We will invite you in for lunch and discuss possible opportunities. One of our current needs is for someone to work on the email list mentioned above. This could possibly be done from your home.

## Volunteer Recognition Lunch

There were approximately 80 persons attending the Recognition luncheon this year. Debbie Moberly spoke regarding the Intel 2004 International Science and Engineering Fair. Stan Griffith brought in a supply of old Tektronix instruments to display.



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**Glenn and Darolen Sorum** – My wife, Darolen, and I have been hosting in Oregon Partners of the Americas for the last nine years. We have also gone to Costa Rica as exchange “students” and, without hesitation, recommend the experiences. We have found no better way to learn about a country and to establish long term friendships than an exchange program like this one. It is also very cost effective. Knowing a little Spanish is not necessary but makes it even more interesting. The local hosting opportunities described are well organized and there is lots of support for the first timers. Please check out the website at [www.partners.net](http://www.partners.net), contact Con Ruff at 503 282 1104 or call us if you are at all interested. However, be forewarned that we are biased in favor of participation.

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**Editors note:** An article provided by Glenn Sorum will not be published until next issue due to space limitation this issue.

**Kyu Cho**-Thank you for the Tek Retiree website. I wonder when I can see it (or any finished parts.) The website you are making will be special to me. It does not have to be fancy.

I am living in New York City. I always miss my beloved company “Tektronix”. For the memory, a few years ago I got a chance to visit the Vancouver facility where I used to work, then I got the biggest pain I ever had over the facility—it was no longer there. It was closed down, I felt deep emptiness.

## 55-ALIVE CLASS COMING IN FALL

A 55-Alive class will be held this fall. You may register by calling the TRVP office at 503-627-4056. The instructor will once again be Bruce Hollister. The fee will be \$10.00 per person. Check with your insurance company, taking the class may qualify you for a discount on your car insurance.

Dates: September 16th & 17th, 2004

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00

Location: Building 58, Conf. Rm. 1NH13