# TEK RETIREE NEWS

Tektronix Retiree Volunteer Program



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A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

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## **COMMUNITY ACTION**

It may surprise you to know that one in ten Washington County residents currently experience conditions of poverty. In most cases, these are working families struggling to afford basic needs like food, housing, utilities and health care. And while these circumstances are often temporary, the ability to access the right kind of support at the right time can make all the difference. Since 1965, Community Action has been providing hope, help and change to low-income families, guided by a vision for all Washington County residents to be strong, resilient, involved in the community, and able to live with dignity and security.

Over the past 45 years, Community Action has focused on developing core programs that help families meet basic needs and achieve long-term success. These programs are integrated into the broader community safety net and complement, rather than compete with, the work of other agencies at the local and state levels. Community Action responds to more than 30,000 requests for assistance each year, offering families the support they need to achieve self-sufficiency and stability.

# **Community Action Core Programs**

Child Care Resource & Referral provides access to quality, affordable child care for working families and strengthens the local child care network by providing training for providers and businesses. When parents are able to access reliable child care, they are able to go to work and focus on achieving success in the work place.

Opening Doors provides pre-natal and parenting support that connects low-income women with the resources they need for a healthy birth and successful parenting. Access to prenatal care is the first step in ensuring a healthy birth and reducing long-term health problems for babies. Accessing vital resources and developing effective parenting skills sets parents and babies on the path to a bright future.

Housing and Homeless Services provides shelter and housing for homeless families, advocates for children to ensure school success and assists families in achieving housing stability. Community Action is the lead agency in the local shelter network, serving as the first point of access and information for Washington County families at risk of becoming homeless.

Energy and Emergency Rent Assistance prevents homelessness and assures that families can remain safe and warm in their homes by providing financial assistance for those facing eviction or termination of heat and electricity services. For many families seeking emergency assistance, the need is situational and short-term. With appropriate immediate assistance, clients can bridge the gap that threatens their stability and quickly return to self-sufficiency.

Weatherization helps families reduce energy bills by assessing home energy use, recommending cost saving measures and identifying available resources to improve energy efficiency. Reducing energy costs can often make a critical difference in family budgets as funds are redirected to meet other basic needs. The program also supports the economy by utilizing local contractors to complete home improvements.

Community Action's Information and Referral program leads Washington County involvement in 211 Info, a four county collaboration providing information and referral to critical health and human services. For some families, achieving self-sufficiency is simply a matter of finding the right help at the right time. By supporting access to information and referral assistance, Community Action helps families navigate the social service system and connect with appropriate services.

**Head Start** prepares low-income pre-school and special needs children for educational success. By supporting the academic, social and emotional growth of low-income children, they are better equipped for

success in school and in life. Head Start's comprehensive approach involves parents in the program, strengthening the parent-child bond and engaging parents in goal setting for the child and the family.

Community Action's mission is to work in partnership with the community to assist low-income families in achieving self-determination. The agency works collaboratively with local governments, businesses, funders and community organizations to address systemic issues of poverty, providing leadership for a variety of initiatives. To learn more about Community Action, visit:

www.communityaction4u.org.

Don't miss Community Action's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Celebration of Community Spirit Awards Banquet on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Oregon Zoo. This fundraising event brings public recognition to local businesses; partners and leaders who have demonstrated an exemplary commitment to helping Community Action further its mission, creating hope and positive change for local families struggling to make ends meet. It also raises vital funds to support Community Action programs. For more information, call 503-693-3230.



# **TekWeek 45 Years Ago**

Condensed by Gary Hoselton

# Tekweek's 50th Birthday!

Tekweek published its first edition on April 1, 1960, as a two page departmental news sheet, gradually adding features such as company news, Job Postings, and the Trading Post. There was more to celebrate in the spring of 1965, with orders up 7% and per-share earnings up 26% for 52 weeks, and six months profit share at 31.7% of base pay!

# Tektronix Foundation is Easter Bunny!

Oregon Governor Mark Hatfield announced that the Tek Foundation will purchase for \$100,000 the former Martin Metals facility, a modern 9000 square foot laboratory building on 2.5 acres adjacent to Tek's Sunset plant, for donation to the embryonic Oregon Graduate Center. The next day, Howard Vollum appeared before the Oregon Legislature's Joint Ways & Means committee seeking a state appropriation of \$594,000, to be matched privately, to establish and equip the new Center. Separately, Portland's St. Vincent Hospital announced plan to relocate to a 35-acre tract across SW Barnes Road from Tek's Sunset plant.

# **European manufacturing!**

Tek Guernsey is manufacturing 33 types of scopes and plug-ins, adding 200-series scope-mobile carts and soon the 564. Operations manager Bob Gwynn says "Guernsey folk took to Tek's informality like ducks to water." As very little technical training was available on the island, Tek Guernsey employees are teaching technical subjects in evening classes. Employment has grown to 300, including blind Keith de Jersey, age 18, building wiring harnesses with all printing and codes converted to Braille for him. For Tek Holland, Earl Wantland, International Manufacturing manager, announced a new 30,000 square-foot building for metal shop, transformers, finished goods and shipping, to be connected by loading dock to present assembly and administration building in Heerenveen. Manager Tom MacLean says his female workforce averages 19 years old, because Dutch custom has women quitting when they marry. He has yet to have a male employee terminate. He has 220 employees.

# Western Electric signs contract!

WECo, manufacturing and supply unit of the Bell Telephone System, contracted for more than \$1 million of oscilloscopes, preamplifiers, and plug-in units. This is up from \$250,000 eight years ago.

# Earthquake in Beaverton!

At 8:29 a.m. PDT, Thursday, April 29, 1965, a 6.5-7 magnitude earthquake shook the four northwest states and British Columbia. Aside from persons rushing into parking lots, there was no damage. Rudy Glasnapp, Building Services manager, said "Everything held up."

### Technical Center tops out!

Four fan houses were poured atop building 50, a 7-ton transformer lifted to the roof, and glass windows installed in the side walls. On Memorial Day weekend, all heat and air conditioning was shut down north of the railroad tracks to connect hot and chill water to the Technical Center, and permanent and alternate electrical feeds were also connected to the building.

#### Tek tracks Gemini 4 orbit!

Tek's PBX operators announced liftoff from Cape Kennedy on the paging system, and played radio broadcast of splashdown in the Pacific four days later. Edward White was command pilot and James McDivitt was spacewalker, in America's longest flight to date. Tek instruments were ubiquitous in the effort, in testing, launch, at tracking stations around the world, and, via telemetry, showing the astronaut's heartbeats on worldwide television.

#### News!

Joyce Meeuwsen, Customer Service Order Entry, selected queen of Phil Sheridan Days Rodeo, in Sheridan, Oregon. She will appear at other events throughout the state during the summer. Education & Training announces a course for \$25: "For Wives Only: The Business Problems Your Husband Faces", taught by wife of president of Lewis & Clark College. Premium seating area for Tek families for "The Greatest Story Ever Told" at Portland's Hollywood Cinerama theatre for \$2.04 and "The Sound of Music" at Fox Theatre for \$2.03. Half price tickets for \$1.25 and \$1 to Al Kadar's Shrine Circus. Tek Office Girls held their monthly dinner at the new Carousel restaurant, overlooking the ice arena at Valley Plaza, with guest speaker Lang Hedrick, Instrument Engineering manager, telling of his experiences in India and the Marianas Islands. Tek's contributed flowers and labor towards Beaverton's Rose Parade float, constructed at Damerow Ford and titled "The Junior Prom", with Miss Beaverton and her escort aboard. A dozen Tek's displayed their best roses in sawed-off CRT jugs in Bldg. 45 cafeteria, and plan to make it an annual event.

# Trading Post (45 years ago!)

CESSNA 120: all metal, flaps, all elec., VHT-3, \$2500. Lane, ext 7615

T-10 PARACHUTE: modified to dble. "L", one 28-ft reserve, one jump each \$130 646-0123

RCA45 RECORD CHANGER: 12V, under dash mounting, make offer. MI 8-4567 RENT BACHELOR'S COTTAGE: on Center St, Beav, stove, ref, elec. heat, \$45, ext 373S

BEACH LOT: at Coronado Shores, beach club privileges, near Taft Oreg., \$2500. KE 9-8910

'64 CHEV IMPALA: convert., 250 hp, 327 cu. in., 4-spd, PS r/h, w/w, \$2495. 538-1234

COME AND GET: gd. free milk goat. MI 8-5678

# The Great Oregon Steam-Up

July 24th & 25th and July 31 and August 1, 2010 (a follow-up to an article in the last issue)

The Great Oregon Steam-Up is the largest event at Antique Powerland during the year and involves all of the museums and many other participants. One of the antique aspects of the event is that most of the equipment is operating. A parade takes place each day at 1:30PM and includes vintage tractors, trucks, and automobiles. The steam-powered sawmill operates twice a day and the trolley tours the site perimeter all four days of the show.

Scheduled activities: Machinery demos, sawmilling, flour milling, fire apparatus demos, harvesting, kids pedal tractor pulling, traditional tractor pulling, and a Big Parade!

Other Attractions: Black smithing a county store, models, early eletricity exhibit, miniature farm display, children's passport program, swap meet and flea market sales, country music, and great food! Church services held Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

Gates open at 7:00 a.m. – Close at 6:00 p.m Admission \$10.00 (Children 12 and under free)

Seniors (age 65 and over) \$8.00

### **Travel Stories Presenter**

## **Description**

Hostelling International is looking for presenters for our monthly Travel Stories Nights in Portland. Twice a month, world travelers share their travel tales and photos with hostel guests and community members in an informal slide show at both Portland hostels.

We are looking for folks who have a passion for travel and love to share their travel tales and photos. You need to put together a 20- to 30-minute slideshow, and be ready for questions during or after the presentation. Our Travel Stories Nights take place on the 1st Monday of each month at the HI-Portland, Hawthorne Hostel, and the 2nd Monday of each month at the HI-Portland, Northwest Hostel.

Email Lisa Miller at:

volunteer@nwportlandhostel.com

for a volunteer description and more information.

The Hostelling International - Portland, Northwest Hostel is affiliated with Hostelling International USA, a nonprofit organization with the mission "to help all, especially the young, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling."

To fulfill this mission, we provide educational and recreational opportunities for people of all ages and nationalities through low-cost, high-quality accommodations and activities. Through formal programming as well as informal socializing among hostellers, we promote international awareness and understanding. The HI-Portland, Northwest Hostel was established in 1998 as a 34-bed hostel. Since then, we have expanded and now have a total of 74 dorm beds and 20 private rooms.

Hostelling International USA (registered as American Youth Hostels, Inc.) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization founded in 1934 to promote international understanding of the world and its people through hostelling. HI-USA is an organization driven by its mission of promoting global understanding through educational travel. Hostels, by design, are facilities that encourage interaction among their inhabitants. intercultural exchange, and it is in this context that all program content is implemented and enhanced.

#### **Skills**

Skills needed: Outgoing, organized, excited about travel, and willing to share personal cultural experiences.

# Retiree Deaths Feb., Mar., Apr., 2010

**Baker, Donald** – d. 0 6-08-2009 **Barclay, Ruth E.** – d. 11-10-2009 At Tek: 06-06-1960 to 04-29-83. **Bell, Carla** – d. 01-21-2010

At Tek: 34 years

**Brandt, Sally** – d. 07-04-2009 **Brown, Richard D**. – d. 02-23-2010 At Tek: 1961 to unknown

Cardwell, Alice – d. 06-07-2009 Engler, Jan Allyson – d. 04-24-2010 Fontana, John – d. 12-06-2009 Garrison, Kenneth C. – d. 01-02-2010

Genor, Walter L. – d. 09-05-2009

At Tek: 1974-1976, 1979-1994 **Gotwald, Michael** – d, 06-30-2009

Hainley, Philip – d. 09-23-2009 Halewyn, Bert T. – d. 01-26-2010

Harman, Norma Jean – d. 04-05-2010 Herschell, Catherine – d. 06-18-2009

Howe, Ronald E. – 04-02-2010 James, Arlin – d. 03-10-2010

King, James Avery – d. 11-15-2009

At Tek: 06-1977 to 06-1991 **Crippen, Rita** – 06-04-2009

**Laakso**, Carl – d. 03-xx-2010

At Tek: ~15 years

Maples, Delbert H. – d. 01-04-2010 Mc Cabe, Alma Lee – d. 04-22-2010

Mc Cabe, Maxine – d. 01-12-2010

**Macdonald, Joyce C.** – d. 04-09-2010 **Ney, Barbara** – d. 01-24-2010

Nott, Bertha – 04-01-2010 Polhill, Joe – d. 01-24-2010

At Tek: 1959 to 1989

Slack, Charles - d. 02-26-2010

At Tek: 31 years

Snell, Bill – d. 10-18-2009

Speckels, Elsie Mae – d. 04-13-2010 Spegel, Albert – d. 12-05-2009 At Tek: 1951 to 1983 Smith, Clarence – d. 01-04-2010 Smith, Steven J. – d. 01-05-2010 Speckels, Elsie Mae – d. 04-13-2010 Strom, Lowell – d. 06-21-2009 Tescher, William – d. 04-18-2010 At Tek: ~30 years Van Wagner, Leah – d. 01-04-2010

Walker, Elaine – d. 06-27-2009 Wilson, Rusty Priscilla – d. 04-23-2010 Wolf, Katherine A. – d. 01-13-2010 Zocchi, Don – d. 12-16-2009

**Zocchi, Don** – d. 12-16-2009

# Death Notices & Address Changes TRN

We are no longer able to get death notices, length of service at Tektronix, or address changes from Tektronix data base.

We would appreciate any assistance retirees or members of their family can provide us. We have posted here the information we found in obituaries in the local newspapers and from family members or friends who have notified us.

We would appreciate it very much if you would leave us a message on our voice mail at the TRVP office (503-627-4056) or you may email us information at:

tek-retirees@tektronix.com

The newpaper staff is only in the office on Wednesday's from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

# RETIREE BENEFIT ADDRESS CHANGE PROCEDURE All address changes must be reported as follows:

Anyone who is a post employee with Retiree Medical and/or Life Insurance or who participates in the Cobra Plan will need to report their changes in writing to A & I. You must include your signature and Social Security Number.

Tektronix Post Employment Services A & I Benefit Plan Administrators, Inc. 1220 SW Morrison St., Suite 300 Portland, OR 97205-2222 Phone: 503-222-7700 Toll Free: 1-800-778-7956 Fax: 503-228-0149

The Cash Balance Plan has been transerred to Danaher Pension Plan Proccessing Center with Hewitt. Questions should be directed to:

1-800-580-7526

Anyone who has a <u>401 k</u> benefit must contact Mercer to change their address directly with them. Please include your signature and Social Security Number.

Mercer Human Resource Services Attn: Tektronix Group PO Box 9740 Providence, RI 02940 Phone 1-866-867-6860

If you need to make changes to your Tektronix Retiree Volunteer Program Newletter address please notify us at:

Tektronix Retiree Volunteer Program M/S 58-037 PO Box 500 Beaverton, OR 97077 Phone 503-627-4056

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#### **Editorial**

By Louis Sowa

The volunteer luncheon was held April 24 in the building 58 cafeteria. Ed Sinclair gave an update on the progress of VintageTek, and Stan Griffith brought several instruments. We then showed more of the Howard interview in 1984 by Jim Castles. These presentations have been popular.

OPB did a TV piece about Tektronix. The DVDs of this program are available from OPB, and also VintageTek. By purchasing from VintageTek the profit will be used to support that organization. The program was aired on May 3, but there should be further showings. You can see clips and other information at: http://www.opb.org/programs/oregonexperience/programs/29-The-Spirit-of-Tek

If you are involved with or know of a nonprofit organization that does community service we would like to hear about it. Send information to: tek-retirees@tektronix.com

## **Howard Vollum Videos**

We at TRVP have video copies of interviews with Howard done in the 1980s by Jim Castles. We can loan these out for viewing at your organization. Since they are private interviews done at Howard's home they cannot be used for any form of financial gain. If you are interested in borrowing them send an email to tekretirees@tektronix.com. We can then arrange for you to pick up and return them.

Bart Welling, current Tek employee, was given the task of cleaning out the library in building 50. In this task he ran across the tapes and saved them. He copied them to DVDs to make them more user friendly and made a copy for us.

The Howard interviews are about the leadup to the creation of Tektronix and the early days of the company. Tektronix Retiree Volunteer Program M/S 58-037, PO Box 500 Beaverton, OR 97077-0001

#### Tektronix Reunion at the Elks

This is your reminder of the upcoming no-host reunion at Beaverton Elks Lodge:

June 12, 2010 Beaverton Elks Lodge 3500 SW 104th Avenue Beaverton, OR The time is from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be coffee, tea and water available. We would appreciate a \$5.00 donation for rental of the room. Any questions email me at:

marge.livermore@yahoo.com
We hope you will be able to join us, we hope to see you there.

#### Calendar

## Marconi's Cronies

Meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except July and August): 12:00 p.m. Tom's Restaurant 3871 SE Division Street Portland, OR

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

#### **CRT Luncheons**

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

Contact: Jack Neff for details 1301 East Fulton St., Apt. 241 Newberg, OR 97132-1870 Phone: 503-554-7440

# PCB Design Old Timer's Luncheon

Meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Where: Peppermill Restaurant
Farmington Mall
Corner of Farmington and Kinnaman Rd.
17455 SW Farmington Rd. #26B
Aloha, OR 97007

Web Page: www.geocities.com/pcboldies/

# All Previous Tek-Employees Luncheon

2nd Monday of each month.
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Where: Peppermill Restaurant
Farmington Mall
Corner of Farmington and Kinnaman Rd.
17455 SW Farmington Rd. #26B
Aloha, OR 97007

Contact: Annetta Spickelmier