

TEK RETIREE NEWS

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A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

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Bob & Dar Young

Remembrances of Katrina Experience

The news of Katrina's terrible damage to New Orleans made my wife and I all the more aware of what can happen anywhere (we well remember the October 12 storm). As trained Red Cross volunteers we were called and reported three days after Katrina hit. My wife is a Registered Nurse and I have an Amateur Radio License. Both of these skills were needed. After some confusion about where to report in Houston we finally checked in at one of the Marriotts in Houston and because the hotel was full we, along with 150 other Red Cross volunteers, slept on the ballroom floor. Next morning we were issued a car rental authorization and drove a van with other volunteers to Baton Rouge, about 230 miles. Arrived after dark and spent two hours searching in the dark for the church where our home base would be. We found it and again bedded down on a classroom floor for two nights. When space and cots became available we finally were "home" for three weeks with 400 other volunteers housed in the church gym (most were now on cots). Church volunteers housed us, fed us two meals a day and even did our laundry at their homes — a very special and gracious act.

My wife was assigned to help set up a refugee shelter for 6,000 people at the Baton Rouge Convention Center. I reported to Red Cross Katrina Headquarters (an empty Walmart warehouse) and helped run a HAM radio network. All Red Cross volunteers were assigned shifts of 12 hours, seven days a week and in our case for three weeks.

Our memory is of hard, but helping work provided by thousands of Red Cross volunteers from all over the U.S. and

Canada. Other countries were also represented and we personally met people from Japan, Belgium, France, and Sweden. We want to say how very proud we are of Americans and proud we are to be Americans. Our country has many more volunteers per capita than others. It was humanity at its best. In a world of bad news all the time, seeing volunteers devote their time and talents — and their hearts — was most gratifying. Would we do it again? Yes, of course! We urge others to take the variety of disaster related courses offered by the Red Cross and others. Our danger here is, of course, a large earthquake. An earthquake could/would be even more damaging than Katrina. Why? Because there would be very little advance warning if at all, with more wide spread devastation.

Bob worked at Tektronix from 1976 to 1986.

Senior Retirement Living

When you think *senior living* does your mind say *old age home*, or does it say, *gracious retirement living with weekly maid service and somebody else doing the cooking and cleaning, allowing you the freedom to travel or just enjoy life?*

Giving up one's home and moving to a retirement residence is scary for most of us yet it will be a fact of life for many. We recently made that move and I learned things that might be useful for others.

Do your homework early. We began touring the retirement residences more that two years before we moved. Often life lets us know when the time is right and there won't be time for research then. Under those conditions the move could be depressing and frightening. Moving to Senior Living can be a positive and rewarding experience if you prepare for it.

Apartments are available in sizes from small studios to those with two bedrooms and two bathrooms, but there are many variations within each description. The apartments vary in size and square footage and this is the main cost component.

It is important to understand that your apartment is your private area but the entire building is your home. Your home has libraries, cozy seating areas, big-screen TV's, exercise equipment and much more.

Some senior housing offers full kitchens where a person can cook as much as they choose. Others have no kitchen at all, only a small refrigerator, and space for a coffee pot, toaster and microwave oven. When a kitchen is provided there is usually the option of eating one, two, or three meals in the dining room. Cost is calculated on that decision. The facilities without kitchens encourage people to eat all of their meals in the dining room, not only for the attractive, well-balanced meals but for the enjoyment and companionship of fellow residents. NOTE: Some facilities allow guests to eat with residents at no additional cost while others charge a nominal fee.

Will you move to a residence that offers only independent living or will you want or need the possibility of assisted living? That is not a straight-forward question. If a person moves to independent living and later needs the services normally offered

SPRING ELKS GATHERING

By Marge Livermore

There will be a no host get together on the third Saturday of May, the 19th. Location will be in the back (north) room of Beaverton Elks Club, 3500 SW 104th Ave., Beaverton, OR 97005, beginning at 3:00 pm until

Again we will be requesting a donation to help defray some of the costs for snacks and extra servers. Many people donate not only their time and money but a great deal of energy so we can all enjoy meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

If you are in touch with other former Teks, please pass the word. If there are any questions, please email me at:

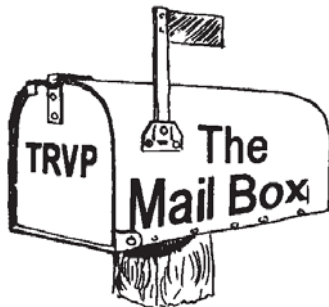
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at assisted living, there are several services available that will provide the same services in your current home and the cost is normally less than the same services at an assisted living facility. The independent living facility has people who use wheel chairs and walkers but their conversation level remains sharp and they continue to be interesting people to have as neighbors.

Is it important to live close to your family, friends and/or church? Do you want to be able to walk to shopping and restaurants? Do you drive or depend on public transportation? Once a selection is made and the move is over there are yet more choices. Will you isolate yourself in your private space or will you participate in the many activities offered and make new friends?

Downsizing from a larger home doesn't have to be a bad thing either. There are different theories on this. It might be the time to get all new furniture and decorate your dream home. For me it was a time to select the things that were most important to me, the things that held precious memories. Our decorating scheme is pleasing to us and our happiness is all that counts. I have found that although the space in our apartment is smaller, I don't miss a single thing that was left behind.

Most everybody I have met in my new home wish that they would have moved years earlier when they could still travel and enjoy carefree living. In any case, when the time comes, look forward at the good things and look back only at happy memories of the home that you left behind with no regrets. Make the move while it is your choice. Don't allow your children to tell you when and where to move. Do the research before you need it and when the time comes your mind will be ready.



Don Turner – Thank you Millie I appreciate the Tek Retiree Newsletter and especially all of your effort.

Charle Lindquist – Great newsletter and I love the delivery via the internet. Thank

you for all the effort in making such a well produced publication.

Bob Metzler – Hi to all of you that I knew during Tek Days. I left Tek in 1984 and was with Audio Precision, Inc. until I retired in 1999. Now we travel a lot and I take lots of pictures. If you'd like to see some of them, including photos from Egypt and Jordan (that we just returned from last week), look in my website:

www.bobmetzler.com

Checking on this link doesn't always work – you may have to copy and paste or just type the URL into your browser. I'd like to hear from any of you. Best Regards.

Charlene Bray– Shirley, your tribute to Maurice was heart warming.

Back in the mid 70's Maury joined our Industrial Engineering Group in Wilsonville. He told me he was an acquaintance of my former step father Jim Taylor when he lived in California.

Maury was everything you described. You did a wonderful job of capturing his true self.

I remember a particular time with Maury. We were eating lunch with a bunch of co-workers. There was a particularly obnoxious person sitting at our table. He went on and on, while Maurice sat there smiling and nodding.

Later when we were alone I asked him how he could agree with this person. He told me and I shall ever remember: I was not agreeing with him I was just nodding that I could hear him. What a pleasant man he was.

Chuck Nolan– (At: Tek: 1949 to 1966) There can't be many that remember me. However, Warren Collier, Jess Gard, Ed Srebnik might. I was about the 45th employee and what a wonderful place it was to work. I had just finished OSU (It was OSC then) and it was my first engineering job. I was single and my time was not worth much. I began at \$1./hour, but I was so pleased to be doing the work that I was sort of familiar with, that I almost would have worked for nothing. Several of us used to come in evenings to do more on that which we were working. The project which I was contributing to became the 517 Oscilloscope. Logan Belleville had responsibility for the whole project.

Some of us worked on our project evenings from about 7 pm until 10 pm (after we had gone out to eat). It was a time to accomplish a lot as no one was about to interrupt. One evening Howard came in to see what was going on. He brought a lady

in with him (actually his future wife 'Kit'). He didn't introduce her to us and he went about doing what he had come in for.

Meanwhile Kit was wandering about and one of the guys (Dick Rhiger) exclaimed, 'is that a diamond on your left hand?' Kit said: 'it was indeed and that Howard had given it to her, but didn't he say anything about that to you folks'. The answer of course was that he had not. So Kit shouted out, 'HOWARD COME HERE FOR A MOMENT'. He came and Kit said: 'Didn't you tell these guys that we were engaged to be married?' Howard, not to be flustered came back with, 'No'. Kit said, 'And why not.' And Howard said simply, 'Nobody asked me.'

I left Tek in Feb. '66 and moved to California. Many times since then I have had pangs of regret, but we have muddled through. I used to have dreams about the company and going to work in one of the new facilities. (Anyhow, many great memories.) We have stayed in touch with a few of the people that I had worked with so many years ago. We do appreciate receiving the Retiree News, but it is getting so I hardly recognize any of the names.

Sounds like there is still a good deal of camaraderie there and that is good. Keep it up. My best to everyone.

Volunteer Luncheon

by Louis Sowa

This year we were pleased to have Bill Gelatly, the Executive Director of the Willamette West chapter of Habitat for Humanity as our speaker. Bill provided an outstanding presentation. His enthusiasm for the work of the organization was quite apparent. His presentation created a flurry of questions. There was a lot of interest in the financial aspect of the program. There were also several questions regarding the determination of eligibility of prospective homeowners.

Bill, an ex-Tek employee, is a paid employee. However, the vast majority of Habitat's work is done by volunteers, either on construction sites or in other areas. People from all walks of life are welcome to help build homes for families in need. You don't need construction experience to volunteer with Habitat, just a willingness to learn. If you don't know how to do a task, they will train you.

Volunteers contribute more than muscle. Creativity, strategy, and technical skills are among the many invaluable traits

Retiree Deaths

Date: Feb., Mar., Apr., 2007

Abawag, Isabel – d. 2/17/2007

At Tek: 2/26/1973 to 9/7/1979

Behrend, Douglas – d. 3/30/2007

At Tek: 6/13/1960 to 6/8/2001

Beitelspach, William – d. 11/4/2006

At Tek: 1/21/1959 to 11/12/1998

Bowers, Dale – d. 2/28/2007

At Tek: 2/17/1958 to n/a

Brookens, Roland – d. 2/3/2007

At Tek: 2/15/1956 to 4/29/1983

Burke, Doris – d. 1/25/2007

At Tek: 8/30/1962 to 2/16/1985

Champagne, Lorene – d. 4/13/2007

At Tek: 4/16/1962 to 8/4/1973

Chapman, Melvin – d. 4/21/2007

At Tek: 6/13/1977 to 3/18/1989

Chen, Savann – d. 3/28/2007

At Tek: 9/10/1979 to n/a

Coleman, Julia – d. 2/25/2007

At Tek: 12/1/1958 to 11/19/1973

Comstock, David – d. 7/28/2006

At Tek: 10/14/1968 to 10/31/1978

Davidson, Andrew – d. 12/21/2006

At Tek: 6/7/1976 to 12/31/1999

Edmundson, Harold – d. 3/6/2007

At Tek: 7/23/1951 to 7/31/1981

Edmundson, Regina – d. 1/25/1992

At Tek: 8/27/1953 to 9/20/1965

Fortune, Edna – d. 2/6/2007

At Tek: 1/12/1976 to 5/31/1994

Francis, Dana – d. 9/5/2006

At Tek: 6/7/1982 to 12/31/1999

Frisch, Alexander – d. 3/9/2007

At Tek: 12/9/1983 to 5/31/1994

Gibbons, Tommy – d. 2/9/2007

At Tek: 4/4/1966 to 5/29/1990

Giffin, Edith – d. 1/28/2007

At Tek: Not Available

Goff, Wayne – d. 3/10/2007

At Tek: 10/16/1964 to 8/25/1983

Hanson, Harvey – d. 4/14/2007

At Tek: 11/20/1950 to 7/13/1977

Hernandez, Emilio – d. 1/20/2007

At Tek: 9/23/1965 to n/a

Hernandez, Raymond – d. 2/1/2007

At Tek: 4/15/1968 to 11/25/1976

Johnson, Darold – d. 1/31/2007

At Tek: 9/26/1960 to 4/29/1983

Johnson, Lena – d. 2/13/2007

At Tek: 9/22/1975 to 9/21/1984

Johnson, Mary – d. 12/23/2006

At Tek: Not Available

Khuu, Thach – d. 2/21/2007

At Tek: 2/8/1982 to 7/26/1995

Kleintob, H – d. 3/11/2007

At Tek: 7/26/1976 to 3/8/1994

Kreutzer, Robert – d. 1/24/2007

At Tek: 1/29/1959 to 10/12/1981

Martwick, Bernadean – d. 3/15/2007

At Tek: 5/11/1959 to 3/31/1975

Munoz, Roberto – d. 1/23/2007

At Tek: 4/30/1979 to 4/16/1997

Roberts, James – d. 3/26/2007

At Tek: 12/8/1958 to 1/15/1982

Rubin, Gail – d. 4/21/2007

At Tek: 6/11/1973 to 7/8/1988

Sagraves, Valerie – d. 2/28/2007

At Tek: 9/6/1984 to 10/2/1992

Schachter, Kenneth – d. 4/13/2006

At Tek: 2/2/1970 to 1/30/1984

Seeberger, Ralph – d. 4/12/2007

At Tek: 9/12/1966 to 10/29/1976

Silverthorne, Duane – d. 1/25/2007

At Tek: 7/11/1966 to 11/7/1979

Siverson, Gordon – d. 9/11/2004

At Tek: 11/18/1996 to 12/31/1999

Stevens, Ronald – d. 1/29/2007

At Tek: 10/25/1976 to 8/22/1986

Vandehy, Carol – d. 2/14/2007

At Tek: 7/23/1969 to 6/22/1992

Voss, Donna – d. 1/19/2007

At Tek: 5/7/1962 to 4/29/1983

Werlein, Jennie Lou – d. 4/22/2007

At Tek: 6/15/1979 to 8/18/1990

Whitaker, Eugene – d. 3/23/2007

At Tek: 1/24/1972 to 7/24/1992

Wille, Aleksandra – d. 2/23/2007

At Tek: 6/16/1958 to 10/13/1990

Withey, Harriet – d. 3/5/2007

At Tek: 8/19/1968 to 6/26/1981

Wright, Paul – d. 2/14/2007

At Tek: 2/8/1954 to 10/28/1983

Yielding, Alan – d. 4/2/2007

At Tek: 7/12/1965 to 4/7/1996

Yienger, Marlene – d. 2/21/2007

At Tek: 2/6/1979 to n/a

volunteers bring to the organization. With a minimal staff, Willamette West Habitat for Humanity depends upon volunteer committees for support with projects like Family Selection, Family Partnering, Public Relations, and Volunteer Coordination. Opportunities also offered in the Habitat ReStore, a volunteer-run building materials recycling center.

As a volunteer for Willamette West Habitat for Humanity, you can choose to volunteer as little or as often as you would like, from several days a week to once a year. All of these positions are a tremendous help that directly or indirectly result in the construction of simple, decent homes.

Willamette West Habitat for Humanity is the local chapter. Their website is:

<http://www.wwhfh.org/>.

The organization is international so if you do not live on the West side of Portland you can find more information on the web at:

<http://www.habitat.org/>

PLEASE NOTE

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 participate 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
c/o 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

Anyone who has a pension and/or 401K benefit must contact Mercer to change their address directly with

them. Please include your signature and Social Security Number.

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Attn: Tektronix Group

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Phone: 1-866-867-6860

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Editorial

By Louis Sowa

The TRVP is a totally volunteer organization. Tektronix pays our expenses and provides us with office space and lunch tickets. Most of us that volunteer here are in the office one day per week. This is the primary reason that contacting us may be a little difficult. We do listen to phone messages and respond. The best method of contacting us is via email. Our official email is:

tek-retirees@exgate.tek.com.

Like most volunteer organizations we have a small dedicated regular staff. There are several others that contribute regularly. Your contributions of articles and letters are what make the TRVP successful and much more interesting.

The Ex-Tek Authors group is a group of published authors. They have been communicating through John Gate's web group. We expect to make their information and a list of published books available on our website. This may already be in place by the time you receive this newsletter.

We had a great presentation by Bill Gellatly this year (see article on the Volunteer Luncheon). We know there are a great many retirees that are volunteering that we do not have on our list. We invite those of you that we know are volunteering to the luncheon. If you are volunteering and are not being invited to the luncheon you can rectify that situation by sending us an email at:

tek-retirees@exgate.tek.com

or letter stating the organization(s) with which you volunteer. We have had some

good speakers and Tektronix pays for the lunch. It is also a good opportunity to visit with other retirees.

Get your Newsletter on Line

A number of retirees are now getting their newsletter from our Web Site.

www.tekretirees.org.

If you would like to join them, send an email to Millie Scott at:

mlscott@easystreet.com

COME JOIN US

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POTLUCK IN SHUTE'S
PARK**

**10th & Maple
Hillsboro, OR**

**JUNE 30
TIME 11:30 A.M.**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Calendar

Marconi's Cronies

Meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month:
12:00 p.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 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/pcbaldies/