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A Newsletter for and by Tek Retirees

MAY 2008

The Future of TRVP Uncertain

The budgets at Tektronix are being tightened yet again. Those employees with at least 29 years service have been offered a substantial severance package. Some positions that were redundant to those at Danaher have been eliminated.

One of the areas that is seeing significant cuts is Human Resources. We currently receive all of our funding from HR. There is no paid staff in the TRVP. We have been told that they need to cut back on the Tektronix support for the TRVP, but no specific amount was given. Our biggest budget item is the newsletter. The cost for printing and postage for the newsletter is about \$18,000 per year. We are currently sending newsletters to over 9,000 ex-Teks. The office space we occupy will continue to be available to us. The other expenses are the yearly Volunteer Luncheon, and miscellaneous office supplies.

At the May staff meeting on May 7, we will be brainstorming potential futures for the TRVP. I expect these will range from finding outside funding or fees for the newsletter to continue operating pretty much as we are now to disbanding the TRVP. The actual outcome will likely be somewhere between. The continuation of free newsletters is highly unlikely.

Continuing to publish the newsletter on the Internet is very cost effective, so assuming we stay in business the web site will almost certainly continue. The worst case for the mailed newsletter is probably one more issue. We will definitely be able to communicate via the website for the foreseeable future, which at this point isn't all that far.

The 2008 Volunteer Luncheon

Rick Wills, the past CEO, and Pamela Haworth, the Director of Global Compensation, were in attendance. Rick talked to us about the Danaher purchase decision. Rick and Pamela answered questions from the audience about the projected future of Tektronix and medical insurance issues.

As stated elsewhere in this issue, cost cutting leaves the future of Volunteer Luncheons in doubt.

Best of Hawaii Globus Tour

By Judy Watkins

In February we needed to get away from Oregon's gray skies and headed for Hawaii. Our tour began on the Island of Oahu where we stayed three nights in Honolulu, and then moved to Hawaii's Big Island for three nights and ended with two nights in Maui. Similar to other tours, this trip was fast paced and packed with great weather and wonderful memories.

What did we see and do while there?

OAHU

• **The Polynesian Cultural Center** is located on 42 acres on the island of Oahu. It was founded by the Mormon Church and BYU in 1961 as a way for Hawaiian students to work their way through school by sharing their heritage with visitors. The Center features seven native villages that allow visitors to experience South Pacific culture. The villages represent Rapa Nui (Easter Island), Tonga, Tahiti, Hawaii, Fiji, Aoteroa (New Zealand), and Samoa. While there we feasted at an authentic luau while enjoying traditional music and dancing. The day was topped-off with a spectacular night show featuring a cast of 100 dancers dressed in authentic attire and representing six island cultures. The show included fire-knife dancers, fire walkers and other unforgettable performances.

• **Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial:** The tour of the memorial began with a movie narration of the dramatic attack on December 7th, 1941. Actual newsreels from 1940 and 1941 captured the day and explained the events that led up to it without pointing fingers or placing blame. Many Japanese visit Pearl Harbor and they appreciate reviewing the history as much as we did. After the movie we were transported by Navy transport to the USS Arizona Memorial where additional buoys mark the row of ships lost that day. The Battleship USS Missouri is now moored near the USS Arizona and is open for public tours.

• **The Punch Bowl National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific** was built in 1948. There are 776 casualties from December 7th, 1941 among the first to be buried there.

The memorial was dedicated in 1966 and honors the sacrifices of American Armed Forces in the Pacific during WWII, Korea and Vietnam. The cemetery is now full although in special cases family members can be placed as an additional layer on top on an existing grave. The cemetery is beautiful and impressive with its 30-foot female statue that symbolizes all grieving mothers as she looks out over the 116-acre resting place.

• **City tour of Honolulu**, Hawaii's capital and largest city with a population of 371,657. The ethnic mix is about 56% Asian, 20% Caucasian, 7% Hawaiian natives, 5% Hispanic and 2% African-Americans. The main industry is tourism and people flock there for the beautiful, warm beaches (temperatures range from 73 in the winter to 80 in the summer) and the many golf courses. A round of golf costs between \$200 and \$300 depending on the location. Hawaii no longer grows pineapples for canning; they are grown mainly to support the tourist trade. Living expenses are very high with gas being \$3.85 per gallon and milk is \$5.00 per gallon. There are more millionaires in Honolulu than anyplace in the world and we were told that most middle-income people hold two jobs to make ends meet.

• **Iolani Palace** with the statue of King Kamehameha the Great; this is the only palace on American soil.

• Our final evening in Honolulu was spent enjoying a lounge show at a near by hotel. The Society of Seven was lively, energetic and entertaining. Seven men performed impersonations, comedy acts, Broadway show tunes and popular hits. The show was funny and worth seeing.

Hawaii's Big Island is more than twice the combined area of all the other islands making up the State of Hawaii.

• The **Kona Airport** is the most unique airport that I have ever seen. It is entirely outdoors and looks more like an open-air market than an airport. The airport has flowers, trees and statues and is very beautiful.

• **Kona Coffee Living History Farm.** This farm gives visitors the opportunity to

experience the life of the pioneers who first established the coffee industry in Hawaii. Coffee is produced there using the methods that were used a hundred years ago. The beans are hand-picked and processed.

• **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.** The Kilauea Crater rises 4,090 feet above the scenic beauty below and our bus took us down to the crater floor. We walked through a natural lava cave and enjoyed the rain forest that existed since before the first man came to the island. Throughout the park there are lush, green plants of many varieties as well as huge ferns.

• **Hilo** has a population of 45,000 and has over 70 inches of rain yearly, making it the wettest city in the USA. Hilo experienced devastating tsunamis in 1946 and 1960 and the town is not allowed to rebuild any of the buildings lost at that time. Since the town is in a disaster zone, the buildings in that area can be repaired but any that are torn down can't be replaced, resulting in many old buildings in the city center that are in bad shape.

• **Pun lulu Beach** on the south-east side of the island has sands that are black, white, or green. The many colors are the result of volcanic lava turning to sand over the years. We watched as a giant sea turtle made his way across the black sand to return to the sea.

MAUI

• **The Ioa Needle in Ioa Valley State Park** is located near Kahului. The Ioa Needle is a spectacular volcanic spire and the surrounding park is planted with all the flowers and vegetation that make Hawaii beautiful.

• **Maui's Haleakala National Park** is the home of an ancient volcano that covers 45 square miles and has a summit of 10,023 feet. The 3,000 foot deep crater was actually caused by erosion and not volcanic activity. Later volcanic eruptions left behind the signs and color varieties of cinder cones and lava flows that provide the nutrients and shelter for a variety of rare plants and birds found only in Hawaii. The 36 miles of wilderness trails are ideal for hiking and horseback riding.

• **Whale watching** in Lahaina: The humpback calves are conceived and born in or near Hawaiian waters. The humpback whale reaches lengths up to 50 feet and weights up to 80,000 pounds. We were very lucky on our trip and several pods of whales circled our boat. Our photos show whales almost touching the boat. It was an exceptional experience.

Interesting Facts: Hawaii grows very little pineapple or sugar cane anymore. The last sugar mill was shut down in 1996 on the Big Island. Today eucalyptus trees are planted where sugar cane once grew. The trees are made into wood chips, plywood and paper and can be used as a source of heat. The trees grow to maturity in about fifteen years. There is an abundance of farm land that once grew sugar cane but the land can't be sub-divided. Most farmers can't use the huge parcels so the re-foresters came in and planted eucalyptus trees.

The newest crop to be grown in Hawaii is sweet yellow corn.

Vog is an issue across the islands. In Oregon we would call it fog but since the source of Hawaii's problem is the volcanoes it is called vog.

Hawaii is moving four to six inches per year closer to Japan.

The state bird of Hawaii is a nene and it looks similar to a goose. The state flower is the yellow hibiscus. The mammal is a whale, and the stone is the black coral.

There are 51 bridges in the 44 miles from Hilo to the north part of the island on Hwy. 19.

Captain Cook arrived in Hawaii in January 1778 while looking for the NW passage and the natives thought he was a god. He returned on February 14, 1779 and the natives no longer believed him to be a god and took his life.

Many houses in rural Kona have no public water and have to depend on water gathered from rains. If rain water is not enough the water must be trucked in for household use.

The Big Island has many monkey pod trees that were originally planted by Mark Twain. They grow very fast and look like a huge umbrella. During WWII planes were parked under the trees to hide them from enemy planes.

Where did we stay?

On Oahu we stayed at the Sheraton Waikiki in Honolulu. We learned that Waikiki and Honolulu are separated by only a man-made canal. The hotel is right on the beach and it is also located downtown near all of the high-end stores. The front of the hotel shares a driveway with the beautiful old pink Royal Hawaiian Resort/hotel.

On the Big Island we stayed at the Sheraton Keauhou in Kailua-Kona. Each evening after dark the manta rays swam up to the rocks in front of the hotel for added

entertainment. While at this hotel we enjoyed a luau on the lawn with the beautiful flowering gardens all around. There was a large variety of authentic Hawaiian foods, including a whole pig. Everything was beautifully prepared, music and dancers entertained us and we were presented with a flower lei as we arrived.

At the Sheraton Maui in Lahaina, we enjoyed the evening dive ceremony. While Hawaiian music played and enchanting hula dancers entertained, a lone man lit the torches along the edge of a near by cliff, the conch shell signaled the nightly ritual and the man dove into the surf below. The ritual was made more dramatic by the man's silhouette in the sunset at the cliff's edge.

The food throughout this trip was exceptional. Not only was it delicious, but it was beautifully presented. The accommodations were indeed special.

Ride Connection

Have you ever thought about volunteering from the driver's seat? People volunteer with Ride Connection and its partner providers, such as Portland Impact or The Oregon Chapter of the Red Cross for myriad reasons, but especially wanting to help older adults maintain mobility and independence.

Consider for a moment that most people will find themselves in need of transportation at some point in their lives; and that transportation will likely be dependent upon the kindness of others. So, while today you may be the person with the ability to help, tomorrow you may be the recipient of someone else's volunteer effort. Creating a cycle of giving where many people may benefit.

Think about how much you receive in return when you volunteer and consider why you want to give to your community. You may have several different reasons, but a few of the many possible motivations identified by our many volunteers at Ride Connection:

- to feel needed
- to get to know a community or neighborhood
- to help others in a way that they too will utilize in the future.

Most of the volunteers at Ride Connection or our partner providers have some special reasons for volunteering. Ride Connection has also found that our volunteers continue to serve as long as they feel their efforts are accomplishing some-

**Retiree Deaths
Posted in
Feb., Mar., & Apr., 2008**

Annas, Ernest – d. 3/20/2008
At Tek: 6/11/1956 to 4/29/1983
Baxter, Laura – d. 1/6/2008
At Tek: 6/1/1960 to 6/23/1967
Bigham, Dale – d. 3/4/2008
At Tek: 5/14/1979 to 7/10/1986
Bispham, Lila – d. 2/3/2008
At Tek: 4/25/1955 to 8/20/1976
Boom, Linda – d. 1/20/2006
At Tek: 6/4/1980 to 4/1/1996
Brewster, Francis – d. 12/6/2007
At Tek: 9/25/1967 to 11/22/1985
Buckley, Virginia – d. 9/22/2007
At Tek: 7/1/1974 to 11/3/1989
Clark, Diana – d. 3/11/2008
At Tek: 8/29/1966 to 12/24/1982
Coley, Ethel – d. 3/2/2008
At Tek: 11/16/1964 to 10/22/1971
Cornwell, Russell – d. 3/9/2008
At Tek: 8/3/1959 to 7/29/1983
D'silva, Maryn – d. 2/8/2008
At Tek: Not Available
Dannehl, Carl – d. 1/27/2008
At Tek: 8/27/1951 to 9/30/1992
De Marco, Nicholas – d. 2/14/2007
At Tek: 10/9/2000 to 8/6/2003
Dunn, James – d. 2/17/2008
At Tek: 3/1/1979 to n/a
Eldridge, Patricia – d. 11/29/2007
At Tek: 8/12/1968 to 5/24/1990
Goodling, Harold – d. 2/14/2008
At Tek: 6/10/1958 to 3/12/1976
Gregory, Jerry – d. 3/30/2008
At Tek: 5/22/1978 to Not Available
Haight, David – d. 3/6/2008
At Tek: 3/23/1970 to 5/22/2002
Hill, Joanne – d. 10/26/2007
At Tek: 3/16/1959 to 4/29/1983
Hodges, Evelyn – d. 1/16/2008
At Tek: 9/18/1967 to 4/15/1980

Hoisington, Dennis – d. 12/15/2007
At Tek: 6/27/1960 to 12/16/1988
Hoodenpyl, Lucile – d. 2/27/2008
At Tek: 11/13/1967 to 3/31/1981
Jennings, Thomas – d. 3/25/2008
At Tek: 10/17/1966 to 7/23/1991
Jennings-Lundsten, S. – d. 3/14/2008
At Tek: 9/10/1979 to 3/18/1989
Keisling, Mabel – d. 2/27/2008
At Tek: 10/3/1977 to 3/7/1986
Krevanko, Margaret – d. 3/18/2008
At Tek: 7/5/1967 to 1/6/1984
Kucera, Oldrich – d. 3/28/2008
At Tek: 7/27/1959 to 5/29/1981
Larson, Beverly – d. 1/19/2008
At Tek: 5/1/1973 to 8/25/1989
Light, Hedi – d. 3/16/2008
At Tek: 2/27/1978 to 4/28/1989
Litherland, Frank – d. 3/22/2008
At Tek: 8/27/1979 to 10/5/1994
Massey, Ernst – d. 12/14/2007
At Tek: 8/7/1961 to 4/29/1983
Melzer, Leonard – d. 3/18/2008
At Tek: 5/16/1966 to 4/29/1983
Middleton, Granville – d. 4/13/2008
At Tek: 8/23/1993 to Not Available
Montgomery, William – d. 12/28/2007
At Tek: 9/30/1973 to 1/18/1985
Mossman, Ralph – d. 12/29/2007
At Tek: 12/29/1964 to 12/31/1988
Nieubuurt, Edward – d. 1/29/2008
At Tek: 8/29/1983 to 7/26/1994
Nimi, Chika – d. 3/4/2008
At Tek: 12/21/1959 to 12/29/1978
O Dell, Richard – d. 3/14/2008
At Tek: 2/12/1979 to 3/18/1989

Pankow, Michael – d. 1/23/2008
At Tek: 9/21/1969 to 12/14/1979
Peccia, Jeane – d. 4/12/2008
At Tek: 4/25/1973 to 11/30/1973
Perkins, Carmen – d. 3/11/2008
At Tek: 2/27/1979 to 5/27/1994
Plass, Jo – d. 3/17/2008
At Tek: 9/15/1969 to 6/28/1991
Prenger, Deselee – d. 4/15/2008
At Tek: 2/10/1959 to 5/30/1986
Rhiger, Richard – d. 2/28/2008
At Tek: 5/17/1948 to 7/12/1970
Ruvensky, Ansa – d. 2/13/2008
At Tek: 5/29/1979 to 12/30/1994
Schmidt, Richard – d. 3/18/2008
At Tek: 7/5/1949 to 6/24/1983
Shumaker, Laurence – d. 1/5/2008
At Tek: 8/27/1990 to 9/28/1994
Siegel, Louis – d. 3/24/2008
At Tek: 1/8/1951 to 4/29/1983
Smith, Walter – d. 2/25/2008
At Tek: 3/14/1960 to 4/29/1983
Stasel, Russel – d. 2/19/2008
At Tek: 2/24/1964 to 7/27/1984
Thomsen, Helen – d. 3/25/2008
At Tek: 6/7/1961 to 7/20/1973
Tri, Carmelita – d. 3/15/2008
At Tek: 4/9/1962 to 4/29/1983
Twigg, Pansy – d. 2/12/2008
At Tek: 6/12/1967 to 7/9/1976
Van Lom, Isabel – d. 2/22/2008
At Tek: 9/8/1965 to 3/31/1983
Wert, Mary – d. 2/11/2008
At Tek: 11/24/1969 to 11/27/1975
Wormington, Ervin – d. 4/12/2008
At Tek: 2/10/1969 to 12/31/1972
Young, Opal – d. 2/28/2008
At Tek: 7/1/1968 to 10/24/1980
Zimmerman, Robert – d. 12/30/2007
At Tek: 12/2/1968 to 7/29/1983

thing, their talents are appreciated, and they really do make a difference.

Ride Connection and its service providers have ample volunteer opportunities, from working in the office, organizing Rider's Clubs, offering concierge services, to driving an agency vehicle.

Ride Connection and its partner providers are actively seeking volunteer drivers for many of their programs. In fact, last year Ride Connection's volunteers were able to provide more than 32,400 hours of service for older adults and people living with disabilities. But the demand for transportation services continues to increase and our network of providers is dependent upon volunteers. Help us link accessible, responsible transportation with community needs. Consider becoming a volunteer. Hours and schedules are flexible.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with Ride Connection or any of its partner providers, please contact Josh Netzer at: (503) 528-1738 or: jnetzer@rideconnection.org.

Read your Newsletter on Line

A number of retirees are now reading their newsletter on our Web Site:
www.tekretirees.org

If you would like to join them, send an email to Millie Scott at:
mlscott@easystreet.net

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Portland, OR 97205-2222
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Toll Free: 1-800-778-7956
Fax: 503-228-0149

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PO Box 9740
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See the following pages for more photos from the Hawaii article



Editorial

By Louis Sowa

We are in a difficult time with rapidly rising gas prices and the financial difficulties for the country, businesses and individuals. As stated in the *Future of the TRVP Uncertain* article in this newsletter about the TRN (Tektronix Retirees Newsletter) we are being affected also.

For the eleven years of our existence we have been fully supported by Tek. Unfortunately either we have to find a way to supplement that or cut back on our ex-

penses. So we will be going through a process of determining our future. If you wish to be involved send us an email or leave a message on the phone. The TRN newsletter, being our largest budget item by far, will have to be the primary focus. The free Volunteer Luncheon may have to be eliminated.

25th TEK SPRING REUNION at ELKS

It's been 25 years since Pat and Ron Lowery put together the first ROBOT reunion. It's hard to believe it's really been that long. Losing our work mates through the years makes us stop and think about all the different tacks our lives have taken. I suspect "this too shall pass" one of these years.

The 25 year reunion will be on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at the Beaverton Elks Lodge #1879, 3500 SW 104th Ave, Beaverton, OR 97005, beginning at 3:00 p.m. We will be in the north room, which has a separate entrance.

The Elks has informed us they are no longer able to give us space for the gathering for free, they have always needed to hire additional help to assist with large groups. This year we must request a \$5.00 donation per person to

help pay for the space, additional help and snacks.

We have made every effort to keep the charge as low as possible. Many people donate not only their time and money but a great deal of energy so we can all enjoy meeting with old friends and making new ones. The alternative would be to not have future gatherings and none of us would like to see that happen.

Stan Griffiths will have a few Tek memory items as well as a historical (hysterical?) photo album. Come and help us with the memories.

We would appreciate feedback, suggestions or concerns regarding this issue. If you have any questions, contact Marge Livermore at:

marge.livermore@verizon.net

Calendar

Marconi's Cronies

Meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month
12:00 noon
The Hutch on Holgate
4515 SE 41st Avenue
(SE 39th to Holgate then 2 blocks East)
Portland, OR

Contact: Jack Riley
Phone: 503-235-5267
jriley@ece.pdx.edu

CRT Luncheons

3rd Tuesday of each month
11:30 a.m.
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 noon
Peppermill Restaurant
Farmington Mall
(Corner of Farmington and Kinnaman Rd.)
17455 SW Farmington Rd. #26B
Aloha, OR 97007
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