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JULIE KUPPER  
National President

I first want to thank the members who traveled to Texas for our 2024 annual meeting; we received positive feedback and evaluations that will help us move forward. I would also like to express my thanks and appreciation to those members who encouraged and supported me

for being elected as your president.

That being said, I want to talk a little bit about change. Synonyms for change are adjustment, development, diversification, modification, revision, and variation. I want to share some of the changes that have happened in Travelers Protective Association ...

The first adjustment was changing the name from Traveling Men's Club to Travelers Protective Association with a new charter, insurance and dues of \$2.00. The next adjustment was moving the headquarters from Chicago to St. Louis.

We know that TPA was instrumental in the passage of sanitation laws requiring hotels to have clean sheets and a separate washroom for each bedroom. Did you know that House Bill 348 and HB 352 was a development of the TPA Absent Voter Law where voters could cast their ballot in advance? This happened in 1960.

Fast forward through dues increases, the creation of the Homer T. Wilson Humanitarian Fund (formerly known as the Homer T. Wilson Benevolent Fund for Indigent Members, Widows, Widowers, and Orphans, created in 1910) and the TPA Hearing Trust (formerly known as the Scholarship Trust for the Deaf and Near Deaf and

Scholarship Trust for the Hearing Impaired, created in 1975), the creation of the committees for Communications, Community Service and Safety AND the addition of women to the membership. And then there's the Child Safety Program inaugurated in 1946 that includes the CHAD stickers that started in 1994 and Officer Ollie's Safetyville USA in 1996. These developments helped to diversify TPA while staying true to the three fundamental principles—truth, patriotism, and altruism.

But what about modification, revision and variation? We now have other changes including a newly elected National Board of Directors, a new membership incentive program and a new website. We now have a variation on the recognition program for the Hearing Trust called the Pacesetters Club. We anticipate modifying and revising parts of some of the reporting forms in order to make them more “up to date.” According to our CAO, we are an organization in transition and change is inevitable.

But the ONE THING that absolutely is necessary is increasing our membership. All of these changes have been and are currently for the betterment of our members and the communities in which they live. We must spread the word and invite friends and family to become members of our “wunnerful” organization. I challenge each of you to invite at least one new member by the end of 2024.

Fraternally yours,  
Julie Kupper  
*National President*

**Be sure  
to check  
out our**



**see pages 20 and 21!**

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I have come to discover a strange thing about the passage of time, especially as it pertains to major events in my life. Sometimes it feels like that event just happened, and at other times it feels very distant. So it is with the 2024 convention—it was just yesterday, right? But so much has gone on since then that it really must have happened last year!



ROBERT L. SCHAPP, JR.  
Chief Administrative Officer

And what a convention it was! Attendance was down somewhat from last year but only a bit from two years ago. Check out our coverage on page 14 and photo collage on pages 30 and 31. There was a lot of energy and enthusiasm, along with much generous support for our Hearing Trust and Homer T. Wilson Fund charities. We appreciate our members who completed their terms of service this year, and welcome those who have stepped up to carry on for them. I am looking forward to the coming year under the leadership of President Julie Kupper and the support of the rest of our National Board.

The many convention surveys returned indicate that our delegates found it productive and enjoyable, and we are also taking their suggestions to heart. We enjoyed the harmony and the fun events both at and away from the DoubleTree. The bar has been set for Grantville, Pennsylvania in 2025, and I am confident we will clear it!

Those of you who attended the convention were able to meet first-timers Todd Vono, Brittany Rebello and myself from our headquarters staff, along with veterans Doug Johnson, Ryan Jenkins and Donna Badgley. Todd is off to a great start as our new TPA Hearing Trust Secretary. Brittany is our newly-promoted Finance and Compliance Administrator. While we were sorry to see Donna leave TPA after the convention for other opportunities, we wish her the best and know that Brittany is going to do a great job for us!

I hope you have had a chance to visit our new website. With it, new members can join, existing members can renew, and anyone can make donations to our charities or learn more about our wonderful Association. We will continue to add and update content so that we may best communicate our mission, our activities, and why it's a great idea to be a member of TPA!

Don't forget that HQ-PADS (Headquarters Post and Division Support) funds are still available. Our National Board encourages applications for support of programs to enrich our communities and encourage membership growth and retention.

My plans for the upcoming year include gaining further clarity and focus as we work to increase our membership. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with Black Twig, the national and field leadership, and our members so that we may assure TPA's future!

Kind fraternal regards,  
Robert L. Schapp, Jr.  
*Chief Administrative Officer*

# Congratulations!

## to our WINNERS

### TPA HEARING TRUST DONATION RECOGNITION

The TPA Hearing Trust would like to thank everyone who made a donation last year. Plaques are presented to platinum level donors at the National Convention, while all other donor levels receive a certificate of recognition. All donations are greatly appreciated.



Double Platinum Recognition



### COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE AWARDS

#### Highest Points – Post Small Post

- 1st Place Post D, Kentucky
- 2nd Place Post O, Iowa
- 3rd Place Post X, Pennsylvania

#### Intermediate Post

- 1st Place Post K, South Carolina
- 2nd Place Post B, South Carolina
- 3rd Place Post W, Texas

#### Large Post

- 1st Place Post I, Michigan
- 2nd Place Post W, Pennsylvania
- 3rd Place Post A, Indiana

#### Mega Post

- 1st Place Post A, Michigan

#### Highest Points – Division Small Division

- 1st Place Iowa
- 2nd Place Louisiana

#### Intermediate Division

- 1st Place South Carolina
- 2nd Place Texas
- 3rd Place Indiana

#### Large Division

- 1st Place Michigan
- 2nd Place Kentucky
- 3rd Place Pennsylvania



Platinum Recognition



Platinum Gold Recognition



### 25 Club Writers

Congratulations to all members of the 25 Club Writers—Revonda Brady; Al Moore, Jr.; Linda Payseur; and Wayne Wentworth. Pictured are some of the award winners who were able to attend the national convention.

Our 2024 top writer was Revonda Brady from North Carolina (second from left). She was presented with a special appreciation gift at the President's Banquet.



### First-Time Delegates

TPA would like to welcome all the first-time delegates who attended the 2024 National Convention. Pictured are some of the first-time delegates who were in attendance.



### The Past President Thank You

Immediate Past President Joel Lederman was presented with a plaque, in appreciation for all his work during his term as president. TPA thanks Joel for his leadership and time. Pictured: Joel Lederman and Robert Schapp, Jr.



### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE AWARDS

#### Highest Points – Post

##### Small Post

- 1st Place Post O, Iowa
- 2nd Place Post X, Pennsylvania
- 3rd Place Post D, Kentucky

##### Intermediate Post

- 1st Place Post K, South Carolina
- 2nd Place Post O, Kentucky
- 3rd Place Post E, Pennsylvania

##### Large Post

- 1st Place Post I, Michigan
- 2nd Place Post L, Pennsylvania
- 3rd Place Post Q, Pennsylvania

##### Mega Post

- 1st Place Post A, Michigan

#### Highest Points – Division

##### Small Division

- 1st Place Iowa
- 2nd Place Louisiana

##### Intermediate Division

- 1st Place South Carolina
- 2nd Place Illinois
- 3rd Place Wisconsin

##### Large Division

- 1st Place Michigan
- 2nd Place Pennsylvania
- 3rd Place Kentucky



### The Past and Present Officers Group Award

The Past and Present Officers Group would like to congratulate Revonda Brady, from North Carolina, the 2024 PPOG Award winner. Revonda is pictured with PPOG President Richard Martin and Secretary Tom Davis.



### SAFETY COMMITTEE AWARDS

#### Highest Points – Post

##### Small Post

- 1st Place Post G, Pennsylvania
- 2nd Place Post D, Kentucky
- 3rd Place Post X, Pennsylvania

##### Intermediate Post

- 1st Place Post E, Pennsylvania
- 2nd Place Post K, South Carolina
- 3rd Place Post O, Texas

##### Large Post

- 1st Place Post V, Pennsylvania
- 2nd Place Post I, Michigan
- 3rd Place Post L, Pennsylvania

##### Mega Post

- 1st Place Post A, Michigan

#### Highest Points – Division

##### Small Division

- 1st Place Louisiana
- 2nd Place Iowa

##### Intermediate Division

- 1st Place South Carolina
- 2nd Place Texas
- 3rd Place Illinois

##### Large Division

- 1st Place Pennsylvania
- 2nd Place Michigan
- 3rd Place Kentucky

## Meet Beth Koster our 2024 Fraternalist of the Year!

**T**PA is very excited to present Beth Koster with the 2024 Fraternalist of the Year award!

Beth is a dedicated member of Post A West Michigan, where she serves as a board member. In addition to attending meetings, Beth volunteers by coordinating post events. She assisted with the TPA booth at the Amway River Bank Run Junior, where they handed out popcorn, safety materials and more than 300 CHAD stickers. She helped organize the Post A family picnic, as well as the fall dinner and silent auction. Beth also volunteered to help fill and distribute 150 TPA backpacks.

On the division level, Beth is a member of the Michigan Division board of directors and helped with their annual meeting. She attended the TPA National Convention in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Beth served a two-year term as national communications chair, in addition to being the communication chair for the post and division.

For community service, Beth makes blankets for Project Linus, and prepares meals for the families at the Ronald McDonald House. She also helped make breakfast and snack bags for Hand2Hand Ministry.

To encourage membership, she participates in all post and division recruiting events and helps collect unpaid members twice a year.

Beth donates to many charities, including being a Bronze Level donor to the TPA Hearing Trust.



Outside of TPA, Beth is chair of the member events committee for the Calvin Academy of Lifelong Learning. She's helped organize a tour trip to Detroit to The Polish Art Center and Zekelman Holocaust Museum, as well as several other trips for the group.

As an accomplished musician, Beth has played the flute for more than 40 years with the Kent Philharmonic Orchestra, a volunteer orchestra that performs four concerts a year. She serves on the orchestra's board of directors and as their librarian. She also uses her musical talent to help boys and girls clubs earn their music badges. In addition, Beth plays her flute in the worship services at her church, Lee Street Christian Reformed Church.

Each year, Beth works at a week-long music camp in Jaguey, Cuba, where she helps direct their rehearsals and leads them in concert.

***Congratulations Beth!***

## Meet Linda Payseur our 2024 Merit Award Winner!

**T**PA would like to congratulate Linda Payseur our 2024 National Merit Award winner. Linda has been a member of TPA for more than 30 years. She is a very active member of Post P, in Gastonia, North Carolina. Linda serves as post president, membership chair, and project chair for safety and community service events.

At the division level, Linda is the state membership chair—where she leads by example with 27 new members in 2023/2024 membership year. She also was the division’s vice president and chair of the nominating committee.

Linda participates in a number of community outreach programs through her post. They support Precious Moments Childcare Center, where she helps distribute safety vests, CHAD stickers, Halloween bags and safety coloring books. They also presented an American Flag program at Precious Moments Childcare Center and local YMCA to teach children how to treat the flag properly and spread patriotism.

Last year, she spent over 1,400 hours helping TPA members in need. She provided transportation to medical appointments, spent time volunteering as a caregiver, made home and hospital visits, and attended funeral services.

Linda helped collect packages of diapers for the 16th Annual Diaper Run project. She also donates to several local collections including school supplies and prescription bottles (which are used to distribute vitamins in developing countries).

Bailey Bledsoe, Secretary of the North Carolina Division, stated that Linda was nominated for her hard work, and because she truly represents the three cardinal virtues of our Association: truth, patriotism and altruism.

“I am humbled and appreciative to have been nominated by the NC Division,” shares Linda, “I am very honored to receive the award. It is a joy and a blessing to be part of our wonderful TPA family.”

***Congratulations Linda!***



## DO YOU KNOW AN OUTSTANDING TPA FRATERNALIST?

*It is never too early to start thinking about who your Post and Division would like to nominate for the 2025 Fraternalist of the Year and Merit Awards. These awards focus on a member’s activities in support of the community and our Association. The awards committees consider such things as the nominee’s leadership, volunteer service through TPA, attendance at post and division events, and support of TPA membership.*

*Nomination forms and instructions are available to post and division leaders on the Resources/Internal-Forms page on the [tpahq.org](http://tpahq.org) website.*



# 2024-2025 Membership Incentive Program ... goal of 1,000 new applications

**Starting Date: May 1, 2024—Ending Date: April 30, 2025**

## **Scoring of Applications for Posts, Divisions, and Individual Sponsors**

The incentive awards will be based on the number of points earned between May 1, 2024 and April 30, 2025.

Earn 1 point for each Class A application.

Earn ½ point for each Class D application.

Earn ¼ point for each Class E application.

Each application will count toward both Post and Division point totals.

### **Post and Division Awards**

Earn 5 points in your Post and it will receive a FIRST TIER award of \$200.

Earn 10 points in your Post and it will receive a SECOND TIER award of an additional \$200 (total \$400).

Earn 15 points in your Post and it will receive a THIRD TIER award of an additional \$200 (total \$600).

Earn 20 points in your Post and it will receive a FOURTH TIER award of an additional \$200 (total \$800).

Earn 25 points in your Post and it will receive a FIFTH TIER award of an additional \$200 (total \$1,000).

For each additional 25 points earned in your Post, it will receive an additional \$1,000 BONUS TIER award.

### **Division Award**

Earn 5 points in your Division and it will receive a FIRST TIER award of \$200.

Earn 10 points in your Division and it will receive a SECOND TIER award of an additional \$200 (total \$400).

Earn 15 points in your Division and it will receive a THIRD TIER award of an additional \$200 (total \$600).

Earn 20 points in your Division and it will receive a FOURTH TIER award of an additional \$200 (total \$800).

Earn 25 points in your Division and it will receive a FIFTH TIER award of an additional \$200 (total \$1,000).

For each additional 25 points earned in your Division, it will receive an additional \$1,000 BONUS TIER award.

## **INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR AWARDS FOR THE 2024 TPA NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Earn 2 points and receive \$20 in expense money to be used for 2025 convention expenses.

Earn 5 points and receive \$50 in expense money to be used for 2025 convention expenses.

Earn 10 points and receive \$100 in expense money to be used for 2025 convention expenses.

Earn 15 points and receive \$150 in expense money to be used for 2025 convention expenses.

Earn 20 points and receive \$200 in expense money to be used for 2025 convention expenses.

Earn 25 points and receive \$250 in expense money to be used for 2025 convention expenses.

Earn 50 points and receive \$500 in expense money to be used for 2025 convention expenses.

Earn 75 points and receive \$750 in expense money to be used for 2025 convention expenses.

Earn 100 points and receive \$1,000 in expense money to be used for 2025 convention expenses.

Earn 200 points and receive \$2,000 in expense money to be used for 2025 convention expenses.

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE LONG-TERM TO QUALIFY!!! NOTES AND RULES CAN BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE**



# THE MEMBER RETENTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

## NEW APPLICATIONS ARE GREAT—SO IS KEEPING OUR EXISTING MEMBERS!

### Our goal is to turn membership loss into membership gain!

### Ending Date: April 30, 2025

#### Post Awards

The incentive awards will be based on the net change in membership between May 1, 2024 and April 30, 2025. For purposes of this award, transfers from closed posts will be excluded from the calculation of membership gain or loss. If net membership loss in 2024-2025 is 25%-49% less than the net membership loss in 2023-2024, receive \$250. If net membership loss in 2024-2025 is 50%-74% less than the net membership loss in 2023-2024, receive \$500. If net membership loss in 2024-2025 is 75%-99% less than the net membership loss in 2023-2024, receive \$750. If there is a net membership GAIN in 2024-2025, receive \$1,500!

#### Division Awards

The incentive awards will be based on the net change in membership between May 1, 2024 and April 30, 2025. For purposes of this award, transfers from closed posts will be excluded from the calculation of membership gain or loss. If net membership loss in 2024-2025 is 25%-49% less than the net membership loss in 2023-2024, receive \$250. If net membership loss in 2024-2025 is 50%-74% less than the net membership loss in 2023-2024, receive \$500. If net membership loss in 2024-2025 is 75%-99% less than the net membership loss in 2023-2024, receive \$750. If there is no net membership loss or a net membership GAIN in 2024-2025, receive \$1,500!

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## NOTES AND RULES FOR INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

### NOTES/RULES FOR THE NEW MEMBER AND MEMBER RETENTION INCENTIVE PROGRAMS:

- Post and Divisions **MUST** be in 100% compliance with all reporting, including financial statements, bank statements and minutes to receive awards.
- Applications you write into other Posts do not count for awards in your Post.
- Applications you write into other Divisions do not count for awards in your Division.
- All applications must be approved by National Headquarters to qualify for incentive awards.
- Individual Sponsors and Posts **MUST** notify their Division Secretaries when they have qualified for awards.
- Requests for Individual Sponsor, Post and Division awards must be submitted for review and approval in writing by email or USPS to the CAO from the Division Secretary. The deadline for email or USPS postmark is May 31, 2025.
- Post and Division Awards will be paid as soon as possible after May 1, 2025.
- 2025 Convention attendance is required to receive Individual Sponsor Awards. Awards will be paid by July 31, 2025.



The TPA Hearing Trust Trustees and the TPA National Board are excited to endorse the establishment of the **Pacesetters Club**, our new Donor Recognition Program! By supporting the TPA Hearing Trust, our major TPA charity, you can help provide financial grants to children and adults with hearing loss. Our aim is to improve their hearing as much as possible and thereby raise their quality of life. By joining the new **Pacesetters Club** with a donation of \$25 or more during 2024, you will be recognized in the *Travelers* magazine as a member of the **Pacesetters Club**. Higher recognition levels begin at \$100 (Bronze Pacesetter) and range up to \$2,000+ (Double Platinum Pacesetter). The final list for 2024 will appear in the first issue of 2025. Donations of any amount are always welcome.

Each issue of the magazine will also have a separate list of “Memorial” and “Honorarium” donations. Memorialize or honor a friend or loved one with a minimum \$25 donation, and they will be included in this

section. You will be further recognized for your donation as a member of the **Pacesetters Club**. We will also send an acknowledgment to the family or honoree as you request.

Whether or not you are able to attend your post meetings and get involved at the post level, this is your opportunity to help our TPA Hearing Trust by belonging to the **Pacesetters Club**. We cordially invite you to join.

We thank you in advance for your consideration. Also, a big **THANK YOU** to those who have already contributed!

Fraternaly yours,  
Edwin Miller, *Trustee*  
TPA Hearing Trust

*Thank You*



To donate online visit [tpahq.org/donate/](https://tpahq.org/donate/) or scan the QR code

**Interested in applying for a grant?**

Visit [www.tpahq.org/tpa-hearing-trust/](https://www.tpahq.org/tpa-hearing-trust/) for more information and eligibility requirements.

The Travelers Protective Association and the TPA Hearing Trust are pleased to announce the establishment of the new PACESETTERS CLUB for donors to the Trust!

While we will continue to recognize and thank all donors, 2024 donors of \$25 or more will be recognized as PACESETTERS beginning with the September 2024 issue. Recognition levels range up to DOUBLE PLATINUM PACESETTER (\$2,000 and above). Also new this year: donations of \$25 or more given In Memory of or In Honor of will be listed separately in the Magazine and will qualify for Pacesetter membership.

TPA's major charity and primary beneficiary of our altruism is the TPA HEARING TRUST. We hope the existence of the PACESETTERS CLUB will encourage TPA members to both continue their membership and increase their support of the Trust. We want everyone to know how good it feels to help children and adults who need financial assistance to improve their hearing and thus their quality of life.

Thank you for considering membership in the PACESETTERS CLUB, and for being a Member of our Great Fraternal Organization, TPA!

## The TPA Hearing Trust Donation Slip

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation to the TPA Hearing Trust.

Amount  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$500  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Donor Recognition

## Donations Received Through July 2, 2024

### DOUBLE PLATINUM PACESETTER

(\$2,000 and above)

Joel Lederman  
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Pennsylvania Division

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(\$1,000 – \$1,499.99)

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(\$500 – \$999.99)

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(\$100 – \$249.99)

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Post E - Pennsylvania Division  
Post I - Michigan Division  
Post L - Wisconsin Division  
Post P - Texas Division  
Post SC - Missouri Division

### PACESETTER

(\$25 - \$99.99)

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Reatha Blackwell  
Britt & Tari Brady  
Craig & Rebecca Brown  
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Brad Cunningham  
Peggy Donald  
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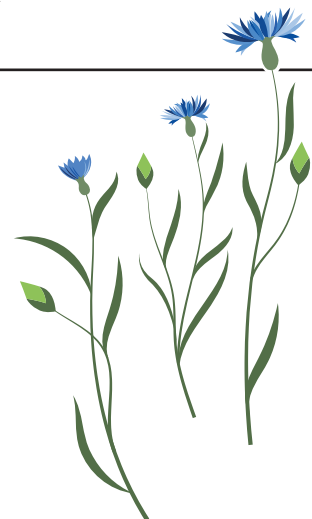
On behalf of my entire family, I wanted to thank the grant board for selecting my son Benjamin. The financial cost of caring for someone with multiple disabilities has an affect on the entire family. Your grant opportunity helped not only Ben, but my entire family! We are forever grateful. Enclosed you will find the completed acknowledgment form pages as-well-as the receipt. The receipt, from Ben's special needs school, is itemized and notarized. The entire grant amount, along with our personal funds, was used to pay off his entire tuition bill for next year. If there are any questions, please reach out. Thank you again.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Grodt

Thank you!

To see Benjamin's recorded "Thank You" as well as other recipients, please scan the QR code ...



**MEMORIAL DONATIONS RECEIVED THROUGH JULY 2, 2024****In Memory of Claude Miller**

Edwin &amp; Dolores Miller

**In Memory of Clyde Fore**

Post P – North Carolina Division

**In Memory of Coach & Edith Pressly**

Mike &amp; Debbie Henderson

Woody &amp; Julie Kupper

**In Memory of Constance Simons**

Rene &amp; Karen Simons

**In Memory of Darrell Wood**

Donald &amp; Helen Helms

**In Memory of Doris Boll**

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**In Memory of Doug Jackson**

Waymouth Jr. &amp; Jo Ann Allen

**In Memory of George Kern**

John &amp; Mary Bernadyn

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Edwin &amp; Dolores Miller

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Pennsylvania Division

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**In Memory of Hazel Adams**

Kay Aycock

Reatha Blackwell

Cynthia Buckles

Fay Christenberry &amp; Richard Martin

Peggy Donald

Faye Hartzell

Dale &amp; Christina Knott

John &amp; Rosalind Lohmann

Oxford House of South Carolina

Post K – South Carolina Division

**In Memory of Herb Struder**

TPA National Headquarters

**In Memory of Heyward Brown**

Kristine &amp; Robert Brown

**In Memory of Jean Hughes**

Bailey &amp; Diane Bledsoe

Fay Christenberry &amp; Richard Martin

**In Memory of Jimmy Preas Sr.**

Edwin &amp; Dolores Miller

**In Memory of John Borchardt**

Post D – Wisconsin Division

**In Memory of John Cuellar**

Edwin &amp; Dolores Miller

**In Memory of John Gigli**

Steven Sternberger

**In Memory of June Carraway Carr**

Marshall Carr

**In Memory of Larry “Sam” Bidelspach**

Pennsylvania Division

**In Memory of Lee Featherstone**

Juanita Featherstone

**In Memory of Marylin Kroenke**

Robert Kroenke

**In Memory of Michael Hettler**

Emma Hettler

**In Memory of Ray Masters**

Post D – Missouri Division

**In Memory of Gary Dellinger**

Post D – Missouri Division

**In Memory of Virginia Robertson**

Joel Lederman



# The Travelers Protective Association 134th National Convention San Antonio, Texas

*More than \$22,500 raised for charitable arms*

TPA held its 134th National Convention at the DoubleTree by Hilton in San Antonio, Texas. We welcomed convention visitors including 58 voting delegates representing 13 divisions located throughout the country. From the Welcome Party/Hearing Trust Auction on June 16 through the final gavel on June 20, attendees enjoyed a series of events and activities. The auction and additional donations raised more than \$16,500 for the TPA Hearing Trust. Thank you to everyone who donated items to our auction to help raise these funds! In addition, more than \$6,000 was raised for the Homer T. Wilson Humanitarian Fund, which provides emergency financial aid to TPA members. TPA President Joel Lederman (Colorado) presided over the three business sessions.

After the San Antonio Police Department's Honor Guard Detail posted the colors, Phillip Sanchez of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of

Commerce welcomed delegates and guests to Texas. Everyone enjoyed a special presentation by Brenda Wellen, who shared photos and stories about the difference the West Texas Deaf Olympics is making in the community. Attendees also saw a moving "Thank You" video featuring five recipients of TPA Hearing Trust grants.

Julie Kupper (Texas) was elected National President, following in the footsteps of her father, "Coach" Pressly. Her election made them the first father-daughter team to serve as National Presidents. Richard Martin (South Carolina) was elected Vice President. Newly elected to the National Board of Directors was Wayne Warnecke (Wisconsin). Directors re-elected were Kay Aycock (North Carolina), Dean Costello (Illinois) and Rollin "Bill" Mills (South Carolina).

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success!



*Newly elected officers, directors, committee chairs and President Julie Kupper.*



*Phillip Sanchez of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.*

## TPA Hearing Trust Awards \$6,850 in Grants to Individuals with Hearing Loss in Q2 2024

### *Grants Benefiting Recipients in 10 States Ranging from \$300 to \$1,000*

The TPA Hearing Trust, established by The Travelers Protective Association of America in 1975, proudly awarded 10 grants totaling \$6,850 during the second quarter of 2024 to individuals experiencing total or partial hearing loss. These grants, ranging from \$300 to \$1,000, aim to provide vital resources to help recipients achieve their full potential.

“We are dedicated to our mission to champion hearing inclusion through financial assistance and advocacy,” said Robert Schapp, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer of TPA. “Through our Hearing Trust program, we’re empowered to regularly put this mission into action. We’re honored to have a role in creating a world where everyone thrives regardless of

hearing abilities.”

Recipients will use the grants for items such as hearing aids, American Sign Language classes, and cochlear implants.

Individuals and families affected by deafness or hearing loss can apply for aid through the TPA Hearing Trust by visiting TPA’s website. Applications must be submitted by the end of each quarter: March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31. Grants are awarded based on need, as determined by the Trustees.

Past recipients have used funds for hearing aids, hearing retention devices, cochlear implant surgery, transportation expenses, tuition, laptops for education, interpreters, medical services, and service dogs.

## The Homer T. Wilson Humanitarian Fund

Homer T. Wilson began his association with The Travelers Protective Association of America in 1894 as chaplain of Post J, Fort Worth, Texas. In 1895 he became chaplain of the Texas Division and in 1897 was elected as national chaplain. In 1910 Reverend Wilson became aware of the need to help TPA members in times of need and emergencies. At the national convention in 1910 approval was given for the creation of the Homer T. Wilson Fund, and members voluntarily contributed. The fund was created to help TPA members in need.



Members can apply for emergency financial aid by contacting their post secretary or post president. Requests are then forwarded to the division secretary, who is responsible for verifying that there is true need. The division secretary then forwards a written request to the chief administrative officer of TPA.

Today, contributions are promoted through post and division fundraising, through individual donations, and investment income. If you would like to help fellow members in financial distress, please send your contributions to:

The Travelers Protective Association of America  
Attn: Chief Administrative Officer  
2041 Exchange Drive • St. Charles, MO 63303

# Indiana



Indiana Dunes

*The state of Indiana holds many treasures for everyone to enjoy!*

### Have a ball watching professional sports.

Indianapolis is home to some of the country’s best sports teams. The Indianapolis Colts, their NFL team, plays at Lucas Oil Stadium. Founded in 1953, the Colts have played in four Super Bowls with two victories. When the Colts aren’t playing in the stadium, it hosts many events including concerts, performances and conferences. You can also take a tour of the stadium for a “behind the scenes” look at what it takes to put on events. Also located in downtown Indianapolis is the Gainbridge Fieldhouse, home of the Indianapolis Pacers NBA team. The Pacers, founded in 1967, were named in honor of the Indianapolis 500 automobile race and the state’s racing history.

If you prefer sports with wheels, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is home to the world-famous Indy 500, but the speedway is busy all year with Brickyard races and sometimes the Formula One Grand Prix. More than one-hundred Indianapolis 500 races have taken place since 1911 and the race is the No. 1 reason international travelers visit Indiana. The 200-lap race takes about three hours to complete and is held each May. Soak in the race’s history at the racing museum located on-site. Try racing life from the



front seat with the Indycar Experience, where race fans have the exclusive opportunity to ride in real Indy car on the track.

### The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis

Use your imagination at the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis. When you enter the museum, you’ll be greeted by Bumblebee, a life-sized Transformer from the 2007 movie. You can be anything you set your mind to at the museum—report the news as an anchor and record your own video, hop on train cars to be transported back in time and even explore the International Space Station as an astronaut. You can also catch a show in the Schaefer Planetarium and Space Object Theater.

This year, the museum is featuring a special exhibit titled “Mandela: The Official Exhibition” where you can explore the life of the iconic freedom fighter and political leader Nelson Mandela.

Your museum ticket will also include the Riley Children’s Health





Sports Legends Experience, an interactive athletics wonderland. There are many free and discounted days throughout the year making this an affordable, family-friendly vacation stop.



## The wild side of Indianapolis

White River State Park is home to the world-class Indianapolis Zoo, which welcomes millions of visitors each year. The 64-acre zoo is home to nearly 1,400 animals and 31,000 plants, including many threatened and endangered species. New to the zoo is the Chimpanzee Trail—an elevated structure that gives the chimpanzees the ability to make decisions about where they go and what they do. Get up close and personal with animals by purchasing an animal encounter, like the dolphin

meet and greet or elephant bathing, or you can even help feed the animals.

Also located within White River State Park is the Everwise Amphitheater, the Indiana State Museum, Victory Field and NCAA Hall of Champions.

## Celebrate the holidays all year

One of the greatest vacation spots in Indiana is the Holiday World amusement park and Splashin' Safari water park, located in the town of Santa Claus. At this holiday-themed amusement park, you can meet Santa year-round, ride thrilling roller coasters such as The Voyage, and have a chance to “save Thanksgiving” on the Good Gravy rollercoaster—fun for the whole family!

Splashin' Safari is one of Indiana's top waterparks. It is home to some incredible water slides, the Bahari River lazy cruise and a wave pool. Don't forget to join Santa's pool party.

Over the summer, the holidays take to the sky in an audience-participation drone show! Guests vote to determine the Holidays in the Sky show's final formation for that night! You can also see magic, ventriloquists, juggling shows and a firework displays.

The town of Santa Claus has a rich history, with buildings dating back to 1856. Hand write a letter to Santa to let him know what you want at the town's post office—and you might get a surprise response in the mail in December. You can also satisfy your sweet tooth at Santa's Candy Castle, shopping for your favorite candies while sipping on one of 35 flavors of hot chocolate.



## Honest Abe's Pioneer Village

The Rockport Lincoln Pioneer Village and Museum is a historic site dedicated to Abraham Lincoln. The Village recreates what it was like when Lincoln lived in the area during the 14 formative years of his life, from 1816 to 1830. Take a look back into history with 13 replica cabins and the Old Pigeon Baptist Church. A special time-period events are held throughout the year including a Christmas celebration in December.

## Don't forget the Dunes

The Indiana Dunes is a 15,000-acre national park that has something for everyone. Enjoy over 50 miles of hiking trails that lead you through shifting sand dunes, quiet woodlands, sunny prairies and lush wetlands. Keep a watchful eye so you can spot the striking plants and diverse bird species that call the park home. The dunes span 15 miles along Lake Michigan, where you can take a boat ride, wade in the fresh waters, build sandcastles on the beach, and hike the dunes. The Indiana Dunes Park is located in Porter, Indiana and there is no entrance fee.

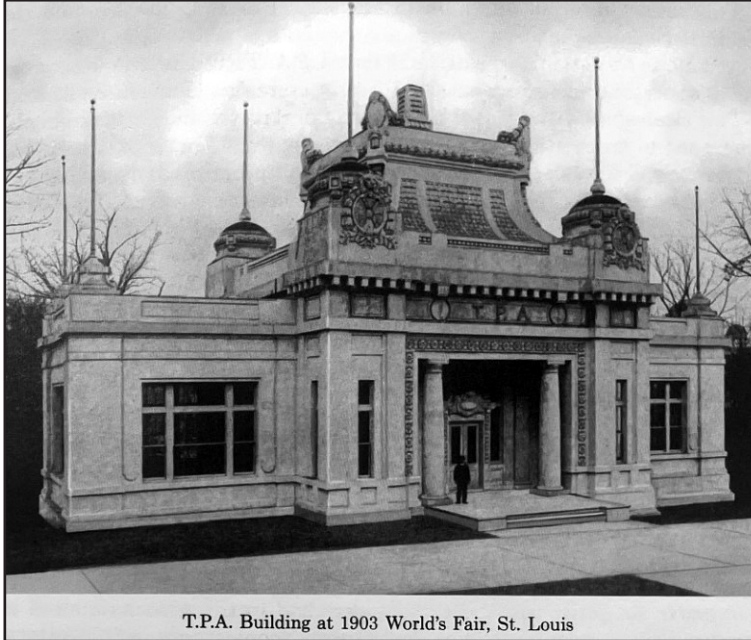


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## Meet me in St. Louis for the 1904 World's Fair

# HISTORY MINUTE



T.P.A. Building at 1903 World's Fair, St. Louis

The 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, Missouri made history and TPA was a part of it!

At the 1900 TPA National Convention, the delegates voted to have an exhibit at the World's Fair. It was voted to have a "suitable exhibit building" at the Louisiana Purchase Exhibition at the upcoming fair. It was estimated that the exhibit would cost \$100,000 at the time. Delegates felt that celebrating this event in America history would help foster patriotism among the fair attendees. It also celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase.

The building was completed on time and dedicated in late 1903. The money was raised, without placing an assessment on the members. Post A of St. Louis, Missouri played a key role in raising the money.

Typically, World's Fair exhibits were sponsored by cities, states, countries—not businesses—but TPA was able to be part of history. Several members of the board of directors of TPA were also on the board of the World's Fair, providing an opportunity for TPA to participate.

The site of the World's Fair covered 1,200 acres of Forest Park and was a seven-month spectacle that drew an estimated 19 million visitors. There were nearly 150 structures built for the fair, including the TPA building. While most of these buildings were considered temporary, there are a few that still exist in Forest Park today including what is now the St. Louis Art Museum.

If you are in the area, stop by Forest Park to see where TPA helped make world history.





join  
us

It's not too soon to make plans to attend TPA's 135th National Convention from Sunday, June 15 through Thursday, June 19, 2025!

Some of you will remember past conventions held at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey Area in Grantville, Pennsylvania. Conveniently located 18 miles from the Harrisburg International Airport just off I-81, the property is currently undergoing an interior renovation of the guest rooms and meeting spaces. We are looking forward to a fresh look and feel when we arrive! Call 717-469-0661 to make your reservation. Mention TPA to get our special room rate of \$129 per night plus tax, which includes breakfast and parking. This rate is effective June 13-20.

There are many things to see and do in the area. Enjoy the lovely countryside as you drive to one of the nearby wineries or golf courses. A few of the many other attractions include:

Hersheypark was originally created by Milton Hershey as leisure grounds for employees of his famous chocolate factory. It is now a family amusement and water park on 121 acres.

## for the 2025 TPA National Convention June 15–19, 2025



Although the original chocolate factory is no longer in town, Hershey's Chocolate World still offers a free tour ride with a sweet sample and free parking for up to three hours. Other attractions and Adventure Bundles are available at a cost.

The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Museum is near Hersheypark. Among many exhibits of interest to car buffs is the world's most extensive Tucker automobile collection.

If you want some time in nature, you can visit Memorial Lake State Park, also located near I-81 and only a few miles east of the hotel. It attracts birdwatchers and lovers of other wildlife as well. Kayaks and paddleboats are available to rent.

The State Capitol Complex in Harrisburg is 16 miles west of the hotel, where you can visit the seat of the Pennsylvania state government.

The Pennsylvania National Guard Military Museum is located inside the Ft. Indiantown Gap Military Base, about seven miles east of the hotel. It has outdoor and indoor displays, the latter housed in a two-story barracks built in 1941. The Indiantown Gap National Cemetery is nearby.

*Come join us!*



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### *Help Us Stay Connected*

#### *Keep Your Info Up to Date*

Accurate contact information is essential for us to keep you informed. Whether your details have changed or not, we need everyone to submit their updated information.

***Update your email, phone, and address at [tpahq.org/update-contact-information](https://tpahq.org/update-contact-information) or scan this QR code today!***



## Engage with TPA on Social Media



### **Join Our Social Community**

Stay updated, engage with posts, and be part of our vibrant online community.

Follow, like, and comment on our social media pages!

### ***Upcoming LinkedIn Training***

Enhance your LinkedIn skills by joining us for a LinkedIn training session in late September. We're hosting two 30-minute sessions—one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Can't make it live? The sessions will be recorded and available on our Resources Page.

DATE: Thursday, September 26th

TIMES: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (Central Time)

RSVP: Email [tgatti@blacktwigllc.com](mailto:tgatti@blacktwigllc.com) with your preferred time slot and we'll send a Zoom link to the webinar.

# welcome



## to the New TPA Website!



### Explore Our Fresh New Look! Discover the All-New TPA Website!

#### *A Modern Gateway for Better Connections*

We're excited to introduce our revamped website, designed with you in mind.

Experience a user-friendly interface and enhanced functionalities that make it easier than ever to stay connected and informed.

#### *Test Drive Our New Features—Take a Tour of the New Website!*

Dive into our new and improved website.

Check out the Events page, explore member resources, and enjoy the streamlined process for signing up new members.

Visit [tpahq.org](http://tpahq.org) now and explore the upgrades!

#### *Simplify New Member Sign-Up—Sign Up New Members with Ease*

Signing up new members is now easier than ever. Just enter their details directly on our website as you speak with them.

**G**eorge Joseph Kern passed away at his home, after an illness and rapid decline. He was 81 years old.

George was a loyal TPA member for over 60 years. He served as a post and division officer for 45 years and as a past national president, presiding over two conventions.

George was a Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania native before moving to Lancaster to attend and graduate from Stevens Trade School. He worked at the Lancaster Newspaper for 43 years. George met Peggy at Redeemer Lutheran Church, where they were both parishioners, and they were together 18 years.

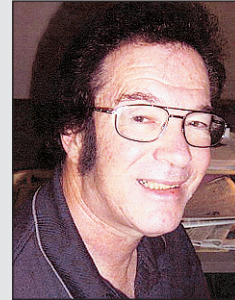
George also was a Barnstormer usher and worked for Schaad Detective Agency as a guard. In his spare time, George was an avid Elvis tribute artist and golfer.

He will be remembered for his tender-loving demeanor, altruism, and unfaltering kindness and generosity.

# George J. Kern

TPA Past National President

2009 – 2010



*January 3, 1943 –*

*April 25, 2024*



**TPA HOLDS AN ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE  
EACH JUNE TO HONOR ALL OF THE  
MEMBERS WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US.**



# American Flag Program

The Community Service Committee has the responsibility of promoting patriotism through the “American Flag Program.” We do this by displaying and distributing the American flag at various events within our local community whenever possible. Not all events will display the American flag. Points are given through the reporting form for each American flag that is displayed or distributed. We encourage every post and division to participate in this commendable program.

TEXAS

National President Julie Kupper recently visited the Westside Odessa Lions Club to present a plaque recognizing their generous donation last year to the TPA Hearing Trust. She was delighted to find a new \$2,000 check waiting for her!

*Pictured are Julie Kupper and Diane Furlow.*



Texas Post W in Odessa participated in two work projects at the West Texas Food Bank. In May, 610 bags were each filled with two cabbages and a 5-pound bag of potatoes for families in need.

*Pictured to the right are Joe and Jo Ann Acuff.*

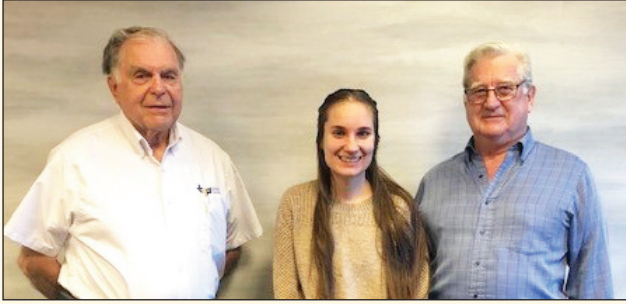


*Pictured left to right: Joe Acuff; Quisha Deary Dawson; and Julie Kupper. (Photo by Woody Kupper.)*



Diane Furlow and the Odessa (Texas) West Side Lions Club Bingo donated \$4,000 to the TPA Hearing Trust. TPA National President Julie Kupper and the Cinco de Mayo skeletons celebrated this donation!

## VIRGINIA

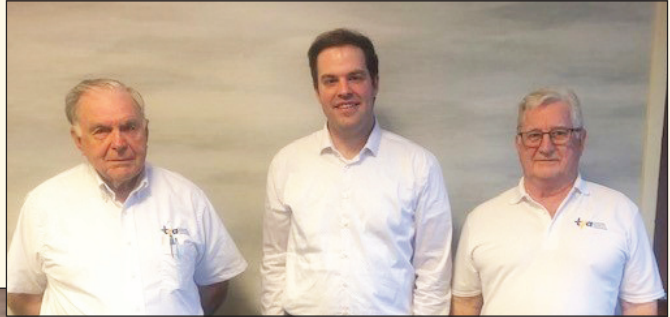


Rebekah Slabach, Associate Director of the Alliance to Advance Climate-Smart Agriculture, was the speaker at a monthly meeting of South Boston, Virginia Post D. Slabach discussed the \$80 million grant Virginia Tech received that will fund a pilot program to encourage producers to implement climate-smart practices on farms. The Alliance is a three-year pilot program being created in Virginia, Arkansas, Minnesota, and North Dakota to test the feasibility of rolling out a similar program on a national scale.

*Pictured left to right: TPA Virginia VP Carlyle Wimbish; Rebekah Slabach; and Post D President Gary Newcomb.*

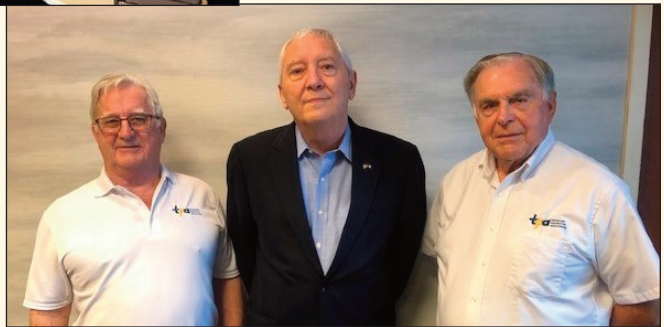
Meteorologist Will Staford of WSET ABC 13 was the speaker at a monthly meeting of South Boston, Virginia Post D. He explained weather patterns to the 20+ members present and how meteorologists use technology to predict weather forecasts.

*Pictured left to right: TPA Virginia VP Carlyle Wimbish; Meteorologist Will Staford; Post D President Gary Newcomb.*



Virginia Post D of South Boston welcomed the Honorable Danny Marshall to their May meeting. A member of the Virginia House of Delegates, he presented an overview of the recently completed 2024 General Assembly Session.

*Pictured left to right: Post D President Gary Newcomb; Delegate Danny Marshall; TPA VA Vice President Carlyle Wimbish.*



Virginia Post D in South Boston welcomed State Senator Tammy Mulchi to their July meeting. Senator Mulchi discussed her first General Assembly, and spoke of the bills passed and the new laws that became effective July 1, 2024.

*Pictured left to right: Virginia Division Vice President Carlyle Wimbish; Senator Tammy Mulchi; and Post D President Gary Newcomb.*



## LOUISIANA

Louisiana Post F once again had a table at Calcasieu Parish School Board Department of Special Services Spring Resource Night. Presented by the Deaf/Hard of Hearing and Vision Departments, it was held March 18, 2024 at Lake Charles Boston High School. They distributed TPA Hearing Trust brochures and also signed up some new TPA members!



*Pictured left to right: Jerry Moore and Bobbie Kelley.*



*Pictured left to right: Sena Theall; Jerry Moore; Bobbie Kelley; and Al Moore.*

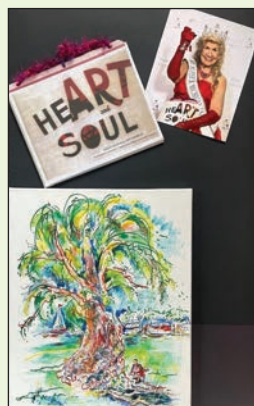
MISSOURI



Members of TPA Posts SL and SC in the St Louis area brought Easter Baskets to Generations Adult Daycare in St. Charles. Members contributed to the purchase of the baskets.

MICHIGAN

Post I of the Michigan Division held their Post Annual meeting on April 6, 2024. Pictured are attendees receiving their years of membership pins. Several were fifty-year members.



TPA member Charlotte Ambrose (West Michigan Post A) was recently selected to have her mixed media painting “Saugatuck’s Magnificent Lady” exhibited at the 38th Annual Lowell Arts West Michigan Art Competition. This competition highlights outstanding work by artists in a 25-county region of lower west Michigan.

Charlotte was also the 2023 “Most Impactful” winner, awarded by The Global Beauty Awards, highlighting her efforts to reveal the powerful importance of an art education.

Charlotte is a retired art teacher who continues to create art because “it’s in her life’s blood allowing her to live and continue to express herself.” She says “It’s my language.”

I O W A

At the annual membership drive meeting of Post O of Ottumwa Iowa, member Richard James spoke about his trip to Israel and shared a number of photographs.

*Pictured left to right: Ken Venables; Richard James; John Maines; John Hunolt; and Tracy Baker.*



Iowa Post O recently cleaned up trash and weeds from several sections of Ottumwa.

*Pictured left to right: Chris Cunningham; John Hunolt; Will Reece; Jim Carlson; Ken Venables; and John Maines.*

P E N N S Y L V A N I A



TPA Post L Lehigh Valley held their 2024 Annual Altruism Awards in which 13 schools participated. Pictured are the seniors who were chosen by their schools for the TPA Altruism Award. These students participated in doing unselfish caring acts for others. Each student received a dinner, an application to TPA and a certificate with a \$100 check.

*Pictured far left, Pennsylvania State President Emma Hettler and far right, Post L President Donald D Schwartz.*

NORTH CAROLINA



Members of North Carolina Post P shared facts and history about our flag with 120 kids and 11 staffers at the West Gastonia Boys and Girls Club of Greater Gaston.

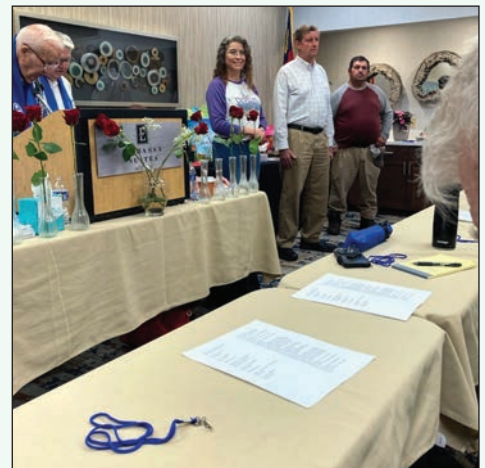
*Pictured are Annual Flag Program participants Abby Gathings; Susan Jacobs; Audrey Hunt; Lisa McLean; Becky Dickson; and Post P President Linda Payseur.*

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Division took place May 4 with 24 directors, members and guests attending. They had a great lunch and a fun time, highlighted by the annual auction to benefit the TPA Hearing Trust. Items of business included committee reports, election of officers and election of delegates to the National Convention in San Antonio, TX.

*Pictured are some of the auction items to benefit the TPA Hearing Trust.*



*Pictured are North Carolina State Secretary Bailey Bledsoe and Linda Payseur.*



*Pictured are Willie, Wayne, Janet, Mike, and Tony during the North Carolina annual meeting.*

## NORTH CAROLINA

***TPA Post CC of Elkin/Jonesville, NC has been busy!***

The Post is proud to award the Herman Laffoon TPA Scholarship to Miss Payton Spicer of East Wilkes High School (pictured at the post's recent pickleball fundraiser). With her parents in attendance, she was presented the scholarship at a dinner meeting held at Terry's Cafe and Catering. She plans to attend UNC-Chapel Hill and study to become an orthopedic assistant. For more than 44 years, this scholarship has been awarded to a graduating senior from East Wilkes, Elkin or Starmount High Schools. The scholarship is based on need, academics, extracurricular activities and community involvement. Their most recent fundraiser for the scholarship program was a pickleball tournament in downtown Elkin at Crater Park's Mickey Carter Courts. Pictured are winners Karol Okruszko and Tony Van. Jay Callahan and Chad Vestal were runner-ups in the field of 32 players. Score keepers were Ann Marie Wasson, Darlene Templeton, Dennis Martin and Sam Mounce.

They also recently hosted a "retirement" dinner meeting at Terry's Cafe and Catering. Leon Reece (59 years), Elton Lay (58 years), Sam Tesh III (56 years) and William "Bill" Phillips (58 years) received Outstanding Service Awards in recognition of their combined 231 years of service to TPA!



*Pictured: TPA Scholarship winner Payton Spicer.*



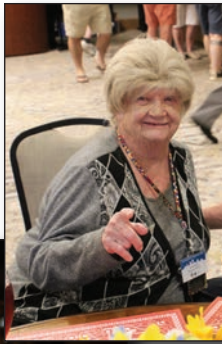
*Pictured: Winners Karol Okruszko and Tony Van.*



*Pictured: Recipients of Outstanding Service Awards along with Bailey Bledsoe.*

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