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**TIAA Annual Meeting Booked for May 16**

The TI Alumni Association annual meeting will be Wednesday, May 16, at the Frontiers of Flight Museum, 6911 Lemmon Ave., Dallas. Complimentary museum tours will be offered before and after the meeting.

**Jon Campbell Named TIAA Web Site Editor**

The TIAA Communications team welcomes Jon Campbell as Editor of the association's Web site, [www.tialumni.org](http://www.tialumni.org). Jon will develop and review Web site content in collaboration with John Byers, who serves as Webmaster.

Jon will also work with Dot Adler, vice president-Communications, on the quarterly newsletter *Connected* and other TIAA communications. He will be the contact person for the newsletter and Web site calendar.

To contact Jon, send e-mail to [editor@tialumni.org](mailto:editor@tialumni.org) for online editorial material and at [calendar@tialumni.org](mailto:calendar@tialumni.org) for the calendar. His phone number is 972-235-5148.

Jon had a long TI career in media relations, merchandising and consumer relations.

**Give TIAA Your E-Mail Address**

Are your current e-mail and street addresses listed in the TI Alumni Association online membership directory?

TIAA often uses e-mail for fast, cost-effective communications. We also send postal mail to members' street addresses, but this is slower and more expensive. If you are not getting TIAA messages, please update your directory data.

If you have computer access, go to [www.tialumni.org](http://www.tialumni.org). Under "Members," click on "Update directory profile." Type in your data changes and click on the "Submit" button.

If you have never logged in as a member, your temporary password should be the last four digits of your TI employee number. After correcting your data, you may select a new password before clicking on "Submit."

## TI retirees celebrate Halloween at Big Event

**More treats than tricks awaited more than 800 attendees**

By Dot Adler

Count Vlad Tepes Dracula was there in spirit at the 2006 Texas Instruments retiree Big Event.

Dracula, alias Ed Hassler, welcomed more than 800 former Tiers, spouses, volunteers and exhibitors to Southfork Ranch Oct. 31 for a Halloween celebration. Volunteers wore Halloween costumes, and jack-o'-lanterns decorated the dining area.

Socializing with TI friends before the buffet lunch was a Big Event highlight. Attendees visited exhibits, received pneumonia and flu immunizations, got stroke and lipid screenings and attended seminars, including a TI Human Resources presentation on 2007 retiree health benefits. Twenty-nine commercial and non-profit exhibitors provided information and opportunity for retirees.

A historic video on TI in the 1950s showed company founders and the Lemmon Avenue facility—then the TI corporate headquarters.

The Achord song and dance troupe, senior women in red glittery tops and white pants, entertained with old musical favorites.

Featured speakers were:

- Ketha Adair, TI Occupational Health Department manager, who talked on influenza and planning for a potential bird flu pandemic affecting humans;
- Lewis McMahan, TI Alumni Association president, who spoke on the state of TIAA; and
- Shaunna Black, TI vice president for Worldwide Facilities, who gave an update on TI's business and third quarter financial results.

To view the speakers' presentation slides online, go to the TIAA Web site, <http://www.tialumni.org>, and click on "What's New."

**Avian Flu Threat**

Ketha Adair urged retirees to get flu immunization annually to reduce influenza risk, cover the nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, and wash hands fre-



quently with soap and water or hand sanitizer. She said to avoid shaking hands or close personal contact with others and added, "If you are sick, stay home and don't expose others."

No vaccine is currently available for avian flu. The H5N1 flu strains are changing so any vaccine made now might not work.

The H5N1 virus is highly lethal to birds and is the largest epidemic ever reported in history. The death rate in people infected by contact with virus-infected birds has been close to 50 percent. The risk is great for a worldwide outbreak if the virus mutates and acquires the ability to transmit easily from person to person.

TI created an avian flu pandemic planning team. The company is constantly monitoring the spread of avian flu and updating its preparedness plan. TI developed a phased-in response with triggers and actions for varying levels of pandemic threat. The plan is customized for TI site locations around the world.

**The State of TIAA**

Lewis McMahan praised the TIAA Membership Committee, citing a 70 percent increase in TIAA membership from January 2006. Much of this gain came from awarding first-year free TIAA membership to 744 newly retired Tiers. Lewis said, "We hope a large portion will renew after a year for only \$10 per year and have access to the TI InfoLink and other members-only



At top, Roberta Hill, Ruth Lee and Iree Abney, in Halloween costumes, greet attendees at Big Event entrance. The Oct. 31 event at Southfork Ranch gave volunteers the chance to don their costumes to create even more fun than usual. Above, Ed Hassler, AKA Dracula, announces the day's activities.

advantages."

TIAA carries out three major events each year — the Big Event, the TIAA Charity Golf Tournament and the TIAA annual meeting. Lewis said a \$1,000 check from Wal-Mart put the total raised via the 2006 golf tournament to above \$25,000. The tournament benefits The Senior Source, a United Way

affiliate dedicated to improving the quality of life for senior citizens in North Texas.

Lewis pointed out that TI provides most of the funds to support TIAA major events and its operations, including the Web site and quarterly newsletter, *Connected*. But TIAA members also contribute through memberships and

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## CALENDAR

### Alumni Group and TIAA Committee Monthly Meetings

The following groups and committees meet monthly — usually at the times and places indicated. E-mail or call contact person to confirm schedule.

**Ex-TI Network** — 4:30-6:30 p.m., last Tuesday, meeting at Wizard's, Central Expressway at Spring Valley Rd., Richardson. Contact Joan Nichols, j-nichols4@tx.rr.com or 214-543-2546.

**First Monday Bunch** — 1-3 p.m., first Monday, meeting at Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson. Contact Ralph Dean, deanandcomp@sbcglobal.net or 972-235-2589.

**GSlers** — 11:30 a.m., third Tuesday, lunch at Golden Corral, 1440 E. Campbell Rd. at Plano Rd., Richardson. Contact Dick Matthews, richard.matthews@sbcglobal.net or 214-360-0068.

**Reunion Club** — 10 a.m., second Saturday, meeting and lunch usually at Denny's Restaurant on Motor Street, Dallas. Call Gladys Jones, 214-376-9725, or Willie Demus, 214-331-2111.

**Texins Retiree Club** — 10 a.m., third Tuesday (except for July and August), meeting at Texins Activities Center, Dallas. Contact Tom Gregory, tomtengreg@hotmail.com or 972-412-9332.

**TIAA Activities Committee** — 1 p.m., third Thursday, meeting at Texins Activities Center, Dallas. Contact Ed Hassler, ehassler@swbell.net or 972-231-3017.

**TIAA Membership Development Committee** — 1:30 p.m., third Wednesday, meeting at Texins Activities Center, Dallas. Contact Bill Stearns, bill747@sbcglobal.net or 972-234-0257.

### TIAA Major Events

**TIAA Annual Meeting** — Wednesday, May 16, at Frontiers of Flight Museum, 6911 Lemmon Ave., Dallas.

**TIAA Charity Golf Tournament** — Monday, Sept. 10, at Waterview Golf Club, Rowlett

**TI Retiree Big Event** — Thursday, Nov. 15, at Southfork Ranch, Parker.

### TI Tech Smart Big Heart

The following Tech Smart Big Heart activities are currently planned for 2007. Please contact Crystalyn Holubec at crystalyn@ti.com or 214-480-6891 to confirm date and details.

**TI Volunteer Day at the Dallas Arboretum** — March 24. Morning and afternoon shifts are available.

**Cottonwood Park Clean Up** — (Volunteer Project) — April 14.

**TI Week at the Nasher Sculpture Center** — April 17-24.

**TI Weekend at the Dallas Museum of Art** — (Matisse Exhibit) — April 21-22.

### The Senior Source

**Senior Connection** — (support group for job seekers 50+) — 10-11:30 a.m., first and third Thursdays, at The Senior Source, 1215 Skiles St. Dallas. RSVP required. Call 214-823-5700.

To list a TI-related special event or monthly meeting in the Calendar, contact Jon Campbell at calendar@tialumni.org or 972-235-5148.

## TIAA Travel & Entertainment Opportunities

**Jan. 23 (Tuesday) — New Texas Civil War Museum in Fort Worth** — A rare partnership of private and public trust collections makes this the largest Civil War museum west of the Mississippi River. The artifact-rich museum houses three very fine collections, a theater and a gift shop. More than 3,000 artifacts and 60 flags are rotated on exhibit. One wing is devoted to the military with galleries for the Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery, Navy and Medical branches. Trip cost is \$10, which includes TI bus transportation and the museum entrance charge. Lunch is at your own expense. Depart Texins Activity Center at 10 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. Register by Jan. 18.

**Feb. 4-11 — Carnival Conquest Cruise to Western Caribbean** — Join TIAA for a cruise vacation in the Caribbean from the Port of Galveston. Part of the rate per person will be designated as a donation to The Senior Source. Pricing: Inside Cabin, \$621 per person; Outside Cabin, \$741 per person; Balcony Cabin, \$871 per person. Deadline for sign-up has passed, but phone Kathleen Humphrey, 214-240-7223, at ClearHaven Cruises for possible availability.

**Feb. 6 (Tuesday) — Gourmet Lunch** — Ride DART light rail to the Park Lane station. Cross the street to enjoy a three-course lunch for \$15,

including drink and tax. Tip is extra. The lunch is prepared and served by students at the Chef's Gallery of The Art Institute of Dallas, Two North Park East, 8080 Park Lane, Suite 100, Dallas 75231. After lunch, go to NorthPark Mall for shopping or a movie using the shuttle running to and from the Park Lane station to Nordstrom's. If you don't want to ride DART, meet the TIAA group at the Chef's Gallery at 11:15 a.m. Register by Feb. 1.

**March 11 (Sunday afternoon) — Dallas Stars vs. Los Angeles Kings Ice Hockey Game, 2:30 p.m.** — Meet at the LBJ/Central DART rail station to ride special event DART train to American Airlines Center. (Rail schedule is not available at press time.) Return after game around 5 p.m. on DART rail. Game Tickets in Terrace (yellow tier) section are \$22 in advance. Cost of DART rail (reduced day pass), roundtrip, for seniors over 65 is \$1. Register by March 5.

**April 12 (Thursday) — General Motors Plant Tour** — Depart Texins Activity Center on TI bus at 10:30 a.m. for a two-hour tour of Arlington's General Motors Plant, followed by a late lunch at Palomina's lunch buffet for under \$10. No open-toed shoes, children under 10, or electronics are allowed on GM plant tours. Return to Texins at approximately

3:30 p.m. Bus fare is \$5 per person. Register by April 6.

**May 3 (Thursday) — Texas Rangers vs. New York Yankees Baseball Game** — The \$20 trip package includes transportation by TI and game ticket. Other purchases are at your own expense. Depart Texins Activity Center at 5 p.m. and return after the game. Register by April 25.

**June — Horse Racing at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie** — Date, times and cost are to be determined.

**June 10-16 — Great Smoky Mountain Fun Tour** — Ride motor coach to Tennessee. Stay two nights in Jackson and four in Pigeon Forge. Tour includes six attractions: Dollywood, famous outdoor drama "Unto These Hills" (story of forced exile of Cherokees to Oklahoma on the Trail of Tears, 1838-39), "Fixin 2 Rain — Noah, The Ark, The Animals and others." Tour cost is \$645 per person double or \$735 single occupancy. A \$200 deposit is due March 10. Phone Jim Hudson, 972-423-5178, for more information or to reserve space.

Phone Doris Mott at TIAA, 972-995-8393 for more information or to sign up (except where noted). Check [www.tialumni.org](http://www.tialumni.org) for latest travel news.

# Where to call

Save this reference list of useful phone numbers for TI and TI-Raytheon retirees.

### TI Health and Financial Benefit Plans

**1-800-890-2600 TI SmartLink.** Consolidates all benefit phone numbers into voice recognition 24-hour telephone system. To talk to a TI Benefits Center representative Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time, enter or speak your Social Security number, select TI Benefits Center item from menu and then enter your Hewitt password. Or you can direct dial service providers at the following numbers:

- 1-800-888-2273** — Employee Assistance Program - Magellan.
- 1-866-866-2300** — Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) PPO Plan ([www.bcbstx.com/members](http://www.bcbstx.com/members)).
- 1-800-557-5749** — Caremark ([www.caremark.com](http://www.caremark.com)).
- 1-800-244-6224** — CIGNA HMO (Dallas/North Texas)
- 1-800-244-6224** — CIGNA HMO (Houston/Austin)
- 1-800-950-9355** — Pacificare Secure Horizons HMO (Dallas/Fort Worth and San Antonio areas)
- 1-800-942-0854** — MetLife Dental Basic/Dental Plus
- 1-800-772-1416** — Aetna DMO
- 1-800-804-4384** — Vision One Eye-Care Discount Program.
- 1-877-719-9860** — HFC LivingFree Smoking Cessation Program.
- 1-800-633-4227** — Medicare benefits and claim status.
- 1-800-888-9560** — PNT nutrition network. (In Dallas area, call 972-238-1811.)
- 1-800-597-7516** — UBS Financial Services (Stock Options and Employee Stock Purchase Plans).
- 1-800-981-8676** — Computershare Investor Services (TI Stock Accounts)

You may also access Your Benefits Resources (YBR) web site via TI Alumni web site at <http://www.tialumni.org>. (Social Security number and Hewitt password required for logon to YBR).

### Raytheon Health Benefit Plans

(TI-Raytheon Systems retirees should have your Social Security number and personal identification number available when you call.)

- 1-800-358-1231** — (TDD 1-800-562-2307) Raytheon Benefits Center, or visit <https://raytheon.benefitcenter.com>.
  - 1-800-559-4244** — FISERV HEALTH Medicare Plus Plan or visit <http://www.fiservhealthservices.com>.
  - 1-888-262-4877** — MetLife Dental Customer Service.
- Check with the Raytheon Benefits Center or Web site for latest benefit contact information.

### Texins Retiree Club (Dallas Area)

- 972-242-3939** — Lucy Salas, president, and
- 972-412-9332** — Tom Gregory, vice president have information on activities, dues and meeting schedule.

### TI Alumni Association

- 972-995-8393** — Main number for TIAA. (Or visit Web site at [www.tialumni.org](http://www.tialumni.org).) Also call for questions about quarterly newsletter, *TI Alumni Connected*.
- 214-348-1636** — Lewis McMahan, president, has information on membership, dues and activities.

## TI-ALUMNI CONNECTED

The TI-Alumni edition of *Connected* is sponsored by the TI Alumni Association Communications Team. The goal is to help foster and maintain a sense of community among the retirees of Texas Instruments.

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Retirees interested in contributing to the publication should contact any member of the Communications Team.

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## Big Event

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fees to partially offset the cost of activities.

In 2007, TIAA aims to expand contacts with all former Tiers, not only in the Dallas area but also around Texas and the world. "TI gives us resources, and we need to share them," he said.

**TI Business Update**

Shaunna Black said the third quarter of 2006 was the best quarter in TI history, with record revenue and strong profitability. Now TI is responding to a more challenging near-term environment while focusing on long-term objectives. Signal processing is driving TI semiconductor success. "TI is outpacing most competitors in a very significant way," she said. "We invented DSP (digital signal processing) basically, and we have the lion's share of the market. We push the envelope of technology innovation and manufacturing capability every day."

Communications and entertainment are now the primary drivers of electronics industry growth. DSP and high-performance analog are the most attractive semiconductor markets, and TI is a leader in both.

TI has the opportunity to continue increasing margins and earnings with on-going strong revenue growth, declining depreciation, improving product mix and increasing factory utilization.

The company's manufacturing strategy increases TI responsiveness, profitability and financial stability.

**Big Event Survey**

Attendees filled out survey questionnaires giving feedback on the Big Event. The forms were entered in a drawing for "trick or treat bag" door prizes. Drawing winners were Don Smith, Linda Wright, Doris Mills, Judy Henley, Opal Welk, Barbara Docekal, Marilyn Livingston, Danna Pool, Stachia Hicks, Bob Peterson, and Suzanne and Bob Estele.

The survey results will be used in planning for the 2007 Big Event.

**Best Costumes**

After the Big Event, the TIAA Executive Committee voted to select the best costume contest winner. The result was a tie between Iree Abney, who came as a ghost, and Doris Mott, who dressed as a witch.



At left, Lewis McMahan talks on the state of TIAA; below left, Shaunna Black gives a TI business update; below right, Ketha Adair addresses the influenza and avian flu threat. In center of the page, these Big Event goers who filled out survey questionnaires won trick or treat bags in the drawing for prizes.



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Clockwise from above: Nurse Shirley Feldhaus puts bandage strip on Bob Peterson after flu shot; Pat Cochran and her daughter, Tracy, dressed up for Halloween; Byron Ahlburn, Hector Cardenas, Bill Stearns, Ronda McCauley and Lewis McMahan enjoyed their time in the TIAA booth; and Phyllis Turlington and Doris Mott pose in their Halloween costumes.



## ALUMNI NEWS

## Nutritionist tells how to put more life in your years

Martie Whittekin, Certified Clinical Nutritionist, believes diet, healthy lifestyle and prevention are key to achieving a higher quality of life at any age.

Speaking at a TIAA Education Committee seminar, she told retirees, "Your health is mostly under your control." She said nutrition might be the most important factor.

She recommends taking dietary supplements as nutritional insurance, including a high-quality multivitamin at optimum potencies.

The speaker hosts the weekly "Healthy by Nature" radio show from 8 to 9 a.m. Saturday on 100.7 FM, live online at [www.RadioMartie.com](http://www.RadioMartie.com). Listeners can call in toll-free at 1-877-956-9566.

She points out that drugs have side effects. Antibiotics have been over-prescribed and are in the food supply because of use in agriculture. "Antibiotics are toxic in their own right," she says. "Moreover, they kill friendly bacteria in the gut." However, "probiotics" — beneficial bacteria — in supplements can help replace friendly bacteria killed by antibiotics.

Obesity — a risk factor for "a whole bunch of unpleasant conditions" — is increasing throughout the United States. The problem is that people take in too many calories because of eating calorie-dense foods, and eating for reasons besides hunger. Also, inactive people don't burn enough calories, and often poor-quality nutrition decreases effectiveness of metabolism.

Martie Whittekin's Rules for Health include:

- Eat a diet of real, whole food, e.g., whole apples vs. apple juice or apple-flavored products. Avoid food fads.
- Eat whole wheat bread, which has high fiber. With white flour, most fiber, vitamins and minerals are lost. Men should aim for 38 grams of fiber daily and women, 35 grams.
- Avoid trans fats, but use monounsaturated fats, e.g., olive oil or better yet macadamia nut oil, which may improve metabolism. Use less saturated fats, but include eggs.
- Eat protein at every meal.
- Include as many vegetables and low-sugar fruits as possible. Eat a wide variety of fruits and vegetables — five to 10 servings a day. Get colorful fruits and veggies.
- Don't skip meals. Eat three meals and two snacks daily.
- Avoid sugar and synthetic sweeteners. Look for hidden sugar and avoid sodas. Too much sugar depresses the immune system.
- Make portion sizes reasonable. When eating out, share or ask for a "to go" box.
- Read labels on food products. Note the amount of sugar and fiber.
- Drink adequate pure water. But you can overdo anything — even water.
- To reduce high cholesterol, eat less saturated fat and less sugar, reduce stress and increase exercise. You can build muscle regardless of how old you are.
- Try to solve problems naturally before calling in the "heavy artillery" (drugs). Find a doctor or nutritionist who will work with you. If drugs are necessary, read the side effects and support with nutrition.
- Accentuate the positive. Express gratitude. Avoid toxic people.
- Avoid toxic substances. Use organic materials for the yard. Use simple, safe household products like vinegar and baking soda.
- Attend to your spiritual life.

"Listen to all the 'experts' and then go back and think about what is logical," she says. "More energy will come from following food rules and taking nutritional supplements."

About 135 retirees attended the TIAA seminar Sept. 19, 2006, at Plano Centre.



Martie Whittekin, Certified Clinical Nutritionist

## Merryman's tinkering leads to prolific TI engineering career

By Ed Millis

Jerry Merryman showed up at TI's door in March 1963 seeking employment as an engineer. He'd heard about the company from his friends, Walt Matzen and Bob Biard, both Texas A&M professors who were working at TI.

Jerry was "reluctantly hired by Willis Adcock," as he phrased it. Merryman went to work for Jerry Luecke in the Integrated Circuit Department, where one co-worker was a quiet guy named Jack Kilby.

Perhaps Jerry's resume puzzled Willis because Merryman's professional experience began at age 11, when he was hired to repair radios. Born and raised in Hearne, Texas, Merryman was an inveterate tinkerer from birth. He had a chemistry set, dismantled perfectly good alarm clocks, and used No. 6 dry cells from the trashcan of the railroad's telegraph office to power his youthful experiments.

Later, Jerry signed on with the Hearne appliance store to upgrade his radio repair career. When his boss saw Jerry poring over a book in the office — Terman's Radio Engineering — he gave the book to Jerry. This was a rocket-ship boost to Jerry's lifetime profession. Jerry decided if he could learn everything in that book, he'd be pretty smart, and set out to do it.

As a break from radios, Jerry took up with the railroads and worked around Texas as a teenage agent, icing "reefers" — refrigerated rail cars. Jerry claims he still flinches when he sees a banana. His plan to escape dumping ice on millions of bananas led him to get his FCC First Class Radio Telephone License when he was 18 years old. He was hired at a local broadcast station as chief engineer.

Merryman set his budding career aside to attend Texas A&M on a scholarship. Early on,

he entered the annual slide rule contest, which drew over 600 entrants. A newspaper headline told it best: "Hearne student 'pulverized 'em' in A&M contest." Jerry scored 279 out of 280 points — the highest ever achieved — with a used slide rule he'd bought the night before.

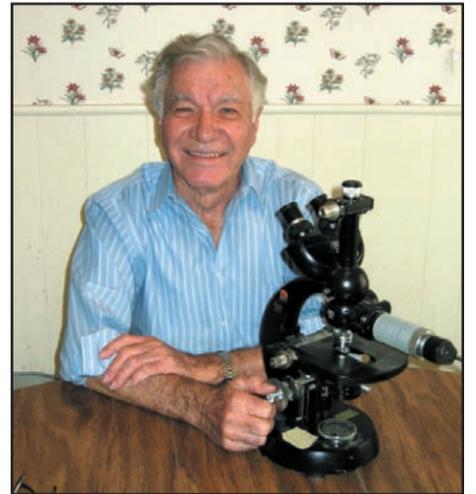
In 1959, he began work at the Texas A&M Department of Oceanography and Meteorology with the enviable job of measuring the force of hurricane winds and oceans on an oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico.

When a hurricane moved in, Jerry moved out — to the platform to run the equipment. "The hurricanes broke a lot of things," he explained. Surviving this first A&M job led to a better job. He designed a mobile meteorological data-gathering station, which included building his first computer.

During the next few years, Jerry broadened his experience by designing time-code generators, doing mathematical analyses "and sweeping floors." Then he found TI.

Jerry's first "favorite" project of many at TI was developing the pocket calculator with Jack Kilby and Jim Van Tassel. The calculator project originally began in 1965 as a product to highlight TI's new and poorly appreciated integrated circuits. Much as the Regency pocket radio highlighted the early transistors, the pocket calculator quickly became the ubiquitous electronic device around the world.

Merryman, as project manager, did the logic design for this first calculator in three days and nights. His design used about 4,000 transistors, compared to



Jerry Merryman today with the microscope he used on the pocket calculator program.

Photo by Ed Millis

the Regency radio's four.

When TI instituted the Technical Ladder in 1975, Jerry was elected a TI Fellow in the first group. This faith was not misplaced, as Jerry accumulated dozens of patents during his fruitful TI career, and many further patents in countries around the world.

Merryman retired from TI in 1993 after 30 prolific years but soon returned to TI as a consultant. He worked on the DLP (digital light processing) program, one of the most technically challenging products TI ever produced.

Outside of his professional career, Jerry is famous for his successful homegrown measurement of the gravitational constant. He was also able to measure the movement of the earth's surface from the tug of the moon's gravity.

Jerry has a married daughter, a stepdaughter, and two grandchildren. He and his wife, Phyllis, live with an assortment of dogs and cats. When asked about his latest high-tech project, he admitted to nailing up 400 feet of fence boards. You can bet they were nailed with precision.



Freising TI retirees pictured are Heinrich Pinta, Gerd Bubenheim, Barth Sellmeier, Eberhard Jordan, Helga Jahns, Gunther Heinecke and Luigi Sommariva.

Photo by Richard Furch.

## TI Freising Exes Get Together

Richard Furch reports from Germany that 25 TI Freising retirees enjoyed fellowship together at a Nov. 7 event coordinated by Helga Jahns. Invitations were sent to about 70 retirees. The group planned a half-day bus trip in December to a famous Christmas market at a historic castle about 50 miles north of Freising.