

2022 Annual Media Report

The Year in Review



Virginia Division

Kristy Johnson was the speaker at the Post D monthly meeting in South Boston. Ms. Johnson is the executive director of the Halifax County Industrial Development Authority (IDA). She discussed her duties and the work of IDA to bring industry to Halifax County.



Illinois Division

Members of Post E in Peoria held their annual Christmas party. The twenty-two members in attendance enjoyed a delicious buffet and had fun exchanging white elephant gifts. Members enjoyed food, fellowship, and spending time together. The article was submitted by Janet Hamilton, post president.



Virginia Division

Jason Johnson was the speaker at the Post D monthly meeting in South Boston. Mr. Johnson is the Halifax County Emergency Services Coordinator. He discussed his duties, the training required for the rescue squad and fire departments, and the cooperation of adjoining counties services in case of a major emergency.



Nebraska Division

Members of the Nebraska Division held a board meeting in Fremont. They discussed the state's annual meeting, their Spring membership drive, and discussed new locations for additional TPA safety signs around town. The membership drive focused on increasing post membership, and perhaps having everyone come up with a "TPA Prospect list" consisting of friends, co-workers, neighbors, kids, grandkids, church friends, sorority friends, workout friends, club members from other fraternal organizations, etc.





Virginia Division

Ted Daniel was the speaker at the Post D monthly meeting in South Boston. Mr. Daniel, now retired, was the South Boston town manager and consultant. He discussed the town's Covid Relief Fund and how those funds would be used.



Iowa Division

John Hunolt was recently honored by the North Central Missouri College Foundation by being announced as one of three people inducted into their Distinguished Alumni Class for 2021. John is a native of Trenton and graduated from Trenton Junior College, now named North Central Missouri College. Additionally, in 2021, he was awarded the Iowa Governor's award for volunteering. Through the years he has devoted numerous hours volunteering and serving in his community. John is currently the president of Post O of the Iowa Division. Congratulations John!



Virginia Division

The Virginia Division held its board of directors meeting at Wilson's Barbecue in South Hill. Due to the loosening of Covid restrictions in the state, the group was able to meet in person to have their business session.



Virginia Division

R. Bryan David was the speaker at the Post D monthly meeting in South Boston. Mr. David is the program director for “GO Virginia” Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service located on the campus of the University of Virginia. The acronym stands for Growth Opportunities.



Pennsylvania Division

Members of Post L recognized fifteen Northampton County high school students at their Annual Altruism Banquet. The awards recognize students who have demonstrated altruism in and out of the classroom.

Michigan Division

Members of Post I participated in their “MDOT Adopt-A-Highway” community service project in Ionia. Volunteers help realize our vision by improving the quality of life for our members and their communities.





Virginia Division

The Honorable James Edmunds was the speaker at the Post D monthly meeting in South Boston. Mr. Edmunds is a member of the Virginia House of Delegates. He spoke about the recent General Assembly session, the state budget, and re-districting.



Michigan Division

Members of Post I partnered with St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pewamo to hand out 30 bags of food. Volunteers Kurt Hartman, Megan Gay, Darrel Kempf, Aaron Epkey, and Nickie Wentworth assisted Post I Secretary Wayne Wentworth during the event.



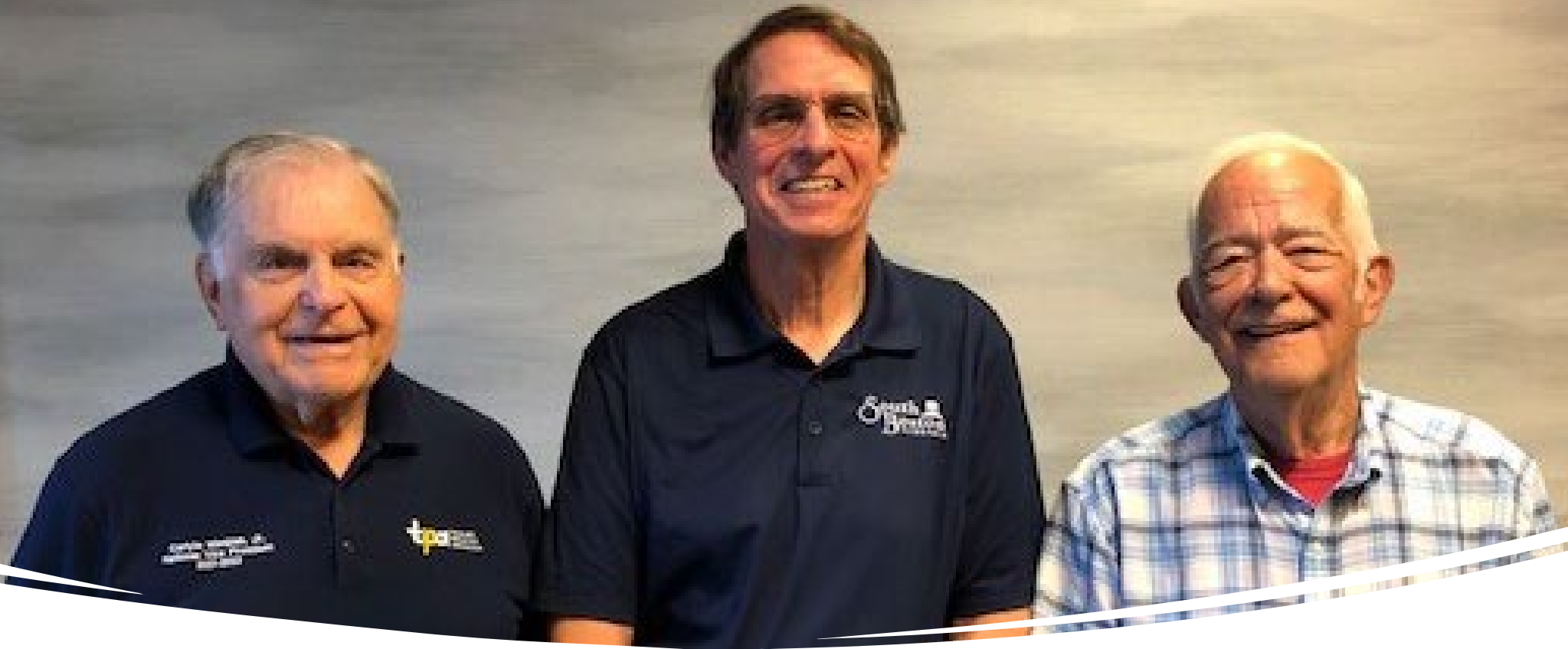
Michigan Division

Members of Post A of the Michigan Division participated in the Amway River Bank Run Jr. The post donated four bikes to the winners of the Feeling Good Mile Club, distributed CHAD stickers, Officer Ollie stickers, coloring books, and popcorn.

Iowa Division

Two members of Post O in Ottumwa received the Iowa Governor's Volunteer awards at Indian Hills Community College. Marcia Venables and John Hunolt were recognized for their church food pantry that served 295 families in two and a half hours. That's a new record number. Congratulations Marcia and John!





Virginia Division

Tom Rabb was the speaker at the Post D monthly meeting in South Boston. Mr. Rabb is the South Boston Town Manager. He provided an update on the restoration of the John Randolph Hotel and the progress of making Riverdale the gateway to South Boston. He also gave status reports on several other projects the town is working on.



Pennsylvania Division

Members of Post W in Williamsport collected 155 pounds of aluminum cans and tabs. Those metal pieces on the top of aluminum cans may be recycled for money to support programs and those in need. Collecting tabs is also a friendly competition between posts and divisions.

Pennsylvania Division

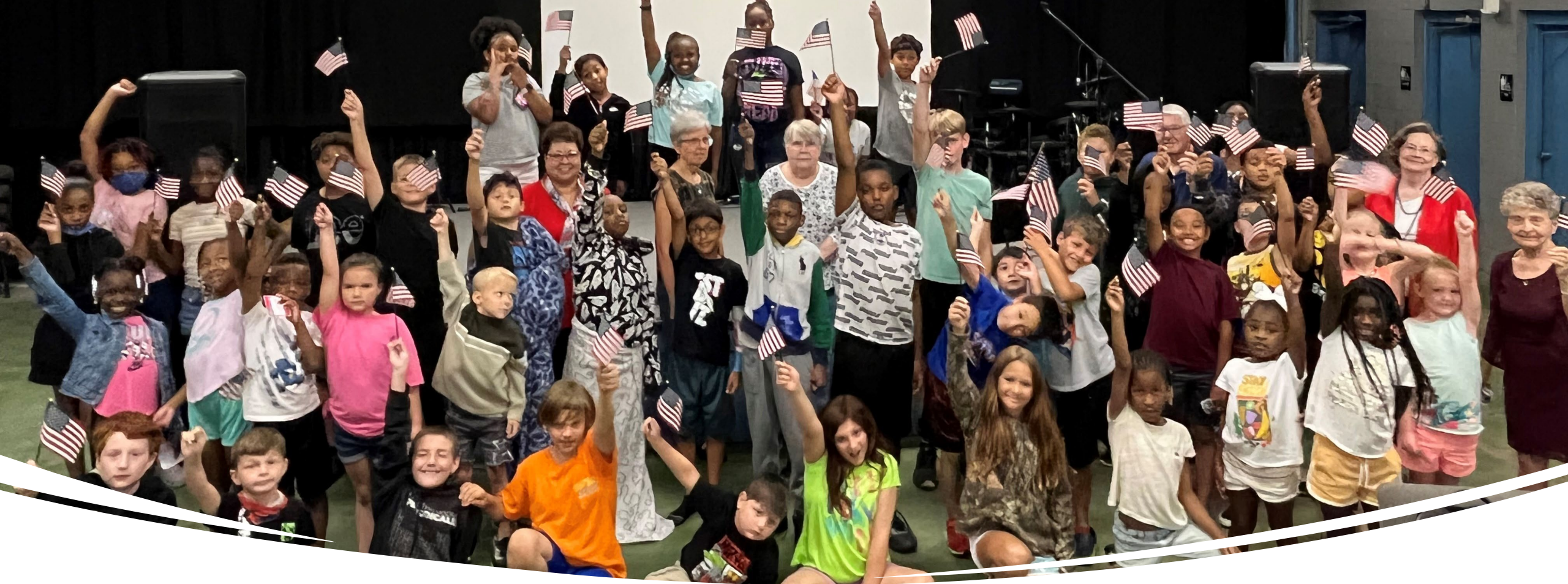
Jim Miller of Post W in Williamsport was honored and received a 40-year pin commemorating his years of service with the Association. Vera Epler and Marie McGee were in attendance to thank Jim.



Wisconsin Division

Post B of the Wisconsin Division sponsored a bike rodeo for Boy Scout Troop 16 and their annual 50-mile bike hike along the Elroy/Sparta Bike Trail. Several members performed the bike inspection and the Post supplied bicycle safety pamphlets. The assistance from the Post was greatly appreciated by the Scouts. The story was submitted by TPA member, Terry Hoeppner.





North Carolina Division

Post P of Gaston County held its annual Flag Day program at the Boys and Girls Club of America. Six members shared various information about our flag to 65 children and three staff members. The kids enjoyed a question-and-answer session. TPA members were thrilled to learn how much the children knew!

Virginia Division

Following the regular monthly meeting of Post D, some members accepted the invitation of South Boston Town Manager Tom Rabb to tour the old John Randolph Hotel. Built in 1930, the hotel is scheduled for renovation starting in August. The interest of members in the old hotel dates to the founding of TPA by traveling salesmen. In its early years TPA lobbied to get hotel sanitation laws passed, something we take for granted today.



Pennsylvania Division

Members in Post Q in Mahanoy City were proud to keep with the tradition of honoring graduating high school students. The Altruism Award is given annually to students who give of their time and talents unselfishly to help others. No banquet was held this year, but graduates from nine schools in Schuylkill County received altruism certificates, a recognition certificate from Pennsylvania Senator David G. Argall, and a monetary grant of two hundred dollars each.



Missouri Division

Members of Post C donated 50 backpacks filled with school supplies to three elementary schools in Springfield. Connie O'Neil delivered supplies to Robberson school, Dennis O'Neil brought supplies to Fremont school, and Dennis and Colton O'Neil provided supplies to Pleasant View school. Post C also thanks Larry Voris for his assistance with this back-to-school project.





Virginia Division

Dana Jones was the speaker at the Post D monthly meeting in South Boston. Ms. Jones discussed the process of reopening the C.H. Friend School as a non-denominational Christian school. C.H. Friend previously operated as an elementary school until its closure in 2008.



Missouri Division

Members of Post SC donated 30 backpacks filled with school supplies to Bermuda Elementary School in St. Louis. Albert Shoemaker delivered the backpacks to Principal Samohya Stallons. Office Manager Leondra Clay graciously snapped the photo. The school was extremely grateful for the donation. Game on!

Missouri Division

Members of Post SC donated 20 backpacks filled with school supplies to East School in Jefferson City. Paula Shoemaker wanted to give back to the community and delivered the backpacks to the elementary school that she attended. The school staff and children in the “Capital City” were very appreciative.



Michigan Division

Members of Post A of the Michigan Division prepared meals for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House of Western Michigan. Last month Post A donated a new dishwasher for their kitchen.



Debbie Medley



TPA celebrated Debbie's 30-year employment anniversary at national headquarters. May you be blessed with many more years at TPA. From your friends at national headquarters.

Missouri Division

When E.L. Reed brought home fifty backpacks his wife Pat quickly bought school supplies to fill them up. She gave ten backpacks to five small schools around their hometown in Chillicothe. The small schools were Chula, Southwest, Hale, Winston, and Jamesport. Pat gave them to a teacher who would know the students who needed a backpack and school supplies. The elementary schools were grateful for the donations.





Missouri Division

Members of Post D donated backpacks filled with school supplies to Hurricane Deck Elementary School in Sunrise Beach. The TPA branded backpacks were provided from the Missouri Division and supplies were secured by the Post. Family members took time out of their vacation to help fill the backpacks.



Virginia Division

Dr. Betty Adams was the speaker at the Post D monthly meeting in South Boston. She is the executive director at Southern Virginia Higher Education Center (SVHEC). Dr. Adams discussed the five ways the center is advancing economic potential in southern Virginia, including college degrees, job training college/career readiness, support for industry and entrepreneurs, and capacity building.



Wisconsin Division

Board members in Post B of the Wisconsin Division held their annual Corn Roast and Brat Fry at Marx Park in the town of Brookfield. The meeting was full of fun, socializing, eating, and enjoyed by all.

Michigan Division

Members of Post I participated in the first outdoor Ionia Chamber of Commerce Expo in Ionia. Vendors filled three city blocks with 30 businesses and 50 area organizations and had attendees of all ages. This wide-spread event gave Post I the the opportunity to promote the local post and division, encourage membership, and spread the word about other community events. Volunteers Gary Piercefield, Richard Mackowiak, and Wayne Wentworth assisted Darin Elliott during the event.





Virginia Division

Melanie Cornelison-Jannotta was the speaker at the Post D monthly meeting in South Boston. She is the executive director at The Prizery. Ms. Cornelison- Jannotta explained her background and highlighted the fall season at The Prizery, which plays host to performers from throughout the world, provides space for events, and makes classes available for music and art.

Missouri Division

Members of Post SC filled 15 TPA tote bags with coloring books, You're Invited packets, CHAD stickers, and Halloween bags filled with candy. The totes were given to individuals who attended the All Generations Adult Day Center as part of their Halloween Train event in Saint Charles. Tiffany Mays is the owner and director of the day care and Debbie Arnold is the activity coordinator. This was the October community service program for the post.





Iowa Division

Post O in Ottumwa hosted their monthly meeting where TPA member and Ottumwa Fire Chief Tony Miller conducted a tour of their hazardous materials center. “Safe Seniors Lifesaving Tips for Your Active Lifestyle” booklets were given to all members in attendance by the National Fire Safety Council. Through grant funding, the local fire department is able to install smoke detectors in homes free of charge.



Pennsylvania Division

Members of Post L held their annual picnic in North Catasauqua. The gathering included a recognition for Dale Stevens celebrating his 90th birthday and three members celebrating their 50th anniversary with TPA! Congratulations to Thomas Hendricks, Charles Schiffert, and Donald Breining.

North Carolina Division

Members of Post P filled Halloween bags with treats and delivered them to local police and fire departments. The first responders were happy to receive the bags and expressed appreciation for support from their community. The kids who helped deliver the bags got their own special Halloween treat by meeting Rosie, a K-9 employee of York City Police.

Michigan Division



Members of Post I partnered with Hubbardston Fire Department to host a Truck & Treat event. TPA members provided bags for children to carry their candy, 70 frisbees, two packs of CHAD stickers, and information packets. Volunteers Richard Thomas, Jessica Mitchell, Kelly Ann Martin, Ashlynn Martin, Jonathan Martin, and Alex McGinn assisted during the event.

Virginia Division

Marsha Hite was the speaker at the Post D monthly meeting in South Boston. She is a board member of the Halifax County Cancer Association that has been helping local cancer patients since 1957. Ms. Hite highlighted the Cancer Association's history, services offered to patients, and emphasized that all money raised stays in Halifax County to help their local citizens. TPA shares a common goal of helping those in need through community service, safety programs and local events.



Members of Post F of the Louisiana Division gathered food donations for people in need. Donations were sent to a network of churches to help feed the hungry. A food donation is always welcome at most local charities since the need for nourishing strong and healthy bodies is continuous.

Louisiana Division



Members of the Louisiana Division donated coats to a local organization called Coats for Children. With the winter season coming, it is important children have the protection they need against the frigid temperatures. These donation efforts serve as proof that the division members are dedicated to improving the quality of life for others in their local community.

Louisiana Division



Members of the Nebraska Division held a board meeting and holiday dinner party in Fremont. They reviewed some of the issues TPA is facing as an organization and in their division. The board also discussed their goals for the year ahead as they enjoyed a nice meal and fellowship together.

Nebraska Division



Members of the Louisiana Division donated \$500 to the Seafarers' Christmas Program. Post F, Post G, and the Louisiana Division generously contributed funds to support the cause. The donation money went toward purchasing supplies such as hats, gloves, personal items, and \$40 gift cards. Ray Fontenot, director of the Seafarers Center, expressed immense appreciation for the gifts.

Louisiana Division





Iowa Division

Post O in Ottumwa participated in ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Fareway Grocery. They had a large turnout in post participation to include Tony Miller, Will Reece, John Hunolt, John Maines, Ken Venables, Shelley Little, Bob Swanson, Chris Cunningham and Jim Carlson. Funds raised for this worthy cause were totaled at a whopping \$2,500! These donations will make a huge difference to those in need during the holiday season. These efforts serve as proof that the division members are dedicated to improving the lives of others in their local community throughout all seasons of the year!

Hearing Trust 1Q Grants

Travelers Protective Association (TPA) Hearing Trust issued 18 grants, totaling \$11,850, to applicants requesting assistance during the fourth quarter of 2021. Established by TPA in 1975, the mission of the TPA Hearing Trust is to provide aid to individuals that are deaf or hard of hearing for resources that will allow them to achieve their full potential.



Hearing Trust 2Q Grants

To date, the Trust has distributed over \$2 million, benefiting more than 6,000 individuals. For this quarter, recipients plan to utilize their funding to obtain hearing aids, hearing service dogs, ear molds, doctor appointments, batteries, school tuition, specialized college programs, tutoring, laptop, cochlear implant upgrades, and other hearing devices. Recipients are also able to use these grants towards interpreters, medical services, and much more.





Hearing Trust 3Q Grants

With roughly twenty percent of Americans being deaf or hard of hearing, we want to continue making sure they receive the support they need and the respect they deserve,” said Albert Shoemaker, TPA’s Chief Administrative Officer. “The goal of the Trust is to aid and assist people. With the help of our generous donors and members of our communities, we know that we will continue increasing the number of individuals we can offer support to.

Hearing Trust 4Q Grants

Grants this quarter varied in size from \$110 through \$900, benefiting recipients from 12 states and ranging in age between three and 89 years old, including grant recipient Harold Germann from Idaho Falls, Idaho. Harold intends to use his grant for hearing aids.



Annual Convention

Organization raises more than \$22,000 for charitable arms

TPA held its 132nd national convention at the Amway Grand Plaza hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Seventy-two voting delegates representing 13 divisions located throughout the country attended the three-day conference. An auction and reception raised more than \$17,000 for the TPA Hearing Trust. More than \$5,000 was also raised for the Homer T. Wilson fund.



Thank You!

