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JOEL LEDERMAN
National President

My calendar says “Welcome to April 2024” and I am honestly not sure why the days seem to fly by so fast. I was written up by my father, Jack S. Lederman (National President 1973-1974), in Kearney, Nebraska. I joined TPA in 1961, making me a class A member for about 63 years. In 1982 I was

honored to serve on the TPA National Board of Directors from the Nebraska Division. After moving to Colorado in 1985 and becoming active in Denver Post A and Colorado State Division, I was re-elected as a National Director from Colorado in 2013. With support from TPA members and leaders, I was honored to be elected National Vice President in 2014-2015. In June of 2015, I had the highest possible honor when delegates elected me as TPA National President. At our most recent convention last June, I was again elected TPA National President for 2023-2024. I ran with major goals to assist in turning membership growth around, getting an approved marketing plan, and redeveloping our website to attract and grow our membership.

It is my desire to thank every member nationwide for helping TPA with ideas, suggestions and hard work in the posts and divisions so we can continue providing excellent accident benefits to our Class A members, financial grants from our TPA Hearing Trust to those needing financial assistance with medical equipment or special schooling to live with medical issues related to hearing loss, and our Homer T. Wilson fund that makes financial grants to our own members who discover themselves in dire financial need.

I hope to see many of you at the TPA National Convention in San Antonio, June 16 - 20, 2024. The convention hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton. Free breakfast for up to two guests per room is included as well as free auto parking. Fun attractions nearby include the Alamo, San Antonio River Walk, San Antonio Zoo, San Antonio Aquarium and La Cantera Shopping Mall with 180 shops and restaurants.

At the July 2023 TPA National Board Meeting in St. Charles, former CAO Albert Shoemaker

finalized his intentions to retire after doing an outstanding job serving as CAO for approximately 12 years. I worked closely with Al as well as our search committee, national board members and the professional staffing firm the board approved. TPA wishes Al the very best of good health and happiness for all the years in his future to be able to be retired and enjoy life!

TPA was fortunate to meet, interview and hire Mr. Robert L. Schapp, Jr., in early September 2023. I spent his first week with him at our headquarters in St. Charles to assist with training and introductions. He is highly qualified and experienced having an extensive background working with a large fraternal for many years. He has a wonderful background in managing people, accounting and finance, insurance knowledge and stocks and bonds, is easy to communicate with and learns very quickly. I believe the headquarters staff enjoys working with him and he looks forward to meeting with members and leaders from all our divisions and posts when time permits at future meetings and conventions.

Robert understands the importance of growing our membership and our TPA Hearing Trust. He is a Platinum Donor to our Hearing Trust. He is working with our marketing firm, magazine printing operation, investment brokers, bankers and legal firm representatives and, with support of key staff, is on top of the required finance and regulatory reports. Our website is being completely updated as well to assist prospective new members to understand and consider joining. Robert is also working on convention hotel selection for the 2025 National TPA Convention with the convention committee.

During my term this past year as your National President I was fortunate to have a truly outstanding staff of key people at National Headquarters to keep our operation going, running as smoothly as possible and working to assist myself, our hardworking National Board members and officers. I want our Staff members to know I truly appreciated working with each of them and thank each of them for their wonderful attitude and working extra hard to assist myself and our directors during my year as your National President. My sincere “thank you” to our staff members for

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At last, spring is upon us! In addition to the lovely flowers and migratory birds, this is also the time our state conventions begin to pop up. Check out the list on page five for the date and location of your state convention. President Joel Lederman and I will make every effort to attend any state convention that invites us.



ROBERT L. SCHAPP, JR.
Chief Administrative Officer

June will bring us to the TPA Annual Convention in San Antonio. There is still time to register using the form in this issue.

In addition to conducting the business of our Association and electing our new national leaders, there will be many opportunities for fun and fellowship. There will also be activities for the youth in attendance. Beginning on page 13 we have the convention schedule and information on the San Antonio area to help you prepare. I am looking forward to attending my first TPA convention, and hope to see you there!

As this is being written, your Headquarters staff is completing TPA's annual statutory report filings required by the insurance commissions of the 29 states in which we are licensed. Although we are indeed a membership organization, we are an insurance company in the eyes of the law and do whatever it takes to ensure 100% compliance with all regulatory requirements.

Soon (if not already) our new TPA website will be in place. The address remains tpahq.org. You will find it runs faster with easier navigation, making it more useful, informative and appealing to both current and prospective members.

In conjunction with the adjustments that have been made to the membership incentive and retention programs, your national board is pleased to announce the HQ-PADS (Headquarters Post and Division Support) program. This provides a new way to encourage and financially support activities in the posts and divisions that will enrich our members, serve the community and attract new members to our wonderful association. We have already approved a number of applications and are hoping to see more. This is part of our effort to attract new members and retain those we have.

I greatly appreciate the support and efforts of the National Board of Directors as we work to move TPA forward in the years to come. In particular, I would like to thank National President Joel Lederman as he prepares to leave the board in June after a second round of service. His leadership, mentorship and historical perspective have been of immeasurable value to me.

Our wonderful Association has a proud history of service, fellowship and advocacy. In this issue, we begin an ongoing series highlighting various aspects of that history. Although TPA has changed and adapted over the years, we have always held to the principles of Truth, Patriotism and Altruism. So may it ever be as we continue to move forward!

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

TPA History—Our Coat of Arms

The TPA Coat of Arms has been part of our Association's history since 1967. It was designed to incorporate the fundamental principles and characteristics of The Travelers Protective Associations of America. The Coat of Arms is very impressive, but do you know what the symbols mean?

The three sections of the shield represents **Truth**, **Patriotism** and **Altruism**. This is expressed in Latin in the bottom of the Coat of Arms, "Veritas, Amor Patriae, Beneficentia."

- **Truth** is represented by the sword of truth and the scales of balance. The red background is for valor and courage.
- **Patriotism** is represented by a gold heart and the American flags. The blue background represents loyalty. TPA is truly American.
- **Altruism** is shown by two right hands holding a torch aflame that lights the way for brotherly love, on a purple background.

The colors of the shield—purple, red and blue—are also the colors that are used for the robes worn by the committee when exemplifying the ritual.

The jewel represents the president of TPA, the 13 rivets for the members of the national board of directors. The red flowing drapery represents posts and the white represents divisions, which protect and make up the strengthen of our organization.

The helmet was considered to be worn by gentlemen, representing the type of gentleman who would be part of the society. The two hands at the top of the coat represent two outreached hands, reaching up asking for God's blessing and reaching out to invite others to join.



2024 State Convention Dates

State	Date	Contact	Phone	Location
Colorado	April 14, 2024	Rocco Astuno	303-232-4760	Astuno Residence, Lakewood, CO
Illinois	April 27, 2024	Dixie Burdett	309-657-3614	St. Sharbel Church, Peoria, IL
Indiana	TBA	Steve Sternberger	260-415-0008	
Kentucky	May 11, 2024	Boyce Hager	270-304-9350	Holiday Inn Express (I-65 & US-62), Elizabethtown, KY
Louisiana	May, 2024	Alfred Moore	713-202-1061	Cajun Tales Restaurant, Welsh, Louisiana
Maryland	TBA	Herbert Struder	410-744-8532	
Michigan	April 27-28, 2024	Mark Cassis	616-677-1436	Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI
Missouri	April 19-20, 2024	Dennis O'Neil	417-242-9141	Holiday Inn Express & Suites (Kentwood Ave.), Springfield, MO
Nebraska	April 13, 2024	David Steffen	402-312-8020	Kayla Osteria Italian Steakhouse, Fremont, NE
North Carolina	May 3-5, 2024	Bailey Bledsoe	336-681-1448	Homewood Suites, Greensboro, NC
Oklahoma	April 25, 2024	Fred Berry	405-248-4338	Woodbridge Restaurant, Oklahoma City, OK
Pennsylvania	May 25, 2024	Carol Ruffner	717-821-5849	St. Marks' United Church of Christ, Lebanon, PA
Rhode Island	April 18, 2024	Ron Bedard	401-821-9286	Tomaselli's Restaurant, Providence, RI
South Carolina	April 20, 2024	Bill Mills	803-351-7588	Lizard's Thicket, West Columbia, SC
Tennessee	TBA	Danny Harman	423-646-2360	
Texas	April 30, 2024	Julie Kupper	432-425-2757	WebEx Meeting
Virginia	May 2, 2024	Harrell Jory	757-380-2598	Video/Teleconference
Wisconsin	May 11, 2024	Wayne Warnecke	920-207-1804	Mineshaft Restaurant, Oshkosh, WI



TPA VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Vision:

At TPA, we envision a world where everyone thrives regardless of hearing abilities and where unwavering priority is given to the safety of our children. Our commitment extends to providing accessible accident insurance for peace of mind and building communities through connection via social and service activities.

Mission:

Champion hearing inclusion through financial assistance and advocacy, fiercely fight for safer homes and communities, offer accessible and affordable supplemental accident insurance, and provide social and service opportunities to our members.

Travelers Protective Association Awards \$6,550 in Financial Aid to 12 Recipients in the Fourth Quarter of 2023

The TPA Hearing Trust issued 12 grants to applicants requesting assistance during the fourth quarter of 2023 which totaled \$6,550. To date, the Trust has allocated more than \$2.4 million to approximately 6,100 recipients throughout its history. Established by The Travelers Protective Association of America in 1975, the mission of the TPA Hearing Trust is to provide aid for resources to individuals experiencing deafness or hearing loss that will allow them to achieve their full potential.

Grants this past quarter varied in size from \$250 to \$800, benefiting recipients from ten states and ranging in age between three and 84 years old. In Oregon, three-year-old Remington will use the grant for ASL Classes. In North Carolina, two

recipients will be able to afford two hearing aids. Tiffany, in Pennsylvania along with a recipient in Illinois, plan to use their grants toward rechargeable batteries, covers, T-Mics and dry-briks to aid their hearing loss. Recipients in Missouri and Virginia, along with Alice in Maryland, Diane in Indiana, and Angela in Arizona will all use their grant money for two new hearing aids.

Recipients may utilize funding to obtain hearing aids, hearing retention devices, cochlear implant surgery, transportation expenses, tuition, and a laptop to help with their education. In the past, recipients have also been able to use these grants toward interpreters, medical services, service dogs, and much more.



2/13/2024
 Thank you so much for
 granting funds to our
 mother, Alice Wauhine.
 The funds were used for her
 power mower. These hearing
 aids will be life changing
 for her. Sheri Gatz & Des Moore

To donate to the TPA Hearing Trust online go to tpahq.org/donate/



2023 Donor Recognition

DONATIONS RECEIVED THROUGH 12/31/2023

DOUBLE PLATINUM LEVEL
(\$2,000 and above)
Odessa Westside Lions Club

PLATINUM GOLD LEVEL
(\$1,500 – \$1,999.99)
Dean & Cathy Costello
Stephen Olinick
Robert Schapp

PLATINUM LEVEL
(\$1,000 – \$1,499.99)
Caterpillar Foundation
Dana Kurtz
Joel Lederman
Edwin & Dolores Miller Foundation
Harold S. Rhodes Estate
Missouri Division
Pennsylvania Division
Post E – Illinois Division
Post H – North Carolina Division

GOLD LEVEL
(\$500 – \$999.99)
Dixie Burdett
Woody & Julie Kupper
Michigan Division
Rhode Island Division
Wisconsin Division
Post B – Nebraska Division
Post P – North Carolina Division
Post C – Pennsylvania Division

Post D – Pennsylvania Division
Post Q – Pennsylvania Division
Post V – Pennsylvania Division
Post W – Pennsylvania Division
Post I – Wisconsin Division

SILVER LEVEL
(\$250 – \$499.99)
Wilton Aebersold
Charles & Kay Aycock
Roy Carpenter
Christina Knott
Joseph Maggini
Richard Martin
Clyde Miller
James & Wanda Ruppe
Betty Whiteside

Post D – Missouri Division
Post J – Texas Division
Post W – Texas Division
Post D – Wisconsin Division

BRONZE LEVEL
(\$100 – \$249.99)
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Post SC – Missouri Division
Post L – Pennsylvania Division
Post K – South Carolina Division
Post BB – Texas Division
Post L – Virginia Division
Post B – Wisconsin Division

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State Secretaries
David Steffen
Jack Van Manen
David & Gayle Van Patten
William & Marcia Venables
Suanne Vieceli
Karl Wolf III
Post H – Illinois Division
Post O – Iowa Division
Post C – North Carolina Division
Post G – Texas Division
Post L – Wisconsin Division

MEMORIAL DONATIONS RECEIVED 1/1/24 THROUGH 2/28/24

In Memoriam of Hazel Adams
Oxford House of SC
Kay Aycock
Reatha Blackwell
Faye Hartzell
Cynthia Buckles
Peggy Donald
Kimberly Lohmann
John & Rosalind Lohmann
Post K – South Carolina Division

In Memoriam of John Borchardt
Post D – Wisconsin Division

In Memoriam of Clyde Ford
Post P – North Carolina Division

In Memoriam of Virginia Robertson
Joel Lederman



**THIS REPLACES THE PROGRAM THAT BEGAN
MAY 1, 2023. LET'S GET EXCITED ABOUT
WRITING NEW APPLICATIONS!**

**2023-2024 Membership
Incentive Program...
goal of 1,000 new
applications**

Starting Date: November 1, 2023—Ending Date: April 30, 2024

Scoring of Applications for Posts, Divisions, and Individual Sponsors

The incentive awards will be based on the number of points earned between November 1, 2023 and April 30, 2024.

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 2024 convention expenses.

Earn 5 points and receive \$50 in expense money to be used for 2024 convention expenses.

Earn 10 points and receive \$100 in expense money to be used for 2024 convention expenses.

Earn 15 points and receive \$150 in expense money to be used for 2024 convention expenses.

Earn 20 points and receive \$200 in expense money to be used for 2024 convention expenses.

Earn 25 points and receive \$250 in expense money to be used for 2024 convention expenses.

Earn 50 points and receive \$500 in expense money to be used for 2024 convention expenses.

Earn 75 points and receive \$750 in expense money to be used for 2024 convention expenses.

Earn 100 points and receive \$1,000 in expense money to be used for 2024 convention expenses.

Earn 200 points and receive \$2,000 in expense money to be used for 2024 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, 2024

Post Awards

The incentive awards will be based on the net change in membership between May 1, 2023 and April 30, 2024.

If net membership loss in 2023-2024 is 25%-49% less than the net membership loss in 2022-2023, receive \$250.

If net membership loss in 2023-2024 is 50%-74% less than the net membership loss in 2022-2023, receive \$500.

If net membership loss in 2023-2024 is 75%-99% less than the net membership loss in 2022-2023, receive \$750.

If there is a net membership GAIN in 2023-2024, receive \$1,500!

Division Awards

The incentive awards will be based on the net change in membership between May 1, 2023 and April 30, 2024.

If net membership loss in 2023-2024 is 25%-49% less than the net membership loss in 2022-2023, receive \$250.

If net membership loss in 2023-2024 is 50%-74% less than the net membership loss in 2022-2023, receive \$500.

If net membership loss in 2023-2024 is 75%-99% less than the net membership loss in 2022-2023, receive \$750.

If there is no net membership loss or a net membership GAIN in 2023-2024, receive \$1,500!

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, 2024.
- Post and Division Awards will be paid as soon as possible after May 1, 2024.
- 2024 Convention attendance is required to receive Individual Sponsor Awards. Awards will be paid by July 31, 2024.

ADDITIONAL NOTES/RULES REGARDING THE PRIOR INCENTIVE PROGRAMS:

- The prior incentive program will end on October 31, 2023.
- Individual Sponsor, Post and Division awards under the prior program 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 December 31, 2023.
- Post and Division awards will be paid as soon as possible after January 1, 2024.
- 2024 Convention attendance is required to receive Individual Sponsor Awards. Awards will be paid by July 31, 2024.



JOIN US

for the 2024 TPA National Convention

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June 16 – 20, 2024

\$149 Room Rate + fees and taxes available beginning June 14.

Grab your cowboy hats and start practicing your “yeehaw” as we get ready for the 2024 TPA National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Join us in the Lone Star State for fraternalism and fun.

The convention will begin Sunday, June 16 with registration and hospitality. The convention business sessions will begin Monday, June 17. Tuesday, June 18 will be a free day to enjoy the local attractions and spend time with your fraternal friends. Business sessions will resume Wednesday, June 19 with the President’s Banquet that night. The convention will conclude at the end of the Thursday, June 20 business sessions.

Our convention hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton, approximately 20 minutes from the San Antonio Airport and 30 minutes from downtown. Located in a very nice area, the property is well maintained on the outside and includes free parking. It was recently renovated in 2019. Every sleeping room has a comfortable chair, desk,

coffee maker, refrigerator, microwave, safe and armoire.

The room rate for TPA members and guests is \$149 per night which includes a free breakfast for up to two guests per room. This special hotel rate has been extended to include June 14-20, 2024.

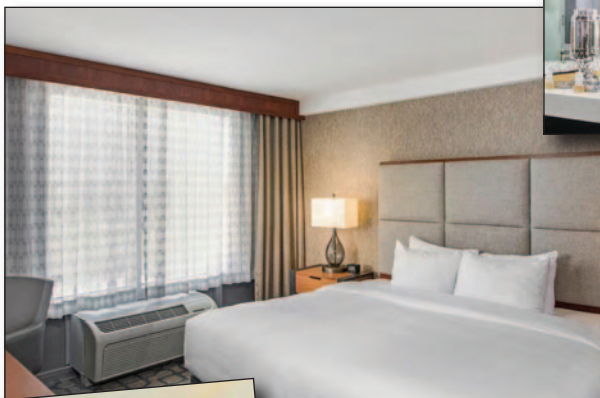
TPA members will be able to enjoy a complimentary shuttle service within a two-mile radius of the hotel. There will also be two free shuttle trips downtown to the Riverwalk on our Tuesday, June 18 free day. Because the shuttle can accommodate up to 11 people, the free day Riverwalk trip will be limited to the first 22 people who sign up. If you are driving, the Riverwalk is easily accessible from most streets—just be sure to remember where you parked! The Riverwalk has

stones and uneven surfaces and has no railings along the river, so please keep this in mind as you make your plans.

From the hotel there are several area attractions within a short distance. The San Antonio Aquarium is only about 10 minutes away. This interactive aquarium allows you to feed the animals and even get into the cages and enter the

water. Youth members will enjoy the Six Flags amusement park and the San Antonio Zoo. Downtown San Antonio includes the Alamo, the Riverwalk, riverboat tours, the Alamodome and the La Cantera Shopping Mall.

We're looking forward to seeing you in San Antonio!



While attending the TPA National Convention in San Antonio – don't forget to visit some of the wonderful local attractions that you and your family are sure to enjoy!

Take a splash at SeaWorld

Enjoy animal encounters, thrilling roller coasters and everything in between at SeaWorld San Antonio. Before you visit SeaWorld, be sure to download their app for an interactive map, schedule of events and ride wait times. Animal lovers will enjoy the opportunities to get close-up with manatees, dolphins, whales and more. For additional fees, you can feed, touch or enter the water habitat of these friendly marine mammals. SeaWorld is home to the world's first launched flume coaster, Catapult Falls, opening this year. Younger children will enjoy the Bay of Play, with family-friendly rides, carousel and splash playground.



The DoSeum Children's Museum

Bring your children and grandkids to the DoSeum Children's Museum to enjoy the 68,000 square feet of indoor exhibits. Designed to spark curiosity, children can create and play at the spy academy, the innovation station, little town, sensations studios and the force course. After being inside take some time to enjoy the Big Outdoors playground. They can play a game of giant checkers, splash around in the water works area and feel the breeze on the giant slide.

San Antonio Missions National Historical Park

In the 1800s, Spanish priests established five Catholic missions along the San Antonio River that now make up the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park. The park starts with the Mission San José (the largest of the missions) and ends with the Mission San Antonio de Valero (the Alamo). The eight-mile stretch is connected by recreational trails, pedestrian bridges and pavilions between four Spanish colonial missions. You can visit one or all of the missions for free and can take self-guided tours. Enjoy the architecture, beautiful art and outdoor gardens.

Six Flags Fiesta Texas—the thrill capital of South Texas

With roller coasters, water rides and shows there is something for everyone at Six Flags Fiesta Texas. Located just outside of San Antonio, the park is home to several rides based on DC comic characters, classic rides like the swings and railroad, and kid-friendly rides for the youngsters. You'll also enjoy concerts and shows throughout the day that are included with your admission. You can add dining passes and FLASH passes to your ticket to help you make the most of your day. Escape the summer heat with Hurricane Harbor San Antonio, their water park where you'll find a Texas-shaped wave pool and waterslides galore that are sure to cool you off.

Witte Museum

The Witte Museum is where culture, art and science meet. Learn more about the local culture with exhibits about Texas history and art. You'll also find exhibits on military history, archeology, paleontology, natural history and more. The museum also features special exhibits, and in June 2024 (while we are in San Antonio for the convention) the exhibit will be *Surviving Space: Astronauts and Asteroids*, where you can explore what it takes to be an astronaut.

You'll find more information about these attractions and more by visiting:
www.visitsanantonio.com.



TPA Annual Meeting — Schedule of Events

DoubleTree by Hilton

San Antonio, Texas

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

9:30 – 10:50 am	National Board of Directors Meeting	Hotel Board Room
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	TPA Hearing Trust, Trustees Meeting	Hotel Board Room
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Registration, Delegates and Guests	Lobby
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Sunday Hospitality Room	Cantera A
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Worship Service with Richard Martin	Ventura
5:30 – 10:00 pm	TPA Hearing Trust Live Auction	Ventura
	6:00 pm – Dinner (<i>Ticket Required</i>)	
	6:00 pm – Disc Jockey Ajay Aleman	

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024

9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Business Session	Ventura
	Memorial Service	
	Exemplification of Ritual	
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Youth Program	TBA
12:15 – 1:15 pm	TPA Past and Present Officers Group Luncheon	Hotel Restaurant
1:30 – 2:15 pm	State Secretaries Group	Ventura
2:15 – 3:30 pm	Open Training/Q&A with Headquarters Staff	Ventura

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024

Free Day, no TPA commitments

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024

9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Business Session	Ventura
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Youth Program	TBA
5:30 – 10:30 pm	National President's Banquet	Ventura
	5:30 pm – Happy Hour	
	6:30 pm – Speech	
	7:00 pm – Dinner (<i>Ticket Required</i>)	
	7:45 pm – Disc Jockey Ajay Aleman	

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Business Session	Ventura
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Youth Program	TBA
1:00 - 3:00 pm	National Board of Directors Meeting	Hotel Board Room
	All holdover and newly elected directors	



PRESIDENT
Julie Kupper

Representing the Texas Division

Having “grown up” in TPA due to my dad’s commitment and belief in all that TPA stands for, I became a member in 1993 (when women were invited to be members). In 2023 I was honored to be elected as Vice President. I became the Texas Division Secretary in 2010 and since that time, I have also served on the national board of directors. During my years as a director, I served on the finance committee, membership committee and bylaws committee, both Fraternalist of the Year and Merit Award, as well as being appointed a trustee for the TPA Hearing Trust, where I have been honored to serve as chair for several years.

My professional career included 35 years as an elementary school teacher, 19 years in physical education, four years as a classroom teacher and 12 years as the librarian. I have also served as an adjunct at the University of Texas Permian Basin where I have taught methods classes and supervised both student teachers and interns. The grand total of my professional service is 51 years during which time I learned to work with a variety of personalities, including teachers, administrators and students.

I understand the necessity of keeping all channels of communication open ... those between the staff at national office and board of directors as well as members of this Association. I believe that we have a great organization that will move forward under the leadership of the current CAO. I believe that I can be a team player on the National Board of Directors and I would give my best effort to those divisions that would be represented.



VICE PRESIDENT
Richard L. Martin

Representing the South Carolina Division

I am seeking to serve as National Vice President. I will give my time and talents to serve in every way possible. I have served TPA in various ways of leadership and have a good knowledge of how TPA works. I have served as National President; National Vice President; National

Board of Director; National Safety Committee; Post President; and State President.

In addition I have served as a United Methodist Minister for 30 years; in charge of finances at churches I served for 30 years; 10 years as co-owner of a used car lot dealing with finances, personnel and marketing. I was co-owner of Buy Here/Pay Here Automotive Business and also served as a purchasing agent for a Fiberglass Company. I have been in charge of marketing/public relations at multiple entities.

I am a graduate of Rock Hill High School and received a BA in History from Winthrop College, Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

I have been a member of TPA since 1984 and won the Fraternalist of the Year in 2016. I have also been a Merit Award nominee. In addition to membership in TPA, I am a member of the Masons and Lions Club.



NATIONAL DIRECTOR & NATIONAL SAFETY CHAIR
Kay Aycock

Representing the North Carolina Division

I fully consent to give the time and effort required to serve as a National Director and the National Safety Chair. I will strive to increase our participation in and recognition for the many volunteer service projects undertaken by TPA.

I have been a member of TPA for nine years and attended five annual conventions. During my membership, I held positions at the Post and Division levels. I held positions at the Post and Division levels, served as National Safety Chair and on the Board of Directors. I was Trustee for the Hearing Trust and worked on Planned Giving as well as the Merit Award Committee.

All of my professional career has been administrative related. The finance and business skills I have learned from working for the largest public utility in the U.S. have served me well in the positions I have held with TPA and those I seek to hold in the future.



NATIONAL DIRECTOR
Dean E. Costello

Representing the Illinois Division

Dean has been a member of TPA for 39 years. He has been serving as president of the Illinois Division and Post E Peoria as Secretary/Treasurer, Safety, and Community Service chairman. Dean is a graduate of Bradley University with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and a graduate of their Management for the 21st

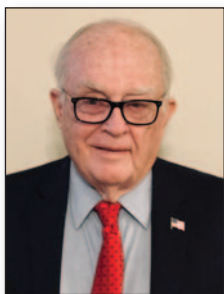
Century Executive Program. He was a Certified Manufacturing Engineer in June 1986 and is a lifetime member of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME).

Dean retired after more than 35 years at Caterpillar with the last 25 years in Marketing as Warranty Administrator for Mexico, Central, and South America.

Dean has been treasurer of the Italian American Society of Peoria for seven years and a member for over 34 years. He has been president of the Caterpillar Retirees Club since 2015.

Dean has attended ten TPA National Conventions and has coordinated many fund raising activities for Post E. Dean assisted in a very successful four days in October walking taco food tent at Spoon River Drive for seven years. Most recently he helped give 50 filled TPA blue backpacks to the Dream Center for the homeless families and Friendship House in Peoria at the beginning of this school year. This winter he helped to collect over 200 pair of socks that were delivered to Sophie’s Kitchen for the homeless in Peoria.

Dean has business experience from owning and managing multiple unit apartment buildings in Peoria and Washington Illinois for the last 50 years. Dean has a long history of business experience, education, and involvement with many nonprofits which makes him very qualified to continue as a TPA National Director and would like to continue to serve on the board of directors of the Travelers Protective Association for another two years.



NATIONAL BOARD
Dr. Rollin (Bill) Mills

Representing the South Carolina Division

FAMILY:

Spouse—Sharon Mills, deceased
 Children—Jason Mills and Brent Mills, deceased
 Grandchildren—Bailey (24), Eliza (19), Sam (15) and Kate (15)

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science, B.S.—Education in English and Social Studies, 1966 Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC
 Master of Education, M.Ed.—Education Administration and Social Studies, 1969 Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC
 Education Specialist, Ed.S.—Educational Administration and Psychology, 1976 University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
 Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D—Education Administration, cognate in Computers and Psychology, 1988 University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
 Graduate GPA of 3.93

EDUCATION POSITIONS HELD:

1966–1969 Social Studies, History Teacher
 1969–1970 Assistant Principal, Guidance Counselor
 1970–1971 Assistant Principal, 1,800 student enrollment
 1971–1972 Principal, Harbor Christian Schools, K-12 (540 student enrollment)
 1972–1987 Principal, Lexington Intermediate School
 1987–2009 Lexington School District One, Office of Human Resources
 2009 Retired

EXPERIENCES IN EDUCATION:

Interviewed prospective employees, staff and teachers

Certified administrative evaluator
 Trained principals to evaluate teachers
 Taught graduate class for beginning teachers
 Traveled to colleges and universities to recruit employees
 Conducted Due Process hearings for employees
 Discipline cases for employees, made recommendations regarding employment or termination
 Reviewed written legal documentation for district employee cases
 Responsible for standardized testing program

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE:

Series 6 Investment License
 Trained as standardized testing administrator and evaluator
 Owned an investment company for 10 years

TPA ACTIVITIES:

Member since 1979
 Secretary, Post B Columbia, SC since 1983
 State secretary 1985 to present

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Youth and adult coach, basketball and soccer
 Lexington County Community Crime Watch
 Lexington County, SC Sheriff's Association
 Election poll manager, 47 years

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

First Baptist Church Columbia, member 33 years
 Adult Sunday School teacher, seven years
 Bible study teacher, four years
 Deacon

AWARDS:

Top 10% in United States National Teachers' Exam
Who's Who America, five times
 Dictionary of National Biography
 International *Who's Who*

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your dedication and efforts to have TPA function smoothly! Outstanding employees include Operations Manager Douglas Johnson, Finance and Compliance Administrator Donna Badgley, Claims Manager Dana Kurtz, Data Control Supervisor Debbie Medley, Claims Assistant Angela Robinson, Data Processor and Hearing Trust Secretary Brittany Rebello, General Office Assistant Ryan Jenkins, and Office Clerk Lisa Moore. Each of these dedicated people worked very hard on their job assignments and providing assistance to me as your National President.

Lastly, I desire to personally sincerely thank the National Directors who served on our national board this past year for their time and effort to guide and lead TPA. This group of TPA leaders give their time and energy to serve on committees, attend

WebEx meetings and national board meetings, and monitor and respond to necessary email requests to keep TPA running smoothly. Special Thanks to Vice President Julie Kupper, Tom Davis, Al Moore, Bill Mills, Kay Aycock, Brad Cunningham, Dean Costello, Edwin Miller and Past National President John Chmielewski.

In closing, I look forward to being with those who plan to attend our National Convention in San Antonio, Texas June 16-20. May you all stay healthy and travel safely!

Fraternally yours,
 Joel H. Lederman, *National President*
 Cell: 303-505-9236
 Email: joell55@yahoo.com

The Treasures of

Nebraska

Long Panoramic Omaha Nebraska
Downtown City Skyline

The Great State of Nebraska

Nebraska may be famous for its most popular crop—corn—earning it the nickname Cornhusker State, but did you also know it’s also a popular travel destination full of exciting places to visit? There is something for everyone in Nebraska.

Fontenelle Forest

Fontenelle Forest is a 1,500-acre forest, located in Bellevue, Nebraska. Visitors love the hiking trails, nature center, children's camps, gift shop and picnic areas. Grab your sneakers, the forest has over 19 miles of hiking trails. You can start with the Riverview Boardwalk Area, a paved trail just over a mile long, then try something more adventurous like the one-mile Great Marsh Trail or learn about the past on the History Trail. The forest is listed as a National Natural Landmark and a National Historic District.

The park works diligently to protect the woodlands through their proactive conservation efforts, but that’s not all. They also work to preserve the magnificent birds of prey that call the forest home. Raptor Woodland Refuge provides a safe home to vultures, hawks and eagles that are no longer able to live on their own due to injury. You

can even sponsor a raptor to help support their cause.

You can get a bird’s eye view with **TreeRush Adventures** at Fontenelle Forest. From the treetops, you’ll discover the excitement of zip lines, suspended bridges, rope ladders and other aerial surprises. They have beginner courses that are only 10-12 feet off the ground, all the way up to black diamond—expert level courses for the more experienced aerial adventurer.

The Archway

The **Archway** was opened in 2000. It was created to represent those who left their homes in search of something more, like those who traveled the Oregon Trail and left for the California Gold Rush. The Archway crosses highway I-80 at Exit 275 in Kearney, Nebraska, and is located along the Great Platte River Road. It’s designed to look like a covered bridge.

At **Archway Museum**, you’ll learn about the pioneers who traveled on the Oregon Trail, the pony express, the Transcontinental Railroad and historic Main Street. You can even watch a video in a “drive in theater” (a theater with car themed seating for a drive-in feel). After the museum be sure to stick



around to see the Archway's historic Pratt Truss bridge, walk their trails or enjoy their picnic area.

The **Archway Gift Shop** offers you a wide variety of unique, locally-made souvenirs. Also located at the Archway is the Nebraska Visitors Center.

Fort Kearney

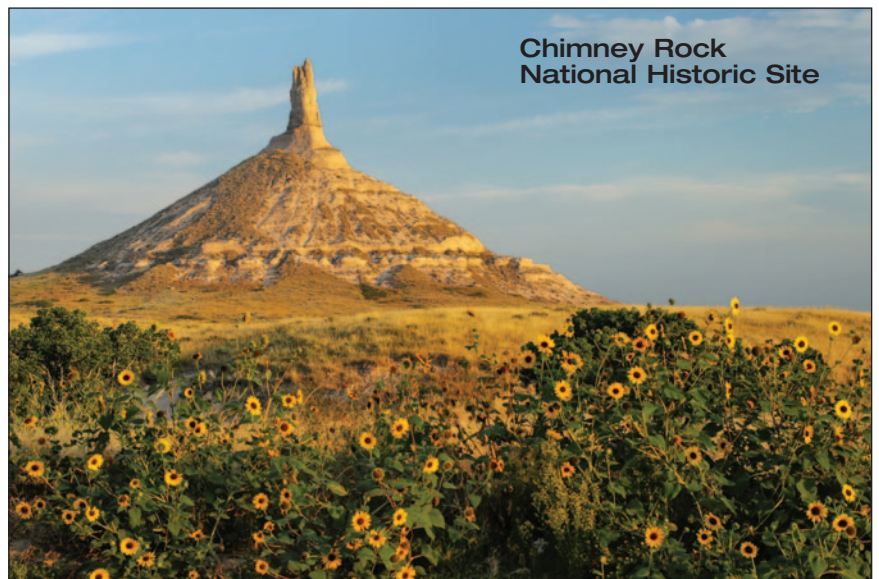
This seasonal stop (open Memorial Day-Labor Day) is tucked away in Kearney. The **Fort Kearney State Historical Park** is home to a fort built to protect travelers along the trails including Overland Trail travelers, Pony Express riders and gold prospectors. Visit the rebuilt stockade, parade grounds, carpenter shop and blacksmith shop. Live demonstrations are held on major holiday weekends during the summer.

The **Fort Kearny Museum** houses incredible artifacts from around the world sharing its history. You'll find Egyptian mummies, an authentic Samurai suit of armor, convex windows salvaged from an early Kearney opera house, wild west weaponry and much more.

Outside the museum you'll enjoy seeing the peacocks strut around the grounds or feeding the Koi fish in the pond. You'll have a unique view of giant catfish and other underwater life when you take a **Glass-Bottom Boat Tour** of the sandpit lake. While this museum is smaller, it's worth the stop!

Chimney Rock

One look at **Chimney Rock** and you'll know how it got its name. Chimney Rock has a unique



Chimney Rock
National Historic Site

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shape, which makes it an easily recognizable landmark. It helped guide pioneers in the 19th century and is considered a symbol of westward expansion. The sandstone formation rises more than 325 feet in the air and the formation is millions of years old. Chimney Rock was also an important symbol to the Native Americans. It's located on the south edge of the North Platte River Valley. Wind and weather have eroded Chimney Rock over the years, making it a must-see national monument.

The big city—Omaha

Omaha is the largest and most-populated city in Nebraska. Embrace history at the **Old Market**, where the streets are still made from brick and the shops have a vintage feel. Treat yourself to a horse-drawn carriage ride to take you on a tour or just from one shop to the next. Old Market is home to many working artists and galleries, over 45 restaurants and craft breweries and shops galore. Many of the pubs offer live music and entertainment for a fun night out. If you're visiting during the summer, don't forget to check out their farmers market. Not matter what you are looking for, you'll find it in the Old Market area.

The **Durham Museum** is located in the old Union Station in Omaha, which is considered an architectural



masterpiece. The once busy train station is now home to the museum, and a soda fountain and candy shop. This family-friendly museum is perfect for visitors of all ages. Within the museum you can tour “Worker’s Cottages” giving you a peek at life in the 1940s, take a seat on an authentic streetcar, and learn more about pioneer life at the Bishop Clarkson Community Gallery. As a special tribute to the building’s history, you can see elaborate miniature train displays as well as authentic train cars including an engine, passenger car, lounge car and a caboose. In addition, the museum features special exhibits that appear for a limited time, so there is always something new to see.

Spend some time at the **RiverFront**, where you can stroll along the Missouri River’s edge and visit many outdoor attractions. **The Louis and Clark Landing** features an urban beach, discovery playground, volleyball courts and more. Throughout the area you’ll find beautiful public works of art including bronze sculptures entitled Chief Big Elk, Sioux Warrior and Heritage; as well as many stainless steel sculptures. Located at the park, you’ll want to visit the **Kiewit Luminarium**. This museum features hundreds of hands-on exhibits so kids (and those young at heart) can climb in the geometric playground, play with



Sunset over Bob Kerrey Pedestrian bBridge and swollen Missouri River at Omaha Riverfront

Heartland of America Park at the Riverfront Omaha



super-sized dominos, explore shapes and patterns, zoom in on human cells to learn more about how we are created, explore land and water tools, and catch sound and motion waves.

Meet Bob—**Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge** that is. This 3,000-foot long walkway stretches across the Missouri River, connecting Nebraska and Iowa. Visitors can walk or bike across the bridge, which is approximately 15 feet above the water. On the Nebraska side, you'll start at the 3-acre Omaha Plaza where you can enjoy live music on Fridays during the summer while lounging in the large amphitheater-like grass seating area. Be on the lookout for Omar, the famous troll statue that provides a great photo opportunity.

Creativity lives and breathes in Omaha. In addition to beautiful outdoor art and murals, you'll want to visit the **Joslyn Art Museum** (recently renovated and reopening in the spring 2024) and **The Bemis Center for Contemporary Art**.

Nebraska State Capitol Building



Lincoln—The Capitol

The **Nebraska State Capitol** is unlike any capitol building you've seen. Fourteen stories high, it contains an observation deck with an incredible view. On top of the capitol's 400-foot dome, stands

a bronze statue of the Sower, a man using the traditional method of hand sowing seeds. The capitol contains mosaics, sculptures and paintings.

Do you feel the need for speed? Then visit the **Museum of American Speed**. This 150,000 sq. ft. museum displays items significant in racing and automotive history. The **University of Nebraska State Museum** is reopening this year after renovations. It features exhibits including, the first people of the plains, minerals and meteors, Jurassic dinosaurs, Bizarre Beasts and ancient life.

Sandhills

The **Sandhills** region of Nebraska is along the Loup and Platte Rivers, and along the Elkhorn and Niobrara rivers. Groundwater fills this region, creating marshes in addition to the meadows. Sandhills wetlands are mostly on private ranches, but there are public parks to access the area. Each spring, an



Dance Of The Sandhills

estimated one million Sandhill Cranes migrate through the Sandhill region. These majestic birds stand more than a meter tall and have a wingspan of two meters. The birds stop and rest in the area, before completing their migration North. Each year, tourists flock to the area to see this beautiful sight. You can purchase a guided tour to help ensure a good view, or do a self-guided tour of the area.

Sources: www.nps.gov, nationalparks.org, www.visitomaha.com, outdoornebraska.gov, visitnebraska.com, www.tripadvisor.com, www.visitomaha.com, and www.lincoln.org.

Photos: dreamstime.com

TPA Member Benefits

As a member of TPA you can enjoy the following benefits. For more information visit tpahq.org/member-benefits.

AAA Discount

If you have AAA Auto Insurance, you may be eligible for a 10% discount. Contact your AAA agent and mention that you are a member of TPA and ask for the discount.

Avis Drive On Program

TPA members always receive up to 25% off your rental when you use AWD# A672075, plus enjoy additional offers like dollars off, a complimentary upgrade, or a free weekend day.

Budget Awaits You

TPA members always save up to 25% off Budget base rates with offer code (BCD) B079586, plus get other great offers like dollars off, a complimentary upgrade, or a free weekend day. Plus with a complimentary membership in Budget Fastbreak, enjoy their fastest, easiest rental experience!

Emergency Assistance +

You'll get medical assistance that's invaluable: emergency medical evacuation, transportation home, travel assistance, personal security services and many other benefits! Best of all, as a TPA Member you are GUARANTEED low group rates and cannot be turned down.

Life Insurance Central

Life Insurance Central provides a service with licensed insurance representatives who work to find the best coverage for you.

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening comes to your community to provide you a wide variety of comprehensive screening packages at a discount. Select the health screening package that's right for you.

LifeStation

TPA members have access to LifeStation's Medical Alert System. With the push of a button, trained care specialists quickly assess the situation, alert family members, and deploy first responders when necessary.

Long Term Care Global

LTCG will save TPA members time and money on their insurance quote. As a TPA Member you may be eligible for a premium discount. Extended family members are also available for coverage.

Nationwide Pet Insurance

Nationwide® provides affordable pet health coverage from preventive care to significant medical incidents.

ODP Business Solutions (formerly Office Depot)

Your TPA Office Depot® Member Benefits Program, previously Office Depot Business Solutions Division, has been rebranded to ODP Business Solutions™. You'll receive savings of up to 75% on the Best Value List of preferred products.

Start Hearing

TPA members and their families receive discounts up to 48% on today's latest technology, including hearing aids and tinnitus options. Plus more benefits!

VSP Individual Vision Care

The VSP Standard Plan offers members comprehensive coverage for exams and glasses (or contacts) with additional savings. VSP members will get a basic pair of glasses to suit their prescription needs while saving over \$200. PLUS additional savings are available.





Pre-Registration Form
2024 TPA National Convention
 San Antonio, Texas
June 16-20, 2024

Please provide the information requested below so that National Headquarters may prepare your registration packet prior to arrival in San Antonio, Texas. The information requested is important for the preparation of name badges, President’s Banquet tickets, and other information pertinent to the Convention.

Name of Attendees – (*Please Print names as to how they should appear on name badges*):

_____	Cert No. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth
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Attendee Information

Division: _____ Post: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ - _____ - _____
 Work _____ - _____ - _____
 Cell _____ - _____ - _____

Please send the above listed information to National Headquarters no later than May 16, 2024.

Host Hotel Reservations:

- When making reservations refer to **Travelers Protective Association/TPA** and our Group Code **CDTTPA**.
- Room rate is \$149 per day.
- Fees, taxes, and gratuities are **not** included.
- Free parking available on site.
- **Deadline to make your hotel reservations is May 24, 2024.**
- Service animals consistent with the law are allowed.
- Breakfast tickets for up to 2 guests per room per day will be provided by the hotel.
- There is no airport shuttle provided by the hotel.

All reservations must be made by the individual directly with the property no later than Friday, May 24, 2024.

**DoubleTree by Hilton
 San Antonio Northwest**
 6809 N Loop 1604 W
 San Antonio, TX 78249
1-210-690-0300

Registration Fee
 Host Hotel Registration - \$125.00
 Commuter Registration - \$140.00
 Ages 13-17 Registration - \$40.00
Fee for Youth ages 12 and under is waived.

Do Not Send Money to National Headquarters.
Pay at the Registration Table when you arrive.

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



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.



Writers Club

as of February 29, 2024

Revonda Brady

North Carolina




Insurance Company's Annual Statement for Publication

For the Year Ending December 31, 2023 NAIC# 56506

Kind of Insurance Fratern Benefit Society - Accident Injury Only

Of the members of the The Travelers Protective Association of America Insurance

Company of St. Charles Organized under the laws of the State of Missouri

Made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Georgia in pursuance to the laws of said State:

2041 Exchange Drive Statutory Name: St. Charles Missouri 63303

Street Address (P. O. Box Not Acceptable): City State Zip Code

Total Assets (Actual Cash Market Value)	\$ 12,448,940.00
Liabilities: Cash Capital Paid Up	\$ 0.00
Surplus Over All Liabilities	\$ 11,120,434.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,328,506.00
Income 12 Months 20 23	\$ 779,033.00
Disbursements 12 Months 20 23	\$ 189,207.00

A copy of the Act of Incorporation, duly certified, is in the Office of the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner.

Designated Authorized Responsible Party Signature: [Signature] Date: 2/24/2024

Personally appeared before the undersigned who being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is the Chief Administrative Officer: The Travelers Protective Association of America And that the foregoing statement is correct and true.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 21 day of February, 2024

NOTARY: [Signature] State of Missouri Commission Number 9181213 My Commission Expires 02-11-2027

NOTE: The above affidavit may be made by the Chief Officer of the Company, or agent residing in this State. Attention is called to the extract which follows from the Act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, entitled "Georgia Insurance Code of 1965," approved March 8, 1965: "At the time of filing such statement with the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner, each company shall publish in its own expense in a newspaper of general circulation published in this State a copy of the statement in short form showing income, Assets, Expenditures, and Liabilities in Gross, as of December 31, preceding, to be seen by the Office or agent residing the same."
 NOTE: This statement will not be considered as filed with the Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner until the published statement required by the above-cited act accompanies it.
 IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please attach to this form, the Affidavit of Publication. The Affidavit should contain the name of Notary and Date of Issue.

GA-107 Filing

Recent study find hearing aids may help people live longer

One of the most common disabilities is hearing loss. According to the National Council on Aging, about 15.5% of American adults, or nearly 40 million people, suffer some form of hearing loss, and that number increases to nearly 80% of people age 70 and older having hearing loss in at least one ear. As Americans live longer lives that number will only go up.

Individuals who have hearing loss can often feel they are being left out, which can lead to loneliness and depression. They can also feel embarrassed to ask people to repeat themselves, missing out on important information or instructions. In addition, the National Council on Aging states that untreated hearing loss can double an individual's risk of dementia.

While we know there is a direct connection between treating hearing loss with hearing aids and the quality of life, until now we did not have any evidence that treating hearing loss had an impact on the length of an individual's life. However, a new study was recently conducted by Keck Medicine of USC. According to Science Daily that study found that wearing hearing aids can help you live a longer life.



The study concluded that individuals who regularly use their hearing aids had an almost 25% lower mortality risk than those who never wore them. The study was conducted over a 10-year period. Individuals were considered regular hearing aid users if they reported wearing their aids at least once a week. Individuals who wore their hearing devices less than once a month were categorized as non-regular users. And there was a third group of never users. There was not a significant difference in the mortality risk between the non-regular and never users. This lower mortality risk was regardless of the severity of hearing loss, income, ethnicity or other factors.

Unfortunately, many people who have hearing loss do not purchase hearing aids. The National Council on Aging states that the top three reasons individuals do not purchase hearing aids are:

- 1) Cost
- 2) Concern over appearance (not wanting to look or feel old)
- 3) Expectations (the cost of hearing aids won't be worth it)

Sources: University of Southern California—Health Sciences. (2024, Jan. 4). Hearing aids may help people live longer; ScienceDaily. Retrieved Feb. 18, 2024 from www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2024/01/240104002756.htm; and National Council on Aging (Aug. 15, 2023) ncoa.org/adviser/hearing-aids/hearing-loss-America

LOUISIANA



Louisiana Post F Secretary John Theall (pictured left) delivered a food donation to East Ridge Baptist Church in Lake Charles. This was shortly before the post's Thanksgiving meeting on November 16.



Pictured left to right: Ray Chavanne; Bobbie Kelley; new member Debbie Briley at her first meeting; Ramona McCorquodale; Don McCorquodale; and Post F President Al Moore. Present but not in the picture: John Theall; Sena Theall; and Jerry Moore.

TEXAS



TPA National VP and Texas State Secretary Julie Kupper coordinated the collection of the pictured prescription bottles, blankets, treats, toys and \$20 which were delivered to the local animal control. Also gathered were 238 items including personal hygiene products, snacks, gloves, socks and \$40 for the local Battered Women's shelter. Julie is pictured at right with a representative of the shelter.



ILLINOIS

Peoria, Illinois Post E collected over 200 pairs of socks for the homeless during their annual Christmas party at Barrack's Cater Inn.

Pictured are State Secretary Dixie Burdett and State President/National Director Dean Costello as they delivered the socks to Sophie's Kitchen in Peoria.



Pictured left to right: Illinois Division National Director Dean Costello with 55-year pin recipients Steve Shults and John Arington.

Illinois Post E in Peoria invited all members with over 30 years TPA membership to be recognized at the fall potluck membership meeting. The six ladies receiving 30-year pins were among the first women to join TPA.



Pictured left to right: Illinois Division National Director Dean Costello with 30-year pin recipients Terri Sipes; Dixie Burdett; Alice Staley; Mary Mallory; Charlotte Jasper; and Janet Hamilton.

TPA Post E in Peoria ordered 50 TPA blue backpacks and at their July meeting filled the 50 backpacks with the 16 items. They then dropped off 25 filled backpacks to the Dream Center in Peoria the first week in August so they could be distributed to children staying at the homeless shelter. They also delivered 25 filled TPA backpacks to the Friendship House in Peoria so they could be delivered to families with young children in need of school supplies. Post E Illinois Division plans to do the backpack program again in 2024.

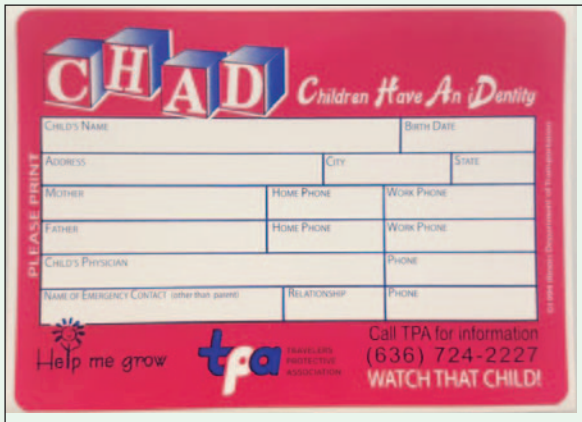


Pictured delivering the 25 backpacks to the Friendship House are Dean and Cathy Costello.



Pictured are Dixie Burdett, Dean Costello, Steve Shults, and Pat Barnes who were some of the members who filled the backpacks at their July 2023 post meeting at Saint Sharbel II in Peoria.

IOWA



Iowa Post 0 provided CHAD (Children Have an iDentity) stickers produced by TPA as a response to a very sad event. A 13-month-old boy named Chad was involved in a traffic accident in which his babysitter, who was driving, tragically died. Chad was injured, but no one at the scene could identify him. To ensure rapid identification of a child in such emergencies, TPA recommends that every infant and child car seat have identification attached.

As an EMT “on call” person for the Veterans Memorial Hospital, in Waukon, IA, Post 0 member Sara Berges knows how valuable TPA’s CHAD stickers can be in an emergency. She has arranged to make them available at the hospital and two area clinics.

Ottumwa, Iowa’s Jefferson Street Viaduct was renamed the “Skip Stevens Memorial Bridge” at a memorial dedication ceremony on October 25, 2023. Lew “Skip” Stevens was a longtime dedicated member of Iowa Post 0 in Ottumwa until his death in March, 2023. He retired in 2006 as the city’s Public Works Superintendent after 45 years of service. He also served on the Ottumwa City Council from 2014 until 2021.



Pictured left to right: Post 0 members Jerry Parker; Ken Venables; Jim Carlson; Bert Stevens (Skip’s widow); and John Hunolt.

PENNSYLVANIA



Pictured left to right: Pennsylvania State President Emma Hettler and Vice President Dale Stephens (age 91!).



Pictured is Pennsylvania State President Emma Hettler handing out backpacks to students at Hiram Dodd School.

Pennsylvania Post L prepared 30 backpacks to distribute at Hiram Dodd School in Allentown, PA. State President Emma Hettler and Post L President Donald Schwartz donated the items for each backpack.

MISSOURI

Post SL of the Missouri Division sponsored a food and personal care items drive for the Affton Christian Food Pantry and invited Post SC and TPA Headquarters to join in. On November 18 the post delivered nearly 200 items including canned meats, veggies, fruits, rice, pasta, and personal care items along with an additional \$50 donation.



Pictured are Post SL member Dana Kurtz; Post SL Secretary Rebecca Brown.



Pictured are Post SL members Andrew Schwartz and Dana Kurtz; and Pantry Manager Steve Brady.



Pictured are Post SC member Lisa Moore; TPA HQ staff member Donna Badgley; and Post SL President Angela Robinson.

PENNSYLVANIA



Williamsport, PA Post W decided at their October meeting to donate food boxes to families in need at the Loyalsock Valley School in the Montoursville Area School District. The Safety Chairman contacted the school and was given the names of two families with the number of children in each family.

Members brought non-perishable food to the November meeting. This was divided, boxed and combined with gift certificates provided by the Post to Weis Food Market for perishable food. This allowed each family to complete their Thanksgiving dinner and more!

Pictured are Vera G. Eppler, Post W President and Tyler Blaise, Principal of Loyalsock Valley School.

MICHIGAN



The Michigan Division held its annual volunteer appreciation dinner on October 23, 2023. The dinner honors members' hard work for TPA in areas such as member recruitment, member retention, and community service. We thank them all for their involvement!

Post A of the Michigan Division held its annual fall membership drive dinner in November with about 70 in attendance. They also had a table to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Post A has collected and donated over 3 million pop tabs since 2017!



Pictured left to right: Beth Koster and Marylin Tonak deliver tabs to Ronald McDonald House.



Pictured left to right: Barbara and James Williamson celebrate the 3-million-tab milestone!

Tab donation table set up at the Fall Membership Drive Dinner.





NORTH CAROLINA

Christmas is a time of giving to those in need, and North Carolina Post A stepped up! The post adopted eight children for Christmas by providing clothes, shoes, toys and food to two families with financial and special needs. The children helped were from Vandalia Elementary School in Greensboro. The school counselor is working with the post so they can provide clothes and school supplies throughout the year.

Pictured from left to right: Vandalia Elementary School Counselor Aja Thomas; NC State President Revonda Brady; Principal Dr. Calandra Davis.



TPA North Carolina Post A.

Pictured are North Carolina State President Revonda Brady and State Secretary Bailey Bledsoe.



NORTH CAROLINA

CONGRATULATIONS, PAUL TEEM, FOR YOUR FIFTY-PLUS YEARS OF FAITHFUL MEMBERSHIP TO OUR GREAT ASSOCIATION! Post P Secretary David Payseur recently presented Paul Teem with a framed certificate commemorating 52 years of TPA membership! Wayne Houser (51 years) and Post P President Linda Payseur (30 years) also visited Paul at his residence at Covenant Village in Gastonia for the presentation. Post P is grateful for Paul's generosity and support through the years. His long-term membership and outstanding commitment to TPA inspire us!

Pictured standing left to right: Post P member Wayne Houser; Post P President Linda Payseur; Post P Secretary David Payseur. Seated: Paul Teem.



Another fine community service effort by North Carolina Post P in Gastonia! Members helping with the 16th Annual Diaper Run Project are shown along with the tremendous collection of baby diapers and supplies from area bikers.

Pictured left to right: Tom Brawley; Post P Secretary David Payseur; President Linda Payseu; Lisa McLean; Betsy Oakley; Audrey Hunt; and Troy Beaty. Front center: Abby Gathings.



Gastonia, NC Post P recently partnered with Westview Baptist Church to present Lingerfeldt Elementary School with 10 boxes of much-needed mid-term school supplies.

Pictured left to right: Post P members Fonda Denton and Becky Dickson with Lingerfeldt staff members.

WISCONSIN



Milwaukee, Wisconsin Post B went "on the road" for the fall Directors Meeting. At the Organ Piper Restaurant in Greenfield, Wisconsin, the organist plays all types of music along with requests on a 100-year-old Wurlitzer pipe organ. Fueled by their famous pizza, business was conducted before the music began and during breaks. In attendance were: Daniel Dennis; Bob Lasardi; Terry and Don Hoepfner. Guests were Kathy and Nancy Hoepfner.

VIRGINIA



Kelly Shotwell, Director of Southern Virginia Higher Education Center's IT Academy, was the speaker at a monthly meeting of South Boston Post D, TPA. Shotwell discussed the history of the IT Academy, the programs it offers and how they work with local industry and Community Colleges.

Pictured left to right: Post D President Gary Newcomb; Kelly Shotwell; Virginia State TPA Vice-President Carlyle Wimbish.



Scott Sparks, Chief Operating Officer and Co-Founder of IperionX, was the speaker at the January meeting of South Boston, Virginia Post D. He was accompanied by Troy Crysler, Operations General Manager for IperionX's South Boston Plant. Sparks gave an overview of the plant's operation, the product and distribution. IperionX's mission is to be a leading developer of U.S.-based sustainable critical mineral and material supply chains, to facilitate the global transition towards a circular, low carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive green economy. Sparks also explained why Halifax County was chosen over several other locations.

Pictured left to right: TPA Virginia Division Vice President Carlyle Wimbish; Scott Sparks; and Troy Crysler of IperionX; Post D President Gary Newcomb.



Virginia TPA Post D in South Boston welcomed Halifax County Historical Society President Barbara Bass to their February 14 meeting. Her presentation, "Crossing of the Dan," was about the 1781 failure of General Cornwallis and his troops to cross the Dan River in Halifax County. This major setback for the British Army, exactly 243 years ago, ultimately led to their defeat at Yorktown.

Pictured left to right: TPA Post D President Gary Newcomb; HCHS President Barbara Bass; and TPA Virginia VP Carlyle Wimbish.

KENTUCKY



Kentucky Post O in Elizabethtown met on October 30, 2023 to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the post's charter!

Pictured left to right: Dan Miller; Joy Caswell; Dean Dugger; Ric Rogers; Emily Rogers; Renee Rogers; Mrs. Loy Brashear; Jeff Rogers; Ricky Brashear; State Secretary Boyce Hager; Sue Hager; Loy Brashear; Cheryl Klunder; Charles Klunder (visiting from Post D Louisville); and Donna Hart. Photo by Donna's husband Dave.

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED.

Teaching Your Child the Rules of Safe Riding

GIVE HAND AND ARM SIGNALS

Before turning or stopping, give the proper signal in plenty of time to let others know what you intend to do.

RIDE ON THE RIGHT

Ride only on the right hand side of the street or roadway the same as if you were driving an automobile. Watch carefully when passing a parked car or truck. When overtaking a car ahead, pass on the left when the way is clear.

RIDE SINGLE FILE

When on the streets and highways with other bicyclists, ride single file, one behind the other. Keep three bicycle lengths behind the rider you are following.

USE YOUR OWN POWER

Never hitch onto cars or trucks. Bicycle riders or persons on coasters or roller skates must never cling or hold on to moving cars or trucks. Keep a safe distance behind the car or truck you are following, ready for a sudden stop.

RIDE ALONE

Don't carry another person on the handlebars or crossbar of your bicycle. It makes balance uncertain and steering unsteady. Only one person should ride on a standard bicycle.

NIGHT RIDING

Night riding is doubly dangerous. Don't ride after dark if you can avoid it. If you must ride at night, ride slowly with extra care and remember you must have a good light and reflector that can be seen clearly.

RIDE STRAIGHT

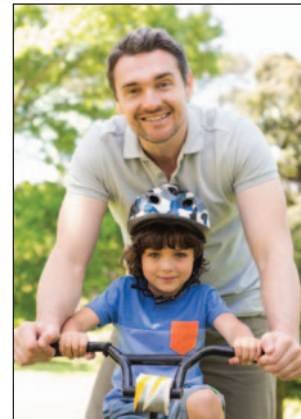
Ride in a straight line. Don't weave in and out of traffic or try trick riding on the street or sidewalk. Keep your head up.

ENTER THE STREET WITH CARE

Don't ride out of driveways or alleys or ride from behind parked cars without stopping and looking to see that the sidewalks or streets are clear. Walk your bicycle and mount after leaving the driveway.

CARRY THINGS PROPERLY

Keep at least one hand on the handlebars at all times. Never carry bundles that will prevent this. It is best to have a bicycle basket on the front, or a rack on the back with straps, to carry books or other packages.



SLOW DOWN AT ALL STREET CORNERS

Slow down and look both ways before crossing street corners. Walk your bicycle when crossing heavy traffic or busy highways.

YIELD TO CARS

Do not ride in front of a car, even if you have the right of way. Cars are bigger, faster and heavier and more difficult to maneuver than your bike.

OBEY ALL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

You must observe and obey all traffic rules as drivers of cars and trucks are required to do. Traffic signs, lights, one-way streets and crosswalk markings apply to the bicycle rider as well as to drivers and people who are walking. You must always ride at a safe speed to fit conditions. A red light or stop sign means STOP. A yellow or amber light and yield signs mean "CAUTION" or proceed carefully.



LEARN YOUR LOCAL TRAFFIC RULES

Many cities and towns require riders to secure bicycle licenses and obey other local bicycle rules. Some towns and cities permit riders under 12 years of age to use the sidewalks in residential areas. Ask your chief of police to tell you of the bicycle rules for your own town.

"MAKE SAFETY FIRST AND MAKE IT LAST"