

TSTCI TEAM

PRESIDENT'S CLUB

John Howard

DIRECTOR'S CLUB

Robbie Allen
Alvin Fuhrman
Gracie Fuhrman
Roger Hutton
Dwight McInturff

LONE STAR CLUB

Lonnie Arthur
Charlotte Hewitt
Danny Johnson
Danny Kellar
Alan Link
Perry Mannis
Ricky Martinez
David McEndree
Bryan Patterson
Jamey Wigley
Delbert Wilson
Jennifer Wilson

CENTURY CLUB

Jason Allen
Joey Anderson
Roger Ayala
Robert Carey
Lawana Drosche
Kenneth Ehler
Mike Fillingim
Bill Galyean
Weldon R. Gray
Rodney Hackemack
Jay Hagins
Gary Harrell
Marc Hess
Jimmy Horton
Dan Houchin
Tim Humpert

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TSTCI Committees

Taking Care of Business!

We would like to take a moment to express our appreciation to the individuals that serve on various committees for TSTCI. These individuals volunteer their time to assist with issues for the good of all member companies.

The TSTCI nominating committee recently met via conference call to determine nominees for upcoming openings on the TSTCI Board of Directors. Elections will be conducted Friday morning at the TSTCI Annual Membership Meeting.

The TSTCI Regulatory Committee and TSTCI Legislative Committee are working on the legislative and regulatory budgets for the upcoming year, and the TSTCI Accounting Committee is working on the dues budget.

In preparation of the upcoming legislative session, the TSTCI Legislative Committee will be meeting during the TSTCI Annual Membership Meeting.

With the new year just around the corner, TSTCI will soon be seeking nominations from member company managers for individuals to serve on committees. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please be sure to let your company or cooperative manager know.

See page 3 for more committee news.

See you at the

TSTCI ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 6-8

**Embassy Suites Outdoor World
Grapevine, Texas**

Register online at www.tstci.org!

Congratulations!

Earl Laird Retires from Taylor Telephone Coop.

After 32 years with Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Earl Laird has entered the "Happy Retirement" phase of his career. Over his years with Taylor, Earl wore many hats – Office Manager, Bookkeeper, Construction; we suppose you can say, "He's done it all!"

Earl served the telecommunications industry well, including serving on committees for TSTCI. He made many friends throughout the years, and several traveled far and wide to help send him into retirement with smiles, hugs and well wishes. Earl will be missed and fondly remembered by all.

Earl has moved to Lubbock, Texas to be closer to family, including his grandchildren. Rumor has it he left Merkel so fast that there was burned rubber on the pavement!



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TSTCI Distribution Committee Makes Recommendations

To prepare for the upcoming elections in November, the TSTCI Distribution Committee recently held a conference call to discuss candidates to receive campaign support from the TSTCI PAC fund. Based on recommendations from TSTCI's Legislative Advocate, Louis Bacarisse, the following candidates were chosen:

Rep. Mark Homer, District 3

Rep. Stephen Frost, District 1

Rep. Byron Cook, District 8

Rep. Jim McReynolds, District 12

Rep. Jim Dunnam, District 57

Rep. Pete Gallego, District 74

Rep. Joe Heflin, District 85

Rep. Chuck Hopson, District 11

TSTCI appreciates your support of the PAC. Individual investments in the PAC enable us to provide support to the legislative candidates that promote sound rural policy.

Are you reading this article? Then you have the opportunity to win a \$25 gift card! Send an email by Friday, October 8 to tstci@tstci.org. Type "I'm reading" in the subject line. A drawing will be held from entries received and the winner will be notified by email and announced in the October issue of *TSTCI Information*.

SUPPORT TSTCI PAC!

ATTENTION!!!-

We appreciate everyone's support of the TSTCI PAC over the past year. For each \$100 invested through October 1, the investor's name has been entered into a drawing for a \$500 gift card! The drawing will be held at the TSTCI Annual Membership Meeting. Best of luck to our investors!

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For more information on how you can support the TSTCI PAC, visit www.tstci.org – click on "PAC & GRASSROOTS"

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CENTURY CLUB

Tonya Kelsey
Brent Kennedy
Don Mimms
Claudia Morrow
Shane Parsons
Larry Pechacek
Kenneth Ruark

CAUCUS CLUB

Kevin Ermis
Valery Groff
Reyna Lopez
Rosemarie Petmecky
Samantha Taylor
Lorna Weiershausen

Industry Reps Honored at TTA Convention

Representatives of TSTCI Member and Associate Member Companies were among the recipients of awards presented at the Texas Telephone Association Annual Convention in Horseshoe Bay.

This year's Neville Haynes Award was presented to Gary Gilmer, Southwest Texas Telephone Company. The prestigious Neville Haynes Award is the highest award presented by TTA to an individual. Congratulations, Gary!

As you may recall, last year Gracie Furhman was the first woman to be honored with this award. Gracie was again recognized this year for her contributions to the telecommunications industry. Alvin Fuhrman was bestowed with the award in 1999, which made the Fuhrmans the first couple to have both received the award.

The TTA Associate Member of the Year Award was presented to Kim Johnson of KCM Media Group.

The recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award was Jim West, John Staurulakis, Inc.

Congratulations to all!

Upcoming Events

October 2010

- 3-5 NTCA PR & Marketing Workshop – Dallas, Texas
- 6-8 TSTCI Annual Membership Meeting – Grapevine, Texas**
- 14 FCC Open Commission Meeting
- 14 Texas PUC Open Meeting
- 22 Texas PUC Open Meeting

November 2010

- 3-5 NTCA PR & Marketing Workshop – Dallas, Texas
- 10 Texas PUC Open Meeting
- 19 Texas PUC Open Meeting
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday** (TSTCI Offices Closed)
- 30 FCC Open Commission Meeting

December 2010

- 1 Texas PUC Open Meeting (Interest Rates Only)
- 2 Texas PUC Open Meeting
- 3-5 NTCA PR & Marketing Workshop – Dallas, Texas
- 15 FCC Open Commission Meeting
- 16 Texas PUC Open Meeting
- 24 Christmas Eve** (TSTCI Offices Closed)
- 31 New Year's Eve** (TSTCI Offices Closed)