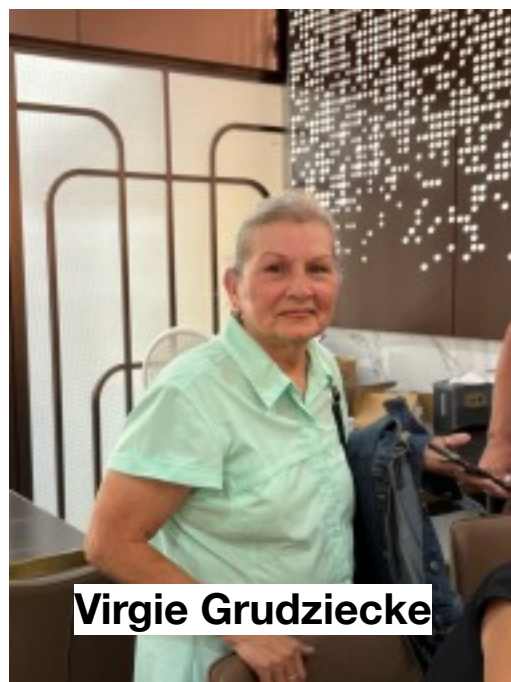




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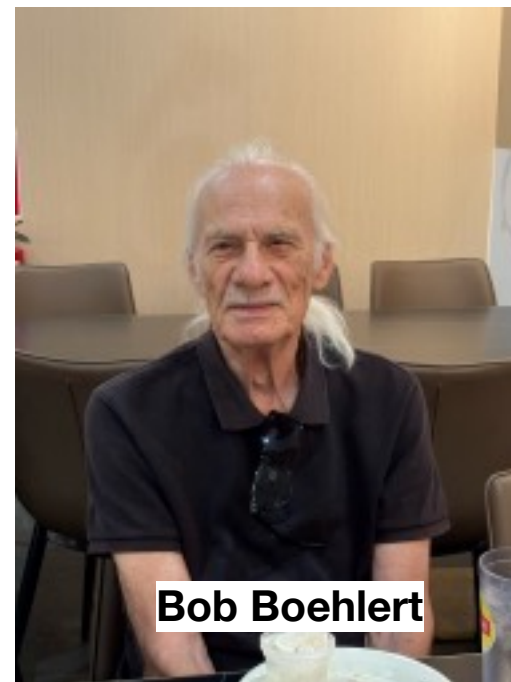
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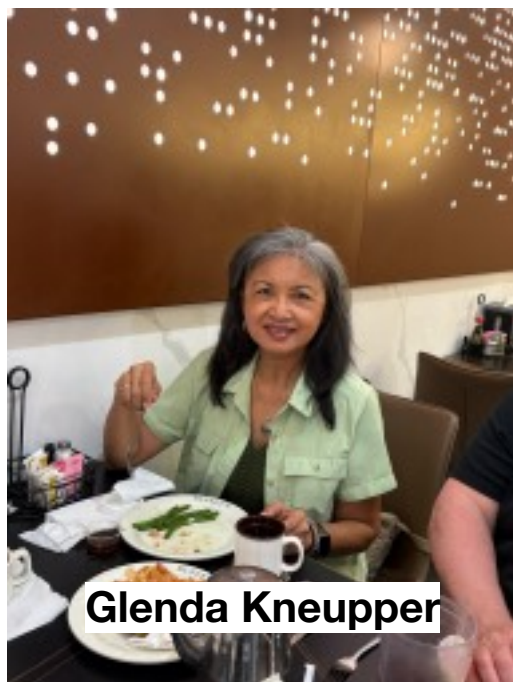
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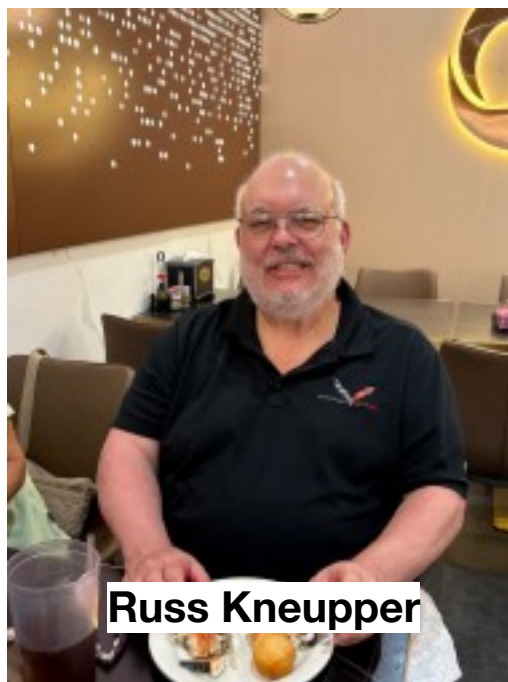
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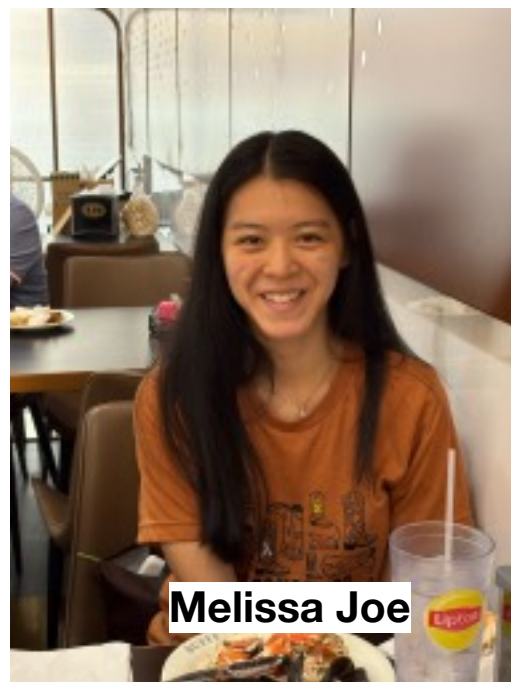
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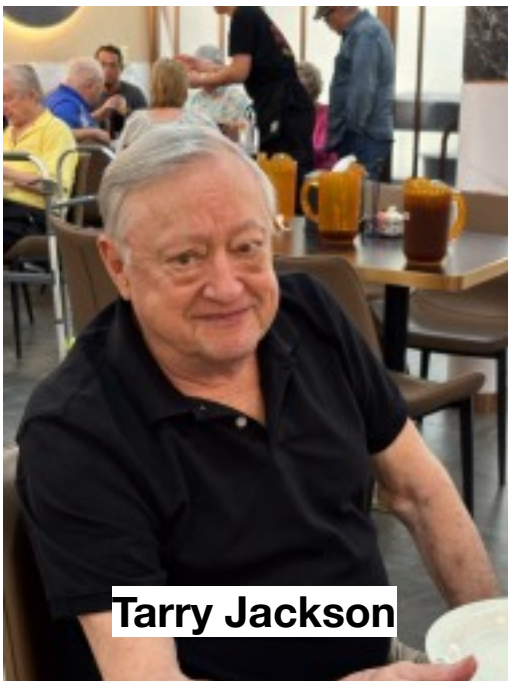
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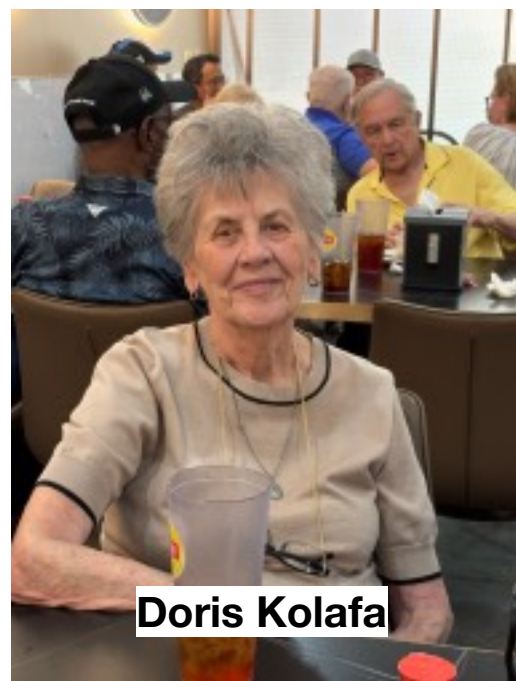
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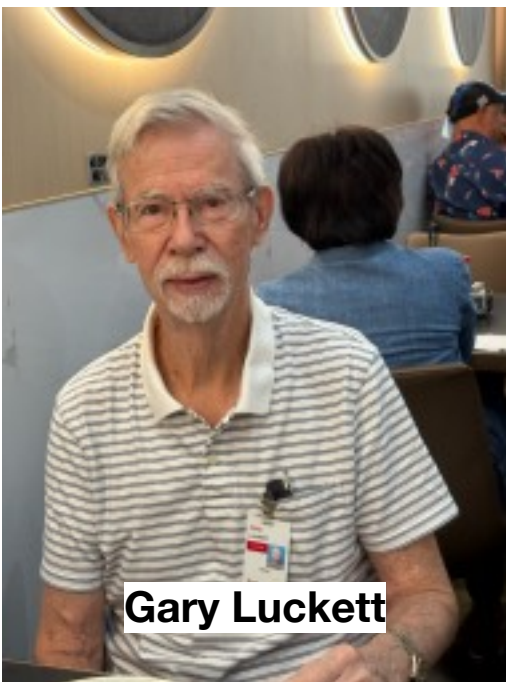
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Joyce Slanina



Doris Kolafa



Gary Lockett



Elke Haderlein

We had another really nice enjoyable lunch at Chinese Buffet 9 in Rosenberg Tuesday Oct 6. I thought the place had a very nice appearance and it looked very clean. They gave us the big party room and it was really nice. Personally, I thought the food was really good and the service was good as well. Pricing was fair. Most of all, we enjoy and love the visiting and conversation time together. (**I have attached** the list of all the places we have had lunch at for the past 4 years and the attendance at each one.)

We had **38** in attendance at this one. Some of our people were not able to make this lunch, so our attendance was down slightly from normal, but still we had a nice bunch of attendees. We had some first-time new comers. **Doris Kolafa** came with her daughter **Joyce Slanina**. **Elke Haderlein** came and she brought **Frieda Rodriiguez** with her. Got word thru **Virgie Grudziecke** that **Janie Gillespie** stayed home with a bad cough and could not come as planned. Janie, we hope you get better soon. (**I have attached** the list of attendees.)

We had our Fun Drawing. First ticket winner was **Joyce Slanina** and she won \$18.00. The second ticket winner was **Elke Haderlein** and she won \$17.00. See it pays to come to these lunches because this was Elke's first time to come and she was a Fun Drawing winner. (**I have attached** the history of Fun Drawing winners.)

Daryl Moss suggested I remind everyone that Open Enrollment for insurance changes is coming up in about another week from now. It runs from Oct. 15th, to Dec. 7th. If you have insurance changes to make, you need to start preparing your decision now. Let me caution you, if you wait very long to call in to **Via Benefits** you will find it difficult to get thru as everyone starts calling in to make their changes during open enrollment. Open enrollment overloads Via Benefits staffing level. If you encounter this, you have two options. One, you can request a call back instead of sitting on the phone. Another is to call back at a different time/day/time. Calling in the early morning may be more successful. I am learning that too many in our group struggle with their increasing premiums and in particular those with Medigap Plans when the monthly premium costs have simply gotten too high over time. They are not sure what to do about addressing that problem which has occurred to many of us TI Retiree's. It is a tough decision. You need to know how to navigate the Via Benefits web site system and the tools they offer. I recently prepared a document that I can email you that can help you understand the main problem most of us have experienced and it explains a lot about your Via Benefit concerns and questions. Just let me know you want it. The big thing is whether you are enrolled in a **Medigap Plan** or if you have a **Medicare Advantage** plan. Those with Medigap

plans are finding their monthly premiums continue to increase each year to the point those plans have become un-affordable and they are finding it takes more than their TI Retiree Benefit to cover the increasing premium cost. Then they find they have no TI Benefit funds left after paying their Medigap Premiums. They have to resort to out-of-pocket expense to get Prescription drugs, Vision, Hearing or Dental plans. If you would like me to email you my Via Benefits and insurance document with helpful explanations and suggestions, I can and will do that. Just let me know. Or call me and see if I can help answer your questions over the phone. I am happy to help you. I do not know it all, but I have looked into a lot of it on my own about the things I have experienced and I have learned a bit about Via Benefits and our Insurance Plan options.

Lucy has taken all our pictures at this Buffet 9 lunch. Lawson Cook will be posting them up on the TI Alumni web site he maintains. I will let you know when they get posted and you can go take a look at them. The web site location is <https://www.tihaa.org/> I suggest you bookmark this site. The photos for this lunch will be listed on the right side of the page under photos for October 2026.

Not sure where we will be going for lunch in November just yet, but be assured, I will get the word out. Please let me know any preferences.

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