

# The good old days at Tek: 20-year gals exchange memories

In May of 1961, a group of nine women who'd worked at Tek for some 10 years decided to stage an informal reunion. The company had grown, they'd scattered to different parts of it, and they never seemed to get a chance to come together all at once and bring each other up to date on what they'd been doing.

The party was such a success it was repeated in 1962. In May 1963, the 10-year Tek Women's Banquet became a more or less official event, with Howard Vollum (then president, now chairman of the board) as guest speaker.

The *Tekweek* article on that occasion listed 31 women attending, representing a total 370 years of service. It also reported a comment from one of the speeches that those present had accumulated 1773.6 days of unused sick time among them.

The 10-year event got so big as more people became eligible to attend that it wasn't the same kind of get-together of the group that had started together in the early days. So this year, in May, an informal party of 20-year Tek women was held at Marika's.

Some, because of interruptions in their careers, hadn't yet celebrated an official 20-year anniversary, but all had started



*INFORMAL REUNION of women who started with Tek some 20 years ago included (seated, left to right) Blanche Cook, Aino Kubarsepp, Rhoda Chalupa, Betty Gray, Corrine Johnson, Marj Thorn; (standing, left to right) Ginny Levens, Lou Thomas, Lil Walker, Elaine Kinsman, Ruby Carter, Genevieve Brink, June Gunderson, Lurene Lange, Kathy Hall, Dorothy William and Helen Thome.*

with Tek some 20 years or more ago. Most still are active with Tek, though a few have retired; some of the retirees have returned on a part-time basis.

This time, some 500 years of company service were represented. Top length-of-service record of those attending was held by Genevieve Brink, who completed 25 years at Tektronix on August 23.

No one thought to tell *Tekweek* to come take a picture. So, one sunny lunch time, the group

assembled for the photographer. Attending the party but not present for the picture were Ida May Norby, Kay Bartmess, Betty Spohn, Peggy David, Hazel Tillman, Pansy O'Brien and Juanita Schenk.

Distance record for travel to attend the party was held by Corrine Johnson, who came from Tillamook. When she returned for the group picture, she

brought a surprise visitor from the "old gang," Kathy Hall, who's been living in California since her retirement.

The group agreed that the reunion was such a success they're already looking forward to next year's.