

**TALL X #4**  
**Agenda**  
**Washington D.C., Maryland & New York**  
**April 21 - 28, 2007**

**Revised: Friday, May 11, 2007; 4:00 pm\kb**

**Saturday, April 21, 2007**

**Presiding: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz**

**Business Casual**

- 11:00 a.m. Everyone Meet at **“Group Check-In”** at Continental Desk **TERMINAL E**: (Some will have parked at TDA and will already be together.)
- 1:05 p.m. Depart Houston IAH - George Bush Interc. . . . . Continental Flight #458
- 5:13 p.m. Arrive Washington DC/Reagan National

**Metro from airport to Hotel: Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C Street SW, Washington, D.C. (202) 479-4000**

6:05 p.m. Depart **NATIONAL AIRPORT METRO STATION**, take BLUE LINE towards LARGO TOWN CENTER METRO, arrive **L’ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION** at 6:27 p.m.

6:11 p.m. Depart **NATIONAL AIRPORT METRO STATION**, take YELLOW LINE towards FORT TOTTEN, arrive **L’ENFANT PLAZA METRO** at 6:22 p.m.

6:23 p.m. Depart **NATIONAL AIRPORT METRO STATION**, take YELLOW LINE towards FORT TOTTEN, arrive **L’ENFANT PLAZA METRO** at 6:27 p.m.

**Directions from station to hotel: 1) WALK 1 apx. block E on D ST. SW. 2) Turn Left on 6<sup>th</sup> ST SW. 3) WALK apx. 1 block N on 6<sup>TH</sup> ST SW. 4) Turn Right on C ST SW. 5) Walk short distance E on C ST SW = total walking 0.21 miles.**

Check into Hotel

**on your own until 8:00 pm**  
**(This includes a quick dinner)**

**Presiding Member: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz**

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- 8:15 p.m. Meet in Lobby for bus.
- 8:30 p.m. **“Washington After Dark” tour** - Bus will pick us up at the hotel. Step off to visit: Jefferson Memorial, Kennedy Center, Marine Corps Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam & Korean Veterans Memorial. View from Coach: Capitol, Library of Congress, House & Senate, White House, etc.  
**Brief Aggie Muster observance at Vietnam Memorial - lead by Berry Summerour**
- 11:00 p.m. Return to hotel and adjourn for evening

## Sunday, April 22, 2007

### Free Day Until 5:00 p.m.

Suggestions -The National Cathedral, Arlington National Cemetery, The Holocaust Museum, The National Zoo, Mount Vernon, Old Town Alexandria, George Town, Union Station, The Kennedy Center, The Smithsonian, Monticello, or anything else you find interesting.

### ***Business Casual***

#### **Presiding Members: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz**

5:00 p.m. Meet in Hotel Lobby

#### **L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION to SOUTH CAPITOL METRO STATION:**

**Hotel to L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION: 1) Walk a short distance W on C St SW. 2) Turn left on 6<sup>th</sup> St. SW. 3) Walk Aprx. 1 block S on 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW. 4) Turn right on D St. SW. 5) Walk Aprx. 1 block W on D St. SW. Enter L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION. Approx. 0.21 mile.**

5:00 p.m. Take ORANGE LINE towards **CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION**, arrive at 5:03 p.m.

5:07 p.m. Take BLUE LINE towards **CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION**, arrive at 5:11 p.m.

**\*\*5:15 p.m. Take ORANGE LINE towards NEW CARROLLTON, arrive at CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION at 5:18 p.m. \*\* Probably best one.**

**Walk approx. 3 blocks N on 1<sup>st</sup> ST. SE.**

5:15 p.m. Depart and walk to Capitol. (**Meet at EAST FRONT FACING SUPREME COURT, ON THE HOUSE SIDE, IF YOU ARE FACING CAPITOL, IT IS TO YOUR LEFT.**)

5:45 p.m. Meet Former US Congressman Charlie Stenholm, his wife, Cindy and Brent Gattis.

6:00 p.m. Private Capitol tour given by Congressman and Mrs. Stenholm.

7:00 p.m. Take Metro to dinner at Capitol City Brewing Company - Downtown (1100 New York Ave, NW; (202) 628-2222; William/Catering Manager)

**Directions to CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION from East side facing Supreme Court: 1) At corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE & Independence Ave SE walk 2 blocks South on 1<sup>st</sup>. 2) Turn left on D St. SE to CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION.**

7:06 p.m. Take BLUE LINE towards FRANCONIA METRO, arrive **METRO CENTER METRO STATION** at 7:14 p.m.

7:13 p.m. Take ORANGE LINE towards VIENNA, arrive **METRO CENTER METRO STATION** at 7:21 p.m.

7:21 p.m. Take BLUE LINE towards FRANCONIA METRO, arrive **METRO CENTER METRO STATION** at 7:29 p.m.

**Walking directions from station to Restaurant: 1) Walk a short distance E on G St. NW. 2) Turn left on 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW. 3) Walk approx. 2 blocks N on 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW. 4) Turn right on New York Ave NW. 5) Walk approx. 1 block NE on New York Ave, NW. Approx. .29 mile.**

7:30 p.m. Dinner at Capitol City Brewing Company - Downtown (Dinner paid by TALL)

**Sunday, April 22, 2007 - continued:**

10:00 p.m. Adjourn - Return to hotel (Capitol Holiday Inn; 550 C. Street SW (202) 479-9000)

Restaurant to **METRO CENTER METRO STATION** To return to Hotel: 1) Walk approx. 1 block SW on New York Ave., NW. 2) Turn left on 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW. 3) Walk approx. 2 blocks S on 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW. 4) Turn right on G St. NW. (Approx. 0.29 miles)

10:17 p.m. Take ORANGE LINE towards NEW CARROLLTON, arrive **L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION** at 10:22 p.m.

10:27 p.m. Take BLUE LINE towards LARGO TOWN CENTER METRO STATION, arrive **L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION** at 10:32 p.m.

Directions from terminal to hotel: 1) WALK 1 apx. block E on D ST. SW. 2) Turn Left on 6<sup>th</sup> ST SW. 3) WALK apx. 1 block N on 6<sup>th</sup> ST SW. 4) Turn Right on C ST SW. 5) Walk short distance E on C ST SW = total walking 0.21 miles.

**Monday, April 23, 2007**

***Breakfast on your own***

***Business Attire***

**Presiding Members: J. J. Barto & Ed Erwin**

8:30 a.m. Depart Hotel Lobby for meetings at USDA, Jamie L. Whitten Building

Hotel to **L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION**: 1) Walk a short distance W on C St SW. 2) Turn left on 6<sup>th</sup> St. SW. 3) Walk Aprx. 1 block S on 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW. 4) Turn right on D St. SW. 5) Walk Aprx. 1 block W on D St. SW. Enter **L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION**. Approx. 0.21 mile.

8:53 a.m.: Board ORANGE LINE towards VIENNA, arrive **SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION** at 8:55 a.m.

8:55 a.m.: Board BLUE LINE towards FRANCONIA METRO, arrive **SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION** at 8:57 a.m.

9:01 a.m.: Board BLUE LINE towards FRANCONIA METRO, arrive **SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION** at 9:03 a.m.

***Walk approx. 2 blocks W on Independence Ave SW to Whitten Bldg - ENTER ON JEFFERSON DRIVE located on the Smithsonian MALL side.***

9:00 a.m. **Security Check-In USDA** , Jamie L. Whitten Building, Room 104-A  
*(Kathryn Hill - Office of Communications; USDA will meet you there (202) 690-4750)*

9:30 a.m. *"Welcome to TALL X" . . . . . Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns*  
USDA

10:00 a.m. *"Animal ID" . . . . . Dr. Andrea Morgan*  
Assoc. Dept. Administrator for Regional Operations,  
Animal & Plant Health Inspection Svc (APHIS)

10:30 a.m. *"Conservation Overview in Texas" . . . . . Jack Carlson*  
Chief Information Officer, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

**Monday, April 23, 2007 - continued at USDA:**

11:00 a.m. "Food Stamps" ..... **Moira Johnston**  
Senior Program Analyst, Food & Nutrition Service

11:30 a.m. "Energy" ..... **Harry Baumes**  
Associate Director, Office of Energy Policy & New Uses, Office of Chief Economist

**12:00 Lunch on Your Own In USDA Cafeteria - (Stay Together As Group)**

1:00 p.m. Depart USDA Cafeteria for White House Briefing at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building (EEOB) in Indian Treaty Room (Room 350)

USDA TO EEOB: Walk approx. 2 blocks E on Independence Ave SW to **SMITHSONIAN METRO STATION. Approx. 0.21 mile:**

1:13 p.m. Take BLUE LINE towards FRANCONIA METRO, arrive **FARRAGUT WEST METRO STATION** at 1:18 p.m.

1:19 p.m. Take ORANGE LINE towards VIENNA, arrive **FARRAGUT WEST METRO STATION** at 1:24 p.m.

1:25 p.m. Take BLUE LINE towards FRANCONIA METRO, arrive **FARRAGUT WEST METRO STATION** at 1:30 p.m.

**Exit station using 17<sup>th</sup> & I St NW exit. 1) Walk appx. 1 block W on I St NW. 2) Turn left on 17<sup>th</sup> St NW. 3) Walk appx. 2 blocks S on 17<sup>th</sup> St NW. (0.18 miles)**

1:30 p.m. **Security Check-In at EEOB, Hunter Moorhead, (202) 456-6417. (17<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance with white canopy. Someone will escort them to room.)**

**Presiding Members: Cory Bruce & Clayton Henry**

2:00 p.m. **White House Briefing on:**  
Speaker: ..... **Dr. William J. Luti**, Special Assistant to the President & Senior Director for Defense Policy & Strategy - National Security Council, The White House

Speaker: . . . . **Hunter H. Moorhead**, Special Assistant to the President for Agriculture, Trade & Food Assistance - National Economic Council, The White House

3:30 p.m. Agriculture Issues: Including Farm Bill & Ethanol  
Doha Rounds  
War on Iraq

3:45 p.m. Depart for Meeting with Chairman Collin Peterson, Agriculture Committee  
Location: 1302 Longworth Building.

## Monday, April 23, 2007 - continued

EEOB to Longworth: 1) Walk approx. 2 blocks N on 17<sup>th</sup> St NW. 2) Turn right on I (eye) St. NW. 3) Walk approx. 1 block E on I (eye) St. NW. 4) Enter station using 17<sup>th</sup> & I (eye) St NW entrance.  
**(FARRAGUT WEST METRO STATION.)**

3:54 p.m. Take BLUE LINE towards LARGO TOWN CENTER METRO STATION, arrive **CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION** at 4:04 p.m.

4:00 p.m. Take BLUE LINE towards LARGO TOWN CENTER METRO STATION, arrive **CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION** at 4:10 p.m.

4:06 p.m. Take BLUE LINE towards LARGO TOWN CENTER METRO STATION, arrive **CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION** at 4:16 p.m.

Walk approx. 1) 1 block W on D St. SE. 2) Turn right on New Jersey Ave SE. 3) Walk approx. 2 blocks N on New Jersey Ave SE. (0.26 miles)

4:15 p.m.                   **Security Check-In**  
Keith Jones, Staff Director for Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, House Committee on Agriculture/ **TALL Alumnus** arranged meeting and will meet group in room. (Cell 202/ 255-7420) (Office Direct # 202/ 225-6238)

4:30 p.m.                   **Briefing by Chairman Collin Peterson**  
2007 Farm Bill & Budget  
Conservation  
Energy  
Trade - Doha WTC  
(Photograph)

5:00 p.m.                   Adjourn and return to hotel

Longworth Office Building to **CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION**: 1) Walk approx. 2 blocks S on New Jersey Ave SE. 2) Turn left on D St SE. 3) Walk approx. 1 block E on D St. SE. 4) Enter station using **CAPITOL SOUTH METRO STATION** entrance. Approx. .26 mile.

5:09 p.m. Take BLUE LINE towards FRANCONIA METRO, arrive **L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION** at 5:12 p.m.

5:12 p.m. Take ORANGE LINE towards VIENNA, arrive **L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION** at 5:15 p.m.

5:16 p.m. Take BLUE LINE towards FRANCONIA METRO, arrive **L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION** at 5:19 p.m.

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**FREE EVENING ON YOUR OWN**

**Tuesday, April 24, 2007**

**Business Attire**

**Breakfast On your own**

**Presiding Members: Berry Summerour & Lynn Angell**

7:00 a.m. Depart Hotel Lobby for Pentagon Tour and Briefing

Hotel to **L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION**: 1) Walk a short distance W on C St SW. 2) Turn left on 6<sup>th</sup> St. SW. 3) Walk Aprx. 1 block S on 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW. 4) Turn right on D St. SW. 5) Walk Aprx. 1 block W on D St. SW. Enter **L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION**: Approx. 0.21 mile.

7:27 a.m. Take YELLOW LINE towards HUNTINGTON STATION, arrive **PENTAGON METRO STATION** at 7:33 p.m.

7:33 a.m. Take YELLOW LINE towards HUNTINGTON STATION, arrive **PENTAGON METRO STATION** at 7:39 a.m.

7:39 a.m. Take YELLOW LINE TOWARDS HUNTINGTON STATION, arrive **PENTAGON METRO STATION** at 7:45 a.m.

**Walk out of tunnel you are at Pentagon Visitor Center. Lt. Ricky Possel (703) 614-2879 will meet group at check-in.**

7:50 a.m. Arrive Pentagon Visitor Center/Security Check-In  
**(2 forms of ID: DL, Passport, credit card)**  
**(Lt. Richard Posselt and Ms. Amy Johnson arranged speakers/tours: (703) 695-6290)**

8:00 a.m. At Security Check-In greeted by **SRA Jerad Gaines**, OSD Public Affairs

8:30 a.m. Tour of Pentagon & Memorial Impact Area Crash Site 911, . . . . .  
**POC Specialist Jackson**

9:30 a.m. Drop off at Pentagon Conference Center Room B-10  
"Greeting & Why We Serve" . . . . . **Lt. Richard Posselt, USMC**  
OSD/Public Affairs (He arranged speakers/tour)

10:00 a.m. "Defense Budget", Terrorism - Focus on Iraq", Ethanol/Bio-Fuels" . . . . .  
**Lt. Col. Richard P. Johnson, USAF;**  
Deputy Director Air Force A3/A5 Action Group

10:30 a.m. Briefing Concludes

11:00 a.m. Depart Pentagon: Escorted by **Lt. Posselt**

11:15 a.m. **(Travel and stay together)**

Depart for **FOOD COURT in Longworth Building, U.S. Capitol Lunch On Your Own**  
**(Open 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.- Longworth Building South Capitol St. Entrance first level)**

**STAY TOGETHER AS A GROUP**





**Tuesday, April 24, 2007 - continued:**

**Quick Dinner on your own**

6:20 p.m. Depart hotel lobby for Ford's Theater **as an entire group**

**Hotel to Ford's Theatre: Hotel to L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION: 1) Walk a short distance W on C St SW. 2) Turn left on 6<sup>th</sup> St. SW. 3) Walk Aprx. 1 block S on 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW. 4) Turn right on D St. SW. 5) Walk Aprx. 1 block W on D St. SW. Enter L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION: Approx. 0.21 mile.**

6:39 p.m. Take BLUE LINE towards FRANCONIA METRO, arrive **FEDERAL TRIANGLE METRO STATION** at 6:43 p.m.

6:41 p.m. Take ORANGE LINE towards VIENNA, arrive **FEDERAL TRIANGLE METRO STATION** at 6:45 p.m.

6:43 p.m. Take BLUE LINE towards FRANCONIA METRO, arrive **FEDERAL TRIANGLE METRO STATION** at 6:47 p.m.

**FEDERAL TRIANGLE METRO STATION to 10<sup>th</sup> ST NW: 1) Exit station using FEDERAL TRIANGLE METRO STATION exit. 2) Walk approx. 2 blocks N on 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW. 3) Turn right on E St. NW. 4) Walk approx. 1 block E on E St. NW. 5) Turn left on 10<sup>th</sup> St. NW. 6) Walk a short distance N on 10<sup>th</sup> St. NW. Approx. 0.30 mile.**

7:00 p.m. Arrive at Ford's Theater: 511 Tenth Street, NW 202/638-2367  
"Meet John Doe" (Texas Group #:33763; Account #230188)

7:15 p.m. Seating begins

7:30 - 10:15 p.m. Performance  
(brief intermission - light snack/drink can be purchased, on your own)

**10:30 p.m. Metro back to Hotel**

**Walking from Theatre to FEDERAL TRIANGLE METRO STATION: 1) Walk a short distance S on 10<sup>th</sup> St. NW. 2) Turn right on E St. NW. 3) Walk approx. 1 block W on E St. NW. 4) Turn left on 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW. 5) Walk approx. 2 blocks S on 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW. Approx. 0.30 mile.**

10:48 p.m. Take BLUE LINE towards LARGO TOWN CENTER METRO STATION, arrive **L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION** at 10:51 p.m.

10:58 p.m. Take ORANGE LINE towards NEW CARROLLTON, arrive **L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION** at 11:02 p.m.

11:08 p.m. Take BLUE LINE towards LARGO TON CENTER METRO STATION, arrive **L'ENFANT PLAZA METRO STATION** at 11:11 p.m.

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## Wednesday, April 25, 2007

***Business Casual***

***Breakfast On your own***

**Presiding Members: Albert Chapa, Jr. & Duel Glass**

**\*\*\*PLEASE ALLOW YOURSELF ENOUGH TIME TO CHECK OUT OF HOTEL - \*\*\***

- 7:00 a.m. Meet in Hotel Lobby with luggage
- 7:30 a.m. Load Bus and Depart For Maryland Tours and New York City
- 7:45 a.m. Homework Assignments & Talks, News Releases, etc. on the Bus
- 9:30 a.m. Arrive and tour "Bonita Farm-a thoroughbred farm for all seasons" Breeding, foaling, breaking, training, racing; A Bonita Farm Partnership; P.O. Box 366; 3745 Harmony Church Road; Darlington MD 21034; 410/734-6906 - family owned and operated, **Bill Boniface** - GM & Partner
- 11:00 a.m. Depart Bonita Farm for Waffle Hill Farm
- 11:15 a.m. Arrive/Tour Waffle Hill Farm/Lunch. Black Angus Operation, 3330 Cool Branch Road, Churchville, MD 21028; Cell 410/ 808-7615; (h) 410/734-7380; **Ned Sayre**, Owner; LEAD Maryland Alumnus.
- 2:00 p.m. Depart and travel to New York City/ Manhattan
- 5:30 p.m. **Arrive at Milford Plaza Hotel; 270 W. 45<sup>th</sup> St., NY, NY; 10036(212) 869-3600**
- 7:00 p.m. Meet In Hotel lobby & walk to Le Madeleine, 403 W. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street (212) 246-2993/ Garden Room; (Tony Edwards - Owner/from TX)

**Presiding Members: Trae' Ottmers & Marc Shepard**

- 7:30 p.m. Dinner/Program . . . . . **Agriculture Commissioner Patrick Hooker**  
New York State
- 10:30 p.m. **Adjourn for Evening - Walk back to hotel**

## Thursday, April 26, 2007

***Business Attire***

***Breakfast - on your own.***

***Light Brunch: Sponsored and provided by Ms. Myra Gordon at Hunt's Point Market 9:15 a.m.*** If you desire something before, - on your own.

**Presiding Members: Thomas Northcutt & Jeff Conner**

- 6:15 a.m. Assemble in Hotel Lobby
- 6:30 a.m. Depart Bus to Hunts Point Cooperative Market, Bronx  
**(Coach USA (800) 877-1888/ Job #170308)**



**Thursday, April 26, 2007 - continued:**

5:45 p.m. **Evening and Dinner on your Own**  
Grand Central Station is an excellent place to relax and have dinner.  
It is next door to Rabobank.

**Friday, April 27, 2007**

**Business Casual: Breakfast - on Your Own**  
**Presiding Members: Beverly Moseley & Geoff Haney**

7:45 a.m. Assemble in Hotel Lobby

8:00 a.m. **METRO LIMO SERVICE: Booking # 1680060 (800) 381-9358**  
Bus Departs Hotel for Suffolk County/Long Island  
(Will travel with group from hotel) . . . . . **Larry Van De Valk**  
Director, LEAD New York Program - Cornell University

9:30 a.m. Arrive First Pioneer Farm Credit, 1281 Rte. 58; Riverhead, NY 11901  
Pick up **Steve Weir** (631) 727-2188

\*\*\*\*\* **CALL IN MENU SELECTIONS TO CLAUDIO'S RESTAURANT ABOUT 10:00 a.m. (Menu selections in your packet ) (631) 477-0627!!!**

10:00 a.m. Tour Half Hollow Nursery, Inc. . . . . **Charlie Scheer**  
2120 Main Road, Laurel, NY 11948 (631) 298-9183

DUE TO BAD WEATHER/TRAFFIC Went Directly to Claudio's Restaurant where Mary Beth Phillip spoke to group.

11:30 a.m. ~~Depart for "Alice's Fish Market" . . . . . **Mary Beth Phillip**~~  
~~222 Atlantic Ave., Greenport, NY, 11944 (631) 477-8485~~

12:00 noon ~~Tour "Alice's Fish Market" and discuss commercial fishing in NY~~  
~~(Possibly might tour commercial fishing boat)~~

12:45 p.m. Depart for Claudio's Restaurant: 111 Main Street, Greenport, NY 11944  
(631) 727-2188

1:00 p.m. *Lunch at Claudio's/Speakers at 1:30*  
(TALL will pay for lunch)

**Presiding Members: Eva Perry & Richie Moss**

2:15 p.m. Depart for "VanBourgondien Greenhouses": Main Road (Rte. 25), Peconic,  
NY 11958 (631) 734-5300

