

## Trip Report - Fredericksburg

**S**CSC travelled to fabulous *Fredericksburg, the "Wine Capital of Texas"* for a fun-filled weekend of wine and activities last *Memorial Day Weekend (5/27-30)*! Some of our members elected to come in early on Friday night to maximize their weekend fun.

Deb Cini, our trip coordinator, **Nick Morrone, Betty and Bob Donellan, Robert Rowley, Pete and Terri Matheau, Stuart Traver** and others met for a German dinner and dancing to the local band at the busy Crossroads Bar! The place was hopping and the band played the best classic rock, country and some honky-tonk blues as well. **Cindy Moore, Mark Rosetta, David and Diane Gresco** and others went to Luckenbach to enjoy a swing dance at the local saloon. Regardless of what your dance preference was that night...we had a great kickoff to our weekend!

On Saturday morning we met the wine buses and Deb Cini, our trip coordinator, led us on a Wine Tour of four outstanding wineries, each with a different "flair":



Becker Winery, the first, was the biggest of the four and was located on a large estate with lavender flowers growing among the grapes. We were able to taste many of Becker's premier wines, some available in grocery stores, but many reserved for winery patrons only. The guided tour of Dr. Becker's



winery was interesting and fun. We enjoyed learning about the history of this great vineyard in the well-appointed wine room downstairs. Many bought bottles to bring home or share on our bus and at our party!

Torre Di Pietra Winery was our next destination and we got to enjoy "The Almost Patsy Cline Band" under the

tent as we sipped and two-stepped our way through a catered lunch. It was 'dancing with the stars' competition with Cindy and Mark and David and Diane and it seemed that most of our crew was reluctant to leave!

We were able to get to two more wineries to round out the day. They were complete opposites of one another: Messina Hoff, an older winery and well-known for their white wines, have provided wines for presidential dinners. "Fat Ass" - a new winery in town, had a young, hip vibe that was very informal and fun!



After returning to the hotel to rest up, we got ready for our big evening - the Hanger Dance at the airport Hanger Hotel! This annual event is a 1940's WWII USO - style dance in an old airplane Hanger! **Picture vintage 40's dresses, military uniforms and a big Tommy Dorsey/Glenn Miller style band!** Many of us wore costumes, you would

not believe the creativity. Great job to **Kate Kinard, Missy Adams, Leslie Taylor, the Donellans, the Greskos, Cindy and Mark, Gina Curet, Wanda Callahan** and all those who participated in the dress up event! We made quite a statement and a presence there!!

Sunday was a free day to shop in Fredericksburg, dine out on main street, attend the Crawfish festival or see the WWII museum. **John Burk** and his crew decided to hike Enchanted Rock and said it was fabulous! Sunday night, we got back together for an exciting Hot Tub



Party at the Fredericksburg Inn and everyone shared wine, snacked on lite bites and got crazy in the hot tub. What a great way to end our Memorial Day weekend!

Thanks to all who participated for making this truly a memorable second visit to Fredericksburg...can't wait for NEXT YEAR!!!

**Deb Cini,**  
*Trip Coordinator*