



TLPA Director, Jo Anne Thompson, presents a gift for the new office to the TLPA President, Brian Hunt and TLPA CEO, Alfred LaGasse.

TLPA International Headquarters Open House

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves at the TLPA Open House, held on April 1, 2008 at the new TLPA International Headquarters, located in Rockville, MD (18 miles from the White House in Washington, DC).

The Open House was scheduled to encourage members to see the new home of TLPA and was announced in our bimonthly newsletters, *Dispatch* and *TLPA NewsBriefs*. Members who attended commented that the office space is well-lit with natural light. Some walls painted sage green here and there, were said to add a warm and inviting feeling to the 2,400 square foot office space.

All of the member guests commented on "the great artwork and memorabilia" hanging on the walls. Many members have donated gifts to TLPA, such as artwork featuring transportation motifs, along with memorabilia such as taxicab badges, a limousine license plate, and a signed photo of movie star, Christopher Reeve, who was once transported by one of our paratransit members, adorning the walls.

President Brian Hunt commented that as the premier ground transportation association representing over 1,000 transportation companies that transport nearly 1 billion passengers per year, TLPA now has office space that matches the critical function it serves in effectively representing the for-hire vehicle industry.

TLPA is proud of its heritage. We brought some faded old photos from the previous TLPA office which were hanging in the new conference room and the members loved looking at them, saying, "Hey, that's my grandpa;" "That's my dad;" "Hey, that's my uncle." Our TLPA President, Brian Hunt commented that it would be great if all the members were given the chance to see the photo and help identify who is who in the photo, along with perhaps writing a commentary paragraph about its significance to TLPA history. So look for the photo in the July issue of our *Transportation Leader* magazine.



From 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. members arrived and had sandwiches, dessert and coffee, as they mingled and toured the office space.

Approximately 25 people attended. Many were on route from meetings on Capital Hill to the airport. Murray Rosenberg and Robbie Werth, who drove, helped transport members to the airports when they departed for home.

Some faces of the delightful people who attended, laughing, sharing good memories and good times are shown here.



