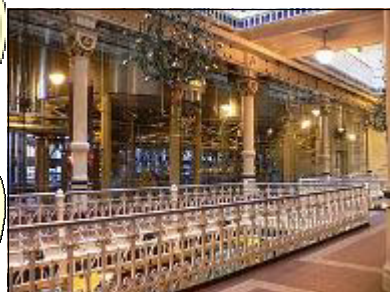




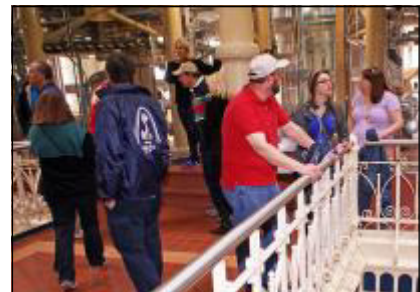
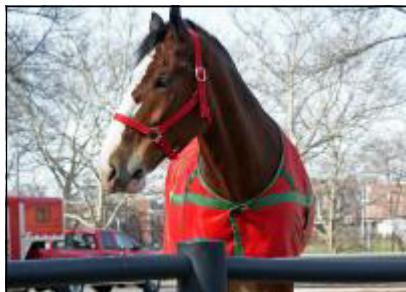
## Anheuser-Busch Tour



Our club welcomed in the first full day of Spring with a trip to the Anheuser-Busch Brewery in South St. Louis. The unseasonably warm weather came in handy as some of the tour was outside. As with most of our events lately, we had a great turnout with 42 of our members and families. The tour was a somewhat shorter tour than in previous years but we made the best of it and enjoyed the 'sampling'.

We finished the day by heading down the street to Soulards for lunch. The fine folks there reserved their main room for our club. All but two of our tour group made it to lunch, but then again, that's not really a surprise.

The day was a great way to welcome in the season and we thank Syl Biermann for setting up our first Spring event.



**S**oulard, the city's oldest neighborhood, exhibits a leisurely pace and an appreciation of days gone by. The historic streets are lined with red brick townhomes that house live music clubs and unique restaurants. Located just five minutes south of the Arch, the lively neighborhood was named for Antoine Soulard, a Frenchman who surveyed colonial St. Louis for the King of Spain. Today, structures built by early brewery workers have been turned into music clubs, shops and restaurants, many of which offer outdoor dining in elaborate courtyards. The historic churches of Soulard, built by St. Louis' immigrant communities, also welcome visitors throughout the year.

The Soulard neighborhood marks its French heritage with a Bastille Day celebration each July and a huge annual Mardi Gras fête in February/March. Revelers also flock to the neighborhood in the fall for Oktoberfest. Soulard Farmers Market, operating continuously since 1779, is the neighborhood's centerpiece, open Wednesdays through Saturdays

