

ALUMNI NEWS

TI Alumni Association heads to the Meyerson Symphony Center

● Annual business meeting includes tour of arts facility.

By Paula Felps

Combine business with pleasure May 9 when the TI Alumni Association takes its annual business meeting to the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas.

"A lot of people have never had the chance to see the Meyerson, so everyone is really excited about this," says Ronnie Brandenburg, co-chair of the activity committee and secretary of the TIAA. "Since TI is such a large supporter of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, they offered to let us do something there."

The day begins at 2 p.m. with docent tours of the massive arts facility, which will be conducted in groups of 20 people and will be followed by a reception that includes light refreshments. Live saxophone music is on the agenda and the Activity Committee also is trying to arrange a demonstration on the renowned Lay Family Organ. The business meeting, which includes election of officers, will follow the reception in Horchow Hall, and the activities will be completed by 4 p.m.

"We've had a wonderful response on this already," Ronnie says, adding that buses will run from the Texins Activity Center to the Symphony Center for those



Photo courtesy of Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau

The Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, located at 2301 Flora Street in downtown Dallas, is the crown jewel of Dallas' performance venues and will be the site for the TIAA annual business meeting May 9. The acclaimed performance hall boasts many amenities, including direct access to underground parking and the renowned Lay Family Organ.

who wish to avoid traffic and parking. The transportation fee is \$4.

"The novelty of the event, added with the fact that it is going to be so accessible for those who want to attend, help make this

really a special day."

The TIAA will send out notification cards to its members regarding the May 9 meeting. Any TIAA member who doesn't receive information via mail

should contact the Alumni Association at 972-995-8393.

Another event worth marking the calendar for is a Fair Park Museum Tour, tentatively scheduled for the last week of March. DART buses

will transport TI Alumni to the area for a tour of the Women's Museum and the African-American Museum in Fair Park. Check the TIAA website at www.tialumni.org to stay informed about this event.

We've moved

The TI Alumni Association has a new address and a new phone number. Please make a note of it, and remember you can still find us online at the same place — www.tialumni.org.

Our new address is: TI Alumni Association, c/o Texins Association, P.O. Box 740181, Dallas, TX 75243.

The new telephone no. is: 972-995-8393.

Making the call

● TIAA Activities Committee holds drive to aid victims of domestic violence.

By Paula Felps

Technology demands that the market is constantly inundated with products that are newer, sleeker and faster than ever before. That often leaves consumers wondering what to do with their "leftovers" — such as cellular phones. The Activity Committee of the TI Alumni Association has the perfect solution.

Through June 1, the committee is participating in a drive as part of the Call To Protect Project, which collects used mobile telephones and chargers. The national project is a joint venture between the Wireless Foundation, Motorola and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The phones are refurbished, reprogrammed with free airtime and then distributed to women who are victims of domestic violence.

Once modified, the phones literally become lifelines for women in dangerous domestic situations who, with the push of a single button, can call 9-1-1 or other local emergency services. Oftentimes, women who have left abusive environments are followed and attacked by their abuser in isolated places. With the refurbished cell phone, they can take comfort knowing they are never more than a fingertip away from

assistance.

"We supported Genesis Women's Shelter last year at the Big Event," explains Ronnie Brandenburg, TIAA secretary. "Genesis aids women who are victims of domestic violence, and this seemed like something that was a natural thing for us to do. So many people have cell phones they aren't using, and to know that they could be helping save lives is just remarkable."

In addition to the phones, Ronnie points out that battery chargers are also needed. She said more than 30,000 phones have been collected nationwide by the Call To Protect Project, but that impressive number loses some of its luster when compared to the estimated 4 million victims of domestic violence each year. However, Ronnie is confident that TI can do its part to help provide more phones for women.

"There's a Boy Scout in Illinois who collected 150 phones, so surely we can do more than that," she says. "I think we'll see a lot of people do their part to help out."

Phones are being collected through June 1 at the Texins Activity Center. For more information on Call to Protect, visit the TIAA website at www.tialumni.org.

Natural habitat



TIAA members lend a hand on the Habitat for Humanity house in East Plano. Shown here are Marjorie Braswell, LeRoy Worm, and, on the ladder, John Byers. The project is sponsored by retired TI executive Hank Hayes and his wife, Brenda.

Progress continues on Humanity House

Every Saturday, a group of dedicated TI retirees and members of the TIAA are putting their time and talents to good use as they help build a Habitat for Humanity House in East Plano. The project, which is being sponsored by retired TI executive Hank Hayes and his wife, Brenda, will provide a new home for Mattie Brooks, a single mom.

Homes built as part of Habitat for Humanity are sold to families who have passed a stringent

approval process. The homes are purchased for \$50,000, without interest, which allows them to enjoy home ownership for about the same cost of renting an apartment. This home is going up in the historic Douglas Community of Plano.

The structure is already in place, and now the finishing touches are being added. Anyone interested in helping with painting and finishing work — including landscaping — is asked to call Linda Lambert at 972-447-9447 for the schedule.

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Ongoing Education Seminar takes the puzzlement out of wills, probate issues

● Dallas attorney gives TIAA members a simple look at complex plans.

By Dot Adler

Wills and probate were demystified at a TI Alumni Association seminar Nov. 30 presented by Tod Almquist, a Dallas attorney specializing in estate planning and related issues. Jerry Pierce, TIAA Ongoing Education vice president, introduced the speaker at the seminar at the Plano Centre. Tod answered many questions surrounding wills and probate, such as:

Why is a will needed?

A will is designed to distribute the assets of an estate and appoint fiduciaries (executors and trustees) to take care of the distribution. Wills can provide for trusts and gifts that can reduce or eliminate federal estate taxes.

What if you die without a will?

Every state has procedures for people who die intestate (without a will). "The state has a will for you," Tod explained, "but it won't necessarily be good for everyone."

Can you write your own will?

You can hand-write your own will, which is a little better than nothing — but not my much. Another option is using a computer program, although that still isn't the optimal option.

"There is going to be some way to mess it up, and it will end up costing more than it would cost to go to an attorney in the first place," Tod said.

Attorneys' fees vary for drawing up wills, but the work "is 95 percent word processor for attorneys who write wills frequently" and should be more reasonable than one might think.

Three other important documents

When having an attorney do a will, Tod advises senior citizens also to ask the lawyer to write the following:

1) **Durable Power of Attorney**, appointing an agent (who can be a spouse or adult child) to act for you if you become incapacitated;

2) **Medical Power of Attorney**, giving authority to allow medical treatments or procedures if you are not capable of acting for yourself; and

3) **A Living Will**.

If two doctors determine you are terminally ill, you can state in a living will that you don't want extraordinary means used to prolong your life. A living will authorizes a hospital to take a permanently comatose person off a respirator.

Tod said an attorney usually will write a Durable Power of Attorney, Medical Power of Attorney and Living Will at no additional cost in connection with drawing up a will.

What is probate?

Probate is a judicial procedure whereby a court determines that a person has died and that the paperwork the person left is a true, valid last will. The attorney takes the will and a probate application to the courthouse in the county where the person lived. A will can be probated on the first Monday 10 days after the will is filed. The filing fee in Dallas County is \$167.

"Texas has a very simple probate procedure," Tod said. "You don't have to use the same lawyer who drew up the will."

The independent executor

If a person is named independent executor, he or she appears before a probate judge. In a hearing that lasts about 90 seconds, the will is admitted to probate. The executor receives letters testamentary, which document the independent executor's authority to act.

"The independent executor can take possession of the assets on the date he or she gets the letters testamentary," Tod said.

An inventory of the deceased person's assets must be filed in probate court within 120 days after the executor is appointed. The attorney puts the assets list in a format to present to the court.

"The independent executor never goes back to court," Tod said. "He or she has the authority to distribute and wind up the estate without court supervision."

How much should probate cost?

A probate attorney's fee is based on the attorney's time, not

the size of the estate, Tod noted. If a person is designated in the will as the independent executor, the fee might be \$1,000-\$1,200. But if there is a dependent executor, the probate procedure takes longer and costs more.

"If you have an out-of-state will, I advise that you go to a Texas attorney and get a will drawn in compliance with the Texas probate code," Tod said. He added that Oklahoma, for example, does not have an independent administrator and has a fairly tough probate procedure.

Avoid the living trust scam

The speaker said senior citizens should beware of high-pres-

sure sales pitches for living trusts (which do the same thing a will does).

"You don't have to go to probate court, but a living trust can double the amount of work you have to do," he said, and also distributed an article from the *Texas Bar Journal* titled, "Living Trust Scams."

Additional information

For more information about wills or probate, call Tod Almquist at 972-458-2161. For more information about the Ongoing Education Seminars, contact Jerry Pierce at 972-769-8616 or send e-mail to jerry.pierce@email.com.

Where to call

Save this reference list of useful phone numbers for TI retirees.

TI Health Benefit Plans

800-631-6965 — Automatic Data Processing (ADP). Call to change address or coverage, or for questions regarding eligibility and premium payments.

817-467-6846 (Dallas Metro Area) or 800-433-5008 (Outside Metro Area) — TI Health Answer Line. Call for questions on medical expenses and claims.

800-557-5749 — AdvancePCS Member Services. Call for questions about network pharmacies or pharmacy claims. Or, visit web site at <http://w3.ext.ti.com/hr> and click on "Pharmacy."

800-942-9221 — First Health (TI Health Plan Provider Directory). Call for information on physicians, hospitals, medical care services in the TI network. Or, visit web site at <http://w3.ext.ti.com/hr> and click on "Doctor."

800-888-2273 — Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Call for referral to short-term counseling or for certification when using mental health benefits.

972-917-4772 (Dallas Area) or 800-873-8670 (Outside Dallas Area) — TI Human Resources Service Center. Call for general information on TI Health Benefit Plans.

Raytheon Health Benefit Plans

(TI-Raytheon Systems retirees should have your Social Security number and personal identification number available when you call.)

800-358-1231 — Raytheon Benefits Center

800-578-2826 — Prudential Health Card

800-272-7087 — Prudential Non-Network Services

800-732-2265 — Prudential Mail Order Prescriptions

877-354-6892 — 24-Hour Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

800-830-5156 — Mental Health/Substance Abuse

888-262-4877 — MetLife Dental

TI financial benefits

800-949-401K — TI Participant Service Center. Call for information on CODA and Profit Sharing accounts.

Texins Retiree Club (Dallas area)

972-620-7735 — Lucy Salas, president, has information on activities, dues and meeting schedule.

TI Alumni Association

972-995-8393 — Main number for TIAA. (Or visit web site at <http://www.tialumni.org>.) Also call for questions about quarterly newsletter TI Alumni *Connected*.

214-823-6733 — Max Post, president, has information on membership dues and activities.

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TI Retiree Mackey Murdock finds his second wind

● A decade after retiring, this former financial planner enjoys life as an author.

By John W. Wilson

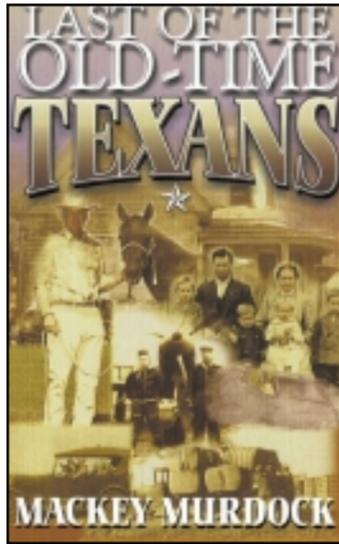
With publication of his first non-fiction book, *Last of the Old-Time Texans*, in June 2000, Mackey Murdock of Garland could truly say he was well-launched in a new career. His previous career, from which he retired in 1991, was as a financial planning manager.

Three previous manuscripts, all works of fiction which won awards in writing contests at the University of North Texas and through competitions on the Internet, were still, as Mackey puts it, "logging lots of air miles" in search of a publisher when his non-fiction work hit the bookstores and began to sell at a rapid clip. By last December, his book had gone into its second printing.

The writing bug must have lain dormant within Mackey during his 34-year career with TI. He joined the company in 1957 as a manufacturing supervisor and retired in 1991 from the position of Financial Planning Manager of the Linear Products Front End. During the years between, as any retiree or former TIER can imagine, not much time was available for Mackey to dash off a few chapters.

Factor in open heart surgery after a heart attack in 1974 and sextuple bypass surgery in 1986, and you begin to wonder how the writing bug survived and was still there, years later, to pop up and demand attention. Mackey credits the bypass surgery with convincing him that he'd been given a second chance to "do something," and that he'd better get about doing it.

After his retirement, it took about five years for that "something" to take tangible form. He discovered a talent for putting



words on paper and in 1996 he joined a group of kindred aspiring authors, the DFW Writer's Workshop, which meets weekly in Euless, Texas. Workshop members read their pieces to one another, critique each others' work, and work hard to find the golden thread that leads to published authorship and, maybe, to literary success.

With support and encouragement from his wife, Joanne, and daughters Sherry, a teacher, and Julie, a Certified Public Accountant, Mackey honed his craft by producing three book-length manuscripts that haven't yet, but may some day, become published novels. Good as his work was, his talent seemed to be seeking another outlet.

A fellow writers' workshop member, who happened to be the acquisitions editor for Wordware Publishing, Inc., suggested to Mackey that he draw on his family background, rooted in the native soil of Texas, and write of the people, the times, the traditions, and the circumstances of life here in the latter part of the

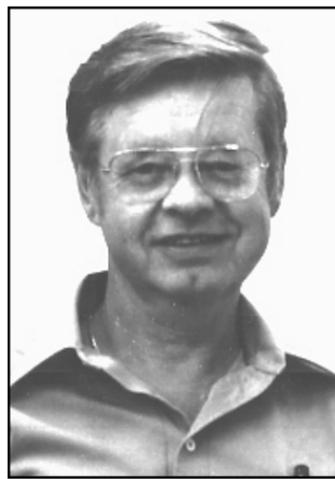
19th and the earlier part of the 20th centuries.

The result, *Last of the Old-Time Texans*, published by the Republic of Texas Press, an imprint of Wordware Publishing, Inc., struck a responsive, nostalgic chord with readers and has disappeared from bookstore shelves at such a pace that reprinting and restocking were needed by December to meet the demand.

The book, Mackey says, "... offers a unique view into the life experiences of those who built Texas during the era of 1890 through World War II. Filled with stories told from meandering memories and in the voice of those who lived them, the book documents the sweat, blood and laughter that smoothed the road for those of us who followed. Over forty interviews, research of county histories and a lifetime of experiences were exercised in writing it."

Whether you are a native Texan, a newcomer from another state, or a recent immigrant from another country, the chances are good that you will be fascinated by the stories of people in pre-high-tech Texas. You'll find stories of sawmills and barbed wire fences, schoolhouses on the prairie, horse-and-buggy doctors, field crops and harvest time, fun and games, social events, and even the distinction between cotton picking and cotton pulling. Further, if you study the word list Mackey has provided, you can, if you work at it, end up speaking like an old-time Texan yourself.

Major booksellers, including Sam's Club, are carrying the title. Also check out the TI Alumni Association website (www.tialumni.org) and click on the Retiree Resources link to navigate to the TI Retiree Bookstore page. Here, you can shop online at Amazon.com not only for Mackey's book and thousands of others, but also for the myriad of



At left, Mackey Murdock's book, "Last of the Old-Time Texans," is enjoying brisk sales. Mackey, above, says this photo from the cover of his book was actually an old TI badge photo — and that friends now tease him about it because he "may have put on a little weight since then."

other products Amazon offers.

Is *Last of the Old-Time Texans* the last of books by Mackey Murdock? Not on your life. He's at work on another novel and it may be completed by the time this article appears in *TI Alumni Connected*. Mackey says this new novel has a Western theme and he's calling it *A Bonnet For Bess*.

With four fiction manuscripts and a substantial nonfiction work hammered out in the last five years, we'd say that Mackey's new career is well on its way to making good on his 1986, post-surgery, conviction that he'd been given a second chance to "do something."

Last of the Old-Time Texans, by Mackey Murdock. Republic of Texas Press, Plano, Texas, 2000. \$17.95.

Calling TI authors

● Let TIAA list your books.

Do you have a book in print? Do you want potential buyers to know about it? Then let the TI Alumni Association website list your work on its TI Retiree Bookstore page. (To view the page, go to www.tialumni.org and click on the Retiree Resources link, then click on the bookstore link.)

Whether your book is fiction or nonfiction, a textbook or a technical treatise, other retirees and former Tiers will be interested to know what you have published. Send information about your work by e-mail to info@tialumni.org or by U. S. mail to TI Alumni Association, c/o Texins Association, P. O. Box 740181, Dallas, TX 75243.

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Changes made in health benefits

New diabetes program available

TI retirees are eligible for the Diabetes Awareness, Wellness and Nutrition (DAWN) program — a new diabetes intervention, education and management program.

Using the team approach, the DAWN program enables those with diabetes to manage their disease to avoid long- and short-term complications. Consultations include information on self-monitoring of blood glucose, education, nutrition, exercise and medication.

For further information, call 972-238-1811 (outside of Dallas call 800-888-9560) and ask for the DAWN program.

Eye-care discount has new phone number

Cole Vision, which offers discounts on eyeglasses and contact lenses to Tiers and retirees, has a new phone number, 800-804-4384. Outlets are located in participating Sears, Target and JCPenney stores; Pearle Vision Centers; and independent provider sites. For more information, or to locate the nearest provider, access the program website at <http://www.colemanagedvision.com>. The plan number is 20153.

Room and board deductible eliminated

The \$250 annual deductible for hospital room and board was eliminated as of Jan. 1, 2001, for TI Health Plan participants with no access to a network hospital. However, the hospital room and board deductible remains for plan participants who have non-network admissions.

Please keep in mind the TI Health Plan continues to have an annual medical deductible of \$225 per individual/\$450 per family.

Updated retiree health benefits guide is out

The updated "My Benefits Guide 2000/Handbook for Retirees" has been mailed to TI benefit participants, together with a fresh TI Health Plan card.

This handbook is TI's official Summary Plan Description for Extended Health Benefits Coverage (Retiree Medical), and explains the main features of coverage available to retirees.

TI retiree benefit participants who did not get a copy can call the TI Retiree Benefit Administrator at 800-631-6965.

For further information, call this number or access the TI Retiree Health and Wellness website, <http://w3.ext.ti.com/hr>.

CALENDAR

April

17 — Texins Retiree Club meeting. Texins Dallas Activity Center. 10 a.m. Entertainment by Dallas Tap Dazzlers. Don't miss this award-winning dance group of talented, over-50 local beauties that Dallas is proud to call its own! For more information, call Roy Long at 972-234-3437.

May

9 — TI Alumni Association annual meeting. Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas. 2 to 4 p.m. Call the TIAA at 972-995-8393.

15 — Texins Retiree Club annual picnic. Breckenridge Park, Richardson. 10 a.m. Fried catfish, baked beans, onion rings, tableware provided; bring a covered dish and a big appetite. Pavilions are covered, so picnic goes on, rain or shine. For more information, call Roy Long at 972-234-3437.

June

19 — Texins Retiree Club meeting. Texins Credit Union Auditorium, 777 E. Campbell Road. 10 a.m. Entertainment by humorist/author/actress/historian Dr. Rosemary Rumbley, who will present "Don't Touch That Dial!: A History of Radio." For more information, call Roy Long at 972-234-3437.

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Joining the Club

● TI Reunion group stays in touch with the past while contributing to the future.

By Paula Felps

Six years ago, a group of TI retirees in the Dallas area thought it would be nice to keep in touch with their former co-workers. Today, that idea has blossomed into the TI Reunion Club, a service organization that provides scholarships to college-bound high school students and has plans to do even more for the community.

"We have a committee of 13 people that meets once a month," says Fannie Rose, coordinator for the club. "Then in November we have a banquet. We just try to stay in contact with our friends and co-workers, and this is a good

way to do it."

From the beginning, members were determined this would not be a group "where we just come in and sit down and discuss TI," Fannie emphasizes. "We wanted to do something to help out others. So we started a scholarship fund right away."

Each year, at the annual banquet, the group raffles off a \$50 bill. Last year, the TI Reunion Club handed out its first scholarship; this year, it plans on awarding three.

"We put out applications to the schools, and there really are no restrictions, except that we want [the scholarships] to go to whoever is qualified. We want to help students who wouldn't have the means to get into college otherwise."

A committee then reviews the scholarships and selects the recip-

ients. Fannie says this is just the beginning of what the group can do. She says the TI Reunion Club, whose president is Gladys Jones, have discussed meeting more often, adding a spring and fall event to the annual banquet.

"It's so hard to reach all the people," Fannie says. "I look at what the TIAA has done and how many people come out to that; there are so many people who want to stay in touch after they have left TI. A number of our members have joined the TIAA because of that."

The club's annual banquet attracted 86 people its first year; six years later, it has grown to about 150 attendees. She said part of the attraction is that Tiers can see old friends and co-workers, in addition to enjoying a good meal and program. The evening includes a fashion show.



The committee members of the TI Reunion Club are: Seated, left to right: Rosie Coakley, Fannie Rose, Ruby Hernandez, Naomia Hatch; standing, left to right: Bettie Brown, Gladys Jones, Margarette Edney, Ben Mitchell, Willie Demus and Glorice Adams. Not pictured are Eunice White and Wesley Crabtree.

"It's just a night of good clean fun," Fannie says. "There's no drinking, no dancing. It's just an enjoyable night for everyone."

For more information about the TI Reunion Club, contact Fannie Rose at 214-352-1978 or Gladys Jones at 214-376-9725.

Web watch:

There's more to the *TI Alumni Connected* than meets the eye! In an effort to keep readers up to date on events and activities, the TIAA website is offering Internet-only features and stories, updated monthly. Log on each month to www.tialumni.org to find these exclusive stories:

March:

- In January, TI retiree Dot Adler got the Presidential treatment when she attended the inauguration of George W. Bush. Hear her version of the story and see photos from this once-in-a-lifetime event.

April:

- Lucy Salas, president of the Texins Retiree Club, has made quite an impression with her unique, home-made towels. Lucy has been crocheting and giving away her kitchen towels since 1986, and recently was honored on Channel 4 Fox News for being a Hometown Hero.

May:

- Changes in the rules for distributing and rolling over funds make the next Ongoing Education Seminar an important one for all TI retirees! Before the May 23 event, Ongoing Education vice president Jerry Pierce talks about what to expect from this financial seminar and why it is such an important meeting to attend.

Building for the future

A new building under construction at Southern Methodist University will proudly bear the name of Jerry R. Junkins. Scheduled for completion in July 2002, the 50,000-square-foot Jerry R. Junkins Electrical Engineering Building will include faculty and student offices, digital signal processing labs, computer labs and numerous other labs for student and faculty use. The groundbreaking is scheduled for May of this year.

While the building itself is fully funded, money still is being sought for lab equipment and a small semiconductor cleanroom. Fund-raising continues through April 2001 and Tiers, both active and retired, have been invited to participate in the drive.

The "Friends of Jerry R. Junkins Fund" allows TI retirees and TIAA members to make a lasting contribution to the study of engineering. Each gift of \$50 or more, up to \$10,000, will be



The Jerry R. Junkins Electrical Engineering Building, when completed in 2002, will house classrooms, faculty and graduate student offices, and instructional and research laboratories. Gifts from Tiers, active and retired, will help equip the building.

matched both by TI and the TI Foundation. So a gift of \$100 would actually generate \$400 worth of equipment for the new building. In addition, all gifts of \$50 and more will be remembered in a plaque that will adorn the wall of the main foyer. Names will be listed alphabetically, and

all those donors will also be invited to the May groundbreaking.

To make a contribution, visit the TIAA website at www.tialumni.org and print out the required forms, or to have the forms mailed to you, contact Jenny Barganier at 972-995-0281, or via e-mail at jbarganier@ti.com.

Volunteer takes on TIAA position

● Linda Lambert becomes office administrator for association.

By Paula Felps

When the TI Alumni Association decided to hire an office administrator, they didn't have to look far. In fact, they found the employee of their dreams in their volunteer ranks.

Linda Lambert, who retired from TI in 1998 after three decades with the company, had more experience running an office than most. And the fact that she already knew so much about the TIAA only sweetened the deal.

"Linda has years of TI experience, and a strong interest in volunteering," says Max Post, president of the Alumni Association. "She already has done a lot with the TIAA and elsewhere, and she brings so much enthusiasm with her. We feel we're very fortunate to have her."

Linda is equally pleased with her new position, which is part time at the moment but may expand as the need arises. She said the fact that the new TIAA office is in the Texins Activity Center is a great bonus to a job she's already fallen in love with.

"I come over here to work out anyway, so now I can do that

and then go to work," she points out. "It's really the best of both worlds for me."

From the time of its inception in 1999, the TIAA had planned to be an independent, self-sufficient operation. The addition of an office administrator, who will handle tasks that previously were outsourced, is a significant step in that direction.

"It's just going to keep getting busier," predicts Linda, who says she has enjoyed hearing from so many former co-workers since she teamed up with the TIAA. "It's a lot of fun, though, because you know so many of the people. When they call in, it's fun to find out what people are doing. I guess I'm doing this now for the same reason that so many of us stayed at TI for so long — you're dealing with such nice people."



Linda Lambert

Photo by Robert Ricker

Mark your calendar

The next installment of the Ongoing Education Series will be May 23 at the Plano Centre, and will provide important financial planning information. The Financial Seminar, which is offered free of charge, will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Among the speakers who will appear at the seminar are Gail Buckner, senior vice president of Putnam Investments, and Rodney Smith, vice president of American Funds. Topics covered during the one-day event include distribution-rollover, mutual funds, bonds/cds, annuities and stocks.

Invitations with more details will be mailed in late April. For more information, contact Jerry at jerryperce@email.com or call him at 972-769-8616, or visit the TIAA website at www.tialumni.org.