

TIAA Plans Annual Meeting at the Meyerson

The TI Alumni Association will hold its tenth annual membership meeting Monday, May 11, in the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in downtown Dallas.

Opened in 1989, the Meyerson is a landmark on the Dallas skyline. The international press has proclaimed the hall “world-class, rivaling the great concert halls of the world.”

The first impression of this facility is the open space and the touches of elegance that are evident everywhere. The building—an architectural jewel—features unsurpassed acoustics.

TIAA members can enjoy a free recital by Mary Preston, resident organist, on the Lay Family concert organ in the concert hall at 12:30 p.m. and then tour the fabulous building. Those who wish to take the tour can meet in the lobby at 1 p.m. after the concert.

Refreshments will be served at 1:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 2 p.m. in the Horchow Hall. Attendees may renew their membership or join TIAA at the meeting.

RSVP Deadline May 1

Max Post, TIAA Activities vice president, said invitations are being sent to TIAA members. Phone Jessica Stewart, TIAA administrator, at 214-567-8444 and press 2 by May 1 to make reservations. Please indicate when calling if you plan to ride the bus (so adequate seating will be available).

What's on the Agenda

The meeting's primary purpose is to elect TIAA officers for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Max Post, nominating committee chairman, announced that all current elected officers agreed to serve another one-year term. They are: Ronnie Brandenburg, president; Tom Boedecker, executive vice president; Ellen McKee, secretary; and Larry James, treasurer. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Janelle Richards and Jon Jackson served with Max on the nominating committee.

Also on the agenda is approval of the revised TIAA Constitution and Bylaws. Members can go online to www.tialumni.org/constitution and access a screen with links to both the proposed (May 2009) Constitution and Bylaws and the current (May 2004) version.

Ronnie Brandenburg will give an

overview on TIAA.

Veletta Forsythe Lill, Dallas Arts District executive director, will tell about the progress of the Central Arts District. She has been active in Dallas civic affairs and the arts since 1985 and served eight years on the Dallas City Council.

Getting There

The Meyerson Symphony Center is located in the Arts District of Dallas at the intersection of Pearl and Flora Streets. The street address is 2301 Flora St. Dallas, TX 75201.

TIAA will offer roundtrip bus transportation from the Texins Activity Center on the TI Expressway site to take members to the event. The bus ride will cost \$5/person.

Members can take DART light rail trains to the Pearl station (about three blocks from the Meyerson). Riders age 65+ can buy a day pass for \$1.50. For information on using DART, see www.DART.org.

For members traveling by car, parking will be available in the Dallas Arts District Garage at two levels below grade. Enter the main entrance off Pearl St., or the service road of Woodall Rodgers, or the Ross Ave. entrance. Just follow the parking signs in the garage to those set aside for the Meyerson. See www.dallassymphony.com/Directions_Parking.aspx.

Thanks to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra for validating the parking tickets for complimentary parking. TIAA members must bring the ticket they get upon entry to the meeting so the ticket can be stamped at the meeting in order to get free parking.

Routes to the Meyerson

When traveling from the **North or South on I-35**, Stemmons Freeway, exit onto Eastbound Woodall Rodgers Freeway (toward I-45 Houston) and then exit at Pearl St. At the first light, the Meyerson will be to your left.

When traveling from the **North on I-75**, Central Expressway, exit to westbound Woodall Rodgers Freeway (toward I-35 Waco) then take the first exit, Pearl St. At the light, turn left onto Pearl, crossover the freeway and the Meyerson will be to your left.

When traveling from the **North on the North Dallas Tollway**, stay in the left lanes after the last tollbooth plaza. Take Harry Hines downtown to Pearl St. and the Arts District. The

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Lay Family concert organ.

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Meyerson will be on your left at Pearl and Flora.

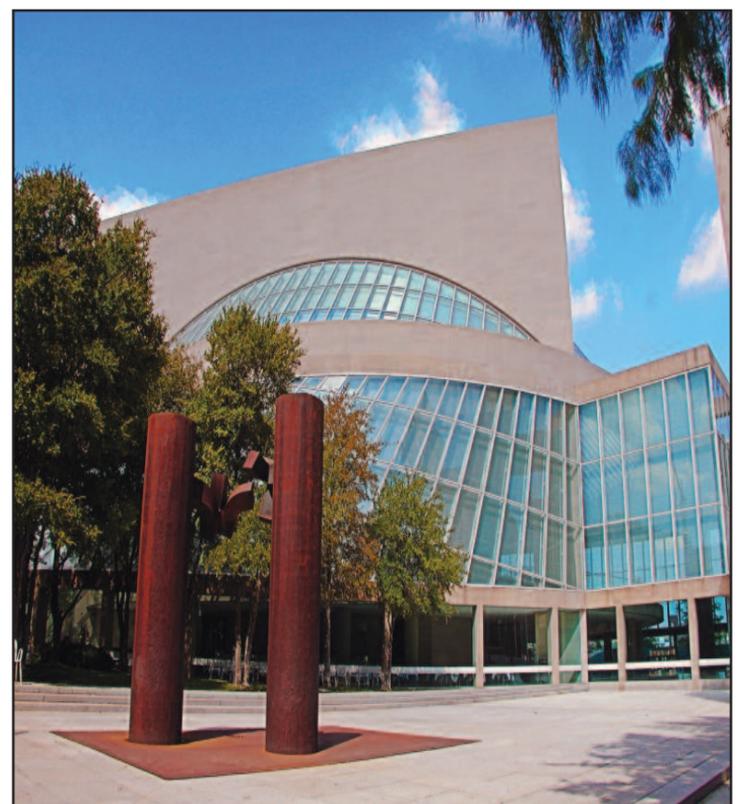
When traveling from the **South-east on I-45**, exit at Main/Elm St. and take Elm St. at the split. At the first light, turn right. This will become Pearl St. Follow Pearl to Flora and the Meyerson will be to your right.

When traveling from the **East on I-30**, follow signs for I-75, (to Sherman) and stay in the right lane to exit I-35 (to Denton) and then exit St. Paul. Cross over Woodall Rodgers Freeway, and take an immediate left on the eastbound Woodall Rodgers service road. At the third light, take a right on Pearl St. The Meyerson will be on your left.

When traveling from the **West on I-30**, stay in the left lane taking I-35 North (to Denton). Exit onto Eastbound Woodall Rodgers Freeway (to I-75 Sherman) and then exit on Pearl Street. At the first light, the Meyer-

son will be to your left.

The building has elevator access to all floors. Wheelchairs are available for use by TIAA members. These wheelchairs are located at the security station in the front lobby as well as the lower lobby levels.



Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center.

Golf Tournament Set for Sept. 14

The 10th annual TIAA Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 14, at the Woodbridge Golf Club in Wylie, TX, between President George Bush Turnpike and Highway 544, off Highway 78.

Courtney Miller, event co-chairman, said The Senior Source will again be the tournament beneficiary. This nonprofit organization works to improve the quality of life for needy seniors in the North Texas

area. Over the past nine years, the tournaments have raised more than \$180,000 for charity, principally, The Senior Source.

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whammy of the poor economy and the fact that the “over 65” population is rapidly growing.

Max asked retirees to help by providing the names of possible sponsors for the tournament. Give contact information to the TIAA office, 214-567-8444. The Texans Credit Union and Texas Instruments will underwrite the tournament cost, so that all contributions go directly to The Senior Source.

TI Alumni News

The TI Alumni News is published quarterly by the Texas Instruments Alumni Association (TIAA) to help connect the TI alumni community and TI.

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TI Alumni News Staff Changes

We are pleased to announce several additions to our editorial and production staff.

Dolores Runyon has joined the editorial staff as Associate Editor. She will write articles and prepare the Calendar for each issue.

Ronda McCauley will prepare the layout of each issue, replacing Paula Felps who has resigned.

Jon Campbell will now coordinate the production and mailing of the publication in addition to preparing the Travel & Events column.



The mission of TIAA is to provide a link between TI and TI alumni that fosters communications, programs, services and activities about and of interest to TI and TI alumni.

Elected Officers
 PresidentRonnie Brandenburg
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 Secretary.....Ellen McKee
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 Education Vice President.....Jerry Pierce
 Leadership Development.....Max Post
 Chief Information OfficerJohn Byers
 TI Liaison.....Andy Smith
 Administrator.....Jessica Stewart

To contact any TIAA officer, send mail to TIAA, P.O. Box 740181, Dallas, TX 75374; email admin@tialumni.org; or call 214-567-8444.
 The TI Alumni Association is funded in part by TI Human Resources and TI Public Affairs.



Another TI First: At TI 32 years ago, Bill Kastner developed and built the first decoder that makes closed captioning on television possible. Public Broadcasting contracted with TI to design a device that would allow the deaf to read what was being said on air. Bill's decoder worked perfectly the first time it was tested. In 1993, the FCC ordered that all television sets 13 inches or larger should have a built-in closed-caption decoder. Use of closed captioning exploded. To view a television news story about him, go to www.tialumni.com/enews/kastner.asp.

TIAA TMS Tour



Dale German, Dolores German, Hector Cardenas and Peggy Ripple were among the 22 members and guests who toured the Texas Motor Speedway on March 10.

Edge of Life Issues – Let Your Wishes Be Known

By Dolores Runyon

Lee Hancock, *Dallas Morning News* staff writer, spoke at the Edge of Life Seminar on palliative care to 85 TIAA members Feb. 25 at Plano Centre.

A reporter for 20 years, she wrote the Edge of Life series, a five-part series for the *News* on palliative care and other end-of-life issues. She spent a year interviewing terminal patients and their family members preparing the articles.

Dying is not a topic people are comfortable talking about. This often includes doctors and nurses. Hospitals are not going to market their facilities as a good place to come to die. However, personal experience sometimes makes you want to learn more about letting your wishes be known. This is how Lee Hancock got interested in learning more about palliative care.

Lee was one of four children raised in Mississippi. Her younger brother had a rare brain disease and underwent 20 operations. After each operation, his health seemed to only get worse. She said, "The doctors could not seem to make him better and the family had to learn how to care for him and cope with his illness."

Not only did the family have difficulties coping, but also the doctors and nurses struggled with how to help this 30-year-old man with a young daughter. Lee's brother died in July 2005. As a reporter, she thought, "There must be a story here on how to make the end of life easier — for both the patient and family."

Lee talked to other families and found experiences similar to her own. She started doing medical research on extending life and found out about palliative care offered in some hospitals.

Palliative care is a lot like hospice care, but the patients are in hospitals instead of their homes. Palliative care offers pain management and counseling — like hospice — but the patient continues to receive aggressive



Lee Hancock

Photo by Hector Cardenas.

sive treatment for a cure.

She said, "Discussions are necessary with families and doctors to ensure your wishes are understood on the type of care you want to receive."

If preferences are stated, will this make a difference in care? Yes, it can help doctors structure the care. Sometimes doctors and nurses are reluctant to have honest discussions about a patient's illness — they are afraid it will be depressing. However, studies show that it is a relief to patients if their condition is discussed openly with them and their families.

Lee stated, "I wish my family had known about palliative care and more about hospice care when my brother was ill. It would have made it a little easier."

Baylor and Methodist Hospitals in Dallas offer palliative care for patients and Parkland Hospital has an outpa-

tient program. Dallas Children's Hospital has just started palliative care for children to help both the children and their families.

Lee said, "Sit down with your family and discuss the quality of life you prefer — and what it means to you. Have a medical power of attorney drawn up. State law dictates that your wishes have to be followed if they are recorded. Knowing your options and letting your wants and desires known lets you keep control of your life."

The *Dallas Morning News* has a website that can help individuals document their wishes and desires. Go to www.dallasnews.com/edgeoflife. Scroll down to Resources near the bottom to links of special interests such as forms for a Living Will and Texas Medical Power of Attorney. Take a look at 11 Questions to Help You Plan Your Medical Wishes.

CALENDAR

Dallas-Area Alumni Groups

The following groups usually meet as shown below. Call or email contact person to confirm schedule.

Ex-GSlers — 11:30 a.m., second Wednesday, lunch at Tino's Too, 2201 Avenue K, Plano. Contact Martha Hamilton, fourfromtexas@verizon.net or 972-424-0297.

Ex-TI Network — 4:30-6:30 p.m., last Tuesday, meeting at Wizard's, Central Expressway at Spring Valley Rd., Richardson. Contact Joan Nichols, j-nichols4@tx.rr.com or 214-543-2546.

First Monday Bunch — 1-3 p.m., first Monday, meeting at Richardson Senior Center, 820 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson. Contact Ralph Dean, deanandcomp@sbcglobal.net or 972-235-2589.

GSlers — 11:30 a.m., third Tuesday, lunch at Golden Corral, 1440 E. Campbell Rd. at Plano Rd., Richardson. Contact

Dick Matthews, rich12mat@yahoo.com or 214-432-0138.

North Texas Retiree Luncheon — 11:30 a.m., second Friday of each quarter at La Colina Restaurant, FM121 and FM3356, Van Alstyne. Contact Cliff Gibbs, tri-o@waymark.net or 972-742-1113.

Reunion Club — 10 a.m., second Saturday, meeting and lunch at Denny's Restaurant on Motor Street, Dallas. Call Gladys Jones, 214-376-9725, or Willie Demus, 214-331-2111.

TIAA Retiree Bunch — Middle of the third week each month. For information on exact day and program, contact Tom Gregory, tomtengreg@hotmail.com or 972-412-9332, or Lucy Salas, 469-878-1514.

TIAA Seminar

Age-Related Medicine Management and Sensory Loss — Wednesday, May 13, 1-3 p.m., at Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Pkwy.,

Plano. Zanda Hilger with the Dallas Area Agency on Aging will speak.

TIAA Major Events

Annual Meeting — Monday, May 11, at Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora St., Dallas. 12:30 p.m., organ concert and tours; 2 p.m., meeting.

Annual Charity Golf Tournament — Monday, Sept. 14, Woodbridge Golf Club, Wylie. Golf tournament to benefit The Senior Source.

TI Retiree Luncheon — Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Mesquite Convention Center.

Tech Smart Big Heart

The following currently planned activities are open to retired Tiers. Contact Andy Smith at wasmith@ti.com or 214-480-3462 to confirm date and details.

TI Family Activity Day at the Crow Collection of Asian Art — Saturday, May 16, free admission for TI retirees and up to five immediate

family members.

TI Days at the Dallas Zoo — May 29-June 1, free admission for TI retirees and up to five immediate family members.

Komen Race for the Cure (Plano) — Saturday, June 6.

City of Hope Day — Saturday, June 27, volunteers needed to repair homes.

The Senior Source Activities

Open to adults 50+. RSVP is required. All meetings are free and parking is available at all locations. Unless otherwise indicated, please contact Renae Perry at 214-823-5700 or rperry@theseniorsource.org. For more information on the programs of The Senior Source, visit www.theseniorsource.org.

Senior Connection — (Support group for job seekers) — 10-11:30 a.m., first and third Thursdays at The Senior Source, 3910 Harry

Hines Blvd. Dallas, unless otherwise indicated.

Know The Law: Age Discrimination and Your Job Search - May 7. Presented by Katrin Schatz, Special Counsel, Baker Botts, L.L.P.

Tell Me About Yourself: How To Promote Yourself To Employers - May 21. Presented by Mina Brown, Author, Executive Coach and Entrepreneur.

The Mindless Myths of Aging - June 4. Presented by Helen Harkness, Ph.D., Author and Career Consultant.

Resumes that Get Results - June 18. Presented by Donna LaFreniere, Career Counselor.

Job Search Seminar — Tuesday, May 19, 9-11:30 a.m. DeSoto Senior Center, 204 Lion St., DeSoto.

To list a TIAA-related special event or monthly meeting in the Calendar, email admin@tialumni.org or call 214-567-8444.

Life and Work After TI Seminar



About 140 recently retired and rified Tiers packed the room at an April 6 seminar by the Ex-TI Network to provide practical help in making the transition from TI and in obtaining other employment. TIAA assisted by paying for the meeting room at Plano Centre. To view the presentations, go to www.tialumni.org/seminar and click on Life and Work After TI.

Photo by Jerry Brandenburg.

March 16 TIAA Seminar



Cathy Burns, TI Human Resources; Jerry Pierce, TIAA Education Committee Chair; and Mayme Hanson, TI Human Resources at the TIAA Seminar on What Do I Do and How Do I Do It When I Graduate from TI? About 200 recent and not-so-recent TI retirees attended the seminar at Plano Centre on March 16. Copies of the Human Resources presentation as well as the Medicare presentation by Gaye Humphrey of Medicare are available at www.tialumni.org/retiree.

Photo by Jerry Brandenburg.

TI-Austin Retirees Meet and Eat

By Dave Neighbors

The goals of TI-ARC, the TI-Austin Retiree Club, are primarily social and informal.

We meet once a month at a restaurant arranged by Bill Crane. The club alternates between dinner meetings and luncheon meetings in an effort to provide times when all members can participate in at least some meetings.

That is, we meet at 6:30 p.m. in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November; and at 12:30 p.m. in the months of February, April, June, August, and October. We do not meet in December but encourage our members to attend the annual gathering of the TI Austin Alumni.

The club was founded in 1991 by a small group of TI-Austin retirees who thought that it would be nice to continue the family-like relationships fostered by the atmosphere at TI. Several original members are still members today.

In the beginning, TI-ARC was only open to retirees of TI-Austin and their families. However, when TI ceased Austin operations in the early 1990s, it soon was apparent that a retiree-only membership could never sustain the club. Today we are open to all former TI employees — even those who worked in places other than Austin — and their family members.

We know that some former Tiers are still working and thus are unable to attend our activities, but we invite them to join and

support us anyway. The annual dues are \$15 for couples and \$10 for single members. These dues are used to finance the door prizes given away at each meeting and for expenses connected with newsletter publication and miscellaneous correspondence. Some years, when we can, we donate part of our funds to charity.

In the early years, the club tried to have several special activities each year, such as visits to places of interest around Central Texas. In an effort to renew this tradition, last year some of us visited the Blue Bell Creamery in Brenham, TX. This was an enjoyable trip and we hope to continue trips to places of interest during this and coming years.

The TI-ARC Newsletter has been published on and off over the years. Its goal is to keep our members informed and to entertain them. The newsletter is distributed to all active club members as well as prospective members, including the membership of the TI Austin Alumni.

Our current membership is 62, of whom 30 have paid their 2009 dues. Due to the small base of members from which to draw officers, each of those who serve occupies two offices. The current officers are Bill Crane, vice president and treasurer, and Dave Neighbors, president and secretary. Dave also serves as editor of the newsletter. His email address is Lusefuse@aol.com.

**RSVP by May 1 for
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reservations for the TIAA Annual Meeting
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Center. Please indicate if you plan to ride
the bus from TI. See article on Page 1**

Travel & EVENTS

Dallas World Aquarium – Thursday, June 4 – Experience nature's adventure at this unique display of flora and fauna from five continents, 14 countries, three oceans, and numerous seas and rivers. The 200-foot Wilds of Borneo entrance ramp is lined with plants and animals representative of this region. The indoor adventure begins at the top of the Orinoco - Secrets of the River rainforest exhibit. The upper levels showcase mixed avian species as they fly freely throughout the vegetation, foraging for food, building nests, caring for their young or preening at the top of the 40-foot waterfall. Mammals, ranging in size from small vampire bats to large Antillean manatees, share the rainforest with amphibians, reptiles, invertebrates and fish. The Aquarium portion includes marine species from around the world. The indoor pathway continues by way of a forty-foot long tunnel through the Cenote filled with sharks and rays. The stone pathway ascends into the upper levels where tiny hummingbirds and large raptors have an up-close encounter with the tall Tree of Life. Meet at the LBJ DART station to catch the 9:42 a.m. train. A Senior DART day pass is \$1.50. Walk 4 blocks (0.2 mile) to the Aquarium (admission \$14.95 for seniors). Eat lunch at a restaurant to be determined at your own cost. We should return about 1:30 p.m. Please register by May 29.

Greet the Troops at DFW – Wednesday, June 24 – Help us greet the more than 100 armed forces that pass through DFW airport on their way home for two weeks of well-deserved rest and recuperation (R&R) from Iraq and Afghanistan. The troops are currently scheduled to arrive about 8 a.m. If this does not change, our bus will leave the Texins Activity Center parking lot at 7 a.m. After greeting the troops, we will stop to eat at a location to be determined. We should return to the Texins Activity Center about noon. TI is supplying the bus, so your only cost is for food. Please register by June 17 so that we can inform you if the arrival time of the plane – and therefore the departure time of our bus – changes. If you have a maroon TIAA t-shirt, please wear it.

WinStar Casino Trip – Wednesday, July 23 – Join us as cultures collide at the new WinStar World Casino at Thackerville, OK, where five gaming plazas transform your experience into an international affair. Take in the sights of colorful fountains, hand-painted frescos and towering arches as you travel seamlessly through Paris, Beijing, Rome, Madrid and London. WinStar offers a dining experience to fit any taste. Travel to Beijing for

a taste of Asian cuisine or visit the Midway Food Show for American fast-food favorites. Have your cake, and eat it too, at the Bread Basket Buffet or savor delicious Italian fare at Zar's that will have you singing "That's amore!" If we have 40 travelers, the bus ride is free. They will pick us up at the Texins Activity Center in Richardson and each rider is given a \$10 free-play ticket. Bus will leave at 9 a.m. and return about 6 p.m. Please register by July 16.

Dallas Holocaust Museum – Thursday, Aug. 13 – The Dallas Museum for Holocaust Studies is dedicated to the memory of six million Jews who died during the WWII Holocaust in the belief that by keeping the memory alive, no such atrocity will ever happen again. A dramatic entry through a boxcar that actually transported Jewish victims to the concentration camps brings home the magnitude of this horror. Our tour is scheduled from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If we have enough attending or if we can combine with another group, a survivor will speak to us. We will leave the LBJ DART station on the 9:42 a.m. train. A senior DART day pass is \$1.50. We will get off the train at the West End station and walk 2 blocks (0.1 mile) to museum (admission \$4 for seniors). Afterwards, we will eat lunch at a West End restaurant at your own cost. We should return about 2 p.m. Please register by Aug 6.

Phone Jessica Stewart, 214-567-8444, to register or for more information.



King Tut Exhibit: The culture of ancient Egypt came alive for TIAA members and guests who went to the King Tut exhibit at the Dallas Museum of Art Feb. 18. Pictured are: Top row – Jerry Brandenburg, Peg Ripple, Ronnie Brandenburg, Linda Norton, Larry Norton and Jerry Esquivel; bottom row – Dot Adler and Carol Norton. Photo by Becki Brandenburg.

Health & BENEFITS

Save this reference list of useful web addresses and phone numbers for TI and TI-Raytheon retirees.

TI Health and Financial Benefit Plans

TI HR Connectnetbenefits.fidelity.com1-888-660-1411, Option 1

This phone number consolidates all benefit phone numbers into a 24-hr voice-recognition system. TI Benefits Center representatives are available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Central Time. First-time users of the web address need to register in order to log on. Or you can contact service providers directly at the following web addresses and phone numbers:

Aetna DMOaetna.com1-800-772-1416

Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO Planbcbstx.com/members1-866-866-2300

CVS Caremarkcaremark.com1-800-557-5749

CIGNA HMOs.....cigna.com1-800-244-6224

Computershare Investor Services

TI Stock Accounts1-800-981-8676

U.S. and Canada number for Employee Stock Purchase Plan tax and account statements prior to move to UBS in 2005.1-888-377-7896

Employee Assistance Program – Magellan1-800-888-2273

EyeMed Eye-Care Discount Programeyemedvisioncare.com1-866-723-0391

HFC LivingFree Smoking Cessation Program1-877-719-9860

Medicare Benefits and Claim Statusmedicare.gov1-800-633-4227

MetLife Dental Basic/Dental Plusmybenefits.metlife.com1-800-942-0854

Secure Horizons HMO (D-FW & San Antonio Areas)1-866-622-8055

PNT Nutrition Network (In Dallas Area, call 972-238-1811.)1-800-888-9560

UBS Financial Servicesubs.com/onesource/TXN1-800-597-7516

U.S. number for Stock Option and Employee Stock Purchase Plan inquiries; elsewhere call 1-201-352-3944.

Raytheon Health Benefit Plans

Raytheon Benefits Center.....raytheon.benefitcenter.com1-800-358-1231
TDD 1-800-562-2307

TI-Raytheon Systems retirees should have Social Security and personal identification numbers available when calling. Check with the Raytheon Benefits Center for latest benefit contact information. Or you can contact service providers directly at the following web address and phone numbers:

UMR Medicare Plus Planfhs.umar.com1-877-559-4244

MetLife Dental Customer Service1-888-262-4877