

Come to TI Retiree Luncheon Oct. 27

By Max Post

Join your TI friends and colleagues at the annual TI Retiree Luncheon Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Mesquite Convention Center. The doors open at 10 a.m. for an event featuring:

- Barbeque lunch served banquet style.
- The TI Alumni Association 10th anniversary recognition by Ronnie Brandenburg, TIAA president.
- Celebrating Tiers in the Community, a panel moderated by Venu Menon, TI vice president.
- The Levee Singers, back by popular demand from last year's rousing performance.

With the TI funding cutback in today's tough economy, ticket prices had to be raised this year. However, by reducing other costs, including decorations and audio/visual, it was possible to maintain the luncheon quality, serve banquet style, and still bring back the Levee Singers.

Making Reservations

Admission is \$15 per person if paid in advance or \$25 if paid at the event. Make checks payable to TIAA and mail to P.O. Box 740181, Dallas, Texas 75374. Each retiree or TIAA member may invite one guest at the same price. Nametags will be issued at the event entrance, with separate registration tables for prepaid attendees and those paying at the door.

The invitation packet was mailed in

September. It included a map and a reservation form for the dinner, optional vegetarian plate, bus transportation, physically challenged parking, and flu and pneumonia immunizations.

Any TI retiree or TIAA member who did not receive the invitation packet may get the information by calling TIAA at 214-567-8444 or accessing our website, www.tialumni.org.

Driving Instructions

The Mesquite Convention Center is located at 1700 Rodeo Dr., Mesquite, between the Hampton Inn and Resistol Arena and is accessible from LBJ Freeway (I-635).

From southbound LBJ, take Exit 4 to Military Parkway/Scyene Rd. Stay on the service road and go through two traffic lights. Veer right onto Rodeo Center Blvd. Turn right on Rodeo Dr. and left into the parking lot.

From northbound LBJ, take Exit 4 to Military Parkway/Scyene Rd. Go left under I-635 and turn left onto the southbound service road. Veer right onto Rodeo Center Blvd. Turn right on Rodeo Dr. and left into the parking lot.

Regular and handicapped parking will be available.

Bus Transportation

Retirees who don't want to drive to the event can make reservations to ride shuttle buses departing from the Texins Activ-



The Levee Singers will perform.

Photo by Gene Dierschke

ity Centers at Sherman at 8:30 a.m., Spring Creek at 9:15 a.m., and the Dallas Expressway Site at 9:30 a.m. The \$7.50 bus fee is payable upon boarding the bus. Buses will leave the convention center at 2:30 p.m. or when all riders are aboard.

Flu and Pneumonia Shots

Seasonal flu immunization will be offered. Medicare Part B and TI Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO insurance will cover the cost; otherwise there is a cash fee of \$23. Swine (H1N1) flu shots will not be available at the event. Pneumonia immunization will be available at \$40 and is covered by Medicare Part B once every five years.

You must bring your Medicare card for the shots if covered by Medicare Part

B or bring your TI BCBS PPO card if not on Medicare. Those covered by insurers other than Medicare or TI BCBS PPO plans must pay by cash or check for the shot and file for reimbursement from their insurer.

Other Medical Tests

Enclosed with the invitation was a flyer listing medical screening tests to be offered by Health Screens and their cost. Call 877-854-4735 toll-free to make appointments for tests. Fees for these medical services are payable by cash or check to the vendor at the event.

Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to catch up on the news with friends and former associates and enjoy the big celebration.

TIAA Celebrates 10th Anniversary

By Dot Adler

The Texas Instruments Alumni Association is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2009. TIAA newsletter issues are the primary source for this TIAA history timeline.

1999 — Max Post, retiring after a 39-year TI career, was asked to help create an organization for TI retirees and former Tiers. ■ **The TI Alumni Association** was formed at a July 21 steering and communication teams meeting. ■ **The first TIAA newsletter** was a four-page Alumni News section in the September *TI-Dallas Connected*, the employee newspaper. The lead story headline: "TI Alumni Association Formed." The article said, "The association will work to connect TI retirees and provide information on opportunities for continuing education, health excellence, volunteer service, and events of interest to retirees." ■ **TIAA planned and coordinated the TI retiree special event** on Sept. 20.

Nearly 2,000 packed Plano Centre for A County Fair featuring a buffet lunch, exhibits and investment information from Scott Burns, noted financial columnist.

2000 — **The TIAA website**, www.tialumni.org, startup was announced in the **March Alumni News**. ■ Volunteers were urged to participate in a **Habitat for Humanity project in Plano**. ■ The first **Where to Call** column, listing TI and Raytheon health and financial benefits contacts, ran in this issue. ■ **The June Alumni News** recapped the first TIAA membership meeting on May 18 at the Texins Activity Center. Officers elected were Max Post, president; Carl Skooglund, executive vice president; Ronnie Brandenburg, secretary; and Anita Stinchcombe, treasurer. This issue also recapped the first TIAA ongoing education seminar. The March 20 seminar at the Texans Credit Union Center in Richardson focused on financial planning. ■ **The September**

Alumni News said TIAA membership had soared to almost 1,400 members. An overflow crowd turned out for the Ongoing Education Committee seminar on health insurance and Social Security June 29 at Texans Credit Union Center. ■ **The December-January Alumni News** said the **TI Retiree Roundup and Rodeo** on Sept. 14 at the Mesquite Rodeo Convention Center attracted some 2,000 participants. ■ **The first TIAA Charity Golf Tournament** on Nov. 6 at The Shores Country Club in Rockwell raised more than \$15,000 for the United Way of Dallas.

2001 — **The March Alumni News** introduced **Linda Lambert, the first TIAA administrator**, working in the newly opened office in the Texins Activity Center. ■ **In June**, TIAA printed and mailed the first **TI Alumni Connected** after TI ceased printing its internal newspaper and put the employee publication online. ■ TIAA held its **annual meeting** May 9 at Meyerson Symphony Center. ■ **The September newsletter** announced **TI would outsource health benefits administration to Hewitt Associates**. ■ **The December newsletter** reported the **2nd annual TIAA charity golf tournament** on Sept. 17 at The Shores Country Club raised \$34,000 for The Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas. ■ On Oct. 11, a month after the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, more than 1,500 retirees and guests attended the **TI Roundup** at the Mesquite Rodeo Arena. They got words of encouragement from TI Chairman, President and CEO Tom Engibous. ■ **The TIAA health benefits seminar** on Nov. 6 addressed the TI benefits administration transition to Hewitt and explained 2002 TI Health Benefits Plan changes.

2002 — **The March newsletter** announced the **TIAA strategic partnership with the Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas**. ■ **The June issue** covered the TIAA

annual membership meeting on May 14 at the Women's Museum in Fair Park. Officers elected were Jerry Brandenburg, president; Ed Hassler, executive vice president; Doris Mott, secretary; and Anita Stinchcombe, treasurer. ■ **The September issue** reported on the June 17 **TIAA-sponsored benefits seminar** to help retirees find TI Health Plan benefits information and answer their questions. The TIAA communications team initiated the seminar after getting hundreds of emails and phone calls since TI moved its benefits administration to Hewitt in 2001. ■ **The December newsletter** said the third annual TIAA Charity Golf Tournament at Oakridge Country Club in Garland raised more than \$25,000 for the Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas. ■ **The Patriotic Party** on Oct. 10 at the Dallas World Trade Center saluted TI retirees. ■ TI announced that, effective Jan. 1, 2003, retirees now insured under the **TI Health Plan** would receive health benefits coverage under the **Blue Cross Blue Shield Preferred Provider Organization (BCBS PPO)**.

2003 — **The March newsletter** announced that **Doris Mott was now TIAA administrator**. ■ **The first TIAA cruise**, sponsored by the Activities Committee Travel subcommittee, was Feb. 2-9, sailing from Galveston on the Royal Caribbean's Rhapsody of the Seas. ■ **The TIAA annual meeting** was booked for May 22 at the new Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts in Richardson. ■ **Results of a survey** showed what retirees wanted from TIAA. ■ **The June issue** spotlighted the makeover of the TIAA website. The redesign was created by John Byers, TIAA webmaster, and his son, Jason, a recent University of Texas at Dallas engineering graduate. ■ **The September issue** covered the TIAA Health and Wellness Seminar on May 28 at Plano Centre. The seminar

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TI Alumni Association formed

Linking the past, present, and future may seem like a daunting task, but with the formation of the TI Alumni Association, it's certainly not impossible.

Several months of exploratory work culminated with the formation of the TI Alumni Association July 21 at a meeting of its Steering and Communication Teams. The association will work to connect TI retirees and provide information on opportunities for continuing education, health excellence, volunteer service, and events of interest to retirees.

The Communications Team is launching numerous projects to help improve interaction and communication between retirees, as well as providing information about the company. Projects include a newsletter, a new TI Alumni website, and a membership directory. Meanwhile, a Steering Team continues working on future events, as well as the details of its charter and structure.

"We are entering an era where it will be increasingly important for senior citizens to be connected to the Internet, or to have access to its information," commented Max Post, chairman of the Steering Team. "One of our goals is to see more retirees connected to the Internet, to help in computer education and provide links

Retreat looks at retiree's wants, needs

Many former Texas Instruments employees feel as though they've lost part of their family - and they want to get it back.

That's the message that Phillip Shinoda, an associate with Dallas-based community relations consultants Corporate Citizen Group, gave to members of the TI Alumni Association Steering and Communications teams during a one-day retreat July 21 at the Texas facility.

"The thing we heard over and over was, 'TI was a people company. We had lost our friends.' The strength of these feelings created an attachment," Phillip said. "There's a special culture and basic trust toward fellow retirees."

CCG gleaned its information through four separate meetings with TI retirees. Thirty-one former TI employees met to discuss their feelings toward TI, as well as providing information regarding what they would like to see created to enhance the retirement opportunities provided through the company. The CCG team, which consisted of Shinoda, Teresa R. Trevino, Mary Farr and Randall White, presented ways other companies have created

John Wilson, Dot Adler and Max Post are part of the Alumni Communications Team.

The first alumni newsletter.



TIAA Presidents: Max Post, 2000-2002; Jerry Brandenburg, 2002-2004; Ed Hassler, 2004-2006; Lewis McMahan, 2006-2008; and Ronnie Brandenburg, 2008-2010.

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tion, obesity and becoming a good health-care consumer. ■ **The December issue** stated the 4th annual TIAA Charity Golf Tournament raised \$25,960 for The Senior Source, the Senior Citizens of Greater Dallas. The event was Sept. 8 at Oakridge Country Club. ■ **The TIAA seminar on 2004 health benefits** plan changes drew

more than 500 Dallas-area TI retirees to Plano Centre on Oct. 23. A webcast enabled Houston Retiree Club members in Stafford to view the seminar as it was conducted live via an Internet-connected computer and large-screen projector. ■ **Thanksgiving** was the theme for the TI retiree luncheon on Nov. 12 at Market Hall in Dallas.

2004 — The March newsletter

Calendar

Dallas-Area Alumni Groups

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

Ex-GSIs — 11:30 a.m., second Wednesday, lunch at Tino's Too, 2201 Ave. 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@yahoo.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.

GSIs — 11:30 a.m., third Tuesday, lunch at Poor Richard's, SE corner of E. Park and Ave. K, Plano. 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, 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 St., Dallas. Call Gladys Jones, 214-376-9725, or Willie Demus, 214-331-2111.

TIAA Retiree Bunch — Middle of the third week each month. Oct. 20, Texins CR 1&2, 10 a.m., covered dish lunch with chili and chili w/beans provided. Nov. 17, Golden Corral at Campbell & Plano Rd., Richardson, 11 a.m. Dec. 15, Golden Corral, 11 a.m. Contact Tom Gregory, tomtengreg@hotmail.com or 972-412-9332, or Lucy Salas, 469-878-1514.

TIAA Seminars

HR, Health, Medicare — Wednesday, Oct. 14, Plano Centre, Plano.

TIAA Travel Events

Jazz in the Atrium — Thursday, Nov. 5, 4:16-9 p.m., Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas.

Cowboy Stadium Tour — Tuesday, Nov. 17, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Arlington.

Christmas on Main Street & Twinkle Light Parade — Saturday, Dec. 5, 1-7 p.m.; Grapevine.

East Texas Oil Museum — Wednesday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Kilgore.

Garland Symphony — Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6 p.m., Garland.

For more information, see Travel on Page 4.

TIAA Major Events

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

Tech Smart Big Heart

The following activities, currently planned for 2009, are open to retired TIs. Contact Andy Smith at wasmith@ti.com or 214-480-3462 to confirm date and details.

Dallas Arboretum — Sept. 20-Nov. 1; TI retirees and up to five family members receive free admission to Autumn at the Arboretum on weekdays only.

AIDS Lifewalk — Sunday, Oct. 11.

TI Weekend at Fair Park — Dec. 4-7; TI retirees and up to five family members receive free admission to the museums at Fair Park.

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. Required RSVP to 214-823-5700 or rperry@theseniorsource.org.

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

announced the TIAA executive team initiated a **strategic plan for the future** that would increase the services offered, implement a more effective retiree communications process and, where possible, expand communications to other sites outside the Dallas area. ■ **The June issue** told about the **TIAA annual meeting** on May 19 at the Dallas Arboretum. Officers elected were Ed Hassler, president; Jon Jackson, executive vice president; Sharlene Tucker, secretary; and Ruth Lee, treasurer. Constitution and bylaws changes were approved. TIAA members took pride in five years of accomplishments. ■ **The September issue** stated a 14-member retiree team was **researching TI history** and acting as advisors on a book to be published in conjunction with the TI 75th anniversary in 2005. ■ **The December-January issue** reported the 5th annual **TIAA Charity Golf Tournament** on Sept. 20 at Oakridge Country Club raised \$23,000 to benefit The Senior Source. ■ **At the annual retiree Big Event** saluting TI retirees, TI President and CEO Rich Templeton was upbeat about the company's future. The Nov. 11 event was at Market Hall in Dallas.

2005 — **The April newsletter** announced the plan for the TI 75th anniversary celebration on May 16. ■ **The July issue** reported on the May 15 **TIAA annual meeting** at the Hall of State in Fair Park in Dallas. Officers elected were Ed Hassler, president; Francisco Escobar, executive vice president; Janelle Richards, secretary; and Ruth Lee, treasurer. ■ **The TI 75th anniversary** was the theme for the Nov. 9 **TI Retiree Big Event** at Market Hall. Copies of the TI history book, *Engineering the World: Stories from the first 75 years of Texas Instruments*, were sold in the TIAA booth. ■ **The October newsletter** announced the TIAA Charity Golf Tournament on Sept. 13 at Oakridge Country Club raised more than \$20,000 benefiting The Senior Source. This boosts to more than \$120,000 the total money the TIAA golf tournament has raised over the past five years to improve the quality of life for North Texas seniors.

2006 — **The January-February newsletter** announced that the **TI historical archives** were being contributed to the DeGolyer Library at Southern Methodist University. ■ **The April issue** reported a TIAA task force — after taking a good, hard look at the TIAA organization — recommended changes in structure, with focus on membership and leadership development, to insure growth and long-term success. ■ **The July newsletter** reported on the May 17 **TIAA annual meeting** at the new TI RFAB semiconductor chip factory in Richardson. Officers elected were Lewis McMahan, president; Francisco Escobar, executive vice president; Janelle Richards, secretary; and Tom Boedecker, treasurer. ■ **The October issue** noted that the annual TIAA Charity Golf Tournament on Sept. 18 at Waterview Golf Club in Rowlett raised \$22,250 for The Senior Source. ■ The annual **TI Retiree Big Event** date was Oct. 31, so a Halloween theme was in order for the luncheon at Southfork Ranch.

2007 — **The January-February newsletter** recapped a **Nutrition Seminar** conducted by Martie Whittekin, Certified Clinical Nutritionist, who told how to put more life in your years. ■ **The April issue** announced that **Jessica Stewart is the new TIAA administrator**. ■ **The 2007 4th quarter** saw the TIAA newsletter transformed as the *TI Alumni News*. TIAA had delivery problems sending the newsletter via 3rd class bulk mail. The post office recommended using 1st class mail for faster, reliable delivery. Jon Campbell took charge of the newsletter redesign required to meet postal regulations for 1st class mail. ■ TIAA held its annual membership meeting on May 16 at the Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas. ■ **The 4Q07 issue** announced that, starting in 2Q08, the *TI Alumni News* would be mailed only to TIAA members. ■ The newsletter announced that the annual TI Charity Golf Tournament raised \$23,365 for The Senior Source. The tournament at Waterview Golf Club in Rowlett was postponed from Sept. 10 to Sept. 17 because of heavy rain on the original event date. ■ **The annual TI Retiree Big Event** celebration was set for Nov. 15 at Southfork Ranch.

2008 — **The 1Q08 TI Alumni News** stated TIAA would support **two new community projects** in 2008 — upgrading facilities at the Jerry R. Junkins Head Start Center in Dallas and a volunteer/mentoring program at the Jerry R. Junkins Elementary School in Carrollton. ■ **The 2Q08 issue** announced the launch of *TI Alumni eNews*, a new electronic communications tool for TIAA members and other TI alumni. ■ **The 3Q08 issue** covered the **TIAA annual meeting** on May 21 at the Old Red Courthouse in Dallas. Officers elected were Ronnie Brandenburg, president; Tom Boedecker, executive vice president; Ellen McKee, secretary; and Larry James, treasurer. ■ TI announced it would change its U.S. benefits administration from Hewitt Associates to Fidelity Investments, beginning with annual enrollment for 2009. ■ **The 4Q08 issue** reported the annual **TI Charity Golf Tournament** raised \$21,710 benefiting The Senior Source. The Sept. 6 tournament was at Ridgeview Ranch Golf Club in Plano. ■ The annual **TI Retiree Luncheon** was set for Nov. 18 at the Mesquite Convention Center. Feature attractions: The Levee Singers and celebrating the 50th anniversary of Jack Kilby's invention of the integrated circuit at TI.

2009 — **The 1Q09 TI Alumni News** reported TIAA now has about **2,500 members**, up from less than 50 when TIAA started 10 years ago. ■ **The 2Q09 issue** announced TIAA would return to the Meyerson Symphony Center on May 11 for the 10th annual membership meeting. ■ **The 3Q09 issue** reported that TIAA incumbent officers were reelected at the annual meeting. ■ TIAA announced it would undertake a 2009 campaign for the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas

Newsletter Modification

Two years ago, TIAA unveiled a newsletter redesigned so that it could be processed by the Post Office's high-speed automated sorting equipment. This allowed us to send our newsletter via first-class mail. However, the Post Office experienced difficulties sorting unenveloped mail, such as the *TI Alumni News*, and they have issued revised specifications.

The main change we needed to

make now was reducing the width of the newsletter by an inch, which necessitated our going from a 5-column to a 4-column format. Certain features had to be redesigned to correspond with the new column widths and other changes were made to accommodate some of the 10 percent reduction in available area. We also changed to a whiter paper stock for increased readability.

TIAA Launches United Way Campaign

The TI Alumni Association is conducting its first-ever campaign for the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas.

The TIAA campaign seeks to increase both financial contributions and volunteer time by TI retirees. Marv Lane and Betty Purkey are co-chairing the campaign and teaming with the TIAA Community Service subcommittee.

Marv and Betty both served as active United Way volunteers and donors throughout their long careers at TI, and both have continued their support as retirees.

Help is Needed

“Retirees have less income to share,” Betty said. “But a little bit can make a difference – just \$5 or \$10 a month adds up over time. The funding from the annual campaign enables United Way agencies to provide needed services in our communities throughout the year.”

“Giving is important,” Marv said. “It doesn’t matter if it’s through financial giving or volunteering. There’s a real satisfaction that comes from having helped others.”

Over the last few weeks, TIAA members have received emails and letters from the co-chairs. TIAA has also launched its own United Way website www.unitedwaydallas.org/tiaa that has a



Betty Purkey and Marv Lane

link on the TIAA website.

How to Help

TIAA members can make their pledge online or can make donations by check. Please make your check payable to United Way and send to TIAA/United Way, P.O. Box 740181, Dallas TX 75374. As in the past, donations can be specified for the agency of your choice.

Opportunities for TIAA members to volunteer for United Way agencies are

posted on the TIAA website at www.tialumni.org/new/volunteer.asp

For More Information

If you have questions about the TIAA United Way campaign, contact Marv Lane at marvinlane@sbcglobal.net or 972-386-5191 or Betty Purkey at bkpurkey@tx.rr.com or 972-415-2452. Anyone who would like to help on this project is encouraged to call the TIAA office, 214-567-8444.

GSlers Slate Oct. 26 Reunion in Houston

GSlers — alumni of Geophysical Service Inc., the original company from which TI evolved — will hold a reunion from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26 in Houston.

The event is at Kim Son Restaurant, 2001 Jefferson. This is six blocks from the George R. Brown Convention Center, where the Society of Exploration Geophysicists will be meeting.

Cost is \$20 per person. Make checks payable to GSI Reunion and mail to GSI Reunion, 10134 Hammerly Blvd., Box 186, Houston, TX 77080. For more information, contact Shorty Shipp at 281-507-5000 or shorty.shipp@cctechnol.com or Jim Acker at 713-876-9990 or jacker1@sbcglobal.net.

Vernon White – A Man on the Move

By Dolores Runyon

“Working in my machine shop at home making prototypes and tools for Southwestern Medical Center is an interesting and rewarding job,” says Vernon White, an 84-year-old TI retiree. “I never know what I’ll be creating next – and usually with very little instruction. Sometimes I’ll get a sketch or a half-way drawing, but usually the information I receive is verbal. There is never an actual print of what is needed. I’ll create a prototype and then make adjustments for what is required.”

Vernon’s TI Career

Vernon hired in at TI in Aug. 1959 as a machinist at Lemmon Avenue. After working as a machinist for only a year, he was promoted to foreman over second shift.

“Before working for TI, I had been a supervisor in a machine shop for five years, so I already had a good background,” stated Vernon.

For the next 30 years, he was either a supervisor or a manager in the tool shop at Lemmon Avenue or the model shop in the North Building – and traveling to out-of-state technical schools recruiting machinists for TI. On Feb. 29, 1989, Vernon retired from TI at the age of 64.

After Retirement

He didn’t sit around being retired very long though. He went to work at an auto auction in Mesquite. It was there that he heard about the shop at Southwestern Medical Center. A co-worker’s husband worked at the medical center and suggested he go for an interview. After working at the auto auction for only a year, Vernon again went to work full time in the tool shop at Southwestern Medical Center. He worked for the medical center until his wife became ill – and again retired to care for her.

“After my wife’s death six years ago, I had time on my hands and needed to be busy,” says Vernon, “so I contacted Southwestern again about working for them.” Now Vernon works from home in his 12x24-foot shop that has a Harding tool-room lathe and a Bridgeport mill with Sony digital readout.

“I don’t know what everything is used

for that I make for the medical center, but I cut a lot of hypodermic needles. They have to be cut to a 0.010-inch outer diameter and a 0.006-inch inner diameter. Then the inside has to be burred and buffed so that 0.005-inch wire can go through it,” Vernon stated.

One thing he created had a very specific use, though – a customized trachea tube for a patient. “There was not another one like this for what was needed, so I had to create one. It was made completely of steel – I even had to make my own tooling,” Vernon said. “After about two years, he needed another one, so this time I made him an even better one, using plastic and steel.”

Everything Vernon makes in his shop isn’t for medical purposes though. Sometimes he gets to do something that’s just fun – like making a new hub for a chuck wagon at the rodeo.

Still Active

Don’t look for Vernon at home sitting on his couch – this is a busy man. He’ll either be working in his shop, delivering finished products to the medical center or going to TIAA travel events. And that doesn’t include time spent with his family – two children, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one 2 ½-year-old great-granddaughter.



Vernon White at TIAA travel event.



Lugene Furgurson, Phyllis Turlington and Verdie Furgurson and 50 other TIAA members and guests boarded the bus to Winstar Casino on July 23.



Sharon O’Neal, Peg Ripple and Jessica Stewart at the Trinity River Audubon Center on Sept. 17.

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The Texas Instruments Alumni Association is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. Read about the highlights of our first 10 years in the article beginning on Page 1.

Travel

Jazz Concert at DMA – Thursday, Nov. 5 – Catch the DART light rail (senior day pass \$2) at LBJ/Central at 4:16 p.m., debark at Cityplace, and transfer to the McKinney Avenue Trolley (free) to the Dallas Museum of Art. We will have free admission to the museum beginning at 5 p.m. and a live jazz concert from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Atrium. We will eat at our own expense in the Atrium Cafe and catch the McKinney Avenue Trolley at 8:05 p.m. to Cityplace, transfer to DART, and be back to the LBJ/Central stop about 9 p.m. Register by Oct. 29.

Cowboy Stadium Tour – Tuesday, Nov. 17 – Come take a tour of the new Cowboy Stadium in Arlington. We will visit the Pro Shop, scoreboard control room, a luxury suite, the press box, the silver level platform, player interview room, the football field, and the Cowboys locker room. We will depart the Texins Activity Center at 9:30 a.m. The tour begins at 11 a.m. and will last about 75 minutes. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Cameras and video recorders are welcome. Food, drink, smoking, and large purses are not allowed. After the tour, we'll have lunch at Mercado Juarez in Arlington at our own cost and return about 2 p.m. Cost is \$16/member and \$18/nonmember. Register by Nov. 10.

Christmas on Main Street and Twinkle Light Parade – Saturday, Dec. 5 – Join us as we board the Grapevine-bound TI bus at 1 p.m. We'll visit with Santa Claus, take a complimentary horse-drawn trolley ride, shop the historic downtown square and enjoy the strolling entertainers in period costumes. At 4 p.m. we'll head out to watch the water of Lake Grapevine glisten during the

Twinkle Light Parade on Lake Grapevine at dusk. The lighted boat parade starts at Twin Coves Marina and picks up entries at each marina as it circles the lake. We will return about 7 p.m. Cost is \$12/member and \$14/nonmember. Register by Nov 28.

East Texas Oil Museum – Wednesday, Jan. 20 – Travel to Kilgore and back in time to the East Texas oil boom. The museum displays the history of the largest oil field in the "lower 48". Then step through the doors into another era, a recreation of a muddy street in a full-sized boom town. Browse the shelves at the Arp General Store, ride a "magic elevator" to the center of the earth, have refreshments at the Overton Drug Store or dance to vintage 1930 big-band music. Stroll a block away to the Rangerette Showcase and Museum featuring displays of mechanized Rangerette props, costumes from the spring stage show plus thousands of photographs and newspaper clippings. We will leave Texins at 9 a.m. and return about 5 p.m. Cost is \$28/member and \$31/nonmember. Register by Jan. 13.

Garland Symphony – Friday, Feb. 18 – Join us for a delightful voyage to the unknown produced by the Garland Symphony Orchestra. Sit back and enjoy an evening of spectacular film scores from the greatest movie composers of all times. We will meet at 6 p.m. for dinner at Dos Banderas Tex-Mex Cuisine, 614 Main Street St., in Garland at our own expense. Then we will travel a few blocks to the Granville Arts Center and hear wonderful music played by over 90 professional musicians. Cost is \$20/member or \$22/non-member. Register by Feb. 11.

To register, contact Jessica Stewart at admin@tialumni.org or 214-567-8444. **Payment is due seven days prior to event.** Mail check to TIAA, PO Box 740181, Dallas, TX 75374.

Martha and Eugene Hedges and 25 other TIAA members and guests visited the Trinity River Audubon Center on Sept. 17.



Contacts

TI Health & Financial Benefit Plans

TI HR Connect

1-888-660-1411, Option 1
<https://netbenefits.fidelity.com>

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.

For those who would like to contact service providers directly, a downloadable and printable list of web addresses and phone numbers is available at tialumni.org/benefits or by calling TIAA at 214-567-8444.

Raytheon Health Benefit Plans

Raytheon Benefits Center

1-800-358-1231
TDD 1-800-562-2307 <https://raytheon.benefitcenter.com>

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.

For those who would like to contact service providers directly, a downloadable and printable list of web addresses and phone numbers is available at tialumni.org/benefits or by calling TIAA at 214-567-8444.

TI Alumni News

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