

2009 TI Retiree Luncheon Rates High With Attendees

The 2009 TI Retiree Luncheon drew approximately 800 to the Mesquite Convention Center Oct. 27 to celebrate the TI Alumni Association's 10th anniversary and Tiers in the community.

The fellowship with friends, barbecue and an informative program were big hits, as was musical entertainment by the popular Levee Singers.

A total of 627 retirees, former Tiers, spouses and guests returned the event survey form, and 595 (or 96 percent) said they liked the event overall. For 108 (or 17 percent), this was their first retiree annual event.

About 16 percent (116) traveled more than 50 miles to attend. TIAA ran buses from Sherman for the first time, as well as from the Plano and Dallas Texins Activity Centers.

Just Getting Together

One person wrote on the survey form, "Just getting together is a blessing. Thank you all!" This seemed to be the general feeling among the attendees.

The survey respondents included 214 (or 35 percent) who noted they volunteered for community service in 2009. TI retiree volunteers average 17.4 hours per month at various agencies.

TIAA again offered free one-year membership if attendee had worked at TI and had never been a TIAA member. It was not necessary to have retired from TI to join. The TIAA Membership Committee enrolled 11 new first-year members and accepted membership renewals from six TIAA members.

More than 25 exhibitors had booths at the event, including major sponsors for the 10th annual TIAA Charity Golf Tournament, benefiting The Senior Source.

In the medical area, 156 luncheon attendees received seasonal flu shots, and 39 got the pneumonia vaccine. Also, medical testing probably saved one man's life, discovering a large aneurysm. He went to the hospital the next day.

TIAA 10th Anniversary

Ronnie Brandenburg, TI Alumni Association president, took event goers on a

slide-illustrated memory trip, recapping what TIAA accomplished in its first 10 years and recognizing the volunteers who have served as TIAA leaders.

"We've come a long way in 10 years, thanks to TI and you retirees for joining our great organization," Ronnie said. TIAA started in 1999 with about 50 members and now has about 2,700.

This was the 10th year that the TIAA Activities Committee, chaired by Max Post, was responsible for the TI Retiree Luncheon, a really big event that is TI's annual gift to the company's retirees.

Andy Smith, TI director of Corporate Philanthropy, presented Ronnie with an official State of Texas resolution from Representative Carol Kent honoring TIAA for its contributions to the community and recognizing the 10th anniversary.

Tiers in the Community

A panel composed of Andy Smith; Ann Pomykal, TI Foundation executive director; Marv Lane, TIAA United Way campaign co-chairman; and Max Post told how Tiers — active and retired — are making a difference in their communities.

A "Volunteer Wall of Fame" in the exhibit area spotlighted community service by individual TI retirees — TIAA's own "Points of Light."

Retirees attending the luncheon brought toys and toiletries to donate to the Community Partners of Dallas, which provides resources and support to Dallas County Child Protective Services case-workers.

Update on TI

Venu Menon, TI Vice President, Analog Technology Development, presented a quick update on TI, commenting, "The good old days are still going on at TI."

He said TI third quarter results exceeded Wall Street's expectations. Demand for TI products is up as customers have begun to increase production levels in their factories, not just replenish their inventories.

"We reported higher margins and solid revenue growth in the right areas — analog and embedded processing," Venu said. "TI had its second consecutive quarter of



Andy Smith presents Ronnie Brandenburg with State of Texas resolution recognizing TIAA 10th anniversary.

Photo by David Drake



State Of Texas Certificate honoring TIAA on its 10th anniversary.

20 percent growth in analog. We have continued making strategic investments in the economic downturn, using our strong balance sheet to add manufacturing capacity."

TI has started moving equipment into the new Richardson fabrication plant. The RFAB will be the world's only production facility to use 300-millimeter wafers to

manufacture analog chips.

More on TIAA Website

Go to the TIAA website, www.tialumni.org/tir2009/pres.asp, to view the TI Retiree Luncheon presentations, State of Texas commemorative resolution, and a slide show of event photos taken by David Drake, the official photographer.

TIAA Wall of Fame Honors Volunteers

By Dolores Runyon

A Volunteer Wall of Fame at the 2009 TI Retiree Luncheon honored TIAA members who volunteer their time in support of their communities.

Those who were listed are a very small

sampling of TI retirees who volunteer for various community services. A big hats off to these TI retiree volunteers!

Tom Boedecker — Dallas Independent School District consultant to high school principals; picks up and delivers food



George Consolver and Max Post in front of the Volunteer Hall of Fame exhibit.

Photo by David Drake

donations to Network Community Ministries for distribution to needy families; TIAA Treasurer from 2006-2008; current TIAA Executive Vice President.

Jerry Brandenburg — Local, regional and national orchid growers' associations; "Greet the Troops" and hosting bingo at various Metroplex nursing homes.

Ronnie Brandenburg — Homeowner's Association; local, regional and national orchid growers' associations; "Greet the Troops;" Founding Member of TIAA; first TIAA Secretary and current TIAA President.

John Byers — Habitat for Humanity, Neighborhood Association, TIAA Membership VP from 2002-2005 and current TIAA webmaster.

Ed Hassler — Properties Moderator for his church, United Way Grant Process, Dallas Children's Advocacy Center, current President of the Board of Texins Association, TIAA President from 2004-2006. Ed and his wife, Ida, are active in many civic organizations and their church.

Roberta Hill — Missions Secretary at her church, Alumni Association for Lincoln High School, TIAA's RSVP pilot project at

Network Community Ministries.

Marv Lane — Former Chairman and Director of DART, United Way, Tejas Girl Scout Council, City of Dallas Boards, University of Texas at Dallas and local schools.

Ruth Lee — Director of Crime Watch for city of Farmers Branch, Metrocrest Service Center, Friends of Farmers Branch Historical Park, TIAA Treasurer from 2004-2006 and TIAA Activities Committee member.

Lewis McMahan — Active in United Way allocation process since 1990, Strategic Planning Member of Texas Water Development Board, Advisory Committee for new Parkland Hospital Construction Project, TI Foundation Board Member, TIAA President from 2006-2007.

Bobbie Mitchell — AARP Tax Aide, Court Appointed Special Advocate for foster children, North Dallas Shared Ministries and Volunteer Income Tax Aide.

Hugh Myers — TIAA Membership Committee member, volunteer at numerous TIAA events.

Dave Noble (deceased) — Distribution of gifts to new owners of Habitat for Humanity House on behalf of TIAA. Dave

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The TID/ISS people in Freising, Germany, get together monthly for a "Stammtisch." Shown at the January 2010 meeting are (clockwise from front): Christa Newman, Bruce Newman, Nik Blank, Richard Marx, Paul Shepherd, Dieter Goeschl, Mike Cornelison and Karl Heinz Neubauer.

Calendar

Dallas-Area Alumni Groups

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

Ex-GSlers – 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.

GSlers – 11:30 a.m., third Tuesday, lunch at Tony's Café, NW corner of Alma at Spring Creek Pkwy., 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, 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. Contact Tom Gregory, tomtengreg@hotmail.com or 972-412-9332, or Lucy Salas, 469-878-1514.

TIAA Major Events

Annual Meeting – Tuesday, May 18, at University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson.

Annual Charity Golf Tournament – Tuesday, Sept. 14, Woodbridge Golf Club, Wylie, to benefit The Senior Source.

TIAA Travel Events

Winstar Casino – Wednesday, March 3, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

DFW Operations – Tuesday, March 16, 9:15 a.m.-2 p.m.

Greenville Tour (Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum and Mary of Puddin Hill) – Thursday, April 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m..

Believe It or Not – Tuesday, April 20, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

For more information, see Travel on Page 4.

TIAA Community Service Event

Greet the Troops – Thursday, Feb. 25, 7 a.m.-12 noon. For more information or to register, contact Jessica Stewart at admin@tialumni.org or 214-567-8444.

Tech Smart Big Heart Events

The following activities, currently planned for 2010 are open to retired TIers. Contact Andy Smith at wasmith@ti.com or 214-480-3462 to confirm date and details.

Dallas Museum of Art – March 9-16. Free admission for TI retirees and one guest.

Nasher Sculpture Center – March 9-16. Free admission for TI retirees and up to five family members.

Trinity Audubon Center – April 22-25. Free admission for TI retirees and up to five family members.

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.

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

Dave Noble Named TIAA 2009 Volunteer of Year

The late Dave Noble Jr. is the first TIAA Volunteer of the Year awardee.

TIAA's Executive Committee elected to honor Dave posthumously when the award was created. His plaque was prominently displayed at the 2009 TI Retiree Luncheon.

Prior to Dave's death May 18, 2009, in Plano, Dave was an active TIAA member and stalwart community volunteer.

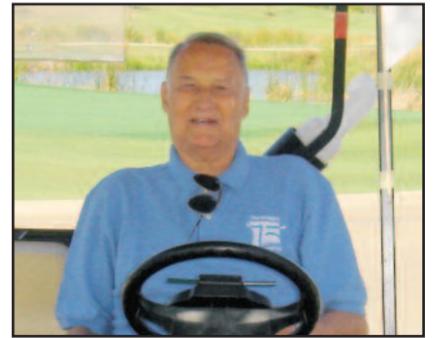
Dave graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1953 with a business degree and worked in the family-owned insurance business before joining IBM and moving to a warmer climate. He joined TIAA in 1999.

During this time, Dave was diagnosed with cancer. After several years and many operations and chemotherapy sessions, he became cancer-free and credited his TI friends with being instrumental in his recovery.

In 1997, Dave retired from quality assurance with a software development group when the unit was sold to Sterling Software. He joined TIAA in 1999.

He was always the first to volunteer for many TIAA projects over the years, including the annual charity golf tournaments, TI retiree luncheons and annual meetings, even though he frequently showed up with a cast on his foot or an arm in a sling.

Dave worked on Tech Smart Big Heart Corporate Caring Day projects at Equest and reveled in a child's smile from atop a horse. He enjoyed mentoring grade-



Dave Noble

school children in the HOST program, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and the Crop Walk, and assisting at the 2000 Olympic gymnastics trials and other athletic events. He had planned for and worked on the Dallas 2012 Olympic bid.

He was an active member of the West Plano Presbyterian Church for 30 years, enjoying outings and other activities.

Dave will be remembered for his enthusiasm, friendliness and willingness to help others. One of the highlights in Dave's community service was when he was selected to present a house-warming gift on behalf of TIAA to the new owners at the dedication of a Habitat house in Plano.

The TIAA Executive Committee will select an outstanding individual to receive the 2010 award from nominations made by other TIAA members. To recommend a candidate, email TIAA at admin@alumni.org or phone 214-567-8444.

TIAA Travel Events



TOP: Eldon Patterson, Nancy Burkett and Mary Ann Harris test the field at the Cowboy Stadium. It required six buses on two days to transport over 150 members and guests on our most popular travel event to date.

MIDDLE: Tom Gregory is awed by the rotunda mural depicting the 1930s East Texas oil scene at the East Texas Oil Museum. It was made with carpet and took over 500 hours to create.

BOTTOM: Len Matthews shows he's a true Cowboy fan at a stopover in Edom, Texas.

Wall of Fame

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was posthumously awarded the 2009 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Ann Pomykal – Board of the North Texas Business for the Arts, Chair of the Fair Park Marketing Leadership Team, AT&T Performing Arts Center Advisory Board and faculty member for the Center for Corporate Citizenship at Boston College.

Mary Ann Potter – The Senior Source Money Management Team.

Betty Purkey – Co-chair of TIAA United Way Campaign, many volunteer activities at her church and United Way agencies, including Girls, Inc. and The Senior Source.

Kate Rose – IRS Tax Assistance, Site Coordinator at Fretz Park, The Senior Source Money Management Program, Boomer Green Teams and Block Captain for Neighborhood Watch Program.

Lucy Salas – Plays in an all-girl ukulele band at retirement homes, local thrift store, helping with local elections, making and giving away as many as 90 bunny towels a month and president of the TI Retiree Club.

Jessica Stewart – Community Garden Group (donates half of their produce to the Network Ministries for distribution to needy families), active in TIAA visits to nursing homes and “Greet the Troops.”

Anita Stinchcombe – Richland Community College as a conversation partner with ESL students wanting to improve their English skills.

Gary Stopani – Texas Ramps (builds access ramps for disabled citizens).

As people at the retiree luncheon read about the above volunteers, they were encouraged to add their names and volunteer activities in which they participate; here are more retirees who donate their time:

Nancy Adams – NCC Habitat; **Dot**

Adler – TIAA Communications Vice President and editor, TI Alumni News; **Betty Allen** – VA, Red Cross; **Carol Blamire** – Richardson Hospital, Eisemann Center; **Ed Blamire** – AARP Tax aide, Eisemann Center; **Jon Campbell** – member of TIAA Communications Committee and TIAA Travel Subcommittee, editor of *TI Alumni eNews*.

Also, **George Consolver** – teacher of preschool children at church, strategy coach for small businesses; **Laurel Dowd** – St. Jude Hospital fundraising; **Aretha Ford** – caregiver; **Dale and Dolores German** – TIAA Travel Subcommittee members; **Cindy Gonsalves** – Project Graduation; **Rosa Hall** – #803 Prison Ministry; **Janie Harper** – Grapevine Historical Museum; **Jim and Peggy Hudson** – Meals on Wheels, church; **Larry James** – DISD High School Principal’s Mentor; and **Ellen McKee** – caregiver.

Plus **Chris and Marlene Nelson** – Area Library, Second Grade Tutors, Pottsboro City Planning and Zoning Commission; **Max Post** – Habitat for Humanity, The Senior Source, Wilshire Baptist Church; **Doyce Ramey** – TIAA Charity Golf Tournament; **Janelle Richards** – ESL teacher at NW Christian Church; **Peggy Ripple** – First Baptist Church Richardson, “Smile Stickers,” maker of 50,000 finger puppets annually for Children’s Hospital; **Dorothy Robinson** – hospice care, Campfire USA; **Dolores Runyon** – Court Partnership Program for Domestic Abuse, member of TIAA Activities Committee and TIAA Communications Committee; **Bettie Smith** – volunteer coordinator at Baptist Benevolent Ministries Food Pantry; **LuAnn Wilson** – Museum of Nature & Science (4,700 hours).

Golf Tournament a Success

The 10th Annual TIAA Charity Golf Tournament raised \$22,160 in donations and pledges for The Senior Source, a non-profit organization that has worked to improve the quality of life for North Texas area senior citizens for more than 45 years.

For only the second time in its history, the tournament had to be rescheduled because of heavy rains. When some 64 golfers took to the course at the Woodbridge Golf Club in Wylie Sept. 28, they experienced some of the best golf weather ever for a TIAA tournament.

Bob Law, The Senior Source Finance Committee chair, thanked golfers for their contributions and gave a brief review of programs benefiting seniors.

TIAA President Ronnie Brandenburg presented a check representing the proceeds to Molly Bogen, Executive Director of The Senior Source. Since 2001, the TIAA has raised more than \$225,000 to benefit The Senior Source. Molly and her associates have commented many times on the importance of the TIAA to their organization and continue to express their appreciation for the support.

Max Post recognized the efforts of corporate sponsors for their help and also recognized the contributions from more than 70 retirees who mailed in donations as hole sponsors and cart sponsors, or made individual donations.

Courtney Miller thanked all the volunteers who helped with the logistics to make the tournament a success, especially TIAA Administrator Jessica Stewart. Stephanie Grossman of The Senior Source also provided major support for the tournament.

Courtney announced the results of the competition: **1st place team** — Walt Bonner, O.D. Eastland, and Jesse Jackson; **2nd place team** — Jim Balaze, Jim Powell, Gary Sprehe and Wayne Proctor; **3rd place team** — Kevin Koestner, David Koestner, Mike Hayden and Brad Woodson; **Long**



Golf tournament 1st place team — O.D. Eastland, Jesse Jackson and Walt Bonner.

Drive Men — David Koestner; **Long Drive Ladies** — Kim Harrison; **Closest to Pin** — (4 winners) Perry Skelton, Wayne Proctor, Ted Miller, Jim Powell.

Courtney also recognized the underwriters of the tournament – Texans Credit Union and Texas Instruments. Their contributions cover the cost of the tournament, so that 100 percent of donations go directly to The Senior Source.

TIAA would like to thank all the sponsors, golfers and individual contributors who worked together to raise contributions in a difficult economic environment.

Legend Sponsors: James Aughenbaugh, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; Blue Cross/Blue Shield; Michael Cantrell, Impact Circuit Designs, Inc.; Highland Springs by Erickson Retirement; Joe Marshall, Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC, Member SIPC; Jerry Pierce, CFP, Edward Jones & Co.; and Walmart.

Champion Sponsors: Classic Residence by Hyatt and Paradigm Home Health.

Master Sponsors: Sachse Rod Shop and SVtronics, Inc.

Greet the Troops at DFW

TIAA is sponsoring four visits in 2010 to greet armed forces passing through DFW airport on their way home for two weeks of well-deserved R&R from Iraq and Afghanistan. The dates are Feb. 25, May 20, Aug. 19 and Nov. 18.

The troops are currently scheduled to arrive about 8 a.m., so our TI-supplied bus will leave the Texins Activity Center parking lot at 7 a.m. on those dates unless we are informed of a later arrival time.

After we greet the troops, the bus

will stop at IHOP for brunch at our own expense on the way back. We should return to the Texins Activity Center about noon. If you have a maroon TIAA T-shirt, please wear it. The bus is free, so the only expense is for your food.

Be sure to register with Jessica Stewart at admin@tialumni.org or 214-567-8444 seven days before each event (Feb. 18 for the Feb. 25 trip) so we can inform you if the arrival time of the plane – and therefore the departure time of our bus – changes.



TIAA members join in welcoming returning troops.

GSlers Gather for Reunion



The Geophysical Service Inc. 2009 reunion Oct. 26 in Houston attracted about 200 GSlers including Jim Acker, Bernie Schaefer and Shorty Shipp.

24 Percent Are TIAA Lifetime Members

Nearly a quarter of TI Alumni Association members hold Lifetime membership, reflecting loyalty to Texas Instruments and TIAA.

At year-end 2009, TIAA total membership was 2,652. Membership Committee chair LeRoy Foster said 451 primary members are Lifetime members. Adding the 188 Plus-Spouse memberships to this figure raises the number of Lifetime members to 639 or 24 percent.

In 2009, TIAA added 26 new Lifetime members, including five Individual-Plus-Spouse members, out of 107 new paid members.

TIAA charges \$100 for individual Lifetime membership and \$150 for Lifetime Individual-Plus-Spouse membership. To opt for Lifetime membership, go to www.tialumni.org and, under Member Services, click on Renew Membership. Or phone TIAA at 214-567-8444 for a membership renewal form.

Retirees Give Nearly \$90,000 In United Way Campaign

TI retirees contributed almost \$90,000 to the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas in the TI Alumni Association’s first-ever campaign.

The 2009 campaign, co-chaired by Marv Lane and Betty Purkey, also benefited from retirees’ pledges of their volunteer time.

“A special thank you goes to all of those who made a contribution,” Marv said. “We are pleased TIAA members enthusiastically responded to the campaign by pledging volunteer hours and donating money. This will help the United Way and its partner agencies to continue doing what they do best – providing much needed programs and services to help make our community stronger and changing lives for the better.”

Contacts

TI Health & Financial Benefit Plans

TI HR Connect

1-888-660-1411, Option 1
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

TDD 1-800-562-2307 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

This newsletter is published quarterly by the TI Alumni Association to help connect the TI alumni community and TI.

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Alumni interested in contributing to the publication should contact Dot Adler at admin@tialumni.org or 214-567-8444.

TI Alumni Association

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: Ronnie Brandenburg, President; Tom Boedecker, Executive VP; Ellen McKee, Secretary; and Larry James, Treasurer.

Appointed Officers: Max Post, Activities VP; Dot Adler, Communications VP; LeRoy Foster, Membership VP; John Byers, CIO; Andy Smith, TI Liaison; and Jessica Stewart, Administrator.

To contact any TIAA officer, email admin@tialumni.org or call 214-567-8444.

Travel

WinStar Casino – Wednesday, March 3 – Join us as we return to WinStar World Casino at Thackerville, OK, where five gaming plazas transform our experience into an international affair. Take in the sights of colorful fountains, hand-painted frescos and towering arches as you travel through Paris, Beijing, Rome, Madrid and London. WinStar offers a dining experience to fit any taste. WinStar will pick us up at Texins at 9 a.m. and return us about 6 p.m. We had a full bus last July, so be sure to register early.

DFW Operations – Tuesday, March 16 – Get a glimpse of what goes on behind the walls in secure areas of DFW Airport. We will start at the Administration Building and then go to the Fire Station and learn what their job is and how they do it. Then, come and ride Skylink with our guides. There is a maximum ride time of nine minutes between the farthest points. Our last stop is Founders' Plaza, which offers magnificent views of aircraft as they take off and land and provides a radio broadcast of air-traffic-control communications from the FAA tower. We will depart Texins at 9:15 a.m. for the 10 a.m. tour, which lasts two hours. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes because there will be a good bit of walking. We will eat at Cheddars at our own expense after the tour and will arrive back about 2 p.m. Cost is \$12 per member and \$14 per nonmember. The tour is limited by DFW to 20 people, so register soon.

Greenville Tour – Thursday, April 1 – Tour the Audie Murphy/American Cotton Museum and then visit Mary of Puddin Hill. The museum has ex-

hibits that include a 15-minute video about the life of Audie Murphy, American's most decorated soldier of World War II, with medals, uniforms and photos. The newly expanded American Cotton Museum includes artifacts and memorabilia pertaining to the area's historic cotton industry. Then on to a sweet visit to Mary of Puddin Hill to see a scrumptious array of world-famous pecan fruit cakes and chocolate delicacies and view their chocolate and sugar Easter sculptures, highlighted by chocolate eggs similar to Faberge Easter Eggs. We will lunch at our own expense at Mary's with food as good as the famous fruitcakes and chocolates and then shop for goodies for the upcoming Easter weekend. We'll leave Texins at 10 a.m. and return about 3 p.m. Cost is \$15 per member and \$17 per nonmember. Register by March 25.

Believe It or Not! – Tuesday, April 20 – Catch a TI bus to Grand Prairie and explore Ripley's famous collection of fascinating and bizarre oddities from all corners of the globe. Experience a cataclysmic earthquake or find yourself on the ocean floor! Step into a real Texas Twister and emerge safely to inspect what 200-mph winds can do! Mingle with Tinseltown's most famous stars – past and present – in Louis Tussuad's Palace of Wax with over 200 life-like figures. Relive unforgettable moments from Hollywood's classics and take your own pictures. We will leave Texins at 9:30 a.m., enter the museums about 10 a.m., go to Golden Corral for lunch at our own expense, and return about 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per member and \$22 per nonmember. Register by April 13.

See www.tialumni.org/travel/ for more detailed and updated information. To register, contact Jessica Stewart at admin@tialumni.org or 214-567-8444. Payment is due seven days prior to event to reserve your place on the bus. Mail check to TIAA, PO Box 740181, Dallas, TX 75374



Carol and Ron Moser enjoy the Grapevine Christmas trip at Gaylord Texan.