

## TI Retirees Salute the Flag and Honor Veterans at Annual Luncheon



Wide-angle view of the TI Retiree Luncheon held at the Mesquite Convention Center.

Photo by Linda Stopani.

By Max Post

More than 700 retirees and guests gathered at the Mesquite Convention Center on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, for the annual TI Retiree Luncheon. They met friends, enjoyed fellowship and barbecue, and took part in a patriotic program honoring veterans.

Accompanied by Garland Symphony musicians, an honor guard of ROTC cadets from the West Mesquite High School paraded the colors and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. All attendees joined in singing the National Anthem.

TIAA President Betty Purkey then recognized veterans in the audience and also those with family members now serving on active duty, and saluted representatives of the 807th Medical Brigade located in nearby Seagoville.

Following lunch, Betty recognized the work of volunteers who made the event possible, including TIAA members, the active TIers who pitch in each year to help with registration and transportation, and particularly the work of TIAA Administrator Jessica Stewart.

Betty also commended the good work of Ronnie Brandenburg, who prepared an "In Memoriam" slide show that recognized those retirees

and former TIers who have passed away since last year's luncheon.

She then introduced Tom Weichel, manager of TI's newest manufacturing facility, RFAB in Richardson. Tom joined TI in 1990 in Houston, as a photolithography engineer in HFAB.

### TI Update and RFAB Progress

Tom summarized the results of TI's third quarter report, commenting that revenues were up 30 percent from a year ago and earnings per share reached \$0.71, an increase of 69 percent from the same quarter last year.

He pointed out that TI expected sequentially lower revenue in the fourth quarter, reflecting a combination of seasonal patterns, continued soft demand in computing and consumer markets, and slowing growth in the industrial market.

Most of Tom's presentation covered the ramp-up of RFAB, which will be the world's only production facility to use 300-millimeter wafers to manufacture analog chips. Retirees, many of them coming from manufacturing backgrounds, had no problem identifying with Tom and his experiences in getting a brand new fab into production on a tight schedule.

Many retirees visited RFAB for the TIAA annual meeting in May 2006

when it was only the shell of a building. It was amazing to see the transformation as Tom showed a series of photographs of the equipment installation for what will be one of the world's most advanced wafer manufacturing facilities.

### Booths Offer Range of Interests

More than 30 exhibitors had booths at the event, including major sponsors for the annual TIAA Charity Golf Tournament, benefiting The Senior Source. Three Texins clubs attended for the first time and provided information on their activities — the Art Club, Genealogy Club and Texoma Club.

There was a lot of retiree interest in the booths, but the busiest one seemed to be Buckner International. When the day was over, retirees had dropped more than 1,070 pairs of socks into collection bins. Buckner's will distribute the socks as part of their "Shoes for Orphan Souls" program.

George Consolver and the TIAA Community Involvement Team worked with Buckner's to bring their needs to the attention of retirees. A team of retirees worked at the agency last summer to sort shoes, and they plan to schedule work sessions again in 2011.

TIAA again offered free one-year membership if an attendee had

worked at TI and had never been a TIAA member. It is not necessary to retire from TI to join. The TIAA Membership Committee enrolled seven new first-year members and accepted dues for membership renewals from 10 TIAA members.

The TIAA Travel booth was also a beehive of activity, with a number of retirees getting information on trips, signing up for trips and leaving suggestions for future travel events.

In the medical area, 110 luncheon attendees received seasonal flu shots, and 24 got pneumonia vaccine. The medical screening area was popular, with tests continuing for about an hour after the end of the scheduled activities.

### Survey Results

Almost 500 retirees and guests completed survey forms at lunch. The vast majority (96 percent) said they liked the event and 89 percent want to return to the same site in 2011. The idea of served meals vs. lining up for a buffet seems to have caught on with many favorable comments on the surveys about service.

The TIAA Activities Committee makes use of the survey comments in

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## Meet Betty Purkey, TIAA President

By Dot Adler

Betty Purkey brings a unique perspective to the TI Alumni Association. In May 2010, she was elected TIAA president — soon after her formal retirement from a TI career begun in 1966.

Betty fulfills the TIAA Nominating Committee goal of involving more recent retirees as officers. She has over four decades of solid TI and community service experience.

For 15 years, Betty was the manager of Work-Life Strategies at TI, and is a nationally recognized leader in her field. Most of her prior career was in software development as an individual contributor, project leader, section manager and division quality coordinator.

### Value of TIAA Membership

Betty originally joined TIAA as a way to maintain connections with TI and former co-workers. "I really value the quarterly newsletter and the ability to keep updated on TI Retiree benefits," Betty said.

"As I have gotten to know the organization, I have come to appreciate the many

varied opportunities TIAA offers to members — educational seminars, travel events, the TI Retiree Luncheon, community involvement opportunities, breakfast get-togethers, the golf tournament, etc.," Betty commented.

"You can do as little or as much as you want," Betty added. "The online membership database is a valuable resource if you try to locate a former colleague and aren't sure of the address or phone number. For just \$10 a year, this is a great membership bargain! Even if you don't have the time or interest to participate in events, just having access to the newsletter and member database is well worth the annual membership cost."

### Betty's TI Career

Betty completed her undergraduate degree in Mathematics and her masters in Computer Science at Southern Methodist University, where her father was a chemistry professor. She joined TI June 6, 1966, working as a Member of Technical staff doing computer programming for Corporate Research Labs at the Expressway site.

The TI work-life strategy resulted from

work-life being a focus area for the first Semiconductor Group Women's Initiative network. Betty said, "I was on the work-life team that managed to convince Human Resources to fund a corporate work-life needs assessment in 1993. The results of the needs assessment led them to create a work-life program manager position in Corporate HR. I bid on the job and was fortunate to be given the opportunity to help create and implement a work-life strategy and programs for TI."

In 2007, the Society of Women Engineers honored Betty with the Work Life Balance Award. She was recognized for launching a successful work-life balance effort at TI and expanding it to a robust and comprehensive program credited with achieving a low voluntary turnover rate and a high percentage of female executives.

### Life after TI

Betty is now a consultant specializing in work-life effectiveness strategies, programs and training. She also does occasional training for Ceridian Corporation.

Betty is on the elder caregiver education

team for the Area Agencies on Aging for Dallas County, Tarrant County and North Central Texas. This group offers free elder caregiver seminars on a variety of topics in workplaces, churches and other settings.

In the community, Betty has served on panels for the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas and as secretary of the Board of Practical Parent Education, a member of the HR committee for Girls Inc. and now serves on the board of The Senior Source.

Betty also works half time at Christ United Methodist Church in Plano, where her husband, Walt, is a minister. She is helping with the church management system and database, working on data accuracy and also process documentation.

Betty and Walt Purkey will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary next May. Their son Tom is chief operating officer at AIDS Arms in Dallas.



TIAA President  
Betty Purkey

# A Fish Story about Cecil Green's Books

By Ed Millis

Dr. John Fish began his TI career in 1966 as a research chemist in the Central Research Labs. I met him soon afterwards as I wandered through CRL, seeking help in selecting materials for the transistor processing equipment I was working on. John became my expert source of knowledge and also my good friend.

John went on to become the PhD coordinator for TI, and completed his TI career in this capacity in 1994. He was responsible for TI's hiring of PhD graduates from colleges all over the United States. Later, John was an adjunct professor in the Chemistry Department at the University of Texas at Dallas for a number of years.

I wasn't surprised when John called me one day with an exciting story. He had stumbled on a cache of volumes for sale that had been owned by the late Cecil Green, one of the four original founders of Texas Instruments. The books were priced to move, and John promptly moved all he could find – 43 volumes plus a framed



John Fish at a First Monday gathering.

drawing of the Cecil and Ida Green Building at Massachusetts Institute of Technology – to his own book collection.

John died in the fall of 2008 after a valiant 15-year battle with multiple myeloma. The Cecil Green books sat quietly as Shirley Fish, John's widow, reorganized her life.

In October 2010, Shirley called me with her quandary about the Cecil Green books. She recognized the value of the small but

elite collection and wanted to give them the proper home. I contacted Max Post, the person I always contact with a TI-related problem, and he and I quickly agreed that UT Dallas would be the place.

Cecil Green, along with Eugene McDermott and Erik Jonsson – two of the other TI founders – had established an educational institution in the early 1960s that became UT Dallas in 1969. Max suggested I contact Dwight Clasby, Assistant Vice President for Development, at the university. Max was right. Dwight responded that UT Dallas would be very interested in Cecil's books for their Special Collection Department of the McDermott Library, which already has many of Cecil's papers and artifacts.

The topics of these 43 books are an interesting assortment – geophysical, technical, medical, and earth sciences, with two "how to beat Wall Street" books from the 1930s thrown in for good measure. Many books were signed or inscribed by the authors to Cecil. One book that stood out was a hard-back copy of Management Philosophies and Practices of Texas Instruments Incorporated, by President Patrick E. Haggerty, published in 1965. The inscription from Pat to Cecil showed the great admiration he held for his outstanding colleague.

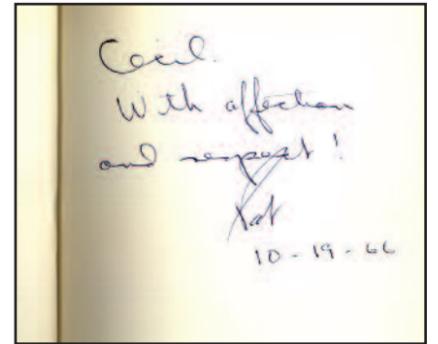
Other interesting books in the collection are a two-volume set Theory of Sound, by Lord Rayleigh, 1929; Physics of the Earth,

by T. F. Gaskell, 1970; and World Dynamics, by Jay W. Forrester, 1971.

I transferred custody of the collection to Dwight, appropriately enough, at the Mesquite Convention Center parking lot after the recent TI Retiree Luncheon.

John Fish's eye for books and history paid off for TI and for UT Dallas in a big way. A priceless piece of Cecil Green's legacy was saved, and what could be more personal than his books?

John will also be remembered in a way that I suspect he would not have thought of. This book collection will be identified as the John Fish Collection and will be housed in the Special Collections, Green Archives. Each item will have a bookplate honoring Dr. Fish. The cataloging has already begun.



Pat Haggerty's personal note to Cecil Green.

## Calendar

### Major Event

**TIAA Annual Meeting** – 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, May 18, Dallas Museum of Art.

### Seminars

**Digital Photography II** – 1-4 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 10 at Texins Activity Center C1/C2. A follow-on to last year's popular course which will concentrate on photographic composition – the ability to see as the camera sees because a photograph does not reproduce a scene quite the way a human sees it. Learn to consider things like background, foreground, subject placement, balance, lighting, etc. Bring your camera and manual and get training from retired TI Photographer David Drake on how to take better pictures. David will also answer individual questions about your camera after the class.

**Disaster Preparedness** – 1-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 23 at Texins Activity Center C1/C2. Receive practical information on how to prepare your family for natural disasters from Jess Wade, Dallas County Medical Reserve Corps.

**Estate Planning, Wills & Directives** – 1-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 27 at Plano Centre Collinwood 2 & 3. Learn how recent legislation may have changed the rules and taxes for estates plus an update on medical directives by Attorney Tod Almquist.

*Because of space limitations, it is requested that you register by calling the TIAA office at 214-567-844 and leaving a message with your name, telephone number and name of any guest attending with you at least seven days before each seminar*

### Community Involvement Events

**Meet & Greet the Troops** – 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, February 22. Meet some real-life heroes as they arrive at DFW for some much needed R&R. TI alumni ride a bus from Texins to DFW airport to greet military personnel as they arrive in the states. We stop for brunch with each person paying for their own meal on the way back to Texins.

**The Network in Richardson** – 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, March 15. Join other former Tlers to sort materials at the food pantry for The Network of Community Ministries – a non-profit organization providing health and emergency services to children, low-income families, and senior citizens in need within RISD since 1965.

**Boomer Green Teams** – 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Wednesday, April 20. Help Dallas-area seniors save energy and money by replacing their old light bulbs with Compact Florescent Light bulbs (CFLs). TI alumni ride a bus from Texins to low-income senior housing in the Dallas area. We stop for lunch with each person paying for their own lunch on the way back to TI.

*For more information on community involvement events, go to [www.tialumni.org/CIT/](http://www.tialumni.org/CIT/). To register, contact the TIAA office at [admin@tialumni.org](mailto:admin@tialumni.org) or 214-567-8444.*

### Tech Smart Big Heart Events

**TI Weekend at the Museum of Nature and Science** – March 10-13. TI retirees can get free admission for themselves and up to five guests. The TI-sponsored "Math Midway" exhibit will be taking place during this time.

**TI Weekend at the Trinity Audubon Center** – April 21-24. TI retirees can get free admission for themselves and up to five guests.

*Tech Smart Big Heart events are open to retired Tlers. Contact Andy Smith at [wasmith@ti.com](mailto:wasmith@ti.com) or 214-567-4412 to confirm date and details.*

### The Senior Source Activities

**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](mailto:rperry@theseniorsource.org).

**The Art of the Interview**, Mina Brown, Author and Executive Coach – Feb. 3.

**Keys to Networking Success** Donna LaFreniere, Career Counselor, Trainer and Consultant – Feb. 17.

**Rate Yourself in the Job Search**, , Jill Waterbury, Author, Career Coach and Trainer – March 3.

**It's A Valuable Life: Finding Purpose For A Life In Transition**, Fred Shlesinger, Motivational Speaker and Financial Planner, Principle Financial Group – March 17.

*For more information on the programs and services of The Senior Source, visit [www.theseniorsource.org](http://www.theseniorsource.org).*

## Membership Renewal Goes Electronic

In 2011, TIAA members whose memberships are about to expire will receive a renewal notification via email instead of through postal mail. In the past, all renewal communication has been conducted by postal mail.

The email renewal message will contain a link to the TIAA website with instructions for renewing your membership, updating your membership records and accessing Paypal – a safe and secure method of making online payments. If you prefer, you can pay your membership dues by mailing a check to the TIAA office as before.

Late last year, a trial run was made asking a sample of members to renew

online at the TIAA website and to remit payment either through Paypal or by mailing a check to the TIAA office. Because of the greater-than-anticipated response, it was decided to change our renewal process and to use email for the first renewal reminder for the over 85 percent of our members who have an email address.

This electronic renewal process will save time and mailing expense for both members and TIAA. If your membership expires in 2011, we sincerely hope that you will consider renewing electronically. Members without email addresses will continue to receive renewal materials by postal mail.

## Changing the World — One Light Bulb at a Time

By Linda Smittle

A great idea is usually symbolized by a light bulb over the head. But for TIAA volunteers, that light bulb is more than a figure of speech. It's a tangible way of making a difference.

Working through The Senior Source's Boomer Green Teams, TIAA volunteers help Dallas area seniors use less energy and save money by making the switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). Boomer Green is a volunteer program that connects Boomers with community projects that address environmental issues.

This act of kindness not only helps the seniors save money by utilizing a more cost-effective energy source. It also helps these homes to be more environmentally friendly by creating fewer carbon emissions.



Gary Stopani changes a light bulb in the home of a senior, assisted by wife Linda, right.

Changing out as few as 20 light bulbs helps a low-income older adult reduce energy use by almost 10,000 kilowatt hours and saves about \$1,000 in electricity costs over the life of the bulbs. Last year, 18 TIAA volunteers replaced 400 light bulbs in 36 residences. That's a savings of over 182,000 kilowatt hours of electricity or \$18,292.

"It's very rewarding to make a difference in somebody's life with something as simple as a light bulb," said George Consolver, TIAA Community Involvement Team chair.

Join the TIAA Community Involvement Team on April 20 and Sept. 8 to replace inefficient incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent ones in homes of low-income seniors.

The Senior Source, a United Way partner agency, serves greater Dallas as the go-to nonprofit for aging services. The organization assists older adults in all income levels from the most active to the very frail. The Senior Source offers job searches, nursing home advocacy, money management, volunteer opportunities and counseling on any aging issue. For more information, call 214-823-5700 or go to [www.theseniorsource.org](http://www.theseniorsource.org).

## Survey Results Tapped for 2011 Seminar-Plans

The TIAA Education Committee is planning 2011 seminars using feedback from retirees surveyed at the Oct. 20, 2010, health benefits seminar at Plano Centre.

The first large seminar scheduled at the Plano Centre in 2011 will be April 27, featuring Attorney Tod Almquist, who will update retirees on changes affecting estate planning, wills, and trusts. Smaller seminars will be held each month in 1Q11 at the Texins Activity Center. Times and dates will be posted on the TIAA website and publicized in the TI Alumni eNews and eNotes.

Approximately 450 retirees attended the annual health benefits seminar, which covered TI health insurance changes and Medicare information, and 102 (about 22%) returned the survey forms. Video of the seminar is available on the TIAA website,

[www.tialumni.org](http://www.tialumni.org).

"The survey results should provide the TIAA Education Committee a representative summary of what's important to our retirees," said Max Post, an Education Committee member. "We asked the attendees for their inputs on possible future seminars, the best time of day for the seminars, the best days of the week to attend, and their experience (or lack of) with Webinars." Retirees were also asked to comment on how TIAA could improve future seminars.

The proposed seminar topics and the percent of respondents who indicated interest in each topic were: Estate Planning, Wills and Probate, 60%; Financial Presentations on Mutual Funds, Bonds or Other Investments, 49%; Aging Issues, 45%; Turbo Tax Software Training, 25%; Medication Management, 24%; Going Green Seminars, 24%; Community Volunteer Training (such as Disaster

Readiness), 23%; Hobbies – Photography, 23%; Genealogy, 22%; Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, 5%.

Regarding the best time of the day for seminars, 77% of respondents preferred afternoon and 25% preferred morning.

As to the best days of the week to attend seminars, the response was: Wednesday, 75%; Tuesday or Thursday, 45%; Monday or Friday, 22%.

The percentages for "best time of day" and "best day of week" don't total 100% because attendees were asked to mark all times that apply. Many marked multiple times as acceptable.

Concerning Webinars, 23% indicated that they had participated in a Webinar, but 72% had not. Asked if they would participate in a future Webinar, 48% said Yes but 39% said No.

The survey results were in line with what TIAA had anticipated, with

major interest in estate planning, closely followed by presentations on investments and aging issues.

Niche seminars may be valuable to some retirees and may fit well in a smaller, less expensive, more centrally located meeting place than Plano Centre.

The Education Committee designed the survey questionnaire, and Ronnie Brandenburg analyzed the survey results.

Max said there appears to be some confusion about Webinars, especially among retirees who had never participated in a Webinar. He said, "Perhaps we need to offer a class on Webinars, explaining the computer requirements and the advantages (reduced travel time, ability to view presentations at a later time, etc.). The Education Committee will review how to address this need in future training programs.

## Grid Star's 1st Coach: His Grandmother, Roberta Hill

When football star Greg Hill was inducted into the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame Dec. 11, he credited his first coach for steering him toward playing football. She is his grandmother, Roberta Hill, a TI retiree and TIAA Activities Committee member.

"I love football," said Roberta, who attended the award luncheon at the Dallas Marriott City Center. "I wanted a football player."

Roberta and her husband lived near Fair Park when the Dallas Cowboys played in the Cotton Bowl. They had season tickets and could walk to the stadium. When the Cowboys moved to Texas Stadium, the Hills stayed home and watched the games on television.

Grandson Greg was born in 1972. Every Sunday, the family entertainment after dinner was to watch the Cowboys game on TV. His grandmother had a strict rule. Greg said, "She would say, 'If you don't want to watch the games, go sit in the back room and don't make any noise.'"

Greg, now 38, said, "At halftime, she would take me out in the yard and throw the football with me." Roberta said, "He had to run past me. That's how his running back position developed."

Roberta has the Hall of Fame printed program, which says Greg Hill "was a running back extraordinaire." The program states:

"At Dallas Carter High School, Hill rushed for 1,122 yards and scored 14 touchdowns as a senior in 1989. He earned All-District, All-State and All-American honors.

"The highly recruited gridiron wonder chose to play his college football at Texas A&M and shined immediately. Hill rushed for 1,216 yards his freshman year, including 212 yards against Louisiana State, part of a 45-7 shellacking. His best season came during his sophomore season in 1992, when *The Sporting News* named him a second team All-American running back after he rushed for 1,339 yards (3rd all-time for a single season at Texas A&M) and became the fastest running back in Southwest Conference history to reach



Roberta Hill with the printed program for the luncheon where her grandson, Greg Hill, was inducted into the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame.

2,000 career yards. In 1991, he made an immediate impact in the first game of his freshman year by rushing for 212 yards, which is still an NCAA freshman debut record."

Greg was selected by the Kansas City Chiefs in the 1st round (25th overall) in the 1994 National Football League draft and would go on to play for the St. Louis Rams and Detroit Lions. A broken ankle ended Greg's NFL career. He is now a motivational speaker.

Roberta Hill grew up in Dallas and graduated from Lincoln High School, where she was a majorette. She took classes at Richland Community College.

On April 12, 1965, Roberta joined TI, first working on a Semiconductor assembly line. That was the start of a 31-1/2-year TI career. Eventually, she became a receptionist in Security. She was receptionist at Park Central 6 and then at the Lemmon Ave. facility prior to her retirement Dec. 31, 1996

## TI Retirees

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planning each year's event. TIAA follows up on specific areas which need improvement. More than 50 favorable written comments were made about the work of the volunteers and these have since been passed on to those who helped with the event.

Retirees were impressed with the ROTC flag ceremony and many favorable comments were made about

the professionalism of the student cadets from the West Mesquite High School.

### More on TIAA Website

Go to the TIAA website, [www.tialumni.org](http://www.tialumni.org), to view a slide show of event photos taken by Jerry Brandenburg, David Drake and Linda Stopani.

## Alumni Groups

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

**Apparatus Retirees** – 8:30 a.m., third Wednesday, breakfast at IHOP Pancake House, LBJ Frwy. at Centerville Rd., Garland. Contact Newton Beam, [ncb1932@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ncb1932@sbcglobal.net) or 214-348-5425.

**Attleboro Retiree Club** – 1 p.m., second Tuesday (except July & August) at Norton VFW Post 8049, Summer St., Norton, MA. Contact David Rushia, [peperenum1@yahoo.com](mailto:peperenum1@yahoo.com).

**Austin Alumni Lunch** – Annual reunion on first Monday in December at Rudy's BBQ on 183. Contact Marian Justiss, [marian@justiss.net](mailto:marian@justiss.net).

**Austin Retiree Club** – Membership in TI-ARC is open to all former Tiers in the Austin area. Dinner meetings are held on the third Thursday (except December). Mailing list at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/TI-ARC>. Contact Dave Neighbors, [Lusefuse@aol.com](mailto:Lusefuse@aol.com) or Bill Crane, [wcrane@austin.rr.com](mailto:wcrane@austin.rr.com).

**Dallas-Area GSIs** – 11:30 a.m., third Tuesday, lunch at Tony's Café, NW corner of Alma & Spring Creek Pkwy., Plano. Contact Dick Matthews, [rich12mat@yahoo.com](mailto:rich12mat@yahoo.com) or 214-432-0138.

**Dallas TI Reunion Club** – 10 a.m., second Saturday, meeting and lunch at Denny's Restaurant on Motor St., Dallas. Annual luncheon on second Saturday in November at Holiday Inn Select, LBJ Frwy. & Josey Ln., Dallas. Social hour at 11 a.m. and luncheon at noon. Call Gladys Jones, 214-376-9725, or Willie Demus, 214-331-2111.

**Equipment Group Retirees** – 11 a.m., lunch on 15th of each month (or the nearest weekday if the 15th falls on a weekend) at Red Lobster, LBJ Frwy. & Greenville Ave., Dallas. No formal organization – just meet and eat and stay in touch. Contact Neil Sunderland, [neilsund@gmail.com](mailto:neilsund@gmail.com) or 972-272-2869.

**Ex-GSIs** – 11:30 a.m., second Wednesday, lunch at Tino's Too, 2201 Ave. K, Plano. Contact Martha Hamilton, [FourFromTexas@verizon.net](mailto: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. Comprised of professionals who have found "life after TI," this group helps former Tiers stay connected professionally and socially. Mailing list at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ExTI>. Contact Joan Nichols, [j.nichols4@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:deanandcomp@sbcglobal.net) or 972-235-2589.

**Houston Retiree Club** – 11 a.m. lunch on third Wednesday (except for the second Wednesday in December) at American Buffet, 12815 Southwest Frwy., Stafford, TX. See details on [www.tiretires.org](http://www.tiretires.org). Contact Lucy Salas, [lucy\\_m\\_salas@yahoo.com](mailto:lucy_m_salas@yahoo.com) or 281-232-4653.

**HR Alumni** – "Life after TI" profiles. Submit inputs to Danny O'Steen, [Osteen@wi-five.net](mailto:Osteen@wi-five.net).

**IS&S Alumni** – "Life after TI" profiles. Occasional lunch meetings in Dallas. Submit inputs to Danny O'Steen, [Osteen@wi-five.net](mailto:Osteen@wi-five.net).

**LinkedIn** – Sponsored by TIAA for use as an open forum by former Tiers who want to stay connected with the TI family. List owner Larry James, <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?139468>.

**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](mailto:tri-o@waymark.net) or 972-742-1113.

**Old Bunch Lunch Group** – 11 a.m., second Thursday, Spring Creek Barbeque, 207 North Central Expy., Richardson. Mostly SC QA 1990s retirees. Contact Bob Wacker, [bob.wacker@verizon.net](mailto:bob.wacker@verizon.net).

**TIAA Breakfast Club** – 9:30 a.m., third Wednesday. Breakfast at various North Dallas locations. Contact Jim Foster, [hminer09@yahoo.com](mailto:hminer09@yahoo.com) or 972-414-1492.

**TIAA Retiree Bunch (formerly Dallas Texins Retiree Club)** – 10 a.m., third Tuesday of each month (except July & August). Contact Tom Gregory, [tomgregory3@gmail.com](mailto:tomgregory3@gmail.com) or 972-412-9332, or Lucy Salas, 469-878-1514.

**TI Bible Study Group** – 7-8 a.m., every other Thursday, Greater Cornerstone Baptist Church, TI Blvd. & Forest Ln., Dallas. SC retirees meeting for over 20 years. David Robertson, teacher. Contact Ron McCormick, [ronmccormk@aol.com](mailto:ronmccormk@aol.com).

**TI Design Automation (TIDA)** – Personnel, retired or otherwise, from DAD and all other electrical, mechanical and software DA departments worldwide – 11:15 a.m. luncheon on first Wednesday of each quarter at Spring Creek Barbeque, 207 North Central Expy., Richardson. Meet at the entrance. Contact Bob Penick, [bob@penick.net](mailto:bob@penick.net).

# Travel

**General Motors Plant, Arlington, Monday, Feb. 28** Depart Texins at 9 a.m. for a 90-minute tour of the General Motors Plant followed by lunch at Texas Palomina's Buffet. No open-toe shoes, children under 10, or electronics. Return to Texins about 3 p.m. Cost is \$10 per member and \$11 per nonmember.

**WinStar Casino, Thackerville, Thursday, March 10** – Five gaming plazas will transform our experience into an international affair. Take in the sights of colorful fountains, hand-painted frescos and towering arches as we travel through Paris, Beijing, Rome, Madrid and London. WinStar will pick us up at Texins at 9 a.m. and return us about 6 p.m.

**Allied Waste Recycling, Plano, Wednesday, March 16** – Depart Texins at 9 a.m., tour from 9:30 to 11:30 and then eat at Golden Corral and return about 2 p.m. There is some walking involved. No open-toe or open-heel shoes permitted. Cost is \$10 for members and \$11 for nonmembers.

**Texas Civil War Museum, Fort Worth, Thursday, March 24** – This world-class museum is the largest Civil War museum west of the Mississippi River. We will leave Texins at 9 a.m., tour the museum at 10, eat lunch at our own expense at Ryan's and return about 3 p.m. Cost is \$14 for members and \$16 for nonmembers.

**Texas Rangers, Arlington, Friday, April 1** – This opening-day game is against the Boston Red Socks. The

seats are in the Upper Reserved section. We will leave Texins at 1 p.m., grab a hot dog and drink at the ball park, enjoy a 3:05 game and return around 7 p.m. Price is \$30 for members and \$33 for nonmembers.

**Germanfest, Muenster, Saturday, April 30** – Listen to oompah-pah and country bands. Watch or join in the dancing. Drink German beer and dine on mouthwatering German sausage, scrumptious apple strudel, hearty cheese and homemade bread, cakes and pies. Leave Texins at 9:30 a.m. and return about 3:30 p.m. Price is \$20 for members and \$22 for nonmembers.

**In-Sync Exotic Wildlife Rescue, Wylie, Wednesday, May 4** – Join us for a private, guided tour of a non-profit facility that accept cats from inhumane breeding facilities, entertainment facilities, and private owners who could no longer care for their pets. We will leave Texins at 9 a.m., tour the facility and enjoy lunch at Taste of Home, and return about 2 p.m. Cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for nonmembers.

See [www.tialumni.org/travel/](http://www.tialumni.org/travel/) for more detailed and updated information. Each TIAA member may bring one guest at the member price. Others may join us at the nonmember price. To register, contact Jessica Stewart at [admin@tialumni.org](mailto: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.

# Contacts

## Health & Financial Benefit Plans

### TI HR Connect

1-888-660-1411, Option 1  
[netbenefits.fidelity.com](http://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.

### Raytheon Benefits Center

1-800-358-1231

TDD 1-800-562-2307

[raytheon.benefitcenter.com](http://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](http://tialumni.org/benefits) or by calling TIAA at 214-567-8444*

## TI Alumni News

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