

## TI Retiree Luncheon Set for Nov. 9

By Max Post

Join your TI friends and colleagues at the annual TI Retiree Luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Mesquite Convention Center. The theme this year is “Spotlighting Technology and the Arts”.

The doors open at 9:30 a.m. for the annual event featuring:

- Entertainment by the New Horizons Band;
- Barbecue dinner served banquet style;
- Comments by TIAA President Betty Purkey;
- Update on TI’s business trends and technologies impacting our future by Art George, TI senior vice president and manager of Analog Engineering Operations.

### Making Reservations

Admission to the luncheon is \$15 per person if paid in advance or \$25 if paid at the door. Make checks payable to TIAA and mail to P.O. Box 740181, Dallas, TX 75374. Each retiree may

invite one guest to the event at the same price.

Name tags 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 early October. It included a map and a reservation form for the luncheon, 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 the TIAA office, 214-567-8444.

### Driving Instructions

The Mesquite Convention Center is located at 1700 Rodeo Dr., Mesquite, TX 75149, between the Hampton Inn and Resistol Arena, and is accessible from LBJ Freeway (I-635).

From southbound LBJ Freeway, exit at Military Parkway/Scyene Rd. (Exit 4). Stay on the service road and

go through two traffic lights. Veer right onto Rodeo Center Blvd. Turn right on Rodeo Drive and left into the parking lot.

From northbound LBJ Freeway, take the Military Parkway/Scyene Rd. exit. Go left under I-635 and turn left onto the southbound service road. Turn right on Rodeo Drive and left into the parking lot. Regular and handicapped parking will be available for those who prefer to drive.

### Bus Transportation

Retirees who don’t want to drive to the event may make reservations to ride free shuttle buses, departing from Texins Activity Centers: Sherman at 8:30 a.m.; Spring Creek at 9:15 a.m.; and the Dallas Expressway Site at 9:30 a.m. Buses will leave the convention center at 2:30 p.m. or when all riders are aboard.

### Flu & Pneumonia Shots

Seasonal flu immunization will be offered at \$24. Medicare Part B and



Art George

TI Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO insurance cover the cost of this immunization. Pneumonia immunization is available at \$65 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. If you are not on Medicare Part B you will need to have your retiree badge. If you are a spouse/dependent of a TI retiree you must bring your Medicare Card for the above shots if covered by Medicare Part B or your TI BCBS PPO card if not on Medicare. If a spouse or dependent is on any other plan they will need to pay \$24 in 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 RightPath Health Screening and their cost. Call 1-800-770-0240 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 opportunity to catch up on the news and enjoy visiting with friends and former associates.



TIAA member Linda Smittle participated in the 50 Over 50 Sky Dive Event on Oct. 1 to commemorate The Senior Source’s 50th anniversary of service to the senior population in the greater Dallas area. Way to go, Linda! Photo by Kevin Kologey with Sky Dive Dallas

## Get TIAA United Way Cookbook at Retiree Luncheon

You can get the TI Alumni Association cookbook by donating at least \$10 to the United Way at the 2011 TI Retiree Luncheon.

The TIAA cookbook contains over 350 favorite recipes from retirees and a few active TIers. Also included are some “lost” recipes from old issues

of the Dallasite including “Kitchens’ Korner” and the famous “TI Chili” recipe.

These attractive cookbooks will be available at the United Way booth for \$10 each, with all proceeds going to the United Way. TIAA is paying all production costs. In addition to help-

ing the agencies that benefit from the United Way, the cookbooks make excellent Christmas gifts.

If you can’t attend the luncheon and pick up your cookbook(s) there, watch eNews or the TIAA website, www.tialumni.org, for details on how to obtain copies after the luncheon.

TI Alumni Association Cookbook  
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# Gary Stopani, TIAA Treasurer

Gary and Linda Stopani decided to get involved with the TI Alumni Association once they realized the variety of activities that TIAA offers. Their first experience was a trip to Big Bend. "We spent a week with the Brandenburgs and Hettlers. Seeing what great people they were, made our decision to become active easy" said Gary, now in his second term as TIAA treasurer.

Gary lived his formative years in the frozen tundra of Rochester, NY. His career started after graduating from Edison Tech in 1970. He entered an engineering apprenticeship with Gleason Works, maker of gear-cutting equipment. The program involved alternating one quarter attending Rochester Institute of Technology and two quarters working in different departments. At the end of four years, he had 4 years of industry experience and an associate degree in Mechanical Technology.

He continued working at Gleason Works in the drafting department while attending night school and graduated in 1978 with a BS degree in Mechanical/Industrial Engineer-

ing. After graduation, he was promoted to the product improvement department.

## Seeking Warmer Weather

One February night in 1981, after taking 1½ hours to drive 6 miles in 15-degree weather, he contacted a head hunter to pursue positions south of the Mason-Dixon Line. At the time, the oil industry was going strong so Gary interviewed with Oil Well, a division of U.S. Steel. He accepted their offer and the family moved to Garland, TX, in April of that year.

When the oil industry went bust in 1983, Gary eventually came to work for TI in DSEG as a tooling engineer. Over the course of the next nearly 25 years, he had assignments in manufacturing and finance in the Defense business, Information Systems & Services, Corporate and Semiconductor. During his time in DSEG, he earned his MBA from SMU in 1985.

## Financial Experience

With his finance background in Corporate and SC, Gary was knowl-

edgeable enough to be recruited as church treasurer. He held this position for 6 years in a small congregation. He and Linda transferred to another church – King of Glory Lutheran Church. They have been active on several committees including the finance, new member, library and seniors group. This experience made Gary confident that, as TIAA Treasurer, he would do well.

The Stopanis have been married 33 years. They both retired in 2008. She worked for Dallas ISD as a teacher/librarian. They have one son, David. He lives in Longview with his wife, Tracy and 4 year old daughter Claire.

Gary and Linda keep active in retirement. Both get up each week day morning at 5 a.m. to exercise at the Texins Activity Center. They both participate in a majority of the TIAA activities including travel, education and community service. They attempt to take one extensive trip each year. Since retirement they have toured Europe twice, the east coast and Big Bend. They toured New



Gary Stopani

England this fall.

Gary volunteers within his church as well as with Dallas Ramp (two to three times per month). This organization builds ramps for those in need. Gary recently was honored by Carter Blood Care for donating six times in one year with a free evening at Medieval Times. Linda volunteers with the City of Garland Library as a "Friend". She coordinates the bi-annual used-book sale.

## Ferguson Family Takes Lead in TIAA Charity Golf Tournament

By Max Post

Rex Ferguson and his team took top honors at the 2011 TIAA Charity Golf Tournament Sept. 12 at Woodbridge Golf Club in Wylie.

Rex and his family have been supporters of the tournament for many years, and Rex commented that he had helped design the original trophy.

The 12th Annual TIAA Charity Golf Tournament raised \$19,020 in donations and pledges for The Senior Source, a non-profit organization that works to improve the quality of life for senior citizens in our community.

Bob Best, chairman of the board of directors for The Senior Source, thanked golfers for their contributions and gave a brief review of the programs benefitting seniors. Courtney Miller and Max Post, co-chairs for the tournament, presented a check representing the proceeds to Bob Best and Sandy Landers, director of finance for The Senior Source. Since 2001, the TIAA has raised more than \$270,000 to benefit The Senior Source.

The contributions from 10 Corporate Sponsors were recognized along with the gifts from more than 60 retirees who mailed in donations as hole sponsors, cart sponsors, or individual donors.

Courtney Miller thanked all the volunteers who helped with the logistics to make the tournament a success, especially the TIAA administrator, Jessica Stewart, and Stephanie Grossman of The Senior Source.

Courtney announced results of the

competition as follows:

**1st place team** - Rex Ferguson, Gloria Ferguson, Rex Ferguson Jr., and Dan Lanier.

**2nd place team** - Todd Steudtner, Andrew Astudillo, Daniel Martens, and James Banse.

**3rd place team** - Gary Williams, Tom Boedecker, and Johnny Dozier.

**Longest Drive, Ladies** - Gloria Ferguson.  
**Longest Drive, Men** - James Aughenbaugh.

**Closest to Pin (4 winners)** - Johnny Dozier, Rex Ferguson, Jr., Tony Lewis, and Todd Steudtner.

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 more than \$19,000 in a difficult economic environment.

**Legend Sponsors** - Jerry Pierce, CFP/Edward Jones; James Aughenbaugh/Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas; Classic Residence, a Vi Community; Highland Springs, an Erickson Living Community; the Vernon Group, and The University of Texas at Dallas.

**Champion Sponsor** - Merrill Lynch, Lisa R. Calloway.

**Master Sponsors** - Paradigm Home Health, SVtronics, Inc., Town Village North Dallas.



Members of the winning Ferguson team are Rex Ferguson, Jr., Rex Ferguson, Gloria Ferguson and Dan Lanier.

## Calendar

### TIAA Seminar

**Tax Planning Seminar** – Thursday, Jan. 26, 1 - 3:30 p.m. at the Texins Activity Center, Dallas. Don't miss this opportunity to hear a Senior IRS Specialist update us on the latest tax changes and answer questions on how to complete your 2011 tax forms. There will be a demo of electronic tax filing, and information on future tax planning.

*So that we can plan for refreshments, please register at least seven days before each seminar by contacting the TIAA office at [admin@tialumni.org](mailto:admin@tialumni.org) or 214-567-8444 and leaving a message with your name, telephone number and name of any guest attending with you.*

### Community Involvement Events

**Greet the Troops at DFW Airport** – 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15. Honor and thank military personnel who pass through DFW Airport on their way to visit families for R&R. Wear a TIAA T-shirt or red, white and blue. Volunteers will meet at Texins Activity Center for the 10:30 a.m. departure on a TI-supplied bus. On our way to DFW, we'll purchase our own breakfasts or brunches at IHOP and then continue on to DFW to greet the troops. We should return about 2 p.m.

**Shoes for Orphan Souls** – 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11. Shoes for Orphan Souls provides new shoes and socks to orphans and at-risk children worldwide. TIAA volunteers can help process donated shoes. The activities might include cutting off price tags, rubber-banding shoes together, sorting shoes, or counting and packing shoes in shipping boxes. Volunteers will meet at Texins Activity Center and ride a bus to the climate-controlled warehouse. Afterwards, we will have lunch at our own expense

and return to Texins about 1:30 p.m.

*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 Event

**TI Days at the Dallas Arboretum** – Weekdays through Nov. 4 – Retirees and up to five guests will receive free arboretum admission by presenting their TI badge at the ticket booth. This same group can also enjoy a 10 percent discount on gift shop purchases. The Dallas Arboretum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and offers on-site parking at the main gate for \$7.

*Tech Smart Big Heart events are open to retired Tlrs. 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).

**How to Sell Yourself in a Challenging Market**, Fred Shlesinger, Motivational Speaker & Financial Planner, Principal Financial Group – Nov. 3.

**The 10 Basics of Networking**, Jon Stotts, Chief Marketing Officer, Listofleads.com – Nov. 17.

**Networking is a Marathon, Not a Sprint!** Dave Peters, VP, Client Development, Bell Insurance – Dec. 1.

**LinkedIn: How to Make it Work for You**, Becca Niederkrom, New User Trainer, ConversationCounts.org – Dec. 15.

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

# Orene Beck Remembers Buckner

*TIAA member Orene Beck is one of a number of TIAA volunteers who help process donated material at Shoes for Orphan Souls, a Buckner ministry that provides new shoes and socks to orphans and at-risk children worldwide. But, Orene has a special relationship with Buckner. She grew up at the Buckner Orphan Home in Dallas. Here is Orene's story in her own words.*

## Growing Up at Buckner

There were originally six siblings in my family; one died at the age of four months. The way I understand it, my father just got tired of trying to feed six hungry mouths during the Depression, and hopped on a bus one day, leaving my mother and all six kids. She had no alternative but to seek a place for us.

My mother put five of us – two boys and three girls – in the "Home," which is the way all the Bucknerites called Buckner Orphans Home. Mother, however, made sure we kids knew she loved us. As often as possible, she came to visit us on Sunday afternoons, when visitors were allowed on campus.

At that time, all "orphans" were housed in a dorm according to their age. The boys were on one side of the campus and the girls on the other side. Therefore, we girls were unable to see our brothers except when we went to the dining hall and during school and church functions.

Since we were housed in dorms according to our ages, most of the time I didn't even see my sisters. But, we girls were able to visit on Sunday afternoons, allowing us to keep close contact with the female side of the family. It is truly amazing to me that my siblings and I have remained very close all these years.

I was about 4 years of age when I went into the home, and lived there (except for a couple of years and that is another story) until I graduated in 1960. This was the last year that Buckner had an academy. I have the distinction of being the last person to graduate from Buckner Orphans Home Academy.

## Life after Buckner

When we graduated, Buckner made sure each graduate had a place to go, either a job or to college with a full scholarship. I took advantage of the scholarship at first, but found out very soon that I wanted to do something that I would enjoy more.

Although I didn't take full advantage of the scholarships, one of my brothers and two of my sisters did. The oldest brother became a neurosurgeon, a brigadier general, and, at the age of 55, obtained his medical law degree. My youngest brother joined the Marines and remained in the service for 16 years. My two sisters became teachers. One received the Ross Perot Award; the other was twice named Teacher of the Year at her school in Waxahachie. In all probability, this would not have happened if we had not been placed in the Home.

I started work at TI in 1984 in the SC Purchasing Department. For the first ten years, I worked in Leadframes, buying leadframes for the different fabs. Then, TI developed the Silicon Group, and I bought and

moved wafers to the fabs. TI was very good to me and for me. I was able to continue to work in this group until I had to retire in 2004 due to medical reasons. Thanks again, TI, for your faith in me.

After I retired, I was sick for a while so I didn't immediately join TIAA. But, I saw that TIAA works hard to make a difference in the community. I then joined TIAA and started volunteering to go to Greet the Troops at DFW. This is always such a very moving experience. If you haven't done it, you should give it a try.

This year, I saw that TIAA was volunteering to help with the Shoes for Orphan Souls. My husband and I have been volunteering at Buckner's at the end of December to organize the toys and clothes that are donated. So, we decided to also volunteer for this activity.

## How Does This Affect Me?

When I lived at Buckner, I remember getting new shoes twice a year – once when school started and again at Easter when we would get a whole new outfit. This was always a very exciting time of year since we were able to go to the warehouse and try on the shoes. Granted, we only got shoes



*Jerry and Orene Beck prepare shoes for shipping.*

we called brogans, but, they were new.

This is what I think about when I think of the Shoes for Orphan Souls program. I see children that don't have anything and don't expect to get anything. Then, someone comes to them, washes their feet and puts new socks and shoes on their feet. How their faces must light up, knowing there is someone who really cares.

I can relate just a little bit to how they must feel, even though we had three square meals a day (most of these children don't get even one meal every two or three days), we had schooling that could take us as far in life as we wanted to go and we had a roof over our heads (neither of which these children have any thought of obtaining). So I can relate to them in a small way and feel the need to give back by volunteering my time.

I am married to a terrific guy, Jerry Beck. I have two boys from a previous marriage, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. We all live in the Dallas area, as well as both of my sisters and one of my brothers. Another brother lives in Austin.

I hope this has opened someone's eyes to the great need that is in our world and how that need is being responded to by Buckner Benevolences. Due to the large demand, all volunteers are deeply appreciated. To volunteer, contact TIAA at [admin@tialumni.org](mailto:admin@tialumni.org) or 214-567-8444.

# Alumni Groups

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

**Antenna Lab** – 1:15 p.m., second Tuesday, lunch at Denny's, 1830 N. Central Expy, Plano. Contact Ralph Bovee, [ralphbovee2@aol.com](mailto:ralphbovee2@aol.com) or 972-422-5458.

**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 GSlers** – 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-GSlers** – 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 832-551-8025.

**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://linkd.in/tialumni>.

**North Texas Retiree Luncheon** – 11:30 a.m., second Friday of the second month 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 Friday, breakfast at the Southern Recipe Café at 1381 W. Campbell Rd. in Richardson. 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, [ronmccormick@aol.com](mailto:ronmccormick@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).

# Contacts

## 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.

### Raytheon Benefits Center

1-800-358-1231

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](http://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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## 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:** Betty Purkey, President; Larry James, Executive VP; Marilyn Adams, Secretary; and Gary Stopani, Treasurer.

**Appointed Officers:** Max Post, Activities Chair; Jon Campbell, Communications Chair; George Consolver, Community Involvement Chair; LeRoy Foster, Membership Chair; Ronnie Brandenburg, Travel Chair; John Byers, CIO; Andy Smith, TI Liaison; and Jessica Stewart, Administrator.

*To contact any TIAA officer, email [admin@tialumni.org](mailto:admin@tialumni.org) or call 214-567-8444.*

# Travel

**Homestead Heritage Village Fair, Elm Mott, Saturday, Nov. 26** – Join us as we visit the Homestead Fair. This exposition of fine crafts and heirloom skills is a fun and educational festival with activities for the entire family. Take a self-guided walking tour of traditional craft workshops and a working homestead. Watch sheepdogs working, pottery making, blacksmithing, woodworking, quilting, weaving, spinning, basketry, boot making, cheese making and more. Enjoy lunch on our own at the Cafe Homestead, which features smoked barbecued brisket, deli-style sandwiches, pies and real homemade ice cream. Depart Texins at 8:30 a.m. and return about 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 for members and \$22 for nonmembers.

**“A Walk thru Winter Wonderland” Musical, Arlington, Saturday, Dec. 10** – Get in the Christmas spirit at this musical revue at Arlington Music Hall. Nine professional singers and an eight-member band will perform Christian, country and holiday classics. Depart Texins at 1:30 p.m., attend the show at 3 p.m., eat next door at Babe’s Chicken Dinner House on our own after the show and then ride around the northwest Arlington subdivision of Interlochen to see their spectacular Christmas lights. Return about 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$29 for members and \$32 for nonmembers.

**Arlington Baptist College (a.k.a. Top O’ Hill Terrace casino) tour, Arlington, Friday Jan. 6** – See this hidden gem, which was one of the top attractions during the 2011 Super Bowl. This Texas Historical Site became a casino in 1926 with escape tunnels, a secret room for hiding the gambling paraphernalia during Texas Ranger law enforcement raids, a tea room and a brothel. Bootleggers used to run whiskey up the 1000-foot hill (highest point in Tarrant County) during Prohibition. Over the next 20

years, the visiting luminaries included Howard Hughes, Joe Louis, Bonnie & Clyde, Jack Dempsey, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Buster Keaton, W.C. Fields, Gene Autry, Will Rogers, Hedy Lamarr, Lana Turner, Bugsy Siegel, Tommy Dorsey, Mae West, Walter Winchell, Tom Mix and John Wayne. Ginger Rogers, a local girl, used to dance here and Jack Ruby gambled here. We will depart Texins at 10:30 a.m., eat lunch at Catfish Sam’s in Arlington at our own expense, enjoy a 90-minute history lesson and a guided, easy-walking tour beginning at 1 p.m. and return about 4 p.m. Cost is \$15 for members and \$17 for nonmembers.

**Dallas Museum of Art Basement Tour, Dallas, Tuesday, Jan. 17** – Join us for an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view the fabulous art stored in the basement of the DMA. Close to 80% of the artwork owned by the museum is not on display but stored safely for later use. Their collection contains over 24,000 works of art spanning 5,000 years of human creativity and is especially known for its arts of the ancient Americas, Africa, Indonesia and South Asia; European and American paintings, sculpture and decorative arts; and American and international contemporary art. This will be a walking tour of the DMA basement to see and hear about these fabulous treasures. Trip details will be announced later.

*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 non-member price. Please register at least seven days prior to the event by contacting the TIAA office at [admin@tialumni.org](mailto:admin@tialumni.org) or 214-567-8444. Payment (by check only) is due seven days prior to event to reserve your place on the bus. Mail check to TIAA, PO Box 740181, Dallas, TX 75374.*