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Branson for Christmas Season

Your Travel & Events Committee is contemplating an overnight trip to visit Branson from November 4 through 8. TIAA would reserve a block of rooms at a nice hotel so we would all be together. Everyone would book their own rooms, handle their own transportation and meet us at the hotel at a set time. (If you would like to carpool, we would provide a list of others who are going so you might be able to contact someone and make arrangements to ride together.) TIAA would set up the agenda, purchase tickets for any event (so we can get a group rate) and make restaurant reservations (so we can eat together). If you are interested in joining us on this trip, please email us at glstopani@verizon.net or jbrb66@sbcglobal.net by **July 31** to let us know of your interest and how many people would be in your party.

New Deadline for TI Founders Community Impact Award Nominations

The TI Founders Community Impact Award recognizes TI retirees and Tiers for their outstanding service to the community. One winning TIAA member each year receives a \$10,000 grant from the TI Foundation to donate to the nonprofit of their choice. The deadline for nominations has been extended to **July 7**. Nominating someone is quick and easy. Click [here](#) to access the nomination form and fill in the requested information. Once you nominate them, they will receive a link to add more details about their volunteer efforts.



TIAA Travel and Events

June Travel and Events Recap: *The Dick Nowitzki's Charity Baseball Game on June 7 was a different beast from our usual events – the players had so much fun during the game! Dak Prescott, Ezekiel Elliott, Mark Cuban and many other famous athletes were playing but the attendees were 4 to 5 deep around the field in case anyone went by who could autograph their footballs, helmets, bats and anything else. Four parachutists dropped in carrying USA flags and fireworks were shot off around ten that night.*



The second event of the month was the rained-out-in-May Texas Motor Speedway tour on June 18 for which 13 people registered. We saw some of 1,500 acres and five different tracks after first hopping on a bus to enjoy lunch at Red Robin in Fort Worth. We visited several areas while on site: a gift shop,

the garages (with 45 bays), pit row, the 3-foot wall where the mechanics stand (ready to jump down to fix their car when it enters pit row during the race), victory lane, and a luxury suite. (Drivers are penalized a lap if they exceed 45 mph while on pit row or hit anyone!) The NASCAR winner usually takes home over \$1M but the last place driver gets only \$100,000. However, the highlight of the tour was making several laps on the actual 1.5-mile racing oval in one of their tour vans. NASCARs race at 200 mph while Indy cars do about 225 mph, but we had to settle for 60 mph and could still feel the track's bank while going through the four turns. All of us enjoyed the adventure and you can view the slideshow [here](#).

Our third event was a delightful performance of the familiar "Mamma Mia" musical at the Granville Arts Center in Garland on June 23 followed by dinner at Dos Banderos. Please come join us some time.

July 11, 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11 Moon Landing – Thursday, 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm, Allen Public Library, 300 N Allen Dr. This is a special, free event at the Allen Library.



A bus will be provided for TI retirees, former Tiers and a guest, leaving from the Texins Fitness Center at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be provided at the *Food for Thought Café* in the library at 6:15 pm. The program will begin at 7:30 pm, with a presentation by James Donovan, author of "Shoot for the Moon", who has extensively researched the personal, political and scientific backgrounds behind the journey to the moon. During the program, the contributions of TI technology to the success of the Apollo and other space missions will be recognized. Please [register online](#) for this event.

July 13, Parker County Peach Festival in Weatherford - Saturday, 9:00 am. The Peach Capital of

Texas is celebrating the 35th Annual Parker County Peach Festival in downtown Weatherford so let's go! They have more than 200 Arts, Craft, Food and Activity vendors. You will be able to get homemade peach ice cream, peach cobbler, peach pie, peach juleps, peach tea, peach smoothies or just plain ol' juicy peaches to bring home. There will also be two stages with non-stop entertainment for the entire family. Many antique and specialty shops will have specials so visit the downtown merchants. A children's area will have a train ride, face painting, bounce houses, and other activities. We will ride a bus from TI, leaving at 9:00 am and returning about 4:00 pm. Cost is \$10 for members and \$11 for nonmembers. Please [register online](#) for this event.



TIAA Community Involvement

June Community Involvement Recap: On June 5 and 6, five volunteers attended a two-day seminar at the SMU Law School in support of the National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) annual conference. We have supported NITA for several years and the mock trial has always been the same. This year NITA re-wrote the program and we were now jurors to a new case. We acted as jurors and deliberated whether the defendant or the plaintiff lawyers won their case. The mock trial was a business law suit involving a company that burned down and the insurance company claim that arson was to blame – thus denying the company's claim. We found the exercise to be very interesting and the lawyers we evaluated did their best to win their case. We, as jurors, struggled to decide who won but finally we decided that the insurance company was liable for the full amount of damages. We came away from

the day's event feeling we had helped the trial lawyers hone their skills to become better at their profession. Please join us again next year in June when we repeat our volunteer services to NITA as mock trial jurors. It will be an interesting way to spend a day helping others.

On June 25, twelve members joined together at the Metrocrest Community Services warehouse located in Farmers Branch. Our task for the morning was to pack "summer hunger bags" for distribution to needy families. Summer months tend to be difficult for some families to feed their children since school meals are not available. During the summer months distribution centers (mostly churches) will coordinate with Metrocrest to receive summer hunger bags and will arrange delivery to needy families. The hunger bags consist of a week's worth of non-perishable breakfast and lunch food items. We formed an assembly line at a long table and placed appropriate amounts of each item into a bag and then placed the full bags into a large shipping container. Our volunteers did an amazing job by end of the morning having filled enough items to feed 604 children for a week. Our hosts at the warehouse were extremely thankful to us and want us to return sometime in the future.

July 9, Cedar Hill Shares – Tuesday, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. The Cedar Hill Shares Food Pantry is a community-wide effort to alleviate hunger for families in the Cedar Hill Independent School District. Started in November 1989, as a grass-roots organization headquartered in the kitchen of the First United Methodist Church. The current 1,800 sq. ft. building was constructed totally with donated materials and labor. It includes a wheelchair-accessible bathroom, walk-in freezer and commercial refrigerator. Project will include re-organizing the Distribution Center and Food Pantry. Please join us at the Texins Fitness Center to board a Senior Source bus. Please [register online](#) for this event.

August 6, Crossroads Community Services – Tuesday, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. TIAA Volunteers will assist Crossroads "neighbors" in selecting grocery items and/or helping in the clothing distribution area. Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense). Please join us at the Texins Fitness Center to board a Senior Source bus. Please [register online](#) for this event.

TIAA Breakfast



July 19, Friday, 9:30 am. All TI retirees, TIAA members and their spouses are invited to this informal get-together for breakfast at the Southern Recipes Grill, 621 W. Plano Parkway. We meet the third Friday of every month to enjoy a cozy breakfast with old and new friends. You will find fresh food, great service, reasonable prices, and good conversation. Registration is not required as we can always pull up another table or two, so just show up and bring a friend if you like. From North Central Expressway, turn West on Plano Parkway, cross the bridge and then turn north into The Village at Collin Creek. The restaurant will be to your left. We now meet on the southern side of the restaurant. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Campbell, jonscampbell@gmail.com or 214-507-1500.

Next TIAA Breakfast: August 16, Friday, 9:30 am

New and Renewing Members

Recently Sharon Braby, Maxine Byrd, Leonard Foster, Susan Foster, Deborah Noble, David O'Connor and Lucille Young became lifetime members and Gary Hoenig became a new member. Johnny Acker, Sharion Acker, Doug Adams, Shirley Adams, Ginny Allen, Gary Bivins, Madonna Bivins, William Boyd, Jim Brownell, Stephanie Brownell, June Bryant, James Burrus, Raymond Clark, Romana Clark, Roger Cook, Eveline Corbin, Mary Edwards, Bernard Ehrler, LeRoy Foster, Kevin Frank, Steven Frank, Beatrice Gallaher, John Green, Richard Greiner, Khanh Ha, Eugene Helms, Norma Helms, Janet Hendrix, Malcom Hendrix, Drew Holland, Vicki Holland, William Holton, Earnestine Jackson, Audrey Jahn, Mary Johnson-Corbin, Carolyn Jones, Olin Killion, Johanna Kroeger, Robert Kroeger, Arlena Lay, David Littlefield, N. Rhys Merrett, Cleophus Miller, Ralph Monroe, Maureen Nelson, Paul Noel, Joan Paglierani, Thomas Parrish, Rodney Pearson, Jeff Pope, Wanda Pope, Doug Prather, Jack Pridgen, Joe Pullen, Patsy Pullen, Gary Rado, Janet Rado, Barbara Ramirez, Robert Ramirez, Dale Robinson, Mary Robinson, Barbara Ruggiero, Yetta Sapp, Ben Schranil, Joe Scott, Gerry Shoults, Kathie Shoults, Edward Slater, Vivian Spradlin, Glen Thornton, Michelle Thornton, Charles Vervalin, Mary Vervalin, Lorenzo Vigo, Clifford Way, Wanda Way, Dan Wicker, Emillee Wicker, Dale Williams, Jack Woodham, Dan Yaklin, and Robert Zlotky renewed their memberships. Welcome to all.

Personal Information

TI will no longer notify TIAA if a retiree's personal data, such as addresses and/or phone numbers, changes which they have done for the past 20 years. Therefore, to keep your data current so that TIAA can stay in touch with you, please send an email to our [office](#) or call 214-567-8444 if this vital information changes.

TI Retiree Badge

A TI retiree badge is required on many of our activities. If you need a replacement badge, you can obtain one by calling HR at 1-888-660-1411. HR will verify that you are a retiree and forward the information to the TI Badge Room, who will prepare a replacement badge and mail it to your home address within a few days. If you prefer to pick it up, you will need to request directions to the TI Badge Room from the guards at the TI entrance.

In Memoriam and Reporting a Death

Recent deaths of TI retirees and former Tiers are added to our website several times a week. To view this members-only info, please log in and click on [In Memoriam](#) and follow the instructions to locate a particular person, city, state, country or date. Members may also go to [Recent Obituaries](#) to read the short bios. Please feel free to leave a comment after viewing an obituary.

If you need to report the death of a retired Tler, please call the TIAA office at 214-567-8444. To also notify TI, call both ViaBenefits 1-844-638-4642 and TI HR Connect at 1-888-660-1411, select option 1

and reply to a few questions like **Tell me my choices** and then **Report a death** and then **Yes**. You'll be connected to an assistant to whom you can relay the death information.

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