



TI Alumni eNews

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TI Retiree Luncheon Recap

More than 500 retirees, guests, volunteers, and exhibitors attended this year's TI Retiree Luncheon at the Mesquite Convention Center on October 1. Steve Lyle, TI's Director of Engineering Workforce Development and University Marketing, gave his presentation, "Celebrating 85 Years of TI Innovation". The entertainment this year was provided



by the Spectacular Senior Follies. A [slideshow of photos](#) taken at the luncheon and [Steve Lyle's presentation](#) are available on our website. See our [Web Article](#) for details.

Golf Tournament Benefited Two Charities

The 16th Annual TIAA Charity Golf Tournament raised more than \$27,000 in donations and pledges for two worthwhile charities: the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas and The Senior Source. More than 90 golfers – including active Tiers, retirees, and sponsors – joined the tournament as a kickoff to the TI United Way Campaign. In total, 24 teams participated in the tournament on October 19 at the Woodbridge Golf Club in Wylie, TX. See our [Web Article](#) for more information.

Kilby Wafer Won by TIAA Member

A 300-mm wafer signed by Jack Kilby, inventor of the integrated circuit, was the grand prize for a raffle at this year's TI Retiree Luncheon. The lucky winner, Carlos Valdivia, is a 10-year TIAA



member and has a family connection to Kilby. Carlos' youngest son, Andre, won an award for Math and Science from the Haggerty Foundation several years ago. Kilby presented the award and spoke with Andre and gave him his autograph after the ceremony. Carlos' eldest son Carlos Jr. currently works for TI. Carlos said, "My family and I are going to keep this award among our best souvenirs from our life at TI in four different countries." TIAA Membership Chair Linda

Smittle who donated the wafer commented, "I'm delighted the winner was someone who knew Jack and understands the value of the 300-mm wafer with his signature." Photo taken by Gene Dierschke shows Carlos and Linda holding the Kilby wafer.

Age 65 or Older Retirees Must Select Insurance Coverage for 2016

Reminder – TI will transition retiree health care coverage for age 65 or older retirees from the TI group retiree health plan to OneExchange on January 1. Your present TI health coverage will expire on December 31. You **must** contact OneExchange before then to select your coverage for 2016. You are urged not to wait until the last minute to avoid the possibility of a gap in coverage. If you were unable to attend one of the meetings in September to learn details about this transition, you are urged to listen to an audio recording at 844-684-0761 or to view a recorded presentation online at Medicare.OneExchange.com/ti. See our [Web Article](#) for more information.

Printed Newsletter Transition

TIAA has reviewed our practice of creating and distributing a large **printed** newsletter each quarter. The reality is the vast majority of our communications are now received by members and others via email. It just didn't make sense to continue the considerable expense and effort required to carry on this tradition when there is a better way to serve our members who do not have email. Therefore we are replacing our **quarterly** printed newsletter with a streamlined **monthly** printed publication effective this month. Members who rely on mail will receive news and information of upcoming events sooner and more frequently than in the past and at the same time we will save cost and significant resources. Please see our [Web Article](#) for more information.

2015 TIAA United Way Campaign

Reminder – TIAA's 2015 United Way campaign will end November 4. TIAA members across North Texas are answering a call to "Live United" by giving, advocating and volunteering. Again this year, the TI Foundation will automatically match TI employee and retiree donations to United Way up to \$10,000, doubling the impact of your donation. TI and United Way have a rich history of working together to improve our communities. TI has been the largest aggregate corporate donor to United Way of Metropolitan Dallas since Erik Jonsson, one of the company's founders, helped start the United Way in Dallas in 1961. To donate online, click [Pledge Now](#). If you prefer to donate by check, please make it payable to United Way and mail to TIAA United Way, P.O. Box 740181, Dallas, TX 75374. Please include your name and address.



Helping Others Help Themselves

The Dallas Ramp Organization builds ramps at no charge for people who are unable to walk up or down stairs from their homes, giving them freedom to get out of their house. The organization is 100% volunteer staffed, relying on individual donations, corporate partners and private foundations to provide the funding, building materials and facilities for the work. This October the Dallas Ramp Project celebrated 30 years of service and the Texas Ramp Project celebrated 10,000 ramps built. TIAA member Gary Stopani has been involved with this organization since 1995 and gets immediate satisfaction when the clients “try out” their new “road” to freedom. Marilyn Adams has also seen the satisfaction and thankfulness of someone she recommended after they received their ramp. This organization and the people involved are blessings to many. See recent *Richardson Lake Highlands* [article](#) for more information.

Seminars

October Seminar Recap – Over 130 former Tlers received an update on TI health benefits at the Plano Centre on October 8. The briefing, for pre-65 TI retirees and those on bridge to retirement, was hosted by TIAA and conducted by TI. The program began with an overview of changes for 2016 given by Karen Treichler, TI benefits manager. This was followed by a presentation from a benefits specialist at OneExchange, the provider TI will be transitioning to on January 1, 2016 for retiree health care coverage for U.S. retirees age 65 or older. The briefings were followed by a Q&A session covering questions related to both pre and post-65 medical coverage. You can see the [slides](#) and hear the discussions on the TIAA website.



November 5, 2015 – Defensive Driving Seminar - Thursday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Taught by Tler Pat Currin. At the end of this 6-hour course, you will receive a certificate, which can be submitted to your insurance carrier to lower your auto insurance cost – some carriers provide up to 15% savings. Pack a lunch and join us for this informative and practical seminar. Lunch may also be purchased at the snack bar in Texins. There is no charge for this course for TIAA Members; Non-Members may attend for \$10. Pat has taught

Defensive Driving for many years and we are fortunate to have him with us again this year. This course is for defensive driving only; not for traffic tickets. Please [register](#) online as soon as possible since space is limited.

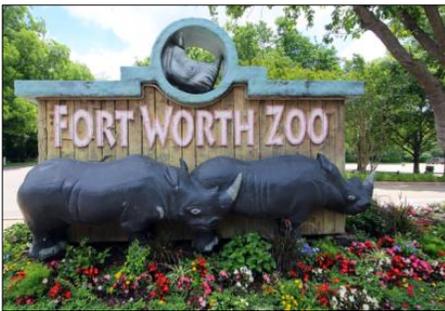
TIAA Travel Events

October Travel Recap: Thirteen art and history buffs wandered around in awe of the 130 masterpieces in the Dallas-only "Treasures from the House of Alba" exhibit at the SMU Meadows Museum on October 8. The Alba collection is listed as one of the top 10 private art collections in the world and is something only a few lucky ones can experience. We had a great guide, Linda, (who met her husband at TI). Linda gave us the inside scoop on these treasures and how this collection was assembled via marriages between various noble families. She said Alba has 95 family members who possess multiple titles -- the most of any family in Europe. Of course, intermarrying could cause problems for the offspring -- such as the Hapsburg chin --



so portraits of prospective wives and husbands traveled between royal families before any such arrangements were settled. We saw magnificent 16th century tapestries covering entire walls at the museum hanging over furniture built for Napoleon. The altar piece, "Virgin of the Pomegranate", contained gold halos that literally sparkled because Fra Angelico dipped a straight pin into a substance that reflected light and minutely dotted the halos. We viewed a video of an Alba castle showing paintings by Goya, Rubens, Renoir and Velázquez hanging on the walls; and these actual treasures were just a few feet away from us! We ended the evening with Margaritas and Mexican food at Chuys before returning to Texins. Please consider joining us on one of the Travel events described below.

November 4, Fort Worth Zoo Tour – Wednesday, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Let's jump on a bus to see the world-class Fort Worth Zoo that features natural habitat exhibits where visitors are only separated from the animals by a river or pane of glass.



Founded in 1909, this is the oldest continuous zoo site in Texas and is known for its conservation programs that rank among the most respected in the world. With over 7000 animal and hands-on interactive features this trip is an outstanding attraction. (There are a limited number of complimentary wheelchairs available. To use these items, you must present a valid driver's license.) We will leave at 9:30

am, wander around the zoo at our leisure, leave for Old Neighborhood Grill to enjoy lunch together (bring lunch money) around 1:00 pm, and return about 3:30 pm. Cost for members is \$15 and nonmembers \$17. Please [register](#) online for this event.

December 1, 2015, Christmas at George W. Bush Presidential Center – Tuesday, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. Let's go back in time to see how Christmas was celebrated at the White House in 2003 as we visit the George W. Bush Museum on the SMU campus. Among the exhibit's attractions will be a number of the hand-crafted decorations depicting beloved storybook characters that were displayed throughout the White House. The interactive museum galleries will be available, the 911 area is very touching and you may sit in the Oval Office to pose for a picture. We will

leave at 9:30 am, use our timed tickets at 10, eat at Café 43 at 11 (which is a full-service, upscale restaurant so bring lunch money), continue our exploration in the museum at 12:30, shop at the museum store and return about 2:30 pm. It is handicapped accessible and security screening is mandatory. This interesting trip includes transportation and admission to the museum for members (\$15.00) and nonmembers (\$17.00) alike. Please let us know if you plan to eat at Café 43 so we can make reservations ahead of time. Please [register](#) online for this event.



December 11, Ghost of Denton Tour – Friday, 5:00 pm. Our October 23 event was rained out and we're rescheduling this in time to see the Christmas decorations. The city of Denton has a fascinating history with more than its fair share of ghostly stories. Denton had 14 major fires on the square in 35 years and, during those fires, early records of the county were lost. Perhaps, that is why the spirits linger – they want someone to remember! (Any town that boasts a grave



on the courthouse lawn ought to have ghosts.) Shelly Tucker, a professional storyteller, will share these tales with you in an entertaining evening of spine-tingling storytelling. Her stories will stay with you and haunt you for days and weeks after the tour. The walking tour is 90 minutes with most of it revolving around the square so please wear comfortable shoes, bring a hand to hold and come out for a chillingly good time! We will leave at 5:00 pm, eat at The Abbey Restaurant (bring dinner money),

tour at 8:00 pm and return about 10:30 pm. Cost for members is \$15 and for nonmembers \$17. Please [register](#) online for this event.

All trips depart from and return to the Dallas Texins Activity Center unless otherwise noted. Each TIAA member may bring one guest at the member price. Others may join us at the nonmember price. If you choose, you may mail your check to TIAA, PO Box 740181, Dallas, TX 75374 instead of paying online. Payment is due seven days prior to the event to reserve your place on the bus. Please check out other upcoming events on our [Travel Calendar](#).

Other Travel Opportunities: In addition to TIAA's monthly travels, we sometimes learn about other interesting Dallas-area locations that you might want to visit, so check our [Other Travel Opportunities](#) webpage frequently.

Community Involvement Events

October CIT Recap: On October 8, ten TIAA volunteers rode the Senior Source van to White Rock Center of Hope, a community coalition of individuals, civic and social organizations, and over 50 member churches united to provide emergency aid and steps toward self-sufficiency to

their neighbors. We split our group into several different rooms after arriving at the Center. One group stuffed a large number of envelopes with announcements going out to clients of the agency; another group filled sacks with canned goods and bags with rice ready for issue to needy neighborhood clients; and, another group helped sort through a large mountain of clothing and filled racks so people arriving at the Thrift Store could fill their baskets with needed clothing. We finished the morning at a local restaurant where we enjoyed each other's company satisfied that we helped many low income folks in the White Rock area fulfill their needs for food and clothing. Please consider joining us on one of the volunteer events described below.

November 13, Dallas VA Medical Center – This even has been cancelled at the request of The Senior Source.

December 9, VNA - Meals on Wheels – Wednesday, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm. There are seniors in desperate need of nutritious meals and human contact. Visiting Nurse Association volunteers and staff work through the Meals on Wheels program to serve qualified homebound seniors and disabled adults, helping them remain in their homes with dignity and independence. TIAA volunteers will be wrapping Christmas gifts consisting of socks, soap, hand lotion, tooth-paste & toothbrushes, and shampoo for distribution during the Meals on Wheels Christmas Day meals and gift distribution event. Meet at the Texins Activity Center to board a bus at 8:30 am to volunteer for service at the Patrick and Beatrice Haggerty Center. Lunch will be provided by the VNA and we will return to the Texins Activity Center about 1:30 pm. Please [register](#) online for this event.

Alumni Groups

A number of alumni groups and networks have been in existence for years, largely as social organizations. A list of known [Alumni Groups](#) along with their meeting times is posted on our website. This month, we feature two Austin groups, both open to all former Tiers in the Austin area. The **TI Austin Retiree Club** meets for lunch on the third Thursday of odd-numbered months (January, March, May, July, September and November). Attendees at the May meeting were, from left to right, Sandy and Warren Milbrandt, Irm Neighbors,



Maggie and Bob Jones, Dick and JoAnn Doak, Claudia Wiley, William Crane, and Lora Godwin. Please contact Fritz Wolff at ejfwolff@gmail.com or Bill Crane at wcrane9873@gmail.com for additional information. The **Austin Alumni** annual reunion lunch will be held on December 7 at Rudy's BBQ on 183 starting around 11:30 am. Contact Marian Justiss at marian@justiss.net for more information. If you are a member of an alumni group that would like to be included in our online listing, please contact the TIAA office at admin@tialumni.org or 214-567-8444.

TIAA Breakfast Meeting at New Location

November 20, Friday, 9:30 am – All TI retirees, TIAA members and their spouses or friends are invited to this informal get-together the third Friday of each month. Our favorite restaurant –



now called the Southern Recipe Grill – has moved to a new location at [621 West Plano Parkway](#) immediately south of Macys, and we're going to move with them. From North Central Expressway, turn West on Plano Parkway and then North into Colin Creek Mall just past the bridge. They feature the same fresh food, great service and reasonable prices and have a separate room that we can reserve for our monthly meeting. Registration is not required, so just show up and bring a friend if you like.

Next TIAA Breakfast – Friday, December 18, 9:30 am.

Slideshow Archive

Slideshows created by Ronnie Brandenburg about various TIAA activities are posted on our website using pictures taken by Jerry Brandenburg, Larry James, Jessica Stewart, Linda Stopani and others. To view any of them, go to the [Slideshow Menu](#) and then click on the desired event.

New and Renewing Members

Recently Ann Broihier, Brian Dabrowski, Mattie Gray, Jeffrey Hayes, Craig Herteg, Gerhardt Krawitz, Terry Krawitz, Thomas Lassiter, Francis Ngoh, Karl Renner, Robert Turn, and Pearlle Wise became TIAA Members and Linda Andersson, Rudy York, John Pozadzides and Tilda Pozadzides became Lifetime Members. David Barkley, Doris Carpenter, Rudy Cassol, Gloria Green, Bernice Launius, Marlin Launius, Edlon Patterson, Marvin Patterson, Deckard Pharr, Peggy Pharr and Mary Vernon renewed their memberships. Welcome to you all!

In Memoriam

We add new names and obituaries of former Tiers to our new website several times a week and currently have over 10,000 entries. To view the names, members can go to [In Memoriam](#) and then click on **Date** so the most recent deaths will be displayed first. You can also sort the list by **City** or **State** or use the **Find** function to locate a particular person. Also, members can go to [Recent Obituaries](#) to read those for the preceding year in date sequence.

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