TIAA Annual Meeting at RFAB on May 26

The 2016 annual meeting to elect officers for the TI Alumni Association will be held at RFAB, TI's wafer fab facility in Richardson. It is the world’s most advanced facility for analog chip manufacturing. The meeting on May 26 will begin at 1:30 pm with a reception and refreshments in the RFAB's new conference center. The business meeting will begin at 2:00 pm, followed by comments from Tom Weichel, Manager of RFAB, who will also give a brief update on TI. After his presentation, attendees will be treated to a special video presentation by Sharon Hudgens, which explains the buildup of the facility and its importance to TI. Following the presentations, there will be optional tours of the viewing hall of RFAB production, and displays in the Innovation Center. Click here for further details and how to register.

OneExchange Discusses Improvements with TI Retirees

Four representatives from the TI Alumni Association recently met at TI with executives from Towers Watson’s OneExchange where they had the opportunity to voice fellow retirees’ concerns and report gaps experienced during open enrollment. The meeting was organized by TI’s Health Benefits team. Click here to view TI’s summary of the meeting.

TIAA Travel Events

March Travel Recap: TIAA arranged for a private demonstration of glass blowing at the Carlyn Ray Studio in the Dallas Design District at the end of February. Twelve members watched in awe as the molten, 2100-degree sand was transformed into three beautiful glass creations. You can watch the slideshow of this event by clicking on Glass Blowing. TIAA bought one of the items (a beautiful bowl) to be raffled off at the Texas Instruments Retiree Luncheon in November with all proceeds going to the United Way. Be sure to come to the luncheon and buy some tickets! Please consider joining us for one of our upcoming events.
TIAA member Doug McComsey made a beautiful glass flower at the Carlyn Ray Studio. Doug and Nelah McComsey met in Jacksonville, Florida and moved to Texas where Doug worked as a software developer for TI Software until 1997. The business was sold to Sterling Software (and later to Computer Associates). Doug retired from CA in 2011. He enjoys playing guitar and ukulele and developing iPad apps. His wife, Nelah, retired from Texas Instruments in 2009, where she was a program manager in the Education Technology group.

April 22, Lone Star Park Thoroughbred Racing – Friday, 5:00 to 10:30 pm. TIAA members had so much fun watching the thoroughbred horse races in the past that, by popular demand, we’re going back again! There is no minimum age for live racing (although children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent) and there is no dress code so wear comfortable clothes. Meet at Texins and board the bus at 5:00 pm. We’ll arrive in time to find our reserved counter seats in the second level of the glass-enclosed, air-conditioned grandstand, get something to eat (at our own expense), check out the horses in the paddock area and place our bets before the first race at 6:35 pm. We will return about 10:30 pm. Cost is $18 for members and $20 for nonmembers. Please register online for this event.

May 3, Fort Worth Botanical Gardens Tour – Tuesday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Weather permitting, we will take a bus to Fort Worth for a guided tour by Dottie Woodson, a noted horticulturist who appears on the Channel 5 Sunday Morning News program entitled “Gardening with Dotty”. These huge gardens are the oldest in Texas and are covered with dappled shade and vibrant splashes of color from both native and exotic plants that flourish in their 23 specialty gardens. (For those that wish, please specify on the registration form that you would like to ride in a golf cart. Others need to wear comfortable walking shoes.) We will leave at 9:00 am, learn from Dr. Woodson, enjoy lunch together (bring lunch money) at IHOP and return at 2:00 pm. Cost is $15 for members and $17 for nonmembers. (If the weather doesn’t cooperate for this outdoor event, we will reschedule for a later time.) Please register online for this event.

May 11, TX Rangers Baseball Game – Wednesday, 5:30 pm. Texas Rangers v. Chicago White Sox Game, Arlington – Let’s go support our team as they work toward winning the World Series with the MLB Coach of the Year in charge and some new players. We’ll sit in the Upper Reserved section looking right down the third base line and enjoy the great view in this stadium which is considered to be one of the best baseball stadiums in the nation. We will leave at 5:30 pm., grab something to eat and drink at our own expense (this is a $1 Hot Dog Day) at one of the many ball park vendors, enjoy the game and return around 11 pm. Cost is $25 for members and $28 for nonmembers. Please register online early as we were only able to buy 20 tickets.
Community Involvement Events

April 14, The Legacy at Preston Hollow Nursing Home – Thursday, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. We will meet at 11409 Park Central Place, Dallas (between Forest and Royal on the south-bound frontage road). Drive past the four-story red brick Legacy building and park in the parking lot for Minuteman Press/Park Central Dental. Enter the Legacy facility by the front door facing Central. We will assist the home's Volunteer Coordinator in participating with a party, games, Bingo, visiting with residents or any other assigned duty. Note that we will not have a bus for this event since the center is located very close to the main TI site. If volunteers are interested in joining for lunch, we'll meet at Cindi’s located just a short distance south of the center on the Central Expressway service road (at our own expense). Please register online for this event.

April 29, Metrocrest Services – Friday, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Meet at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus. We will work in the food pantry helping clients through the pantry and restocking food shelves. Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense). Metrocrest Services provides services including a food pantry, help for seniors, financial assistance, school supplies, etc., that leads to self-sufficiency and independence for individuals in Carrollton, Farmers Branch, Addison and Coppell. They are supported through community donors and sponsors. Please register online for this event.

May 5, Texas Ramps – Thursday, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, various locations assigned day of event. Texas Ramps builds wheelchair ramps for elderly and disabled people who can’t afford them on their own. In October, the organization celebrated completing their 10,000th ramp. Please join us at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus at 8:30 am. Volunteers will assist in the construction of a custom-made ramp – no construction skills required! Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense) and arrive back to the Texins Activity Center by 1:30 pm. Please register online for this event.

Educational Seminars

March Education Recap: The Seminar on Fraud Prevention and resources for seniors presented by Ranae Perry, Chief Operations Officer of The Senior Source was well attended with good discussions. In addition, information was provided on other resources available to seniors, including: employment opportunities, geriatric care management, and other services to help older adults remain as independent as possible for as long as possible.
TIAA Breakfast Meeting

April 15, Friday, 9:30 am. All TI retirees, TIAA members and their spouses are invited to this informal get-together for breakfast at the Southern Recipe Grill, 621 W. Plano Pkwy. We meet 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, so just show up and bring a friend if you like. From North Central Expy, turn West on Plano Pkwy, cross the bridge and turn North into The Village at Collin Creek. The restaurant will be to your left. If you have any questions, contact Jon Campbell, jonscampbell@gmail.com, or 214-507-1500.

Next TIAA Breakfast: May 20, Friday, 9:30 am.

New and Renewing Members


In Memoriam

We add new names and obituaries of former Tlers to our new website several times a week and currently have over 11,000 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. Or members can go to Recent Obituaries to read those for the preceding year in date sequence

TI Alumni News

Published monthly by the TI Alumni Association to help inform the TI alumni community about news and activities of interest to TIAA alumni. Editorial Staff: Marilyn Adams, Editor, Jon Campbell, Managing Editor; Jerry Brandenburg, Ronnie Brandenburg, Larry James, Max Post, Jessica Stewart and Linda Stopani, Contributors. Alumni with general inquiries about TIAA should contact the TIAA Office by emailing admin@tialumni.org, mailing to TIAA, PO Box 740181, Dallas, TX 75374 or by calling 214-567-8444.