

TIAA TIA Alumni eNews

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On My Own Time (OMOT) Exhibit, Voting Open



August 1 to August 12 – Dallas-area TI employees, contractors, retirees and their spouses are displaying their creative talents in the 2016 On My Own Time competition. The art exhibition is being held at the Dallas Texins Activity Center August 1 through 12 with the winners advancing to the region-wide exhibition at NorthPark Center, September 30 to October 8. OMOT is an employee art competition organized by the Business Council for the Arts (BCA). Visitors will be able to vote for their choice for the Peoples' Choice

award at the exhibit or online. Click [here](#) for more information on how to view the images and how to vote online for the People's Choice.

TI Foundation Donates to French Red Cross

The Texas Instruments Foundation just approved a \$10,000 grant to the French Red Cross via the International Red Cross' NY affiliate to be used to support its first responders in the area of first aid, psychosocial support and first aid equipment in response to the recent massacre. TI had over a 50-year history in the Nice area with manufacturing, design, engineering and European Headquarters operations. Hundreds, if not thousands, of former Tlers live in the area. As best we know, there were no former Tlers or their families directly impacted by the massacre last week but obviously they have been indirectly impacted.



New Format for Annual Charity Golf Tournament



TIAA is teaming up again with active Tlers for the 17th Annual TIAA Charity Golf Tournament, in a new format. There will be two flights in the tournament; one for Retirees and one for Active TI golfers. There will be awards for winners in each flight. The event is scheduled for Monday, October 24, at the Woodbridge Golf Club in Wylie, TX. It will benefit two worthwhile charities: the United Way and The Senior Source. Texas Instruments and the Texans Credit Union are underwriters for the tournament, making it possible for 100% of donations to go directly to the charities. More than 100 golfers are expected to participate. Click [here](#) for more details.

Flu Shots



Flu shots will be available for TI Retirees at CR4 in the North Central Expressway Texins Association on September 29 from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm and on September 30 from noon to 7:00 pm. There will also be an opportunity to receive flu shots at the TI Retiree Luncheon on November 3 as well as at local pharmacies.

A Thank You Note from Thailand

TIAA Member Linda Smittle is serving her second tour of duty as a Peace Corps volunteer. She is currently teaching English to Thai school children. Several TIAA Members collected gently used or purchased items for Linda to use with her students. Here are excerpts from her thank you message: "What a wonderful stuffed-to-the-brim package! The students will love all the stickers, flash cards, coloring/activity books, crayons, markers, puzzles, beads, and American flags. I'll let them wave the glow sticks for some special occasion. We are planning to create an English classroom. (I now travel from class to class to teach.) It will be great to have all the goodies for the students to use on a regular basis. I'll laminate some of the workbook pages so we can use them again and again. TIAA folks are the best! I appreciate your generosity. Thanks for finding/buying the useful educational materials and for paying big bucks to mail them to me. I'll think of the fun TIAA activities I'm missing when the children are playing/learning."

TIAA Travel Events

July Travel Recap: *Sixteen amateur, TIAA detectives zoomed back in time to December, 1937, to enjoy "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Murder" at the Eisemann Center in Richardson on July 30. We enjoyed this Living Black and White technique which, through the use of special makeup and lighting and costuming, creates the illusion that the audience is watching a 1930-40's black-and-white movie brought to life on stage. Yes, Harry Hunsacker stopped the Santa slayer just in time to save Lt. Foster, so Harry should get more than a lump of coal for Christmas! Please consider joining us on our numerous adventures.*

August 17, Air Tractor Plant Tour, Olney, TX – Wednesday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. For more than 50 years, the world's best agricultural aircraft have been manufactured in the small west Texas town of Olney. Air Tractor produces an extensive product line of agricultural aircraft (with eight models in current production) and there are more Air Tractor aircraft spraying crops than any other brand. Whether the job is spraying, seeding, fertilizing, or firefighting, Air Tractor is on the job so let's go see how these planes are built. We will hop on an Echo bus and leave Texins at 9:00 am, enjoy the 2-hour ride to Jacksboro, eat at the Green Frog Restaurant (so bring lunch money),



travel 30 minutes to Olney, tour Air Tractor at 1:00 pm and return to TI around 5:00 pm. Airplane hangars are large so wear comfortable shoes. Cost for transportation will be \$15 for members and \$17 for nonmembers. Please log on and [register](#) for this event.



August 25, Dallas Emergency Operations Center Tour – Thursday, 10:00 am to 1:39 pm. If you were in your closet on December 26 when tornadoes roared through the Metroplex, you might have been comforted to know that the Dallas emergency staff were on the job. They had gathered in the Emergency Operations Center at Dallas City Hall on that devastating Saturday to monitor the storms and offer aid to areas within the city that suffered damage. Whether it's a tornado, flood, dam breakage, hazardous incident, terrorist activity or pandemic, the city has a plan and is prepared to act, according to Kevin Oden, Dallas assistant emergency management coordinator. Oden, a Certified Emergency Manager, will explain how that works when TIAA tours the EOC. We will climb on a DART bus and leave TI at 10 am, enjoy the hour-long tour and eat at the Bridge Bistro in the Dallas Design District (so bring lunch money) before returning to TI around 1:30 pm. There is no cost for this event. Please log on and [register](#) for this event.

September 16, Spectacular Senior Follies show and TI Gala – Friday, 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Celebrating their 8th year in Dallas, the Spectacular Senior Follies is presenting the all-new, all-live show Bravo Broadway. This features 100 talented folks who are active performers and who are also 55 years of age or older. The theme this year is honoring songs from Tony award-winning Broadway musicals. The Follies is family-friendly singing, dancing, comedy and a variety of acts in a style reminiscent of the Ziegfeld Follies. It features the famous Follies Showgirls, some of the most beautiful ladies in Dallas, wearing lavish and extravagant costumes. We will meet at the Eisemann and pick up our tickets; then, following the 2:00 matinee, we will meet and greet the cast and share wine and cheese with them at the TI Gala from 4:30 – 6 pm. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$28 for nonmembers. Please log on and [register](#) for this event.



Next Travel Events:

September 25, TI Jazz Band Concert – Sunday, 3:00 pm at the Eisemann Center.

September 30, Dallas Farmer's Market tour – Friday, 8:45 am.

Community Involvement Events

July CIT Recap – July 14 seven TIAA members went to the CitySquare Thrift store in downtown Dallas, where we typically stock “Christmas in July” items. We were told that we did so well last year, they sold everything. Instead we sorted clothes, and priced household items to put in the store. CitySquare’s programs, and the “neighbors” they serve, are helped directly or indirectly through the Thrift Store. Donations of clothing, household items, furniture, electronics, and other items are either

sold to raise money for their programs, or go directly to their neighbors when a need is identified. Our heartfelt thanks go to all the TIAA volunteers from this year and years past who made the event such a success.

Educational Seminars

July Education Recap: Retirees, former Tiers and guests enjoyed a tasty and informative seminar hosted by Windsor Senior Living on July 25. Cathy Sperling, MA Biomedical/Health Ethics, gave a



comprehensive presentation on “Things to Consider When Choosing Community Lifestyles”. She serves as Director of Sales & Marketing for Windsor, and has many years of experience in helping seniors with transitions in housing. Cathy explained a range of options, with the pros and cons of each, and reviewed the licensing requirements of the facilities. The second part of the seminar focused on, “Tips for a Healthy Body” and was presented by Cathy and Diop Kee, the Dining

Services Manager at Windsor. They covered the importance and effects on the body of sugar, sodium intake and substitutes, and the body’s need for water. Many positive comments were heard about the seminar and the energy and research done by Cathy, as well as praise for the quality of the “tastings” prepared by the Director of Dining Services. Click [here](#) for more details. We hope to plan more health-related seminars like this in the future.

TIAA Breakfast Meeting

August 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 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: September 16, Friday, 9:30 am.

New and Renewing Members

Recently Michael J. Ewer, Raymond Firenza and Dian Lawson became new members and Paula Kohan, Stanford Kohan, Ellen Westerheid and Jim Westerheid became lifetime members. Charles Baker, Paula Baker, Oma Bean, Thelma Bean, Betty Browning, Patricia Bunger, Ronald Bunger, Daniel Forestal, Pati Glenn, Henry Griffin, Lisa Hansen, Janet Hendrix, Malcolm Hendrix, Shirley Herndon, Johanna Kroeger, Robert Kroeger, Minyong Lee, Cathy Morris, Charles Morris, Deborah

Noble, Mae Odom, Granville Ott, Roy Reynolds, Don Smith, Suzanne Smith, Billy Stroup, Brenda Turner, Stephen Turner, Nita White, Lucille Young and R. D. Young renewed their memberships. Welcome all.

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 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. Members can also go to [Recent Obituaries](#) to read those for the preceding year in date sequence. Please feel free to leave a comment after displaying the obituary.

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