



# TIAlumniNews

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## TIAA Annual Meeting Set for May 25

The TIAA Annual Meeting to elect officers will be held this year at the recently restored 7th Floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, where a special program will be presented on the impact of the TI Founders on the City of Dallas and its institutions. We will also hear about the digital resources now available in the library system. Following the program, there will be a tour of the 7th Floor, including an opportunity to view a rare printed copy of The Declaration of Independence, one of only three known to be in existence.



Buses will run from the Texins Activity Center – leaving at 12:30 pm and returning by 3:30 pm. The meeting will start with a reception and refreshments beginning at 1:00 pm. For those who wish to drive, the downtown library is located at 1515 Young Street (the corner of Young and Ervay Streets), across from City Hall. The entrance to the underground parking garage is located on the Wood Street side of the building. To register, please call 214 567-8444, give the number of seats required and if you want to ride the bus.

## TIAA Travel Events

**March Travel Recap:** *TIAAers planned on seeing the Cherry Blossom Festival at the Dallas Arboretum on March 14 but the early warm weather coaxed the trees to bloom in February instead,*



*so it wasn't to be! However, making lemonade from lemons, we did enjoy the largest floral festival in the Southwest which had a theme of "Peace, Love and Flower Power" along with wonderfully cool weather that day. We feasted our eyes on tulips, daffodils, Dutch Iris, hyacinths, pansies, violas, poppies and thousands of other spring-blooming annuals and perennials. The tulips and daffodils were backed up by the pink azaleas followed closely by the bright red, multi-bloom amaryllis*

*beds. We wound up the relaxing day by enjoying a yummy lunch (bacon jam, anyone?) at the new Smoky Rose restaurant right across the street from the Arboretum.*

*March 18 found 18 of us in a bus and on the road to Granbury to attend "9-to-5, The Musical" and we had an unexpected surprise. This day was General Hiram Granbury's 186th birthday so there was a parade down Main Street with lots of Confederate flags on wagons, motorcycles and held by riders on horseback. This Confederate Army general was killed in the Civil War in 1864. Most of us grabbed a*

bite to eat at one of the various restaurants on the square and also wandered around the courthouse to enjoy the market festivities. The play in the newly remodeled Granbury Opera House was well done by local performers and consisted of two acts with 22 scene changes – all of them done without a glitch! (We should know since we were sitting in the second row and could see everything.) Please consider joining us on our adventures.



**April 8, Ennis Bluebonnet Festival** – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday. Remember to bring your camera or smartphone and come with us to the "Official Bluebonnet City of Texas". There are 40 miles of mapped Bluebonnet Trails and we'll go by the best ones and stop to take pictures whenever we see a spectacular wildflower show. We will leave at 9:00 am, drive the trails, take pictures and then visit the Bluebonnet Festival in historic downtown Ennis to enjoy arts, crafts, food, souvenir booths, and live entertainment. We will eat lunch on our own in Ennis and return about 4:00 pm. Cost is \$15 for members and \$17 for nonmembers.



**April 18, Snow House Moving Museum, Fort Worth** – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Tuesday. H.D. Snow learned the business of house moving early by working at his father's company starting at the age of 12. When Snow started his own business in the 1960s, he began traveling the country, trading tips with others movers; and, along the way, discovered that third, fourth, and fifth generation movers weren't interested in the family business. With the threat of house-moving history falling to the wayside, Snow set aside a half-acre of his business' land to display a collection of vintage artifacts and the House Moving Museum opened as a full-fledged museum in 1985. The museum carries a collection of historic moving equipment, from rollers and boomers to dollies, jacks, and bars and there are also plenty of pictures showing equipment in use, including images of buildings being pulled by horses. Mr. Snow is scheduled to meet us and tell all about the challenges he overcame in 65 years of house moving. We will ride a bus leaving at 10:00 am, take the free tour and enjoy lunch at China Flag Buffet (so bring lunch money). We plan to return to Texins about 3:00 pm. Transportation cost is \$15 for members and \$17 for nonmembers.



## Educational Seminar

**April 26, Financial Topics Seminar** – 1:00 pm, Wednesday, Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. Lisa Calloway, TIAA Vice President, Education, who is with the firm of HD Vest Financial Services, will open the seminar with an overview on the Economy and Investment Opportunities. This will be followed by a presentation by the firm of Chasewood Wealth Management, giving an update on recent changes in IRA regulations. After a break for refreshments, the program will conclude with an update by Attorney Tod Almquist, on changes affecting Estate Planning.



## Community Involvement Events

**March Community Events Recap:** *March's TIAA Community Involvement volunteer event was held at "The Family Place" Resale Shop located on Marsh Lane in NW Dallas. Ten TIAA volunteers boarded The Senior Source's van to be transported to and from the store. We enjoyed the many tasks our resale store staff members prepared for us including sorting men's and women's clothes onto display racks, placing price tags onto jewelry for sale, stocking books, CD's and DVD's into display cases, and helping the staff tidy up the sales area item displays and clothing racks. The staff greatly appreciated our assistance and the shop looked amazing by the time we finished our tasks.*

**April 12, Northwest Dallas ReStore** – 8:30 am, Wednesday, 3546 Forest Lane, Dallas. ReStore is a retail store that stocks new and gently used home decorating and home improvement products at a deep discount. ReStore volunteers will work alongside staff to create a friendly environment for their customers. They have four ReStores that are open seven days a week, giving the most flexible options for volunteers to donate their time. Volunteers will assist with display maintenance, customer service, inventory management, product pricing, product sales, organizing the stockroom and stocking shelves. Please join us at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus at 8:30 am to arrive at the ReStore by 9:00 am. Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense) and arrive back to the Texins Activity Center about 1:30 pm.



**April 27, Dallas Ramp Project** – 8:30 am, Thursday. Have you ever changed a person's life in a single day? The Texas Ramp Project does it hundreds of times a year! They build wheelchair ramps for disabled or elderly people who can't afford to buy one. In a few hours in a morning, they give these folks the freedom to leave their home again — the home where they want to remain but whose steps have imprisoned them. Volunteers will assist in the construction of a custom-made ramp – no construction skills required! Please meet by 9:00 am at an assigned location by private vehicle (a Senior Source van will not be available for this event's transportation). Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense).

## How to Register for Events

TIAA members without computer access should call the TIAA office at 214-567-8444 to register for any event. Members with computer access should register by going to [www.tialumni.org](http://www.tialumni.org), clicking on **Calendar**, and then on the desired event to reach the proper registration page.

## New and Renewing Members

Recently Wendy Barr, George Grimes, Charles Primm and Debbie Spalding became members and Darrel Baker, Oralia Baker, Lee Ann Baker, Bob Cox, Larry Dickinson, Charvaka Duvvury, Vasu

Duvvury, Don Edwards, Tom Fowler, Jim Grayson, Troy Herndon, Brian Narveson, Frances Perkins, Lynn Sanders, Phil Stephens, James Szot, Thomas Thorpe, Winston Veazey, Barbara Wesson, Delores Womack and Robert Zlotky renewed their membership. Welcome.

## TIAA Breakfast Meeting

**April 21, 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 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 at 214-507-1500.

**Next TIAA Breakfast: May 19, Friday, 9:30 am.**

## In Memoriam

One of the most widely used features of our website **tialumni.org** for our members is the **In Memoriam** section. We add new names and obituaries of former Tiers several times a week and currently have over 11,000 entries. If you have access to a computer, you might want to check out this feature. 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 the 40 we added in the past 30 days and others from preceding months (in date sequence). Please feel free to leave a comment after displaying the obituary.

## Reporting a Death to TI

If you need to report the death of a retired Tier, the TI Benefit Center will help. Dial 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 operator to whom you can relay the death information along with the person's Social Security number.

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