



TIAA Annual Meeting

More than 60 TI retirees, former Tiers, and guests attended the 2017 Annual Meeting of the TI Alumni Association, held May 25 at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library in downtown Dallas. Gary Stopani, President, Greg Boydston, Executive Vice President, and Dorothy McAllister, Secretary, were elected to another term. David Reid, was elected as Treasurer, and joins the TIAA Leadership Team, having retired in 2014, after 26 years, where he served 12 years as TI's Vice President and Director of Ethics. Gary recognized Kate Newman for her service as Treasurer the past two years. Following the business meeting, Gary recognized Jessica Stewart for her 10 years of service to TIAA, and presented a plaque and gifts.



Community Involvement Events

May Community Events Recap: Every second Saturday of May is a special day in America as it is the day our US Postal Service collects food items from people's front porch. Over the last 24 national food drives, letter carriers have collected more than 1.5 billion pounds of food, helped by untold

thousands of fellow postal employees, retired letter carriers, family members and friends. The food is then distributed to local food pantries within the same communities where it was collected. Nine TIAA members joined together at the Network of Ministries food warehouse and helped unload the truckloads of food that had been donated. Each sack was weighed and then the contents were transferred to Network's storage racks. This year surpasses all previous year's collection – 24,146 pounds, so far! Thus, we were not able to finish the job in

the time we had allocated. We worked very hard but the floors were still filled with many tons of food by the time we left. Network folks were very grateful to us for helping get the annual food drive sorted and stored. They admit it will take weeks before their next group of volunteers will have all the food safely stored and ready for distribution to their needy clients. Nevertheless, we felt very pleased that we made a difference in the life of many people that depend on Network for their weekly meals.



June 27, East Dallas Boys and Girls Club – Tuesday, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Boys and Girls Clubs are open to all boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 18, regardless of race, religion or national origin.



Their local Clubs (17 in the Dallas Metroplex) serve a membership base of more than 6,000 youth annually, providing programs based on physical, emotional, cultural and social needs, and the interests of boys and girls. Clubs offer diverse program activities in three areas: Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship and Healthy Lifestyles. Programs enhance character and self-esteem, are educational and fun and ultimately contribute to youth realizing their maximum potential. Please join us at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus at 8:30 am to arrive at our assigned Boys and Girls club location at 4804 Worth Street by 9:00 am. We plan on the group helping with brain games, reading, arts and crafts and giving out snacks. And if anyone is interested in leading a cooking class on making easy healthy snacks, we'll make that an option, too! 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.

July 14, Readers 2 Leaders – Friday, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Readers 2 Leaders goal is to develop and grow the reading skills of children, age 3 to 10, in West Dallas. Programs include Reading Buddies, After-School Tutors and Saturday Storytime. Please join us at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus at 8:30 am. Volunteers will help organize and update the Lending Library by re-shelving books and processing new donations. And we will also help prepare materials for Team Read programs. 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.



TIAA Travel Events

May Travel Recap: On Wednesday, May 3, twelve of us met in Oklahoma City to spend a few days viewing the landmark OKC National Memorial (once at night and again the following day). Touring the interactive museum, covering the devastating April 1995 bombing honors victims, survivors, rescuers and all affected by the Alfred P. Murrah building tragedy, was emotional, interesting and informative. We also visited Bricktown for dinner one night and took an entertaining, private cruise through the heart of the OKC entertainment district on the Bricktown Water Taxi. (OKC at night is almost eerily deserted by vehicles and people and we felt safe walking to all locations.) On the last day, we visited the premier National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum with its beautiful artwork, a monumental "The End of the Trail" iconic sculpture, peaceful outdoor gardens with water features and a huge gift store! However, perhaps the highlight of the trip was staying at the old Hilton Skirvin hotel which retains much of its antique charm and graciousness including the red Grand piano in the bar, the beautiful Murano crystal chandeliers and the strong Art Deco styling of the '20s. A great time was had by all.





On May 10, twenty-one TIAA members hopped on a bus to Arlington and attended a Texas Rangers vs San Diego Padres baseball game – plus we availed ourselves of the \$1 hot dog special for dinner. The Ranger's ace pitcher, Yu Darvish, happened to be on the mound (it's always fun to watch him work), the big storms passed us by without a drop and we won 4-3 after three hours and 42 minutes! (Yes, we were late getting back to TI.) It was a very enjoyable evening and we hope you will join us at one of our events.

June 9, Texas Musicians Museum – Friday, 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, Irving.

Attention all music fans, young and old alike! Let's go view thousands of fascinating artifacts and music memorabilia from legends such as Buddy Holly, Janis Joplin, Selena and ZZ Top and wonder at a striking, 50-foot long wooden guitar from an Eric Clapton concert at Dallas' Fair Park that is hanging from the ceiling. We will leave on a bus at 10:30 am to visit the museum, eat at Di Rosani's Italian Restaurant in Irving and return about 2:30 pm. Cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for nonmembers.



July 20, British War Museum, Buc-ee's – Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Terrell. During World War II, thousands of British, Royal Air Force and American Army pilots earned their wings at six civilian training schools in the United States – the first and largest of the schools being in Terrell – between 1941 and 1945. Let's go visit this little-known chapter of WWII history and see hundreds of historical items, WWII memorabilia and uniforms. We will leave at 9:00 am, tour the museum at 10:00, eat lunch at the Blessings Restaurant at 11:30, visit Buc-ee's at 2:00 pm (the truck stop/gas station that is an actual destination instead of a stop) returning to TI around 3:00 pm. Cost is \$22 for members and \$22 for nonmembers.

Educational Seminar

July 18, Security Tips for Security and Savings Seminar – Tuesday, 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Plano Centre, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. Carl Burbaw of The Senior Source will give an overview of their successful Financial Fraud Detection and Elimination Program. This will be followed by a presentation by noted Consumer Advocate and Writer, Dave Lieber, columnist for the *Dallas Morning News* on how seniors can save money and avoid scams. Admission is free but reservations are required.



New and Renewing Members

Recently Timothy Desiato, John Difilippo, Andrews Fritsch, James Lewis, Deurelle McAfee and Al Sherrill became members and David Buice, Rochelle Buice, David Reid and Nelda Reid became lifetime members. John Baker, Phillip Beitelspacher, Bennie Blakey, Beverly Brown, Gary Browne,

Darcy Button, Shirley Cole, Eveline Corbin, Patsy Fuller, Arthur Garretson, Bernard Kulwicki, Harvey Mattison, Reta Mattison, Gene Needham, Joseph Sturniolo, Lillie Sturniolo, Alice Sulek, Eugene Sulek, Claude Turner and Estela Turner renewed their membership. Welcome all.

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 Tlers 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 TIAA and TI

If you need to report the death of a retired Tler, please call the TIAA office at 214-567-8444 with that info. Then, please call the TI Benefit Center at 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.

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, logging on, clicking on **Calendar**, and then on the desired event to reach the proper registration page.

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