



# TIA Alumni News

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## TIAA Travel Events

**July Travel Recap:** *Twenty-two TIAA members braved the steaming summer temperatures on July 20 to visit the British Flight Training Museum in Terrell, TX. A short movie showed us why this endeavor developed thanks to Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt. The Battle of Britain in 1940 caused many RAF fatalities. Since it was too difficult to train pilots in Britain due to their inclement weather and Roosevelt had bragged about the beautiful, blue skies of Texas, the first of seven British Flying Training Schools in the USA was built in Terrell. A personal tour by docents told us that in August 1941 the first group of pilots-to-be boarded a ship to Canada where they resigned their commission and changed into civilian clothes to avoid detection. They then boarded trains to invade a bare cotton field in Texas and found that their woolen winter overcoats were not going to be needed but that the warm and welcoming folks in Terrell were. The motto of the #1 BFTS was "The seas divide but the skies unite." Almost 2,000 young British men along with approximately 150 Americans earned their wings in Terrell from 1941-1945 during six months of flight training. (Sadly, twenty of them still reside at the Terrell Cemetery.) We enjoyed the newly-remodeled museum containing hundreds of artifacts including a British motorcycle born from spare parts found in an English warehouse after WWII ended. Then we viewed a British airplane that is being recreated by volunteers in a separate hanger on the property. Being hungry we hopped back on the bus and drove to a little Terrell sandwich shop for lunch, capped it off with a stop at Buc-ee's to bring home some goodies and made it back to TI by 2:30 pm.*



**August 15, New Parkland Hospital Tour - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Tuesday.** The name Parkland derived



from the land on which the first hospital (this is the third one) was built, which was originally purchased by Dallas as a park. The new Parkland Hospital is 17 stories high, cost \$1.3 billion and served over one million patients last year so let's get a first-hand view of the campus where great things happen every day. Public tours are not offered; however, thanks to former TIAA Treasurer Kate Newman, TIAA has arranged for a private tour. We will leave on a bus at 10:00 am to visit this Dallas gem, eat at Norma's Cafe and return about 2:00 pm. Cost will be

\$15 for members and \$17 for nonmembers.

## Community Involvement Events

**July Community Events Recap:** *Nine TIAA volunteers arrived at The Senior Source headquarters on Harry Hines Blvd. on July 10 and were escorted to one of their conference rooms. The Dallas County Medical Reserve Corp and Senior Source staff had many boxes of Emergency Preparedness flyers already arranged for us on the conference tables. We enthusiastically went to work loading the flyers into the flimsy plastic folders that the Medical Reserve Corp provided. In less than three hours we had over 750 folders filled to perfection and ready for the Medical Reserve Corp staff to pick up and hand out to their clients. The Dallas County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) provides supplemental support to a variety of local public health initiatives such as school, civic, and faith-based sponsored health fairs, back-up support of immunization clinics and vaccination campaigns, epidemiology staff support during disease outbreaks, and community-wide public health education campaigns. Their mission is to help ensure community resiliency by recruiting and training local volunteers to supplement medical response to local disasters and other public health emergencies.*

**August 4, Back to School Event – Cancelled at the request of Wednesday’s Child.**

**September 7, 9/11 Heroes Run Pre-Event Tasks – 8:30 am to 1:30 pm** at Reverchon Park, 3505 Maple Avenue, Dallas. The 9/11 Heroes Run activates and unites communities to honor the sacrifices of those heroes from September 11th and the wars since, to include veterans, active duty, first responder, and families of the fallen. The 9/11 Heroes Run 5K +1M fun run/walk welcomes runners and walkers of all levels and of all ages, volunteers, friends, and family. Race proceeds are used to directly support the Travis Manion Foundation's mission to empower our nation's veterans and families of our fallen heroes to develop character in future generations in order to strengthen Communities. We will perform pre-event tasks, such as hanging flyer posters, packet stuffing, and any other tasks that the race coordinator needs assistance completing. We'll board the bus at the Texins Activity Center at 8:30 am. Volunteers will provide services at a location to be determined. We will have lunch afterwards at a local restaurant (at our own expense) and return to Texins about 1:30 pm.

## Educational Seminar

**July Seminar Recap:** *On July 18, over 90 TIAA members and guests visited the newly remodeled Plano Event Center. To attend an informative seminar, focusing on Consumer Tips for Security and Savings. Carl Burlbaw of The Senior Source gave an overview of their successful Financial Fraud Detection and Elimination Program. This was followed by a presentation by noted consumer advocate and columnist for the Dallas Morning News, Dave Lieber, with tips on how seniors can save money and avoid scams.*



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

## Houston TI Alumni Association

Congratulations to Lola McMann, Treasurer; Della McMann, Secretary; Mary Brown, Vice President; and Jean Houston, President – newly elected officers of the Houston TIAA. To get more information about this organization, contact Gary Luckett at 832-551-8025.



## New and Renewing Members

Recently Albert Clegg became a member and Charles Curry and Danny Way became lifetime members. Gloria Chick, Raymond Clark, Romana Clark, Michael John Ewer, Angela Harrison, Doris Howard, Jim Jennings, Mae Odom, Gordon Pollack and David Swinney renewed their membership. Welcome to all.

## 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.

## TIAA Breakfast



**August 18, 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 Parkway. 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 or two, so just show up and bring a friend if you like. From North Central Expressway, turn west on Plano Parkway, cross the bridge and then turn north into The Village at Collin Creek. The restaurant will be to your left. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Campbell at 214-507-1500.

**Next TIAA Breakfast: September 15, Friday, 9:30 am.**

## Save These Dates

**October 16:** The TIAA Golf Tournament will take place at the Woodbridge Golf Club in Wylie, so get your teams together.

**October 26:** There will be a TI Health Benefits Seminar at the Plano Event Center.

## In Memoriam

One of the most widely used features of our website [tialumni.org](http://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 31 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.

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