

TIAA TIA Alumni News

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TI Retirement Badge Replacement

If you need a replacement TI retiree badge, you can obtain one by either calling the TI Badge Room at 214-429-2206 and providing your TI employee number. If they have a picture of you on file, they will prepare a replacement badge free of charge and mail it to your home address. The replacement badge usually arrives in a few days.

United Way Campaign

Starting next year, the annual TIAA United Way campaign will take place in the spring. In 2018, the campaign will run from April 9 through 25. All donations made in 2017 and through April 25, 2018, will count toward our 2018 campaign and will be eligible for a TI Foundation match. If you wish to make a yearend contribution in 2017 for tax-deduction reasons, please mail your check to TIAA United Way, PO Box 740181, Dallas, TX 75374. Those wishing to donate stock or via credit card should contact Barbara Leath at 214-479-4783.

Community Involvement Events



November Community Involvement Recap: *On November 28, ten TIAA volunteers arrived at the Texins Activity Center to join a huge crowd of TI volunteers ready to deliver Meals on Wheels to needy clients in Dallas and Collin County. This has become an annual event for TIAA and the active Tiers are very pleased to have us join them on Giving Tuesday each year. The TI coordinator, Tea William, replied to all volunteers by saying "Thank you so much for giving your time on Tuesday to deliver 1,300 meals – a TI-record – to elderly and homebound North Texans in partnership with the Visiting Nurse Association, Collin*

County Meals on Wheels, and United Way. We had more volunteers than ever this year, and I am inspired by the dedication to serving others. This is the core of who we are as Tiers. This is a busy time of year with many time demands, so it means a lot that you prioritized helping those in need on #givingtuesday. We've heard from many of you that it was a wonderful experience that gave you insight into how a simple act of kindness can change someone's life for the better."

On November 14, five TIAA volunteers gathered to stuff, seal and stamp over 550 envelopes with their annual fund raising promotional literature for “Readers2Leaders” located in West Dallas. Readers2Leaders develops and grows the reading skills of underserved Dallas children ages 3 through 12, so they may succeed in school and graduate prepared to live productive lives. Their programs include after-school reading tutorials, help on homework and hands-on activities. Also, a summer camp is offered to improve young children’s reading skills and to experience fun field trips to keep them active when school is not in session. The organization also offers a community library, story time on Thursdays, and a parents’ workshop at locations throughout West Dallas. They were delighted that we finished the project and appreciated our work. Readers2Leaders would be happy to hear from TIAA members for individual volunteer sessions with their children and/or financial assistance. Please consider joining us on one of our future events.

December 6, Visiting Nurse Association (Meals on Wheels) – Wednesday, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. 1440 W. Mockingbird, Dallas, TX. Wrapping gifts that are delivered to Meals On Wheels’ recipients with their regular meal delivery on Christmas Day is an annual outing for TIAA volunteers. This year VNA has asked us to bring a roll of wrapping paper, tape and a pair of scissors. For more than 80 years, the VNA has responded to community health needs with innovative client and patient services including preparing and distributing over 4,000 hot meals to Dallas County senior residents Monday through Friday. Lunch will be provided by the VNA. We will arrive back to Texins about 2:30 pm.

January 11, Crossroads Community Services – Thursday, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm, 1822 Young St, Dallas, TX. Crossroads’ primary goal is to ensure that all people in Dallas County have ready access to nourishing foods and to provide life skills education that can help clients accomplish goals that are important to them. Crossroads provides clothing to in-house pantry clients as well as clients from The Stewpot and partners with educational and medical institutions in Dallas County in order to seek more holistic solutions to deeply entrenched social and economic problems. Volunteers will assist neighbors in selecting grocery items and/or helping in the clothing distribution area. 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.

TIAA Breakfast

December 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 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: January 19, Friday, 9:30 am.

TIAA Travel Events

November Travel Recap:

On a cool, cloudy day, 25 TIAA members and guests journeyed by bus to Fair Park; then climbed onto a covered tram. Craig Holcomb, President of the Friends of Fair Park, entertained and educated us as we traversed these 277 acres the easy way. We left from Magnolia Lounge which was built in 1935 in the shape of an ocean liner. He explained that most world fair buildings were made to



last five years but these were built using a new technology – concrete blocks. This is why they are still standing after 80 years. He talked about the golden eagle statue on top of the Tower building that was taken down a few years ago for renovation, and said it looked more like the Maltese Falcon after being struck by lightning so many times. Some of the murals on the buildings had been painted over and he described how that was accidentally discovered plus the detailed work that was involved in getting them ready to show off again. We visited the touching Vietnam Memorial and found that the fountain in front of the Music Hall was once again a fountain (it's turned off during the fair). We saw the new Briscoe Carpenter Livestock Center which was the site of the livestock auction that raised over \$1.4 million for student scholarships this year. He introduced us to Woofus, a composite animal fountain which is part longhorn steer, goat, horse, snake, turkey and pig. History says this chimera was created in one weekend in the early '30s by an artist with a case of beer! Craig said approximately 2.2 million folks attended the State Fair this year and spent \$54.5 million on food, rides, etc. We ended up at Matt's El Rancho for lots of good conversation and great Tex-Mex food before getting back to TI about 1:30 pm. Come join us on our various adventures.

December 7, Enchant Christmas – Thursday, 4:00 – 9:00 pm. Sorry, but this event is **sold out**.

Museum of the American Railroad, Model Train Exhibit and Video Game Museum – Originally scheduled for late January, this excursion has been postponed since the exhibit still remains in various crates in Frisco – we'll try again in four months.

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 clicking on the desired event to reach the proper registration page.

In Memoriam and Reporting a Death

Recent deaths of TI retirees and former Tiers are added to our website several times a week. If you have access to a computer, you can view this members-only info. To do so, please log in and click on [In Memoriam](#) and follow the instructions to locate a particular person, city, state or date. Members may also go to [Recent Obituaries](#) to read the short bios. Please feel free to leave a comment after viewing an obituary.

If you need to report the death of a retired TIER, please call the TIAA office at 214-567-8444 with that info. To also notify TI, 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 assistant to whom you can relay the death information along with the person's Social Security number.

New and Renewing Members

Recently Annie Garmon, Robert Havemann, Mark Kacko, Molly Murray, Gail Orphey, Stephanie Smith, Rita Williams and Sheila Wright became TIAA members and Anthony Austin, Kenneth Hartman and Virginia Hartman became lifetime members. Dean Baxter, Helen Baxter, Terry Blake, Dottie Bothwell, Wanda Buck, Richard Chapman, Carolyn Corrigan, Joseph Corrigan, Elaine Daniel, Joe Deweese, Linda Deweese, Carolyn Dudley, JoAnn Foss, John Fry, Dan Goodwin, Evelyn Gray, Randy King, Charles Lake, Joyce Lake, Brenda Malarek, Hal Malarek, Dennis Mannering, Peggy Mannering, Donald McGuire, Bobbie Mitchell, Maureen Nelson, Clara O'Donnell, Cindy Oliphant, Jim Oliphant, Michael Paradise, Sandra Paradise, Janelle Richards, Wayne Strobo, Nancy Strobo, Frank Sulzbach, Patsy Thompson, Carlos Valdivia, Carmen Valdivia, Ernestine Watson, Michael Winberg, Elmer Wolff and Vernon Yeager renewed their memberships. Welcome to all.

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