

# TIAA TIA Alumni eNews

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## Linda Stopani is TIAA's 2017 Volunteer of the Year

TIAA is very proud to offer our congratulations to Linda on being elected the 2017 TIAA Volunteer of the Year. Linda received her well-deserved plaque at the December Volunteer luncheon. Linda feels very honored and expressed her surprise and happiness upon receiving this award. To read more about Linda and her many volunteer activities, please click [here](#).



## Perot Museum



According to Sara Campbell, TI Manager of WW Community Involvement Programs, TI retirees can enjoy the Perot museum free by showing their TI badge. Only the retiree gets in free; the pass does not apply to other family members. If any retiree experiences issues getting in with his or her badge, they should ask for Dhriti Stocks at the Perot Museum.

## TIAA Travel Events

**January Travel Recap:** *The subfreezing temperatures didn't keep 20 hardy TIAA members and guests from registering for a tour of the Federal Reserve Bank in Uptown Dallas. The building was finished in 1992, has 17 floors and contains a vault full of money that is loaned to other banks in the 11th district. This area includes parts of southern New Mexico, Texas and upper Louisiana. This explains why, when Houston called right after Hurricane Harvey and said "We need \$500M", Dallas could say "Send the armored truck tomorrow – it will be ready." We cleared security without a hitch and took a very interesting 90-minute tour full of visual displays and interacting exhibits. When asked, our tour guide only confirmed that the amount of money in their five-story vault began with a "B" (later defined as "bunch".) Each of us left with a bag of cash money, too. However, it had been shredded three times and was just a nice memento of our visit. As usual, we concluded with lunch – this time at Cheddar's – before returning to TI. If you would like to see a slideshow of this trip, click [here](#). Please join us on one of our adventures. (Notice in the picture, our guard has a sense of humor.)*



**February 20, The Star Tour, Frisco** – Tuesday, 9:45 am - 2:30 pm. Join us on a VIP tour of this state-of-the-art, 91-acre indoor athletic facility, home to the Dallas Cowboys Football Operations and experience the place where ‘The Boys’ train and work 355 days of the year. Among other things, this guided tour of the new Ford Center visits the War Room (think NFL draft), the Nike Star Walk



(featuring the history of the Cowboys), the Super Bowl Station (which contains memorabilia of all five Super Bowl championships) and the Grand Atrium, with its impressive Italian sculpture titled “Volume Frisco”. This dancing LED display includes more than 19,000 white LED lights embedded in 160, 40-foot-long, mirrored rods hanging from the ceiling. We will leave on a bus at 9:30 am, take the 10:30 tour, eat lunch at

Applebee’s in Frisco (on our own) and should be back to TI around 3:00 pm. The cost is \$32.50 for members and \$35.50 for nonmembers. Please log on and [register](#) ASAP as tickets are limited. If all of the seats are already sold, register anyway to go on the waiting list as someone may drop out or we may order another bus.

**March 17, “The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas”, Granbury** – Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. This musical is a happy-go-lucky view of small-town vice and statewide political side-stepping which recounts the good times and the demise of the Chicken Ranch, known since the 1850s as one of the better pleasure palaces in all of Texas. Governors, senators, mayors, and even victorious college football teams frequent Miss Mona’s cozy bordello until Miss Mona finds her business suddenly under attack from a television evangelist and local politicians, with even the local sheriff unable to do much to stop the sudden switch in public opinion. We will leave on a bus at 10:00 am, eat lunch in Granbury (on our own) in one of the restaurants on the square, watch the General Granbury’s birthday parade go down main street, shop a little and then attend the matinee at 2:00 pm. We should be back around 5:30 and the cost is \$30 for members and \$33 for nonmembers. Please log on and [register](#) for this event.

**September 25 – 27, Fredericksburg** – Tuesday - Thursday. Plans are underway for a two-day trip to Fredericksburg to see why this is one of the top ten small-town destinations. We will drive ourselves to and from Fredericksburg, stay at a B&B, visit the National Museum of the Pacific War, (a.k.a. the Admiral Nimitz Museum), do some one-of-a-kind shopping on Main Street, visit the LBJ Ranch, enjoy a wine tasting, watch millions of Mexican free-tail bats emerge at dusk, taste authentic German edibles, or do our own thing at times. Join members and guests of TIAA for the fun on September 25 - 27. If interested, please let us know via <https://tialumni.org/contact> so we can reserve enough rooms.

## Alumni Groups

TIAA maintains an online listing of various [Alumni Groups](#) that get together, largely as social organizations. Many of these groups have been in existence for some time and we have lost contact

with four of them. We are requesting that any member or former member of the Attleboro Retiree Club, Austin Alumni Lunch, Austin Retiree Club, or Old Bunch Lunch Group contact Linda Stopani at [lstopani48@gmail.com](mailto:lstopani48@gmail.com) and let us know if you are still meeting. Thanks.

## Community Involvement Events

**January Community Involvement Recap:** *Nine TIAA members volunteered to work at the Crossroads Community Services organization on January 11, 2018. CCS serves low-income clients with food, clothing, and educational services. On average, a family of four receives 100 pounds of groceries with an estimated retail value of \$200. We assisted 48 families by filling their grocery carts with canned goods, fresh vegetables, eggs, meats, and dairy products. We also sorted through numerous bags of shoes and clothing, organizing them by size and racking the items for client distribution. We had a most rewarding morning at CCS and ended our day at Cheddars for lunch.*



**February 13, Crystal Creek at Preston Hollow Nursing Home – Tuesday, 10:00 - 11:30 am.** Serving seniors and their families for more than 60 years, Crystal Creek at Preston Hollow offers assisted living, skilled nursing and rehabilitation services. Located near Presbyterian and Medical City hospitals, Crystal Creek at Preston Hollow provides all the comfort of home with access to flexible healthcare options. Note that we will not have a bus for this event since the center is located very close to the main TI site. We will meet at the assisted living center at 10:00 am (between Forest and Royal on the south-bound frontage road. If their parking lot is full, drive past the four-story red brick Crystal Creek building and park in the parking lot for Minuteman Press/Park Central Dental. Enter the Crystal Creek facility by the door facing Central. Volunteers will assist the home's Volunteer Coordinator in participating with a party, games, Bingo, visiting with residents or any other assigned duty. We will conclude our day at the center by 11:30 am. If volunteers are interested in joining together for lunch (at our own expense), we may meet at Cindi's located just a short distance south of the center on the Central Expressway service road. Please log on and. [register](#) for this event.

**February 22, Medical Reserve Corp Packet Stuffing & Medical Reserve Corp Mock Interviews – Thursday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm.** The TIAA Community Involvement team is offering two events to be held simultaneously at The Senior Source facility located at 3910 Harry Hines Blvd. You may choose whichever event that appeals to you the most. In support of the Dallas County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), some of our volunteers will help assemble emergency response bags relating to emergency preparedness for the MRC. To see more details and to register for this activity, go online to [Packet Stuffing](#). Other volunteers will support The Senior Source's Employment Team with practice sessions to give clients an appreciation of what to expect during a typical interview and an opportunity to refine their interviewing skills. To see more details and to register for this activity, go online to [Mock Interviews](#). 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.

**March 13, Family Place** – Tuesday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. The Family Place empowers victims of family violence by providing safe housing, counseling and skills that create independence while building community engagement and advocating for social change to stop family violence. The Family Place is a nonprofit agency that helps families hurt by domestic violence. All services are provided free of charge, with the exception of Supervised Child Visitation and the Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP). Please join us at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus at 8:30 am. Volunteers will assist in merchandising and retail sales, as well as sorting incoming donations of clothing, personal and household items or other duties needed on the day of the event. 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. Please log on and [register](#) online so we can arrange sufficient transportation.

### Joint TIAA/UT Dallas Alumni Meeting

**March 15, UT Dallas, Alumni Center** – Wednesday 1:00 pm. A joint meeting with UT's retiree group and TIAA with refreshments at 1:00, program beginning at 1:30 with a speaker from UT Dallas. A bus will leave from Texins Association at 12:40 pm. If you prefer to drive, parking will be available on campus. Additional Information will be provided in the March eNews. Please log on and [register](#) for this event.

### TIAA Breakfast

**February 16, 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 on the third Friday of every month 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. We are now meeting on the southern side of the restaurant. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Campbell at [jonscampbell@gmail.com](mailto:jonscampbell@gmail.com) or 214-507-1500.



**Next TIAA Breakfast: March 16, Friday, 9:30 am.**

### TIAA Retiree Badge

Your TI retiree badge is required for many of our activities and speedy access to the TI site. If you need a replacement TI retiree badge, you can obtain one by either calling the TI Badge Room at 214-429-2206 or sending an email to [badge@list.ti.com](mailto:badge@list.ti.com) 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.

## New and Renewing Members

Recently Lois Banks and Linda LeClaire became lifetime members and Elizabeth Patterson, Dan Shultz and Vicky Vann became TIAA members. Michael Goidl, Royce Green, John Hancock, Carl Johnson, Linda Johnson, Linda Kyprios, Joe Pullen, Patsy Pullen and Joyce Vermillion renewed their memberships. Welcome to all.

## In Memoriam and Reporting a Death

Recent deaths of TI retirees and former Tiers are added to our website several times a week. To view this members-only info, 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. To also notify TI, call both OneExchange at 1-844-638-4642 and TI HR Connect at 1-888-660-1411, 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.

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