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Save the Date

Thursday, October 4, TI Retiree Luncheon: The Annual TI Retiree Luncheon will be held at the Mesquite Convention Center, October 4, with the doors opening at 9:30 am. Due to a conflict that cannot be changed, Peter Balyta will be unable to speak at the luncheon. However, we are pleased to announce that Tracy Hamilton, who is responsible for the Program Management and Product Definition functions of Education Technology will be our TI speaker. After lunch we will be entertained by “The Big Beats”. Watch for full details in future TIAA publications.

TIAA Travel Events

July Travel Recap: TIAA members saw a Major League Lacrosse (MLL) game for the first time on July 7 and really enjoyed this new experience. The Dallas team just moved here from Rochester, NY, are part of the MLL organization, play in the air-conditioned Ford Center at the STAR in Frisco, average almost 4,000 attendees/game and play 14 games this year. They celebrated military appreciation the day we went and everyone was given dog tags to wear as they entered. The game started with a face-off (that should be called a nose-to-nose-off) and only stopped for two, 30-second TV breaks in each of the four quarters plus a half-time respite. Player substitutions occur on the run and penalties mean the team plays a man short for the designated time. It was very fast-paced, great (AND tiring) to watch these young men carry sticks with a scoop as they run, carry, pass, catch, and shoot a hard, orange rubber ball for 60 minutes. After the 14-9 win over the Charlette Hounds, the Dallas Rattlers announced they were the first team to clinch a spot in the MLL playoffs and we headed back to TI around 6 pm on that high note. A [slideshow](#) of this event is available to anyone. Please join us on one of our events.



August 10, "Curtains", a Musical – Friday, 7:30 pm. This is a parody of the 1950s “whodunit” theater mysteries. A lone detective, Lieutenant Frank Cioffi, investigates a series of murders that take place behind the scenes of a fictional cowboy musical entitled ‘Robbin’ Hood’. The cast of ‘Robbin’ Hood’ is forced to stay inside the theater while the Boston police detective unravels the mystery, gets involved with the show and falls in love with the Ingenue in the process. We will meet at the Black Box Theater, 1527 N. Galloway Avenue in Mesquite. Cost is \$17 per member or \$19 per nonmember. Please [register](#) online for this event.



August 30, TrainTopia and Video Game Museums, Frisco – Thursday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. This is a two-for-one trip! Never have we seen a train exhibit approaching the size and scope of the one that was donated to the Frisco Discovery Center by the Sanders family of Dallas. Valued at more than \$1 million, the G-scale model layout spans more than 2,500 square feet with multiple trains running on different tracks. After lunch at Ruby's Country BBQ Store (on our own) we will visit the National Videogame Museum (NVM). If you lived through the years when you threw a quarter in the slot, you'll instantly remember the sights and sounds of this arcade. All attendees get four NVM tokens upon admission. We will leave at Texin's Activity Center on the Expressway site at 10:00 am and return about 3:00 pm. Cost is \$22 for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Please [register](#) online early so we can reserve the right-sized bus.

Community Involvement Events

August 15, Crossroads Community Services – Wednesday, 8:30am - 1:30 pm Please join us at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus to assist Crossroads 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). Please [register](#) online for this event so that we can arrange enough transportation for all attending.

Educational Seminars

July Seminar Recap: *More than 30 TIAA members crowded into a conference room at the Plano Event Center on July 24 and welcomed Linda Smittle home (again!). We spent two hours listening about her 27-month fascinating adventure while serving with the Peace Corps in Thailand. Linda joined TI in 1984 and worked in PC Training, Personal Development and Manufacturing Communications before retiring in 2008. She became a TIAA member just a few days later and was very active with our volunteer, travel and membership committees! Linda certainly brings a unique perspective for retirees when she joined the 8% of the Peace Corps volunteers who are > 50 years old. In Thailand she rode a bike 12 miles to and from the school where she taught English – and was bitten once by a loose dog – but still felt safe in her various activities. She tried to teach us a few words in Thai, talked about her Thai community, showed pictures of her home and then how to make sticky rice which is a staple three times a day! The beloved Thai king died after 70 years on the throne and she said the country wore black and mourned for one entire year. She is now studying Spanish in preparation for her next assignment in Peru. There were 300 applicants for the Peru openings with only 60 accepted so she is really looking forward to her next adventure. A slideshow of her time in Thailand may be viewed [here](#) .*



TIAA Breakfast

August 17, 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 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 now meet on the southern side of the restaurant. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Campbell, jonscampbell@gmail.com or 214-507-1500.



Next TIAA Breakfast: September 21, Friday, 9:30 am.

New and Renewing Members

Recently James Garvin, Lester Hernandez, Tammy Hernandez, Hemant Joshi, Mahashweta Joshi, Carol Kesterson, James Kesterson, Art Krueger and August Miller became lifetime members and Rebecca Corporon, Martin Garrison, Christopher Harbin and Atul Shah became members. Edna Allemore, Lucille Bean, Oma Bean, Robert Berry, Judy Binder, Charlotte Dockray, Kenneth Dockray, James Dove, Michael John Ewer, Warren Fender, Michael Frizzell, Willa Frizzell, George Grimes, Linda Grimes, Edna Hart, Sandra Hoffman, Jerrel Hoskins, Dale Lindner, Richard Reed, Charles Ribble, Sara Ribble, Peggy Ripple, Alan Rittman, Victoria Rittman, Richard Robinson, Charles Runnels, Tony Schmidt, Phil Stephens, Bobby Timmons, Raymond Vache, Kurt Wachtler, Marquita Westerman, James White, Karen Whitehead and Richard Wiggins 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, country 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 Tler, please call the TIAA office at 214-567-8444. To also notify TI, call both ViaBenefits 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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