



# TI Alumni News

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The TI Alumni Association extends best wishes for a blessed, happy and healthy 2016 to all our members and friends. We have exciting plans for activities in 2016. We have activities already scheduled through November with many others in the planning stages. We cordially invite you to join us at one of our travel and community involvement events or educational seminars.

## Neighbors in Need

In response to the tornadoes and storms that impacted several North Texas communities on December 26, the TI Foundation has made an immediate \$25,000 grant to the American Red Cross and has committed to match TI employee and retiree donations to the American Red Cross up to an additional \$25,000. For the match, employee and retiree donations **must** be made through this microsite, <http://www.redcross.org/cm/ti-emp> by January 15, 2016.

## TIAA Travel Events

**December Travel Recap 1:** *Thirty-one TIAA travelers and their guests revisited Christmas 2003 at the George W. Bush Museum on December 1. President Bush was in office for eight tumultuous years and we wandered through those times at the museum. There were the early years (family, oil ventures in west Texas, the Texas Rangers and governing Texas); his historic election in 2000 (remember the hanging chads?); the 9/11 tragedy which made him a War President (and we could actually touch one of the steel girders from the World Trade Center) really gave us a small glimmer of what it is like to be President of the United States. There is an entire section of the Christmas decorations from that time at the White House (imagine decorating 18 trees!) which was very interesting to see as were the various videos showing moments in his life. We finished up with lunch at Campisi's Egyptian Pizza (no Mafia in sight) before returning to Texins.*



**December Travel Recap 2:** *OK, so it wasn't "a dark and stormy night" but it wasn't pouring rain like the originally scheduled trip in October. Twenty-five brave TIAA folks signed up for a 90-minute*

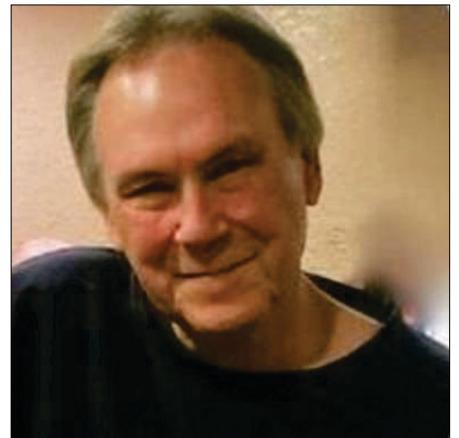
*haunted ghost tour of Denton on December 11 led by a great storyteller, Shelly Tucker. (After all any town that boasts a grave on the courthouse lawn ought to have a ghost or two.) We ate at the Abbey Inn Restaurant and Pub and then the Ghost Lady led us around downtown while weaving a narrative spell that resurrected the past, uncovered buried secrets, and recalled forgotten mysteries. "People come to Denton and never leave . . . ever!" Shelly exclaims (while rolling her eyes). We enjoyed the beautiful Christmas lights around the courthouse, a band playing throughout the night and a surprise parade (that went right through our tour.) Please consider joining us at one of the following upcoming events.*



**January 12, Texas Civil War Museum** – Tuesday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Join us on an historic tour of the largest Civil War Museum west of the Mississippi River. It features weapons, uniforms, flags, artifacts and civilian clothing from the Civil War. Its 75-seat theater shows videos about Texas involvement in the Civil War. We'll admire the Victorian Dress Collection, which features more than 200 dresses and browse the Magnolia Mercantile gift shop which showcases specialty items related to the Civil War and Victorian era. We'll leave at 10:00 am, tour the museum, enjoy lunch at

Ginger Brown's (so bring lunch money) and return about 3:00 pm. Prices are \$15 for members and \$17 for nonmembers. Please call us at 214-567-8444 to register for this event.

**February 9, Movies Set in the Lone Star State** – Tuesday, 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Texins Activity Center. Larry Ratliff has been a professional film critic since 1983 and served as film critic and movie feature writer for the San Antonio Express News newspaper. He also wrote several lifestyle articles for the Dallas Morning News. He is now a public speaker, humorist and award winning film critic. Larry has covered the Academy Awards on several occasions for newspapers and for NBC. He promises to bring us information about the movies filmed in Texas with wit and humor. We will also enjoy popcorn and soft drinks. There is no charge for any of this so come and enjoy! Please call us at 214-567-8444 to register for this event so we will have enough snacks for all.



## Community Involvement Events



**January 12, USO at DFW Airport** – Tuesday, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. The USO serves personnel in all branches of the military: active duty, National Guard, reservists, retirees and authorized family members. All services provided at the

USO DFW are free and are made possible by donations from individuals, companies and organizations. Volunteers will deliver, sort and organize donated items collected by TIAA into the USO storage shelves ready for distribution to members of the military visiting the USO. Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local IHOP restaurant (at our own expense). Please call us at 214-567-8444 to register for this event.

**February 11, Crossroads Community Services**, 1822 Young St, Dallas – Thursday, 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. Crossroads has two primary goals: to help ensure that all people in Dallas County have ready access to nourishing foods; and to provide life-skills education that can help reduce obesity in impoverished areas. Volunteers will 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 call us at 214-567-8444 to register for this event.



## Printed Monthly Newsletter

As announced last November, TIAA has replaced our quarterly printed newsletter with a monthly *T/ Alumni News* based on this electronic publication. Because of the time necessary for printing and mailing, this print publication is designed to reach members by mid-month and covers events scheduled through the middle of the following month. The primary audience for this new publication is our members without email addresses, who aren't reachable by electronic means. However, we also want to make it available to any U.S. member upon request. Members with access to a computer can make that election on our website by following this procedure: 1. Make sure you are logged in. 2. Click on **My Account** in the upper right corner. 3. Scroll down to near the bottom and click on **Edit TIAA Member Profile**. 4. Scroll down to next to last item and change **Yes** to **No**. 5. Click **Save**. If you have any problem or do not have access to a computer, please contact our office at 214-567-8444.

## TIAA Breakfast Meeting

**January 15, Friday, 9:30 am.** All TI retirees, TIAA members and their spouses are invited to this informal get-together at the Southern Recipes Grill. This restaurant is located at 621 West Plano Parkway immediately south of Macys. From North Central Expy., turn West on Plano Parkway and then North into Colin Creek Mall just past the bridge. We meet to enjoy a cozy breakfast with old 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, so just show up and bring a friend if you like.



**Next TIAA Breakfast - February 19, Friday, 9:30 am.**

## New and Renewing Members

Recently, Robert Hardin, Peter Groves, Narith Lieou and Arnold Olson became TIAA members and Charles Balazsin, Elgin Davis, Moody Forgey, Doda Mondon, Noel Pittman, Pat Pittman and Lynn Sanders renewed their memberships. Welcome to All.

## In Memoriam

One of the most popular features of our website **tialumni.org** is the **In Memoriam** section. We add new names and obituaries of former Tlers several times a week and currently have over 10,000 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 those for the preceding year in date sequence.

## Health Benefit Contacts

### TI Health Benefits

#### Medicare-eligible age 65 or older – OneExchange

**1-844-638-4642**

Through OneExchange, TI provides access to individual medical and prescription drug plans that supplement Medicare coverage, as well as dental and vision plans. OneExchange benefit advisors are available Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, Central Time.

#### Under age 65 – TI Benefits Center

**1-888-669-1411, Option 1**

Representatives are available Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 7:30 pm, Central Time, except for most New York Stock Exchange holidays. The TI Benefits Center is operated by Fidelity.

#### Raytheon Health Benefits

**1-800-358-1231**

TI-Raytheon Systems retirees should have Social Security and personal identification numbers available when calling.

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