

# TIA AlumniNews

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## Annual TI Retiree Luncheon

**October 4**, Thursday 9:30 am – 2:00 pm at the Mesquite Convention Center. Invitation letters with details on how to register were mailed in late August. Our TI speaker, Tracy Hamilton, will update us on TI's strategy in Education Technology with its increased emphasis on software and robotics. Tracy has worked at TI since 2005 and is a leader on Ed Tech's Product Development Team where she is responsible for the Program Management and Product Definition functions. We will also showcase ways in which TI's education and robotics technology is being used in college recruiting, as well as in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs. We expect several members of TI's New Employees Initiative to join us again this year. The doors to the center will open at 9:30 a.m. with warm cookies and coffee to enjoy. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am after which we can enjoy the music of the "Big Beats" band. If you did not receive a copy of the invitation, please call the TIAA office at 214-567-8400, and be sure to register by September 21.



## TIAA Travel Events

**August Travel Recap;** *On August 30, fourteen TIAA folks wandered around in awe as we visited the toy train exhibit, TrainTopia, at the Frisco Discovery Center. The G-scale model layout (G for garden because it was originally intended to stay outside and run among the flowers) was donated by the*



*Sanders family and spans more than 2,500 square feet with multiple trains running constantly on different tracks. The exhibit featured scenic highlights and populated areas in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. Also featured is an animated downtown Dallas street scene, the Palo Duro Drive-In with a movie playing on the screen and 1950s cars. All of the little things that bring the scenes to life are there, such a police car with flashing lights, a woman in a blue dress with her luggage,*

*and a guy hauling a crate of Spud King potatoes. The many lighted features turn on during dusk and nighttime providing a different look and feel to the scenes. After that we visited the National Videogame Museum next door where all of us received four tokens, so we could journey back in time in their arcade, play some of our old favorites, realize how much the video games have evolved, and learn how slow*

our reflexes are now. Lastly, we ate a delicious lunch at Rudy's Country BBQ Store while sitting at a huge round table, so we could do what we do best – socialize. We arrived back at TI about 2:00 pm. Please join us on one of our adventures.

### **September 12, John Bunker Sands Wetlands Tour –**

Wednesday, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm This Wetland Center is one of the largest, constructed wetlands in the United States and is located along the banks of the East Fork of the Trinity River. It was dedicated as a wetland mitigation bank in honor of the late John Bunker Sands (1948-2003) and provides facilities to further our understanding of the area's water supply challenges and the importance of habitat conservation. We will leave TI on a bus at 9:30 am, enjoy a private tour of the wetlands center, saunter along the nice, secure boardwalks which extend into the living wetland so we can better observe the birds, reptiles and water creatures from just a few inches above the water, relax in the rocking chairs on their porch, eat lunch at Granny's Chicken (on our own) and return around 2:00 pm. Cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for nonmembers. Please call 214-567-8444 to register for this event.



### **September 25 - 27, Fredricksburg Trip – Tuesday - Thursday.** The plan is to drive ourselves to and from Fredericksburg, stay at Main Street 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. Make your own reservations for the two nights by reserving a room at [www.travelmainstreet.com](http://www.travelmainstreet.com) or you can choose another place to stay. Please also call 214-567-9444 to register with us so we can keep you apprised of plans.

## **Community Involvement Events**

**August Community Involvement Recap:** Eight dedicated TIAA volunteers rode in a brand new Senior Source van on August 15 to be driven to our August TIAA Community Involvement event. We met with Crossroads Community Services coordinator, Danille Hansen, early in the morning to be assigned our work activities. While waiting, the CCS computer system came to a complete halt. One half of our volunteer group began helping clients fill grocery carts with produce, canned goods, frozen meats and fruits using paperwork written by hand. The other half went to work sorting through a huge pile of donated clothing and shoes – hanging clothes on racks by size and tying matching shoes together all to be sent to the distribution room for client's use. We served over 40 clients during the morning and had our picture taken in front of the CCS chalkboard which honored TIAA by name for our service. Afterwards, it was off to the Dallas Farmers Market where we scattered



*in different directions for lunch at the many wonderful restaurants located in Shed #1. We all had a great time and we look forward to our next visit to CCS next spring.*

**September 6, 9/11 Heroes Run Pre-Event Tasks** – Thursday, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. These activities unite communities to honor the sacrifices of those heroes from 9/11 and the wars since, to include veterans, active duty, first responder, and families of the fallen. We will stuff packets and do any other tasks that the race coordinator needs assistance completing. We'll board a Senior Source bus at 8:30 am at Texins and return about 1:30 pm. This event will be conducted at The Senior Source facility located at 3910 Harry Hines Blvd. Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense). Please call 214-567-8444 to register so that we can arrange sufficient transportation.

**September 25, Goodwill Lunch Ambassadors** – Tuesday, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm. Goodwill Industries of Dallas, Inc. announced that the agency's second annual fund-raising event, THE LUNCH on September 9, 2017 secured \$1.5 million, sending a signal to the philanthropic community that Goodwill is worthy of private investment. Our TIAA volunteers will provide assistance in greeting guests to Goodwill Industries' annual luncheon. We will board a Senior Source bus at 9:00 am at the Texins Activity Center and be transported to the Hotel's location. We should arrive back to the Texins Activity Center about 1:30 pm. Please call 214-567-8444 to register so that we can arrange sufficient transportation.

## Educational Seminars



**October 23, Health Benefits Seminars** – Tuesday, Plano Event Center, 2000 e. Spring Creek Pkwy., Plano. Save the date. There will be two seminars – one in the morning from 10:00 to 11:30 am for pre-Medicare retirees and one in the afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00 pm for Medicare-eligible retirees. Details will be published in the October **News**.

## TIAA Breakfast

**September 21, 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 at 214-507-1500.



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

## New and Renewing Members

Recently Gerald Robert, Gerald Thichava and Larry Wofford joined TIAA and Sam Barlow, Steve Gremban, Michael Hoyer, Amy Luke, Jan Nowasky and Nathan Nowasky became lifetime members. Jeffrey Beck, Joanne Beck, Linda Cantin, Gretchen Card, Lewis Card, Thomas Fedrick, Janice Giles, Thelma Johnson, Richard Lawrence, Colin Martin, Irfan Merchant, Judi Mikulas, Misty Sanders, Ronald Sellars, Bill Sennhauser, Laura Weldon, Amelia White, Vernon White and Ed Wilson renewed their memberships. Welcome to all.

## Reporting a Death

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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