

# TIA TIA Alumni News

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## Educational Seminars

On October 23, two seminars were held at the Plano Event Center in Plano, TX to discuss TI health insurance plans, Social Security info and medical changes that would be of interest to TI retirees. The first one was at 10:00 am for pre-65 TI retirees and was attended by about 100



who enjoyed the goodies furnished by TI before the meeting began. The second one was at 1:30 pm for Medicare-eligible TI retirees and around 385 came to hear the news, ask questions about health insurance plans and to partake of TI's refreshments. TIAA Education VP, Lisa Calloway, started the meetings by introducing David Carter, a representative from Via Benefits, who covered insurance supplemental plan changes, various reimbursement options, Donut holes and answered attendees' questions. He also stressed that TI retirees should call 1-844-638-4642 if they needed help with their insurance questions. Dr. Kevin Soden then provided a medical update on shingles and the latest shot (Shingrix) to hopefully prevent it. Terri Murphy from TI said that the Retirement Reimbursement Accounts would be funded in 2019 at the same rate as in 2018. If you have access to a computer, you may view the Pre-Medicare Presentation or the Medicare-Eligible Presentation on our website, [tialumni.org](http://tialumni.org).

## Community Involvement Events



**November 27, Annual Joint TI-TIAA Meals on Wheels Delivery** – Tuesday, 9:45 am. We have been asked by TI to volunteer at their annual Meals on Wheels delivery event by forming a team (or teams) for the biggest TI volunteer event in 2018 on Giving Tuesday, November 27. Because of our participation, TI has committed to deliver to about 1000 homebound clients of the Dallas County Visiting Nurse Association (VNA Meals on Wheels). The event begins in the

Texins Fitness Center parking lot at 9:45 am. You can pick up a TI "Building Strong Communities" T-shirt, along with a United Way hat and wear them during the event. Box lunches will be handed out immediately after the prep rally before you depart to deliver meals to your assigned client's homes. Please call 214-567-8444 to register so that we know who is coming.

## December 5, VNA Meals on Wheels Gift Wrap – Wednesday, 9:00 am – 2:30

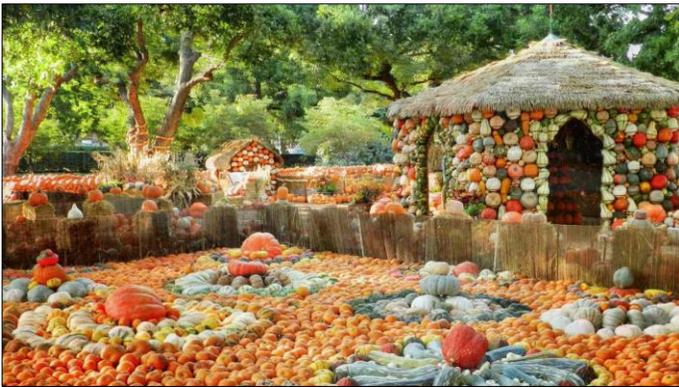
pm. From feeding seniors who are homebound and hungry, to helping terminally ill patients and their families deal with life's final journey – VNA is there. For more than 80 years, VNA has responded to evolving community health needs with innovative client and patient services. The VNA prepares and distributes over 4,000 hot meals to Dallas County senior residents Monday through Friday.

Volunteers will wrap gifts that are delivered to Meals on Wheels' recipients along with their regular meal delivery on Christmas Day. Lunch will be provided by the VNA. Join us at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus at 9:00 am. Please call 214-567-8444 to register so we can order sufficient transportation for all.



## TI Days: Autumn at the Arboretum

**Now through November 21 – 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.** Once again, TI joins the Dallas Arboretum as they kick off the annual "Autumn at the Dallas Arboretum" festival with one of the most spectacular pumpkin



and gourd displays in the world. The garden will transform itself with thousands of blazing-colored florals as 75,000 pumpkins, gourds and squash come together to form the nationally acclaimed storybook Pumpkin Village. TI retirees and other current TIAA members with up to **five** guests may gain free admission. Just show your TI retiree badge or a printed copy of this **eNews**. If you have problems at the gate, ask the attendant to contact Van Eisele or Marcela Torre. Free admissions do

not include the Children's Garden. Parking is \$15 per car and is available in front of the main entrance or just a couple blocks north at the new parking garage. Mornings are less crowded than afternoons. Attendees will also receive a 10 percent discount on purchases in the gift shop and on family memberships. TI is limited on the number of attendees on Saturdays and Sundays. Therefore, TI retirees and other TIAA members who wish to attend on Saturday or Sunday **must** register by the preceding Thursday. TI has requested that attendees also register for weekdays. Please register by calling 214-567-8444.

## TIAA Travel Events

**October Travel Recap:** *Nine adventurous TIAA souls headed to Fredericksburg, TX on September 25, 2018, checked in at the Main Street B&B and enjoyed "happy hour" on their upstairs balcony overlooking the main street. After a good Mexican dinner, we drove to the Enchanted Rock to view the dark skies forgetting it was harvest moon time, so not many stars were visible. Wednesday, after breakfast on the balcony, hours were spent enjoying the collection of military artifacts, the Japanese garden of Peace, memorial courtyard,*



*pacific combat zone, and plaza of presidents at the National Museum of the Pacific War. After a delicious lunch at the Old German Bakery/Restaurant, some of us visited the library and shops while others returned to the museum. That evening we drove to the Old Tunnel State Park for a private talk by Ranger Bob and a close-up-and-personal view of one-million-plus, free-tail bats ascending over our heads to chase their own. On Thursday after another good breakfast on the balcony, a tour of Wildseed Farms was enjoyed and then on to the LBJ Ranch at Stonewall, TX. We could board Air Force One-Half (Johnson's official plane that was built to land on a short landing field) and see the Johnson house, his old vintage cars and view the peaceful Johnson family cemetery. After an enjoyable couple of days, people headed to Austin or back to Dallas. A great time was had by all so please think about joining us on our next adventure*

### **November 15, Texas Rangers Museum & Magnolia Market at the Silos, Waco.**

Thursday, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm. Beginning at the recently redone Texas Rangers Museum, we will watch a 45-minute film of this famous organization which has served across three centuries and under five flags. Then we will tour the museum to discover the heroism and services of the officers. After that history lesson, it's off to Buzzard Billy's for lunch (on our own) where we can enjoy the "best Cajun and American food in Waco" while eating on the deck and watching the fish, turtles and ducks. A stop at the Magnolia Market at the Silos to shop for Thanksgiving items is next and, time permitting, a short stop in West, TX to pick up some kolaches and then it is back on I35 and heading toward TI. Cost is \$25 for members and \$28 for nonmembers, so please call 214-567-8444 to register and join us in another great adventure.



**December 1, Holiday Lights Trolley Ride, Highland Park.** Friday, 6:15 - 9:00 pm. Join other TIAA members as we enjoy this trolley ride through Highland Park to view the beautiful Christmas lights, munch on candy canes and listen to Christmas music. Along the one-hour ride, we will hop off at one of the sights, explore the magic of the holiday season and take great photos. We will leave at 6:15 pm for a 7:00 ride and return to TI about 9:00 pm. Please call 214-567-8444 to register early as seating is very limited. Cost is \$23 for members and \$26 for nonmembers, so please come along for the ride.

### **TIAA Breakfast**

**November 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 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: December 21, Friday, 9:30 am.**

## **New and Renewing Members**

Recently Mary Ballard, Gregrey Chalkley, Kirk Cramer, Monte Douglas, Gary Gettel, Paul Koch, Raye Kochand and Rana Lahiry became lifetime members. Bobbie Bursey, Charles Garretson, Lynn Kenney, Lorin Netsch, Brenda Tennyson and James Windham joined TIAA. Gabriel Barna, Mary Brown, Richard Brown, Wally Capps, Shirley Cole, Craig Herteg, Dale Howard, Lee Howard, Imogene James, Robert Killian, Ralph Payne, Shirley Payne, David Porter, Susan Powell, Jerry Pyle, John Rath, Sue Rath, Patsy Thompson, Carlos Valdivia, Carmen Valdivia, Caroline Vestand and Shirley Williams renewed their membership. Welcome to all.

## **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 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.

## **Our Commitment to Your Privacy**

Your privacy is important to us. We have recently updated our online privacy policies and have posted a revised Policy Notice on our website about the information we collect, why we collect it, the way we use that information, and how you can access or correct your information. **TIAA does not and will not sell your data to third parties.** Please see attached TIAA Privacy Policy Notice.

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