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OMOT Winners Announced

There were 44 artists – active TIers, retirees, TI contractors, and their spouses – who participated in this year's On My Own Time (OMOT) Art Competition, entering 76 art objects, in 8 categories. Click **here** to view the winners selected by the OMOT Judge and the "People's Choice" voting results. First Place winners, "Best of Show", and "People's Choice" are eligible to participate in the region-wide art exhibition at NorthPark Center from September 15 - 29. Shown is the black & white photo by Stephen Evans that won "Best of Show". Congratulations to the winners and all who participated.

Texins Active Aging Week

September 23 - 27, Dallas Texins Activity Center – A free "Bee Active Aging Week" is planned for seniors and aging adults who want to maintain focus on their health and well being. Activities will include various group exercise classes as well as cultural and community service projects. Click **here** for more information.

Charity Golf Tournament

September 9, Woodbridge Golf Club, Wylie – Monday, 10:00am. TIAA is teaming up again with active TIer golfers for its Annual TIAA Charity Golf Tournament. The event will benefit two worthwhile charities: the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and The Senior Source. Texas Instruments and the Texans Credit Union are underwriters for the tournament, making it possible for 100 percent of donations to go directly to the charities, The event will begin with check-in at 10:00am, and lunch will be served at 11:00. The tournament will begin with a shot-gun start at 12:30pm, with awards following the tournament. To participate in this year's tournament, contact the TIAA office at 214-567-8444, or click **here** to download a registration form.

Community Involvement Events

September 10, Shoes for Orphan Souls – Tuesday, 8:30am - 1:30pm. Orphans and at-risk children worldwide receive new shoes and socks from Shoes for Orphan Souls. TIAA volunteers help process either donated shoes or toiletries kits. The activities include sorting and banding shoes, counting and packing shoes in shipping boxes, and kitting and packing toiletries. Volunteers will meet at Texins Activity Center at 8:30 and ride a bus to the climate-controlled warehouse. Afterwards, we will have lunch at our own expense and return to Texins about 1:30.

September 28, JDRF Walk – Saturday. Registration begins at 7:30am and the Walk begins at 9:00am. Transportation will be on your own. Join the TI/TIAA Team in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). There is only one location this year: Victory Plaza in downtown Dallas (American Airlines Center). TI/TIAA will provide some volunteers to assist walkers. You can support JDRF with a donation, by registering to walk or with a pledge to support a walker. The TI Team and tent will be at AAC which is conveniently accessible by DART. Click **here** for event information, volunteer form, registration, pledge for a walker or donation. If you are interested in volunteering you can contact TIAA member Tom Boedecker at **tjboedecker@tx.rr.com** who will be walking.

See our **Community Involvement webpage** for more detailed and updated information. Round-trip transportation is usually provided from the Dallas Texins Activity Center or you can meet us at that day's location. We normally stop for lunch at a local restaurant before returning to TI. There is no fee for volunteering for these TIAA-sponsored projects**.** To register, contact the TIAA office at **admin@tialumni.org** or 214-567-8444.

Educational Seminars

September 12, Identity Crimes, Joint Seminar with UTD Retirees – Thursday, 12:30 - 3:30pm, UT Dallas Campus. Research and Operations Building located off Waterview. Come join us for our annual joint workshop with the UT Dallas Retiree Association. Our speaker, Dr. Nicole Leeper Piquero, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, is noted for her research in white collar crimes, criminological theory, as well as women and crime. Last year, Dr. Piquero was ranked among the top three women conducting research in criminology by the Journal of Criminal Justice Education. Limited parking is available in Lot V. Also, buses will leave the Texins Activity Center at 12:30, returning at 3:00. Refreshments will be served.

October 17, HR Health Benefits – Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00pm, Plano Centre.

2013 TI Retiree Luncheon

November 14, Thursday, 9:00am - 3:00pm – Save this date for the 2013 TI Retiree Luncheon at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1750 Rodeo Dr., Mesquite, TX.

TIAA Breakfast Meeting

September 20, Friday, 9:30am – All TI retirees, TIAA members and their spouses are invited to this informal get-together at the **Southern Recipe Cafe**. This quiet and peaceful restaurant is located at 1381 W. Campbell Rd. (just east of Coit) in Richardson and their back room is set aside for us 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 or two, so just show up and bring a friend if you like.

Next TIAA Breakfast Event: October 18, Friday, 9:30am.

Welcome to New Members

The TI Alumni Association is happy to announce that Adriana Brooks, Charvaka Duvvury, Walter Gardiner, Paul Harris, Roy Jones, Xuening Li, Charles Miller, William Morrison, Ann Reeder, James Shibley and Edmund Williamson recently became members of our association. Welcome all.

TIAA Travel Events

September 12, GrapeFest – Thursday, 4:00 - 9:00pm, Grapevine. Ride with us to their historic downtown Main Street and experience their 27th annual wine festival. Their People's Choice Wine Tasting Classic – the largest consumer-judged wine competition in the nation – will have wines from around 35 Texas wineries. Their carnival, midway, arts and craft vendors, and Culinary Pavilion featuring great chefs from across North Texas will be accompanied by live entertainment all evening. We will leave at 4:00, buy some goodies to eat there, stomp some grapes if you want purple feet, attend the optional People's Choice Wine Tasting at 5:30 and return about 9:00. Cost, including transportation and admission, is $10 for members and $11 for nonmembers. Anyone wishing to participate in the People's Choice Wine Tasting may pay an additional $15 at that tent entrance in order to receive a souvenir wine glass and be able to sample their award-winning wines.

September 20, Balloon Festival Photo Shoot – Friday, 4:00 - 9:00pm, Oak Point Park, Plano. The major draw for this balloon festival is the 50 magnificent, colorful, hot air balloons. The featured ones this year include: Cosmos, Joelly the Little Bee, Betty Jean the Butterfly, and Pigasus the flying Pig. We will leave at 4:00, set up and take pictures of the balloon launch with David Drake, a professional photographer, at 6:00 (weather permitting), purchase goodies from the various vendors, take more pictures during the balloon glow at 8:00 (balloons lit up like giant light bulbs – a must-see at the festival) and return about 9:00. Cost is $10 for members and $11 for nonmembers.

September 25, Shakespeare in the Park – Wednesday, 6:30 - 11:30pm, Dallas. TIAA has reserved the pavilion at the Samuell-Grand Amphitheatre so we will have great seats for a performance of "The Winter's Tale" by our beloved Bard. "The Winter's Tale" is sometimes classified as a romance and sometimes as a comedy but there is always plenty of intense psychological drama, too, so we'll leave it up to you to decide what to call it. However, it does have a happy ending – no dead bodies lying on this stage. You may eat before you arrive, or food trucks will be available prior to the performance or you may bring a picnic basket (and don't forget the wine). We will leave at 6:30, eat while we watch the drama and return about 11:30. Cost is $20 per member and $22 per nonmember.

Next Travel Events:

October 3, Texas State Fair and "The Lion King" – Thursday, 2:00pm, Fair Park Music Hall.

October 17, Dallas Arboretum Concert "A Hard Night's Day" – Thursday, 6:00 - 10:00pm.

See our **Travel webpage** for more detailed and updated information. All trips depart from and return to the Dallas Texins Activity Center unless otherwise noted. Each TIAA member may bring one guest at the member price. Others may join us at the nonmember price. To register, contact the TIAA office at **admin@tialumni.org** or 214-567-8444. Payment (by check only) is due seven days prior to event to reserve your place on the bus. Mail check to TIAA, PO Box 740181, Dallas, TX 75374.

Flu Shots Available

October 7, 8 and 13, Dallas Texins Activity Center – In addition to being able to get your annual flu shot at the TI Retiree Luncheon on November 14, TI Retirees and other TIAA members can receive them at the Dallas Texins Activity Center on Monday, October 7 from 7:00am to 1:00pm, Tuesday, October 8 from 7:00am to 1:00pm or 4:00 to 7:00pm and on Saturday, October 12 from 7:00am to 1:00pm. Be sure to bring your insurance information.

TI Days Announced

September 23 - November 27, TI Days at the Dallas Arboretum – Weekdays only. TI retirees and other TIAA members and up to five guests may gain free admission on weekdays only. (Weekends are reserved for active TIers.) Just show your TI retiree badge or a copy of this eNews.

Next TI Days Event: October 8 - 18 - Nasher Sculpture Center & Dallas Museum of Art. Same entrance requirements as for Dallas Arboretum event.

Slideshow Archive

Our ***Slideshow webpage*** lists slideshows that Ronnie Brandenburg has created using pictures taken by Jerry Brandenburg, John Conner, David Drake, Linda Stopani and Jessica Stewart. To view any slideshow, click on the above link and then click on the desired event.

In Memoriam

TIAA has learned of the recent deaths of the following former TIers and/or TIAA members: Winston L. Adkins, Joan J. Baranowski, Wilma J. Bell, Linda K. Brasher, Arthur Burkett, Dennis R. Carrington**,** Leo W. Catineault, Thomas N. Clark, Odessa M. Diebel, Sylvia J. Gray, Ray E. Harder Jr., Joel L. "Pat" Harris, Alyne B. Jones, E. E. "Al" Lewis, Jerry O'Reilly, Jerry W. Orloff, Rosa L. Payne, Velma L. Sanders, Loyd P. Smith, Patricia A. Steward, Grace A. Toland, Mattie E. "Cole" Vinson, and Wanda J. Wright. We have added their names to our online **In Memoriam List**. To view the complete list, click on this link and use the *Find* function to locate a particular person.

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