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Seminar at UTDallas, March 15

The University of Texas at Dallas Retiree Association and The Texas Instruments Alumni Association will host a joint meeting on Thursday, March 15 at 1:00 pm at the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center. We'll begin with refreshments and social time, followed by a presentation at 1:30 pm. Our speaker will be Cassini Nazir, Clinical Associate Professor in the School of Arts, Technology, and Emerging Communication at



UTDallas. He is also Director of Design and Research for the ArtSciLab, a transdisciplinary research lab helping the arts, science, and technology communities by pursuing initiatives of societal urgency and cultural timeliness. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about an exciting and creative new area of art and technology from an expert in the field. The seminar is free, but [registration](#) is required. If you plan to ride the bus, please indicate how many are in your party, so we can reserve your seats on the bus. If you prefer to drive, in addition to registering, please contact the TIAA office at 214-567-8444, and let us know you need a parking pass. We will need your email address, so we can send you the pass and parking directions. Click [here](#) for further details.

TIAA Golf Tournament Set for April 9

TIAA is teaming up again with active Tiers for the Annual TIAA Charity Golf Tournament. The event is scheduled for Monday, April 9, at the Woodbridge Golf Club in Wylie, TX, with a shotgun start at



noon. Because TI has shifted its annual United Way Campaign to the spring, we have moved the Golf Tournament earlier in the year to serve as a kickoff to the 2018 campaign. TIAA Golfers, as well as active Tiers will benefit The Senior Source this year. Retirees and former Tiers may sign up with your credit card on the website at: www.theseniorsource.org by clicking on "Donate", then click on "Event", and select "TIAA Annual Charity Golf Tournament", and complete the registration form. This is also an easy way to donate as a sponsor. If you prefer to register and mail

a check, just call the TIAA Office at 214-567-8444 and request that a registration form or donation form be mailed to you. Watch future **eNews** for more details.

OneExchange is now Via Benefits

OneExchange, the service TI retirees use to gain post-65 health insurance coverage and/or manage RRA reimbursements, has officially changed its name to Via Benefits. The new brand name was chosen to emphasize the service the company provides in helping retirees gain coverage that suits their needs. The word *via* literally means “traveling through a place to a destination.” Functionality and services provided will not alter due to the brand change. However, the look and feel of Via Benefits’ solutions, websites, and communications materials have shifted to align with new branding. Click [here](#) for further details.



TIAA Annual Meeting to be Held at the Dallas Arboretum, May 17



This year’s annual meeting of the TI Alumni Association to elect officers will be held at the Dallas Arboretum on Thursday, May 17. The meeting will begin with refreshments at 1:00 pm, and the business meeting will begin at 1:30 pm. This will be an opportunity to visit the Arboretum at no charge and visit with friends and associates. We are also fortunate that Terri West, now a TI retiree, will join us to highlight some of the programs of the TI Foundation. Buses will run from the Texins Activity Center and also from South Dallas. Invitation postcards will be mailed in early April with details on how to register

– and where to catch the buses. If you prefer to drive, information will be provided on the postcard and future **eNews** on where to park.

TIAA Travel Events

February Travel Recap *Not even three inches of rain and an Arctic cold front kept 17 curious Dallas Cowboy's fans (and one Philadelphia Eagle fan) from enjoying a 90-minute walking VIP tour of this state-of-the-art athletic facility where 'The Boys' train and work. We saw the three football fields (one outside with natural turf, one outside with artificial grass – and a white spot for Jerry Jones' helicopter – and one indoor just outside their training room). One field goal on each field is smaller than normal so the punter can practice at a smaller target than will be at a regular game. We also did the Nike Star Walk featuring the team's historical highlights but did not visit the 12,000-seat indoor arena since it was in use. We saw the Super Bowl Station which shows memorabilia from all five Super Bowl championships (yes, each ring is larger and brighter than the prior one) and sat in their Media Room which has stations for each of the five, major TV networks. We watched a man exercise at their huge gym (did you know they use logging*



chains in a work out?) and saw where they track who and how long each player uses the facility. The 19,200 blinking, white LED lights in the Grand Atrium is named "Volume Frisco" and is most impressive. Per our guide, no display ever repeats itself. We finished the tour with lunch at Applebee's where we could sit down, relax and socialize with each other. Please join us on one of our trips.

March 17, "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" Performance & Granbury Parade – Saturday, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. This musical is a happy-go-lucky view of small-town vice and statewide political



side-stepping which recounts the good times and the demise of the Chicken Ranch, known since the 1850s as one of the better pleasure palaces in all of Texas. Governors, senators, mayors, and even victorious college football teams frequent Miss Mona's cozy bordello until Miss Mona finds her business suddenly under attack from a television evangelist and local politicians, with even the local sheriff unable to do much to stop the sudden switch in public opinion. We will leave on a bus at 10:00 am, eat

lunch in Granbury (on our own) in one of the restaurants on the square, watch General Granbury's birthday parade down Main Street, shop a little and then attend the matinee at 2:00 pm. We should be back around 5:30. Cost is \$30 for members and \$33 for nonmembers. Please [register online](#) for this event.

April 25. Texas Rangers vs Oakland Athletics Game – Wednesday, 5:30 - 11:00 pm. Let's enjoy our national pastime plus support our local team in their



quest this year to win the biggest prize in baseball, the World Series. We have obtained seats in the Upper Reserved section looking down the third-base line in one of the prettiest baseball stadiums in the nation. (Of course, we will also check out the progress of their new, indoor A/C stadium which will open in 2021.) We will leave at 5:30 pm, grab something to eat and drink at our own expense (remember, this is one of the \$1 Hot Dog Days!) from one of the many ball park vendors, enjoy the game and return around 11 pm. Cost is \$30 for members and \$33 for nonmembers. Please [register online](#) early as we were only able to purchase 20 tickets.



September 25 - 27, Fredericksburg – Tuesday - Thursday.

Plans are underway for a two-day trip to Fredericksburg to see why this is one of the top ten small-town destinations. We will drive ourselves to and from Fredericksburg, stay at a 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. Join members

and guests of TIAA for the fun on September 25 - 27. Click [here](#) to see how much fun we had at our last out-of-town trip. If interested, please let us know via <https://tialumni.org/contact> so we can reserve enough rooms.

Community Involvement Events

March 13, Family Place – Tuesday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. The Family Place empowers victims of family violence by providing safe housing, counseling and skills that create independence while building community engagement and advocating for social change to stop family violence. The Family Place is a nonprofit agency that helps families hurt by domestic violence. All services are provided free of charge, with the exception of Supervised Child Visitation and the Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP). Please join us at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus at 8:30 am. Volunteers will assist in merchandising



and retail sales, as well as sorting incoming donations of clothing, personal and household items or other duties needed on the day of the event. Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense) and arrive back to the Texins Activity Center about 1:30 pm. Please log on and [register online](#) so we can arrange sufficient transportation.

April 10, CitySquare Opportunity Center – Tuesday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. The CitySquare Food Pantry provides food to thousands of low-income working families in Dallas each year and serves as an oasis of healthy food in the South Dallas food desert. CitySquare also fights childhood hunger through its afterschool and summer meal programs. The summer meal program, Food on the Move, fights childhood hunger statewide by deploying CitySquare AmeriCorps members to deliver meals and provide enrichment activities to thousands of children residing in apartment communities. Please join us at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus at 8:30 am. Volunteers will assist CitySquare's neighbors with shopping, restocking the pantry shelves, and by sorting inventory and food donations. Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense) and arrive back to the Texins Activity Center around 1:30 pm. Please log on and [register online](#) so we can arrange sufficient transportation.

TIAA Breakfast

March 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 on 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 are now meeting on the southern side of the restaurant. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Campbell at jonscampbell@gmail.com or 214-507-1500.



Next TIAA Breakfast: April 20, Friday, 9:30 am.

New and Renewing Members

Recently Jo Bitros, Kenneth Kler, Lynda Pasma, Avtar Randhawa, Fred Roper, Terry Roper, Don Walden, and Lois Walden became TIAA members and James Anderson, Ramona Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Daniel Brown, Janet Cavazos, Herbert Forsythe, Tom Fowler, Jessica Heft, John Holland, Johnny Kirby, Peggy Kirby, Ralph Phelps, Elizabeth Purkey, Jose Ramon, Fabienne Ramon, Anthony Wilcox, Linda Wilcox, and Jack Woodham 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 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 OneExchange at 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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