

# TIAA TIA Alumni News

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## TI Foundation Matching Gift Program



You can maximize your 2015 contributions of time and money through TI's Matching Gifts & Volunteer Incentive Programs when you submit your gifts and time by the January 31, 2016, deadline. It's easy for U.S.-based TI retirees to make an even bigger difference in our communities through the TI Foundation's Matching Gifts and Volunteer Incentive Programs (VIP). For more

information, call 1-855-493-9862 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Central time.

## Online Shopping Reminder

Many of us will be doing some of our holiday shopping online this year. If you will be purchasing books or other items from Amazon.com, please access the Amazon.com website via our TI Alumni website. TIAA has an agreement with Amazon whereby TIAA can earn an associate's fee when items are purchased through the following link on the TIAA website. The associate's fee helps TIAA to offset operating expenses. All you have to do is to use this easy-to-remember address [www.tialumni.org/amazon](http://www.tialumni.org/amazon) for your online shopping at Amazon.

## TIAA Travel Events

**November Travel Recap:** Fifteen TIAA members and guests participated in a journey to the Fort Worth Zoo on a cool, cloudy November 4. We visited their natural habitat exhibits where we were often only separated from the animals by a river or a pane of glass. Founded in 1909, this is the oldest continuous zoo site in Texas, and they have conservation programs that rank among the most respected in the world. There are 556 different species on site and we saw the zoo's newest members of the lion pride who were born this spring. They only weighed two pounds at birth but will grow to 300 - 400 pounds. After wandering around the zoo for two hours, we relaxed, rested and visited while enjoying lunch at the Old Neighborhood Grill before boarding the bus to return to TI around 2:30 pm. Please consider joining us on one of the following travel 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.** 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.

## Educational Seminar

**November Seminar Recap:** *The Defensive Driving Course taught by TIAA member Pat Curran on November 5 was attended by approximately 18 people who are happy to save on their car insurance.*

## Age 65 or Older Retirees Must Select Insurance Coverage for 2016

**Reminder –** TI will transition retiree health care coverage for age 65 or older retirees from the TI group retiree health plan to OneExchange on January 1. Your present TI health coverage will expire on December 31. You **must** contact OneExchange at 1-844-638-4642 before then to select your coverage for 2016. You are urged not to wait until the last minute to avoid the possibility of a gap in coverage.

## New and Renewing Members

Recently Douglas Cheek, Cecil Coale and Thomas Rogers became TIAA members and Jackie Hubbins became a lifetime member. Janet Baker, Herbert Forsythe, Patsy Forsythe, Lisa Hansen, Susan Powell, John Rath, Sue Rath, Sandy Schwartz, Rahim Shaikh, Yasmin Shaikh, Ray Vest, Jack Woodham, Jon Zimmerman and Jodie Zoeller renewed their memberships. Welcome to all.

## TIAA Breakfast Meeting

**Friday, December 18, 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 - Friday, January 15, 9:30 am.**

## In Memoriam

One of the most popular features of our website [tialumni.org](http://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.

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