

TIAA TI Alumni News

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TIAA/TI Golf Tournament Set for Monday, April 6

TIAA is teaming up again with active Tiers for the Annual TIAA/TI Charity Golf Tournament. The event is scheduled for Monday, April 6, at the Woodbridge Golf Club in Wylie, TX, with a shotgun start at 12:00 noon. Because TI has shifted its annual United Way Campaign to the spring, we have moved the Golf Tournament earlier in the year to support the campaign. TIAA Golfers and Sign Sponsors will benefit The Senior Source. Retirees and former Tiers may sign up with your credit card on the website at: www.theseniorsource.org, by clicking on **Donate**, then clicking on **Event**, and selecting **TIAA Charity Golf Tournament**, and complete the registration form. This is also an easy way to donate as a Sign Sponsor. If you prefer to register and mail a check, just call the TIAA Office at 214-567-8444 and request a registration form be mailed to you. However you choose to donate, if you are a TI retiree, the TI Foundation will match your gift as a sponsor, since The Senior Source is a 501c3 non-profit. After you make your donation to sponsor a sign, just go to: <http://getinvolved.ti.com> and follow the directions to request the match for The Senior Source. Retirees and former Tiers are invited to get a team together and join us for a day of meeting friends enjoying the outdoors, while benefitting a worthy non-profit. Please register and/or donate prior to March 30.

TIAA Seminar

An informative and useful financial and tax seminar was held at the Texins Activity Center on February 20, with some 30 retirees, former Tiers and guests in attendance. The financial seminar was presented by Steven Combest, CFP. Financial Advisor, with Combest Wealth Management, LLC. He handed out a publication of Advisor Group, Market Matters, which gave the highlights of Q4 2019 Economic & Market Review of the U.S. Steve commented on the statistics which showed continued growth in the U.S. along with an increase in caution in the near term. He noted that in this environment, some investors are rebalancing portfolios, adding to holdings of quality dividend stocks, while others considered companies with pricing power. He also pointed out a useful website, www.finra.org, which has many helpful tools for investment research, including mutual funds and 529 accounts. Following a review of 2019, he gave a presentation on the outlook for 2020, based on material from the Capital Group, American Funds. A copy of his presentation is posted on the TIAA website.



Following the break, Steve introduced Rick Scauzillo, CPA CGMA, of The Scauzillo Firm, PLLC, based in McKinney. He brought the group up to date on recent tax legislation known as the SECURE

Act. He highlighted the changes for the 2020 tax season, which would be of special interest to retirees, such as increased standard deduction for 65 plus, and changes to the rules on when required minimum distributions must be made. He also went into detail on the changes in how IRAs and retirement plans are distributed to heirs. His presentation is also posted on the [TIAA website](#). There were numerous questions during the presentations, and both speakers were willing to stay overtime to discuss and answer the questions.

TIAA Travel and Events

February Travel and Events Recap: *Wet weather on February 11 did not prevent 14 retirees from enjoying the day viewing the huge fish in captive tanks along the walkways of the Athens Fish Hatchery (plus the fish were appreciative of the food we purchased for them). There were also several American alligators on display who were currently in their semi-hibernation state. (These alligators do not eat for seven months out of the year because, if they eat during this period, the food will rot in their insides and possibly kill them.) We enjoyed the dive show where we watched and talked to a diver who fed the inhabitants of the tank. After a visit to the museum and the gift shop we adjourned to the Boathouse Bar & Grill for a delicious lunch. Although we did not get to use their tram ride due to the weather, everyone had a fun time.*

Nine of us gathered at Dos Banderos in Garland on February 27 to enjoy a Tex-Mex lunch before heading out to the near-by "Wall that Heals" exhibit. TIAA had arranged for one of the traveling staff to provide us with a tour of this heart-breaking exhibit and she did an excellent job. There were many there in wheelchairs, walkers and canes reliving those years as well as three busloads of kids from surrounding Garland schools. The exhibit is individualized for the area in which it is visiting and had a "Home Heroes " exhibit showing pictures of the 330 Dallas County members who are on the wall. The youngest person on the wall was a Marine, only 15 years old who had fudged his birth certificate, and the average age of people on the wall was 22.6 years. Out of the 58,000 names on the exhibit, they have obtained pictures of all except 300 people, and the images are available online at their website. The mobile unit contained a timeline of historical events from 1950 (when the US first sent consultants to Vietnam); to 1968 (which was the deadliest year of the war); then 1972 (when the POWs were released) and, finally, 1982 when the wall was dedicated. Our guide pointed out that there are eight trees planted at the exhibit in Washington D.C. – one for each of the nurses on that wall. She also explained that the first Purple Heart left at the Washington D.C. site was pressed into the wet concrete as the exhibit was being built with a note saying that the medal belonged to the heroes on that wall. Another item that was left at the wall was of a box of snacks that parents had mailed to their son in Vietnam, but it was returned marked "KIA". An unused draft card was on exhibit (remember those?) A green baby sweater was another memento from a mother who explained she just could not give up his teddy bear. Our guide then took us out into the field to walk the wall before we left for home. Please join us on one of our events.



March 12, Glass-Blowing Demo and Art Sale – Thursday, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. There is something about glass-blowing that creates a "moth to a flame" fascination as an expert takes a crucible of molten glass and produces a footed picture, a paperweight, or perhaps a bowl using a

constant ballet-like motion and rotation of the blowpipe. Bus will leave Texins at 9 am and travel to UTA's state-of-the art glass facilities to see a live demo by an instructor and learn how glass blowers create these lovely items. Afterward we will drive to Texas Live which is a dynamic \$250 million world-class dining, entertainment and hospitality district nestled between the Globe Life Park and the AT&T Stadium in the heart of Arlington. We will look around, eat lunch (at our own expense) and return to TI about 2 pm. Cost for members is \$12 and \$14 for nonmembers. Please [register online](#) for this event.

April 2, Magnolia Market at the Silos, TX Rangers Museum, Waco – Thursday, 8:30 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 we will ride over 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.



We will stop at the Magnolia Market at the Silos to shop the stores and, if there is time, we'll stop in West to pick up some kolaches. Cost is \$25 for members and \$28 for nonmembers. Please [register online](#) for this event.

TIAA Community Involvement

February Community Involvement Recap: On February 6, 2020, five TIAA members met at the Wilkinson Center Food Bank located in East Dallas along with our Senior Source leader, Gretchen



Finals. Our Wilkinson Center host, Laura Ingram, provided a short orientation overview for us describing how the center provides 30 - 40 pounds of food per client each month. The food provided is considered a week's worth of meals for each family and the quantity varies according to the family's size. About 80% of the food bank's supplies comes from the North Texas Food Bank located in Plano, Tx. We then proceeded to the food distribution room which was set up similar to a grocery store. Carts were ready

for us to push through the aisles as a client joined us for their supplies. We enjoyed the "shopping experience" and so did our clients who were all very appreciative of our help. About 45 clients were served up until Wilkinson staff said, "time's up!" at noon. Our day went very smoothly, and we left feeling that we provided a wonderful service to those clients in East Dallas.

March 3, Crossroads Community Services – Tuesday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm.

Crossroads Community Services is serving as the southern regional hub for NTFB and expanding their food distribution program. On average, a family of four receives 100 pounds of groceries when they visit Crossroads pantry or one of their CDP sites. Typically, CCS distributes 2.25 million pounds of food to approximately 12,000 unduplicated individuals, which translates into roughly 1,900,000 meals and a market value savings to their clients of \$4.6 million each year!



Please join us at the Texins Fitness Center to board a Senior Source bus at 8:30 am. Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense) and arrive back to the

Texins Fitness Center by approximately 1:30 pm. Please [register online](#) for this event. We need all to register in order to have sufficient transportation.



March 18, KERA – Wednesday- 8:30 am – 1:30 pm. TIAA volunteers will be helping KERA fold and stuff membership letters for mailing to their potential members. Please join us at the Texins Fitness Center to board a Senior Source bus at 8:30 am. Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense) and arrive back to the Texins Fitness Center by approximately 1:30 pm. Please [register online](#) for this event. We need all to register in order to have sufficient transportation.

Volunteers Needed

The American Brain Tumor Brunch Run is looking for volunteers at the Oak Point Amphitheater on April 4 to help with such roles as Event and Volunteer Registration, Spirit Tent, Course Marshalling and Serving. Click [here](#) for more information or to volunteer.

The Texas State VRC Championship needs volunteers. Get inspired by the brightest student minds as they come together to celebrate STEM education, collaboration, hard work, and dedication at the Texas State VRC Championship on March 26 at the Mesquite Convention Center. Click [here](#) for more information or to volunteer.

TIAA Breakfast

March 20, 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 meet on the southern side of the restaurant. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Campbell at 214-507-1500.



Next TIAA Breakfast: April 17, Friday, 9:30 am

New and Renewing Members

Recently Kathy Foster, Victor de Nava Lopez, Aidee Reza, and James Szot became lifetime members and Mary Helmick, John Parry, Dave Taylor and David Witherspoon became new members. Daniel Brown, Rose Brown, Joan Caudle, Donna Davis, Robert Davis, Jim Deuster, Linda

Frank, Anne Gauthier-Maurice, Dale German, Glenn Holloway, Johanna Kroeger, Robert Kroeger, Charles Primm, Vernon White, and Robbie Willis renewed their memberships. Welcome to all.

Personal Information

TI is no longer notifying TIAA when a retiree's personal data, such as addresses or phone numbers, change, which they had done for the past 20 years. Therefore, to keep your data current so that TIAA can stay in touch with you, please call 214-567-8444 if this vital information changes.

TI Retiree Badge

A TI retiree badge is required on many of our activities. If you need a replacement badge, you can obtain one by calling HR at 1-888-660-1411. HR will verify that you are a retiree and forward the information to the TI Badge Room, who will prepare a replacement badge and mail it to your home address within a few days. If you prefer to pick it up, you will need to request directions to the TI Badge Room from the guards at the TI entrance.

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, country or date. Members may also go to [Recent Obituaries](#) to read the short bios. Please feel free to leave a comment in the block titled "Add New 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 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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