

# TI Alumni eNews

October 2011

## Tyler Rose Festival Date Change

**Tyler Rose Festival, Tyler, Saturday, Oct. 15** (Note date has changed!) – Ride in comfort and smell the roses with us. We will depart the Texins Activity Center at 10 a.m. on board a luxury bus for Tyler. First, we will enjoy a delicious lunch at our own expense at Ricks on the Square. Next, we will experience the largest municipal rose garden in the country with 38,000 bushes showing over 450 varieties in 22 acres. After attending the Queen's Tea at 3 p.m. to view the Queen's Court in their fabulous costumes, we'll return to Texins about 6 p.m. Price is \$20 for members and \$22 for nonmembers. Please register by Oct. 7 by contacting the TIAA Office at [admin@tialumni.org](mailto:admin@tialumni.org) or 214-567-8444.

## TIAA United Way Campaign

The 2011 TIAA United Way Campaign is now underway. To make a donation or a pledge directly to United Way, go to [www.unitedwaydallas.org/TIAA](http://www.unitedwaydallas.org/TIAA) and click on *Pledge Now*. Or, if you prefer, send your check – payable to United Way – to TIAA/United Way, P.O. Box 740181, Dallas, TX 75374. To volunteer your services to a United Way agency, go to [www.unitedwaydallas.org/volunteer](http://www.unitedwaydallas.org/volunteer) and find an area to serve that matches your interests and talents. Also, you can stop by the United Way booth at the annual TI Retiree Luncheon on Nov. 9.

## October Seminar

**Annual TI Health Benefits Update, 1 - 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 26** at the Plano Centre, Collinwood Room 1, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. The program will feature updates for 2012 on TI's Health Benefit Plans, including a presentation by TI's Medical Director, Dr. Kevin Soder. Then we will hear an update on Medicare changes. After the health benefit presentations, there will be an update by the Interim CEO of the Texans Credit Union. Each presentation will be followed by a Q&A period. Please register for this seminar by emailing [admin@tialumni.org](mailto:admin@tialumni.org) or calling the TIAA office at 214-567-8444 and pressing 2. Leave your name, telephone number and the name of anyone coming to the seminar with you. Please register by Oct. 19 so that we can plan for sufficient refreshments.

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## Retiree Luncheon Invitation

**Annual TI Retire Luncheon, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 9** – Watch for your invitation in the mail for this year's luncheon at the Mesquite Convention Center. Advance registration is \$15 per person or \$25 per person at the door. Buses will be available at no charge for those who prefer not to drive. Buses will board at Texins Activity Centers at the Sherman, Spring

Creek and Expressway sites. Details are on the reservation form. Regular parking and handicapped parking will be available for those who prefer to drive.

## October Travel Event

**Tour Botanical Gardens/BRIT, Ft. Worth, Tuesday, Oct. 25** – Catch a bus at 9 a.m. at the Texins Activity Center to take a guided tour of the beautiful Botanical Gardens led by Dr. Dottie Woodson. This is the oldest botanic garden in Texas, a 109-acre living museum displaying over 2,500 species of native and exotic plants. Then we'll eat at La Familia on our own followed by a docent-led tour of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) headquarters at 1:30 p.m. BRIT just opened a new world-class home, where being green is real and every square inch informs and inspires -- right up to the spectacular living roof. Tour the new herbarium filled with a million plants. This building is a marvel of sustainable practices. Visit this world to discover your world. We will return around 4 p.m. Cost is \$12 for members and \$14 for nonmembers. Please register by Oct. 18.

## November Travel Events

Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, Athens, Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Homestead Heritage Village, Elm Mott, Saturday, Nov. 26.

See [www.tialumni.org/travel/](http://www.tialumni.org/travel/) for more detailed and updated information. 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](mailto: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, P.O. Box 74181, Dallas, TX 75374.

## Education & Travel Slide Shows

Twenty five members brought their treasures (or pictures thereof) for appraisal by Sharon Shaw at the Antiques Collecting and Appraisal Seminar on Aug. 25. Click [here](#) to see the slide show created by Ronnie Brandenburg of pictures taken by Jerry Brandenburg at this event. On Sept. 22, twenty four members toured the Meadows Museum to view the largest collection of Spanish Art in the country plus noteworthy sculptures from the Buddhist cave temples of Xiangtangshan. Click [here](#) to see the slide show, also courtesy of the Brandenburgs.

## Senior Discounts

Want to save money? We have come across an [online list](#) of over a hundred establishments offering senior discounts. Many of these discounts are not advertised or offered to customers unless requested. Because of the number of establishments, we are not able to verify the accuracy of this list. However, if you patronize any of these establishments, you might want to inquire about any senior discount.

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## Welcome to New Members

The TI Alumni Association is happy to announce that Ryan Carver, Bruce Groves, Linda Johnson, Beth Meyer, Dung Nguyen, Tony Roell, Frank Thalhauser and Wayne Woodside recently became members of our association and that Charles Anderson, Donald Carroll and Nancy Ryan became Lifetime Members. Welcome.

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## October TIAA Breakfast

Once again we will meet at the Southern Recipe Café at 1381 W. Campbell Rd. in Richardson on Friday, Oct. 21 at 9:30 a.m. All TIAA members and former Tiers are invited to this informal get-together for fellowship and good food. Feel free to bring a friend. No RSVP is needed.

## October CIT Event

**Learn about Individual Volunteer Opportunities, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 18.** – Visit four local non-profit agencies – Reading and Radio Resources, Ronald McDonald House, Red Cross, and The Senior Source – to understand what the agencies do for their clients and how you and your friends might be able to become a volunteer. Meet at Texins to go by bus for one-hour tours of each location. We'll have a free light catered lunch at Senior Source before returning to Texins about 1:30 p.m. Please register by Oct. 11 by contacting the TIAA Office at [admin@tialumni.org](mailto:admin@tialumni.org) or 214-567-8444

## November CIT Event

Welcome Home a Hero at DFW Airport, 7 a.m. - noon, Tuesday, Nov. 15.

## In Memoriam

TIAA has learned of the recent deaths of the following former Tiers and/or TIAA members: Doyle T. Baker, Evalyn I. Boyenga, Jerry R. Branum, Vera E. Cardin, Robert Dyson, Allan F. Easterbrooks, Ernesto G. Fernandez, John B. Haggard, Richard D. Holloway, Pamela P. Holt, Doris J. Howard, Elaine M. Iba, Robert H. Jones III, John L. Kehoe, John H. Lambert, Jack A. Lawson, Russell W. Loxley, Billy J. McKinney, Travis Mitchell, Winona "Ruth" Norris, Theresa Roese, Robert E. Sawyer, Frederick W. Schneider, Lacy L. Spears, Carolyn A. Stent, Sadie E. Stoneking, Maymie W. Thompson, Margaret I. Tracy, George A. Tuttle, Joan Vance, Richard J. Wedgeworth, Esther L. Wilson, and Michael J. Wolcott. We have added their names to our online *In Memoriam* list. To view the complete list, go to [tialumni.org/in-memoriam/](http://tialumni.org/in-memoriam/) and use Find function to find a particular person.

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