

TI Alumni eNews

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Fourth Quarter 2011 Newsletter

The fourth quarter edition of the *TI Alumni News* is being printed and mailed to all current TIAA members who have not opted out of postal delivery. To view or download and print out a copy of the newsletter, go to www.tialumni.org/news/. This issue features an announcement of the TI Retiree Luncheon being held at the Mesquite Convention Center on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

TIAA Travel Events

Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, Athens, Wednesday, Nov. 2 – Jump into our bus to visit this 107-acre site with over 300,000 gallons of indoor/outdoor aquariums displaying fish, waterfowl, alligators and amphibians. Enjoy an educational and entertaining event that promotes freshwater sport fishing, conservation and stewardship of aquatic resources in Texas. See the Luncker Buncker where wide-mouth bass live and learn how they protect the egg, sperm and six million fingerlings as they grow large enough to be released to our lakes every year. We will depart the Texins Activity Center at 9 a.m., enjoy the dive show at 11 followed by a tram tour of the outside hatchery. Then we'll eat at Lake Athens Marina at our own expense and return to Texins about 3 p.m. Price is \$20 for members and \$22 for nonmembers, which includes center admission. Register now.

Homestead Heritage Village Fair, Elm Mott, Saturday, Nov. 26 – Join us as we visit the Homestead Fair. This exposition of fine crafts and heirloom skills is a fun and educational festival with activities for the entire family. Take a self-guided walking tour of traditional craft workshops and a working homestead. Help milk a cow, lend a hand at the old-fashioned timber-frame barn raising or watch a master craftsman fashion a fine Windsor chair straight from a rough log. Watch sheepdog working, pottery making, blacksmithing, woodworking, quilting, weaving, spinning, basketry, boot making, cheese making and more. Enjoy lunch at our own expense at the Cafe Homestead, which features daily specials, smoked barbecued brisket, deli-style sandwiches, pies and real homemade ice cream. Take home a loaf of delicious homemade whole grain bread, baked daily, or try the wood-fired brick-oven breads. Depart the Texins Activities Center at 8:30 a.m., arrive at Elm Mott by 10 a.m. and return to TI about 4 p.m. Cost is \$20 for members and \$22 for non-members.

Next Travel Events

"A Walk thru Winter Wonderland" Musical, Arlington, Saturday, Dec. 10.

Arlington Baptist College (a.k.a. Top O' Hill Terrace casino) tour, Arlington, Friday, Jan. 6.

Dallas Museum of Art Basement Tour, Dallas, Tuesday, Jan. 17.

See 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 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.

TI Inventor of Transistor Radio

Roger Webster, the leader of the TI team that developed the pocket-size transistor radio, died in October at age 94. He joined TI (then General Instruments, Inc.) in 1951; and on July 2, 1954, Pat Haggerty asked his team to create a pocket-size transistor radio for a client to use in a small radio under its Regency brand in time for Christmas. "They got it out," Mrs. Webster said, "It nearly killed him, but they did it" and over 100,000 were sold in 1954. This changed music habits around the world because people could listen to music anywhere they went. Roger proved that transistors could make all kinds of electronic devices mass-producible and portable, and his legacy lives on in the millions of personal electronics we use today. He retired from TI in 1985. Click [here](#) to read the *Dallas Morning News* obituary.

Tech Smart Big Heart Event

TI Days at the Dallas Arboretum, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Weekdays through Nov. 4 – Retirees and up to five guests will receive free arboretum admission by presenting their TI badge at the ticket booth. This same group can also enjoy a 10 percent discount on gift shop purchases. The Dallas Arboretum offers on-site parking at the main gate for \$7.

November TIAA Breakfast

All TI retirees and TIAA members are invited to meet at the [Southern Recipe Café](#) at 1381 W. Campbell Rd. in Richardson on Friday, Nov. 18 at 9:30 a.m. for fellowship and good food. Feel free to bring a friend. No RSVP needed.

Welcome to New Members

The TI Alumni Association is happy to announce that Anthony Austin, Jaime Barraza, Rudy Cassol, Dorothy Chumbley, Bob Churchill, Nina Cooper, Tim Flanigan, Francisco Hernandez, Fran Martin and David Underwood recently became members of our association and that Betty Grubbs became a Lifetime Member. Welcome.

Community Involvement Team

TIAA members are invited to make a difference in our community by participating in community involvement activities. Round-trip transportation is provided from Texins Activity Center. There is no fee for volunteering for the following TIAA-sponsored service projects. Contact the TIAA office at admin@tialumni.org or 214-567-8444 to register so we can inform you if plans change.

Greet the Troops at DFW Airport, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15 – Honor and thank military personnel who pass through DFW Airport on their way to visit families for R&R. Wear a TIAA T-shirt or red, white and blue. Volunteers will meet at Texins Activity Center for a 10:30

a.m. departure on a TI-supplied bus. On our way to DFW, we'll purchase our own breakfasts or brunches at IHOP and then continue on to DFW to greet the troops. We should return about 2 p.m. Register by Nov. 8.

Next CIT Event

Shoes for Orphan Souls, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Slide Show Archive

Our website now boasts a [Slide Show page](#) listing almost 40 slide shows that Ronnie Brandenburg has created using pictures taken by Linda Stopani and Jerry Brandenburg. The newest additions are the OMOT Art Exhibit held Aug. 1 through 12 and the United Way Tour on Oct. 18. To view any of these slide shows, click 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: Shirley S. Beistel, Lona M. Bennett, Eva J. Berrett, James O. Boothe, Alfred K. Boyd, James R. Caldwell III, Esther Cervantes, Gwendolyn L. Chandler, James H. Coker, Ethel M. Coulter, John R. Coulter, Willie F. Daniel Jr, Ethel I. Delaughter, William A. Dotson, Bernice Dunnavant, James T. Evans, Ruby L. Graham, James N. Hodge, Robert Hoffman II, Charles Holt, Clyde W. Hotman, David Hunter, Raymond W. Johnson, Frankie M. Lucas, Ryan "Buddy" Marsh, Arthur F. Melson, Thomas M. Minter, Dennis L. Mitchell, Vern E. Morgan, Peter A. Neisig III, Joye O. O'Donnal, Willie C. Pointer, Deanna Ritter, Stanley L. Samuel, Robert E. Sawyer, James Scroggin Jr., Virgil L. Simmons, Michael P. Sisemore, Thomas J. Snyder Sr., Loraine J. Sparks, James Turner, Roger R. Webster, and Jerome J. Wiczorek Sr. We have added their names to our online *In Memoriam* list. To view the complete list, go to tialumni.org/in-memoriam and use the Find function to locate a particular person.

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