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2014 Annual Meeting Held at UT Dallas

More than 120 TIAA members and guests attended the 15th Annual Meeting of the TI Alumni Association. It was held May 22 in the new auditorium of the Edith O'Donnell Arts & Technology Building on the UT Dallas campus in an atmosphere more like a festival than a business meeting. TIAA President, George Consolver, presided at the meeting, which featured four speakers, robotic demonstrations, tours of some of the labs in the building, as well as the election of officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Go to our **Home Page** for the complete story.

TIAA Campaign to Endow a Distinguished Professorship at UT Dallas

The Executive Committee of TIAA has committed to a fundraising goal of $250,000 to establish a distinguished professorship for research in the Texas Biomedical Devices Center at UT Dallas. The gift will help support the center's mission to develop and advance medical devices and therapies to improve the quality of life for those who have suffered neurological injuries, and will help fund pre-clinical and clinical research for the treatment of brain injuries. Among the center's priorities are two clinical trials it is sponsoring – one for the treatment of tinnitus and another for motor recovery following stroke. Go to our **Home Page** for the complete story.

New Officers Elected

At the Annual Meeting, TIAA members elected the following to serve as officers, beginning July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015: President, Larry James; Executive VP, Tom Boedecker; Treasurer, Barbara Papas; and Secretary, Cathy Beasley. In presenting the report of the Nominating Committee, Max Post, chair, commented that one of the goals of the committee was to involve more of the recent retirees in the leadership of TIAA. We were fortunate to retain the experience of Larry and Tom, who have served multiple roles in the TIAA in past years. Barbara retired from TI this year, and Cathy at year end 2012. Shown above are Barbara Papas, Larry James and Cathy Beasley. Tom Boedecker was unable to attend the meeting.

2014 OMOT Art Competition

Dallas-area TI employees, contractors, retirees and their spouses are invited to display their creative talents and take part in the 2014 On My Own Time (OMOT) competition. The art exhibition will be held at the Dallas Texins Activity Center, August 3 –15, with the winners advancing to the region-wide exhibition at NorthPark in September. OMOT is an employee art competition organized by the Business Council for the Arts. The council's goal is to recognize and encourage creativity, stimulate dialogue and build team spirit among employees in the North Texas region. Go to our **Home Page** for the complete story.

Dallas Morning News Article

In case you missed Saturday's *Dallas Morning News*, there was a front-page story concerning TI's second annual DIY event where engineers showed off inventions developed on their own time using TI products. Click **here** to view the article.

TIAA Communications Update

With the advent of our new website, TIAA Communications is no longer restricted by the monthly publication dates of *eNews* and *eCalendars* and the quarterly publication dates of our printed newsletter, *TI Alumni News*. We can now keep you informed about TIAA news as soon as it becomes available. We plan to continue our printed and electronic newsletters, but the most current information will always be on the website. Over 600 TIAA members have now registered and viewed the website. If you haven't yet done so, may we suggest that you go to our **Home Page** and look around. Most of the website is accessible by anyone, but certain areas that contain sensitive information, such as the **Directory**, the **In Memoriam** list, **Recent Obituaries** of former TIers and **Vendor Offers**, are only available to current members. However, members must register one time to set up their unique passwords before logging in to view the members-only data. We urge all members who have not registered to do so. If you have any difficulty in this process, please call the TIAA office at 214-567-8444.

Educational Seminars

On Wednesday evening, May 14, TIAA hosted a social mixer for a group of ex-TIers, at Texas Land & Cattle, near the Expressway Site. One of the priorities of the Education Committee is to reach out to ex-TIers and include more programs of interest to them. Many of those attending the meeting were not aware of the TIAA and its activities. Of the group, four indicated that they would like to receive information about job opportunities, and we were able to connect them with PDS Tech, specialty recruiting firm supplying temporary staff and project support to the Fortune 500. This is the first meeting of the year of this type and the committee hopes to plan others to connect with more ex-TIers. Our next seminar should be of interest to both TIAA members and nonmembers alike.

June 4 & 10, Health & Aging Issues Panel – June 4, Wednesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Plano Centre and June 10, Tuesday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Events in the Cliff, 2600 S. Zang Blvd. As we age, we are faced with increased medical challenges. These challenges are no reason to slow you down! Come join us as we hear from experts in the fields of heart health, vision, and podiatry. These health professionals will give you tips on the best ways to maintain and improve your overall health. We understand that our TIAA members are spread out across the DFW area, so to enable as many former TIers as possible to hear this crucial information, we'll offer this exciting program in both Plano on June 4 and in South Dallas on June 10. We hope to see you at one of these events. Members logged on to our website can click **here** to register.

Please check out our other upcoming events on our **Education Calendar**. Nonmembers are welcome to attend and they may register by sending an email confirming their attendance to **admin@tialumni.com** or by calling 214-567-8444.

Community Involvement Events

Members of TIAA attended two Community Involvement events in May – "Network Ministries" on May 12 and "Equest and Coventry Reserve" tours on May 20. Ten TIAA members joined forces to help Network Ministries in Richardson, restock their food shelves after a successful US Postal Service round-up of donated canned goods. Network Ministries strives to provide food to needy families around the Richardson community. Our volunteers quickly went to work getting the huge amount of sacked goods unpacked, sorted, and restocked into correct shelf locations. Equest in Wylie is a therapeutic sports horse riding organization that serves children and adults with physical, cognitive, and emotional disabilities. Coventry Reserve in St. Paul is a day program for adults with special needs. Both organizations help enrich their client's lives with special therapeutic activities. Five TIAA volunteers along with our Senior Source hosts toured these two fine organizations to learn how we might offer future individual volunteer services. We did good and had fun doing it. Please consider joining us at one of the upcoming events shown below.

June 14, Race for the Cure – Saturday, 6:00 - 10:30 am, Plano. (Individual volunteer event.) The annual Plano "Race for the Cure" event benefiting the Susan G. Komen ongoing fight against breast cancer will be held at the Plano Campuses of HP and The Campus at Legacy. Address to put in your GPS: 5400 Legacy Drive, Plano TX 75024. The competitive and casual walks are a distance of 5K (3.1 miles). The Family Fun Run is 1 mile. The Kids Dash is 50 yards. See the Susan G. Komen **website** for registration and additional details.

July 3, CitySquare Thrift Shop – Thursday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, Dallas. The CitySquare Thrift Store is in need of volunteers to sort, price, and stock donations, and straighten and dust displays and clothing racks. Get first pick of incoming goodies and support CitySquare at

the same time! We will board a Senior Source bus at the Texins Activity Center at 8:30 am to arrive at the CitySquare thrift shop where we will stock their lobby with Christmas items to be sold for their annual “Christmas in July” 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**.** Members logged on to our website can click **here** to register.

Other Volunteer Opportunities: In addition to TIAA's monthly Community Involvement Team activities, we frequently learn about other Dallas-area volunteer organizations that need help. These are timed events requiring only a few volunteers and we add new notices as soon as they are received, so check our **website** frequently.

Round-trip transportation is usually provided from the Dallas Texins Activity Center or you may meet us at that day's location. We normally stop for lunch at a local restaurant before returning to TI. There is no fee for volunteering for these TIAA-sponsored projects**.** Please check out other upcoming events by clicking on our **Volunteer Calendar**.

TIAA Travel Events

We had a blast! There were 20 TIAA members and guests who boarded a large, comfortable bus at the Dallas Texins Activity Center and headed to Canton on Thursday, May 1, to tour First Monday Trade Days. (Yes, it wasn't Monday but we wanted to be there early to snap up all of those bargains.) This is advertised as "the world's largest flea market" and we believe it. We had a beautiful, clear day around 70 degrees. The wisest thing some of us did was to rent a scooter ($8/hour) because all of the roads and paths over the 400 acres were neat, clean and paved. We saw everything from brass knuckle paper weights (you do know it's illegal to sell brass knuckles, right?) to glass chandeliers, 6' tall roosters, gourds in all colors of the rainbow, lots of blooming plants and a stuffed half-goat to hang on your wall. We also enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, funnel cake and licked delicious home-made ice cream cones! After about four hours of fun, we headed home with lots of stories for our families about the things we bought as well as lots of things we saw. We have already decided to schedule another trip there next spring so plan to join us. In the meantime, take a look at what we have planned for the near future.

June 13, Lone Star Racing (New Date) – Friday, 5:00 – 10:30 pm, Grand Prairie. **“**And they’re off!” echoes around the Lone Star Park. Join the fun as we watch 10 thoroughbred horse races. There is no minimum age for live racing (although children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent) and there is no dress code so wear comfortable clothes. The bus is full but we still have five tickets costing only $10 each if you care to

drive or carpool and join us at the racetrack. The first race starts at 6:35 pm, so give yourself time to travel, find your reserved counter seats in the second level of the glass-enclosed, air conditioned grandstand, get something to eat (at your expense), check out the horses in the paddock area and place your bets. Our bus will leave Texans at 5:00 pm. Please contact our TIAA office at **admin@tialumni.com** or by 214-567-8444 to purchase tickets.

June 22, DSO and the TI Jazz Band Concert – Sunday, 2:30 pm, Dallas, TX. TI has set aside seats for TIAA for this free concert so join us and listen to our own 20-piece TI Jazz Band begin the afternoon. This full band has saxophones, trombones, trumpets and a rhythm section and will feature the winner(s) of the TI Voice Idol concert. Following intermission the world-class Dallas Symphony Orchestra, led by Jaap Van Zweden, will play an exclusive performance just for TI. We'll board our bus at 1:30 pm, ride into Dallas without worrying about traffic or parking for the 2:30 pm concert and return about 5:00 pm. This is your chance to leave the driving to us plus have time to explore the beautiful Meyerson Symphony Center before the concert. Transportation cost is $10 for members and $11 for nonmembers. We are limited to four tickets per TIAA member so make your online reservation early. If you would rather drive or ride the DART light rail, please contact our office to make those arrangements. Members logged on to our website can click **here** to register.

July 1, Ham Orchards (New Date) – Tuesday, 11:00 am - 2:30 pm, Terrell. Let's go stock up on the "jewels of the summer (hand-picked, ripe peaches), fat blueberries, red tomatoes, blackberries, etc. at a well-known farm market store. We will leave at 11 am; shop in the store for fresh, canned or frozen veggies, fruits, casseroles, jams, jellies and desserts; enjoy a delicious BBQ sandwich and a Cider Slush at their outdoor pavilion restaurant (at our own expense) and lick a homemade peach or strawberry ice cream cone before we head back to TI at 2 pm. Be sure to bring your shopping bag – coolers will be available on the bus for any frozen food. Cost is $13 for members and $15 for nonmembers. Members logged on to our website can click **here** to register.

All trips depart from and return to the Dallas Texins Activity Center unless otherwise noted. Each TIAA member may bring one guest at the member price. Others may join us at the nonmember price. If you choose, you may mail your check to TIAA, PO Box 740181, Dallas, TX 75374 instead of paying online. Payment is due seven days prior to the event to reserve your place on the bus. Please check out other upcoming events on our **Travel Calendar**.

Slideshow Archive

TIAA posts slideshows on our website created by Ronnie Brandenburg using pictures mainly taken by Jerry Brandenburg, Larry James, Jessica Stewart and Linda Stopani. To view any of the slideshows, click **here** and then on the desired event.

TIAA Breakfast Meeting

June 20, Friday, 9:30 am – All TI retirees, TIAA members and their spouses are invited to this informal get-together at the Southern Recipe Cafe. This quiet and peaceful restaurant is located at 1381 W. Campbell Rd. (just east of Coit) in Richardson. We meet in their back room 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 or two, so just show up and bring a friend.

Welcome to New Members

The TI Alumni Association is happy to announce that Glenn Angel, Raul Blazquez, Doug Hayter, Celeste Kauer, James Lowe, Colin Martin, Ann McQuay, James Richard, Shawn Rogers, Natarajan Seshan, James Spurlin, Thomas Sutter, Thomas Thorpe, Yancy Yeung and Alvis Williams recently became Members of our association. Welcome all!

In Memoriam

We add new names and obituaries to our new website several times a week and currently have over 9,200 names**.** To view the names of former TIers, click **here** to access the In Memoriam menu 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). Or, you can click **here** to read the most recent obituaries in date sequence."

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