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## Third Quarter 2014 Newsletter

The Third Quarter 2014 edition of the *TI Alumni News* is being printed and mailed to all current TIAA members who our records indicate have not opted out of postal delivery. To view, download or print out a copy of the newsletter, go to **http://www.tialumni.org/q-news**. This issue includes articles on the May 22 Annual Meeting and the election of new TIAA Officers. Shown are Cathy Beasley, Secretary; Tom Boedecker, Executive VP; Larry James, President; and Barbara Papas, Treasurer.

## TIAA Travel Events

**July Travel Recap –** Our bus for our trip to Ham Orchards filled up within a week's time. We received a number of requests that we arrange for a larger bus, so we did. There were 22 members and guests who headed to Terrell on a large, comfortable bus on July 1 to buy fresh (and frozen) veggies, fruits, cobblers, etc. After shopping, we assembled in their pavilion to enjoy BBQ sandwiches and good conversation. It was in the 90s but a soft breeze kept us cool as we ate, and the peach slushy helped a lot. As someone said, it isn't the produce but the experience of sitting around in a countryside setting with your friends and licking a soft-serve peach ice cream cone that really counts.

Indiana Jones and the Adventure of Archeology was another exciting experience for TIAA members at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History on July 23. The extensive interactive exhibit used computer tablets and headphones to guide us through the various rooms. It not only walked us through all four films, it discussed the fact vs. fiction in these movies. It was amazing how much the films were based on fact. It also included a scavenger hunt that was fun for all ages. When you finished, your name was placed electronically on the wall of fame. There were 10 of us, and it seemed we all enjoyed ourselves. Unfortunately our time was too short. Afterward, we enjoyed lunch at River Oaks Café. You are invited to join us for the following trips.

**August 1, Ansel Adams: Masterworks –** Friday, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, Arlington. This extraordinary exhibit contains 48 photographs that Adams considered to be his best work. Selected and printed by the artist himself, these images are currently on display for a short

time at the Arlington Museum of Art. Adams had a camera platform mounted on his station wagon in the early 1940s to afford him a better vantage point over the immediate foreground and a better angle for expansive backgrounds. Most of his landscapes from that time forward were made from the roof of his car rather than from summits reached by rugged hiking. It was his iconic images of the U.S. West that helped to establish photography as a fine art form. By scrutinizing an Adams photograph, details unseen from afar materialize in the photos' shadows and highlights. You can see each blade of grass, the gradations in the clouds in the reflection of a lake, the fog, the veins in between the petals of a flower even in the darkness, and almost count the grains of sand in the photo of Death Valley National Park. (For those visitors who actually want to see the grains of sand, the museum offers magnifying glasses to inspect the photographs.) The exhibit also includes an hour-long movie about Adams' life and works. We will leave at 9:30 am, enjoy the exhibit, eat at the Flying Fish Restaurant at 1:00 pm (at our own expense) and return about 3:00 pm. Cost is $20 for members and $22 for nonmembers. Bus seating is limited so make your reservations early. Click **here** to register for this event.

**August 20, Erik Jonsson and Old Red Courthouse Tour –** Wednesday, 10:00 am – 1:30 pm, Dallas. "Dream no Small Dreams – How Erik Jonsson led Dallas from Tragedy to Triumph". As the mayor after the dark days of 1963, Mr. Jonsson shaped Dallas into the city we know today through leadership and ground-breaking ideas. The Old Red Courthouse Museum illustrates a fascinating story of civic action that pulled Dallas from depression and helped it regain the pride and momentum that had been so much a part of its past. A DART bus will pick us up at 10:00 am and carry us downtown to see this fascinating exhibit. Afterward, we'll head to Red Lobster for lunch (at our own expense) and then return to TI about 1:30 pm. Cost is $5 for members and $6 for nonmembers. The DART bus holds 38 people but we must have at least 20 passengers or they will not send a bus so make your reservations now. Click **here** to register for this event.

**September 2, Sixth Floor Museum –** Tuesday, 10:00 am -1:30 pm, Dallas. It has been over eight years since we last explored the Sixth Floor Museum, so let's go and see what has changed. The Museum is located on the sixth and seventh floors of an early 20th-century warehouse known as the Texas School Book depository. The permanent exhibit contains approximately 45,000 items including films, photographs and artifacts that chronicle President Kennedy's life, assassination, global aftermath of his death, and the legacy of his presidency. Temporary exhibits can be viewed on the seventh floor. A bus will pick us up at 10:00 am and carry us to downtown Dallas. After spending 90 minutes in the museum, we'll head to Norma's for

lunch (at our own expense) and then return to TI about 1:30 pm. Individual audio guides are included free with the museum's admission.  Cost TBD.

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**.

## Helpful Website Hints

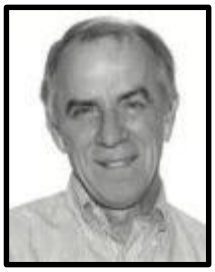
If you are using an older PC running Windows XP, you unfortunately aren't able to access the new TIAA website using Internet Explorer. You are, however, able to access the site using other browsers such as Chrome or Firefox, both of which can be downloaded for free. Our new website is built on an architecture that uses the latest security protocols; Internet Explorer running on XP does not. In April of this year, Microsoft stopped supporting Windows XP, meaning they no longer issue security updates. As a result, computers running on XP will become increasing vulnerable to security threats. You might want to consider upgrading your PC, but in the meantime, you can access the TIAA Website using **Chrome** or **Firefox**.

## OMOT Art Exhibit

The 2014 On My Own Time art exhibition will be held at the Dallas Texins Activity Center between August 3 and 15, with the winners advancing to the region-wide exhibition at NorthPark in September. Everyone can participate by voting for the People's Choice Award. Don't miss this chance to see all the art on exhibit by active TIers and retirees at Texins during this time. There is no charge for admission.

## Educational Seminars

**July Seminar Recap –** On July 15, we had an opportunity to welcome home TIAA member Linda Smittle and hear about her two-year adventure in serving with the Peace Corps in Ghana. Linda presented slides and showed a number of items she brought back from Ghana. The 2-hour presentation enthralled the audience. Click here to view her presentation. You are invited to join us for the following seminars. Click **here** to view Linda's presentation and photos taken at the seminar.



**October 2, Erik Jonsson Book Review & Reception –** Thursday, 1:30 - 3:00 pm. Join us at the Texins Activity Center to hear a presentation by the noted author, Darwin Payne, on the life and times of TI Founder, Erik Jonsson. For the past several years, Dr. Payne has researched the life of Jonsson, using materials from the extensive Erik Jonsson Papers at SMU, as well as TI's Historical Archives, also located at the DeGolyer Library at SMU. In addition, there were many interviews with the Jonsson family, civic leaders in Dallas, and others to fill in the story of this remarkable TI leader. Dr. Payne recently chaired panels at the Old Red Courthouse, in connection with the opening of the special exhibit that honors the role of Erik as mayor of Dallas in the difficult days following the death of President Kennedy in 1963. The TIAA will be one of the first groups to hear about the recently published Jonsson biography, and the chance to meet the author. Dr. Payne is professor emeritus of communications at SMU, where he taught for 30 years. He has published numerous books, including award-winning biographies. The Erik Jonsson book will be available for signing, following the presentation. Click **here** to register for this event.

**October 16, Annual Health Benefits Update –** Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm., Plano Centre, Plano. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this informative seminar.

Nonmembers are welcome to attend our seminars and they may register by sending an email confirming their attendance to **admin@tialumni.com** or by calling 214-567-8444.

## Community Involvement Events

**August 14, White Rock Center of Hope –** Thursday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, Dallas. White Rock Center of Hope is located at 10021A Garland Road near the intersection of Garland and Peavy Roads. The organization provides a number of programs to help with client's emergency aid and/or self-sufficiency including a Food Pantry that distributes 275,000 pounds of food valued at over $300,000 to families in need each year. Please join us at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus at 8:30 am to volunteer for service in the Food Pantry. We will help organize, pack, and shelve food items for distribution to the organization's clients. 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. Click **here** to register for this event.

**September 16, Shoes for Orphan Souls –** Tuesday, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm, Dallas.

**September 27, JDRF –** Saturday, AT&T Plaza, American Airlines Center, Dallas. Individual volunteer event. Click link below for details.

**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 **Other Volunteer Opportunities** webpage frequently.

Round-trip transportation is usually provided from the Dallas Texins Activity Center for TIAA-sponsored events or you may meet us at that day's location. We normally stop for lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense) 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**.

## 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

**August 15, 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 and their back room is available for us 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 if you like.

**Next TIAA Breakfast Event:** September 19, Friday, 9:30 am.

## Welcome to New Members

Please join us in welcoming Beresford Clarke, Paul Coover and John Herzing, who recently became Members of our association. Welcome!

## In Memoriam

We add new names and obituaries of former TIers to our new website several times a week and currently have over 9,200 names**.** To view the names, members can 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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