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New Employee Engagement Manager for TI

Texas Instruments recently named Terri Grosh as Employee Engagement Manager. She replaces Andy Smith, who is now Executive Director of the TI Foundation. Andy has been a supporter of the TIAA for several years, working with us on many community programs and retiree events. We wish him much success in his new position.

Terri has been with TI since 1983 and most recently served as director of Marketing, Communications and Events for the Ed Tech division. Terri brought a passion for education, a love of children and extensive communication and marketing expertise to support the Ed Tech vision of inspiring all students to achieve their potential and become the innovators of tomorrow. Throughout her 31-year career at TI, Terri has filled numerous leadership roles in sales, retail merchandising, media relations and educator and online marketing. One of Terri's most recent accomplishments was envisioning and executing TI's "STEM Behind Hollywood" program in partnership with the National Academy of Sciences. The program leverages popular Hollywood themes to create activities that engage students in advanced math and science concepts while getting them excited about STEM education and careers.

Terri was the TI Speaker at the recent On My Own Time (OMOT) Awards Ceremony at Texins, and we look forward to working with her on other events.

TIAA Golf Tournament Set for October 20

TIAA is teaming up again with active TIers for the 15th Annual TIAA Charity Golf Tournament. The event is scheduled for Monday, October 20, at the Woodbridge Golf Club in Wylie, TX. It will benefit two worthwhile charities: the United Way and The Senior Source. Texas Instruments and the Texans Credit Union are underwriters for the tournament, making it possible for 100% of donations to go directly to the charities. More than 100 golfers are expected to participate. For several years, TIers have held a golf tournament as a kickoff to the United Way Campaign, and donations by active TI golfers will again benefit that worthwhile organization. Contributions from individual retirees, former TIers, TIAA golfers and sponsors will go to The Senior Source. In last year's tournament, more than $18,500 was raised for charities. Please register by September 30. Click **here** for further details.

OMOT Winners Announced

The winners of the 2014 On My Own Time Art Exhibition were announced at the Artists' Reception & Awards Ceremony at the Texins Activity Center on August 15. The Best of Show award was won by TIAA's Ted Houston for his work on canvas, "We're Still Here". The People's Choice award was won by Nima Shahidi for his ceramic bowl, "Firouzeh". Those receiving First Place ribbons, along with Best of Show and People's Choice awards are eligible to display their art work at NorthPark Center during the region-wide exhibition, September 14 - 26. The show is open to the public and there is no charge. Click **here** to view all of this year's winning entries.

Helpful Website Hints

TIAA members can access **all** of the content on the website. Remember, if you want to access **Member Directory**, **In Memoriam**, **Recent Obituaries** or **Vendor Offers**, you'll first need to log on to the site. If you are a member and logging on to the new site for the first time, you'll have to click on **Register** in the upper right hand corner and go through the registration process. (For problems in registering call 214-567-8444.) Why aren't these sections available to nonmembers? We make the vast majority of the site available to everyone and hope this may encourage ex-TIers to support the organization by joining. Membership is only $10 per year and the first year is free. We hold back the **Member Directory**, **In Memoriam** and **Recent Obituaries** sections because they contain personal information; and we hold back the **Vendor Offers** section to give you a little extra incentive to join!

TI Retiree Luncheon Set for November 13

Mark your calendar and plan to join your TI friends and colleagues at Mesquite Convention Center for the annual TI Retiree Luncheon. This year we will recognize the 60th anniversary of the silicon transistor. The doors will open at 9:30 am. A TI speaker will update us on TI's business trends followed by some entertainment and a drawing for door prizes. Invitations will be mailed to retirees in mid-October and buses will be available for those who prefer not to drive to Mesquite. Registration details for the free buses and departure times will be included in the reservation packet. Don't miss this once-a-year opportunity to catch up on the news; enjoy visiting with friends and former associates; and eat a delicious, sit-down BBQ lunch.

TIAA Travel Events

August Travel Recap – On August 1 fourteen TIAA members and their guests rode a bus to the Arlington Museum of Art and enjoyed a very enlightening video about Ansel Adams. It was his iconic images of the U.S. West that helped to establish photography as a fine art form, and we certainly agreed after perusing 42 of his favorite paintings before having lunch at the Flying Fish.

Twenty-eight members and guests took a DART bus to the Old Red Courthouse in downtown Dallas on August 20. We viewed the temporary exhibit that showed how our Erik Jonsson shaped Dallas into the city we know today through his leadership. It laid out the fascinating story of civic action that helped Dallas regain the pride and momentum that had been so much a part of its past.

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, his assassination, the 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. We will spend time in the museum and then return to TI around 1:30 pm. Individual audio guides are included free with the museum's admission. Cost is $12 for members and $14 for nonmembers. We really need you to register for this event ASAP! Click **here** to register.

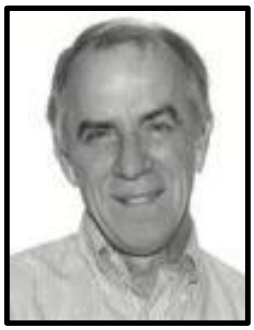
September 11, The Spectacular Senior Follies—Thursday, 1:30 pm, Richardson, TX. The Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts is presenting a Ziegfeld-Follies-style musical review with talented, professional singers and dancers 55 years of age and up. This show is an inspiration to all ages and is an easy way to enjoy music from The Greatest Generation. From the music of long ago to the not-so-distant past, the Follies offer something for everyone. The DART light rail runs about a block away from the Eisemann or there is a parking garage adjacent to the center. We'll meet in the lobby to hand out your tickets at 1:30 pm for the 2 pm matinee. We have only a limited number of tickets at the group price so reserve your seat **ASAP**. Prices are $24 for members and $27 for nonmembers. Click here to register.

October 10, Stockyards Museum, Stockyards Station, JFK Memorial – Friday, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Fort Worth. Over the last 150 years, four million head of cattle, on their way north, trailed through Fort Worth which was soon nicknamed “Cowtown.” Let’s zip back in time and see the current herd make its twice-daily cattle drive. Then we can either visit Stockyards Station for an exciting blend of old and new Texas with its many shops and the best of Texas grub (at our own expense); or walk the Texas Trail of Fame and read some of the 116 bronze markers in the stockyard that honor the achievements of Western adventurers; or we can pay an extra $2 and visit the Stockyard Museum, which is in the heart of the stockyards in the Livestock Exchange Building. There is something in this trip that will interest everyone. The bus will leave at 10:00 am, we will watch the herd of 15 longhorns meander through the stockyards at 11:30 am (weather permitting), eat, shop, walk around and then return to Texins about 3:00 pm. Cost is $15 for members and $17 for nonmembers. Click **here** to register.

October 23, Lone Star Park Racing – Thursday, 5:00 - 10:30 pm, Grand Prairie. TIAA members had so much fun watching the thoroughbred horse races in June that, by popular demand, we’re going back to see the quarter horse races this fall. 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. We will load the bus at 5:00 pm and the first race is at 6:35 pm which gives us time to travel, find our reserved counter seats in the second level of the glass-enclosed, air conditioned grandstand, get something to eat (at your own expense), check out the horses in the paddock area and place your bets. We will return around 10:30 pm. Cost is $25 for members and $28 for nonmembers. 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**.

Educational Seminars



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. 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 Community Involvement Recap – Thirteen TIAA members traveled to White Rock Center of Hope on Thursday, August 14, for volunteer services. We packaged 175 sacks of canned goods, 200 bags of beans and rice, and sorted many dozens of clothes and shoe strings. White Rock Center of Hope is a community coalition of over 50 churches providing emergency aid and steps toward self sufficiency for their neighbors. Our volunteers helped to feed and clothe well over a hundred clients for the Center. We hope to see you at our next CIT event described below.

September 23 (NEW DATE), Shoes for Orphan Souls – Tuesday, 8:30 am – 1:30 pm, Dallas. Please join us at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus at 8:30 am to volunteer for service at the Shoes for Orphan Souls warehouse. We will help organize, pack, and shelve shoes for distribution to other countries' shoeless children. Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense) and arrive back to the Texins Activity Center by 1:30 pm. Click **here** to register.

September 27, JDRF – Saturday, AT&T Plaza, American Airlines Center, Dallas. Individual volunteer event. Click **here** for more information.

October 8, Dolphin Heights Community Garden – Wednesday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, Dallas. Our volunteer event at Dolphin Heights Community Garden will be to remove weeds and prepare the garden for the winter dormant season. Bring sunscreen, sunglasses, and a pair of gardening gloves for your use. Please join us at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus to volunteer for service at the Dolphin Heights Community Garden. Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense) and arrive back to the Texins Activity Center around 1:30 pm. 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 **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**.

TIAA Breakfast Meeting

September 19, 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: October 17, Friday, 9:30 am.

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.

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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