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TIAA Annual Meeting Announced

The 2014 Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 22 from 1:00 pm to 3 pm at the University of TX-Dallas, Edith O' Donnell Arts & Technology Bldg (ATEC) on Campbell Road. Refreshments will be provided and buses will run from the Texins parking lot at 12:30 pm. Parking passes will be available for those who want to drive. Tours are being planned for this amazing new building on the campus, which is getting rave reviews. A speaker from ATEC will demonstrate how the arts and technology are coming together to create a new field of study. Mark your calendar and don't miss this rare opportunity to see how UTDallas is growing in this, its 50th year.

TI Foundation Deadline for VIP Applications

TI retirees who volunteered their time in 2013 for charitable causes have until March 31, 2014, to submit their hours to the TI Foundation's Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP).Your volunteer service hours at your chosen nonprofit that falls within VIP guidelines will be matched by a monetary donation by TI Foundation. See guidelines and apply **here**. If you encounter any problems, please call 1-855-493-9862, Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 8:00 pm.

Community Involvement Events

March 11, Dolphin Heights Community –Tuesday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, Dallas. The

Dolphin Heights Community Garden was founded about four years ago on a vacant lot on Silver Ave by community residents. It is a place that all residents can gather to grow fruits and vegetables and enjoy beautiful open spaces in Dolphin Heights. The garden is also being used as a learning tool for the kids in the Dolphin Heights After School Program (ASP). They learn about plant growth and decide which types of fruits and

vegetables to grow this summer. We will leave Texins Activity Center at 8:30 am on a bus supplied by The Senior Source and have lunch nearby (at our own expense) before returning to Texins about 1:30 pm.

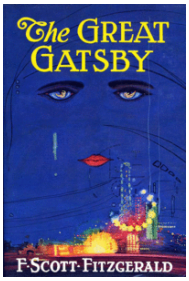
April 8, Dallas Ramp Project – Tuesday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. Have you ever changed a person's life in a single day? In a few hours, you can give someone the freedom to leave their home again – the home where they want to remain but whose steps have imprisoned them. Wheelchair ramps will be built for disabled or elderly people who can't afford to buy one. Depending on the number of volunteers, we will build either one or two ramps. This activity can be performed by men and women ages 16 and up. There will be a job suitable for everyone. Those who sign up will be given additional instructions as far as safety, clothing and what to bring. We will leave the Texins Activity Center at 8:30 am and travel to the home(s). Lunch afterward will be at a local restaurant before returning about 1:30 pm.

Next Community Involvement Event: April 24, World Vision – Thursday

Round-trip transportation is usually provided from the Dallas Texins Activity Center or you can 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**.** To register, contact the TIAA office at **admin@tialumni.org** or 214-567-8444.

TIAA Travel Events

March 9, *The Great Gatsby* at the Garland Civic Theater – Sunday, 2:00 pm, Garland. We'll meet at the Garland Civic Theater at 2:00 pm and enjoy a matinee showing the glamour and decadent excess of the Jazz Age based on F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel. Afterward, we'll go to the Dos Banderas on Main Street for great Mexican food at your own expense. Ticket cost is $18.00 for members and guests. Tickets are very limited so make your reservation early.



April 3, First Monday Trade Days – Thursday, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm, Canton. Yes, it's on a Thursday – that's really the first day of the market and the least crowded. We'll hop on a luxury passenger bus and head for Canton, TX, to enjoy this market. It is the oldest, largest, continually operating outdoors market in the USA and spans hundreds of acres with spaces for about 6,000 vendors. Wear comfortable clothing, use sunscreen and bring a hat. Scooter rentals are available in several areas for those who can't

walk long distances. We'll leave Texins at 10:00 am, roam around the grounds, munch at various food vendors on our own, and be back about 4:30 pm. Cost is $22.00 for members and $25.00 for nonmembers.

Next Travel Event: May 9, Texas Rangers vs. Boston Red Sox Baseball Game – Friday

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. To register, contact the TIAA office at **admin@tialumni.org** or 214-567-8444. Payment is due seven days prior to event to reserve your place on the bus. Mail check to TIAA, PO Box 740181, Dallas, TX 75374.

Educational Seminars

March 27, Social Media Seminar – What is social media and how is it relevant to me? Do I need accounts on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter – what's the primary difference between these sites? What about Pintrest, FourSquare, Skype and Tumbler? What are sensible safe practices to follow when going online and posting information? Should I upgrade to a smart phone? A tablet? Or some other communication gadget – and how do I decide which one is best for me? How do learn to use all the fancy features of the device? If you feel overwhelmed with all the information available for connecting online, or if you just want to learn some techniques and tips for utilizing social media, come join us at this informative seminar. To register, contact the TIAA office at **admin@tialumni.org** or 214-567-8444 seven days before the event so that we can plan accordingly.

TIAA Breakfast Meeting

March 21, 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: April 18,Friday, 9:30 am.

Welcome to New Members

The TI Alumni Association is happy to announce that Jamie Alexander, Austin Beam, Louis Bothe, Jim Coffer, Darvin Edwards, Ranganan Krishnan, John McCullum, Barbara Pappas, Michael Rediger, Phyllis Rizzo, Jean Slaven, John Stich, William Taylor and Otis Wade recently became Members of our association. In addition, Charles Hefner, Kathy Hefner, Paul Knueven and Jessica Stewart became Lifetime Members. Welcome all!

In Memoriam

TIAA has learned of the recent deaths of the following former TIers: Betty Actkinson, Rocco A. Arancio, Jesus Beltran, Alan Bjorklund, William R. Brunt, Sherman Burton, Hal Byrd, Judy Campbell, David Christian, Carl Ciambrone, David Davenport, James Delaney, Roger DeSalme, Alfred Deschenes, Francis Devault, James Dixon, Annie Downey, Molly Freeman, James Frost, Margaret Futch, Arthur Golden, Dwight E. Green, Rosanna Hailstone, Luis Hernandez, Clara Horan, Ruth S. Johnson, Peter Kavanagh, Dennis Lovelace, Janet Loyd, Theresa Lynch, Michael Manley, Emmalee Martin, Samuel Martinez, Jimmie McElroy, Harriet Meeks, Janie Minter, James R. Moreland, Hubert Myers, Joanne Neal, Lottie Nicks, Veona Owen, Joyce Owens, John Pacetti, Caroline Patterson, Wayne Peavler, Eldon Ploge, Janette E. Rivers, Minnie Robinson, William Sears, Sidney Shelton, Alyce Simmons, Martin Slachetka, Mark K. Smith Jr., Josephine Thomas, Eleanor Wade, Edith Watkins, Joe Weaver, Earl Wilder, Bernice Whitaker and Eugene Willett.

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