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Happy New Year

We wish hope, happiness and good health in 2014 to all of our readers, and thank the many members who volunteer their time to make this the active association that it is. We have many exciting events planned for the upcoming year and would love to have you join and participate in the fun with us. If you're not a TIAA member, we invite you to consider joining our association. (You do not have to be a retiree, just a former TIer.) Dues are only $10 a year and the first year is free if you have never been a member before. You can join online by completing and submitting the form at our new website: **http://new.tialumni.org/create-account.**

Book Drive for West Elementary School

On April 17, 2013, the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas, damaged or destroyed over 150 buildings including the West Elementary School. Help support the children of West by donating new or gently used books to rebuild the West Elementary School Library. Books may be hard or soft-cover, fiction or non-fiction, and should be appropriate for children in Kindergarten through the 5th Grade. Books may be delivered to the TIAA Office in the Dallas Texins Activity Building through January 15. This book drive is sponsored by the Texas Senior Corps Association including The Senior Source. Call the TIAA office at 214-567-8444 for more information.

New TI Foundation Website

A new TI Matching Gifts and Volunteerism website gives TIers and retirees the ability to multiply our volunteer efforts, double our donations to arts/culture groups and educational institutions, thereby making an even bigger difference in our local communities. This one-stop community outreach portal gives volunteers the power to search for and find volunteer

opportunities and events. Volunteers can also log our volunteer hours and the TI Foundation will provide a grant of $250 for every 20 volunteer hours served – up to $1000 per year. If you made a donation to a school, university or arts group, the TI Foundation will match from $50 to $10,000 per category per year. The deadline for submitting your matching gift and volunteer time requests for 2013 is March 31, 2014. Click **here** to go to the new website for further information.

Community Involvement Events

January 9, White Rock Center of Hope – Thursday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, 10021 Garland Road, Dallas. The White Rock Center of Hope is a community coalition of individuals, civic and social organizations, and over 50 member churches united to provide emergency aid and steps toward self-sufficiency to their neighbors. TIAA volunteers will sort food for distribution to clients and help maintain proper inventory control, sort clothing and household items for retail and client needs, and assist clients in obtaining food, clothing, and household items. We will leave the Texins Activity Center at 8:30 am and arrive at the center by 9:00. Lunch afterward will be at a local restaurant before returning about 1:30 pm.

Next Community Involvement Event: February 13, Crossroads Community Services – Thursday, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm, 1822 Young St, Dallas.

See our **Community Involvement webpage** for more detailed and updated information. 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 Breakfast Meeting

January 17, 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 set aside 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: February 21, Friday, 9:30 am.

TIAA Travel Events

January 21, Perot Museum of Nature and Science Tour – Tuesday, 2:00 - 7:00 pm, Dallas. Get ready to amaze your brain through hands-on learning experiences by joining us on a visit to this "world of wonders". We will wait until mid-afternoon so the kids will be returning to school. We can wander through eleven, hands-on exhibit halls on a self-guided tour experiencing various activities, interactive kiosks and educational games. All public areas are accessible by either elevator or ramp to accommodate wheelchairs, scooters, walkers and visitors who prefer to avoid stairs. Comfortable shoes are recommended. We will leave at 2:00 pm, visit the museum, eat at El Fenix and return about 7:00 pm. Cost is $16 per member and $17 per nonmember. Cost of entry to the Perot Museum is free for retirees with a retiree badge but non-retirees and guests need to pay at the museum. Fees are for bus services only.

February 5, White Elephant Bingo Party and Lunch – Wednesday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Shout Bingo! and join us in conference rooms C1-C2 at the Texins Activity Center. Wrap up one of those strange gifts from Aunt Bethany that is stuck away in a closet and bring a covered dish to be shared after the games. The gifts will be used for prizes and laughs, and TIAA will furnish the meat, iced tea and paper products. Please be sure to register by calling the TIAA office at 214-567-8444 so we'll have enough food.

Next Travel Event: February 26, C.R. Smith Flight Museum (American Airlines) – Wednesday. 10:00 am.

See our **Travel webpage** for more detailed and updated information. 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 (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.

Slideshow Archive

Our ***Slideshow webpage*** lists slideshows that Ronnie Brandenburg has created using pictures taken by Jerry Brandenburg, David Drake, Linda Stopani and Jessica Stewart. To view any of these slideshows, 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: Charles I. Black, Gary W. Boone, Ronald D. Boyd, Tami L. Burich, Martha S. Burk, C. J. Carney, Luther D. Cavender, James A. DeWeese Jr., James P. Fox, Sandra J. Enos, Gladys E. Hampton, Dwight D. Harrison, Joseph P. Hogan, Margaret C. Jenkins, Nona R. King, Harle G. Kingsford, Dennis M. Lovelace. Floyd E. Lowry III, Judith Murray, William Nelson, Robert W. Payne, Kathleen Phares, Rosalio G. Pina Sr., Ralph D. Sheffield and Larena F. Wimbish. We have added their names to our online **In Memoriam List.** To view the complete list, click on this link and use the **Find** function to locate a particular person.

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