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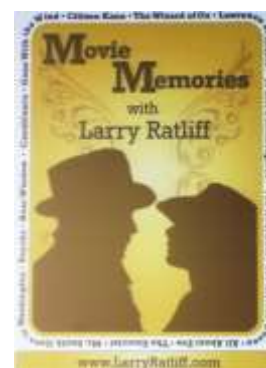
OneExchange Experience – In 2015, Medicare-eligible TI retirees were transitioned to OneExchange for the purchase of their health care coverage to supplement their Medicare coverage. Several retirees reported various issues with the OneExchange process. As a result, the Health Benefits team at TI has arranged a meeting at TI on March 17 to discuss and resolve these issues. Executives from OneExchange and representatives from the TI Alumni Association (TIAA) have been invited to the meeting. If you had an experience you would like to share, good or bad, please send your comments via email to TIAA admin at admin@tialumni.org by Monday, March 10.

TIAA Nominating Committee – Per the TIAA Bylaws, TIAA President Larry James has appointed a Nominating Committee for the purpose of developing a slate of candidates to stand for election at the May TIAA Annual Meeting. The four elected officer positions are: President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The upcoming one-year term of office will start July 1, 2016. Any TIAA member wishing to recommend a candidate to the nominating committee should forward the name and brief comments to admin@tialumni.org by March 25:

TIAA Website – Ever had difficulty finding something on the TIAA website? A new alphabetical index was recently created to make it easier to find what you're looking for and/or what is currently available on our website. You can find the index by clicking on [Index](#) in the upper right corner of the home page, just below the search bar. If you have any questions or suggestions for improving the Index, please use the **Contact Us** option on any page of our website to let us know.

TIAA Travel Events

February Travel Recap: *By Tuesday, February 8, 28 TIAA members and guests had registered to go to the movies. Well, not exactly, but we did enjoy flavored popcorn, candy and soft drinks at the Texins Activity Center while Larry Ratliff, a noted movie critic, discussed 13 of the 25 movies made in Texas. When it comes to notable movies, many of them take place in the Lone Star State of myth and memory. Now all of them weren't necessarily filmed here ("Giant" has a house facade and windmill near Marfa but the movie was actually filmed in LA) but as long as their stories take place (mostly) within our borders, it counts as one of our own. We heard about his interviews with stars like Paul Newman and Shirley MacLaine as well as his critique on movies like "Hud", "Tender Mercies", "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre", "Giant", "Terms of Endearment", "Bonnie and Clyde", "The Alamo" (two different versions*



– but the 1960 movie with John Wayne was the best one, of course). He brought and set up equipment so we could see excerpts from the movies. This brought back a lot of memories for our retirees.

March 23, Cherry Blossom Festival, Dallas Arboretum – Wednesday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Each North Texas spring brings these awe-inspiring puffs of pink and white cherry blossoms to the Dallas



Arboretum. Cherry trees are one of the most beautiful flowering trees covered with puffs of pinkish cotton candy, but blossoms only last about 10 days (assuming we do not get a torrential, spring storm.) There are over 150 cherry trees here, reaching up to 30 feet tall, and they bloom profusely plus we can walk the garden trails (or catch one of their shuttle carts) to enjoy their other stunning landscapes. After touring we will eat at Chili's at our own expense and return around 1:00 pm. Cost is \$18 for members and

\$20 for nonmembers. Please [register](#) online for this event.

March 31 – April 2, Jefferson, Texas and Caddo Lake Tour – SOLD OUT. Since the early 1800's,

Jefferson has been building an intriguing history that can be experienced today. We will be staying at the Steam Boat Inn, a little slice of New Orleans in Texas at \$124 per person for both nights including breakfast at 9 am. Friday we will visit Uncertain Texas on the Caddo Lake to enjoy a tour of the bayou for \$20/person. Saturday afternoon will see us on the hissing, whistle blowing, pistons chugging Old Engine #7 of the Historic Jefferson Railroad as we take us a scenic trip along the Big Cypress Bayou for \$15 (and we may see alligators along the way.)



The rest of your time could be filled with a Jefferson Historical Museum visit, or the Scarlett O'Hardy's Gone with the Wind Museum, the Jefferson Carnegie Library, the historic Jefferson Ghost Walk, the Vintage Vehicles Car Museum, antique shopping and other attractions. Some have minimal fees so we will supply brochures with more details and a map. Plus, of course, keeping up our reputation, we will also sample several interesting restaurants during our stay.

April 22, Lone Star Park Thoroughbred Racing – Friday, 5:00 to 10:30 pm. TIAA members had so much fun watching the thoroughbred horse races in the past that, by popular demand, we're going back



again! 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. Meet at Texins and board the bus at 5:00 pm. We'll arrive in time to find our reserved counter seats in the second level of the glass-enclosed, air conditioned grandstand, get something to eat (at our own expense), check out the horses in the paddock area and place our bets before the first race at 6:35 pm. We

will return about 10:30 pm. Cost is \$18 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Please [register](#) online for this event.

Community Involvement Events

February Community Involvement Recap: Eight TIAA members and their Senior Source sponsors traveled to Crossroads Community Services located in downtown Dallas on February 11. Our TIAA volunteers distributed food to about 50 clients from the CCS food pantry and sorted men's and women's clothing and shoes for the CCS's clothing program. We also folded a large number of fund drive flyers that CCS was preparing to mail. Last year CCS, an independent non-profit organization, became a member of North Texas Food Bank's "Hub and Spoke" food distribution model. That means that CCS not only distributes food to needy clients from their Dallas location but also receives and redistributes large quantities of food items to community-wide food banks. In 2015 they served 15,055 individuals in 5,782 households with 2.7 million pounds of food. CCS is a highly efficient provider of services to their clients in that \$50 from donations will feed 10 people for one week saving the clients \$500.

March 14, White Rock Center of Hope – Monday, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. White Rock Center of Hope provides emergency aid to neighbors in the forms of food pantry, clothing, transportation, financial assistance, etc. It is supported by contributions of individuals, organizations and area churches. Please join us at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus at 8:30 am. Volunteers will mainly work in the food pantry area filling food bags to be ready for distribution. Also, volunteers will perform other pantry duties or assist in the clothing distribution area as needed. 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. Please [register](#) online for this event.



April 14, The Legacy at Preston Hollow Nursing Home – Thursday, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. We will meet at 11409 Park Central Place, Dallas (between Forest and Royal on the south-bound frontage road). Drive past the four-story red brick Legacy building and park in the parking lot for Minuteman Press/Park Central Dental. Enter the Legacy facility by the front door facing Central. We will assist the home's Volunteer Coordinator in participating with a party, games, Bingo, visiting with residents or any other assigned duty. Note that we will not have a bus for this event since the center is located very close to the main TI site. If volunteers are interested in joining for lunch, we'll meet at Cindi's located just a short distance south of the center on the Central Expressway service road (at our own expense). Please [register](#) online for this event.



April 29, Metrocrest Services – Friday, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Meet at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus. We will work in the food pantry helping clients through the pantry and restocking food shelves. Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense). Metrocrest Services provides services including a food pantry, help for seniors, financial assistance, school supplies, etc., that leads to self-sufficiency and independence for individuals in Carrollton,

Farmers Branch, Addison and Coppell. They are supported through community donors and sponsors. Please [register](#) online for this event.

Education

March 24, Seminar on Fraud Prevention and Resources for Seniors – Thursday, 1:00 to 3:00 pm, Texins Activity Center (CR1 & CR2). Ranae Perry, Chief Operations Officer of The Senior Source, and her associates will update us on their newest program. Elder Financial Safety Center is a collaborative effort between The Senior Source, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office and



Dallas County Probate Courts to ensure the financial safety of older adults through prevention, protection and prosecution of frauds and scams. In addition, there will be information available on other resources available to seniors, including: employment opportunities, geriatric care management, and other services to help older adults remain as independent as possible for as long as possible. Join us at the Texins Activity Center for this informative

seminar. Please [register](#) online for this event.

TIAA Breakfast Meeting

March 18, Friday, 9:30 am. All TI retirees, TIAA members and their spouses are invited to this informal get-together for breakfast at the Southern Recipe Grill, 621 W. Plano Pkwy. We meet to enjoy a cozy breakfast with old and new 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. From North Central Expressway, turn West on Plano Parkway, cross the bridge and turn North into The Village at Collin Creek. The restaurant will be to your left. If you have any questions, contact Jon Campbell, jonscampbell@gmail.com, or 214-507-1500.



Next TIAA Breakfast: April 15, Friday, 9:30 am.

Texas Instruments Art Club

Texas Instruments Art Club is looking for new members. It meets 5:30 to 8:00 pm on Wednesdays in the Texins Activity Center. TI Employees and Retirees rates are \$15 per class paid on a monthly basis. No makeups. Classes are conducted by Janice Hamilton, a well-known Dallas artist and instructor who has a degree in Education and has taught continuing education classes at both Richland College and Brookhaven. Janice has won numerous awards and gives workshops and programs for art organizations in Texas. To sign up, contact club member Dorothy McAllister, drm65620@verizon.net or Griselda Hermosillo, gris@ti.com

New and Renewing Members

Recently Larry Dickinson, Coy McCurdy, Brian Narveson and Rafael Ordonez Gonzalez became members of TIAA. Frank Vogler became a lifetime member and Susan Branson, Daniel Brown, Peggy Brown-Spurling, Glenna Bursby, Larry Chasteen, Bernard Ehrler, Elaine Fischer, Glenn Fischer, Tom Fowler, Patricia Fuller, Roy Fuller, Connie Gibson, Jimmy Gibson, Richard Greiner, Richard Greiner, Richard Hamrick, Sarah Hamrick, Betty Hatley, Troy Herndon, Lester Hodson, Masayo Iwamura, Shigeo Iwamura, Earnestine Jackson, Linda Lambeth, Ron Lambeth, Greg Lewis, David Littlefield, Henry Moomaw, Sharon O'Neal, Barbara Papas, Rod Pearson, David Porter, Don Powell, Rodney, Roberts, Uneeda Roberts, Earl Sandberg, Louise Sandberg, Frank Schnell, Bob Townsend, Robert Zlotky renewed their membership. Welcome.

In Memoriam

One of the most popular features of our website tialumni.org for our members is the **In Memoriam** section. We add new names and obituaries of former Tlers several times a week and currently have over 11,000 entries. If you have access to a computer, you might want to check out this feature. To view the names, members can go to **In Memoriam** 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. Also, members can go to **Recent Obituaries** to read those for the preceding year in date sequence.

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