

# TIAA TIA Alumni eNews

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## May 25 TIAA Annual Meeting

The TIAA Annual Meeting will be held on May 25 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the recently restored 7th Floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young St. in Dallas. Refreshments will be provided and buses will run at 12:30 pm from the Texins Activity Center on the Expressway Site. Free parking will be available in the Library's parking garage for those who wish to drive. (Use the entrance on Wood Street.) Dallas Public Library genealogist Ari Wilkins will talk about some of the special treasures to be found at the library. She'll focus on the collections and resources of the Dallas History & Archives and the Genealogy & History divisions, with particular emphasis on what's available for researching family history and the contributions of the TI Founders to the City of Dallas and its institutions. During the business meeting, the report of the Nominating Committee will be presented, recommending the following as officers for TIAA for the next year, beginning July 1: Gary Stopani, President; Greg Boydston, Executive VP; David Reid, Treasurer; and Dorothy McAllister, Secretary. Following the business meeting to elect officers, there will be an opportunity view a rare printed copy of The Declaration of Independence, one of only a few known to be in existence. Tours will be available for the rare books collection on the 7th Floor, and the Genealogy Section on the 8th Floor. Admission, parking, and bus transportation are all free. Please log on by May 17 and [register](#) on the TIAA website, or send an email to [admin@tialumni.org](mailto:admin@tialumni.org) with your name and name of anyone attending with you, and let us know if you plan to ride the bus.



## Educational Seminar



**April Recap:** *On Wednesday April 26, TIAA members were treated to a seminar that focused on a variety of financial topics. First, they were given an update on the status on the economy by Financial Advisor Lisa Calloway. This included an update on last year's presidential election and the potential impact the new administration's policies could have on different industries such as healthcare, energy, infrastructure and real estate. We also heard from Financial Advisor Steve Combest about the Department of Labor's new fiduciary rule. This rule was designed to ensure that*

*financial advisors make decisions that are best aligned with their clients' interests. Finally, our day concluded with a presentation from Estate Planning Attorney Tod Almquist, who offered guidance on*

*wills and medical directives. He also gave an overview of the probate process in Texas and explained why a living trust may not offer you and your family significant benefits which would justify the cost of preparing the living trust. The 78 TIAA members and guests in attendance were excited to be armed with this financial knowledge and to be better prepared to face their financial future!*

## TIAA Travel Events

**April Travel Recap:** *April was a busy month for us with two events. On Saturday, April 8, 18 TIAA members traversed 40 miles of the Bluebonnet Trails viewing the wild flowers that were still visible in our warmer-than-usual spring. We ended up at the Ennis Bluebonnet Festival and spent three enjoyable hours visiting arts and crafts booths, sampling wine, eating and listening to live music.*



*Inquisitive minds (a.k.a. TIAA members) wondered how you actually move a house. So, 11 of us boarded a brand-new Echo bus and traveled to Fort Worth on Tuesday, April 18, to find out. H.D.*



*Snow, the owner of the House Moving Museum, spent 90 minutes describing how this is accomplished, showing us the various equipment needed to do just that and answering lots of questions. He started moving houses with his father at the ripe old age of 12 and has relocated more than 1,500 different structures over the past 45 years -- including a 400-ton lighthouse in South Carolina! Each move is different, must be mapped out carefully ahead of time, involves a lot*

*of cooperation with city officials and utility companies and may require that some tools be created especially for that move. You might have seen his latest project (the next day!) via TV news as an historically-designated house in Grapevine was eased two miles around the corner and down the road. If you missed it, click on this [WFAA](#) link. Please consider joining us on other interesting events.*

### **May 10, Texas Rangers v. San Diego Padres Game –**

Wednesday, 5:30 pm, Globe Life Park in Arlington: We shall enjoy the national pastime plus support “our” team as this powerhouse strives to win the World Series with some new players as well as some of our favorites (remember Mike Napoli?) We’ll sit in the Upper Reserved section looking down the third base line and enjoy the great



view in this retro-fit stadium, which is considered to be one of the prettiest baseball stadiums in the nation. We will leave at 5:30 pm, grab something to eat and drink at our own expense -- remember, this is a \$1 Hot Dog Day! -- at one of the many ball park vendors, enjoy the game and return around 11:00 pm. Cost is \$20 for members and \$22 for nonmembers. Please log on and [register](#) early as we only have 20 tickets.

## Community Involvement Events

**April Community Events Recap:** *On Thursday, April 27, nine TIAA volunteers arrived at the house of a senior who needed a ramp to increase his mobility. The recipient turned out to be James Lewis, a*



*TI retiree with 35 years of service who retired in 1991. He was a locksmith and worked in the North Building. Probably many of us knew him especially if you were locked out of your office at some point. In 2010 he lost his balance, fell and broke his leg. He recovered from this injury just to fall again! With the lack of balance, he is pretty much limited to a manual wheelchair or walker. His family requested a ramp be installed at their front door to allow easier access. The TIAA volunteers spent a morning installing a 22-*

*foot ramp. With this ramp in place, James can now more easily and come and go. His wife, Jeanette, also worked for TI for a time, until baby #2 came along. She said the ramp will allow her to get him outside. His nurse wants James to get more exercise with his walker. She suggested Jeanette follow him within the wheelchair. This is another instance where the work of one morning has changed a family's life so quickly. We were glad we could help, especially with James being a TI retiree.*

**May 15, Network of Community Ministries** – Monday, 9:30 am. Network of Community Ministries is based in Richardson and has a service area encompassing 14 zip codes in Dallas County, with over 70% of those served coming from Lake Highlands and Garland. Network Ministries is a non-denominational, community-based organization and provides emergency services, dental services to adolescents and children and services for seniors. Please join us at Network of Community Ministries' warehouse located at 741 South Sherman St., Richardson, TX at 9:30 am. We will not have transportation for this event as it is located approximately one mile north of the TI Expressway site. Volunteers for this event will stock food shelves with canned and dry goods obtained from the US Postal Service's food donation collection scheduled each year in mid-May. Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense). Please log on and [register](#) for this event.



**June 7, SMU Mock Trial** – Wednesday, 8:00 am, SMU Dedman School of Law, Florence Hall; 3330 University Dr., on the SMU campus located near Hillcrest and Daniel Ave. The SMU Dedman School



of Law provides the "NITA Trial Program Dallas" seminar during June of each year for practicing lawyers across the Nation. This seminar allows lawyers the opportunity to practice court presentation skills in front of volunteers who serve as jury members. Please plan to park using your private vehicle in the free parking lot at Hillcrest and Daniel Ave and meet by 8:00 am at Florence Hall on June 7. (A Senior Source van will not be available for this event's transportation.). Volunteers act as jurors and provide valuable feedback to the lawyers attending this annual seminar

allowing them to hone their skills. Volunteers will be provided breakfast and lunch and will be paid \$10 for their time. The NITA staff also could use volunteer jurors on June 8 and participants may

serve both days to see how different lawyers present their case. Please log on and [register](#) so we know you plan to attend.

**June 27, East Dallas Boys & Girls Club – Tuesday, 8:30 am, 4804 Worth St.**

Boys and Girls Clubs are open to all boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 18, regardless of race, religion or national origin. Their local Clubs (17 in the Dallas Metroplex) serve a membership base of more than 6,000 youth annually, providing programs based on physical, emotional, cultural and social needs, and the interests of boys and girls. Clubs offer diverse program activities in three areas: Academic Success, Good Character & Citizenship and Healthy Lifestyles. These services are offered through a network of center based, professionally staffed, small group and one-on-one teachable moments and classes. Programs implemented enhance character and self-esteem, are educational and fun and ultimately contribute to youth realizing their maximum potential. Please join us at the Texins Activity Center to board a Senior Source bus at 8:30 am to arrive at our assigned Boys and Girls club location at 4804 Worth Street by 9:00 am. We will plan on the group helping with Brain games, Reading, Arts and Crafts, Giving out snacks. And if anyone is interested in leading a cooking class on making easy healthy snacks, we'll make that an option, too! 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. Please log on and [register](#) for this event.



## TIAA Breakfast Meeting



**May 19, Friday, 9:30 am.** All TI retirees, TIAA members and their spouses are invited to this informal get-together for breakfast at the Southern Recipes 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, so just show up and bring a friend if you like.

From North Central Expy, turn west on Plano Pkwy, 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 at 214-507-1500.

**Next TIAA Breakfast: June 16, Friday, 9:30 am.**

## New and Renewing Members

Recently Louis Bothe, Jihong Chen, Manar El-Chammas, Patricia Hayes, Don Reed and Terri West became members and William Gregory, Susie Leinneweber, Doug Leinneweber, Ron Molet, Tong Wong and Yuesheu Wong became lifetime members. Edna Allemore, Robert Berry, Paul Bowen, Andrew Broiles, Peggy Brown-Spurling, Nelda Caler, Sandy Champion, Charlotte Dockray, Kenneth Dockray, Bob Fitzgerald, Glenn Furney, Kay Green, Royce Green, Mary Hagler, Joseph Hanley, Madeleine Hanley, Lue Horn, Deborah Jackson, Glen Johnson, Patricia Kannenberg, Judi Mikulas,

Janell Moore, Paul Noel, Neal Okerblom, Patricia Okerblom, Charles Phipps, Alun Roberts, Diana Semon, Joseph Semon, Gordon Small and Vernon White renewed their memberships. Welcome all.

## In Memoriam

We add new names and obituaries of former Tiers to our new website several times a week and currently have over 11,000 entries. To view the names, members can go to [In Memoriam](#) and click on **Date** to display the most recent deaths first. You can also sort the list by **City** or **State** or use the **Find** function to locate a particular person. Members can also go to [Recent Obituaries](#) to read the **25** we added in the past 30 days and others from preceding months (in date sequence). Please feel free to leave a comment at the bottom of any obituary after viewing it.

## Reporting a Death to TIAA and TI

If you need to report the death of a retired Tler, please call the TIAA office at 214-567-8444 with that info. Then, please call the TI Benefit Center at 888-660-1411, select option **1** and reply to a few questions like **Tell me my choices** and then **Report a death** and then **Yes**. You'll be connected to an operator to whom you can relay the death information along with the person's Social Security number.

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