

# TIAA TIAAlumni eNews

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## New OneExchange Reimbursement Request Forms

TI retirees using OneExchange for their supplemental Medicare coverage will soon receive a mailing from OneExchange introducing an enhanced Reimbursement Request Form which will replace the current form. This form is **personalized** with your name, address and a new **barcode** for faster processing. These forms will be mailed to you throughout July and August and should be used as soon as they are received. You can also get copies of the Reimbursement Request Form at <https://medicare.oneexchange.com/ti> or by calling OneExchange at 1 844-638-4642. Please note the updated forms are for your account and use only. Do not share the form with people not covered under your account. This change does not affect online Retiree Reimbursement Accounts set up for automatic payments for insurance premiums.



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## Educational Seminar



**July 18, Consumer Tips Seminar** – Tuesday, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Plano Event Center. Please note that the weekday is **Tuesday**, not Wednesday as mentioned in the recent postcard. TIAA will host an informative seminar, focusing on Consumer Tips for Security and Savings with Carl Burlbaw of The Senior Source giving an overview of their successful Financial Fraud Detection and Elimination

Program. This will be followed by a presentation by noted consumer advocate and columnist for the *Dallas Morning News*, Dave Lieber, with tips on how seniors can save money and avoid scams. The Plano Event Center has been extensively renovated, and with that, its name has changed from the Plano Centre, but it is still located at 2000 E Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano, TX 75074. This will be our first meeting in the facility since it's renovation. Please log on and [register](#) online or phone 214-567-8444, and leave your name, phone number, and number of seats needed.



## TIAA Travel Events

**June Travel Recap:** TIAA members braved the driving rainstorm, hopped on a bus and visited the Texas Musicians Museum in Irving on June 9. This museum is becoming known as the premier conservatory of Texas music history. We had a private, guided tour by a very knowledgeable volunteer who gave us the inside scoop on fascinating memorabilia from famous musicians in many genres such as country, blues, heavy metal, Tejano, Rock 'n Roll, etc. We saw thousands of pieces from the rich and diverse Texas music scene pertaining to Buddy Holly and the Big Bopper, Bob Wills and the Light Crust Doughboys, Janis Joplin, Willie and Weylon and the boys, Selena, Jimmy Ray Vaughan, ZZ Top and even Elvis Presley (yep, Mississippi born but still had ties to Texas.) It seemed like we traveled back in time to a truly Americana setting -- and the feeling was even further enhanced with lunch on the town square at a local diner serving hamburgers, malts and ice cream.



**July 20, British Flying Training School Museum and Buc-ee's** – 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Thursday, Terrell. During World War II, between 1941-1945, thousands of British, Royal Air Force and American Army pilots earned their wings at six civilian training schools in the United States -- the first and largest of the schools being in Terrell. Join others to visit this little-known chapter of WWII history and see hundreds of historical items, WWII memorabilia and uniforms. We will leave at 9:00 am, tour the museum at 10:00, eat lunch at the Blessings Restaurant at 11:30, visit Buc-ee's at 2:00 pm (the truck stop/gas station that is an actual destination instead of a stop) returning to TI around 3:00 pm. Cost is \$20 for members and \$22 for nonmembers. Please log on and [register](#) online for this event.



## Community Involvement Events

**June Community Events Recap:** Seven TIAA volunteers went to the Boys & Girls Club at 4440 Brown Street in Dallas. We visited and worked with a group of 50 boys and girls aged 6 to 18. These children spend their days learning and playing games in highly motivated group activities organized by the Club's Program Manager, Sophia Cordova and her staff. Our TIAA volunteers were assigned to one of three age groups consisting of 15 to 20 children to pursue further special assignments and to have a great time visiting together. The 6-to-9-year group spent their morning with crayons and coloring books. The 10-to-12-year group spent their morning answering cultural awareness questions in the computer lab – they were encouraged to use the PCs to look up how different societies were influenced by their culture. Finally, the 13-to-18-year group built



*“marshmallow catapults” and had a contest to see which of the five teams could launch a small marshmallow the farthest. All of our TIAA volunteers had a great time sharing their experiences with the youth and working one-on-one as they fulfilled their assignments. We laughed a lot and were amazed in how inquisitive and creative the children were. We came away from the event pleased that we could make a difference in the children’s learning experience and how their generation has knowledge of things we never dreamed of when we were growing up as children.*

**July 10, Medical Reserve Corps** – 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, Monday, 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Dallas, The Dallas County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) provides supplemental support to a variety of local public health initiatives such as school, civic, and faith-based sponsored health fairs, back-up support of immunization clinics and vaccination campaigns, epidemiology staff support during disease outbreaks, and community-wide public health education campaigns. They recruit and train local volunteers to supplement medical response to local disasters and other public health emergencies. We’ll meet at Texins Activity Center at 8:30 am to board the Senior Source bus. Volunteers will help assemble emergency response bags or other needed activities relating to emergency preparedness. 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.



**July 31, Back-to-School Shoe Drive** – 1:00 to 3:30 pm, Monday. The TIAA Community Involvement team recently learned of an event in July that might be interesting to TIAA members. The event is the Back-to-School Shoe Drive sponsored by the Wilkinson Center, which will be conducted at the Payless Shoe Store located at 1918 S Buckner Blvd, Dallas. We will meet at the venue’s address unless there are enough volunteers to warrant a Senior Source van. (We will notify volunteers of transportation details by e-mail prior to the event.) Our services for the event will be to greet an assigned family, take them through the aisles of shoes, find the correct shoe size and style for each child, check the shoe to make sure it fits, then escort the family to the checkout counter where

their free shoes will be logged and paid for by the Wilkinson Center staff. Last year the event coordinator indicated that over 1,500 children got new shoes for back to school through this effort. This shoe drive is a life saver for numerous families that would not be able to afford new shoes for their school age children. Please log on and [register](#) for this event.

**August 4, Mayor’s Back to School Fair** – 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, Fair Park's Automobile and Centennial Buildings. The Mayor's Back to School Fair is a collaborative effort between the City of Dallas, Dallas area schools, public health departments, state agencies, non-profit organizations, corporations and hundreds of volunteers. Together, they will help economically disadvantaged children start off the new school year with many of their school-related needs met in a 'one-stop destination.' The Fair is free and open to the public. Free school supplies are made available to families with school-aged children who reside in Dallas or attend



Dallas ISD schools and who meet eligibility requirements. The Senior Source bus will pick us up at Texins Activity Center at 8:30 am. We will hand out school supplies. 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 Bylaws Revision

In June, the TIAA Executive Committee made minor updates to the TIAA Bylaws. The revisions reflect the new name for the Membership Development Committee as well as the increased frequency of member communications. The TIAA Constitution - last updated in 2009 - and the updated Bylaws may be read in their entirety on the TIAA website by clicking [here](#).

## TIAA Breakfast Meeting



**July 21, 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: August 18, Friday, 9:30 am.**

## New and Renewing Members

Recently, Richard Hart, Andrea Lang, Diane Maguire, and Mike Mahoney became members and Jeffrey Beck, Dorothy Busby, James Carlo, Muffy Carlo, Nancy Farrell, Janet Hendrix, Malcom Hendrix, Aline Huber, Bernard Huber, John Hughes, Loretta Jennings, Dorothy McAllister, Carol Norton, Mae Odom, Elliott Owen, Linda Owen, Bruce Robidou, Yetta Sapp, Ana Shipley, Larry Shipley, Anne Thomas, and Owen Thomas 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 **23** 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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