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Not Too Late to Register for the Annual TI Retiree Luncheon

If you haven't already sent in your registration for the annual TI Retiree Luncheon on November 14 please mail your RSVP by November 5, or register online by November 6 by clicking [here](#) to join former Tiers for a day of celebration and the chance to visit with old friends. If you didn't receive your invitation as a TI Retiree or as a member of TIAA, call our office at 214-567-8444 and leave your name and phone number. Since TIAA is celebrating its 20th anniversary, a special gift commemorating the anniversary will be given to each person attending the luncheon.



TI Foundation Grants for Dallas Disaster Relief

The TI Foundation has granted a total of \$325,000 to several organizations across North Texas to aid in recovery efforts after tornadoes swept across the area on Oct. 20. The grants will be used to support the following organizations: American Red Cross, Network of Community Ministries, Dallas Education Foundation, North Texas Food Bank, and Teach for America. Donations (\$25 minimum) made to the above organizations, United Way, local schools or any nonprofit organization are eligible for a dollar for dollar match from the TI Foundation. Volunteer hours are also eligible for the match. Visit getinvolved.ti.com to complete the match process.

TIAA Seminars

On October 15, two seminars were held at the Plano Event Center in Plano, TX to discuss TI health insurance plans and medical changes that would be of interest to TI retirees. The first session was at 10:00 am for pre-65 TI retirees and there were more than 140 in attendance. The second meeting was at 1:30 pm for Medicare-eligible TI retirees and 435 came to hear the presentation, ask questions about health insurance plans and visit with friends. TIAA Education VP, Lisa Calloway, started the meetings by introducing David Carter, a representative from Via Benefits, who covered insurance supplemental plan changes, various reimbursement options, Donut holes and answered attendees' questions. He also stressed that TI retirees should call 1-844-638-4642 if they needed help with their insurance questions. The two presentations are available by clicking on the appropriate link: [Pre-65 retirees](#) or [65+ retirees](#)

TIAA Travel and Events

October Travel and Events Recap: On October 8, twenty-four TIAA members and guests enjoyed a lovely warm day and bus ride to downtown Dallas and the Corner Bakery for lunch. We then went to the new Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum. We watched a short film to prepare everyone for the expeditionary journey in front of us, learned about "Upstanders" and then rode an elevator to the second floor. We learned about the 3000-year history of the Jewish people and the persecution they experienced that led to the murder of six million Jews during the Holocaust (which is Hebrew for 'catastrophe'). There



are about 50 survivors who currently reside in Dallas and who have loaned many of the items on exhibit. We viewed many individual kiosks throughout that wing that detailed the rise of Nazi power and the actions of the nations involved in WWII – including the United States. We could touch and/or stand in one of the actual railroad cars that carried Jews to their final destination. After about 90 minutes we went to the courtyard to see a huge sculpture containing eighteen flowers – each of which have six petals (representative of the six million victims). It also holds eyes which face both upward and downward throughout the sculpture to show that, by looking back and learning from the past, we can envision better lives for future generations.

There were 10 of us who registered for the "Werewolf in London" event at the Pocket Theater on October 24. It was a funny spoof about the legendary monster and had a dozen actors running on and off the stage, but the popcorn-throwing turned out to be very irritating. We will be more careful of our selections to avoid something like this in the future.

November 29, Homestead Heritage Farm Thanksgiving Fair – Friday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. Leave city-life behind, hop on our TIAA bus and tour a working farm. You can ride on a horse-drawn hay wagon, watch a cow being milked, lend a hand at the old-fashioned timber-frame barn raising, see a master craftsman fashion a fine Windsor chair from a rough log, sample the tasty dishes from the food court, do some Christmas shopping of handcrafted gifts, or maybe lick a maple-pecan ice-cream cone.



There are many other items on the schedule such as make-your-own projects, view seminars, attend demonstrations, make cheese and much, much more. Plus, the fairgrounds are handicap accessible with golf carts to take you where you want to go on the grounds. We will leave from Texins Fitness Center, Expressway site at 9:00 am and return about 6:00 pm. Cost is \$20 for members, \$22 for nonmembers and \$5 for children 12 and under. Please [register online](#) for this event.

December 12, “Ebenezer Scrooge” at Pocket Sandwich Theater –

Thursday, 6:30 – 10:00 pm. This adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* brings Dickens’ narrative to vivid life with sixteen musical numbers and spectacular effects that illuminate Ebenezer Scrooge’s time-traveling journey with the spirits one magical Christmas Eve. From his kind-hearted sister Fan and first love Belle to his generous employer Fezziwig and humble clerk Bob Cratchit, Scrooge is repeatedly shown the saving grace of love and concern for humanity. The heartwarming message of “A Christmas Carol” helps to make it one of the world’s most popular stories. We will meet at the theater at 6:30 pm, eat dinner there (on our own), watch this play at 8:00 and be on our way home by 10:00. Cost is \$15.50 each. Please [register online](#) for this event.



TIAA Community Involvement Recap

October Community Involvement: *On Wednesday, October 16, nine TIAA members joined together at the White Rock City of Hope’s newly refurbished Thrift Store in Dallas. We spent the morning performing tasks that the store assigned – unloading many sacks of donated clothing, sorting each clothing item by size, and hanging them on racks ready for sale in the thrift store. We began the day amazed at how large the mountain of bagged donated items appeared – a very intimidating sight. However, by the end of the morning we had worked the mountain down to the bare floor! Our volunteers were very pleased and the WRCOH staff were elated. We knew we were able to make a difference in the life of all the clients needing clothes for the cold months to come.*

November 12, Readers2Leaders – Tuesday, 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Readers2Leaders goal is to develop and grow the reading skills of children, age 3-10, in West Dallas. Programs include Reading Buddies, After-School Tutors and Saturday Storytime. Please join us at the Texins Fitness Center to board a Senior Source bus at 8:30 am. Volunteers will help organize and update the Lending Library by re-shelving books, preparing materials for Team Read programs, and filling envelopes with annual fund drive literature to assist Readers2Leaders in obtaining new donations. Afterwards, we will have lunch at a local restaurant (at our own expense) and arrive back to the Texins Fitness Center around 1:30 pm. Please [register online](#) for this event. We need all to register in order to have sufficient transportation.



December 3, Annual Joint TI-TIAA Meals on Wheel Delivery – 9:45 am. We are asked by TI to volunteer at their annual Meals on Wheels delivery event by forming a team (or teams) for the biggest TI volunteer event in 2019 on Giving Tuesday. TI has committed to deliver meals to about 1000 homebound clients of the Dallas County Visiting Nurse Association (VNA Meals on Wheels). The event begins in the Texins Fitness Center parking lot at 9:45 am. You can pick up a TI “Building Strong Communities” T-Shirt, along with a UW hat and wear them during the event. Box lunches will be handed out immediately after the prep rally before you depart to deliver meals to your assigned client’s homes. Please [register online](#) for this event.



Wednesday, December 4, VNA (Meals on Wheels) Gift Wrap – 9:00 am – 1:30 pm. For more than 80 years, VNA has responded to evolving community health needs with innovative client and patient services. The VNA prepares and distributes over 4,000 hot meals to Dallas County senior residents Monday through Friday. Please join us at the Texins Fitness Center to board a Senior Source bus at 9:00 am. Volunteers will wrap gifts that are delivered to Meals On Wheels' recipients along with their regular meal delivery on Christmas Day. Lunch will be provided by the VNA. We will arrive back to the Texins Fitness Center around 1:30 pm. Please [register online](#) for this event. We need all to register in order to have enough transportation.



TIAA Breakfast



November 15, 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 Parkway. We meet the third Friday of every month 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 then turn north into The Village at Collin Creek. The restaurant will be to your left. We now meet on the southern side of the restaurant. If you have any questions, please contact Jon Campbell, jonscampbell@gmail.com or 214-507-1500.

Next TIAA Breakfast: December 20, Friday, 9:30 am

New and Renewing Members

Recently Sandra Anderson, Emil Brodeur, Dorothy Delamater, James Durkee, Frank Ray, Leslie Ray, Harry Russell, Lori Russell, Doug Sandstedt, Martha Sandstedt, Arnold Skoog, Trisha Skoog and Kathleen Wilson joined TIAA and Mark Avery, William Barlow, Marcus Borhani, Robert Branson, Douglas Clark, Joseph Corrigan, Carolyn Corrigan, Fred Debnam, Patricia Debnam, Craig Herteg, Imogene James, Lynn Kenney, Robert Killian, Carol Norton, Sue Riemenschneider, Hazel Stehlin, Robert Stehlin, Gloria Verbeek and Caroline Vest renewed their memberships. Welcome to all.

Personal Information

TI is no longer notifying TIAA when a retiree's personal data, such as addresses or phone numbers, change, which they had done for the past 20 years. Therefore, to keep your data current so that TIAA can stay in touch with you, please send an email to our [office](#) or call 214-567-8444 if this vital information changes.

TI Retiree Badge

A TI retiree badge is required on many of our activities. If you need a replacement badge, you can obtain one by calling HR at 1-888-660-1411. HR will verify that you are a retiree and forward the information to the TI Badge Room, who will prepare a replacement badge and mail it to your home address within a few days. If you prefer to pick it up, you will need to request directions to the TI Badge Room from the guards at the TI entrance.

In Memoriam and Reporting a Death

Recent deaths of TI retirees and former Tiers are added to our website several times a week. To view this members-only info, please log in and click on [In Memoriam](#) and follow the instructions to locate a particular person, city, state, country or date. Members may also go to [Recent Obituaries](#) to read the short bios. Please feel free to leave a comment after viewing an obituary.

If you need to report the death of a retired Tler, please call the TIAA office at 214-567-8444. To also notify TI, call both ViaBenefits 1-844-638-4642 and TI HR Connect at 1-888-660-1411, 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 assistant to whom you can relay the death information.

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