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Wishing all a blessed holiday season and a healthy and happy 2020!

TI Retiree Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Greg Boydston who was awarded the Texas Instruments Retiree Volunteer of the Year Award for his volunteer accomplishments with non-profits, including the Senior Source as Chairman of TIAA Community Involvement Team, his church and other organizations. This award was presented by Dr. Peter Balyta at the annual TI retirement luncheon. TI will donate \$10,000 to non-profits to be named by Greg.



Big Bend Trip



About 10 years ago six TIAA members/spouses drove their own cars 600 miles and met in Terlingua, TX. We spent the next few days hiking around in the Big Bend National Park, walking through the Fort Davis National Historic Site, looking across the Rio Grande to Mexico and viewing the night skies at the McDonald observatory in west Texas before driving back home. If you would be interested in doing this along with other TIAA members next year (March 9-12), please send an email to Ronnie Brandenburg at jbrb66@sbcglobal.net by December 31. It may be possible to carpool with others if there is enough interested in this trip.

TI Retiree Luncheon

The Annual TI Retiree Luncheon was held at the Mesquite Convention Center on November 14, with 360 retirees and guests in attendance. TIAA President, Debi Heaton, recognized those who were involved in the creation of the TIAA in July 1999, including 31 charter members in attendance at the luncheon. A slideshow told the history of the TIAA, with photographs highlighting the many activities of the association over the past 20 years. These presentations may be viewed at: <https://tialumni.org/2019-annual-ti-retiree-luncheon>.

Steven Erp, Interim CEO, of the Texans Credit Union gave a brief update on the progress and priorities for the business and thanked retirees for their support over the years.

The 50th Anniversary of the University of Texas at Dallas was highlighted by Dr. Hobson Wildenthal, who has served in many capacities for the university since 1992, including President *ad interim*. He

described the early days of the university and the importance of TI Founders in its startup and development. TI's support over the years has contributed to the UT Dallas's status today as a leading research university, with almost 30,000 students. Dr. Wildenthal introduced Dr. Shalini Prasad, the Director of Biomedical Microdevices and Nanotechnology Laboratory, who reviewed some of the exciting technologies under development in the area of biomedical devices for diabetes management.

Dr. Peter Balyta, President of TI's Education Technology business and serves as VP of Academic Engagement & Corporate Citizenship for TI gave a summary of TI's recent business performance based on reported third quarter results and TI's strategy for creating shareholder value.

Entertainment was provided by Toney Walsh, who sang a number of favorite songs, with some humor mixed in. He was joined on stage for the final number by the Spectacular Senior Follies, who added sparkle to the event.

Many booths were available showing the work being done by leading non-profits, including the North Texas Food Bank, Visiting Nurses Association, The Senior Source, United Way of Metro Dallas, Texas Ramps, Network of Community Ministries, Big Brother Big Sisters, and Reading Partners. The TIAA has worked with all of these worthy non-profits over the years through its Community Involvement teams. The University of Texas at Dallas had two booths, with information about their 50th Anniversary and students detailing some of the research being done on campus. Three Legend Sponsors of our Charity Golf Tournament also had booths at the event: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, Steven Combest, Combest Wealth Management, and Jerry Pierce, Edward Jones. A representative of VIA Benefits was on hand to answer Health Benefit questions, and the TI Foundation booth provided information of the matching gifts and volunteer hours program. Details of these programs may be viewed on the TIAA website.

An added attraction this anniversary year was the photo booth set up by TI retiree, David Drake, who served many years as TI's professional photographer. The photos were a reminder that the main purpose of our annual gatherings is to renew friendships and maintain our connections to TI and the communities we serve.

TIAA Travel and Events

November Travel and Events Recap: *Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Homestead Heritage Farm Thanksgiving Fair trip scheduled for November 29 because of the low reservations that TIAA had received.*

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

November Community Involvement: On November 12 four TIAA members went to the Readers2Leaders home office located in East Dallas. We were able to stuff over 600 envelopes with Readers2Leaders' donation request literature ready for mailing at the local Post Office. As always, the Readers2Leaders staff was elated that we were able to help them get vital donation requests to their supporters in order to fund their 2020 budget.



January 15, Day of Service, The Senior Source, Wednesday, 9:00 am – 1:30 pm. We will join The Senior Source to assemble goody bags for nursing home residents, individuals experiencing homelessness, and women who have recently escaped human trafficking. Coffee, snacks and lunch will be provided. If you would like to bring donations to be included, please consider lotion, hand sanitizer, and deodorant. Meet at the Texins Fitness Center to board The Senior Source bus at 9:00 am. and return to the Texins Fitness Center by 1:30 pm. Please register your attendance by logging onto our website, TIAAlumni.org, and clicking [here](#).

TIAA Breakfast

December 20, 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: January 17, Friday, 9:30 am

New and Renewing Members

Recently Gary Maddox joined TIAA while Frank Kocman, Judy Kocman, Ronald Lerner, Laura Wyatt became lifetime members. Shirley Cole, Clifton Cox, Ed Griggs, Peter Groves, Richard Guldi, Shirley Hughes, Robert Jones, Lorin Netsch, Marilyn Netsch, Joeline Ripple, Thomas Rogers, Kelly Smith, Bonnie Smith, Carlos Valdivia, Carmen Valdivia, and Lawrence Wall 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 in the block titled "Add New Comment" after viewing an obituary.

If you need to report the death of a retired Tier, 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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