

# TI/TIHAA BBQ - September 21, 2018

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The 29th annual TI/TIHAA BBQ Event was held this year on September 21st, for the 7th year in a row at the Stafford Convention Centre, in Stafford. The Centre was an excellent venue for the 174 TI retirees, spouses and guests present at the late afternoon event. This was the second year that we moved the event to an earlier time to better accommodate those that don't want to drive at night.



Event Coordinator, Lucy Salas, introduced TIHAA past President, Israel Morales, to the audience. Israel gave a brief history of how the TIHAA was founded as the TI Retiree Club by Burt Basham 29 years ago.

Lucy then introduced our speaker, Todd Waterman, from Texas Instruments to give us some insights on his work at the company.

Todd began working for Texas Instruments at the Stafford site in 2006 after finishing his PhD at Rice University. He has spent his entire career working in the Compiler group inside of SDTO and has been leading the group since 2015. Todd gave an interesting presentation, in spite of the fact that the computer refused to show the visual slides he brought.



After Thomas Johnson asked for God's blessing of the meal, volunteers began getting food for those that were not physically able to go through the line. Once those attendees were served, the rest of the attendees formed two lines and were served BBQ and all the customary trimmings, along with a delicious dessert and tea, coffee or water.

This event is funded each year in the late-Summer or Fall by Texas Instruments and is supported by the TIHAA. TI Sugar Land HR administrator, Donna Manderscheid was the TI facilitator. She was assisted by Lucy Salas and her team of volunteers in arranging all the details and making an event that was enjoyed by all in attendance.

A few weeks prior to the event, a group of TIHAA volunteers met in the



Caudel Conference Room at TI in Sugar Land to process hundreds of invitations that were mailed out to eligible TI Retirees and members of the TIHAA.

In the back of the room, Della DuHart displayed brochures and a signup sheet for the upcoming Day Trips. And to get everyone in the Christmas spirit, Lola & Joe McMann were giving everyone the opportunity to sign up for the TIHAA Christmas Party that is scheduled for December 9th.

TIHAA Treasurer, Lola McMann was also available at the Membership table to allow new members to sign up and old members to renew for 2019. We are happy to welcome the new members and returning members that joined the TIHAA tonight.

After everyone completed eating, the table decorations were given out to a lucky person at each table based upon the number on their chair. Everyone then departed for their homes. We hope to see everyone again next year.

