



Lifelong Learning & Community Engagement

UNT Retiree Association

An Update from the UNT Retiree Association

We've missed you!

Like the rest of the world, many UNT activities, including those at UNTRA, are attempting to return to some sense of normalcy. While programs/activities have been limited for the past year-and-a-half, we've offered some exciting activities (with some still coming this fall) and look forward to a limited schedule during the spring semester. See the summaries of some recent activities here, then take a look at the forthcoming activities listed on page 2.

<p><u>Camino de Santiago</u> In September, Dr. Allison Venuto described the 500-mile walk she and her husband made across Spain as they walked the Camino de Santiago (yes, 500 miles, in 39 days no less!). She described the mental, physical, and spiritual preparation and challenges of walking up mountains, through pastures, and across beautiful northern Spain.</p>		<p><u>UNT Esports</u> Did you know that UNT has an Esports program with many successful athletes? Did you know that colleges "recruit" Esport athletes and provide athletic scholarships? In October, Laura Klein described the development and success of UNT's Esports program that is considered one of the best in the country.</p>	
<p><u>UNT Symphony Concerts</u> We attended two UNT Symphony concerts this semester with outstanding performances of the Brahms Symphony No. 1, Beethoven Symphony No. 8, the Bruch Double Concerto for Viola and Clarinet, Berstein Overture to Candide, and Rimsky-Korsakoff Scheherazade. Maestro David Itkin gave a very informative talk on the Beethoven and Scheherazade.</p>		<p><u>Oktoberfest</u> UNT retirees enjoyed an Oktoberfest celebration on October 8, at Steve's Wine bar, with entertainment by a polka band of UNT retired music faculty. Our own Hildegard Froehlich sang and led everyone in singing.</p>	

UNTRA Membership



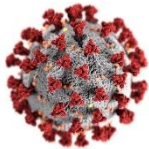

UNTRA membership is FREE to all retirees during their first year of membership. If you join for the first time in December, your FREE annual membership continues until August a year-and-a-half later (20 months). Annual dues are then \$20 per year (\$30 per couple). Register online at untra.unt.edu/join or contact untra@unt.edu for membership details. UNTRA offers a wide variety of social, academic, and update programs each semester. There are opportunities regardless of your interest. Should you have suggestions for additional programs, please let us know at untra@unt.edu.

Discounted OLLI Membership




UNTRA and OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) at UNT collaborate on a number of activities. Many OLLI activities are once again meeting face-to-face. OLLI presents a wide variety of interesting lectures throughout the year, most of which feature UNT faculty. The Spring 2022 OLLI catalog will soon be available at <https://olli.unt.edu/catalog>.

Go Mean Green!

UNTRA “Outings” – Fall 2021

Date/Time	Presenter/Topic	
Tuesday, November 9 - 5:30 PM 1716 Scripture Street	Dr. Rebecca Dickstein & Dr. Catalina Pislariu - “Bluebonnets are legumes and legumes are special” – Learn the benefits of planting bluebonnets in your garden and view their symbiotic organs with your own eyes under dissecting microscopes.	
Saturday, November 13 - 1:00 PM	Homecoming - Gameday Grille at Alumni Pavilion	
Tuesday November 16 Noon ZOOM Presentation	Weathering the Storm: An all hands on deck response to a pandemic of misinformation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describing the consequences of the 2020 COVID19 infodemic 2. Describing strategies to combat misinformation on social media 3. Understanding how important scientific communication can be during the pandemic and beyond. Dr. Katelyn Jetelina UT Health SC - Houston	
Tuesday, November 23 6:30 PM lecture – Lyric Theater 7:30 PM concert – Winspear	One O’Clock Lab Band Performance Pre-concert lecture by Alan Baylock, Director of the One O’Clock Lab Band and Guest Artist Ben Patterson	

Planned UNTRA “Outings” – Spring 2022

Date/Time	Presenter/Topic	
Saturday, February 5 3:00 PM lunch @ Smokehouse 5:00 PM game @ Super Pit	Lunch & Basketball Game UNT Mean Green vs. UT-San Antonio	
March TBA	Trip to St. Joe for lunch and Donna Howell-Sickles Gallery	
Wednesday, April 27 6:45 PM lecture – Lyric Theater 7:30 PM concert – Winspear	Brahms Requiem, UNT Symphony and Grand Chorus. Pre-concert talk by Allen Hightower, UNT Director of Choral Studies.	
May TBA	End of the semester Potluck	