



UNT Retiree Association & Community Engagement

An Update from the UNT Retiree Association

A World Upside Down

Do you feel like your world has turned upside down? Doesn't everyone? Here we are in retirement, with expectations of "freedom, travel, and excitement," but it appears that all of our travels and excitement are limited to movement from the living area, to the kitchen, to the porch, to the bedroom (with an occasional trip to the bathroom). Like everyone else, the UNTRA leadership has been meeting online. We've developed an interesting list of online activities for spring 2021. They are listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

While we are stuck at home, there are plenty of online opportunities to learn and grow. If you have a UNT email address, you can access UNT MOOCS (Massive Open Online Courses) for FREE! The courses are non-credit and can be accessed for personal development. The link is <https://online.unt.edu/CourseraForUNT>

While retirees are living in strange times, UNT students are having very non-traditional experiences. UNTRA engages in the following service activity to give back to UNT students in need. We encourage you to contribute to the UNT Food Pantry by bringing non-perishable foodstuffs to the OLLI office each Friday in January, starting January 15. The **UNT Food Pantry** provides foodstuffs for students in need. The Food Pantry, located in Crumley Hall, is open Monday through Friday to assist students. Learn more at <https://www.unt.edu/story/feed-eagles-donate-unt-food-pantry?inhouse=110117a>



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. Due to the pandemic, all of OLLI's activities have been moved online. OLLI presents a wide variety of interesting lectures throughout the year, most of which feature UNT faculty. The Spring 2021 OLLI catalog can be seen at <https://olli.unt.edu/catalog>. IMPORTANTLY, UNTRA members can join OLLI for a reduced price of \$25 for the Spring 2021 semester. You are encouraged to engage in as many UNTRA and OLLI activities as your schedule permits.

Go Mean Green!

UNTRA Spring Calendar, 2021

Date	Event	Details	
Fridays in January (starting January 15) 8:00 AM – 5:00PM	Food Drive for UNT Food Pantry	Contactless drop off at 1716 Scripture Street in Denton. Leave your donation at the door and knock to alert staff inside.	
Thursday, February 18 7:30 PM	An Evening with Maestro Itkin	David Itkin will show clips from a UNT Symphony performance of Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 3 and provide insights to give members a greater appreciation for the music.	
Tuesday, February 23 10:00 AM	Academic Update: Ctr. for Learning Experimentation, Application & Research (CLEAR)	Dr. Ruthanne Thompson will discuss how CLEAR has helped UNT faculty & staff adapt to online learning during the pandemic.	
Tuesday, March 16 6:00-7:00 PM Register by March 9 Joint with OLLI	Cheese Styles 101 with Ten:One Artisanal Cheese \$20 per member	Pick up your cheese tray between 11am and 5pm on March 16 at the Ten:One Artisanal Cheese Shop, 515 S. Locust St. <i>Register & pay online through UNTRA Member Portal.</i>	
Tuesday, March 23 2:00 PM	Academic Update S.T.R.E.S.S. Lab	Dr. Ateka Contractor will discuss her lab's current research into trauma and PTSD.	
Thursday, April 1 2:00 PM	F is for Forgery: Art Crime at SMU's Meadows Museum of Art	Dr. Laura Evans will discuss an infamous case of art crime and provide an update on developments in the College of Visual Arts & Design.	
Tuesday, April 6 2:00 PM	Better Living: Nutrition Agrilife Extension service	Jessica Small works with the Better Living for Texans program to provide health and nutrition education to families across the state.	
Thursday, April 22 7:30 PM	An Evening with Maestro Itkin	David Itkin will show clips from the UNT College of Music's 2018 Gala and provide insights to give members a greater appreciation for the music.	
Monday, May 17 – Time TBD	<i>Dare to Drum</i> documentary & discussion	Learn the story behind a unique, three-year collaboration of renowned percussionists with the Dallas Symphony from John Bryant, who performed in the concert and produced the documentary. We will also honor another performer, Ron Snider (UNT alum), who recently passed away.	