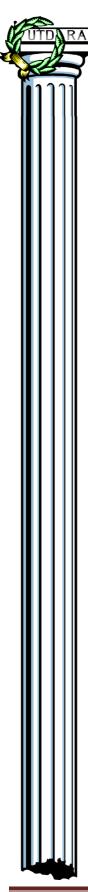
# U.T. DALLAS RETIREE ASSOCIATION

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# HAPPY WINTER, RETIREES!

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is almost Spring! Hope everyone has enjoyed the mild February weather, quite different than the "Snowmageddon" from a few years back!

The UTD Retiree Association is ramping up activities for the next 6 months so I hope many of you will join us for a lunch, meeting, games, and/or an excursion. It is always wonderful to see folks we've known at work for so many years!

This February we met for lunch at Manny's on Monday (2/5/24) and had a game day on Friday (2/16/24). We will be combining our next Monday lunch with the March General Meeting (3/11/24). It will include lunch from Café Max and a very informative presentation about UTD's buildings and economic development activities led by Vice President Dr. Calvin Jamison. This will be followed by a short General meeting to get everyone up to date about our association activities past and future.

Please join us!

Thanks, Pete

### **GENERAL MEETING:**

The meeting of the general membership is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024, beginning at 11:30A.M. with lunch at a cost of \$5.00 per person (cash or check). Dr. Calvin Jamison will be our guest speaker and lunch will be catered by Cafe Max. Please RSVP by March 8 to Sandee Goertzen at goertzen@utdallas.edu if you plan to attend.

It will be in the SPN2 building, located at 3020 Synergy Park Blvd., Amistad Conference Room. SPN2 12.216. A map showing where to park is at the bottom of this newsletter.

Lunch will be catered, and it is VERY important to let us know if you plan on attending.

Thank you and we hope to see everyone on the 11th!

### FEBRUARY 2024

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### **Membership Report:**

Membership Report	– February 19, 2024
Retirees	141
Spouses	14
Total	155

Of the 141 retirees, forty-three are lifetime members, thirteen are new and one is returning.

This time last year -	February 24, 2023
Retirees	142
Spouses	13
Total	155

Of the 142 retirees, forty-two were lifetime, nineteen were new and three were returning.

### Social Committee:

Don't forget to sign up for the UTD RA Facebook page. Event notices and pictures are posted routinely.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

FML - There will <u>not</u> be a lunch on the First Monday in March. The First Monday Lunch is being combined with the March 11 General Meeting of the UTD Retiree Association.

#### **Past Events:**

Some of the events that our retiree association has participated in during the past months are:

- First Monday Christmas Luncheon Olive Garden 12/4/23.
- Arboretum, 12/13/23.
  - We only had three people come out which was disappointing. The Christmas displays were beautiful, and we had a great time. The Arboretum was not crowded, and weather was perfect. Hopefully, we can find a way to get more attendance the next time!
  - Pictures below and on UTRA Facebook page.
- First Monday Lunch Firebirds Wood Fired Grill 1/8/24.
  - Pictures below and on UTRA Facebook page.
- First Monday Lunch Manny's 2/5/24.
  - Pictures below
- UTRA Game Day 2/16/24.
  - We had a good group turnout and we played Mexican Train Dominoes. Sandee Goertzen was the winner with the lowest score. We forgot to take pictures.
  - We will announce the next game day in advance, come join us.

#### Pictures as follows: Arboretum - 12/13 (4 attended)



## FML - Firebird's 1/8 (10 attended)

FML – Manny's 2/5 (21 attended)



THANKSGIVING - BILL PERVIN THE PIE MASTER!



## STAFF COUNCIL REQUESTS YOUR INPUT:

The Staff Council is working on their website and has reached out to the Retirees for input regarding any traditions that were done way back in the beginning or even ones up to now. Their goal is to put links on their website to tell a little more about things that use to be done.

They are naming these items "UTD Spirit". Sandee will be the contact person for these items. If you think of one or more traditions, let her know at <u>goertzen@utdallas.edu</u>. They would like these as soon as possible.

#### EXAMPLES:

- We used to have a <u>real</u> Christmas party for the staff/faculty. We had music, a lot of food, and a lot of fun.
- Sounds of Class /Family Day -Richardson Symphony performed on the lawn east of the Library and the central parking lot with games, etc. for kids during the day, followed by the Symphony in the evening and ended with fireworks.

### Invitation for Volunteers:

Eduardo Hernandez, Lab Manager for Dr. Rugg's research lab at the Center for Vital Longevity with UTD has extended an invitation to the UTRA to participate in a research study focused on brain activity and memory. Please review the following flyer to see if you might be interested.

# VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR STUDIES THAT INVESTIGATE BRAIN ACTIVITY AND MEMORY

Studies involve monitoring of brain activity through an imaging method called functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) while you perform simple tasks.



## IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we inform you of the death of the following colleagues and friends:

Betty Garrett - September 2023 Susan Heiler - November 2023 Betty Roth - December 2023 Alice Somerville - December 2023 Joan Gladwell – January 2024 John Wiorkowski - February 2024

## DIRECTIONS TO MEETING LOCATION:

The following page is a map showing the parking options at SPN2 for our meeting:

- By SPN Building
- By SPN2 Building
- Street parking on Stewart Drive

We hope to see you at the next General Meeting.

