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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARY BETH'S MUSINGS

LET RESPONSIBILITIES BE BLESSINGS!

Betty Lawson said, "I'm glad you are so excited and positive about being President. Lots of Presidents count down the meetings until their term is over." Being a Leader means some extra responsibilities. These responsibilities can be a blessing or a pain. I chose for them to be a blessing.

As President, I must write a Tidings article, in my case it is called Mary Beth's Musings (Thanks, Carolyn, for the good suggestion.) Entitling the President's Message "Musings" gave me a feeling of freedom, so that I could put my own experiences, thoughts, and feelings into each article. I shared a lot of my wonderful Altrusa memories. I expressed my excitement about Altrusa Club, District, and International proceedings. Hopefully, each of you enjoyed traveling through my years as an Altrusan. Besides just remembering, I hope that some of you learned more about Altrusa, in a way that you could see how Altrusa "growth and love" happen. Also, through my Musings, I hope many of you understand what a big part in my growth you played and heard my "Thank you".

Our President must prepare all the agendas for meetings twice a month and board meetings monthly. My Altrusa com-



puter helped with this. Jenn put the agendas for each type of meeting on the computer. I was able to make changes each month. Nancy edited and added the leadership slogan at the bottom. All of you gave me your information and corrections. Agendas were not a problem. I met my deadline of having the first agenda out by Tuesday before the meeting almost every time. I used colored paper for Dinner Meeting agendas to set a lighter tone and give a festive feel to our wonderful programs. (Special thanks again to Janice for being my Program Leader.)

Presiding at all 24 meetings seems like a natural thing for the Leader to do. In my case, this is not true. Probably, only Nancy knows how nervous I am before each meeting. If you remember, I taught Public Speaking and Drama. I have a very "heart pounding" time being in front of people. Thanks to all of you who have told me after meetings, when you see me, and through emails how much you like how I run meetings. It makes my pain of presiding so much easier and gives me the strength to do an even better job so that I do not let you down. Many of you said

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Empowerment is recognizing that Altrusans already have power through their knowledge, experience and motivation, and then creating an environment that encourages letting that power out. (adapted from a quote by an unknown source)

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“yes” when asked to present checks or give talks about important information during meetings. All of these Altrusans helped this job become a blessing.

Finally, my last task will be to write my reports for International and District (working on them), have Betty Lawson judge the Ace Awards (don't bribe her at Conference!), and make sure all Award Entries get written and sent to all the right people (Help!). Our club did the work, gave the praise, and kept growing this year. Thanks to all of you! I hope to say a special “Thank You” at Bonnie's installation. I will present her with the pin, gavel, and banner; however, although I will give them willingly, I will miss being your President.

Mary Beth McLemore,
President

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE REPORT WE SURPASSED OUR GOAL!

By Sue McElveen and Norma Hammerlund, Co-Leaders

As we approach our last month of meetings for Mary Beth's term in office, we are happy to announce that we have surpassed our goal for new members for 2010-2011! At the beginning of this term, we set a goal of six new members for Altrusa Richardson. When we complete the initiation of our three newest members at the May business meeting, we will have welcomed 12 new Altrusans to our fold.

Please make every effort to attend the business meeting in May to help bring on board Barbara Berthold, Nancy Crowe and Gay McAlister. This is a specific reminder to all sponsors and co-sponsors to attend and take part in the ceremony. Initiation is a special event for our newest members so having the support of their sponsors is very important.

The June issue of Altrusa Tidings will have complete coverage of District Nine Conference, including some amazing photos!

congratulations!



The Richardson City Council congratulates the outstanding women recognized today, and thanks Altrusa for its 43 years of continued service in our community.

Council Members pictured from left to right: Mark Solomon, Bob Macy, Steve Mitchell, Amir Omar, Mayor Gary Slagel, John Murphy and Mayor Pro Tem Bob Townsend.



Altrusa Market Place & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 7, 2011

10 am - 5pm

Friends Place • 1960 Nantucket Drive
Richardson Texas 75080

- ✓ Home-Made Baked Goods - Yum!
- ✓ Candy - Yum Yum!
- ✓ Hand made crafts - 1 of a kind
- ✓ Jewelry - Unique "bling"
- ✓ Soft goods - 1 of a kind
- ✓ Gifts from around-the-world



Benefiting Altrusa International of Richardson
Admission: FREE! • FREE! • FREE! • FREE! • FREE! •



MEETING PREVIEW

MAY 19 INSTALLATION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The 2011-2012 officers will be installed on May 19. You won't want to miss this special meeting! Mary Beth McLemore will summarize her year as President, and Bonnie Perry will present her goals for the coming year.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 21 MEETING

Scholarships were presented to six area students by Susan Frensley, Ingrid Palet, and Shannon Ydoyaga at the April 21 Dinner Meeting.

See the meeting minutes elsewhere in this issue for the names and schools of the recipients.



DUES ARE DUE!

Spring has sprung ... and therefore, it is time for renewals! (Photo is of Mama Wood Duck and her Spring crop of ducklings, behind Ann Eisemann's home.)



You should have received a Membership Invoice form to complete and either bring to a meeting or mail to Elizabeth Smith along with your \$110 check. (Note: this form is also used for the yearbook.)

So far, 42 of 81 members have paid. Don't forget that there will be a late fee of \$5, effective June 15.

Please be sure to indicate if you **do** or **do not** want to be on the Permanent Cancel list for dinner meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact either Elizabeth Smith or Dena Davis.



ALTRUSA

at a glance

- ★ Altrusa International is a not-for-profit international association of professional women and men who volunteer their energies and expertise in projects dedicated to community betterment.
- ★ Altrusa currently counts nearly 10,000 members organized in community-based clubs located within districts in nearly every state and many countries around the globe. Proudly, Altrusans gave over one million volunteer hours to their communities last year.
- ★ Ongoing special focus: Literacy, the environment, HIV/AIDS.



our mission

Altrusa International provides community service, develops leadership, fosters international understanding and encourages fellowship by an international network of executives and professionals in diversified career classifications.

our vision

Altrusa International Leading in Service – Giving the gifts of leadership and service to communities worldwide.

did you know

- ★ That in 1977 Altrusa became the first volunteer service group to adopt literacy as the focus of its ongoing community activities?
- ★ That ASTRA, a volunteer organization for young people ages 12 to 25, is sponsored by local Altrusa clubs?
- ★ That Altrusa International has held observer status at the United Nations since 1946 and regularly participates in UN briefings and conferences related to global economic and social concerns?
- ★ That when Franklin Roosevelt was elected governor of New York, Eleanor Roosevelt helped form a club in Albany, inviting prospective members to meetings at the governor's mansion?

milestones

1917	Altrusa Institute founded as a chain of national clubs where business and professional women can meet and exchange ideas. Coined name is a combination of "altruism" and "USA"
1918	First convention, led by Mamie L. Bass. Organization shifts focus to community service
1922	Altrusa grows to 20 clubs of working professional women, attracting notable members such as Eleanor Roosevelt and Dr. Lillian Gilbreth, pioneer of industrial engineering
1935	Altrusa organizes its first club in Mexico and begins to establish international presence
1946	Altrusa sends first representative to the United Nations
1962	Altrusa Foundation was established
1977	Altrusa becomes the first volunteer service group to adopt literacy as a focus
1989	Altrusa expands beyond literacy and education to adopt environmental concerns
1997	Altrusa Foundation adopts Camp Safe Haven for children with HIV/AIDS
Last Year	Altrusans provide over one million volunteer hours in their communities world-wide

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

SARAH'S KEY, BY TATIANA DE ROSNAY, IS NEXT BOOK CLUB SELECTION*By Jan Belcher*

Jan Belcher led the discussion of *Hotel* at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet, Jamie Ford's debut novel AND the 2011 *Richardson Reads One Book* selection. Set during one of the most conflicted and volatile times in American history, this is an extraordinary story of commitment and enduring hope.

Henry Lee and Keiko Okabe are the central characters of the novel. The author has created an unforgettable duo whose story teaches us of the power of forgiveness and the human heart. It portrays two children separated during the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. It explores the age-old conflicts between father and son, the beauty and sadness of what happened to Japanese Americans in the Seattle area during World War II, and the depths and longing of deep-heart love. We have a glimpse of the damage that is caused by war—not the sweeping damage of the battlefield, but the cold, cruel damage to the hearts and humanity of individual people.

Thanks to Jan Belcher for providing our snacks, Susan Fischer for the libations, soft drinks and water, and Pam Kovacs for paper goods and meeting space.

Please join us on Monday, May 23, at 6:00 PM when Mary Osentowski will lead a discussion of *Sarah's Key*, by Tatiana de Rosnay. **Paris, July 1942:**



Sarah, a ten year-old girl, is brutally arrested with her family by the French police in the Vel' d'Hiv' roundup, but not before she locks her younger brother in a cupboard in the family's apartment, thinking that she will be back within a few hours.

Paris, May 2002: On Vel' d'Hiv's 60th anniversary, journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article about this black day in France's past. Through her contemporary investigation, she stumbles onto a trail of long-hidden family secrets that connect her to Sarah. Julia finds herself compelled to retrace the girl's ordeal, from that terrible term in the Vel d'Hiv', to the camps, and beyond. As she probes into Sarah's past, she begins to question her own place in France, and to reevaluate her marriage and her life.

Tatiana de Rosnay offers us a brilliantly subtle, compelling portrait of France under occupation and reveals the taboos and silence that surround this painful episode.

As always, we meet at Friends Place Adult Day Services, 1960 Nantucket Drive in Richardson. Refreshments will be served.

PROJECT REPORTS AND PREVIEWS

SENIORS COMMITTEE HAS BUSY CALENDAR*By Debbie Simms*

The Spring Appletree Auction was held April 19th and lasted an hour. As always, the bidders were gathered early, in anticipation of out-bidding each other. They spent their "Apple Bucks," on wreathes, jewelry, lap robes, and more.

Auctioneer Gloria Sandoval encouraged very enthusiastic bidding. Ann Eisemann, Debbie Simms, Norma Hammerlund, Marj Ramsey, and Carole Buffington also attended.



On Friday, May 6, Pat Hansen and a team of Altrusans will arrive at Friends Place Adult Day Services at 1:30 PM to prepare for the annual Mother's Day Tea. Helpers welcome, pretty hats optional, but encouraged!



The monthly Bingo at Atria Senior Living will be held from 6:15 to 7:15 PM on Wednesday, May 11. Let Debbie Simms know if you would like to be the caller!



The Brandywine Luncheon was held April 27th. The food was prepared and served by Marj Ramsey, Sue McElveen, Jane Merz, Ann Eisemann, Elizabeth Smith, and Jill Van Os. Jill also donated gifts for the attendees, as she has done every year.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

MARY OSENTOWSKI RETIRES

Mary Osentowski's retirement as Professor of Speech Communication at Richland College was marked by a party on April 15 in Sabine Hall.

Shown below at the event honoring Mary are Jerry and Sue McElveen, Linda Olivera, and Nancy Rohm. Numerous other Altrusans also attended.

The poem, *Mary — The One and O*, was written by Jerry McElveen for the occasion.

**MARY — THE ONE AND O**

By Jerry McElveen

Mary O - Artist

Passionate about her work
from the cool outer edges
to the white-hot core,
she sculpts with the skill and soul
of a Renaissance artist at work
on a blunted block of marble,
rounding it into the face and form
of a cherub.

If the metaphor hold,
her students' lives fill the corners
of our world's most cherished cathedrals.

Mary O - Counselor Supreme

Open-armed and welcoming,
no problem dismissed nor concern unattended,
Mary listens...and hears with her heart.
Some things you can depend on,
like the heat of a Texas summer,
the sweetness of a child's smile,
the beauty of a Hawaiian sunset,
the wisdom that comes with age,
and the depth of Mary's caring.

Mary O - Warrior

The citadels of leadership,
or the trenches of the battlefield
hold no fear,
only equal frontiers for success.
Marching to the beat of her own heart,
she leads with logic and reason
but guides with her soul,
navigating the labrinths of convention
with Hemingway's "grace under pressure."
If her Richland College classroom were a foxhole,
Mary would throw herself
on a grenade of ignorance
to save her students from themselves.

Mary O - Wonderwoman

Wife, mother, grandmother, daughter,
philanthropist, volunteer, friend and more,
You have earned the praise and love
of all you've met, Mary,
and I hope my own have not been lost
between these lines.

You are Richland College, and we thank you for that.

Well done, Great Teacher!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM LINCOLN

By Liz Luthans

Abraham Lincoln is often recognized for his unique leadership style that guided our country through a harrowing time in our history. In the course of her research writing **Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln**, Lincoln biographer Doris Kearns Goodwin, identified ten leadership qualities that made Lincoln a great leader. She shared those insights with a Chicago audience in 2008 as keynote speaker.¹

~ Lincoln had the **capacity to listen to different points of view**. He also knew when to stop discussion and make a decision.

~ Lincoln was **able to learn on the job**. He acknowledged errors, learned from them and moved on, creating a culture of learning in his administration.

~ Lincoln was **willing to share credit for successes**. Lincoln stated that the “path to success and ambition is broad enough for two.”

~ Lincoln was also **willing to share the blame for failure**. When mistakes were made by his cabinet members, Lincoln indicated that the entire Cabinet was at fault.

~ Lincoln **knew his own weaknesses**. Because he knew his weaknesses he was able to compensate for them and did.

~ Lincoln had the **ability to control his emotions**. Lincoln got angry and frustrated but wrote “hot letters” to the persons with whom he was angry, but would not send the letters.

~ Lincoln **knew how to relax and replenish**. Lincoln had a wonderful sense of humor and encouraged laughter in his administration.

~ Lincoln **went out into the field and managed directly**. Lincoln visited battlefields and troop hospitals, boosting morale. He spent time talking with the public taking ‘public opinion baths.’

~ Lincoln had the **strength to adhere to fundamental goals**. He never wavered on the issue of slavery even when some in his party were urging compromise.

~ Lincoln had the **ability to communicate goals and vision**. Doris Kearns Goodwin said that Lincoln had a remarkable ability to communicate his goals to his countrymen. This quality may be the most essential. In the words of Colin Powell, Chairman (Ret), Joint Chiefs of Staff, in a speech to the military, 2000, entitled

“Leadership Primer,”

“Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through arguments, debate and doubt, to offer a solution everybody can understand.

Effective leaders understand the KISS principle, Keep It Simple, Stupid. They articulate vivid, overarching goals and values, which they use to drive daily behaviors and choices among competing alternatives. Their visions and priorities are lean and compelling, not cluttered and buzzword-laden. Their decisions are crisp and clear, not tentative and ambiguous. They convey an unwavering firmness and consistency in their actions, aligned with the picture of the future they paint. The result: clarity of purpose, credibility of leadership, and integrity in organization.”

¹ **10 Qualities that Made Abraham Lincoln a Great Leader**, by Catherine L. Moreton, JD, Managing Editor, HR and Employment Law White Papers, June 25, 2008

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

CHEERS FOR ALTRUSANS!

Let's all give a big cheer for:

- Community Outreach Committee for setting up work at Camp Summitt and NETWORK Food Pantry.
- Nancy Rohm for all her support to our President Mary Beth
- Susan Fischer for planning the terrific Celebration of Freedom presented by US Congressman Sam Johnson. Susan's trip to China meant that she couldn't attend, but those of us who were there enjoyed a very moving and patriotic event!
- Big Thanks to **Cindy McIntyre** for her wordsmithing expertise! Kimberly Kierce needed assistance in creating the verse for the District Nine 2011-2013 Program Team song at the end of Conference and Cindy gets all the credit for the "Service Committee" verse. You're the Best, Cindy!
- Linda Olivera for her patience and expertise in proof-reading this newsletter!



ABILITY HOUSE PROJECT REPORT

ALTRUSANS CELEBRATE SHAWN'S AND NINA'S BIRTHDAYS

By Bill Knudsen, President/CEO, Ability Connection Texas

Hello Altrusa of Richardson!

SHAWN'S 2011 BIRTHDAY!

Thank you
Altrusa of Richardson!



Shawn really enjoyed his Altrusa Birthday celebration on Saturday the 9th! Carla Weiland, Ann Eisemann and Bobbi Klein – accompanied by guide-dog-in-training Cashmere – ensured that Shawn had a wonderful day! The chocolate on chocolate on chocolate cake, with vanilla ice cream was eagerly consumed by Shawn and Vera, Nina, Robert and Shelly (Josie was out shopping with her Niece). We all agreed that Robert consumed his cake in three very LARGE pieces! Carla also has some interesting pictures of Shawn licking his plate!

After the singing of Happy Birthday and the reading of his birthday card - Shawn quickly opened his gifts including two very scary movie CD's, a very nice knit shirt and a six pack of O'Doul's alcohol free beer!

We hope you enjoy the attached birthday photo of Shawn with his Altrusa friends.

...and on behalf of all of us at Ability Connection – we send you each birthday greetings on the 90th Anniversary of the founding of Altrusa International!

Nina had a wonderful Birthday party on Saturday the 23rd thanks to Ann Eisemann, Bobbie Klein, Janie Jaquier, Deb Bourland and Kim Kierce! After blowing out the candles on her cake – she and Josie, Vera, Shelly, Robert and Shawn all enjoyed the chocolate cake, ice cream and soft drinks. Then the room was filled with Nina's smile as she opened her wonderful gifts – a festive yellow blouse, a snuggly pink sweater, white diamonds perfume and Faith Hill True perfume. Others helping Nina celebrate her birthday included her sister Dina and Nina's friend Philip.

On Sunday each resident received their Altrusa Easter basket filled with chocolates and other goodies – which helped make their Easter Sunday very special.

It is difficult to describe the joy expressed by Nina having her Altrusa friends with her for her Birthday – and the delight she experienced opening her very special gifts....it was very happy day for Nina – thank you!

As always - you have our very best wishes for continued happiness and success!

Bill

President/CEO, Ability Connection Texas

Website: www.abilityconnectiontexas

Nina's Altrusa Birthday Party!

ALTRUSA ACCENT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Altrusa International holds a biennial Convention in odd-numbered years, except when the International Board of Directors determines that a national or international condition or emergency exists that makes the holding of the Convention impossible. Among the items of business conducted by the Convention Delegates are the election of the International Board, International Nominating Committee and Foundation Trustees; the approval of the biennium budget; and the approval of amendments to the International, District and/or Club Bylaws.

At least ten Richardson Altrusans are going to



Rapid City for International Convention this summer. Delegates are Nancy Rohm, Mary Beth McLemore, Bobbi Klein, Mary Osentowski, and Jo Leeper. Alternates are Mimi Tanner, Susan Frensley, Jane Merz, and Susan Fisher. Altrusa International informed us that our Club has the required amount of members to have the maximum five delegates and five alternates. It is not too late to join this group and be at an important Altrusa-changing convention. There will be business to conduct, but time to have fun and see Mount Rushmore.

BOARD ACTIONS

- Agreed to pay for additional scholar and guest meals from 2009-2010 unexpended funds
- Increased Medical Scholarship to \$1000 by adding \$250 from 2009-2010 unexpended funds

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

CONFRONTING FAMILY POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION

From www.un.org

The International Day of Families is observed on the 15th of May every year. The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly resolution in 1993 ([A/RES/47/237](#)) and reflects the importance the international community attaches to families. The International Day provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and increase the knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families.

In its resolution, the General Assembly also noted that the family-related provisions of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits of the 1990s and their follow-up processes continue to provide policy guidance on ways to strengthen family-centred components of policies and programmes as part of an integrated comprehensive approach to development.

The International Day of Families has inspired a series of awareness-raising events, including national family days. The theme for 2011 is Confronting Family Poverty and Social Exclusion. On May 12, 2011, there will be a panel discussion at UN Headquarters, addressing the following issues:

- Family poverty and social exclusion.
- Families most at risk of poverty (e.g. single-parent families, large families, families living in rural vs. urban areas, migrant families, families affected by HIV/AIDS).

- Challenges faced by families living in poverty.
- Focusing on families as an effective way to fight poverty.
- Anti-poverty policies and strategies focusing on families (e.g. social protection and cash transfer programmes).
- Strategies addressing child poverty.
- Strategies focusing on gender equality for poverty eradication.
- Role of civil society in support of pro-family anti-poverty agenda.
- Role of the UN system in confronting family poverty.



By Juehao Wu, USA,
Certificate of Recognition winner
in the 2007 “We can end poverty”
stamp competition.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWS

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION TO RECEIVE \$10,000

At the recent District Nine Conference, \$10,000 was raised for the Altrusa International Foundation through these fundraising efforts:

- Raffle of a diamond necklace from Leland's Gold and Diamonds
- Silent auction of items donated by clubs throughout District Nine
- Donations from Altrusans

Of the \$10,000 donation, \$3,500 was earmarked for Lamplighter status for Antonia Buban, Foundation Liaison; Melva Hill, Foundation Grants Committee Chair; District Nine Governor LaVone Arthur; and District Nine Past Governors Kathy Folley, Martha Hardwick Hofmeister, Debbie Mabry, and Brenda Tucker.



DISTRICT NINE NEWS

THE KOREAN NECKLACE

During the Governor's Banquet on Saturday, April 30, District Nine Governor Kathy Folley presented the Korean Necklace to Incoming Governor LaVone Arthur, in a tradition dating back more than 50 years.

In-Ai Yang, a graduate nurse of a Seoul Korean Hospital, was given a Scholarship by the Seventh District (now District Nine) to get a year's advanced training in the United States at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. Miss Willie Walker of Texarkana was Governor at that time (1948-50) and practically adopted In-Ai.

When Governor Walker's term was concluded, In-Ai gave "Bill" her most treasured possession, a jade pendant on a chain. This was a gift from In-Ai's husband before she left Korea. The carved jade symbolized love, good wishes and prosperity. In-Ai asked that this necklace be passed on to each succeeding



Governor as a symbol of her continuing thanks to the District for the friendship and advanced training she had while in this country.

In-Ai did not get back to Korea because South

Korea was invaded the day she reached San Francisco on her way home. Because she couldn't hear from her family (son, husband, mother, sisters and brothers) and since no ships were going to Korea, she decided, after waiting about two weeks, to go to Tokyo.

Here she learned her family was safe, but her husband was to be killed, if found. Through various media, Mr. Yang heard In-Ai was in Japan. He and the son went to her. They have continued to live in Tokyo since then. She hasn't used her training except as a volunteer because

Japanese are reluctant to employ Koreans.

Mr. Yang is a dealer in beautiful silk materials.

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

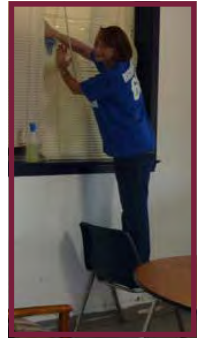
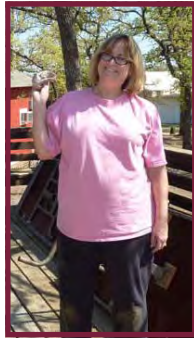
REBRANDING TO BE UNVEILED AT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

In a recent letter, Altrusa International President Donna Johnson said:

"Then it's off to Rapid City, July 22-25, 2011, for the International Convention. And what a convention it will be: Altrusans coming together to reclaim the bygone strength of this amazing organization through

a revitalized membership and a modernized brand. You won't want to miss this historic occasion. You'll want to be there to begin using clarity, flexibility, inclusiveness, and your personal leadership skills to be part of the 'Leaders Among Us'."

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE
CLEAN-UP PROJECT AT CAMP SUMMIT**



**MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE
SPRING ORIENTATION/RE-ORIENTATION**



RALC ALTRUSA MURDER MYSTERY TEAM



VOLUNTEERING AT NETWORK ON WORLD HEALTH DAY



LEARNING TO KNIT BEFORE THE DINNER MEETING



Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson
Business Meeting Minutes, April 7, 2011

Call to Order: President Mary Beth McLemore called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Adoption of the Agenda: Adopted as amended

Invocation and Pledge: Liz Luthans “When Ordinary People Achieve Extraordinary Things”

Introduction of Guests:

- Nancy Crowe – guest of Jan Skinner
- Barbara Berthold – guest of Mimi Tanner

Accent: Carolyn Swanson “Membership Report”

2008	2011
10,411 members in International	9,768 members in International
1,022 members in District Nine	989 members in District Nine
77 members in Richardson	86 members in Richardson

- Percentages are **UP** for our Richardson Club! Although percentages are down in International and in the District we still have 260 District Nine members attending conference this year!

Minutes of Previous Meetings: **Approved as published**

Correspondence: Kim Kierce

- NETWORK: Alan Shawn Feinstein Charitable Organization for the Fight Against Hunger; pledged to match funds up to \$1million. Donate to NETWORK to help them meet their goal.
- Warren Center: Thank you for the \$1,000 check
- Heiffer International: Thank you for the \$200 donation.
- RALC: Thank you for the \$1,000 for the RALC Murder Mystery
- Richland Elementary – Misty Wilson sends personal Thank you notes from all the girls for our donation of the “Little Ladies Guide by Emily Post”

Unfinished Business:

Conference Plans – Jenn Rohm & Dena Davis – Service Project – please don’t forget to bring your new or gently used jewelry, purses, and scarves

Member Hours (especially for other than Altrusa work) – send to Cindy McIntyre now

New Business:

Seniors Committee – \$150 donation to the Visiting Nurses Association – Gloria Sandoval

- Nancy Crowe thanked us for the donation and informed us that the money will go to needing assistance with Heating & Cooling in the City of Richardson

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Dues/ Membership for 2011 – 2012 Year

Election of five Delegates/Alternates – International Convention - July 21 to 24, Rapid City, S. Dakota

- Bobbi Klein
- Jane Merz
- Jo Leeper
- Mary Beth McLemore
- Mary Ostenowski
- Mimi Tanner
- Nancy Rohm
- Susan Fischer
- Susan Frensley

Club Policy Revision – Marsha Peters

- Suggested changes will be sent to Richardson club members for final review and approval

Announcements:

Retirement Party for Mary Osentowski – 2:00pm on Friday, April 15 at Richland College, Sabine Hall Room 118

Add an Altrusan Month – April (New Member dues cover next year.)

World Health Day – Sunday, April 7

Bridge – Monday April 11, 6:30 at Cindy McIntyre's house

Ability House - Shawn's Birthday, Saturday April 9, 1:30

Meet & Greet – Thursday April 14, 5:30 at Doubletree

Appletree Auction – Tuesday, April 19, 2011, 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Dinner Meeting – Thursday, April 21, Scholarships – Shannon Ydoyaga and Susan Frensley

Ability House – Nina's Birthday, Saturday April 23, 1:30

Book Club – Monday April 25, 6:00 at Friends Place

All Admin / Foundation Committee Reports Due – Thursday, April 25 to Mary Beth

Brandywine

Terrace field Trip to Museum – Thursday, May 5 – volunteers needed contact Andrea Rutledge

Mothers Day Tea – Friday, May 6 Friends Place (time to be announced)

Marketplace – Saturday, May 7 at Friends Place – 10am – 3pm

- 15 Vendors participating, please print and display the poster to promote this event.

Joys/ Brags/ Fines

TLC:

Brenda Boston

Betsy Trygar – Mimi Tanner's sister

Debbie Payne – Ginna Coffers daughter-in-law

Janet Vance

Greeters: Cindy McIntyre & Jan Skinner

Attendees: 41 members, 2 guests

The next Business Meeting will be at 7:00pm, Thursday, May 5, 2011 at The Richardson Woman's Club.

After Brags, Fines and Benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted: Barbara Cornelius, Recording Secretary

Altrusa International, Inc of Richardson

Dinner Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2011

Call to Order: President Mary Beth McLemore called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Adoption of the Agenda: Adopted

Invocation and Pledge: Jan Belcher "Succulent Wild Women"

Introduction of Guests:

- Vanrishi (Vani) Prabhu - Medical Scholarship winner with her daughter Naomi
- Meron Fessahie – Scholarship winner from Lake Highlands with his Mother
- Tiffany Horta - Scholarship winner from Berkner with her Mother, Grandmother and Friend
- Katherine Seitz - Scholarship winner from Richardson High School with her Mother
- Muntaha Sheikh – Scholarship winner from Richardson High School with his Father
- Alaa Taha – Scholarship winner from Richardson High School with her Mother
- Betty Crombie – mother of Barbara Cornelius
- Ernestine Swanson – mother of Carolyn Swanson
- Barbara Berthold – guest of Mimi Tanner
- Nancy Crowe – guest of Jan Skinner

Accent: Debbie Gamble – "Membership"

Program: Scholarship Presentations

- Susan Frensley – Medical Scholarship
 - Vanrishi (Vani) Prabhu
- High School Scholarships: presented by Ingrid Palet and Shannon Ydoyaga
 - Meron Fessahie – Lake Highlands
 - Tiffany Horta - Berkner
 - Katherine Seitz- Richardson High School
 - Muntaha Sheikh – Richardson High School
 - Alaa Taha – Richardson High School

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Announcements:

- Conference – Questions, Information?
- Ability House –Nina’s Birthday, Saturday, April 23, 1:30
- Tidings Deadline - Monday, April 25
- Ace Award - Committee Reports to President – Monday, April 25 (Drop dead date- May 3)
- Book Club – Monday, April 25, 6:00 at Friends Place (contact Jan Belcher)
- Brandywine Village – Wednesday, April 27, noon (contact Marj Ramsey)
- Next Board Meeting – Thursday, April 28 at Mary Beth’s house, social 6:30 & meeting 7:00 (Drinks and snacks provided.)
- Terrace Field Trip – Thursday, May 5 (contact Andrea Rutledge)
- Mother’s Day Tea – Friday, May 6 at Friends Place (contact Pat Hansen) – sign up sheet available
- Altrusa Market Place – Saturday, May 7 10:00 to 3, at Friends Place

TLC:

- Brenda Boston
- Janet Vance
- Betsy Trygar – Mimi Tanner’s sister
- Debbie Payne – Ginna Coffey’s daughter in law
- Betty Borrel = Debbie Gamble’s mother
- London – baby of friend of Samantha Slaight

Greeters: Dena Davis & Barbara Cornelius

Attendees: 48 members, 18 guests

The next program Meeting will be at 7:00pm, Thursday, May 19, 2011 at The Woman’s Club.

After Brags, Fines and Benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted: Barbara Cornelius, Recording Secretary

CLUB CALENDAR MAY 2011

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
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Thurs., May 5 (7:00 PM) Business Meeting (Clubhouse)
 Fri., May 6 (1:30 PM) Mother's Day Tea at Friends Place
 Sat., May 7 10:00 AM-3:00 PM Altrusa Marketplace
 Mon., May 9 (6:30 PM) Bridge
 Tues., May 10 (5:00 – 7:00 PM) Mimi Tanner retirement party
 Tues., May 10 (7:00 PM) OWT Committee Meeting
 Wed., May 11 (6:00 PM) Atria Bingo
 Sun., May 15 International Day of Families
 Mon., May 16 (Noon) Reservations due for Apr 19 meeting
 Thurs., May 19 (7:00 PM) Dinner Meeting (Founders Hall)
 Mon., May 23 (6:00 PM) Book Club
 Mon., May 23 (6:00 PM) Tidings Deadline
 Tues., May 24 (11:30 AM) Lunch Bunch, Panera Bread East Side
 Thurs., May 26 (7:00 PM) Board Meeting (6:30 social time)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

16th Mary Osentowski, Gloria Sandoval
 24th Bonnie Perry
 25th Zarina Blankenbaker
 26th Jan Skinner



Remember, if you choose, you may bring a gift to the dinner meeting in the month of your birthday.



There will be an opportunity to put our names in a drawing (only \$1 per chance!) to win a birthday gift. The guideline is that the gift should cost around \$5.

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MEMBERSHIP RETENTION LUNCH BUNCH

Tuesday, May 24 at 11:30 AM
 Panera Bread at East Side
 Southeast corner of Central and Campbell
 Sign up at May meetings or email Ann Eisemann

MEETINGS

Business Meeting

7 PM, May 5
 Clubhouse at
 Richardson Woman's Club

Dinner Reservations
 due by Noon, Monday,
 May 16

Contact: Jean Stuart

Dinner/Program Meeting

7 PM, May 19
 Founders' Hall at
 Richardson Woman's Club

Board Meeting

7 PM Thursday,
 May 26

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION BRIDGE



Monday, May 9
 6:30 PM Schmoozing
 7:00 PM Let's play bridge
 At Courtenay Tanner's home

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet 6:00-7:30 PM on May 23. Please join us for a review of **Sarah's Key**, by Tatiana de Rosnay. As always, we meet at Friends Place Adult Day Services, 1960 Nantucket Drive in Richardson. Refreshments will be served.

