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President's Message

LEADING LOUDLY, SERVING PROUDLY!

I am very excited to begin the new club year knowing that we will be leading loudly, serving proudly... together! Each year and every year I continue to be amazed at all that is accomplished by our club and the enormous number of lives made better by our programs, service, and support. The diversity of our service projects is absolutely astounding. Our efforts to make our community better always makes us—both our club and our individual members—better and stronger, too. You can only imagine how proud I am to serve as your President for the 2013-2014 club year. I promise you that, at the very least, you can depend on me to support your efforts as successful leaders in our community and in our club. And, of course, you can always count on me to be enthusiastic about you, our club, and Altrusa International.

At this year's District Nine Conference, I attended the President's workshop led by Beth Blair, our current Governor. She asked each of the incoming Presidents to write down one thing that would be our dream for Altrusa. That was it. It was simple. Lots of questions were asked but the answer was always the same. What was our dream for Altrusa? For me, it was easy. My dream is that there would be a greater awareness and name recognition of Altrusa. This is the basis for my theme, "Leading Loudly, Serving Proudly!", as well as the foundation of all my objectives for our club this year.

"Leading Loudly" is not about being boastful, rowdy, or showy but rather a reflection of our enthusiasm. It's about being seen and heard within our community in a way that it creates a greater public awareness of Altrusa—who we are, what we do, and why we do it. With

increased recognition, we can more easily grow and strengthen our membership, find new and better ways to serve our community, and continue to maintain the sufficient financial resources to support even more programs and projects.

"Serving Proudly" is something we all do as Altrusans. How could anyone be an active member and not be proud of all that is accomplished each and every year for the betterment of our community—locally and worldwide? We should be both pleased and proud of what we are able to achieve as a club.

Our objectives for 2013-2014 will be in keeping with the 2013-2015 Biennium Goals of Altrusa International, Inc. District Nine. One of these goals is to enhance our image and increase visibility in order to gain recognition by the public at large. Rotary Clubs were founded in 1905; Girl Scouts, in 1910; and Altrusa International, in 1917. And yet, Altrusa is relatively unknown to the majority of the general public. Imagine one day being able to proudly tell anyone, anywhere that you are a member of Altrusa International without having to give an elevator speech. We can make that happen if together we are **"Leading Loudly, Serving Proudly!"**



Pam Kovacs

President, 2013-2014

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Education Committee Report

FIVE ALTRUSANS ATTEND SCHOOL'S VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

By Mary Beth McLemore



Volunteers were treated to a home-cooked breakfast in the Terrace Elementary School Library on Friday, May 10. Sharon Newman, Principal, and the Terrace PTA President thanked everyone for volunteering at the school. Altrusa Richardson was praised for our service to the school.

The Golden Apple Award, presented annually, was given to a couple whose daughter is graduating from sixth grade. Our own Andrea Rutledge received the Golden Apple Award last year.

Congratulations...

The Richardson City Council thanks all the outstanding, adventurous members of Altrusa who help chart the course to improve our community.

Council Members pictured from left to right: Steve Mitchell, Mark Solomon, Scott Dunn, Mayor Bob Townsend, Amir Omar, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Maczka and Kendal Hartley.

Discover Altrusa, your passport to adventure for 45 years.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Thank You and Grazie
Gracias

Thanks
Gracias

GOLDEN APPLE
AWARD

**Please join us for a
THANK YOU Breakfast
in YOUR Honor!**

Friday, May 10th
8:30 - 9:30 am
Terrace Elementary Library
Please RSVP by Monday, May 6
Michael Santiago at: msantiago@fca.org

Meeting Highlights

MAY 16 DINNER MEETING: INSTALLATION OF 2013-2014 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Nancy Rohm

With Manheim Steamroller holiday music playing in the background, a festively decorated tree on the stage, cardboard trees at each place setting, and wrapped gifts as the centerpiece for every table, some members thought it was December when they entered the door to Founder's Hall for the Altrusa Richardson Annual Meeting and Installation on May 16. A favorite Altrusa memory of incoming President, Pam Kovacs, was her initiation into Altrusa in 2007. The ceremony was one in which a "Christmas" tree was decorated during the installation, with each ornament having an Altrusa meaning. This evening's installation was built around that theme. Attendees also enjoyed a home-style holiday dinner complete with turkey, stuffing, and mashed potatoes.

After outgoing President, Kimberly Kierce, presented her end of year President's Report which listed the many accomplishments of the club in the past year, newly installed President Pam Kovacs presented her theme and goals for the coming year. To demonstrate her theme of "Leading Loudly, Serving Proudly", Pam asked everyone to pick up the cardboard tree at their place setting. Upon removing the star on the top, she asked

everyone to turn the tree upside down thereby creating a megaphone through which they could shout the theme. Pam's color for the year is Emerald and the word is Enthusiasm. The wrapped gifts used as table centerpieces were door prizes, so many attendees walked away with a nice "Christmas" gift in May. Pam also distributed pins that read "Ask me about Altrusa" to encourage discussion in the community and to remind us we should be

**LEADING
LOUDLY,
SERVING
PROUDLY!**



Outgoing President Kimberly Kierce receives her President's Pin from President, Pam Kovacs.



Front, L-R: Marsha Peters, Recording Secretary; Kimberly Kierce, Immediate Past President; Pam Kovacs, President; Gloria Sandoval, President-Elect; Sue McElveen, Vice-President. Standing: Jo Leeper, Kay George, Cindy McIntyre, Linda Korn, Directors; Courtenay Tanner, Foundation Treasurer;; and Jenn Rohm, Administrative Treasurer.

Project Report

WHAT AN ALTRUSAN ART ADVENTURE!

By Kimberly Kierce

Twelve brave Altrusans displayed their artistic talents on May 30, at G'Nosh The Interactive Art Studio in Richardson (Coit & Campbell). We were warmly greeted by owner Lisa Thornton and shown to our individual art space complete with canvas, easel, paints, water cup, paper towels, and paintbrushes. We all donned a lovely apron smock, in case we got a little crazy and messy with the paint.

Our artist instructor extraordinaire guided us step-by-step through the process of creating masterpieces: laying out the canvas space for the images, mixing the right combination of colors, creating washes of color, applying different techniques with the right brush or tool, and creating textures to bring the image to life. The 3-hour process passed quickly as we had fun learning and eating our way through artful expression.

We were our own worst critics as we scrutinized our canvases, but the instructor reminded us that there are no mistakes in life, just happy opportunities. By the end of the evening, no one's art piece looked exactly like the instructor's, but collectively we created something very beautiful!

We had a great adventure with our Altrusa Sisters trying something new, and several attendees commented how much fun they had and how much they learned. At first, Pam Kovacs

was hesitant about attending, but later exclaimed, "I am so glad I came. I had the best time!"

A big thank you to fellow artists Jan Skinner, Dena Davis, Laura Trainor-Collins, Mimi Tanner, Marsha Peters, Genevieve Hamulak, Cindy McIntyre, Pam Kovacs, Bobbi Klein, and Carolyn and Ernestine Swanson, for joining me on this final Altrusa Adventure of my year as President. The evening exceeded my expectations! We hope to make this an annual "adventure", so plan to be part of the painting party next time! Adventure on!



Member Highlights

DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE PHOTOS



Altrusa Accent

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Source: *Altrusa Encyclopedia 2011-2013*

A member who freely shares knowledge, experience and talent in Altrusa finds the dimensions of life richly expanded. The rewards of Altrusa membership are derived from the open acceptance and practice of the following member responsibilities.

1. Expect the most from membership by making a firm commitment to it.
2. Make every effort to know and practice the Ideals, Principles and Objectives of Altrusa.
3. Know the Bylaws and Policies necessary to meaningful participation and keep informed on the organization by reading all Altrusa publications.
4. Attend meetings regularly and take an active part. It is the fellowship experienced at meetings and the working together in service that brings full value to Altrusa membership.
5. Accept Committee assignments and be willing to assume top leadership roles in the Club, District and International when invited.
6. Be concerned with Club problems and participate in seeking their solutions.
7. Pay dues promptly.
8. Experience the total scope of membership by attending District Conferences and workshops and International Conventions and by supporting the International programs of the Foundation and the Association.
9. Be supportive of Club Officers and Committee Chairs so that they can fulfill their required assignments.
10. Be aware of Club progress toward its goals and be ready to join in whatever action is needed at each stage of the way.
11. Develop new ideas for the Club that can add to the impact of a program meeting; recruit members; expand a service project; and, in general, achieve satisfaction in being an Altrusan.
12. Enjoy being a member and don't hesitate to share a sense of humor. It makes membership a relaxing, enjoyable activity.

Special Report

TO THE 2012-2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: THANK YOU!

Kimberly Kierce, 2012-2013 President, rounded up her Board of Directors for one last photo op at the May 16 meeting. Front row: Gloria Sandoval, Director; Pam Kovacs, President-Elect; Kimberly Kierce, President; Bonnie Perry, Immediate Past President; Cindy McIntyre, Vice-President.

Back row: Toni Garrett, Corresponding Secretary; Genevieve Hamulak, Director; Carolyn Swanson, Administrative Treasurer; Linda Korn, Director; Janet Vance, Recording Secretary; Courtenay Tanner, Director; and Janice Swallow, Foundation Treasurer.



Project Report

MARKETPLACE—A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

By Gerry Carron

Saturday, May 4, was a great day at Friends Place Adult Day Services. Twenty-six vendors arrived early to set up their booths, assisted by several helpful Altrusans. Jane Merz was there from beginning to end to help vendors unload and load and tote boxes and tables. An enormous thank you to several men from Bergner's Exchange Club for moving furniture Friday night and three who returned Saturday afternoon moving everything back into place!

The morning kicked off with breakfast burritos from The Egg and I and a delicious taco lunch provided in the hospitality room by Fuzzy's Tacos, who also sold tacos and nachos just outside Friends Place to customers wanting a quick bite so that could get back to the shopping. Please visit these establishments and tell the managers how much we appreciate their donation to Altrusa. For the bake sale, we had lots of cakes and cookies. Norma Hammerlund made a wonderful Pig Cake that was raffled off – almost too adorable to eat! The raffle winner "squealed" with

excitement when she won! A total of \$532 was raised for the Altrusa Sisters Fund.

Ginger Tonne worked with the vendors and arranged all the food donations and deserves a huge "thank you". Her amazing work and dedication to this event brought in a record 26 vendors and the food donations was an added plus to make this event extra special and "done up right" – Altrusa style! Participating vendors donate 10% of their sales to Altrusa Richardson and a total of \$440 was raised in this way.

Our increase in attendance kudos goes to Bobbi Klein who did her magic with more advertising than we have ever had before. The yard signs were a special touch this year and really helped with community visibility. We also extend thanks to Pam Kovacs who literally allows us to live at Friends Place as we conduct Altrusa events.

It really was a great day made even more so by the number of "sisters" who came to help in every way possible. Thank you to all of you!

Top row: Winner with Pig Cake; Emeritus member Barbara O'Dell with Mary Boyter; Lisa DePrato with banner outside Friends Place. Bottom row: Kimberly Kierce and Ginger Tonne; Julianne Lovelace; Linda Olivera and Dena Davis; and Brenda Boston.



District Nine Conference

CLUB MEMBERS SHOW OFF AWARDS RECEIVED AT 2013 DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE



16 MEMBERS HONORED FOR 2011-12 PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Sue Powell Perfect Attendance Awards were presented to 16 Richardson Altrusans having perfect attendance during Club Year 2011-12. The honorees are:

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|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Brenda Boston | Jo Leeper | Nancy Rohm |
| Barbara Cornelius | Sue McElveen | Gloria Sandoval |
| Dena Davis | Mary Beth McLemore | Jan Skinner |
| Toni Garrett | Linda Olivera | Carolyn Swanson |
| Norma Hammerlund | Bonnie Perry | Jane Tucker |
| Kimberly Kierce | | |

District Nine Conference Delegate Report

PRESIDENT-ELECT WORKSHOP AND 30 SECONDS TO SUCCESS

By Gloria Sandoval

The Fifty-Seventh Annual District Nine Conference was especially exciting because I was attending as President Elect. I was eager to attend the **President-Elect Workshop** to learn secrets from Sharron Vance, previous winner of the Edith DeBusk award, on what makes a successful President. What I received from Sharron are traits I have already seen from Altrusa Richardson's past, current, and incoming president. Sharron's tips are:

- ◇ Attend all meetings
- ◇ Watch, do, listen, and learn from everything the president does
- ◇ Pay attention to what the members do to choose chairs for your committees
- ◇ Know the By-laws, Strategic Plan, and the President's Handbook
- ◇ What happens at International
- ◇ Always read the District website and International website
- ◇ Know about the awards

Sharron copied a page directly from the Altrusa Encyclopedia outlining the General Responsibilities of a President Elect and Basic Tools of the Job. That was the end our training. I guess I was hoping for elaboration on her tips.

The **30 Seconds to Success** workshop presented by Jeff Klein was very interesting. He teaches a proven technique to help business professions and salespeople generate referrals from their 30-second networking commercial. His workshop affirmed what I learned in my previous life as a banker; what it takes to get and keep a client for life. Mr. Klein started with questions—is your elevator speech powerful and does it generate referrals every time you use it? Of course everyone asked how that related to growing membership in Altrusa clubs. The same premise holds true for attaining and keeping members in Altrusa. What surprised everyone attending is that Mr. Klein instructed that you never start by introducing yourself or by giving the name of the organization nor do you end with your name or name of the organization. You give the Altrusa name only once and toward the end of your elevator speech or maybe never. A few pointers to remember:

- ◇ Listen first to what a potential member is looking for in an affiliation.
- ◇ Don't ask questions - turn a question into a statement instead.
- ◇ Allow them to sell themselves to Altrusa.

Mr. Klein kept his workshop interesting and at the same time entertaining. I would say most of us attending would have liked more time with him. I know I would have.



Friday Fun Night at District Nine Conference: the adventurous ladies of Altrusa Richardson get ready to party!

District Nine Conference Delegate Report

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND INTERNATIONAL VISITOR

By Kimberly Kierce

At the Fifty-Seventh Annual Business Meeting of Altrusa District Nine, Governor LaVone Arthur gave a “not so usual” report from the Governor. LaVone told of her journey in the last year—a journey of strength, courage, and hope. She received a diagnosis of gynecological cancer last Spring. Over the past year, with the support of friends, family and countless Altrusans, she overcame the challenges of her cancer. It was an inspiring story which brought home the fact that everyone at Conference has been touched in some way by cancer. With Altrusa sisterhood of love, support, and hope, we can overcome many things together.

The International Visitor, Cynda Wright, Altrusa International Director, presented the report from Altrusa International, Inc. She spoke of changes at the International Office in Chicago, including the relocation of the main office to a more practical location and she asks for patience during the transition into the new location. Another change is that Dona Garretson has assumed the position of Interim Association Manager while the International Board evaluates the pros and cons with an Executive Director vs. an Association Manager. Dona has facilitated the office move and convention preparations. Once the new International Board is in place after Convention, the Board will announce its appointment. Other updates included:

- ◇ All clubs are asked to complete Altrusa International Membership Audit by April 30, 2013, which Richardson has successfully completed (83 Members, 2 Emeritus, 85 Total).
- ◇ The new Club Annual Report combines the old Club Activity Report and Distinguished Club Report into one easy to complete on-line report.
- ◇ Doc Morgan’s cooperation with Altrusa International has improved due in part by Dona’s improved communication and business relationship with the company. Clubs are asked to order directly through Doc Morgan as Altrusa gets royalties from all Altrusa sales.
- ◇ Keep an eye out for the May issue of *The International Altrusan* for a complete list of all nominees for the International Board and all proposed By-laws changes.
- ◇ The Governor’s Council has focused on creating a “Needs Assessment Survey” to guide clubs in the evaluation and discovery of community needs.
- ◇ International membership currently stands at 9,207, which is slightly down from last year.
- ◇ The International Board is evaluating the Marketing Plan. Regardless of our logo, we are still Altrusans and

good – no GREAT - at what we do. Regardless of our logo, “This is OUR Altrusa.”

During the Governor’s Banquet, Cynda presented “Life Lessons by Andy Griffith”, a step back in time and a reminder to: believe in yourself, work hard, value family, cherish friendships, be honest, be community-centered, and do everything with a smile.

The Election of District Officers was conducted and the following Altrusans were installed as the 2013-2015 District Nine Board of Directors:

Beth Blair (Dallas), District Governor
 Sylvia Zamora (San Antonio), Governor Elect
 Linda Moore (Temple), First Vice Governor
 Janelle Williamson (Texarkana), Second Vice Governor
 Leslie Thompson (Lubbock), Treasurer
 Antonia Buban (Downtown Dallas), Director
 Trina Taylor (Southwest Dallas County), Director
 LaVone Arthur (Downtown Dallas), Past Governor
 Martha Hofmeister (Downtown Dallas), Parliamentarian
 Susie Stephenson (Dallas), Secretary

During the Governor’s Banquet, Past Governor Carolyn Rash, newly installed Governor Beth Blair’s aunt, conducted the initiation ceremony and spelled out BELIEVE, Beth’s theme, as the Keys to Leadership:

B – Busy Believer (Governor)
 E – Encouragement (Governor-Elect)
 L – Learn (Vice Governors)
 I – Illuminating (Secretary)
 E – Exactness (Treasurer)
 V – Vitality and Voice (Directors)
 E – Endure (Immediate Past Governor)

It will be a great biennium under the leadership of Governor Beth Blair as we BELIEVE in Altrusa.



District Nine Conference Delegate Report

KEYNOTE SPEAKER MAMIE MCCULLOUGH

By Barbara Cornelius

Mamie McCullough Ph.D, is a motivational speaker who brings the "I Can. You Can Too!" message. Mamie considers herself an encourager & overcomer who worked with Zig Zigler for 10 years. She is fun, interesting and had several interesting catch phrases that ring true and that could apply to several areas in your daily life:

- ◇ "Build it or get out!"
- ◇ "If ya can't hide it - decorate it!"
- ◇ "Grow through life - don't GO through life."
- ◇ "Don't complain needlessly - go to someone who can help."
- ◇ "Don't forget the little things in life - be grateful."
- ◇ "Don't be a **Whyner**."
- ◇ "Take action, just start, get busy."

Her message is that *it's not where you start ...* Life did not deal Ms. McCullough a good hand or even good teeth. Her father passed away, leaving her Momma to raise nine children on a second grade education with few financial resources. McCullough left Dixie, Georgia, at the age of twenty with two feed sack dresses, a bag of her Mama's fried chicken, and twenty-five dollars in cash. McCullough did not even realize that she had to pay tuition to attend college when she landed in Brownwood, Texas. Mamie was brave and fortunate enough to create and accept the friendship and generosity of those who came to care for her. In this she found: "It just takes one person to believe in us, to make a difference, when you don't know how to believe in yourself."

For us as Altrusans, this comment needs to be committed to our hearts and carried forward: "If you came to conference burned out, that's **GOOD** because that means at one time you were **LIT**. You're here to get recharged."



District Nine Conference Delegate Report

OVERVIEW OF CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

By Pam Kovacs

This year, I had the pleasure as the incoming President to attend the 2013-2014 Club President's Training led by incoming Governor-Elect Beth Blair. The key points of her inspiring messages were valuable not only to us as leaders of our clubs but equally important when shared with committee chairs.

Spinning off the conference theme of Altrusa Dreamin', Beth's message was simple as well as empowering using only three words—Dream, Plan and Believe. To lead a successful club, committee, project, or event, we must first start with a vision—a **dream** of what we hope to accomplish. Secondly, we need to develop a **plan** to achieve our dream and that must include delegation. Thirdly, and most importantly, we must **believe** that “they” can make our dream come true. She reminded all of the incoming Presidents to put their trust in their Board members. This is true of committee chairs as well. We just need to share our dreams and let them move forward.

The Service workshop, led by Kimberly Kierce, focused on the simple steps to conducting a service project—begin with the end in mind—and writing it up for District Nine Award Nominations. Clubs were encouraged to appoint a scribe to document the project from beginning to end. Then, that member should promptly write up the nomination as soon as the project is completed so the excitement of the outcome can be recorded while the details are still fresh.

Rose Daughety and Barbara Cornelius attended the workshop “Harold Mangum Presents Memory Skills Training”. According to them both, the presentation on memory was interesting. He gave the audience hope that our memory can be expanded by using word association. He gave a hands-on example and one of the members in the room was actually able to remember all of the words and in the order they were given! She, too, used association by way of a story. Unfortunately, some thought that it was an infomercial for his company as he was offering those in attendance a reduced rate to join.

Rose thought that the “30 Seconds to Success” about an elevator speech was great. He helped them better define Altrusa and what we do. He gave examples of the important things that must be said. She loved the fact that he told everyone to write their elevator speech

and he would critique it at no cost. She felt he really had a heart for helping us.

Thankfully for our club, Marsha Peters attended the workshop regarding an IRS audit. She has presented the finance committee with information and hand-outs regarding the recent audit of the Downtown Dallas club. Following their review, information and suggestions will be presented to the board and general membership. This should enable us to avoid any financial and legal pitfalls in the future.

So much is said about the fun and fellowship experienced at conference that it is easy to lose sight of the marvelous learning opportunities that enable us to strengthen our clubs in countless ways.

Pictured below: Jane Tucker selling TeachHaiti and BeadsforLife jewelry; Altrusa Richardson's five delegates.



District Nine Conference Delegate Report

CONFERENCE WRAP-UP ON SUNDAY MORNING

By Jean Stuart

LaVone Arthur opened the Sunday morning session at 8:30 a.m. and turned the microphone over to Dorothy Nowlin, who began the Remembrance of lost members by reading each of their names and providing information about each, as their pictures flashed across the screen. We honored Richardson Altrusan, Mary Hoglund. Brenda Tucker continued with a lovely devotional, reading a song by Paul McCartney entitled "At the End of the End". She further talked of overcoming fears and challenges – helping others overcome by getting alongside them long enough to help them.

After a break, the Conference continued with the presentation of a few awards and reports. For the First-Timers Award there was a five-way tie for the club who had the most newcomers in attendance. Richardson won second place for the Club Display Award.

Through various fundraising efforts, conference raised over \$10,000 for the Altrusa Foundation. Members were encouraged, at the Awards Luncheon, to place a donation in a Foundation envelope, write their name on it and turn it in for a prize – which was a 'Sexy Kitchen' basket – won by our own Cindy Murray. Cindy also won a drawing for a lovely bracelet. Mary O. won the necklace given away in the Foundation drawing.

Immediate Past Governor Arthur recognized Melva Hill, Martha Hofmeister, Linda Nichols, and Carolyn Rash with a Special Governor's Award in the form of Lamplighter distinction for their continuing devotion to the International Foundation and tremendous support to District Nine. Recognition was also awarded to Beth Blair, Kathy Folley, and Judy Sall for all they did for the District's Rebranding efforts and getting the new District website up and going.

International Representative Cynda Wright was very complimentary of District Nine. She said we have good leaders. She loved our energy and our smiles and She encouraged us to share our thoughts – speak up. It takes all of us to successful.

The Conference Service Project was a huge success. Donations totaling \$702.00 and five large boxes of non-perishable food items were donated to the North Texas Food Bank. Their representative shared with us that they distribute 11,000 backpacks each Friday with four meals to provide nutritious food for needy children on weekends. They provide 130,000 meals a day, while the need is closer to 300,000.

Linda Moore presented the Program Team assembled by Governor Beth Blair. They gave a great presentation of goals with cheers, pompoms, and lapel pins for all. A list of the members of the program team, as well as Governor Blair's goals for the year, on pages 17-18 of this newsletter.

The 2014 District Nine Conference will be held in Austin, Texas, April 25-27 at the Omni Austin Hotel at Southpark, near the airport. The theme is 'Keep Altrusa Weird', so it is sure to be a fun conference you won't want to miss!

For the 2015 District Nine Conference, San Antonio presented a bid for the conference to be held April 17-19.

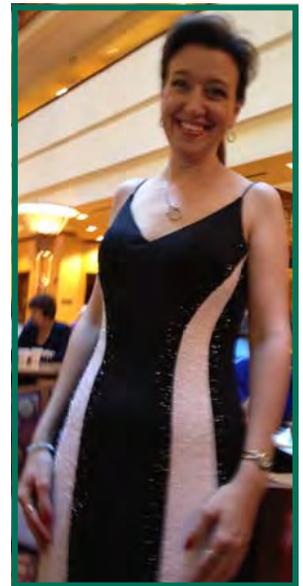
LaVone talked about the pillowcases various clubs brought to carry our her biennium theme of Altrusa Dreamin' and gave special recognition to Richardson's pillowcase design. Others designs of special note were Collin County and Southeast Tarrant County Early Risers.

Before LaVone called the meeting to a close, it was announced that District Nine has honored her with her a Lamplighter award for her dedication as Governor this past biennium.



Member Highlights

DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE PHOTOS



Meeting Preview

JUNE 20 DINNER MEETING: BRAINSTORMING FOR OWT FUNDRAISER



The June Program meeting will be a think tank about possible nominees and corporate sponsors for our 2013 Outstanding Women of Today... Builders of Tomorrow Annual Luncheon and Awards Presentation.

Bring ideas and contact information for prospective nominees and sponsors to the meeting on June 20th at 7:00 pm to share with the club and the OWT Committee Chairs.

These photos from last year's luncheon (by Rick McGarry and Patty Blome) should give you a good idea of what an OWT Luncheon looks like!



Special Report **WHAT IS AN OWT?**



Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow is a distinguished honor for women in leadership in businesses, governments, and non-profit organizations who exemplify determination and innovation and have made an outstanding contribution in their chosen fields. They are to be commended for making a difference for the future of women and leadership, and this program, sponsored by Altrusa Richardson, does just that!

All nominees and their organizations will be honored at the Annual Outstanding Women of Today Awards Luncheon on Friday, October 25, 2013 at noon, at The Hyatt Regency North Dallas/Richardson. Keynote Speaker will be the inspirational Rita Bailey. Tickets are \$50 each. Full tables and sponsorships are available.

Candidates are nominated based on the following criteria: She displays exceptional dedication, leadership and vision; is employed in one of these fields: corporate, education, government, non-profit, small business; exhibits an altruistic spirit in her work and community; and works and/or lives within Dallas or Collin Counties.

Categories for nomination are corporate, education, government, non-profit, small business, and Outstanding Women of Tomorrow (under age 35 in any category). Nomination deadline is July 31, 2013. Nomination forms are available on-line at www.altrusarichardson.com (select Awards Luncheon). For information about Nominations, please contact Norma Hammerlund at contact@altrusarichardson.com.

The awards program benefits the projects and scholarships of Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, Texas Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. For a listing of the projects supported by Altrusa Richardson, please visit www.altrusarichardson.com.



Project Preview

TIE ONE ON FOR FATHER'S DAY

Source: Event announcement on our website

Make plans to attend and volunteer at the Father's Day celebration at Friends Place Adult Day Services.

Please register for this event so we will know how many Altrusans will be there to help, and don't forget to wear a tie!

"Tie-One-On" refers to the fact that everyone (well, most everyone) will be wearing a necktie. We could use some more of those, too. 😊

Please sign up for one or both shifts of this mid-day event!

- ◇ 10:30 - 12:00 escort clients to view classic cars in parking lot
- ◇ 12:00 - 1:30 serve lunch to clients and car club members
- ◇ 10:30 - 1:30 let me do both!

This service project is for assisting clients at Friends Place Adult Day Services (Alzheimer's daytime care in Richardson).

Escorting is particularly fun: Each escort accompanies a client while he admires and/or

reminisces about the beautiful old cars that are brought to Friends Place by classic car club members.

Additionally, we may have a toy race track setup with remote-controlled cars for hands-on entertainment. Volunteers are needed to monitor that activity and lay down masking tape for lanes.

Please let Genevieve Hamulak know which of the services you wish to provide for this very fun and important event for fathers (and their families) who are living with Alzheimer's. Register online, or if that doesn't work for you, call or email Genevieve.



Pam Kovacs, chatting with members of classic car club at the 2012 Tie One on for Father's Day event. Look at the swell old car...and don't miss Pam's colorful necktie!

International Foundation News

NEW LUCENTE LAMPLIGHTERS ANNOUNCED

Source: International Altrusan May 2013

Congratulations to Colleen Duris, **Carolyn Rash (District Nine)** and **Linda Nichols (District Nine)** for becoming Lucente Lamplighters in the 2011-2013 Biennium!

Thank you also to Lucente Lamplighters from past biennia:

Barbara Ann Hughes, PhD, MPH, RDN, LDN, FADA,	
Judy Atkinson	Catherine Boone
Muriel Vincent	Debbie Mabry (District Nine)
Jane Hart	Judy Tharp
Tammy Fournier	Diane Eberhard.

Lamplighters are Altrusans who have contributed \$500 (US) or more to the International Foundation in a twelve month period. Contributions can be made in one's own name or on behalf of someone else.

Lamplighters receive a special Lamplighter pin/pendant. With each additional donation of \$500(US), in succeeding years, a diamond chip is added to the Lamplighter Pin/Pendant.

The Lucente Lamplighter was established in 2005 and is named after Altrusa's retired Executive Director, Josie Lucente, who served as the Foundation's Administrative Assistant for over 20 years.

An individual making a total of ten contributions of \$500 or more receives a Lucente Lamplighter pin. Lucente Lamplighters receive a special pin and recognition at International Convention.

District Nine News**2013-2015 BIENNIUM GOALS, ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC., DISTRICT NINE**

Governor Beth Blair announced her goals at the closing session of Conference. They are:

- I. **MEMBERSHIP**—Show a positive membership growth.
 1. Increase the net number of active members by more than 10 percent by 2015.
 2. Increase the member retention rate District wide by 10 percent.
 3. Increase the number of members in the 25 to 50 age category by more than 10 percent by 2015.
 4. Increase the net number of Clubs by at least one by 2015.
 5. Decrease the number of under-charter-strength Clubs by four by 2015.
- II. **SERVICE**—Improve the quality of life in our worldwide community.
 1. Encourage Clubs to develop a signature service project that is held each year with at least 75 percent member participation.
 2. Encourage Clubs to participate in Make a Difference Day with a literacy-focused project.
 3. Increase the number of Clubs submitting entries for International awards by a total increase of 10 percent per year in 2014 and 2015.
 4. Increase the number of ASTRA Clubs by 1 by 2015.
- III. **MARKETING**—Enhance our image and increase visibility.
 1. Achieve increased media and public awareness for District and Clubs.
- IV. **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT/MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**—Provide opportunities for personal development, lifelong learning, and networking.
 1. Increase member attendance at District Conference by 10 percent per year in 2014 and 2015.
 2. Develop and sustain strong leaders at the Club and District levels.
 3. Provide Club presidents, treasurers, and other officers the tools and training needed to be effective in the role.
- V. **ORGANIZATION**—Maintain sufficient organizational and financial resources to support programs and objectives.
 1. Maintain a balanced financial plan that supports the programs and services for our district membership.
 2. Encourage Club strategic planning.



Governor Beth Blair

Project Report**SENIOR COMMITTEE SERVED TEA TO FRIENDS PLACE CLIENTS ON MOTHER'S DAY**

By Gloria Sandoval

The Mother's Day Tea at Friends Place Adult Day Services held May 10th was a huge success! Altrusans Linda Korn, Julie Horan, Ann Eisemann, Genevieve Hamulak, Brenda Duckett, Debbie Simms and Gloria Sandoval helped set the tables with beautiful tea cups and saucers. They also served tasty tea sandwiches with fruit and small cakes to the clients that had come to celebrate Mother's Day. A variety of delicious teas and cookies were also served. The ladies and their

families enjoyed listening to a harpist play beautiful music while models from Beaucoup of Richardson displayed their clothing line. What a treat for everyone!

The clients at Friends Place showered us with appreciation for celebrating Mother's Day in this manner with beautiful smiles and lots of "thank you". Pam and Jane Kovacs, Owners/Directors of Friends Place, said they "couldn't have done it without us." Those are the words Altrusans like to hear.

District Nine News

2013-2015 DISTRICT NINE PROGRAM TEAM**Program Coordinator**

Linda Moore, Temple, chair

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Kathleen Dow, Waco

Melva Hill, Greenville

Communications Committee

Laura Roach, DFW, chair

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Leadership Training Committee

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Roxie Vincent, Copperas Cove

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Beth Blair, Dallas

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Beverly Lenoir, Collin County

Sharron Vance, Dallas

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Kimberly Kierce, Richardson

Magaly Rincon-Zachary, Wichita Falls

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Margot Cox, Central Texas

Marsha Peters, Richardson

Service Committee

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La Tonya Spencer, Southwest Dallas Co.

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Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award Coordinator

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Edith DeBusk President's Award

LaVone Arthur, Downtown Dallas, chair

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ASTRA Committee

Carla Helstrom, DFW, chair

Beverly Luedke, Temple

Allison Watson, Pampa

Parliamentarian

Martha Hardwick Hofmeister, Downtown Dallas

Secretary

Susie Stephenson, Dallas

International News

A MESSAGE FROM INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DONA GARRETSON

As published in the International Altrusan

Dear Fellow Altrusans,

Time is near, and I promise that those who attend will **Experience the Energy** of Altrusans gathered together under one roof. Heading to Rotorua, New Zealand 2013 International Convention to attend to the very important business of Altrusa's future is indeed exciting!

Delegates will have the privilege and responsibility to make many important decisions. Please be sure your club is represented so that the club's opinion is expressed.

What proposed Bylaws will pass or fail?

What will the proposed biennium budget look like after our discussions?

Who will we elect as the future

International Board of Directors,

International Nominating Committee,

International Foundation Board of Trustees?

This responsibility rests on all of us. Decisions about the future of our beautiful organization are in our hands.

Altrusans will gather together from around the world to celebrate the successes, address challenges, and look toward our future accomplishments in service.

For me, this will be a farewell to my responsibilities as your International President, 2011-2013. The past two years have literally flown by, and I congratulate incoming International President Ilona Kerby as she assumes her new responsibilities. She and her team will lead us onward to growing membership and additional opportunities for service.

Please know how much I appreciate your kind support and positive outlook as we plan our future. I will have served 12 years in service on the International Board and look forward to two more as International Immediate Past

President, 2013-2015. I truly think I will be "kicked out" after that time. Retirement is in the offing!

Best wishes to each and every one of you! I have had the privilege of meeting so many wonderful Altrusans and dear friends these many years and for that I will always be thankful for the everlasting beautiful memories.

In Altrusa,

Dona



NOW IS THE TIME TO SIGN UP!

Committee participation is the backbone of the club. You get out of Altrusa what you put into it and our committee work is very rewarding. Members are encouraged to sign-up for an Administration Committee and Foundation Committee to assist with planning and implementing committee projects. All members may participate in any Altrusa event or project even if they are not on that committee. Sign up now so you can participate in planning for this year!

BOARD ACTIONS

- ◇ Created ad hoc committee for Market Place
- ◇ Approved meeting venue contract with Richardson Woman's Club
- ◇ Reviewed and approved Administration Budget for presentation to membership
- ◇ Approved Standing Committee Chairs appointments

Club Calendar June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Breakfast Club; New Members Brunch
2	3 <i>Liz Luthans bday; Ginger Tonne bday</i>	4	5	6 Business Meeting	7	8
9	10	11 EDUCATION Cmte. Meeting	12	13 <i>Irene Strejc bday</i>	14 SENIORS: Tie One on; <i>Zora Blankenship bday, Julie Horan, bday,</i>	15
16	17 <i>Susan Fischer bday</i>	18 <i>Rose Daughety bday</i>	19	20 Dinner Meeting	21	22 <i>Donna Jarman bday; June Rentmeester bday</i>
23	24 FINANCE Cmte. Meeting	25	26	27 Board Meeting	28	29 RETENTION: Meadows Mu- seum; <i>Sandy Martin bday</i>
30 <i>Laura Trainor- Collins bday</i>						

Business Meetings, 7 pm, 1st Thursday, Clubhouse at the Richardson Woman’s Club

Dinner/Program meetings, 7pm, 3rd Thursday, Founders’ Hall, at the Richardson Woman’s Club

Board meetings, 7 pm, 4th Thursday, Friends Place Adult Day Services

Events on this calendar are copied from the calendar on our website. See the event listing at www.altrusarichardson.com for details of time and place.

If you choose, you may bring a gift (worth about \$5) 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. Proceeds are used for our administration budget.

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