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Remember when you were little? You never saw the leaves come back on the trees in the Spring. One day the trees were bare and then, magically, they were full on. As adults, we know things don't just happen, especially not magically. Hard work, planning, more hard work, good execution and follow up are all required. And, as adults, we learn to take satisfaction in each step along the way; we notice the buds on the trees and flowers, and we are excited to see each piece of the puzzle put in place to mark our progress.



And so it is with our beloved Altrusa Club. How many baby steps did it take to get us to 50 years? How many dedicated women joined, participated in helping Richardson, presided as presidents, officers, and committee chairs? How many new member orientations and initiations were held, projects completed, and reports written? How many business, dinner and board meetings were sprinkled across time? How much fun and learning took place at Conferences and Conventions? How much money was raised with all types and sizes of fundraisers?

Our slice of time, 2015-2016, may just be one of many. But no other year can say they planned and executed a marvelous and inspiring 50th Birthday Celebration – half a century of service! You are awesome; you are so special – thank you.

“...When you choose to act out of kindness, compassion, and love, you are already aligned with your true purpose. No need to look any further.” Unknown

Cindy McIntyre
President, 2015-2016

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What's happening with Altrusa Richardson? Check out our Calendar online and sign-up!

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March 2

EDUCATION - Teddy Bear Time

Altrusa Reigns; Community Gains

Membership Recruitment Committee Report

Altrusa Richardson Initiates Six New Members

On February 18, 2016, Altrusa Richardson initiated 6 new Altrusans in a ceremony that aptly demonstrated the strong support within Altrusa

March 3

Business Meeting

Richardson. The six new members (seated in picture below) were flanked by their sponsors and Past-Presidents and leaders who will be their mentors and friends for years to come as they begin their Altrusa journey.

New Members (in alpha order): **Betty Bruce, Betty Mastick, Barbara McNutt, Sharon Nash, Sarah Riehm and Ann Turner**

March 5

ABILITY HOUSE - Birthday Party for Kathleen



March 9

SENIORS - Atria Bingo

March Dinner Program Meeting

March 16

EDUCATION - Teddy Bear Time



Join us March 17 at 7:00 p.m. for our **2016 Outstanding Women of Today... Builders of Tomorrow Annual Luncheon Kick-off Event** hosted by Fundraising Committee Chairs, Brenda Duckett and Donna Buhr and presented by Sue McElveen. Bring your ideas for potential nominees and sponsors. Make your dinner reservation online by March 14 at Noon.

March 17

Dinner/Program Meeting

March 24

Board of Director Meeting

Community Outreach Committee - Project Follow-up Report

NETWORK Food Donation

By Robin Smith

Community Outreach Committee has once again supported Network of Community Ministries with a much needed food contribution. The committee budgets for an annual food donation but, in February, we were able to contribute even more due to the contributions of our members. Altrusa Richardson donated 276 pounds of food and \$77 in cash to be used for fresh milk! The Network provided us a list of much needed items and we were able to specifically shop for the items most needed by their clients. The Network was so appreciative of our significant contribution and we are very proud of our Altrusa sisters generosity!



Altrusans (L-R) **Gerry Carron, Robin Smith** and **Jackie Scrivener** deliver much needed items to NETWORK of Community Ministries.

Membership Retention Committee Report

Altrusa Wine and Chocolate Literary Society (AWCLS) Plans Another Great Year

By Christine Hart



Save the dates! The 2016 AWCLS Book list is published and everyone is encouraged to mark their calendars for the following dates. AWCLS meets monthly on the 4th Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Friends Place Adult Day Services located at 1960 Nantucket Dr in Richardson. We look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event!

February 22	<i>A Girl on the Train</i> by Paula Hawkins
March 28	<i>One Thousand White Women</i> by May Dodd
April 25	<i>The Aviator's Wife</i> by Melanie Benjamin
May 23	<i>Leaving Time</i> by Jodi Picoult
June 27	<i>The Nightingale</i> by Kristine Hanna
July 25	<i>The Secret Chord</i> by Geraldine Brooks
August 22	Richardson Reads One Book (TBD)
September 26	<i>Boston Girl</i> by Anita Diamant
October 24	<i>The Orphan Train</i> by Christina Baker Kline
November 28	<i>The Circle</i> by Dave Eggers

Member Retention Committee Update

Lunch Bunch Rides Again!

Ann Eisemann, Lunch Bunch coordinator, planned another fabulous lunch get-together on Friday, February 26 at Rockfish Seafood Grill's Coit/Campbell location. Friendship and fellowship is a great part of being an Altrusan!



Lunch Bunch buddies (pictured L-R seated) Lynn Solomon and Mary Beth McLemore and (back row) Kay George, Ann Eisemann, Kimberly Kierce and Jan Flesch

District News

District Nine Official Club Visitor Report (Summary)

On February 18, 2016, District Nine Visitor, Shirley Raymer, District Director At Large, joined Altrusans for our 50th Birthday Party Dinner Program. Shirley shared news from District including Bylaw changes related to days required to elect Delegates to Conference and Conference; 2017 International Convention will be held July 21-24 in Nashville, TN; Club 21 renewal notices will now be mailed by International with \$21 individual membership and \$210 club membership costs.



Shirley reported favorably back to the District Nine Board on her visit to our club by stating, in part, that the club has a large and strong membership; has a large attendance at all Altrusa events; supports local agencies in a variety of ways with a literacy-focus that benefit the community; is strong financially; and is a warm and inviting club and are very positive and supportive of their fellow Altrusans.

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hip Retention Committee - Project Follow-up Report*

Santa's Helpers

By Gloria Sandoval

Altrusans to the rescue! As a Retention event in December, and in cooperation with the Richardson Men's Exchange Club, Altrusans **Alma Benoit, Gerry Carron and daughter Tracy Carron, Ann Eisemann, Genevieve Hamulak, Linda, McCollum, Cindy McIntyre, Sue McElveen, Gloria Sandoval** (and her mother Gloria Webb), **Jean Stuart** and **Jane Tucker** made sure Santa's reindeer had food while they were parked at Santa's Village before his annual Christmas trip. Altrusans put straw in small bags to be handed out to children that visited the reindeer shed at their visit to Santa's Village during the Christmas Holidays. Gloria Sandoval said, "We had a great time singing Christmas carols while visiting and bagging almost 200 bags of straw".



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