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

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May 5

Business Meeting

Presidents Message

Much gain; end of reign! It is bittersweet to close out my time as your president. I have enjoyed every single minute and hope you had fun, too. Our numbers grew and we had a great fundraiser to get us going.



So many people in our community felt our force through Community Outreach, Scholarships, Grants, and International Relations committees. All the committees did a great job! And, we had a good time advancing women leaders while furthering our goals with definitive action plans.

We made a transition to a new division of leadership, and the Board of Trustees kept us in line with the Internal Revenue Service. Plus, the club Board was packed with movers and shakers! I am forever in their debt.

The goal of an inclusive club project was successful, too. Everyone was able to do something for our Kindness Initiative, and those who made it to Friends Place on April 2nd could almost taste the positive energy flowing around the room and out to our Police and Fire men and women.

I will get into more detail when I give a final report to the club at the May Dinner meeting, but for those who can't attend, please accept my sincerest thanks for all your love and support; making it one of the best years of my life. It's time to turn

May 6

Mother's Day Tea at Friends Place Adult Day Services

May 11

Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting

SENIORS: Atria Bingo

May 14

RETENTION: Wine Tasting Event at Eden Hill Vineyard

May 19

DINNER Installation for 2016-2017 Board of Directors

May 23

RETENTION - AWCLS (Book Club)

May 26

Board of Directors Meeting

over the gavel, but you will be in the hands of some great leaders. You reign, Altrusans!

Much love,

Cindy McIntyre

President, 2015-2016

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Altrusa Reigns: Community Gains

Ability House Committee Update

Altrusa Celebrates Nina's Birthday

Nina's birthday was a festive event with eight Altrusans leading the celebration. Nina requested a yellow dress for a gift, but we didn't find one. Therefore, **Genevieve Hamulak** carried out a yellow theme with yellow roses on the cake and lots of yellow in the gift bag and card. Nina really liked her gift card to Spring Creek BBQ!



Scholarship Committee Update

Altrusa Richardson Awards Scholarships

Altrusa Richardson received 97 scholarship applications, of which, the Scholarship Committee selected four students to receive Altrusa International of Richardson Scholarships for their 2016-2017 school year.



At the Altrusa Richardson Dinner Meeting held on April 21, 2016, (pictured l-r) **Simeon Onyeka** (Berkner High School Senior), **Kasandra Martinez** (Richardson High School Senior), and **Madni Polani** (Richardson High School Senior) were each awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. **Elizabeth Martinez** (JJ Pearce High School Senior) received her \$2,000 scholarship at the May 5 Business Meeting

(pictured below).



Congratulations to these outstanding students!

Community Outreach Committee Update

Altrusa Hosts Methodist Hospital NICU Birthday Party



Community Outreach hosted a birthday party for babies that turned one year old this year and were born prematurely in the Methodist Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Each birthday baby was presented with a delightful children's blanket hand crafted by Altrusa Richardson volunteers. Methodist Hospital provided the refreshments and decorations, and NICU doctors and hospital staff joined us for this very special event. Altrusa Richardson members were present to meet and greet birthday babies and their families. Many Altrusa Richardson volunteers helped make blankets throughout the year and many service hours were expended. **Bonnie Perry** worked directly with the hospital to create the perfect birthday party and **Gerry Carron** and her daughter Tracy organized the blanket making. It was an incredibly rewarding

experience to see the smiling birthday babies snuggle in their very own (made with much Altrusan love) blanket.

Community Outreach Committee Update

Community Outreach Showers Hope's Door with Hand-made Pillowcases and Toys



The Community Outreach Committee purchased new toys and collected gently used toys for Hope's Door women's shelter. **Susan Fischer** worked with Hope's Door to determine their immediate needs, and toys were at the top of the list. Hope's Door maintains a "Toy Closet" so that each child entering the shelter can select a toy from the closet to play with while at the shelter and to keep when they leave. Our hope is that this project will make the child's stay a bit easier and less traumatic.



The committee also donated beautiful handmade pillowcases to create a more homelike atmosphere for women and children needing transitional housing at the shelter. Thirty-two beautiful pillowcases were made with love by

Carolyn Swanson and her mother, Ernestine. Each pillowcase was presented as a gift along with a beautiful hand-written card with words of encouragement from Richardson Altrusans.

Community Outreach Committee Update

Community Outreach Collects Books for Network and Hope's Door

Altrusans lead by **Donna Buhr**, Community Outreach Co-Chair, collected unsold books from the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale. Friends of the Library hold a spring and fall book sale and the organization allows Altrusa Richardson to have a first choice selection of the unsold books on the Monday after the sale. Books collected from the spring book sale benefited Hope's Door women's shelter and Network. Committee volunteers hand selected a variety of books for adults and children. **Sandy Martin** collected books for Hope's door and **Jan Flesch** discovered a wonderful assortment of children's books for both agencies. We even had a couple of Altrusan husband volunteers, **Roger Flesch** and **Jim Buhr** helping with the collection. Adult books specially selected for Hope's Door each contained a beautiful bookmark with a message stating, "*We hope you enjoy this book hand selected for you by Altrusa Richardson*" and various inspirational quotes, such as –"*Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.*"
Arthur Ashe



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