



April, 2018

## CELEBRATE SPRING!

Greetings to my Altrusa Sisters. It is getting to be warmer weather and the days are getting longer. Time to do a bit of "spring cleaning." Let us all think of new ways we can be of benefit to our community. As we approach the end of our Altrusa year, let us work even harder to give service to those less fortunate, those that are lonely, need clothing or food, or even just a soft pillow to call their own.

Kindness Action Ninja (KAN) weekend, that was started by past president Cindy McIntyre, and has been adopted as a project for our Sophomore Sisters Committee, will be in full swing starting on Friday, April 6 - Saturday, April 7. There will be some doing work at NETWORK on Friday afternoon. Then on Saturday morning at Friends Place from 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. there will be hands on service for several projects.

After the work is finished, around 1 P.M. we will be heading over to the Chocolate Angel to have lunch together. Please go to the website to register for KAN weekend and lunch.

A special thanks to the Outstanding Women of Today committee for the great rollout party for our March Dinner Meeting. You all did a fantastic job and are off to a great start with ten nominees already in the works and many more in the "pipeline." I know your hard work will put us "on the road to success."

Also, District Nine Conference is just around the corner. Those of you planning to attend are in for a real treat. I will be sending out an email to the entire club explaining the District Nine Service Project that we all can participate in whether or not you are attending conference.

Happy Springtime to you all!

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## Upcoming Events:

See online calendar for event details, location, and sign-up at <http://altrusarichardson.com>

April 5	Business Meeting
April 7	KAN Activities/ Lunch at Chocolate Angel (9a)
April 11	Seniors - Atria Bingo (6p)
April 19	Dinner/Program Meeting (Social -6:30)
April 20-22	Altrusa District Nine Conference
April 23	AWCLS Book Club - (6p)
May 3	Secret Kindness Ninja Reveal (6p)
May 3	Business Meeting

### Board Meeting

#### Altrusa Board Report

by Gayle Ingle, Vice-President

The Club Board Members and Foundation Trustees held a joint meeting on March 29, 2018 at Friends Place. It was announced that a Volunteer Appreciation Event will be held at Hope's Door New Beginning Center on April 10 and Laura Trainor-Collins will represent Altrusa because President Sue McElveen will be out of town. That same night, Sarah Nesbit will be representing Altrusa at the Richardson Reads One Book Reveal Event.

The Board and Foundation Trustees were updated on this year's KAN Project with activities waking place on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The Board ratified an email vote to grant \$300 for the Sophomore Sisters Committee for this project. A report on Choose Kind Libraries was given. The Treasurer's Report will be posted on line.

It was announced the next Board of Directors meeting will be a joint meeting with the incoming 2018-2019 Board of Directors on April 26, 2018 at Friends Place. Altrusa members continue to be very busy, and, we, as a Club Board, continue to work for you!



*Altrusa Richardson Supports  
Richardson Adult Literacy Center*



*Richardson Adult Literacy Center Executive Director, Katie Patterson, accepts a \$1,500 grant from the Altrusa Richardson Foundation at the March Business Meeting. (pictured l-r: Ginger Tonne, Katie Patterson, Sue McElveen, and Janet Vance)*



*Altrusa Richardson Supports  
Richardson Woman's Club – Flavor 'n Flair*

Please join The Richardson Woman's Club on Thursday April 12, 2018 (4p-8p) for a fun evening – Rain or Shine- for the entire family. The beautiful buildings and grounds of the Richardson Woman's Club (2005 North Cliffe, Richardson, TX 75082) will welcome you to flavorful food samples from Richardson restaurants, fabulous entertainment for young and old. Entertainers include two elementary school choirs, high school western and Folkloric dancers, and Matthew Banks- reed player extraordinaire!

Take fun photos of the kids, get your face painted, watch a puppet show, and enjoy other crafts. And shop our "Flair" booths for the latest pretties for your home and your sweetheart.

Funds go toward college scholarships for Richardson residents and support community outreach programs that make our city a great place to live and work. Come, meet your neighbors and enjoy this lovely property in its spring finest. Only \$10 for a single ticket or \$30 for family of two adults and up to four kids – a \$60 value. Get tickets on line at [www.rwctx.org](http://www.rwctx.org).

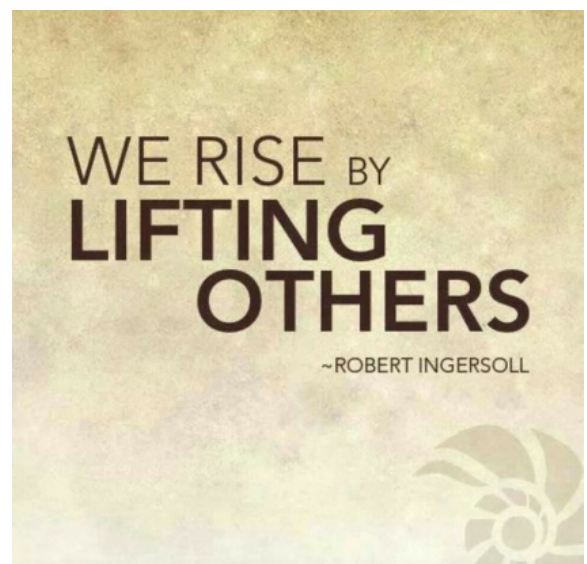
*Senior Committee*

**Auction at Atria Assisted Living in Richardson**

By Lynn Solomon, Senior Committee Co-Chair

On March 22, 2018, Altrusans facilitated the bi-annual "Bingo" Auction at Atria Senior Living Community in Richardson. Atria has a new Activities Director, Carli Johnson-Scott. There were 11 ladies in attendance and all of them play Bingo on a regular basis at Atria which is how they earn their "play" money. Altrusa facilitates Atria Bingo on the second Wednesday of each month. It is such fun watching the residents spend their "Atria" cash on items they want. Atria provides the auction items and Altrusans run the auction.

Special thanks to the following Altrusans who volunteered for this event: (pictured below l-r) Alma Benoit, Gloria Sandoval (auctioneer), Jan Flesch, and Lynn Solomon.



*Altrusa Richardson Supports*  
**Altrusa Dallas Fundraiser Luncheon**

by Kimberly Kierce

On March 20, 2018, (pictured l-r) Mouna Rouani, Mary Beth McLemore and Sarah Nesbit attended the Altrusa International of Dallas Foundation Fundraiser Luncheon held at the Biblical Arts Museum.

Prior to the start of the luncheon, attendees were able to explore the installations, exhibits, and sculptures throughout the museum. The luncheon keynote speaker was Clarice Tinsley, who spoke of her younger years and how her career developed over the years through determination and motivation inspired by her family. The Luncheon was wrapped up by a raffle drawing and silent auction. All funds raised from the luncheon will support local projects and scholarships.



*Membership Retention Committee*  
**Secret Kindness Ninja REVEAL Reception**

by Laura Trainor-Collins



The Membership Retention Committee is inviting all the Richardson Altrusans participating in the Secret Kindness Ninja program to a REVEAL Reception on May 3, 2018 at 6pm before May business meeting.

We will meet in the club house dining room/sun room. Bring a final treat for your secret ninja and give it to her in person. Do you think you know the identity of your secret ninja? Make sure you fill out the reveal form at the reception. If you are correct, you will win a prize!

*April Dinner Meeting Preview*  
**Altrusa Scholarships to be Awarded**



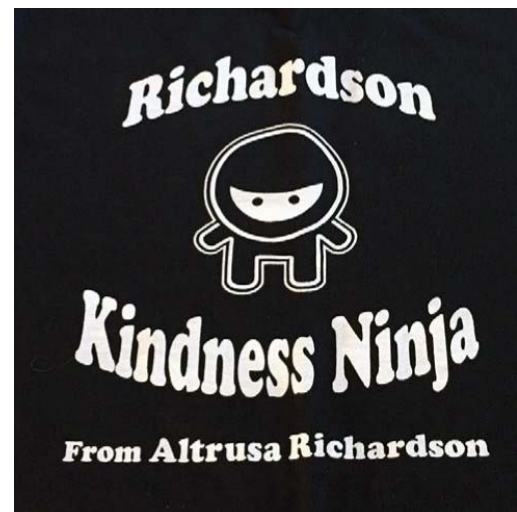
The April Meeting is the highlight of the year for many Altrusans. The Scholarship Committee has reviewed numerous applications submitted by RISD high school seniors aspiring to attend college to pursue life-long dreams. The selected Scholarship Awardees will attend the April Dinner Meeting and speak about their goals and aspirations for the future. This is an inspirational don't miss meeting. Register online!



*Sophomore Sisters Committee*  
**Altrusa Kindness Ninja Weekend Begins April 6**  
Week in Review, March 30, 2018

The Altrusa International of Richardson "Kindness Action Ninjas" are sponsoring the third annual Kindness Weekend April 6-7. Everyone in Richardson and the surrounding areas is encouraged to do an act of kindness, as simple as writing a kind note to someone or paying it forward in the coffee line. Altrusans will be focusing their kindness efforts on Network of Community Ministries and Hope's Door/The New Beginning Center, including helping with the Network clothes closet, collecting sanitary products for Network clients and providing pillows for Hope's Door shelters.

Anyone wanting to participate in the Altrusa activities is invited to bring gently used or new clothing, packages of sanitary products and/or new pillows to Trash Bash April 7 at the City Hall/Civic Center, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Give items to Altrusans, who will be wearing black T-shirts with a ninja on front.



*March Dinner Meeting Highlights*

**OWT 2018: Road to Success**

by Mary Osentowski



The OWT leadership team kicked-off the “Road to Success” theme for the OWT 2018 luncheon at the March dinner meeting. Mary Osentowski and Sylvia McCloskey, OWT Leaders, introduced the theme and provided goals and Pledge Cards for members to commit to this year’s OWT.

Carol Ruskowski, Nominations Team Leader, provided an update on the approximate 10 nominees that are currently “in the works.”

Ginger Tonne, Sponsorship Team Leader, explained the process this year and indicated that verbal commitments have been made from several sponsors. Total financial goal for 2018 is \$40,000. Members at the meeting committed to Underwriting.

Kimberly Kierce, Communications Team Leader, and Brenda Boston, Invitation/Registration Team Leader, shared updates. Webpage has been simplified as well as the Registration process.

Laura Trainor Collins, Hotel Team Leader, wrapped up the presentation with a blast-off to a successful 2018 OWT.



Mary Osentowski, OWT Co-Chair gets us ready to support the 2018 OWT effort!



Sylvia McCloskey, OWT Co-Chair, presents inspirational quotes to motivate members to get on the “Road to Success”

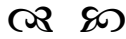


L to R – Cat Zultner, Kimberly Kierce, Brenda Boston, Crol Ruskowski, Sylvia McCloskey, Mary Osentowski, Ginger Tonne, Jane Tucker and Laura Trainor-Collins are the 2018 OWT “Road to Success” Team Leaders.

Honorable Mention



In February 2018, First Vice Governor Mary Pearson attended the Borger Club meeting to present two fifty year pins. District Nine received these pins for the presentation, during the International Convention. District Nine is honored to have Delores Renfroe and Marie Jackson recognized for 50 years of membership in the Altrusa organization. Their contributions to Altrusa through service and friendship have touched many lives and continually make a difference in their community. Marie Jackson recently passed away and her daughter, Charlene Buckles, also a member of Altrusa, accepted the pin on her mother's behalf.



At the March Business Meeting, OWT Hotel Team Leaders Laura Trainor Collins and Cat Zultner get members bumped up to get on the Road to Success and attend the March Dinner meeting to hear more about this year's event.

Altrusa Richardson Supports Eisemann Center's - Children's Programs



Eisemann Center Managing Director, Bruce MacPherson, accepts a \$1,000 grant from the Altrusa Richardson Foundation at the February Business Meeting. (pictured l-r: Cindy McIntyre, Sarah Nesbit and Bruce MacPherson) The outreach initiatives of Eisemann Educates have made it possible for over 11,000 children, youth and adults from underserved populations to have access to the performing arts through performance tickets enabling them to experience the magic of live entertainment at the Eisemann Center.



International Relations News  
United Nations Day – World Health Day  
by Kimberly Kierce

World Health Day - 7 April 2018



Universal Health Coverage: everyone, everywhere

History is made by our achievements. We have come a long way to make the impossible possible: from the control of fire, to life-saving vaccines to landing on the moon. Our next historic achievement is right in front of us: health for all humankind. What if everyone had access to the health services they need? What if they were not published into poverty paying for the services? Together, we can make universal health coverage happen in our lifetime.





The Altrusa International of Richardson **Kindness Action Ninjas (KAN)** are sponsoring the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Kindness Weekend on **Fri., April 6** and **Sat., April 7**. Everyone is invited to participate. The activities were planned by the Sophomore Sisters and the Community Outreach Committees. Whether or not you can participate in the activities below, PLEASE do some act of kindness for someone during the weekend! If you can't attend, please wear your Ninja T-shirt one of the days.

This year we are focusing our kindness efforts on the **NETWORK of Community Ministries**. On Friday afternoon, April 6, Altrusans will be at NETWORK from noon until 3:00 p.m. to help make room for incoming items for the clothes closet. (To volunteer please see Nancy Rohm.)

On Saturday, April 7, some Altrusans will be at City Hall during the city's **TRASH BASH** to collect gently worn and new clothing donations for Network from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The sign-up list to work on this is full.

Others of you are invited to come to **Friends Place** where some Altrusans will be sewing pillowcases for women and children at abuse shelters. Laura Trainor-Collins and Ann Turner are coordinators.

Others Altrusans will be putting together Birthday Bag kits to enable NETWORK client-parents to give their child a real birthday celebration. Another kind act for the weekend is to provide sanitary products for NETWORK clients. These were purchased from the Sophomore Sisters Budgeted amount. We will give NETWORK a check earmarked for additional sanitary products. You and your friends are invited to stop by Friends Place on Saturday April 7 between 10 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to participate and/or visit

Optionally, you are invited to **The Chocolate Angel** at 1:00 p.m., where you may purchase your lunch and eat with other Altrusans. You must sign up for this activity online by April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The City of Richardson April Newsletter, *Richardson TODAY*, there is an article about KAN. In it, we encourage all residents to do an act of kindness. We invited people to bring gently used or new clothing, packages of sanitary projects or new pillows to the TRASH BASH location on Saturday and give them to one of the ladies in the black ninja t-shirts.