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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARY BETH'S MUSINGS

IT IS TIME TO MAKE A RESOLUTION TO LEAD!

It is the season to give and to make resolutions. As an Altrusan, why don't you give of your talents, time, hands, and heart as we begin our new year? These are the things about each of our members that Altrusa values. Make a resolution to try a new Altrusa project that you haven't been a part of before. Make a resolution to lead.

I love being your President. Leadership has been VERY rewarding. You have been supportive, complimentary, willing, and creative. Yes, there have been problems, but when in life aren't there challenges? Challenges make us grow in our abilities. I ask each of you to please say "yes" when the Nominating Committee calls. Better yet, tell the committee you are interested or tell a friend to nominate you if you are bashful. Service on the board means one extra meeting a month, where you make decisions for our club. It means being friendly and helping your fellow Altrusans. These are not big challenges.

The hardest part about being President is coming up with inspiring articles that will be

worth your taking your time to read. I value you and your time. I have tried hard to run meetings with your values in my mind, so that we use our time wisely. Janice Swallow and I have tried hard to make program meetings inspiring, informative, and fun for you to attend. I know the food is good. Louise and her staff work hard at this. Resolve to be at meetings. Come help us make decisions at the Business Meeting, and enjoy the fellowship at the Dinner Meetings. Your leaders and committees need YOU!

Half a year is gone. Are you a part of the mid-year report? Let your leader know your hours, your leadership, so that she can report at the January 27 Board and Mid-Year Report Meeting at Mary Beth's new house. Give of yourself this year. Resolve to be more active in Altrusa. Happy New Year and thank you, dear Altrusans; I really do love being your President.

Mary Beth McLemore,
President



IMPORTANT!!

The Richardson Woman's Club had booked Founders Hall for January 20th, so our **January Dinner Meeting will be back in the Clubhouse**, the smaller building at the top of the hill. Their new staff is sorry and things are hopefully OK for dinners in Founder's Hall for all other meetings.

The **Nominating Committee** of at least three members will be elected at the January Business Meeting.



Never tell Altrusans how to do things. Tell them what needs to be done and they will surprise you with their ingenuity. (adapted from a quote by General George S. Patton, Jr.)

DISTRICT NINE NEWS

HIGHLIGHTS OF DISTRICT NINE FALL LEADERSHIP EVENT

By Kimberly Kierce

On November 6, 2010, Altrusans from across Texas gathered in San Antonio for the Altrusa International, Inc. District Nine Fall Leadership Event. The half-day program was held at the Drury Plaza Hotel Riverwalk. Sybel Pici, a San Antonio Businesswoman, was the keynote speaker. She did a little research about Altrusa before the day's event and was amazed at all the work that Altrusans do locally and internationally - and yet - very few people, including Sybel, know about Altrusa.

Sybel co-owns several McDonald stores in the San Antonio area with her husband. She is a strong advocate of education and shared the efforts of the McDonald's Corporation to educate and support the community through programs such as English Under the Arches and Camp McDonald's. Sybel and her husband encourage their employees to stay in school, graduate from high school, and attend college. Many of their employees may be the first in their family to graduate from high school and/or college.

Altrusans are leaders in service. She spoke of true leadership and how Altrusans give time, talent, and heart to those less fortunate when no one is watching. Leaders do the right thing when no one is watching and she encouraged each of us to continue setting a good example and to be a role model - individually we can make a significant impact on one person - and that is all it takes to make real change.

Sybel encouraged Altrusans to help others be "first". Help someone be the first to not drop out of high school, first to get their high school diploma, first to be gainfully employed, first to keep their job, first to be promoted on the job, first to attend college, first to get a college degree, first to make their parents proud of their accomplishments.

Managers and leaders need to be observant of those around them and listen to the silent cries for help that so frequently go unnoticed. She illustrated four typical challenges of which we need to be aware:

Homelessness: The image of homelessness today is not what you'd expect. Be Observant. Sybel observed an employee whose vehicle was frequently in their McDonald's parking lot even when the employee was not working. She soon realized the employee was sleeping in the car with her two children, because they had no home. The employee would frequent a local gas station to bathe and get ready for work and school. The employee was diligent, polite, and a hard worker.

Illiteracy: Many people in society today have acquired coping skills to mask their inability to read. One hard working employee received several job promotions in a short period of time for being an outstanding employee and was honored with an award one year for the accomplishment. The following year, as a supervisor, it was his turn to bestow awards to other outstanding employees. At the ceremony, he asked a fellow worker to read the name on the award, because he "forgot to bring his reading glasses". Sybel took note of this comment and realized that he did not own or ever use reading glasses. She suspected he could not read, and over time she observed several other strategies he acquired over the years so others would not know he could not read. He was smart and intelligent and talented - but he could not read. Sybel discretely helped the gentleman enroll in reading classes. While the man was ashamed at first, he soon realized the wealth of support and assistance he had received and proudly attended the classes.

Single Parent: Being a parent is the hardest job. Being a single parent makes the job even harder. Employees may be secretly discriminated against for being a single parent. A single parent has the burden of holding down a job (or two or three) plus being there for their children to ensure that they

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DISTRICT NINE NEWS

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attend school daily, encourage/support their education, help with homework, attend extra-curricular activities, and be sure they get the medical care as needed- even when insurance is unaffordable. Many of these single parents are doing everything they can to keep a job(s) and keep the family intact and keep a roof over their head and food on the table. Be observant. Take the time to lend support, understanding, and empathy.

Mental Illness: Millions of people every year go undiagnosed for some type of mental illness. The stigma related to such a diagnosis is frightening. Will I lose my job? Will I be able to sustain my livelihood? Will I be forced to live outside my home? Many signs of mental illness are masked by other mainstream diagnoses—ADD, ADHD, Alzheimer's, etc. While these persons may not be officially diagnosed with a more common mainstream disease, they may use the title as they are more acceptable in society, yet their underlying problem still exists and goes untreated. Be observant. Be supportive of someone who appears to be having a tough time with the basics of everyday life.

Sybel's presentation was an eye-opener. It gave a good picture of the real world around us and how we can be part of the solution. Be observant. Altrusans everywhere were already making great strides in little ways making a big difference in some one person's life, even while no one is watching—it continues to happen around us every day. Keep up the Altrusa spirit!



Kimberly Kierce with District Nine Governor Brenda Tucker as she shows off her "Make n Take" friendship bracelet. The latter part of the Fall Event included numerous quick and easy "Make n Take" Fundraiser items for clubs to consider: Fun With Beads Friendship Bracelets, Love of Reading, You Light Up My Life Glass Blocks, Altrusa Jeopardy Board Game, Flower Power, Altrusa Soup, and Altrusa Angels, just to name a few.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

PROPOSING BRR CHANGES FOR 2011 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

In the event you have proposed revisions to Altrusa's Bylaws, or proposed resolutions or recommendations, you must provide those to the International BRR Chair by no later than February 15, 2011, so that notice of same can be timely provided to all delegates.

The form for revisions may be found on the members only section of the Altrusa International website at www.altrusa.com.

The International BRR Chair is Martha Hardwick Hofmeister. Her contact information is in our yearbook.

ALTRUSA ACCENT

BYLAWS, DEFINED

Bylaws are the set of rules an organization adopts for use in governing its own meetings or affairs. In Altrusa, each level of the organization—Club, District, and International—is governed by a set of bylaws.

Following each Convention, Altrusa International publishes an updated Altrusa International, Inc. Bylaws and Policies, which contains Articles of Incorporation, International Bylaws, District Bylaws, Club Bylaws, and International Policies. This document is made available for all members via the International website.

The power to make, alter, amend, or repeal the Inter-

national Bylaws is vested in the members entitled to vote at Convention, subject to the laws of the State of Indiana, and to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation. A two-thirds vote is required to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal.

Both District Bylaws and Club Bylaws are amended automatically according to the amendments adopted by a vote of the members at the biennial International Convention.

For more information about bylaws, see your Altrusa Encyclopedia 2009.

COMMITTEE REPORT

UCP HONORS ALTRUSA AS OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION OF 2010

By Bobbi Klein

On December 7, Mary Beth McLemore and Bobbi Klein attended the United Cerebral Palsy of North Texas Holiday Reception on behalf of Altrusa. The reception is held to say thank you to the supporters of UCP. Recognition is given to an Outstanding Individual, Company,



Group, and Organization. This year, Altrusa of Richardson was again honored with recognition as Outstanding Organization. Mark Denzin, CCO of UCP, presented a certificate to Bobbi Klein on behalf of Altrusa.

In the words of Bill Knudsen, "Thank you for the wonderful Ability House tree trimming and Holiday Party on the 11th. Santa's helper Mimi Tanner delivered the gifts - and Bobbi Klein and Janie Jaquier hosted the celebration. After decorating a new Christmas tree and the two living rooms the residents enjoyed cookies and their favorite soft drinks. Vera ate six of the red sprinkled Christmas tree cookies...and Shawn ate an equal number of the home made candy kiss cookies! Next we all scurried to the Christmas Tree with the expectation of holiday gifts. Soon each of the resident's gift expectations were exceeded. Everyone received a brightly colored warm shirt or sweater, perfume or cologne, and per their Santa requests - a DVD or game or jewelry or new shoes...and each had \$20.00 of holiday mad money hidden in their Christmas card!"

"On behalf of all of us at UCP...thank you very much for your continuing warm friendship with the Ability House residents...and Nina, Josie, Shawn, Shelly, Robert, and Vera all send their warmest holiday & New Year wishes to all their Altrusa friends!" said Bill.

BOARD ACTION

An ad hoc committee, chaired by Kimberly Kierce, was appointed to research and explore the idea of adding on-line payments to the Altrusa Richardson website.

COMMITTEE REPORT

IT'S PARTY TIME AGAIN AT ABILITY HOUSE!

By Bobbi Klein

Don't miss Josie's birthday party on January 8th, when we will celebrate her 83rd birthday!! As one of the original residents of Ability House, Josie holds a special place in our hearts. It is very unusual for a person with Cerebral Palsy to live so long, and each day with Josie is a celebration. We want to make this a very happy day, because we don't know how many more birthdays we will be able to share with her. So **please** join us at 1:30 PM and help make this birthday her very best ever!!

We also need some extra hands to take down the holiday decorations that day, so come at 12:45 PM on January 8th and start the new year right (with some service hours) and a happy celebration!



HAPPY NEW YEAR, FRIENDS

By Gerry Carron

This message appeared on a beautiful Christmas card, and with a few changes, is a sentiment for all Altrusan sisters. The author is Dorothy Colgan for Hallmark Cards.

Sometimes friends play such a steady role in our lives, they become like family.

And that's how I think of Altrusans—as family.

We've shared ups and downs, meals and memories, and hugs and heartaches. We've always been

there for each other, accepted each other with all our faults, and made each other feel welcome and “at home” no matter where we are or what we are doing.

I can't think of anyone I'd rather have as part of my family of friends, and I can't imagine feeling any more grateful than I do for my Altrusa sisters!

Happy New Year!!



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROJECT PREVIEW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR WORKSHOP ON MARCH 5

By Kay George

The Leadership Development Committee is very excited about the Leadership Workshop. It will be held at Richland College on Saturday, March 5th. We will gather for refreshments at 9:30 AM and the workshop will begin at 10:00 AM. The event is free and guests are welcome.

Elaine Sullivan will be our leader. Elaine has a very interesting background. She is a therapist who formerly worked at Richland and is a former nun married to a former priest.

Please plan to attend and bring a guest.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 2009-2011 BIENNIUM

- Cynthia A. Buxton, Chair
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- Melva Hill, Grants Committee Chair
- Rosemary Watson, Education, Marketing Committee Chair
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- Margaret (Peggy) S. Lee, Immediate Past Chair and Development Committee Chair

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- Dona M. Garretson, Association Representative
- Martha Hardwick Hofmeister, Legal Advisor
- Tom Euler, Secretary/Treasurer
- Josie Lucente, Foundation Administrator



OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

No SNOW, BUT PLENTY OF WIND DURING THE PARADE!*By Bobbi Klein*

On December 4th, our Club participated in the Richardson Holiday parade. The theme of the parade was "Christmas with Santa's Helpers." Our float was entitled "Altrusa – Santa's Helpers in Richardson...All Year Long."

Altrusans dressed as snow women sang the now-famous song, "Frosty the Altrusan."



MEETING PREVIEW

JANUARY 20 DINNER MEETING*By Kay George*

The Leadership Development Committee has been working diligently on plans for the January dinner meeting, as well as the Leadership Workshop. Samantha Slaight has arranged for our speaker for the dinner meeting, Cynthia Brink. Cynthia will present an interactive, intercultural communication demonstration. It will be a fun, informative evening.

Cynthia Brink has been bilingual intercultural trainer with a background in marketing and operations. As Senior Account Executive for Business Horizons magazine, she published international editorial profiles. Cynthia also lived and taught at the Universidad Autonoma de Campeche, Mexico. She has worked and

traveled in South America, Germany and Australia, and developed a field course in Mayan history with the University of Texas. Cynthia holds a BA in Art History and received part of her education in the UK. She writes, curates exhibitions of Latino art, and has initiated a series of articles on art and its relationship to culture. Cynthia has given professional presentations to peers on the subjects of emerging Gen X leaders and multinational teams at SIETAR international conferences. She holds a graduate Certificate in Intercultural Communication from the University of British Columbia, Canada. She is currently employed as a grant writer at North Lake College.

SENIORS COMMITTEE REPORT

BOOK MOVERS NEEDED!*By Gloria Sandoval*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! It is the start of a new year and the Senior's Committee is starting with a Richardson Public Library Book Rotation. Altrusa Bookmovers are needed for January 7-8 beginning at 9:00 AM. I need three Altrusans for Friday and three for Saturday. The

wonderful people at the retirement and assisted living residences are waiting for us to deliver their books. Please contact Gloria Sandoval if you can help.



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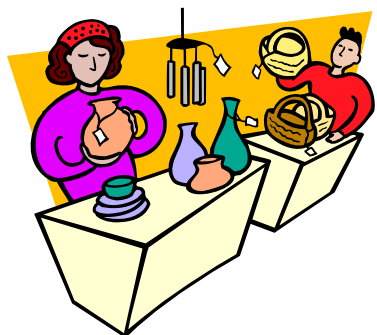
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MEMBERSHIP RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

ALTRUSA MARKET PLACE

By Jan Skinner



Be thinking "craft" as we plan for our 3rd Altrusa Market Place. We think it will be sometime in March or early April, and it will be at Friend's Place, but we haven't thought that far in advance!

As usual, there will be no admission charge, and the artists and crafters will donate 10% of their earnings. We'll probably bring back the bake sale, because that added a lot to the ambience of the Market Place. As they say, "stay tuned!"

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

CHEERS FOR ALTRUSANS!

President Mary Beth McLemore promised in her installation speech to be our best cheerleader. She will publish Thank Yous each month in this column and asks that you also submit cheers for members you feel have done something special. The cheers can be for something big or small, for many or for one. Just send them to the editor by the Tidings deadline on Monday following the monthly dinner meeting.

Let's all give a big cheer for:

- The Membership Retention Committee for a wonderful Holiday/Christmas Party.
- Everyone who attended the party—our largest crowd ever...93 and counting!
- Bobbi, Liz, and Mary for leading the holiday sing-a-long.
- Cindy McIntyre for arranging for the storyteller. Gwen Caldwell's story about the family and the red wagon was great!
- Jan Skinner for the chocolate decorations at the holiday party.
- Bobbi and her helpers for the nifty float in the Richardson Santa parade.
- Linda Olivera for her expert and patient proofreading
- The editor for a good Altrusa Tidings.
- Janice and the committees for such good programs—and you won't want to miss what is yet to come!
- June Rentmeester, for sending a great Cabernet to the holiday party!

And, from Jan Skinner:

We had a lot of leftover candy from the Altrusa Holiday Party. Someone had suggested that night that we take it to the fire station. I bought a plastic holiday tub at Target, made a sign for the lid that said "Happy Holidays from Altrusa of Richardson" and took it on the 23rd. The two firefighters' eyes lit up as I handed it to them! Made MY day, for sure! Thanks to whoever suggested it. I think we need to do this for all the fire stations and the police department next year. We can even do homemade cookies!



DIANE PRICE



Emeritus Member Diane Price passed away on December 27, 2010, after a six-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born June 2, 1932, in Moline, IL, oldest daughter of

Suzanne and Kenneth C. Hartman. She is survived by her husband, Jim Price, a son, four stepchildren, and two sisters.

Diane's civic contributions included membership on advisory boards for the Dallas Ballet, the Richardson Hospital, the Promenade Bank, the Richardson Symphony, and NETWORK. She was President of the YWCA of Metropolitan Dallas in 1985, and President of Altrusa International of Richardson in 1979-80. She served as President of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce in 1985. In 1986, Diane was named Richardson Citizen of the Year. Additionally, she served on a selection board for president of UTD and participated in the formation of Leadership Richardson.

She was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Vassar College. In 1967, she moved to Richardson where she accepted a position at Collins Radio Co. Diane was married briefly, had a son, Shaun, and then divorced. Diane and Shaun were avid campers, spending vacations traveling the US, engaging in water sports and each other's company. Single for 22 years, Diane met Jim working together at Rockwell. She married him in 1980. He was a widower with four children, two of whom were still at home. In 1987, they retired from Rockwell together. Diane continued her civic involvements while Jim took other jobs. When Jim retired they became part-time residents of Florida, traveled worldwide, charter-sailed the Caribbean, Tahiti and Greece, played tennis and golf, and enjoyed friends and family. A Memorial Service for Diane was held January 4, 2010, at Saint Barnabas Presbyterian Church in Richardson.

MEETING REPORT

A MOST MEMORABLE HOLIDAY PARTY!*By Pam Kovacs*

This year's party was all about mingling, memories, and music. The evening started with a holiday team trivia game that gave us the chance to mix and mingle with our Altrusa sisters and their guests, compete for prizes, and learn or remember many new facts relating to the holiday season.

Those good at math had no trouble figuring out that 364 total gifts were received during "The Twelve Days of Christmas" or that there are 96 "La"s in the three verses of "Deck the Halls". And, who knew that New Zealand - the location of the 53rd International Altrusa Convention - celebrates Christmas with barbecued ham, venison, shrimp, and fish. Well, we all know it now!

Each person at the winning table received \$1,000,000 (a Russell Stover Chocolate Money) and a ticket for a drawing. Norma Hammerlund won a nice bottle of wine, Ann Eise-mann selected the decorative sleigh filled with yummy home-made baked treats, and Mimi Tanner chose the lovely poinsettia plant.

Cindy McIntyre made it possible for our program to be presented by award-winning storyteller, Gwen Caldwell, at no cost to our club. Gwen wrote and told a special story created just for our holiday party. It was delightfully entertaining as we all traveled down memory lane reminiscing about everything from licking millions of green stamps to the great childhood adventures enjoyed in the red, radio flyer wagons.

Since no Altrusa gathering would be complete without some of our members sharing their gift of song, Bobbi Klein, Mary Osentowski, and Liz Luthans led the group in singing our very own original, "Frosty the Altrusan", and several other Christmas carols that ended our evening on a perfect "note".

Special thanks to Jan Skinner for coordinating the delicious, chocolate decorated table centerpieces (complete with take home bags), Janie Jaquier and Ginna Coffey for the trivia prizes, and other members of the retention committee that helped make this year's party a successful event.



NEWS FROM OTHER ALTRUSA CLUBS

BORGER CLUB HOLDS AUCTION

Altrusa International, Inc. of Borger, Texas held a blind auction at their November meeting, netting \$225 to benefit Altrusa International Foundation. Some items were gags, some were utility items, and others were beautiful. The bidding was

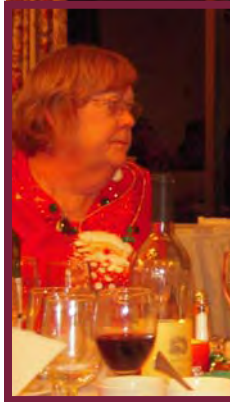
brisk and competitive. Stephanie Frick assisted auctioneer Amy Fernandez.

Kendra Nicks purchased "Wear It if you Dare," an elaborately beaded undergarment.

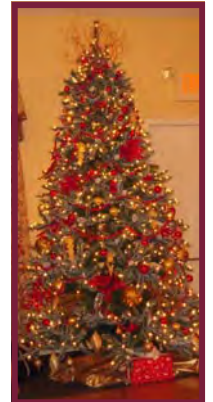


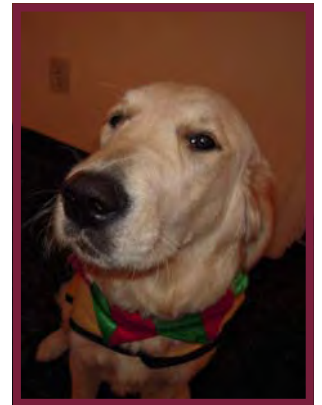
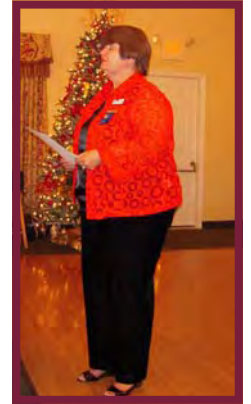












Altrusa International, Inc of Richardson

Business Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2010

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

Adoption of the Agenda: Adopted as amended

Approval of Minutes: Approved as amended

Invocation and Pledge: Mary Osentowski – “Someone to Thank” ... Gratitude and Peace

Introduction of Guests:

Rose Garnett-Daughety – guest of Pam Kovacs

Elisa Belsley – guest of Nancy Rohm

Accent: Jane Kovacs – Altrusa Key

Correspondence: Kim Kierce

Unfinished Business:

- ☐ Toy Drive for NETWORK
- ☐ Richardson Holiday Parade: Saturday, December 4 – 8:00am – 10:00am
- ☐ Dinner meeting permanently moved to Founder's Hall
- ☐ Holiday Party/Dinner Meeting – Social time at 6:30pm, Dinner/Program at 7:00 pm, Thursday, December 16 at Founders Hall. \$18/person

New Business:

- ☐ Committee Half-Year Reports due January 27 at the Altrusa Board Meeting being held at Mary Beth McLemore's house

Announcements:

- ☐ Decorations at Ability House, Saturday, December 11 @ 1:30pm
- ☐ Bridge, 6:30pm, Monday, December 13 at Mary Osentowski's house
- ☐ No Board meeting on the 4th Thursday in December
- ☐ Dinner at Besa's for anyone interested.

TLC

- ☐ Eddie Richards – Brenda Boston's brother-in-law
- ☐ Betsy Trygar – Mimi Tanner's sister
- ☐ Suzanne Cotton's son Jason and granddaughter
- ☐ Norma Lord – Samantha Slaight's Mother-in-Law
- ☐ Brenda Duckett's father
- ☐ Donna Jarman

Greeters: Dena Davis and Pam Kovacs

Attendees: 35 members, 2 guests

The next Business Meeting will be at 7:00pm, Thursday, January 6th, 2010 at The Woman's Club.

After Brags, Fines and Benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted: Barbara Cornelius, Recording Secretary

HELP WANTED!

Needed: Altrusans to present Innovations or Accents, and to be Greeters for business and dinner meetings, January through May

Email Bobbi Klein to volunteer!

Altrusa International, Inc of Richardson

Program Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2010

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: Norma Hammerlund – “James Lord Pierpont” composer of Jingle Bells

Introduction of Guests: Numerous ☺

Accent: Gloria Sandoval - Leadership

Altrusa Grace

Altrusa Holiday Party Trivia – Pam Kovacs

Program Introduction – Cindy McIntyre

Gwen Caldwell, founder of North Forty Storytellers Guild

Singing of Christmas Carols – all join

Announcements:

- Candy Bags to take home compliments of the Retention Committee
- Tidings deadline – Monday, December 20
- Fundraiser for sick child – Monday, December 20
- For reservations contact info from Julianne Lovelace
- New member initiation – Thursday, January 6
- Josie's Birthday Party at Ability House – Saturday, January 8 @ 1:30pm
- Bridge – Monday, January 10 – Courtenay Tanner's home
- Board Meeting – Thursday, January 27 – Mary Beth McLemore's home

TLC

- Betsy Trygar – Mimi Tanner's sister
- June Rentmeester
- Barbara O'Dell
- Donna Jarman

Greeters: Bobbi Klein & Jan Skinner

Attendees: count to be confirmed

The next Program Meeting will be at 7:00pm, Thursday, January 20, 2011 at the Clubhouse.

After Brags, Fines and Benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted: Barbara Cornelius, Recording Secretary

CLUB CALENDAR JANUARY 2011

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Thurs., Jan 6 (7:00 PM) Business Meeting

Sat., Jan 8 (8:00 AM) Book Movers

Sat., Jan 8 (1:30 PM) Josie's B-day Party at Ability House

Mon., Jan 10 (6:30 PM) Bridge

Wed., Jan 12 (6:00 PM) Atria Bingo

Thurs., Jan 13 (5:30 PM) Meet and Greet

Mon., Jan 17 (Noon) Reservations for Jan 20 meeting due

Thurs., Jan 20 (7:00 PM) Dinner Meeting in the Clubhouse

Mon., Jan 24 Tidings Deadline

Mon., Jan 24 (6:00 PM) Book Discussion Group meeting

Thurs, Jan 27 (6:15 PM) Dinner, followed by (7:00 PM) Board Meeting and Mid-year Committee Leaders' Reports at Mary Beth's home

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION BOOK CLUB



Following our Christmas break, the Book Club will resume meeting on January 24 at 6:00 PM. Please join us for a review of **The Help** by Kathryn Stockett. Set in Jackson, MS, in 1962, this is the story of three ordinary women who took an extraordinary step. Seemingly as different as can be, these women will nonetheless come together for a clandestine project that will put them all at risk. Why? Join the discussion to find out! As always, we meet at Friends Place Adult Day Services, 1960 Nantucket Drive in Richardson. Refreshments will be served.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



15th Marsha Peters
17th Jane Tucker
21st Jill VanOs
24th Deb Bourland
27th Cindy McIntyre

Remember, if you choose, you may bring a gift to the dinner meeting of 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 gifts. The guideline is that the gift should cost around \$5.



MEETINGS

Business Meeting
7 PM, January 6
Clubhouse at
Richardson Woman's Club

Dinner/Program Meeting
7 PM, January 20
Clubhouse at
Richardson Woman's Club

Dinner Reservations
due by Noon, Monday,
January 17
Contact: Jean Stuart

Board Meeting with Com-
mittee Leaders
6:15 PM, January 27
Mary Beth's new home

MONTHLY MEET AND GREET



Happening on the Second Thursday of Every Month

5:30 PM to 7:00-ish

at the Richardson Doubletree Hotel

Happy hour drink specials and 1/2 price appetizers!

Is your birthday in January? Come celebrate your

birthday (or your un-birthday) month on **January 13!**

If you have someone interested in Altrusa, this is a fun, easy way for her to get to know some of us, too. The hotel is on the southbound service road of Central Expressway, just south of Campbell Road.

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

BRIDGE



Monday, January 10

6:30 PM Meet and Greet

7:00 PM Let's play bridge

At Courtenay Tanner's home