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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARY BETH'S MUSINGS

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE!

Conference is coming! If you read on line the News of the Mighty Ninth, you know the facts. Let me tell you my personal view.

I love Conference! You laugh until you cry. You participate in sessions until you are in information overload. You learn many things about your fellow Altrusans that you would never know otherwise. (What happens at Conference, STAYS at Conference - most of the time.) You discover that District Nine (the State of Texas) is a great Altrusa state, and that the Metroplex has many Clubs. You are filled with pride that you are an Altrusan. You come home wired and ready to set Richardson on fire with new projects,

better current projects, and

new energy.

Personally, I've shared rooms with many of my Club members. I have also roomed with members from other Clubs. Until Deb, every President had shared a room or suite with me. I guess they were all lucky - I know I was! Roomies often bring coffee to the non-morning person, me. They share real secrets, laugh at two grown women sharing a bed to save money, and work out bathroom routines.

Our Club has hosted great receptions and one not so great. Our receptions were to honor people like Mary O, who was on the District Board and then Governor. The first time Mary ran for office, we had a suite, and

the conference was in Waco, home of Dr. Pepper. We served Dr. Pepper and Rice Crispy treats. We once had a Hawaiian party, where we handed out leis and served coconut and spiced rum with cold drink mixers. We have served Starbuck's coffee with a large variety of liqueurs and everyone left with pearl beads. All Conference parties used to serve wine and cheese, so we thought out of the box, and I do believe we got

the reputation of being an "exciting, great" club. Ask Mimi about the one bad party

- it had to do with a Hawaiian punch champagne foun-

Our Altrusa Singers have sung for several Conferences. This began during my first President year, 1996-97. We hosted Conference, and our theme was 'Hats Off to Altrusa." We decided to put to-

gether a choir from area Clubs and sing for the Friday night entertainment. That was the debut of the Altrusa Singers. Since then we have done other performances, including the Red Hot Mommas for the last Richardson Conference. Not all who sing CAN sing but everyone who takes part has

Most Conferences have a theme for Friday night, and our Club always comes up with great, but easy, costumes. Costumes have included: tiger fleece boas, red feather boas, blue team shirts for Brenda Boston's "Team Altrusa" theme, custom made Al-(CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

An Altrusa leader is best when people barely know that she exists. Of a good leader, who talks little, when her work is done and her aim fulfilled, those she led will say, "We did this ourselves." (adapted from a quote by Lao Tzu)

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trusa t-shirts, Vintage hats and clothes, and last years' decorated straw hats.

Altrusans usually dance on Friday night, and we definitely will this April, because the BAND playing has played before and is GREAT! With no men, dancing gets very comfortable. "We Are Family" get everyone on the floor.

And, of course, there is our club tradition of playing Skip Bo, a kid's game, with determined players. I reserved a Junior Suite at the hotel this year, especially so all of us can party and play cards.

Plan to go to conference. Anyone can be a Delegate. Just put your name on the ballet at the February Business Meeting. If elected, the four Delegates' registrations are paid for by the club, and partial payment is made to the four Alternates. A Delegate must attend all meetings and then make a report about Conference

to the Club at the next meeting.

With rooms only \$99 + tax, that is just a little over \$100 for the weekend with one roomie. My Junior Suite will be open for anyone to change, rest, and party.

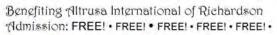
Conference is the place to be on April 29, 30, and/ or May 1. Yes, you can come for just part of the conference. **Please**, don't let cost stop you from coming. Our President's Discretionary Fund (derived from monies earned through the Birthday drawings) is available to help members with expenses such as these. Call me and we will talk privately. Only I will know that you needed assistance so you could attend. New Board Members - you really must attend. Every Conference offers workshops for president, secretary, treasurer, and various committee chairs that will be invaluable to you in your upcoming positions.

I challenge Richardson Altrusans to have 30 members at Conference, with at least 5 of them as First Timers. Lets do it!

Mary Beth McLemore, President













PROJECT PREVIEW

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES WORKSHOP

By Mary Osentowski

The Leadership Development's Annual event will be Saturday, March 5, 9:30-12:00 at Richland College (C-110 in the Campus Center). Elaine Sullivan, a nationally recognized presenter, will provide an interactive

workshop, "Living and Leading from Whom We Are." Elaine keynoted the National Wellness Conference as well as other major conferences in the United States and Canada. She regularly facilitates retreats for businesses and educators. She is known for her ability to create caring environments where people can

engage in understanding their own backgrounds as well as those of others. The workshop will explore the meaning of leadership and will involve introspection, exercises and an opportunity to "connect at the heart level."



Elaine Sullivan is a licensed professional counselor, a marriage and family therapist and an outstanding speaker. Spending a Saturday morning with Elaine Sullivan is a treat you don't want to miss on March 5, 9:30-12:00 at Richland College in C-110 (Campus Center).

ABILITY HOUSE PROJECT REPORT

ALTRUSANS CELEBRATE JOSIE'S BIRTHDAY

By Bobbi Klein

Jan Skinner, Marsha Peters, Janice Swallow, Janie Jaquier, and Bobbi Klein happily celebrated Ability House resident Josie's 82nd birthday on January 8th. Janice brought her grandsons, Taylor and Grant, to add to the celebration, too. From her Altrusa friends, Josie received some soft and warm pajamas with a matching blanket throw to use when she is in her wheelchair. Josie and her housemates, Vera, Robert, Shawn, and Shelly, enjoyed yummy chocolate cake with bubble gum-flavored ice cream for her birthday treat.

Join us for Vera's birthday celebration on February 19th at 1:30 PM at Ability House; 615 Woodhaven Dr., Richardson

The thank-you card at right is from Bill Knudsen, President and CEO of United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Dallas.

Thank you Altrusa! Josie's 82nd birthday!

SENIORS PROJECT REPORT

SENIORS COMMITTEE TOTES THOSE BOOKS!

By Gloria Sandoval

The Altrusa Seniors Committee started the New Year by providing its quarterly service to the Richardson Public Library's Book Rotation to Richardson senior living residences. Altrusans Kay George, Sandy Martin, and Ann Payne, with Altrouser, Jim Payne, handled the book rotation on Friday, January 8th, and on January 9th Susan Fischer, Ingrid Palet, Debbie

Simms, and Janie Jaquier did the book rotation. This important service to the senior citizens of Richardson has been in existence since 2002. Altrusa has had the distinct privilege to be the only service organization to meet the need of the Richardson Public Library by transporting the books to what are now 13 senior living residences plus the Richardson Senior Center.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012 ANNOUNCED

By Kay George

The Nominating Committee has completed its task of developing the proposed slate of officers for 2011-2012 and advised the President, President-Elect, Recording Secretary, and "Tidings" editor. The slate was presented to the current Board of Directors at its meeting on Thursday, January 27th. The nominees are as follows:

President-Elect Kim Kierce
Vice President Janet Vance
Foundation Treasurer Liz Luthans
Administrative Treasurer Dena Davis
Recording Secretary Toni Garrett
Corresponding Secretary Sue McElveen
New Directors: Ann Payne

Genevieve Hamulak

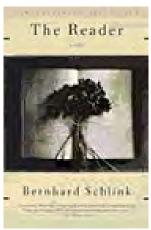
Bonnie Perry will be our President, and Pam Kovacs and Nancy Rohm will return for their second year as Directors.

The election will be conducted at the March Business Meeting on March 3rd. Members in good standing (dues and fees paid) may vote absentee. Absentee votes must be provided to Kay George, Chair of the Nominating Committee, no later than Wednesday, March 2nd. You may notify her via email at the address in the yearbook. Absentee ballots received the day of the election will not be counted. It is the responsibility of each member responding via email to verify that the Chair received the member's vote by return email. No member will be a candidate for more than one office.

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

BOOK CLUB SETS ATTENDANCE RECORD!

By Kay Rose George



What a night! We had the largest crowd yet for the Book Club. One of our very own "Southern Belles", Julianne Lovelace, (formerly of Jackson, MS) led us in a discussion of **The Help** by Kathryn Stockett. Set in Jackson in 1962, this is the story of three ordinary women who took an extraordinary step. Seemingly as different as can be, these women nonetheless came together for a clandestine project that put them all at risk. This is a fascinating book that tells the tale of life in the South of the early 1960's.

Thanks to Suzanne Cotton for providing the snacks and to Lois Ferrara for providing the libations. Sue McElveen brought soft drinks and water, and Pam Kovacs furnished the paper goods.

We hope you will join us on Monday, February 28th, at 6:00 PM when Gerry Carron will lead a discussion of The Reader by Bernard Schlink. This is a brilliant philosophical love story that retains it intense suspense until the very last pages. This mesmerizing novel is a story of love and secrets, horror and compassion, unfolding against the haunted land-scape of postwar Germany. When he falls ill on his way home from school, fifteen-year-old Michael Berg is rescued by Hanna, a woman twice his age. In time she becomes his lover-then she inexplicably disappears. When Michael next sees

her, he is a young law student, and she is on trial for a hideous crime. As he watches her refuse to defend her innocence, Michael gradually realizes that Hanna may be guarding a secret she considers more shameful than murder.

The book is written in a compelling manner and the reader is not only drawn deeply into the love affair between Michael and Hanna, but into the general philosophical discussion of love and particularly this love affair. We are also exposed to the whole line of arguments concerning German guilt in the 1950s and 60s.

Invitation to Local Book Event

Diane Thorpe writes, "This wonderful author of "Scent of the Missing" will be at St. Luke's Lutheran (at St. Luke and Beltline) on February 16, at 9:30. She will also bring Puzzle, the dog she trained. Susanna

and Puzzle are volunteers who search for the missing. Susanna also teaches, and we were amazed and pleased when she found the time to come and talk with us. I have heard there may be a TV series about these two! No need to read the book beforehand. Coffee and cookies will be served, just please let me know if you plan to come.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

LEADERS AS INNOVATORS

By Toni Garrett

Recently I heard Tom Kelly of Stanford University speak on the topic of innovation, defined as "doing new things." As Altrusan leaders, we are called upon to innovate as we work to impact our community. Kelly went on to describe habits that help achieve innovation.

Think like a traveler. When we travel we see with wide-open eyes, hyper-aware, looking for things of interest. We notice things that are similar and different to what we are used to. We pay attention to details, using all of our senses to take in the new surroundings. How does this relate to leadership? A leader must be ever aware, looking for needs, opportunities, and solutions. As Altrusan leaders, we must stay aware, even in our ordinary environment, intentionally noticing details that need our attention.

<u>Treat life as an experiment</u>. An innovator is willing to take a risk, to try new and varied solutions in order to make a difference. This brings to mind the many inventors who were willing to try again and again: Thomas Edison, Jonas Salk, Alexander Graham Bell. They were willing to fail many times in order to finally succeed. As leaders, we

must also be willing to risk failure as we try many ways to impact our community. Some of our ideas will be accepted enthusiastically, while others will be rejected. Altrusan leaders do not give up; we are willing to fail forward, always looking for the next success.

<u>Cultivate an attitude of wisdom</u>. Wisdom comes from living in the world, learning, paying attention, asking questions, looking for service opportunities. A leader seeks wisdom and uses good judgment when making decisions. Altrusan leaders call on the strengths and experiences of other Altrusans for inspiration, assistance, and wisdom.

As Altrusan leaders, are we innovative? Yes! There are multiple examples of our present and past successes. In order to ensure future success, continued practice of these habits is required. We must keep our eyes open, be willing to take risks, and seek wisdom as we strive to make a difference in our community.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

"READ TO ME" PROGRAM FOR KINDERGARTENERS BEGINS

By Andrea Rutledge

On Tuesday, January 25, Altrusa's Education Committee launched our first-ever "Read to Me" program for kindergarteners. This six-week program is based on the RALC Teddy Bear Time model with several differences:

The children each receive a copy of the same new Scholastic picture book, a different book for each session. During the second reading of the book, the children follow along with their own copies.

The kindergarten teachers have volunteered their time to attend each session.

We have all new crafts, designed by Elizabeth Smith and Pat Hanson.

The children invited to attend have NOT attended Teddy Bear Time before. Please call Ann Payne to volunteer. Sessions take place at the Terrace library on Tuesday nights from 5:45-7:00.

Oh, and have you ever seen anyone truly asleep

standing up? One of our little folks was asleep on his feet last night, a remarkable sight.



EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

SAVE THE DATE (MAY 5) FOR FUN WITH YOUNGSTERS

By Andrea Rutledge

On May 5 the kindergarteners at Terrace will be going to the Museum of Nature and Natural History (the Science Place to us old folks) in Fair Park. This is an Altrusa trip. We will leave school at 9:00 AM; the children and chaperones have classes at 10:00, and we will return to school about 1:45. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on this trip.



MEMBERSHIP RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

ALTRUSA MARKET PLACE-SAVE THE DATE!

By Jan Skinner

May 7, 2011, is the date for the third Altrusa Market Place. Time is 10 am to 3 PM at Friends Place, 1960 Nantucket Drive, Richardson.

Details will be forthcoming soon, but for now, you should:

- ☐ (Flour) dust off your favorite recipes! By poplar demand, we are bringing back the Bake Sale.
- ☐ Spread the word to your "crafty" friends (tell them to call Jan Skinner for details)
- ☐ Tell all your buying friends to save the date!

Market Place is a place where vendors (mostly our Altrusa sisters) can show off and sell their crafts -- or , in the case of 4 Women Shopping, PJ Creations, Norma with her homemade candy -- their more professional wares! See the flyer on Page 2 of this newsletter.

But not all vendors will be Altrusans! Friends of friends who have crafts to sell are invited, too! Not all pa-

trons are Altrusans! What the Retention Committee wants you to think about now is to spread the word among your friends who happen to be "crafty" or just sell something unique. The thing to remember, though, is all vendors must give 10% of their sales (in



\$\$\$) to Altrusa. That is all the booth "rental" we will charge. All interested vendors may email or call Jan Skinner for more details. Or call Ginna Coffer. I'm working on a few "rules" (there aren't many) for vendors.

All members (or those of us who are so inclined) are requested to bake something. All proceeds from the bake sale will probably go to the Sisters Fund or President's Discretionary fund.

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

TREASURE SWAP

By Janie Jaquier

Do you have a treasure lying around the house that you no longer want or did you receive the less than perfect Christmas gift that needs a new home? Bring the treasure wrapped to the Altrusa Treasure Swap on Saturday, February 12, and enjoy the gift exchange, mimosas, brunch, and great fun with fellow Altrusans. Please bring a brunch item

to share with others.



Each person takes her turn choosing a gift. The first person picks a gift, opens it, and shows it to the rest of the group. Then in turn, the participants choose to **either** unwrap a new gift **or** to "steal" a previously unwrapped gift. If a gift is "stolen", the person who had their gift taken from them gets to unwrap any unopened gift; and then, the turn passes. When all the gifts have been opened, the game is over. (The rules will be explained in more detail at the party.)

Date: Saturday, February 12, 2011

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Place: Friends Place 1960 Nantucket Dr.

Richardson, TX 75080

Please let either Genevieve Hamulak or Janie Jaquier know if you plan to attend.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

ORIENTATION/RE-ORIENTATION TO BE MARCH 26

By Norma Hammerlund

Membership Recruitment's Spring Re-orientation/ Orientation event for all new and current club members will be held Saturday, March 26. This is a fun morning filled with laughter, club information, and fellowship (along with a delicious buffet of treats). This is one of the meetings you can attend and count as a make-up meeting for one you might have missed during the current year. Nancy Rohm has once again volunteered her beautiful home to host the event. So please join us on March 26 from 9:00 AM until about 11:30 AM. We will post another reminder or two between now and then with directions to Nancy's home.

OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY COMMITTEE REPORT

OWT RECEPTION TO BE HELD MARCH 3

By Courtenay Tanner

OWT committee chairs, Julianne Lovelace and Courtney Tanner, announced at the January Business Meeting, that we will be having a reception at our

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March Business Meeting for our 2010 OWT honorees, both nominees and winners for each category. The Membership Recruitment Committee thinks this will be an ideal time to bring a prospective member and let her see what we are all about. So, put your thinking caps on TODAY and see if you can come up with a guest or two that you think would be a valued Altrusa sister.

The reception will be Thursday March 3, 6-7 PM at the Woman's Club. Wine and cheese will be served. Invitees will be last years nominees. They will be invited to attend the business meeting.

We need lots of Altrusans to attend the reception, chat with the guests, answer questions about Altrusa, and—most importantly—encourage the guests to submit nominations for 2011 Outstanding Women of Today.

The OWT Committee will be kicking off the plans for our fall 2011 extravaganza. The date is set for Oct 25 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Richardson.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

CHEERS FOR ALTRUSANS!

Let's all give a big cheer for:

- □ Janice Swallow's grandsons, Taylor and Grant, for helping Josie at Ability House celebrate her 82nd birthday. Wow, have they both grown!! Taylor's taller than his grandmother now.
- ☐ Kay George (chair), Mary O, and Sandy Martin for getting us a slate of officers in a very timely manner.
- ☐ Everyone who stepped up to lead our club next year
- ☐ Samanthia Slaight for getting our January Leadership speaker. What fun! What good lessons to learn!
- □ New Members who are jumping in and doing the Innovation and Accent. There are still slots to fill.
- ☐ Everyone who helps Mary Beth get ready for meetings and pick up after meetings. It is wonderful to have so many say, "Can I help you?" or just start helping.
- □ Nancy Rohm for her wonderful new member presentations
- ☐ Sue McElveen for her meaningful new member initiation
- ☐ Jan Skinner for sharing with her Altrusa sisters

- All Leaders who totaled their hours, shared their committee's projects, and brought wonderful food to the Mid-Year Board Meeting
- ☐ To the Community Outreach Committee and its Leaders who step out of the box and embrace new projects
- Altrusans who helped Mimi. Mimi said, "Thank you so very much for your prayers and good wishes for my recovery from hip replacement surgery. Your cards, flowers, visits and good things to eat have been such blessings for us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."
- Pam Kovacs for letting us use her wonderful Friends
 Place as a venue for book club meetings and other fun events.
- Everyone who submitted Tidings articles and photos, especially Linda Olivera who is a tremendous help with the Accent and news from International, International Foundation, and District Nine.

NEWS FROM OTHER ALTRUSA CLUBS

DOLLY MARTING TO SPEAK AT ALTRUSA OF DALLAS FUNDRAISER

The Altrusa Club of Dallas is having a fundraising luncheon on Thursday, March 24, 2011 with Dolly Marting, motivational speaker and humorist. The event will be at the Museum of Biblical Art, 7500 Park Lane, Dallas 75225. Registra-

tion is at 11:30, the lunch and program begin at Noon, and the museum tour is at 1:30. The admission price of \$50 includes admission to the museum. For more information, see the Club's website: www.altrusadallas.org.



MURDER IN THE LIBRARY-SAVE THE DATE!

By Mimi Tanner



The event is April 2, 7:30 PM, at the Richardson Public Library. Local community actors will include Michael Massey, City of Richardson Director of Parks and Recreation; City Council Member John Murphy; Kitty Goddard, Director of Marketing and PR for Arts Incubator of Richardson; and Pam Krause, Director of Leadership and Education for the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the Metroplex Technology Business Council. Friend of the arts Chuck Eisemann will once again join the cast. The interactive mystery benefits

the Richardson Adult Literacy Center. For sponsorship information, contact Mimi Tanner. \$45 tickets will be available after March 1. Make plans to join the fun!

Want a fun night? Come to the Murder Mystery at the Library on April 2. There will be food, drink, prizes galore, and it benefits the Richardson Adult Literacy Center, our partner in Teddy Bear Time. Tickets aren't available yet, but you mark your calendar now. There will be local 'characters' as part of the cast and fun for all!! Tickets will be \$45.

ALTRUSANS HAVE LOTS OF MEETINGS AND LOTS OF FUN!













BOARD ACTIONS

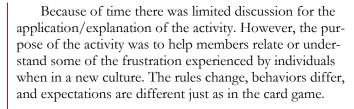
- Received mid-year reports from Committee Leaders
- Heard preliminary report from Ad Hoc Committee about online payments and registration for OWT

MEETING REPORT

JANUARY 20 MEETING FEATURED CULTURAL IMMERSION ACTIVITY

By Mary Osentowski

Cynthia Brink facilitated a Cultural Immersion activity at the January dinner meeting. The program sponsored by the Leadership Development Committee used playing cards to actively involve members in an activity where the rules changed from table to table. Several members rotated from one table to another but were not informed of new rules because the activity was done in silence. Needless to say, it was a challenge for talkative Altrusans and rule bound members, like me, to understand changes.











MEETING PREVIEW

GOVERNOR-ELECT LAVONE ARTHUR TO BE GUEST ON FEBRUARY 17

By Sue McElveen



The Membership Recruitment Committee is in charge of arranging and hosting the February Dinner Meeting. We are planning a 45th Altrusa of Richardson birthday celebration. Our guest speaker will be LaVone Arthur, Governor for the next biennium for District Nine. We are looking forward to her visiting with us and bringing us up to date information from District Nine. We hope you will all put this date on your calendars and make a special effort to join us for a wonderful birthday celebration for our club.

LaVone Arthur has been a member of Altrusa International Inc. of Downtown Dallas since 1986. LaVone is Vice President of Finance at Baylor Health Care System. She is married to Jack Arthur and has a 14-year-old stepdaughter, Caroline. The other two members of her family are a Shih-Tzu named Rascal and younger Yorkie-Tzu called CoCo. In her spare time, she enjoys theater, music, and cooking (actually, eating Jack's cooking).

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MEETING REPORT

THREE NEW MEMBERS INITIATED JANUARY 6 BUSINESS MEETING

By Sue McElveen

A great BIG welcome to our three newest members: Elisa Belsley, Rose Daughety, and Brenda Moreland. Elisa Belsley was sponsored by Nancy Rohm; Rose Daughety, by Pam Kovacs; and Brenda Moreland, by Kimberly Kierce. For those of you not able to attend our January

Business Meeting, these three lovely ladies were installed as Altrusans. When we next get together, please make an effort to greet each of them and welcome them into our Club.



NEW MEMBER

ROSE GARRETT-DAUGHETY

I was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, then moved to Washington, DC and was raised in Falls Church, Va.

In 1967, I moved to Texas to study at one of the top ten

Occupational Therapy schools in the country: Texas Woman's University. I began my career at the Dallas Home for the Jewish Aged, when they started the first Occupational Therapy Department in a Texas nursing home in Texas. I worked my way up to Administrator, then Executive Director. I am currently Executive Director of Prestonwood Court Assisted Living and Memory Care in Plano.

Began as in OT and worked my way up to the Administrator and Ex. Director prior to leaving to go into Assisted Living.

Eighteen years ago, I married Dr. Jewel S. Daughety; it is the second marriage for both of us. "Doc," as he is called, was my professor in college. After his wife died, a physician friend suggested we get together...the rest is history. Doc is 20 years older than I am and a terrific husband. He has been a great step-dad to my daughter. He has a son and daughter and we share four grandchildren who have only known me as their "Nana." They range in age from 14 to 9 years and live in Dallas.

Pam Kovacs is my sponsor. She and I have volunteered together for the Alzheimer's Association and Co-Chaired the

Candlelight Tribute for those with Alzheimer's for several years.

Gloria Sandoval is my other sponsor. I met Gloria

through her husband, Isaac, as we were on the Board of the Alzheimer's Association together. We have been at many, many Alzheimer's Walks with them. Doc and I and the Sandoval's all belong to St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Many years ago, Donna Moss was my daughter's music teacher. She was an Altrusan and I admired her very much. When Pam Kovacs became an Altrusan and I attended the annual Awards Luncheon I felt her love of the ladies and the organization. Like Pam, I enjoy organizational volunteering as a hobby. I am famous for my work with the Alzheimer's Association.

Cleo is our Collie-Lab mix. She belonged to a lady with Alzheimer's disease and I inherited her when she was in need. Aspen is my daughter's dog who stays with Cleo to keep her company. He is young and frisky and keeps 14-year-old Cleo moving.

My list of favorites includes: Italian food, **The Help, The Art of Racing in the Rain, The Armchair Mystic,** The Eagles, Don Henley, the movie Sleepless in Seattle, good ballet, opera symphony, Italy, and Luigi's in Wash. DC.

People who never give to others are my pet peeves.

NEW MEMBER

ELISA BELSLEY

I was born and raised in Richardson, went to school and lived in Fort Worth for five years, and moved back to the Dallas area to end up working in Richardson. When I decided that the Graphic Design degree I got was not the career choice I had expected, I got my Real Estate and Broker's license and have been working in the real estate business since 2004. I am happy to live in the Dallas area because there are so many opportunities available. One of the things I have benefited from when time allows is volunteering for the Greyhound Rescue Society of Texas. Of course, I couldn't resist not getting a greyhound! My sweet girl's name is Isabella.

There are a variety of hobbies I enjoy. Art and music have been a large part of my life. Growing up I've participated in choir, bell choir, band, theater, and art classes. Within the past few years, I have devoted a large portion of my free time to paint with oil paints. I took a break for a couple of years when I bought my house...I was painting the house...and have started painting again recently. Currently I am fulfilling a new year's resolution



as well as embracing the challenge of joining a running class. When the weather's warmer, I will spend more time in the yard and get my hands dirty. One thing I look forward to all year is vacation time! I don't know what I would do if I didn't make time to travel! Although my friends think of me as a pretty creative person, I consider my self to be well-rounded and enjoy the logical side of things too. Give me a good book and I will read all day! As a child I was an avid reading fan. I was fortunate that my mother read to my

brothers and me everyday. Now I appreciate that time and am looking ahead to the reading events with local children.

I met Nancy Rohm, my sponsor, through my dad. They have known each other for over 30 years. We share a mutual interest in real estate. Thanks to Nancy Rohm and Jenn Rohm, my co-sponsor, for thinking about me as a recruit for Altrusa Richardson. I am truly grateful to have the opportunity to be an Altrusan and am looking forward to sharing my energy with the organization!

NEW MEMBER

BRENDA MORELAND

Dearest Altrusans,

This is torture! I prefer to introduce others rather than myself so here goes...

Native Texan! I grew up in Farmersville, Texas on a farm with a variety of animals.

I've worked in public safety communications my entire career. First, I worked for the City of Plano in 1975, then, started with the Richardson Police Department in 1976, and today, I'm the Communications Manager for the 9-1-1 Center. My staff is comprised of

thirty professional women and men who work to provide both emergency and non-emergency communication services to our citizens.

I received my Associate degree in Mid-management at Richland College where my favorite professor was the charming Mary O. I continued my education and obtained my Bachelor of Science in Business from Le-Tourneau University in 1998.



I enjoy reading (usually more than one book at a time!). Not sure I have a favorite. . .but obviously, I can't get away from crime novels. Would love to start league bowling again! I'm a member of the Eisemann Center "Encore" Volunteer Program. I participate annually in the Corporate Challenge for the City of Richardson.

I share my home in Garland with Sidney, my Australian Shepherd, and three cats, Max, Tiger, and Spike. I also have two horses, Dixie and Casey.

I learned about Altrusa when my name was submitted as a nominee for Outstanding Women of Today. I've been blessed by several members after the loss of my daughter, Allison, in 2009. Kim Kierce has been my sponsor and encourager in joining this fabulous group. I look forward to learning more about being an Altrusan!

MEMBER HIGHLGHT

MIMI TANNER TO RETIRE AS RALC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Barbara Berthold, President RALC Board of Directors



Mimi Tanner, the long-time, committed Executive Director of the Richardson Adult Literacy Center recently announced plans to retire in May, 2011. The Center, organized in 1990, was formed through the cooperation of Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, the Richardson Junior League and various dedicated community leaders. These organizations created the mission of offering free English instruction to the increasingly diverse adult population

of the city of Richardson and the RISD. The Center has now provided this service to non-English speaking adults for over twenty years.

A search is underway for a new Executive Director. We hope for someone with a passion for literacy and a gift for volunteer management. The Transition Committee is chaired by Jean Stuart. Potential candidates should contact Jean.

MEMBER HIGHLGHT

DIANE THORPE'S MOTHER WAS A FLAPPER!

Diane Thorpe just had a book about her mother's life growing up in the Hill Country published by Lulu.com. The name of the book is **Mom was a Flapper, and Grandpa was a Cowboy**. Diane's mother was born in 1905, to a ranching family in Cherokee, Texas. The family grew most of their food, had no indoor plumbing, and of course used an outhouse. Her grandfather actually left his young wife and growing family to go on a cattle drive, and was gone for a year. Of course, he did not shave, and when he came back, he rode up to the house on his horse and asked for Robert Lee Estep, which was his own name.

His wife did not recognize him.

Diane said, "Mother told us many tales like this as my two sisters and I were growing up, and finally I was the only one left to write down her stories."

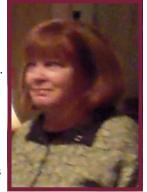
The book is available as a paperback from www.lulu.com (search for "Mom was a Flapper") where it can be downloaded for only \$0.99.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT SUSAN FISHER RECEIVES AWARD

The Dallas County Council of Republican Women recently named Richardson resident Susan Fischer as the recipient of the Hon. Anita Hill Lifetime Achievement Award at their annual tea.

The award honors one outstanding Republican woman who has consistently and continuously supported the Republican Party, its candidates, goals, objectives, and



values year after year. It is named after the late Texas State Representative Anita Hill, who was an active community volunteer until she was encouraged to run for public office. She served in the Texas House from 1977 – 1993 and took pride in her work on behalf of the elderly and children that included nursing home regulations and mandatory children's safety car seat use.

WILDA MARSH MARTIN

Wilda Marsh Martin, mother of long-time Richardson Altrusan, Susan Marsh, passed away January 25, 2011.

Wilda was originally from Gage, Oklahoma. At the age of 8, she moved to Claude, Texas. After graduation from Canyon High



School, Wilda attended West Texas State Teacher's College, now known as West Texas A&M. Her major was liberal arts. Wilda married her husband, Carl, in 1941 and they moved to the Dallas area. She worked for LTV in Grand Prairie for ten years as an airplane parts inspector. She retired after a 25-year career with Continental Emsco. She and Carl were blessed with two children, Carl Jr. and Susan. She is survived by five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Wilda was very proud of all of them and really loved when they visited. Wilda has visited Hawaii and Niagra Falls, NY. Her interests were word search games, bingo, and especially her family.

WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

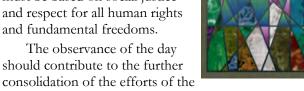
At its sixty-second session, in November 2007, the General Assembly of the United Nations proclaimed 20 February as World Day of Social Justice. The day is to be observed for the first time in 2009.

Member states were invited to devote this special day to the promotion of concrete national activities in accordance with the objectives and goals of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world".

As recognized by the World Summit, social development aims at social justice, solidarity, harmony and equality within and among countries and social justice, equality and equity constitute the fundamental values of all societies. To achieve "a society for all" governments made a commitment to the creation of a framework for action to promote social justice at national, regional and international

levels. They also pledged to promote the equitable distri-

bution of income and greater access to resources through equity and equality and opportunity for all. The governments recognized as well that economic growth should promote equity and social justice and that "a society for all" must be based on social justice and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms.



international community in poverty eradication, promotion of full employment and decent work, gender equity and access to social well-being and justice for all.

EIGHT RICHARDSON ALTRUSANS ATTEND MEMBERSHIP TEA

By Mary Beth McLemore

At the Membership Tea held by the Dallas Altrusans at Lakewood Country Club, there was a Past District Nine Governor, Martha Hofmeister, who spoke and Elizabeth Taylor made a surprise visit. Liz told some funny jokes about herself. Martha inspired and motivated, reaching into the soul of an Altrusan.

Eight members of the Richardson Altrusa

Club attended. Members of the North Dallas Club also attended and two visitors from Fort Worth who are thinking about becoming Altrusans were there. One table commented that five Altrusans and three guests arrived, but eight Altrusans went home. All 48 attendees proclaimed it a wonderful afternoon.







DISTRICT NINE NEWS CONFERENCE!

Go to the District Nine website, www.altrusadistrictnine.org, and see the News of Mighty Ninth. You will find the registration form (deadline is Friday, March 25) and many more details about Conference. Governor Kathy Folley's Call to Conference is reprinted at the right.

If you are not convinced you should attend, read the rest of this page!

CALL TO CONFERENCE

As Governor of District Nine, Altrusa International Inc., I hereby call all members, officers, committee chairs, past Governors, delegates, and alternates to the Fifty-Fifth Annual District Conference, to be held April 29 - May 1, 2011, at the Hilton Dallas Lincoln Centre, Dallas, Texas.

At that time, we will receive annual reports; consider district and international recommendations and any other items of business; elect District Officers; recognize achievements of the District and its membership; and otherwise conduct the business of District Nine, Altrusa International Inc.

Kathy Folley Governor, District Nine

WHY SUE McElveen Always Attends District Nine Conference

By Sue McElveen

I became an Altrusan in 2005. As I attended meetings and started getting to know my new Altrusa sisters, President Cindy Murray started talking about the District Nine Conference being held in the Spring of 2006. It was taking place in Ft. Worth that year and I decided to go. I only went for the Saturday sessions and the dinner in the evening. I left before breakfast the following morning. I had a good time and

learned a lot about Altrusa and its international scope. I also met many interesting and fun people.

The next year I signed up for the whole shebang and boy was it worth it. I not only revisited with some Altrusans from other clubs I had met the year before, but I also had a blast with my Richardson Altrusa sisters! That year it was in Amarillo and we had a tornado scare, but in spite of that, everything was amazing.

I have been to District Nine Conference every year I have been in Altrusa and have always come away with new and useful information. The best part of going to conference, for me, is a chance to get to know my Richardson sisters better and going also makes me feel more a part of our organization.

Please give serious thought to attending this year, both

new members and members that have been in Altrusa for a while, but have not taken the opportunity to attend. I promise you will not be sorry you spent the time or the money to make the trip. This will be an especially good year to go since it is in Dallas. If you can, plan to stay at the hotel. Lots of the fun stuff happens "after hours."

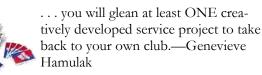


YOU WANT TO GO TO CONFERENCE BECAUSE...

By Your Altrusa Sisters

... the food, fun, camaraderie is great! You learn so much about Altrusa District/International, but also you find out some really neat facts about our sister Altrusans! Great competitiveness fun is learned during "Skip-Bo"!—

Dena Davis



... it's fun!—Jan Skinner

... you want to have the time of your life! You want

to make new friends, learn new things and figure out that Skip-Bo game. —Mimi Tanner

- ... where else can you learn so much about your Altrusa sisters? And where else can you play Skip-Bo on an ironing board?—Linda Olivera
- ... you will get to know Richardson Altrusans better and learn what other clubs are doing. Go once and you will want to go year after year.—Nancy Rohm
- ... it is the ultimate Girls' Weekend Out! Look at the photo above—your Altrusa sisters were having a ball! More importantly, Conference is a great place to learn about all aspects of Altrusa.—Carolyn Swanson

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE

Donna Johnson, President of Altrusa International, Inc., has appointed Carolyn Rash to be the International Representative to District Nine Conferences.

Carolyn Rash is a member of the Dallas Club, served as District Nine Governor 2005-2007, and is currently an International Director.

Carolyn is a Senior IT Manager at JCPenney' and was an Outstanding Women of Today nominee in 2009. She was a recipient of the James Cash Penney Award in



2007 and again in 2009 for her community volunteer work.

She and her husband, Jack, have been married 38 years. Her hobbies include Altrusa, reading, crossword puzzles, sports, and smelling the roses that her husband grows for her and, of course, volunteering. Also known as CRash (based on her email address), Carolyn is a frequent guest at our meetings, has judged our ACE awards in the past, and often plays bridge on with our Club members.

ALTRUSA ACCENT

CONFERENCE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

By Linda Olivera

Our club is entitled to 4 delegates and 4 alternates for District Conference because we have over 70 members as of January 3. Due to our recent Initiations, we are now over 80 members, and if our Club retains this membership, we will be entitled to the maximum of 5 delegates and 5 alternates in the future. According to International Policy 62: Delegates to Convention, the number of delegates and alternates to which a Club shall be entitled shall be determined as of paid membership on March 15 of Convention year.

Delegates and alternates are responsible for presenting oral and written reports on all important and fun aspects of the Conference or Convention. Written reports are included in the Club's files. Suggested topics are:

- □ Elections/Appointments
- □ New Objectives/Programs
- □ Budget Adoption
- □ Bylaws Revisions
- □ Workshops/Seminars
- □ Speakers
- □ Awards
- ☐ Resource Materials
- ☐ Foundation Progress
- □ Social Events

For more information, see your Altrusa Encyclopedia.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWS

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

By Linda Olivera

All Altrusans should have received a letter from Cynthia A. Buxton, Chair of the Altrusa Foundation a few weeks ago. Following is an excerpt from that letter . . .

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to take this opportunity to once again ask for your support of the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. Through your continued generosity, the Foundation has been able to strengthen its support of worldwide services.

The International Foundation serves Altrusa and the international community in many different ways. The **Foundation's Grants Fund** provides monetary support for commu-



nity services and literacy projects of local Altrusa Clubs, in addition to providing funds for eligible individuals to improve their lives through education and vocational training. Applications from local Altrusa Clubs have again significantly increased during the past year. The Foundation awarded \$66,100 in grants to Clubs during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. With your continuing support, we will be able to increase funding to assist more Clubs in carrying out their service projects and distribute scholarships to deserving students."

The letter goes on to describe several Funds, and on the back is a donation form.

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson **Presents**

2011 ANNUAL Leadership Workshop



"Living and Leading from Whom We Are"

Facilitator: Elaine M. Sullivan, M.Ed., LPC

Elaine is a nationally recognized advocate of holistic wellness and says, "We lead by who we are." She is a trained facilitator in Parker Palmer's work on teaching and leading from within. You are invited to join us as Elaine guides us in the exploration of six aspects of leading from the heart by using myth, metaphor, stories, music, and shadow work.

> Saturday, March 5, 2011 - 9:30AM - 12:00 Noon Richland College - - Campus Center - Room C110

> > 12800 Abrams Road

Dallas, TX 75243 (Light Breakfast Snacks Provided)

	REGISTR	ATION FORM	
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Altrusa International, Inc of Richardson Business Meeting Minutes January 6, 2010

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

Adoption of the Agenda: Adopted as amended

A Minute to Remember Diane Price: Mary Beth McLemore Approval of Minutes: Will review and approve at next meeting

Invocation and Pledge: Gerry Carron – "Two Roads"

Introduction of Guests: Nancy Crowe – guest of Jan Skinner

Accent: Linda Olivera – "Membership" **Correspondence:** Kim Kierce

• Terrace Elementary – Thank you

- Ginger Tonne Thank you
- NYFC Thank you
- Guatemala Sponsorship Daughter Thank you
- RALC Newsletter
- Camp Summit Newsletter

- District News
- UCP Benefit Invitation
- Women's Club Contract

Initiation of New Members:

- Elisa Belsley Sponsor Nancy Rohm
- Rose Daughety Sponsor Pam Kovacs
- Brenda Moreland Sponsor Kim Kierce

New Business:

• Election of Nominating Committee:

Nominees: Kay George – nominated by Gerry Carron Sandy Martin- nominated by Gloria Sandoval Mary Osentowski – nominated by Mimi Tanner

- o Vote passed
- o All in favor of electing without ballet and letting the nominating committee choose their leader. Vote passed.
- Read to Me: Ann Payne, starting Tuesday, January 25th 5:45pm at Terrance Elementary
 - o Need four volunteers every Tuesday night 6:00-7:00pm
- OWT :
 - Jean Stuart forming a task force for sponsorship, will be visiting corporations to present OWT and ask for donations
 - o March Altrusa Business Meeting OWT Reception for 2010 winners and kick-off for 2011 Planning Committee

Announcements:

- Book Movers Friday, January 7th and Saturday, January 8th
- Ability House Saturday, January 8th 1:30pm for Josie's Birthday
- Bridge Monday, January 10th Courtenay Tanner's House
- Atria Bingo Wednesday, January 12th 6:00pm
- Meet & Greet Thursday, January 13th 5:30pm Doubletree Hotel
- Dinner Meeting Leadership, Thursday, January 20th 7:00pm
- Tidings Deadline Monday, January 24th
- Book Club Monday, January 24th 6:00pm at Friends Place
- Board Meeting and Mid-Year Committee Leaders Reports Thursday, January 27th 6:15pm Dinner meeting 7:00pm Mary-Beth McLemore's house
- Treasure Swap soon, date to be determined

<u>TLC</u>

- Shari Strilecky Barbara Cornelius' daughter
- Mimi Tanner
- Betsy Trygar Mimi Tanner's sister
- Susan Cotton's son Jason and granddaughter Natalie
- Dan Dena Davis' brother

- Sandy McCracken
- Fred Tanner Courtenay Tanner's father-in-law
- Young boy killed at Sky Ranch Brenda Boston's student
- June Rentmeester
- Anita Cope's family friend of Carole Buffington

Greeters: Gerry Carron and Linda Olivera

Attendees: 46 members, 1 guest

The next Business Meeting will be at 7:00pm, Thursday, February 3, 2010 at The Woman's Club.

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

Respectfully submitted: Barbara Cornelius, Recording Secretary

Altrusa International, Inc of Richardson Program Meeting Minutes January 20, 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 submitted

Invocation and Pledge: Toni Garrett - "Leadership"

Introduction of Guests:

- Nancy Crowe guest of Jan Skinner
- Susan Swafford guest of Jean Stuart
- Jackie Robertson guest of Susan Frensley
- Dee Palmer guest of Susan Frensley
- Cynthia Brink speaker and guest of Mary Osentowski

Accent: Mary Osentowski - "Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award"

<u>Program:</u> Cross Cultural Immersion – presented by Cynthia Brink; introduction by Mary Osentowski

Announcements:

- Yearbook update labels are available on the front desk for the new members or check with Jenn Rohm
- Tidings Deadline Monday, January 24th
- Book Club Monday, January 24th 6:00pm at Friends Place
- Board Meeting and Mid-Year Committee Leaders Reports Thursday, January 27th 6:15pm Dinner meeting <u>7</u>:00pm Mary Beth McLemore's house
- Dallas Altrusa Club Afternoon Tea Saturday, January 29th 1:00-3:00pm Lakewood country Club
- Treasure Swap Saturday, February 12th 10:00am 12:30pm Bring a white elephant gift to swap and a dish to pass.
- Lunch Bunch Monday, February 14th Chocolate Angel Cost \$12-\$14 per person
- Bridge Monday, February 14th Julianne Lovelace's house
- Leadership Class to be held at Richland Collage March 5th more information to come
- Dallas Altrusa Club Celebrate Women on March 24th, 11:30am-1:30pm at the Museum of Biblical Arts

TLC

- June Rentmeester
- Mimi Tanner
- Betsy Trygar Mimi Tanner's sister
- Susan Cotton's son Jason and granddaughter Natalie
- Sandy McCracken

Greeters: Janie Jaquier & Gloria Sandoval

Attendees: 45 members, 5 guests

The next program Meeting will be at 7:00pm, Thursday, February 17, 2010 at The Woman's Club. After Brags, Fines and Benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted: Barbara Cornelius, Recording Secretary

CLUB CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2011

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Tues. evenings (5:45PM) Read to Me, Terrace Library

Thurs., Feb 3 (7:00 PM) Business Meeting

Wed., Feb 9 (6:00 PM) Atria Bingo

Thurs., Feb 10 (5:30 PM) Meet and Greet at Doubletree

Mon., Feb 14 (11:15 AM) Lunch Bunch at Chocolate Angel

Mon., Feb 14 (Noon) Reservations for Feb 17 meeting due

Mon., Feb 14 (6:30 PM) Bridge

Thurs., Feb 17 (7:00 PM) Dinner Meeting (Founders Hall)

Sat., Feb 19 (1:30 PM Vera's B-day Party at Ability House

Mon., Feb 21 Tidings Deadline

Thurs, Feb 24 7:00 PM) Board Meeting

Mon, Feb 28 (6:00 PM) Book Club meeting

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



15th Marsha Peters 17th Jane Tucker 21st Iill 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 guide-• line is that the gift should cost around \$5.



MONTHLY MEET AND GREET

February 10, 5:30 PM to 7:00-ish at the Richardson Doubletree Hotel

Happy hour drink specials and ½-price appetizers! Is your birthday in February? Come celebrate!

If you have someone interested in Altrusa, this is a fun, easy way for her to get to know some of us!

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION



LUNCH BUNCH

Monday, February 14 11:30 AM

Chocolate Angel Café and Tea Room, 615 W. Campbell Road, Richardson Contact Ann Eisemann for reservations.

MEETINGS

Business Meeting 7 PM, February 3 Clubhouse at Richardson Woman's Club

Dinner Reservations due by Noon, Monday, February 14 Contact: Jean Stuart

Dinner/Program Meeting 7 PM, February 17 Founders' Hall at Richardson Woman's Club

> Board Meeting 7PM, Thursday, February 24

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

BRIDGE

Monday, February 14 6:30 PM Meet and Greet 7:00 PM Let's play bridge

At Julianne Lovelace's home

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION **BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club will meet 6:00-7:30 PM on February 28. Please join us for a review of



The Reader by Bernard Schlink. As always, we meet at Friends Place Adult Day Services, 1960 Nantucket Drive in Richardson. Refreshments Bernhard Schlink will be served.