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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BONNIE'S BASICS—OUR FUTURE

I want to thank you for electing me your president for 2011-2012.

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson is a wonderful Club and is made up of an amazing group of women! I am pleased to be working with you as Altrusa International, Inc. leads all Altrusa Clubs through a special year of transition.

First of all, let me thank Mary Beth McLemore, the Board, and the Committee Chairs for their leadership during the 2010-2011 year.

We are in a good position to move forward and accomplish our goals this year and I look forward to our doing it together.

So, let's think about the future. Our goals will focus on Leadership, Branding, and Service.

We will strive to be leaders, not only in our Club, but in our community, and will concentrate on training and development for our club members.

We will embrace the new branding program from Altrusa International, Inc. and look at ways that we can make our Club more effective with new technology to improve our communication and effectiveness as we go about our service.

We will serve our community by our contributions, both in funding and the

hands on participation of our members.

We have such a wonderful opportunity ahead of us! Just think how exciting it is to be a member of Altrusa International, Inc. during this transition period. My congratulations go out to each of the persons who has been involved in thinking about and working toward those things that will take Altrusa International, Inc. into the future. This includes Carolyn Rash, who is a member of the International Board and is "a part of us".

I cannot wait to hear about the new branding. We are fortunate to have such a great group of our members attending the Convention and I know they are looking forward to going and bringing all of the information back to us.

I think we are poised (waiting for more information) and ready to go. In the meantime, we have much work to do. The future is in front of us, and we are moving forward. So, let's embrace the new Altrusa year as we honor our 2011-2012 theme:

Working Today—Building Tomorrow.

Bonnie Perry,

President 2011-2012



CLUB CALENDAR

JUNE 2011

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Thurs., June 2 (7:00 PM) Business Meeting (Clubhouse)

Mon., June 13 (6:30 PM) Bridgeat Margaret Hewitt's home

Mon., June 13 (Noon) Reservations due for June 16 meeting

Tues., June 14 (7:00 PM) OWT Committee Meeting

Thurs., June 16 (7:00 PM) Dinner Meeting (Founders Hall)

Mon., June 20 (6:00 PM) Tidings Deadline

Thurs., June 23 (6:30 PM) Board Meeting at Bonnie Perry's home

Sat., June 25 (9-11 AM) Retreat for Board and Chairs

Mon., June 27 (6:00 PM) Book Club

congratulations!



The Richardson City Council congratulates the outstanding women recognized today, and thanks Altrusa for its 43 years of continued service in our community.

Council Members pictured from left to right: Mark Solomon, Bob Macy, Steve Mitchell, Amir Omar, Mayor Gary Slagel, John Murphy and Mayor Pro Tem Bob Townsend.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Cindy McIntyre presented Altrusa scholar Muntaha Sheikh her certificate on Sunday, May 22, at the Richardson High School Senior Appreciation Day Ceremony. All our RHS recipients (Katherine Seitz and Ala Taha) received at least one other scholarship or outstanding student award.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 19 INSTALLATION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Mary Osentowski, Marsha Peters, and Janice Swallow conducted the Installation of Officers at the May 19 dinner meeting. As part of the ceremony, they pre-

sented the Board members with notebooks listing their duties in detail. Each was also given special responsibilities to go with her office.



LEFT, MARY BETH MCLEMORE GIVES THE PRESIDENT'S PIN TO NEWLY-INSTALLED PRESIDENT BONNIE PERRY. CENTER, PRESIDENT BONNIE EXPLAINS HER GOALS AS IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT MARY BETH MCLEMORE LISTENS. RIGHT, TABLE DECORATIONS OF FLOWERS AND BUILDING BLOCKS ILLUSTRATED BONNIE'S THEME FOR HER YEAR AS PRESIDENT: Working Today-Building Tomorrow.



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: JANET VANCE, VICE PRESIDENT; BONNIE PERRY, PRESIDENT; MARY BETH MCLEMORE, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT; KIMBERLY KIERCE, PRESIDENT-ELECT. BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: GLORIA SANDOVAL, DIRECTOR; TONI GARRETT, RECORDING SECRETARY; SUE MCELVEEN, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY; LIZ LUTHANS, FOUNDATION TREASURER; DENA DAVIS, ADMINISTRATIVE TREASURER; AND NANCY ROHM, DIRECTOR. NOT PICTURED ARE GENEVIEVE HAMULAK AND PAM KOVACS, DIRECTORS.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

THREE NEW MEMBERS INITIATED IN MAY!

During our May 5 business meeting, three new members were initiated. They are (left to right):

- Nancy Crowe, sponsored by Jan Skinner and Kimberly Kierce
- Gay McAlister, sponsored by Cindy McIntyre and Dena Davis
- Barbara Berthold, sponsored by Mimi Tanner and Nancy Rohm

Norma Hammerlund, Membership Recruitment Co-Leader, conducted the initiation, An Altrusan's garden.



2011 DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE

ALL DRESSED UP AND READY FOR THE GOVERNOR'S BANQUET

RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

MARKETPLACE BUILDS ON PAST SUCCESS*By Jan Skinner*

Altrusa Marketplace (craft and bake sale) was held on May 7, at Friends Place (adult day care for people with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia).

There are many people to thank:

- Pam Kovacs, Friends Place, for opening her doors to host us. Thanks should go to their maintenance staff for setting up the rooms that we used.
- Altrusans who passed along the invitation to vendors to their friends: Rose Daughety, Marj Ramsey, Sue McElveen, Ellen Stephenson, Jean Stuart, Jan Skinner.
- Valerie in the Collin County Club, who recruited a vendor
- 4 Women Shopping (Julianne and Courtenay), PJ Creations (Jean Stuart), Jane Tucker (Beads for Life) Sweet Things by Norman (Hammerlund), Linda Olivera, BD Creations (Brenda Duckett), Phinny & Callie Designs (Jan Skinner)
- Retention committee, who planned and manned the marketplace and bake sale (notably Ginna Coffey, Janie, and Lois Ferrara)
- Bobbi Klein for bringing the display and banner
- All of members, who supported the event with shopping, "traffic," and babysitting the Bake Sale

This was our third annual Marketplace, and hundreds of people shopped. Vendors were members of our Club, their friends, and some friends of some of the metroplex Altrusa clubs.

Vendors donated 10% of their sales to our Foundation, where the funds will be used for entertaining the residents of Ability House (home to six adults with cerebral palsy), awarding scholarships, supporting Richardson Reads One Book, Terrace Elementary School, NETWORK, Richardson Adult Literacy Center, enabling a variety of projects aimed at senior citizens

Through the sale of baked goods, we raised \$221.50 for the Sister's Fund.

If you have any ideas for making the event bigger and better in future years, email them to Jan Skinner.

THERESE MILFORD, SILPADA VENDOR, WROTE:**Congratulations to Altrusa Marketplace!**

Altrusa of Richardson compassionately serves their community and received a \$50 donation from me. While shopping at the marketplace, Debbie Simms voted on her favorite Silpada item and won a pair of Sterling Silver and Garnet earrings!



BILL KNUDSEN, PRESIDENT/CEO, ABILITY CONNECTION TEXAS, POSING WITH JANIE JAQUIER. HIDING BEHIND THEM ARE THE BAKE SALE GOODIES PROVIDED BY ALTRUSANS.



KAREN SORRELLS, ELLEN STEVENSON'S SISTER AND THE DECOUPAGE DIVA, AND DENA DAVIS ADMIRING JULIE SPANOS' SILPADA WARES



BRENDA BOSTON CHATTING WITH COURTENAY TANNER AND JULIANNE LOVELACE AND ANN EISEMANN SHOPPING IN THE BACKGROUND.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

(ALMOST) TOO MANY 2010-2011 ACHIEVEMENTS TO LIST!*By Andrea Rutledge*

As we mark the end of the 2010-2011 school year, the Education Committee is presenting our final report to the members of the Richardson Altrusa Club, our sisters who have supported the committee through fundraising, through volunteer work, and through your compliments and caring. It is with great pride we list our achievements:

Backpacks. The creation and maintenance of 13 backpacks for Pre-K children to check out and take home to work with for a one-week period. The activities had to be interactive and creative to keep the interest of 4- and 5- year old children. And, we knew the parents needed simple instructions included with each backpack to guide them as they worked with their children. Each backpack contains subject-relevant books, games, activity sheets, crayons, paper, worksheets, or other supplies needed to effectively teach vocabulary and other skills in the specific area. Subject areas included: Alphabet, Animals, Art and Music, Reading, Writing, Sorting and Colors, Shapes and Patterns, Opposites, Numbers, P.E, Nutrition, Read to Me, and Play With Me (games).

Wednesday Club. A weekly enrichment program for eight (later eleven) kindergarten students. A great success which kept Pat Hanson, Andrea Rutledge and Alyson Murphy on their toes. The children literally danced with excitement each week. All activities were hands-on, and each session ended with a poem and a "pass word" (vocabulary word) from the poem for admittance to next week's session.

Field Trips—In school and Out. The Pre-K went to the Arboretum and then came back and made pumpkin muffins. The Kindergarten went to the Museum of Science and Natural History and took a class. All Pre-Ks and Kindergartens went to Santa's Village. The lion dancers came to the school along with the Carrollton Chinese school. The lion dancers let the children dance in the baby lion and play the instruments. The bubble lady came for an assembly and put a teacher in a bubble. Then all Pre-K children made bubbles with her.

5,000 Books were collected and distributed by members

of the Book Nook Breakfast Club. Members gathered at the Half Price Books Warehouse on Saturdays at 7:30 AM, waited until the warehouse opened at 9:00, grabbed madly for the books, then counted, hauled, sorted and delivered them. Most of the books went to the NETWORK of Community Ministries for use in their waiting room. Other books were distributed at Terrace Parents' Expo and during Altrusa programs at Terrace.

Manners Party Our second annual Good Manners Parties were held for the Pre-K classes. After practicing good manners for an extended period, the children were invited to an ice cream sundae and fruit party with all the Curious George trimmings. Children wrapped and gave each other books as gifts.

Teddy Bear Time Our classic model to parent reading program for Pre-K was a success this year—lots of siblings.

Read to Me Time An offshoot of Teddy Bear Time for Kindergarten children, this program used new books purchased at the Scholastic half-price sale. Pat Hanson and Elizabeth Smith designed new crafts for each book. We hope to give this program a second chance this coming year.

We also received in-kind donations from the Arboretum (admission) and the Museum of Science and Natural History (admission and classes for each child).

It was our privilege and our pleasure to represent Altrusa of Richardson and to serve the children of Terrace and of our community. The Altrusa banner proudly hangs on the wall of Terrace declaring Altrusa a Partner in Education at Terrace, a tradition started many years ago. We invite you to join us as we move immediately into the next year.

Your sisters in service,

Pat Hansen, Ann Payne, Elizabeth Smith, Ellen Stevenson, Hazel Weathers, Diane Thorpe, Barbara Berthold, Linda Korn, Andrea Rutledge, and our friend Alyson Murphy.



COMMUNITY NEWS

GOT BOOKS? DONATE THEM TO YOUR FRIENDS!

Each year the Richardson Friends of the Library rely on Book Sale revenues to fund projects and efforts of the organization throughout the entire year. Books for the annual Sale come not only from the library, but also through contributions from individuals. Best sellers, new releases, hardback books, children's books, and dvd/tapes of movies or books are especially welcome.

Donations are tax deductible and pick-up is available. For more information, please contact your Altrusa sister Sandy Martin at 972/744-0419 or at sanstar1221@tx.rr.com.

The Book Sale will occur the evening of Thursday, August 25 (this is for Friends members only) and will be open to everyone on Friday through Sunday, August 26-28.



MEMBERSHIP RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

BOOK CLUB CHOOSES NEXT FIVE BOOKS; HAPPY READING!*By Kay George*

At the May book club meeting, Mary Osentowski led the discussion of **Sarah's Key** by Tatiana de Rosnay.

Paris, July 1942: Sarah, a ten year-old girl, is brutally arrested with her family by the French police in the Vel' d'Hiv roundup, but not before she locks her younger brother in a cupboard in the family's apartment, thinking that she will be back within a few hours.

Paris, May 2002: On Vel' d'Hiv's 60th anniversary, journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write an article about this black day in France's past. Through her contemporary investigation, she stumbles onto a trail of long-hidden family secrets that connect her to Sarah. Julia finds herself compelled to retrace the girl's ordeal, from that terrible term in the Vel' d'Hiv, to the camps, and beyond. As she probes into Sarah's past, she begins to question her own place in France, and to reevaluate her marriage and her life.

Thanks to Ann Payne for providing our snacks, and Gerry Carron for the libations. As always, thanks to Pam Kovacs for providing the paper goods.

Jan Belcher and Kay George are co-chairing the Book Club Committee this year. Following are the book selections for June-November of 2011. There are stories of romance, comedy, mystery, history, and friendship. This Fall, a list for the second half of the year will be developed.

June - **Kiss Me If You Can** – Carly Phillips (This book is one of the TopTen.com best selling romance novels ever.)

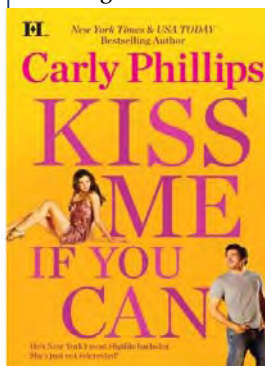
July - **Water for Elephants** – Sara Gruen (This book is number one on the New York Times bestseller list this week.)

August - **The Paris Wife** – Paula McClain
September - **The Elegant Gathering of White Snows** – Kris Radish

November - **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** – Steig Larsson (The movie based on this book, starring George Clooney, will be released in December, 2011.)

December - No meeting due to the Holidays

Please join us on Monday, June 27th, at 6:00 PM when Suzanne Cotton will lead a discussion of **Kiss Me If You Can** by Carly Phillips. In this entertaining and sexy romance, Sam Cooper becomes the city's most eligible bachelor after foiling a jewelry store robbery. Lexie Davis, however, is only interested in the ring Coop chose as his reward, for her grandmother Charlotte owns the matching necklace.



But Davis's attitude changes when she meets Cooper and sparks fly, much to the excitement of Lexie's feisty grandma and her longtime friend Sylvia. While the pair cannot deny their passion and growing commitment, Lexie's wandering spirit and Coop's resistance to change leave them feeling cold. This fun and romantic summer read, while occasionally over the top, will please readers with its mischievous characters, red-hot passionate encounters, and spirited plot.

As always, we meet at Friends Place Adult Day Services, 1960 Nantucket Drive in Richardson.

PROJECT REPORT

BOOKMOVERS ARE WELCOMED ALL AROUND TOWN!*By Gloria Sandoval*

The forecast of hard rains on May 20th and 21st did not stop the Altrusa Bookmovers from doing their job. Quarterly, the Richardson Public Library, rotates library books to participating senior living and assisted living residences in the Richardson community. Altrusans Pam

Schmidt, Ann Payne, Norma Hammerlund, Gloria Sandoval, and Altrouser Isaac Sandoval started the book rotation at 9AM Friday. The rain threatened, but did not fall until the second-to-the-last stop at The Gardens, an assisted living residence.

On Saturday, the clouds were dark but thank goodness no rain hindered Bobbi Klein, Kay George and Susan Fischer from doing their job. Altrusa of Richardson has been providing the important service of rotating books for the Richardson Public Library Book Rotation program to senior independent living and assisted living residences in Richardson since 2002.

**BOARD ACTIONS**

- Received Treasurers' reports
- Selected the two Orientation/Re-orientation meetings and the holiday party as the Club's three make-up meetings for the year.
- Learned of meal price increase

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS: IT IS A YEAR-ROUND OPPORTUNITY*By Andrea Rutledge*

As you read this **Altrusa Tidings**, school will be over for most Terrace children, but not for all. Since Maribeth Nakwaasah our Pre-K teacher, will be teaching summer school at Terrace this year, and since ten of our Pre-K friends will be attending, new Altrusan Barbara Berthold and Andrea Rutledge will volunteer four days a week in her classroom during the June summer school term. We told you volunteering at school was fun!

Our new Education Committee and its old/new leaders Linda Korn and Andrea Rutledge will meet at Linda's home during June to plan for next year's projects and review and refresh the BIG project of the 2010-2011 year, our backpacks. New members to the committee are welcomed with open arms and a great dinner. The committee is VERY active and there is room for everyone in planning and carrying on activities. Committee activities do NOT all occur during school hours; in fact, many of last year's committee meetings were held at 7:30 a.m. in the Half-Price Books warehouse line as we waited to collect free books. Those meetings were followed by breakfast; the remaining meetings were over supper or by e-mail.

This is an active committee!

In the immediate future, also, are several meetings of the Book Nook Breakfast Club (to collect free books on Saturday mornings at the Half Price Books warehouse).

Working with the tiniest children at Terrace is fascinating and rewarding. Look for hugs around your knees, watch as non-English speakers learn our language, identify a child's need and make a difference. Or you can help get books into the hands of children who may not have them.

This year, Pat Hansen and Andrea Rutledge came across a truly gifted kindergarten child who had no books in his home. He went to the library, but now he has books of his own—all stamped "a gift of Altrusa of Richardson."

To join the committee, contact Linda Korn or Andrea Rutledge.



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROJECT REPORT

BEAD FOR LIFE PROJECT IS COMPLETED*By Jane Tucker*

The International Relations Committee had Bead for Life as its March project to support the United Nation's International Woman's Day. Bead for Life is a non-profit collaboration of women in Uganda and women around the world to eradicate poverty.

Women in Uganda roll bead jewelry out of recycled paper and harvest shea nuts to produce shea butter and women worldwide sell the items and educate themselves and others about extreme poverty. The profits return to

fight extreme poverty specifically in areas of income generation, health care, housing, and entrepreneurial ventures.

Bead for Life is a 501(c)(3) organization and our project in March was counted in with their March campaign to "March Out Poverty". Through selling at both our March meetings and the Altrusa Marketplace, our club raised a total of \$723 to contribute to the Bead for Life organization to help overcome extreme poverty.



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SENIORS PROJECT REPORT

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Pat Hansen and a large team of helpers had as much fun as the Friends Place clients and their families at the annual Mother's Day tea. Leanne Yarrow's submission to **neighborsgo** was published in the Richardson section of the **Dallas Morning News**. The article mentioned Altrusa several times!



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Photo submitted by LEANNE YARROW
Chris and Gayle Barry attended the Mother's Day tea at Friends Place.

Guests enjoy entertainment, food at Mother's Day Tea

By LEANNE YARROW
Contributor

MORE INFO

Friends Place Adult Day Services honored clients and their family members with a Mother's Day Tea on May 6.

Members of Altrusa International of Richardson joined Friends Place in the Mother's Day endeavor as one of their community service senior projects. The ladies of Altrusa volunteered their time and talents to help set up and decorate the tables, prepare plates and serve the participants. They also collected and donated more than 125 china teacups and saucers to be used for special events at Friends Place.

"Friends Place put together a fabulous Mother's Day celebration," said Sandy D'Jock, daughter of Friends Place client Jean Tisserand. "My mother and I really all of us there had such a special time together."

During the Mother's Day Tea, clients and their family members were treated to a one-man musical show performed by Doc Gibbs. Much to the crowd's amusement, Gibbs spent a little time performing vocal impressions of notable singers including as Willie Nelson, Elvis Presley

Friends Place is dedicated to providing specialized programs for individuals with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, enabling them to maintain a life of dignity, meaning and purpose, while remaining as independent as possible.

Friends Place also supports the continued efforts and wishes of family caregivers to provide care for loved ones at home.

and Tom Jones.

After the musical entertainment, the guests enjoyed finger sandwiches, cheese cubes, assorted fruits and mini cheesecakes. Friends Place staff members and Altrusa volunteers circled the dining room, displaying a large selection of teas in baskets and pouring hot water into the teacups.

"This tea was delightful — the entertainment, the food, all of it," said Lucky Newfield, wife of Friends Place client Ed Newfield. "Everyone had such a wonderful time."

Leanne Yarrow contributes to **neighborsgo.com** on behalf of Friends Place.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

MIMI TANNER RETIRES AFTER 20 YEARS AT LITERACY CENTER

Mimi Tanner's retirement as Executive Director of the Richardson Adult Literacy Center was marked by a party at Church of the Epiphany. The mayor, members of the city council, and other community leaders attended, along with a large number of Altrusams.

A search committee selected Cindy Briggs of Allen as the new executive director, but Barbara Berthold, President of the RALC Board of Directors, said that Mimi can never be replaced.

"She's been the heart and the soul of the center," Barbara explained. "She has practically built it from the ground up."

RALC is a sponsor of Richardson Reads One Book, so one of Mimi's duties was to meet authors such as Garth Stein and David Oliver Relin (photos, left and below left.)

Mimi plans to travel, play bridge, read, and spend more time with her grandchildren.

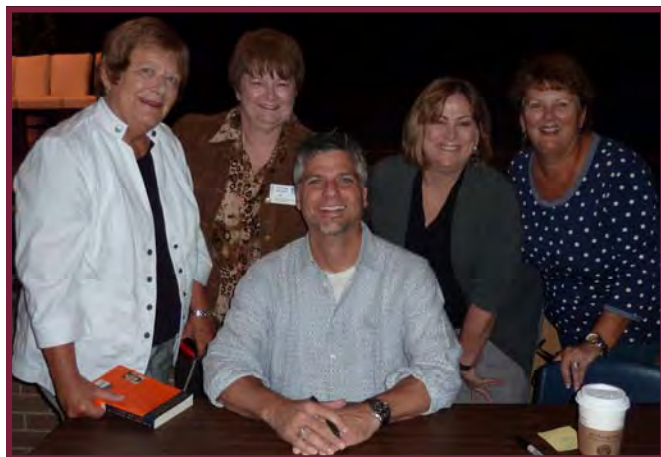
Mimi said: "I have been blessed to have the support of so many Altrusans as friends, volunteers, Board members and donors during my time as RALC Executive Director. I think that's a big cheer for Altrusans!"

RIGHT: MIMI, MARY BETH MCLEMORE, JANET VANCE, AND JANE MERZ WITH GARTH STEIN

BELOW, LINDA OLIVERA VOLUNTEERING IN THE RALC OFFICE, SORTING BOOKS FROM DAVID BALDACCIO'S WISH YOU WELL FOUNDATION

BELOW CENTER, MIMI AND BARBARA BERTHOLD AT THE RETIREMENT PARTY

BELOW RIGHT, MIMI WITH DAVID OLIVER RELIN



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

CHEERS FOR ALTRUSANS!

Let's all give a big cheer for:

- all the Community Outreach Committee members who worked to make this year such a success responding to community needs
- the 2010 - 2011 Club for giving more than 9000 hours of service, composed of hours for Altrusa community service, member-to-member service, and service hours outside of Altrusa
- Janet Vance and Liz Luthans for writing the Mammie L. Bass Award entry "Altrusa Hands Serving the Community"
- Hazel Weathers for writing the Letha H. Brown Award entry "Terrace Elementary Homework Backpacks"
- Kim Kierce for writing the Nina Fay Calhoun Award entry "Going Global: No Passport Required"
- the tree that will be planted at the Richardson Women's Club honoring the Altrusa Club of 2010-2011, instead of giving President Mary Beth McLemore a President's pin
- Linda Olivera, for providing the International News, International Foundation News, and the Accent for this issue—even though her year of volunteering to do that was over
- Jan Skinner and Kimberly Kierce for all the pub-

licity they garnered for us in 2010-2011

- Barbara Cornelius for recording such comprehensive minutes
- Ann Eisemann for gathering the Bunch together for another fun quarterly Lunch
- Janie Jaquier and Janice Swallow for their preparation of the 2011-2012 budgets
- Pam Kovacs for sharing Friends Place with us
- Jo Leeper, for her enthusiastic portrayal of a goddess. (Photo elsewhere in this issue.)
- Sandy Martin, for helping find new homes for old books.
- Mary Beth McLemore, for a great year as President.
- Nancy Rohm, for being Mary Beth's most trusted advisor.
- Debbie Simms for helping with the Communications Award submission.
- Jan Skinner for Marketplace leadership.



*Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary,
June and John Rentmeester!
June 1, 1961–June 1, 2011*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 17 Susan Fischer
- 18 Rose Daughety
- 22 Donna Jarman, June Rentmeester
- 23 Pam Schmidt

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



DISTRICT NINE NEWS

DELEGATE REPORT FROM 2011 DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE

By Kimberly Kierce

The Fifty-Fifth Altrusa District Nine Conference was held in Dallas, Texas, April 29 - May 1, 2011, at the Hilton Dallas Lincoln Center. Downtown Dallas Altrusans were gracious hosts to over 291 attendees and guests at A Stellar Celebration.

Your 2011 Richardson Conference Delegates were Dena Davis, Kimberly Kierce, Barbara Cornelius, and Bonnie Perry.

All the normal business of the District was conducted from certifying conference attendees and delegates to approving the 2011-2012 Budget, the 2011-2013 Long Range Strategic Plan and election of officers.

ELECTION OF DISTRICT NINE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Speaking of elections, your 2011-2013 District Nine Board of Directors are:

- Governor: LaVone Arthur (Downtown Dallas)
- Governor-Elect: Beth Blair (Dallas)
- First Vice Governor: Laura Trainor-Collins (Garland)
- Second Vice Governor: Sylvia Zamora (San Antonio)
- Treasurer: Linda Hurt (DFW)
- Directors: Linda Moore (Temple) and Janelle Williamson (Texarkana)
- Secretary (appointed) Dorothy Nowlin (Downtown Dallas)

AWARDS LUNCHEON

Altrusa Richardson was honored with several awards at conference for the 2009-2010 club year under the leadership of President Deb Bourland:

- 1st Place Yearbook Award
- 1st Place Communications Award
- 2nd Place Edith DeBusk President's Award
- 3rd Place Joella Terrill Butler Membership Award
- 1st Place Club First-Timer Award - Highest Number

and ten Richardson Altrusans received Perfect Attendance Awards for the 2009-2010 club year.

ALTRUSA FOUNDATION

The Conference Silent Auction, sale of raffle tickets

and cookbooks, and the Envelope Campaign all benefited the Altrusa Foundation and raised an astonishing \$9,284. And then, in bidding war began.... to raise even more money... several additional donations were shouted from the delegation floor thereby securing an overwhelming \$10,000 for the Altrusa Foundation by District Nine. The generosity of our District (and competitiveness to be THE BEST District) is truly amazing. Way to go, Altrusa District Nine!

A special thanks is extended to Barbara Cornelius (Canyon Creek Art) for donating her framed photograph that won first place in the City of Richardson Photography Contest - Flora Division. It was a stunning piece that earned over \$80 for the Foundation.

CONFERENCE SERVICE PROJECT

The *Attitudes & Attire* service project was an overwhelming success. Donations help support women of domestic violence to get into the workforce or stay in the workforce. Generous Altrusans from across Texas donated over 70 pounds of jewelry, over 300 scarves, over 300 pantyhose, numerous shoes, and over 400 (yes 400) handbags. Wow! The ladies in the *Attitudes and Attire* program will certainly step out into the world with a new found sense of confidence and self-esteem thanks to District Nine's overwhelming style and support.

**OWT NEWS**

We have had a change in date for OWT. The hotel has double booked and is offering us a substantial discount to move to Oct. 21 (one week earlier). Since this is a fund raiser we have accepted. We are getting new "Save the Date" business cards printed.



DISTRICT NINE NEWS

DELEGATE REPORT FROM 2011 DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE

By Barbara Cornelius

Carolyn Rash was appointed by Donna Johnson, President of Altrusa International, Inc., to be the International Representative to the District Nine Conference.

Carolyn became a member of Altrusa International, Inc. of Dallas in 1985, and has held numerous positions of leadership. She is currently serving as Director on the Altrusa International Inc. Board of Directors.

In Carolyn's report to the assembly, she told us that as a Board Member she has encouraged other Board members to share information about the exciting events transpiring on the International level and to promote the importance of not just member recruitment, but also member retention.

Exciting things are happening – we will be introduced to the new 'face' of Altrusa at the International Convention in South Dakota this July. Altrusa International, Inc. hired a research firm to analyze how Altrusa is viewed and what can be done to improve our image and our organization.



She reported they discovered that Altrusa was viewed as posh, older ladies; that we have many by-law restrictions and a strict structure. More clarity is needed to show what we stand for and the good, consistent work we do.

At the Convention in July, By-Law changes will be announced that will include:

1. Elimination of classifications
2. Modification of eligibility language
3. Modification of language as to the Club's purpose

There will also be changes to our 'face':

1. We will retain our emblem, but have a new logo
2. There will be continuity with Club websites... world wide

Carolyn emphasized that Altrusa International Inc is changing its 'face' not its FOCUS Stayed tuned for all the exciting details!

DISTRICT NINE NEWS

DELEGATE REPORT FROM 2011 DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE

By Dena Davis

Dr. Sarah Wedding, Keynote Speaker for the Altrusa District Nine 55th Conference, is a founding member of the Foundation for Women's Resources and has been integral in the *Leadership Texas* and *Leadership America* programs, as well as in the creation of the Women's Museum, which opened September 29, 2000, in Dallas. Texas.

Dr. Weddington is a native Texan, born in Abilene, who loves our great state. She opened her speech getting to know and relating to her audience by sharing that she has bought many a dress from Lena's Dress Shop in Copperas Cove.

The focus of her speech was for us to develop leadership skills and she encouraged us to make changes in our world. She took us back to 2003, when TIME magazine reported on **80 Days That Changed the World**. Out of the 80 days, only 10 referenced women who had made a difference.

She peppered her speech with great humor, like the joke she heard from Barbara Mandrell: "How many men does it take to change a toilet tissue roll? ... *Who knows?*"

She said that if we want to make a change, we need to



develop our leadership skills. Her definition of leadership is the ability and willingness to leave your own thumbprint. One skill to develop is a critical eye. President Ronald Reagan developed a critical eye. Not only was he adept in observing everything around him, but as he sized it up, he used humor to break the tension. On the day he was shot,

while being wheeled in to the operating room, he remarked to his wife, Nancy, "I hope the doctor's are Republicans."

Another leadership skill we can hone is to be mentors to one another; not necessarily on a one-on-one basis, but rather in watching others and learning how to develop our own human relationship skills. One skill she learned was to slow down when giving speeches. She observed Congresswoman Barbara Jordan and how she didn't rush her speeches. Rather, her timing was measured and her silent pauses were used for emphasis.

Finally, to be a leader, you must become comfortable being different. Embrace your uniqueness. Be ready to compromise your time, *but never your direction*. We each need to be a part of change. And learn we don't have to be perfect.

MEETING PREVIEW

ALL COMMITTEES TO MEET DURING JUNE 16 DINNER MEETING

The Program Committee will be in charge of the June 16 dinner meeting. Members of Administration Committees will sit together during dinner, then the Foundation Committees will meet after dinner. This will be the opportunity for each committee to plan its activities for the year.

FOUNDATION COMMITTEES:

- Ability House: Barbara Cornelius, Jan Skinner
- Community Outreach: Toni Garrett, Donna Jarman
- Education: Linda Korn, Andrea Rutledge
- International Relations: Debbie Gamble, Jane Tucker
- New Member Project: Chairs will be selected at the first committee meeting; members initiated June 2010 through May 2011 are members of this committee
- Scholarships: Shannon Ydoyaga, Ingrid Palet
- Seniors: Pam Fitzgearld, Gloria Sandoval

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

- Communications: Jill Van Os, Debbie Sims
- Finance: Janie Jaquier, Janice Swallow
- Leadership Development: Nancy Rohm, Janet Vance, Carol Lester
- Membership Recruitment: Norma Hammerlund, Sue McElveen
- Membership Retention: Pam Kovacs, Ellen Stevenson
- Ways and Means: Julianne Lovelace, Courtenay Tanner

Each club member is expected to serve on an Administration Committee and a Foundation Committee. The sign-up sheets will be at the June meetings, so please make your choices as soon as possible. Either write your name on the sheets or send an email to President Bonnie Perry and the committee chairs.

DISTRICT NINE NEWS**DELEGATE REPORT FROM 2011 DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE**

By Bonnie Perry

The District Nine Conference -A Stellar Celebration has so many facets. There were opportunities to learn, to remember our members in the Memorial Service, and to have fun and fellowship together.

The fun and fellowship was wonderful. Friday evening with the theme "Dancing With the Stars" gave us an opportunity not only to be very creative ourselves which we really enjoyed, but to enjoy and have fun with all of the other Club's theme ideas. It was a special evening, the Band was great, and we had a good time!

On Saturday we had opportunities to participate in workshops to

learn more about our responsibilities for 2011-2012 and to learn more about Altrusa. Some of our members were leaders of workshops. This time passed by really fast and we left with a feeling of being better prepared for our jobs.

The Devotional and Memorial Service was very meaningful to us this year as one of our members, Diane Price, was remembered in the service.

The Altrusa District Nine Conference was about knowledge, service, friendship and fun. Congratulations to the Downtown Dallas Club for a wonderful Conference.

MEETINGSBusiness Meeting

7 PM, June 2

Clubhouse at

Richardson Woman's Club

Dinner Reservations
due by Noon, Monday,
June 13

Contact: Jean Stuart

Dinner/Program Meeting

7 PM, June 16

Founders' Hall at
Richardson Woman's Club

Board Meeting

6:30 PM Thursday,
June 23

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR CONVENTION*By Linda Olivera*

The 2011 Altrusa International, Inc. Convention is coming soon - Fri, Jul 22, 2011 - Mon, Jul 25, 2011. The Convention will be held in Rapid City, South Dakota at the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center. As International President Donna Johnson says in her latest President's Message: "And what a Convention it will be: Altrusans coming together to reclaim the bygone strength of this amazing organization through a revitalized membership and a modernized brand. You won't want to miss this historic occasion. You'll want to be there to begin using clarity, flexibility, inclusiveness and your personal leadership skills to be part of the 'Leaders Among Us.'"

The Richardson Club has at least nine people - five delegates and four alternates - planning to attend. Those not attending can look forward to reports from our delegates.



ALTRUSA ACCENT

WHAT IS ASTRA?

ASTRA is ...

- A volunteer organization for young people, sponsored by local Altrusa Clubs.
- An opportunity to use your time and talent to enrich the lives of others.
- Working with other local civic and volunteer groups on service projects of lasting benefit.
- Interaction with the business, professional and civic leaders who are members of the sponsoring Altrusa Club.
- A unique opportunity to form lasting friendships and share your ideas, goals and aspirations with others in your peer group.

ASTRA is an acronym formed from:

- A = Ability** - To know that all of us have special talents to share with others
- S = Service** - To improve the lives of those less fortunate in the community.
- T = Training** - To develop leadership ability and potential.
- R = Responsibility** - To learn to accept obligations and know the satisfaction of carrying projects through to a successful conclusion.
- A = Achievement** - To experience success; to know that a group can accomplish so much more than any one individual..



INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWS

NEW DISTRICT NINE FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE ANNOUNCED*By Linda Olivera*

Each District of Altrusa has a Foundation Liaison who ensures that Altrusa International Foundation information is passed on to District Board members and then on to all clubs and members. The Foundation Liaison also presents the Foundation Contributions

Awards at the District Conference. The District Nine Foundation Liaison for 2011-2013 is Sylvia Zamora, of the San Antonio club.

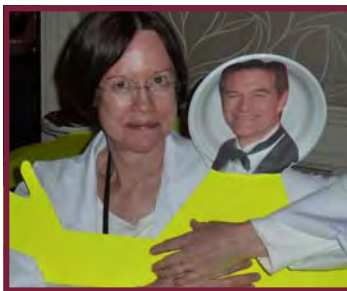
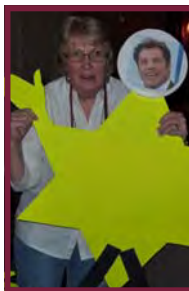
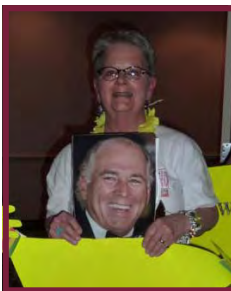
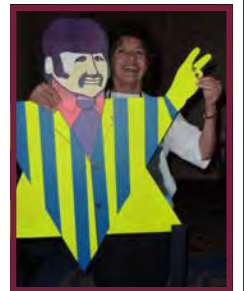
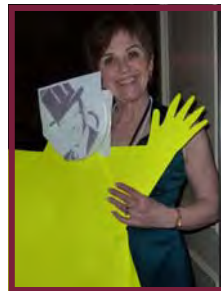
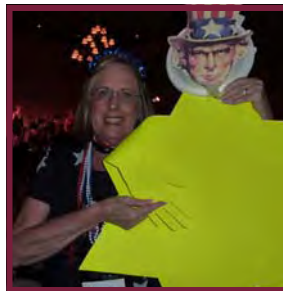


2011 DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE
DANCING WITH THE STARS

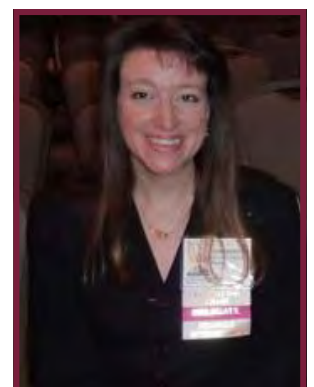
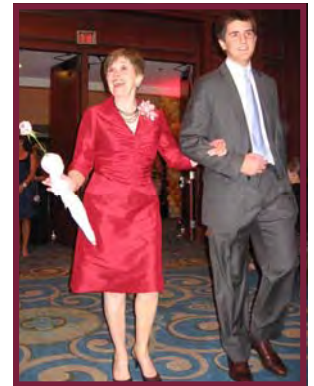


2011 DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE

AND MORE DANCING WITH THE STARS



2011 DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE A LITTLE MORE DIGNIFIED



2011 DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE

FRIENDS + SKIP-BO + MARGARITAS + LAUGHTER = FUN!

**Altrusa International, Inc of Richardson
Business Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2011**

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: Pam Kovacs – “Clever Women” and “Letter to God from Meredith”

Introduction of Guests:

- Nancy Crowe – guest of Jan Skinner
- Barbara Berthold – guest of Mimi Tanner
- Gay McAlister – guest of Cindy McIntyre

Accent: Mary Beth McLemore – “Prayer of Thoughtfulness”

Treasurer’s Reports:

- Foundation: Dena Davis
 - Please submit all receipts now for reimbursement of any expenses
 - Question regarding nominee for Leadership Richardson, Dena Davis indicates this will be discussed in Finance Committee meeting as it is not currently in budget.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved as published

Correspondence: Barbara Cornelius for Kim Kierce

- Thank you to Susan Frensley and scholarship committee from Vani Prabhu
- Announcement from RALC announcing Dr. Cindy Briggs as the Executive Director of the Center

Unfinished Business:

- Initiation of new members: An Altrusan’s Garden, presented by Norma Hammerlund
 - Barbara Berthold. Sponsors: Mimi Tanner and Nancy Rohm
 - Nancy Crowe. Sponsors: Jan Skinner and Kimberly Kierce
 - Gay McAlister. Sponsors: Cindy McIntyre and Dena Davis
- Conference
- Delegates Reports
 - Dena Davis – Dr. Sarah Weddington, Keynote Speaker
 - Barbara Cornelius – Carolyn Rash, Altrusa International Representative
 - Barbara Cornelius for Kim Kierce – Conference overview
 - Bonnie Perry – Fun Night, Workshops and Devotional/Memorial Service
- Awards
 - 1st Place for Yearbook Award
 - 1st Place for Communication Award
 - 2nd Place for Edith DeBusk President’s Award
 - 3rd Place for the Joella Terrill Butler Membership Award
 - 1st Place for the Club First-Timer Award – Highest Number
 - 10 Richardson Altrusans received Perfect Attendance Awards for the 2009/2010 Club Year

- Policy Changes: Marsha Peters
 - Marsha submits that the Club Policy Changes be accepted as amended
 - All accepted
- Membership Renewal
 - Renew by June 15 to avoid a late fee
- OWT Sponsorships/Committee: Jean Stuart
 - Barbara Berthold
 - Pam Kovacs
 - Jane Merz
 - Courtenay Tanner

New Business: None

Announcements:

- Mother's Day Tea – Friday, May 6 at Friends Place – Pat Hansen
- Altrusa Marketplace – Saturday, May 7 at Friends Place – 10:00am to 3:00pm
- Mimi Tanner's Retirement – Tuesday, May 10 at Epiphany Church – 5:00pm to 7:00pm
- Bingo - Wednesday May 11 at Atria – 6:15pm to 7:15pm
- Installation of Officers for 2011 -2012 – Thursday, May 19 – 6:30pm Social & view exhibits,
- 7:00 Dinner: Installation by Mary Osentowski, Marsha Peters, and Janice Swallow
- Tidings Deadline – Monday, May 23
- Lunch Bunch – Tuesday, May 24 at Panera Bread – 11:30am

TLC:

- Brenda Boston
- Janet Vance
- June Rentmeester
- Debbie Payne – Ginna Coffer's daughter in law
- Betsy Tryglar – Mimi Tanner's sister
- Geri Carron

Greeters: Pat Hansen and Jane Merz

Attendees: 44 members, 3 guests

The next Business Meeting will be at 7:00pm, Thursday, June 2, 2011 at The Richardson Woman's Club.

After Brags, Fines and Benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted: Barbara Cornelius, Recording Secretary

Altrusa International, Inc of Richardson**Program Meeting Minutes**

May 19, 2011

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

Invocation and Pledge: Courtenay Tanner – “Prayer”

Introduction of Guests:

- Carl McLemore – husband of Mary Beth McLemore
- Donna Libby – guest of Mary Beth McLemore
- Tom Rohm – husband of Nancy Rohm
- Jerry McElveen – husband of Sue McElveen
- Betty Crombie – mother of Barbara Cornelius
- Ernestine Swanson – mother of Carolyn Swanson

Accent: Janie Jaquier – 45-year history of Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson

Annual Report : Mary Beth McLemore

Presentation of Ace Awards: Mary Beth McLemore

- Administration: Leadership Development
 - Mary Osentowski
 - Samantha Slaight
- Foundation: Community Outreach
 - Janet Vance
 - Liz Luthans

Installation of 2011-2012 Officers: Mary Osentowski, Marsha Peters, Janice Swallow

Presentation of Gavel and President's Pin: Mary Beth McLemore

Incoming President's Remarks: Bonnie Perry

Announcements:

- Theme for 2011-2012 Altrusa year: Working Today-Building Tomorrow - exchange meeting for past and current Board and Committee Chairs will meet on Thursday, May 26, at 6:00 PM. at Friend's Place.

TLC:

- Brenda Boston
- Janet Vance
- Betsy Trygar – Mimi Tanner's sister
- Debbie Payne – Ginna Coffey's daughter in law
- Betty Borrel -- Debbie Gamble's mother
- London – baby of friend of Samantha Slaight

Attendees: 49 members, 7 guests

The next program Meeting will be at 7:00pm, Thursday, June 16, 2011, at The Richardson Woman's Club.

After Brags, Fines and Benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted: Barbara Cornelius, Recording Secretary