

## 2013-2014

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## President's Message

### FEEL THE RHYTHM.... THE ALTRUSA RHYTHM

I am so excited to serve as your President for the 2014-2015 club year. Together we will be doing my favorite thing, "Dancing to the Altrusa Rhythm." The Altrusa Rhythm is filled with passion and purpose. Our passionate members have made us a very effective club and their willingness to get involved makes a huge difference in our community, others' lives and, ultimately, our own lives.

I have been an Altrusan for 14 years and cannot believe how fast it has gone. Every year at the May dinner meeting, when we install the new Board of Directors, I listen as the outgoing President summarizes our accomplishments and I wonder how we can possibly top that—and each year I am amazed. All our club's achievements this past year blew me away. I have been hearing about the plans our committees are proposing for this year and we are on track to have another outstanding year of service to our community!

My goals for 2014-2015 are Retention and Involvement, both of which I consider vitally important to sustain any organization. In my mind, these two go hand-in-hand.

I firmly believe that **Member Retention** (retaining the members we currently have, as well as recruiting new ones) is the key to our success. It is essential that our most valuable resource, our members, continue to develop their skills and use their talents to increase the value of our club. I want our members to feel that they are needed and thriving – because they truly are!

**Member Involvement** requires creating an environment where everyone can have an influence on decisions and actions that affect them. This is how members are motivated to contribute toward continuous growth and improvement—and the ongoing success—of Altrusa at the local, District and International levels. It

is imperative to include members as much as possible in all aspects of club decisions, and I will focus on making this a priority. Ownership, commitment, and involvement are closely intertwined; they all influence motivation and, therefore, the level of participation in club activities and the effectiveness of the projects.

As our committees make their plans, do you see something missing? Volunteer to work on the project!

Do you have an idea of a new way a committee can impact the community? It is never too late to join a committee, so contact the committee chair!

Wonder why we have "always done it this way"? Ask someone who has been around for a while! If it is time for a change, lead the way!

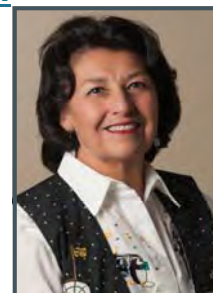
Want to learn a new skill or enhance an old one? Look around—it should be easy to find an opportunity!

I promise that I will strive to achieve these goals of Member Retention and Member Involvement for our club and, of course, for Altrusa International—but I will need your help!

At this year's District Nine Annual Conference, Governor Beth Blair's key word was "Believe". She said, "Believe in yourself. Believe in your club members. And believe in the potential, the power, and the promise of Altrusa." I believe in all of us. Together we can make a difference, while "Dancing to the Altrusa Rhythm".

*Gloria Sandoval*

2014-2015 President  
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*Dancing to the Altrusa Rhythm... Let's Keep Moving!*

## Project Preview

**ALTRUSA WINE AND CHOCOLATE LITERARY SOCIETY READS ON AND ON!**

By Christine Hart, Membership Retention Committee

Richardson Altrusa's book club, also known as the Altrusa Wine and Chocolate Literary Society or AWCLS, met June 23. **Kay George** and **Jan Skinner** led the discussion of **Death of Santini**, by Pat Conroy.

Pat Conroy's father, Donald Patrick Conroy, was a towering figure in his son's life. The Marine Corps fighter pilot was often brutal, cruel, and violent; as Pat says, "I hated my father long before I knew there was an English word for 'hate.'" As the oldest of seven children who were dragged from military base to military base across the South, Pat bore witness to the toll his father's behavior took on his siblings, and especially on his mother, Peg. She was Pat's lifeline to a better world—that of books and culture. But eventually, despite repeated confrontations with his father, Pat managed to claw his way toward a life he could have only imagined as a child.

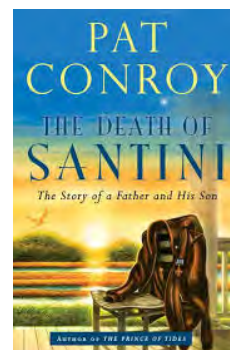
**The Death of Santini** is at once a heart-wrenching account of personal and family struggle and a poignant lesson in how the ties of blood can both strangle and offer succor. It is an act of reckoning, an exorcism of demons, but one whose ultimate conclusion is that love can soften even the meanest of men, lending significance to one of the most-often quoted lines from

Pat's bestselling novel *The Prince of Tides*: "In families there are no crimes beyond forgiveness."

At the July 28 AWCLS meeting, **Diane Davidson** will lead the discussion of **1st to Die** by James Patterson.

Four women—four friends—share a determination to stop a killer who has been stalking newlyweds in San Francisco. Each one holds a piece of the puzzle: Lindsay Boxer is a homicide inspector in the San Francisco Police Department, Claire Washburn is a medical examiner, Jill Bernhardt is an assistant D.A., and Cindy Thomas just started working the crime desk of the San Francisco Chronicle. But the usual procedures aren't bringing them any closer to stopping the killings. So these women form a Women's Murder Club to collaborate outside the box and pursue the case by sidestepping their bosses and giving each other a hand. The four women develop intense bonds as they pursue a killer whose crimes have stunned an entire city. Working together, they track down the most terrifying and unexpected killer they have ever encountered—before a shocking conclusion in which everything they knew turns out to be devastatingly wrong. Full of the breathtaking drama and unforgettable emotions for which James Patterson is famous, *1st to Die* is the start of a blazingly fast-paced and sensationally entertaining series of crime thrillers.

AWCLS meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at Friends Place, 1960 Nantucket Drive in Richardson. As always, we begin at 6:00 PM and end by 7:30 PM. You do not need to have read the book to participate. We do ask that you register on the Altrusa web site so we know how many are coming. Please bring snacks, chocolate and wine to share. We always have a great time!



Council Members pictured from left to right:  
Steve Mitchell, Paul Voelker, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Townsend,  
Mayor Laura Maczka, Mark Solomon, Scott Dunn and Kendal Hartley.

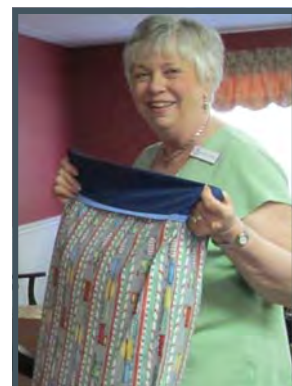
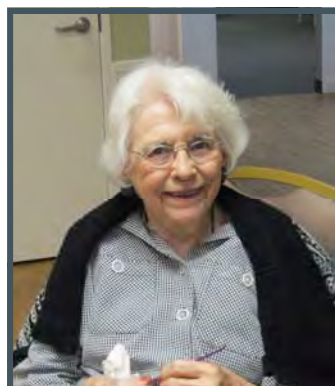
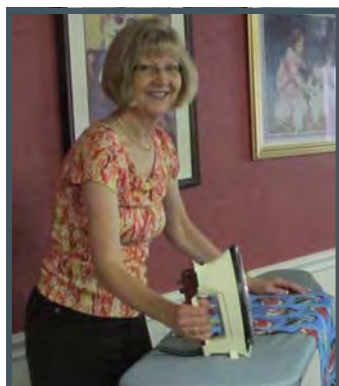
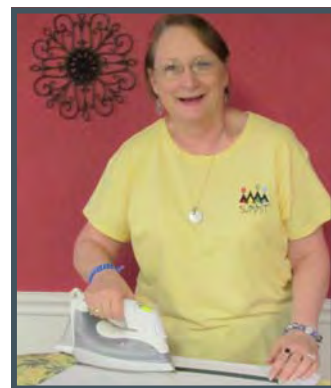


**Project Report****PILLOWS, PASTRIES, PACK-PACKS, PATRIOTISM, PINOT & MORE***Kimberly Kierce, 2013-2014 Community Outreach Committee Chair*

The 2013-2014 Community Outreach Committee surveyed members' interest in a one-day, hands-on project to provide fellowship among members and support to the community. The Committee chose to expand a pillow project that was successful a few years ago with a local women's shelter. They chose the New Beginnings Center which provides temporary shelter for up to 36 women at a time who have left an abusive situation or almost 500 women annually. Funded primarily by grants and donations, New Beginnings provides parenting classes and group discussions that help clients understand the circle of violence, learn how to stop abuse, and prevent its recurrence. The Center also furnishes job leads and has a children's playroom where a male mentor works with the children, showing them that not all males are violent or abusive and helping them regain trust in men.

The shelter coordinator was delighted to hear our proposal. Many clients come to the shelter with nothing but the clothes they are wearing. Because women entering the shelter often have young children, we also wanted to include something for the children. Our goal was to provide 100 personalized, decorated

pillowcases—25 girls, 25 boys, and 50 adult pillowcases—a lofty goal but our members were up to the challenge. Many yards of colorful, printed, and solid-colored fabrics were purchased to hand-make unique and fun pillowcases ranging from superheroes to sports and princesses to playful animals for the kids. Hand-made, quality, personalized, pillowcases will also comfort adults. The “special touch” placed on all 100 pillowcases included an Altrusa iron-on logo on the inside cuff, sealing the pillowcases with the Altrusa spirit.

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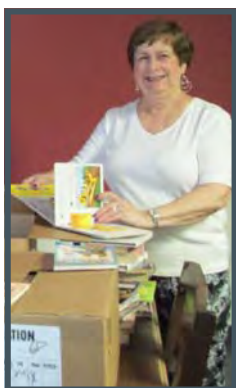
The Committee decided to plan a fun social party as well as a unique hands-on service project with food, bakery items, and beverages for all who participated. And the "Pillows, Pastries & Pinot Party" was born! But we did not stop there...

As excitement for the project grew, Education Committee members were working on literacy backpacks for a Summer Enrichment and Reading Program at RISD Terrace Elementary School and adding their effort to the pillow project would increase the impact of our one-day project. Twenty-five backpacks (a.k.a. Pack-Packs) were donated by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas; they were filled with Pre-K and First-grader books along with school supplies, such as

construction paper, activity books, stickers, crayons, scissors, pencils, sharpeners, wipe-on board with markers, and bookmarks for the 5-6 books the children were given to start their home libraries. The "Pillows, Pastries, Pack-Packs, & Pinot Party" was born. But, we didn't stop there...

The International Relations Committee was planning to observe International Day of Families (May 15) and Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 9). They had projects in mind, but needed a venue. It was a no-brainer to add them to our event. The Committee offered attendees the opportunity to write cards of encouragement and thanks to troops stationed abroad as part of the Operation Write Home Campaign. In addition, gift bags were assembled for relatives of

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## **PILLOWS** *(Continued from page 4)*

wounded military staying at Fisher House, a facility that provides free temporary lodging for families of patients at the Dallas VA Medical Center. So, the "Pillows, Pastries, Pack-Packs, Patriotism & Pinot Party" was born. Surprisingly, we were still not done....

Other members were coordinating a teddy bear collection/donation for the local police department but were re-directed to the Child Advocacy Center of Collin County, whose mission is providing safety, healing, and justice to children victimized by abuse or neglect. Contact was confirmed with the Director of Community Resources and a stuffed animal collection was initiated. The members, excited about the pillow project's development, wanted to add the stuffed animal collection to the festivities. AND... A food, toiletry, and diaper collection was already underway for a local food bank, NETWORK of Community Ministries, to address an urgent need for said items so they joined in as well. And so... the "Pillows, Pastries, Pack-Packs, Patriotism, Pinot & More Party" was born!

On May 9, 2014, stations were set up at Friends Place Adult Day Services for each of the five projects: Pillowcase Decorating, Enrichment Backpacks, Military Greetings and Care Packages, Teddy Bear Collection, and Food/Toiletry Collection – along with a food and beverage station! In all, 33 members congregated to decorate pillowcases, fill backpacks, write military note cards, fill military spouse care packages, cuddle stuffed animals, and organize food/toiletry items while enjoying dinner and pastries and sharing vino and laughter. Thirteen members who could not attend the party donated supplies. A total of 48% of our 90+ members participated. Approximately 230 volunteer hours were dedicated to the projects and expenses totaled \$1,375, paid for from proceeds of our successful fundraiser, Outstanding Women of Today... Builders of Tomorrow Annual Awards Luncheon.

Looking back, after the recipients were chosen and everything was gathered, decorated, personalized, stuffed, organized, and delivered, we accomplished our goal of a one-day, hands-on project that provided camaraderie and fellowship for our members while serving diverse segments of our community. New Beginnings thanked us for the 30 pillows and 100 pillowcases that will comfort their clients and give them a little something to call their own—making a positive impact on over 100 shelter clients and sharing the Altrusa spirit. Twenty-four at risk children specially chosen by Terrace Elementary teachers were recipients of the Summer Enrichment Backpacks. Fisher House received bath and body gift sets for 36 military spouses in honor of Mother's Day and Military Spouse Appreciation Day, while 45 cards of gratitude and support were sent to military personnel in Afghanistan through the Operation Write Home campaign. Child Advocacy Center of Collin County received 48 teddy bears tagged with Altrusa Richardson labels, reading "Roses are red, Violets are blue, Altrusa cares a lot about you", and 27 donated stuffed animals. NETWORK of Community Ministries welcomed the donation of four cases of diapers and 11 pounds of canned meats and toiletry items. We continue to establish and sustain strong partnerships with these organizations as we educate them about Altrusa's motto – Leading to a Better Community® – One vision... One project... One day... One person... at a time.





## Project Report

**PARTNERING WITH FISHER HOUSE TO SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILIES**

By Barbara Berthold, 2013-2014 International Relations Committee Co-Chair

A "home away from home", Fisher House provides free temporary lodging for families of VA patients who are receiving health care at Dallas VA Medical Center. Fisher House is operated by Fisher House Foundation. In 2013 alone, Fisher House Foundation saved families more than \$35 million in lodging cost, plus food and transportation.

Fisher House's services benefit the families of military and help military vets worry less that, because of their medical issues, their spouses and children do not get enough attention and the love they deserve. However, Fisher House Foundation cannot do it alone. The help of the community is needed to support their programs - especially in our area. Just have a glance at the Fisher House Dallas wish list and you will understand.

This year, to recognize the UN Day of Families, we decided to assemble gift bags for Mother's and Father's

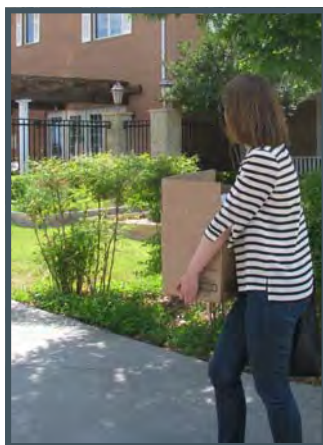
*Celebrating: International Day of Families (May 15)  
Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 9)*

Day filled with beautiful lotions and soaps to make each individual feel pampered and to show them their family's service and sacrifices are highly appreciated by the greater community. There are many needs to fill. Our hope is to establish a longtime partnership. We would like our Club to consider adopting Fisher House to continuously help military families - right here in our own backyard. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on this.

For more information:

[Fisher House Dallas](#)

[Fisher House Foundation](#)

**FISHER HOUSE (PARTIAL) WISH LIST**

- ◇ Laundry Items - Laundry basket for each room, laundry detergent *Must Be High Efficiency (HE)*
- ◇ First Aid Supplies - Bandages (assortment), antiseptics, thermometers with disposable covers, etc. *Medications such as; aspirin, pain medication, etc., are not permitted.*
- ◇ Kitchen - Dishwashing liquids. Cascade tabs.
- ◇ Baked Goods - Pies, cakes, cookies, candy bars etc.
- ◇ Frozen Meals- (breakfast, lunch, and dinner), Large Zip Lock Food storage containers
- ◇ Healthy Snacks- Fruit, granola bars, yogurt, etc.
- ◇ Dart /Taxi Transportation Tickets - Provide transportation for guests that do not have vehicles. Gift Cards for Gasoline, Misc. Gift Cards for local grocery stores, Phone Cards
- ◇ Misc. - Standard light bulbs, Bath Robe Plain (white terrycloth)
- ◇ Xbox 360 - New and used games and accessories.
- ◇ DVD's and Games- New release DVD movies for all ages. Blue ray and 3D also

## Project Report

**COMMITTEE DELIVERS A WHOLE HERD OF STUFFED ANIMALS!***Kay George, Community Outreach Committee Co-Chair*

On May 23, 2014, **Jan Skinner** and **Kay George**, members of the Community Outreach Committee, visited the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County (CACCC) to deliver close to 100 teddy bears. The project was on the agenda of Community Outreach to collect the bears, from both members of the Club and to use the 2013-2014 funds budgeted for this project to purchase additional bears.

Jan and Kay met with **Erica Stanley**, Director of Community Resources for the Center, who led them on a tour of the facility and provided information on the services offered. Every day, children victimized by abuse come to CACCC where they are helped through the nightmare of abuse and neglect. The mission of CACCC is to serve children who law enforcement sees – whether in domestic violence or violent action is which law enforcement is called. The agency serves children up to 18 years of age.

Providing help for these children is a team effort and under one roof they house law enforcement, child protective services, therapists, caseworkers, interns, nurses, and volunteers. They also work hand-in-hand with the District Attorney's office. The team provides safety for families, as well as support and resources they need to finally begin to heal.

Every child (age appropriate) receives a stuffed animal. Our Club's contribution will last about a month. They have a supply room in which shoes, clothes, accessories, and books are available at no charge to the children that CACCC serves. Typically, each child

receives three new outfits, including a pair of new athletic shoes.

This visit spawned a desire to include this organization on the list of Community Outreach Committee projects for 2014-2015. It was so impressive that we asked Erica to speak to our Club at the July 17<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting and she agreed. We are very fortunate that she is available to share with us information about this incredible organization.



*Right photo: Jan Skinner and Kay George with Erica Stanley (center) at the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County.*

*Below: Members cuddle with the bears at the May 15 dinner meeting.*





## Project Report

**ALTRUSA RICHARDSON TO PROVIDE “CHOOSE KIND” LIBRARIES***By Jane Tucker and Bobbi Klein, International Relations Committee*

In May, the International Relations Committee received a \$1,800 grant from the International Foundation to fund a brand new project called “The Choose Kind Library, sponsored by Altrusa International of Richardson”.

Members of the International Relations committee, with **Bobbi Klein** as project leader, are busy working with Terrace Elementary principal, **Sharon Newman** and school librarian, **Leah McDonough** to open the first library by this fall. The grant should allow us to add two schools within a short time after. Our goal is to eventually provide similar libraries in as many RISD schools as possible. A list of books has been compiled and will be ordered to soon allow Terrace the benefits of this type of library. We have the benefit of partnering with the organizers of the first Choose Kind Library, who are excited by seeing their idea spread to other schools.

The project was inspired by “The Choose Kind Library @ LHE”, which opened this spring at Lake Highlands Elementary. A quote from the original Choose Kind Library organizers: *“The purpose of the Choose Kind Library is to utilize literature to encourage a deeper understanding of and compassion for our differences in order to foster a community of acceptance, empathy and inclusion.”*

On May 29, Bobbi Klein and **Jane Tucker** attended the Choose Kind Library open house, which was held to inform members of the community on how and why the LHE Choose Kind library was established. This project started because **April Gorman** read the book **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio when her son was in the hospital for surgery to treat a facial deformity. Another mom, **Amy Daryani**, read the book, and was also taken with its message. The two women came up with the idea of starting the Choose Kind Library at their children’s elementary school. The books in this library have been so well received by the children, the school has taken the idea one step farther to have their 2014-2015 school theme “Wildcats Choose Kind”, with all types of activities planned to encourage a community of acceptance.

The possibilities of this program are very exciting and we can envision the project opening areas of involvement by the entire club. By its nature, the project lends itself to more visibility for our club in the community.

*Pictured left to right: at the Choose Kind Library @LHE Open House: Erin McLaughlin, April Gorman, Amy Daryani, the founders of the Choose Kind Library at LHE, Jane Tucker, Bobbi Klein, and Wanda Meador, LHE librarian.*





## Project Report

## OPERATION WRITE HOME EXPRESSES GRATITUDE

**OPERATION WRITE HOME®** *Helping heroes keep in touch with home.*

Dear Jane,

Thank you for your generous support of our nation's deployed heroes!

Your gift of 45 AnyHero letters was received on 5/27/2014.

Your heartfelt messages assure that our service members are encouraged with the thanks of a grateful nation. In the words of one airman:

*"It's hard to put into words what it feels like to read a note of thanks and appreciation from people that don't even know us. A few of us teared up a bit and all we can do is just pass on our sincerest thanks for the cards and letters. It lifted our spirits today and will help carry us through our journey here in Afghanistan."*  
—MSgt T.N.C.

**Hundreds of thousands of letters have made their way to bring cheer to heroes far from home - you're making a huge difference!**

Thank you!

[Operation Write Home](#)

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Federal Way, WA 98023

## Altrusa Accent

## THE ALTRUSA COLLECT

The Altrusa Collect is recited at the beginning of each board meeting. In Christian liturgy, a **collect** is both a liturgical action and a short, general prayer. In the Middle Ages, the prayer was referred to in Latin as *collection*, but in the more ancient sources, as *oratio*. In English, and in this usage, "collect" is pronounced with the stress on the first syllable.

The Collect reads:

"Our heavenly Father, surrounded by blessings, may we learn to bless;

Reaping the fruits of patriotism, may we love our country more;

Members of a world-wide community, may we cherish our neighbors everywhere;

Grateful to Thee, may we show our gratitude by efficiency and service."

## Project Report

## PILLOWCASES DELIVERED TO NEW BEGINNINGS CENTER



**Pam Johnson and Kimberly Kierce** with Cindy Turek, Chief Executive Officer of New Beginnings Center, a domestic violence shelter in Garland. We (Community Outreach Committee) donated over 100 hand-made and decorated pillowcases.

**Member Highlights****NEW MEMBER LIANNE LEBLANC**

**Lianne LeBlanc**, a resident of Richardson for more than 13 years, is originally from Calgary Alberta, Canada. She has an academic background in anthropology and history, and in the Dallas area, she has more than 15 years of career experience in hotel, restaurant, and property management and Real Estate sales. She has been a licensed agent with Dave Perry Miller & Associates since 2003 and in 2014, Lianne was nominated to the Who's Who publication for Women in business.

While attending the University of Texas at Arlington, she worked for the Natural History Museum in the administrative, membership and education departments. She also assisted the Curators of Exhibits, Archaeology and Paleontology, and taught a Junior Archeology Camp for the African American Museum of Life and Culture. Over the years she has worked as a docent in the Science Place and is a lover

of museums of all kinds. She enjoys travel and being outside camping, hiking, or walking her dog, **Georgia**. She likes to stay active with Yoga and fitness classes and, as an avid reader of all styles of literature, is excited to be a part of the Altrusa Book Club. As a new Altrusa Richardson member, she hopes her enthusiasm, tenacity and focus, along with her standard of excellence and attention to detail, will bring added success to the organization. She is determined to make a difference in the community and in the lives of her fellow Altrusans, by maintaining relationships for life.

**Project Report****SENIORS COMMITTEE HELPS FRIENDS PLACE "TIE ONE ON"**

On June 17, members of the Seniors Committee helped with the annual "Tie One On For Father's Day" at Friends Place Adult Day Services.

In the accompanying photographs, **Rose Daugherty** escorts a Friends Place member to the Vintage Car Show in the parking lot; **Genevieve Hamulak** and **Charlotte Mason** are obviously having a great time while braving the heat!

**Meeting Preview****LEARN ABOUT CACCC AT JULY 17 MEETING**

Our speaker at the July 17 dinner meeting will be **Erica Stanley**, Director of Community Resources for the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County.

**Kay George** and **Jan Skinner** met Erica when they delivered the dozens of stuffed animals from our Community Outreach Committee to the Center in June.





## Project Report

**ALTRUSA RICHARDSON GIVES SOCKS TO OPERATION CARE INTERNATIONAL***By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair*

At the May 2, 2014 meeting, **Susie Jennings**, Founder and Executive Director of Operation Care International and recipient of the International Golden Rule Award, talked to us about Operation Care Holy Land 2014. This non-profit organization will take a team of volunteers to Israel from July 3-16, 2014, to start a school to help the children in Israel and hopefully expand the project into Jordan to help Syrian refugee children. As part of this effort, she has already had over

5,000 pairs of shoes donated to give the children and now seeks enough socks to go along with the shoes. To assist her, the International Relations Committee presented her with her first donation of socks. Hopefully our donation of 100 pairs of socks will kick off a successful campaign to collect her goal of over 5,000 pairs of socks.

*Susie Jennings (in red, center) with Altrusans and donated socks.*



## Committee Report

**HERE'S A GOOD WAY TO GET RID OF LEFTOVER FOREIGN MONEY!***By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair*

Change for Good is an innovative partnership between UNICEF and the international airline industry.

UNICEF has a program called "Change for Good" which was established in 1987 and is UNICEF's best-known & longest running partnerships. Currently, eleven international airlines support the Change for Good program. Thanks to these participating airlines, the global Change For Good program has generated more than \$120 million that UNICEF has used to provide a healthier future for millions of children.

In the United States, American Airlines has been the participating airline since 1994. Travelers on selected flights can donate unused U.S. and foreign currencies onboard the aircraft to help UNICEF. On March 11, 2014, American Airlines hosted a "Thanks A Million +" event at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport to thank American's customers for their hard work and

generosity for raising of over a million dollars for UNICEF.

If you are unable to donate your foreign currency on an American Airlines international flight or at an Admirals Club or Flagship Lounge, you can still support Change for Good by sending your unused foreign currency to the following address:

U.S. Fund for UNICEF  
ATTN: Change for Good Program  
125 Maiden Lane  
New York, NY 10038

*As donations of foreign coins are processed in bulk by a third party vendor, please note that the acknowledgment you receive for your donation will not specify the amount of your gift.*

**Project Report****SENIORS COMMITTEE HELPS WITH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY TEA**

Several Altrusans helped with the Mother's Day Tea at Friends Place Adult Day Services on May 9. The afternoon's menu included delicious tea sandwiches, fruit, and desserts, with Altrusans serving flavored teas and

cookies to the Friends Place members and their families. A fashion show and a harpist, along with beautiful flowers in the collection of teapots, made it a lovely event.



*What a gorgeous photo, taken by Leanne Yarrow of Friends Place ADS! Robin Smith, Pam Johnson, Gloria Sandoval, Genevieve Hamulak, Alma Benoit, and Jan Flesch pause to smile for the camera, before getting down to work.*

**Committee Report****WHO WILL BE YOUR PARTNER AT THE DANCE?**

*By Bobbi Klein, Membership Recruitment Committee Co-chair*

We welcomed a record-breaking 14 new members into our club in 2013-14, making a total of 97 members! And we are looking forward to hitting the mark of 100 Richardson Altrusans this year. We need will your help to do it, though.

Our club is so blessed to have committed members who love Altrusa and love to share Altrusa, too. Please bring at least one guest whom you think would make a good Altrusan. When you bring your guests, we promise to be there to help them feel welcome, to help you answer questions, and to help you follow up with them. To help us

please try to shoot a quick email to Bobbi Klein to let us know whom to expect. A name and contact email or phone number would also be a big help so that we can follow up with them after their visits.

We encourage you to share your Altrusa experience with lots of new people. Be sure to read your June **News of the Mighty Ninth**, the District Nine newsletter; its focus is Membership Development,

This is the year to ask someone to be your partner, to share the fun and to "Dance to the Altrusa Rhythm"!



## Former Member News

**FORMER ALTRUSAN NAMED RICHARDSON LIBRARY DIRECTOR***News release from Greg Sowell, City of Richardson Director of Communications, June 6, 2014*

**Susan Allison**, Assistant Director of Library Services and former Richardson Altrusan, has been appointed Director of Library Services for the City of Richardson effective July 1, City Manager **Dan Johnson** announced. Allison will assume the position from Steve Benson, who is retiring at the end of June.

"Susan has been a tremendous asset throughout her years of service to the City and will make a great addition to the Department Director team," Johnson said. "Building on our solid reputation for quality service at the Library, we are excited about Susan's leadership and innovation as we move into the next era of library services."

As Director of Library Services, Allison will oversee all aspects and functions of the Richardson Public Library, which has a collection of more than 253,000 items including books, periodicals, audio and video media. The Library staff is composed of 30 full-time employees and 42 part-time employees.

"I am honored to be able to serve our community as Library Director," Allison said. "This is an exciting opportunity and I look forward to leading a staff that shares a sense of pride and ownership in what they do for our patrons."

Allison joined the Richardson staff in 1983 as a Children's Library Assistant and was named Children's Librarian in 1987. She was promoted to Youth Services Supervisor in 1995 and was promoted to Assistant Director of Library Services in 2008.

Allison has played a key role in the development of several innovative programs at the Richardson Public Library including: Digital Drop-In, Books-by-Mail, Lapsit, Explorers, Young Authors & Illustrators, and Read for Others. She is co-author of **Journey to Gameland: How to**

**Make a Boardgame from Your Favorite Children's Book and Creature Features: a Program Guide for the Texas Reading Club.**

Allison grew up in Richardson and graduated from Berkner High School. She received a bachelor's degree in education from Baylor University and a master's degree in library science from the University of North Texas. She also earned a graduate certificate in local government management from UT Dallas' School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences. After serving on the steering committee for Richardson Reads One Book, she served as president and is currently a member of the board of directors. She has served on numerous advisory boards and committees including the Texas Library Association (TLA) Lariat Reading List committee and the Christina B. Woll Memorial Grant committee for TLA. She is a member of the American Library Association, Public Library Association, TLA, American Libraries Service to Children, Young Adult Library Services Association, and the Library Leadership and Management Association.

Allison is a graduate of Leadership Richardson Class XII and served as a leadership advisor and on the curriculum committee. She was a nominee for Outstanding Woman of Achievement by Altrusa International of Richardson, received the Billye Meyer Distinguished Service Award/Civil Servant from the Richardson Jaycees, and the Siddie Joe Johnson Award (Outstanding Children's Librarian in Texas) from the TLA.



## Committee Report

**RICHARDSON HUMANE SOCIETY: "SAVING LIVES, ONE PET AT A TIME"***By Kay George, 2013-2014 Community Outreach Committee*

The 2013-2014 Community Outreach Committee wanted to support an organization that provided foster care for pets who may be the forgotten victims of domestic violence situations. We were unable to find such an organization, so we chose to underwrite a golf cart and a hole at the Richardson Humane Society's golf tournament fundraiser on May 17. The event raised over \$15,000 to help homeless pets in our community.



## Committee Report

**TEACHAITI TO BUILD NEW SCHOOL***By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair*

On June 7, 2014, Altrusans Linda Craft, Diane Davidson, Bobbi Klein, and Jane Tucker attended a luncheon sponsored by friends of TeachHaiti to allow founder Miquette Denie McMahon to showcase her new project- a new school. It will be located in St. Michel which is in north-central Haiti. This town has a population of 120,000 with an 80% unemployment rate. Most of the people live in substandard houses and make a living by farming. Currently over 40% of the children in this town do not attend school.

TeachHaiti has had a small school in St Michel since 2007 and currently has 80 children being educated through scholarship sponsorships. The new school is due to open in 2015 and will not only allow more children to attend school but it will also create new jobs in this area. The school is being designed to not only have classrooms but will also have playgrounds, gardens, a clinic, and a guest house. It will not only be a gathering place for the community but also help improve community morale and play a crucial role to instill the importance of education in this community.

The pictures of St Michel and its children that were shown in a slide presentation were very enlightening and moved all of us attending to talk with Miquette about to how our club can help her with this school. In one picture a young boy was not in school because he had no shoes. Something so simple, yet in so many countries such as Haiti a barrier to getting an education. After talking to Miquette, our club members came up with several projects to help her. The first is to have a book sponsorship drive to create the library in this new school. Our goal is to get members to donate 90 books, basically a book from each member. Miquette said a library of this size would be a huge help to the school. The other project will start in the spring with a shoe drive through an organization called Think Kindness which motivates random acts of kindness in school assemblies all around the United States. They have a worldwide project to collect new and gently used shoes to send to countries such as Haiti to give children such as the young boy in Miquette's picture the shoes he needs to allow him to go to school.

The quality of education at the School of Hope in Haiti is amazing. In 2013, 100 % of their 6<sup>th</sup> grade students passed the National Competency Exam, which is quite an accomplishment. The goal for the new school in St Michel will be to provide this same type of quality education to even more children in Haiti to ultimately change even more lives – one child at a time.

*(l-r) Diane Davidson, Bobbi Klein, Miquette Denie McMahon, Jane Tucker, Linda Craft*

## In the Media

**RICHARDSON TODAY***In the June 2014 issue***Altrusa receives statewide awards**

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc., won several awards at the organization's annual District Conference in Austin.

The honors included the third consecutive Altrusa Adventures in Cultural Awareness, which is the top award that recognizes clubs for international relations.

The Richardson club's international activities over the past year included helping to host the Japan American Summit, supporting a child in Guatemala, observing United Nations designated days by raising money (such as selling bottled water to members at meetings to raise funds for the UNICEF Tap Water project), making members aware of international women's issues, and many more.

Other recognition was first place for Club Communications; an award to Kimberly Kierce for her leadership as president of the Richardson club; and citations for club and personal contributions to the Altrusa International Foundation and for an outstanding club display at the conference.

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. has more than 90 members and is dedicated to community service. For more information, visit [altrusarichardson.com](http://altrusarichardson.com).



**COMMITTEE REPORT****OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY NEEDS SPONSORS!***By Robin Smith, OWT Committee*

We plan to work hard this year to exceed the amazing sponsorship level achieved for last year's Outstanding Women of Today (OWT) fundraiser. There are several businesses in the Richardson area that we hope to engage and bring in as new sponsors!

As you know, sometimes it is easier to obtain sponsorships from smaller businesses since they don't have the level of 'approvals' and request timeframes that some larger companies require. They will likely be smaller donation levels but if we can get a large representation of businesses there is strength in numbers!

Please remember to think about potential sponsors each time you:

- ◇ shop or dine out
- ◇ go to a local establishment for entertainment
- ◇ patronize or simply see a business new to the Richardson area.
- ◇ visit your financial planner, florist, druggist etc.

OWT sponsorship is not only a wonderful way for businesses to support their local community, but it is also a great way for them to obtain relatively inexpensive advertising and visibility!

If you personally know someone at a company and would like to approach them directly please do so and provide them the sponsorship information. If you have completed spreadsheets or just an idea for a company you would like someone from the committee to contact, please provide your suggestions to Robin Smith. Also, please let Robin know if you are already contacting a company and working with someone there. That way we won't be duplicating effort!

As you know, the sooner we get sponsorship 'asks' in so the corporate approval process wheels can begin turning...the better off we will be. Please remember that sponsorship deadline is October 10th.

Thank you for helping to make this another great sponsorship year! It's exciting to think about what we can collectively accomplish as we work together to raise money for our many worthy projects.

For more information about sponsorships and other aspects of our annual fundraiser, click [here](#).

**THE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS ARE:****Presenting - \$5,000**

- ◇ Two tables (16 event tickets)\*
- ◇ Prominent placement of full-page ad/logo in the program
- ◇ Ad in Altrusa Richardson newsletter
- ◇ Signage at the event

**Platinum - \$3,500**

- ◇ Two tables (16 event tickets)\*
- ◇ Full-page ad/logo in the program
- ◇ Ad in Altrusa Richardson newsletter
- ◇ Signage at the event

**Gold - \$1,500**

- ◇ One table (8 event tickets)\*
- ◇ Half-page ad/logo in the program
- ◇ Signage at the event

**Silver - \$600**

- ◇ Four event tickets\*
- ◇ One-quarter page ad/logo in the program
- ◇ Signage at the event

**Bronze - \$350**

- ◇ Two event tickets\*
- ◇ Recognition in program

\*Event tickets are for use by the Sponsors and their invited Guests. Nominees receive one complimentary ticket to attend.

**Meeting Preview****JUNE 19 MEETING TO BE ABOUT OWT**

Outstanding Women of Today... Builders of Tomorrow  
Annual Luncheon and Awards Presentation



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**Friday, October 31, 2014 at Noon**

Hyatt Regency North Dallas/Richardson  
701 E Campbell Rd  
Richardson, Texas

**Be a Part of Something OUTSTANDING!**

Luncheon Tickets are \$50each

RSVP Deadline: October 10, 2014

## Meeting Report

**2014-15 OFFICERS INSTALLED AT MAY 15 DINNER MEETING**

2014-2015 Board of Directors (L-R): **Cindy McIntyre**, President-Elect; **Laura Trainor-Collins**, Vice President; **Nancy Crowe**, Recording Secretary; **Susan Fischer**, Corresponding Secretary; **Kimberly Kierce**, Foundation Treasurer; **Dena Davis**, Admin Treasurer; Directors **Rose Daughety**, **Cindy Murray**, **Jo Leeper**, and **Kay George**; **Pam Johnson**, Immediate Past President; and **Gloria Sandoval**, President.

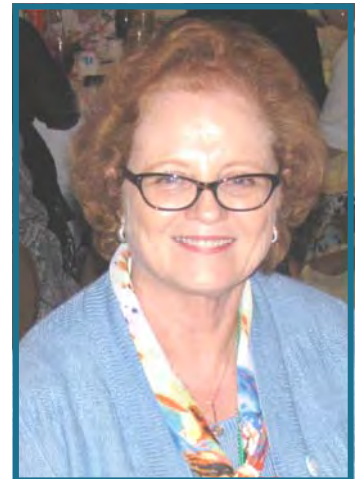
Special Guests at the Installation of Officers were four dozen Teddy Bears, each wearing a special tag that said: "Roses are Red, Violets are Blue. ALTRUSA cares a lot about YOU!" The bears were given to the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County.



## Member Highlights

**ROSE DAUGHETY RETIRES!**

After more than eight years as Executive Director of Prestonwood Court Assisted Living and Memory Care in Plano, **Rose Daughety** announced that she was leaving to pursue other adventures. Her last day was Friday, May 16. Rose said that the first adventure will be a wedding in Provincetown, Maine, followed by a trip to Northern and Southern Ireland to trace their family roots.



Rose learned about Altrusa long ago, when Donna Moss was her daughter's music teacher. Many years later, Pam Johnson invited Rose to be her guest at an Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon and Awards Presentation, and Rose said, "I felt her love of the ladies and the organization. Like Pam, I enjoy organizational volunteering as a hobby."

Rose is a former board member of the Alzheimer's Association and the Older Women's League. She was recently installed as a Director of Altrusa Richardson.



## International Foundation News

**INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION GRANT***By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee*

Shawna Kaiser, Foundation Coordinator of Altrusa International Foundation wrote, "Congratulations! You are receiving this message because your Club's grant application was awarded this spring cycle. Good luck with your amazing projects."

On May 21, 2014, the International Relations Committee was notified that their grant request had been approved to finance a project related to the UN World Day of Social Justice. Bobbi Klein, Barbara Berthold, and Jane Tucker submitted the Foundation Grant request to help establish a "Choose Kind" Library within the existing library at Terrace Elementary School. This project will partner with Richardson ISD to use literature to encourage a better understanding of and compassion for our differences in order to foster a community of acceptance, empathy, and inclusion. Approximately 60 books with topics aimed at complimenting the existing RISD anti-bully program will now be purchased. The books content would focus on conflict resolution and respect for human diversity.

## In the Media

**NEIGHBORSGO***From neighborsgo, May 16, 2004*

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF RICHARDSON

**Scholarships awarded**Photo submitted by JANET VANCE

Altrusa International of Richardson presented \$1,500 scholarships to five area high school seniors during a recent meeting at the Richardson Woman's Club. This year's scholarship recipients were Anastasia Kovanova (left to right) and Susie Ghidei from Lake Highlands High School; Karleigh Hartley from J.J. Pearce High School; and Meredith Herbst from Richardson High School. Not pictured is Mia Ivos from Richardson High School. Altrusa awards scholarships annually to seniors from RISD schools or residents of Richardson attending public high schools. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees and books.

## Other News



*The aptly named Altrusa Wine and Chocolate Literary Society (aka Book Club) enjoys reading, sipping, eating, and laughing together.*

## Conference Delegate Report

**DISTRICT NINE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, INTERNATIONAL VISITOR***Kimberly Kierce, Delegate*

At the Fifty-Eighth Annual Business Meeting of Altrusa District Nine, Governor Beth Blair welcomed all Delegates, Alternates, District Board Members, and attendees with her Governor's Report. District Nine membership was 787 as of June 1, 2013 and passed along Ilona Kirby's goal to achieve a net gain of 1 member each year of the biennium. Governor Blair's personal goal is for 1,000 members for District Nine by May 31, 2015 and show International just how "Mighty" the Ninth really is! To achieve this goal, Governor Blair spoke of Altrusa being similar to Starbucks – there is certain "experience" you get at Starbucks that is unlike any other coffee shop. She encourages all District Niners to share "The Altrusa Experience" with others.

Governor Beth Blair extended a special welcome to our International Visitor, Leanne Milligan, Altrusa International Vice President, from Te Awamutu club in New Zealand. Leanne presented her report from Altrusa International, Inc. and spoke of several happenings and highlights at the International level. She complimented District Nine's membership status but shared concern that internationally membership is down 235 members already this year. She recognized that a new club is forming in Rockwall and that seven under-charter clubs had reached charter strength in the last few months thereby boosting District Nine's membership – the "Magnificent 7" they are being called. Other updates included:

- ◇ Altrusa Encyclopedia is now available on line as a

valuable resource.

- ◇ International ASTRA Committee made mentor and liaison assignments to help promote ASTRA club building and support.
- ◇ The International Altrusan will no longer be printed and mailed but will be produced via short eblasts. It will only be printed before International Convention.
- ◇ All clubs should be "incorporated" and international toolkit to assist with the process. Local club that have foundations should also file name changes, as appropriate.
- ◇ Altrusa rebranding rules are updated and clubs are reminded that Altrusa International only can give permission for the use of the word "Altrusa" in any publication.
- ◇ International is working on an international hands-on project and currently communicating about a literacy project in Ghana.
- ◇ Doc Morgan has new items which were on display in the Everything Room and your feedback regarding these items is requested regarding sellability, value, usable, useful and cost.
- ◇ 2015 International Convention will be held in Kansas City, MO and a web-based video is available to promote attendance.
- ◇ 2017 International Convention will be held in Nashville TN to celebrate Altrusa's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!
- ◇ Review Policy 27 regarding trademarks and the new logo. BRR Chair, Jane Hart, is the contact should your club have any questions about the Altrusa trademark. International's contract with Doc Morgan is an essential part of non-dues revenue and should be used whenever possible following International guidelines for producing Altrusa materials. These changes and enforcement protect the Altrusa logo and trademark and comply with the licensing agreements.
- ◇ Kudos to all District Nine Altrusans serving on the International level: Linda Nichols as Past International President, Sylvia Zamora and Rose Strum as International ASTRA Chairs, Martha Hardwick Hofmeister as International Foundation Coordinator, Trina Taylor on Communications Member, and Laura Bruner on Membership.

The Election of Nominating Committee was conducted and the following Altrusans will be the 2014-2016 District

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2013-2014 President Pam Johnson poses with our third place award-winning display at District Nine Conference.



**DISTRICT NINE ANNUAL BUSINESS** *(continued from page 18)*

## Nine Nominating Committee:

- ♦ Martha Hardwick Hofmeister (Downtown Dallas), Chair
- ♦ Kathleen Dow (Waco)
- ♦ Tina Hampton (SETCER)
- ♦ Melva Hill (Greenville)
- ♦ Linda Gomez-Whitener (San Antonio)

At the Governors Banquet, Lianne Milligan presented her Top 10 list for Altrusa District Nine:

- ♦ Warm Welcomes
- ♦ Sharing of ideas
- ♦ Celebrate Success
- ♦ Significant supporters of International Foundation
- ♦ Recruiters
- ♦ Great Service Projects
- ♦ Developing Leaders and Mentors
- ♦ High Community Profiles
- ♦ Work Hard
- ♦ Play Harder

**District Nine News****NEWS OF MIGHTY NINTH**

The summer issue of News of Mighty Ninth, the District Nine newsletter edited by **Jan Skinner**, has been published. Click [here](#). Don't miss these:

- ♦ Working the Three R's of Membership, committee report by **Bobbi Klein**
- ♦ Retention the Richardson Way: Host an Altrusa Family Reunion by **Nancy Rohm**
- ♦ First Timer's Report by **Nancy Crowe**
- ♦ Club news: our delivery of the Teddy Bears to CACCC
- ♦ Success Stories (International Relations and Edith DeBusk President's Award entries)

**Conference Delegate Report****AWARDS LUNCHEON AND CONFERENCE OVERVIEW**

*By Pam Johnson, Delegate*

Each year, without question, the most exhilarating event of conference is the Awards Luncheon. Before the name of the winning club is announced, there is an unbelievable quiet in the room. For many of the award categories, the Presenter begins by reading the details of the specific project selected for the first, second or third place award. You can actually feel the anticipation as almost every member there listens carefully in hopes of hearing the name of their club. Then there's the explosion of applause and excitement as the winner is announced. A member gleefully comes forward to collect the award on behalf of her club. She pauses for a quick photo opportunity with phones and cameras continuing to click until she returns back to the table. Seconds later, it all begins again until only a few awards are left to be announced on Sunday. It is a room of proud women.

This year we proudly returned from conference with an armful of awards – nine to be exact. (All of our awards were listed in the May **Tidings**.) And, every member of our club that attended either realized or was again reminded, that our club definitely has a reputation. It has a very good reputation. It's a known fact that each year we take home more than our fair share of awards. But, the real joy comes from the recognition of our club's most important asset. It is the commitment, compassion and active

involvement of the majority of our members that has earned us this enviable reputation.

Other members from Richardson receiving individual awards and/or recognition included the following. Please note that these are awarded only for even years of service.

Longevity Recognition for 20 years

25 years: **Mary Beth McLemore**

20 years: **GINNA COFFER, Bonnie Perry**

10 years: **Brenda Duckett, Freda Hanley, Samanthia Slaight**

Sponsor Recognition of

2 new members: **Gerry Carron, Julianne Lovelace, Cindy McIntyre, Cindy Murray, Jennifer Rohm**

4 new members: **Kay Rose George, Patricia Hansen, Bonnie Perry**

6 new members: **Susan Fischer**

Sue R. Powell Perfect Attendance Awards (for 2012-2013)

**Dena Davis**  
**Kimberly Kierce**  
**Bobbi Klein**  
**Pam Kovacs**  
**Jo Leeper**  
**Sue McElveen**  
**Mary Beth McLemore**

**Mary Osentowski**  
**Nancy Rohm**  
**Gloria Sandoval**  
**Jan Skinner**  
**Carolyn Swanson**  
**Mimi Tanner**  
**Jane Tucker**

## Conference Delegate Report

**DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS**

By Cindy McIntyre, Delegate

I attended the Parliamentary Procedure workshop led by **Martha Hardwick Hofmeister**, District Parliamentarian. She gave a few basics such as you don't say "I make motion" you should say "I move"; and the "the person who makes the motion can speak first during discussion but she may not speak again until all have had a chance to speak." She addressed the Board of Directors functions regarding Club Policies as opposed to Club Bylaws. Martha guided us in a role play where we took the part of the chair and members. We were also given a nice handout that covered the basics and recommendations to read **Robert's Rules for Dummies** and/or **Robert's Rules in Brief**.

Several members attended "Living WELL Aware" with **Dr. Patricia Sulak** and reported that it was an enjoyable presentation and they received good information.

I was one of the presenters of the International Service Project Workshop. There were 35 in attendance,

some who had never performed any international projects and some who were hoping to win an award in the next year or two. It was generally agreed that all took away helpful information from the workshop. Groups shared their experiences and everyone was encouraging to the new clubs about getting started. We had prepared handouts with web sites and our contact numbers if anyone wanted more information. We had gifts for those who shared with the group which helped make for a fun atmosphere and more participation.

Several other workshops had good feedback. For example, **Michelle May O'Neil** gave an insightful presentation on how Social Media works and how it can help promote club membership and club projects and fundraising. She even demonstrated how to take a "selfie" and post it on Facebook.

## Conference Delegate Report

**CONFERENCE NIGHT LIFE**

By Gloria Sandoval, Delegate

The theme for the Fifty-Eighth District Nine Conference in Austin was in keeping with the Austin saying "Keep Austin Weird." Our District Board as the host committee for Conference in Austin promised "Wild,



2012-2013 President Kimberly Kierce with the awards garnered during her presidency.

Wacky, and Weird" for Friday Fun Night. They did not disappoint! ... And made for great dancing!

Each club chose their own costume theme to fit the District theme. It was so much fun to see all the wacky attire. Altrusa Richardson went all out to show our Wild, Wacky and definitely Weird side with varied purple attire, throw in different color pony tails, wigs and, we can't forget, our Richardson buttons. District asked each club to choose a special song for their club. Richardson chose "We Are Family" which is very apropos to us. Music by Austin Elite DJ Services started playing and **Gloria Sandoval** couldn't stop her feet, they immediately started dancing, dancing, and dancing. Who needs partners when dancing with Altrusa sisters? **Nancy Crowe** showed her moves by getting down and I mean getting down. Gloria got down too, but needed help getting back up. **Kimberly Kierce** showed her moves with her line dancing. **Bobbi Klein** led several conga lines especially when the DJ played our club song. Truly all Altrusans at Friday Fun Night had a great time cutting loose and just having fun.

Not every night was Wild, Wacky and Weird. Saturday night was time to Glam-Up for the Governor's Black and

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**CONFERENCE NIGHT LIFE** *(Continued from page 20)*

White Ball. Personally speaking, I think Altrusa Richardson has the most dazzling women of District Nine. The speaker for the evening was the International Representative, **Leanne Milligan**, serving as our International Vice President. She is from Te Awamutu, New Zealand, District Fifteen. Leanne was both very interesting and entertaining. She stated that she has

visited many clubs in Texas and has definitely fallen in love with Texas and wouldn't mind moving here.

Conference Night Life always ends with after event wine and snacks in the President's hotel room. Friday night, there were almost 27 Richardson Altrusans in the room enjoying wine and snacks and... just enjoying each other's company. Saturday night after the Glam-Up, it was time to kick off those high heeled shoes, relax, laugh, and just enjoy talking with each other. Yes, Conference Night Life is fun!

**Conference Delegate Report****AN AWESOME KEYNOTE SPEAKER; A GREAT SERVICE PROJECT**

*By Jan Skinner, Delegate*

The Assistant Superintendent, **Dr. Jan Hungate**, of West Independent School District, gave an awe-inspiring speech! She took us through the aftermath of the tragedy, in which a fertilizer plant blew up, killing 15 people. Can you imagine having all but one school building destroyed?

This "unexpected challenge" in West taught everybody a lesson in perseverance and the generosity of America. One nearby school donated the use of their building to West. Grand Prairie donated portable buildings that they weren't using any more to West. The community of West became even closer-knit. One individual, who had no children and lost everything, worked tirelessly toward the recovery. The Altrusa International Foundation (disaster relief) donated \$6,000 and the Waco Club donated \$7,500.

The theme of West became "Rise Up" and the school board met on a Sunday after the explosion where there was an air of cooperation from everyone present. They are still struggling in some ways but they are more

importantly surviving the devastating blast and rebuilding to become a stronger community.

Hungate, a native Texan, earned the undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University. She received her master degree an education administration and doctorate degree from Tarleton State University. She has taught every grade from kindergarten to higher education in her 42 years of her career. She believes in giving back: among her many activities is as the presiding officer of Texas School Health Advisory Council promoting student health through school-based initiatives.

The District Nine Service Project, Altrusa Partners in Education teacher supply collection, included 256 kids prizes, 265 snacks, 200 hand-sanitizers, 150 reams of copy paper, over \$250 in cash donations and over 2,280 individual school supplies items for the Austin Club to benefit Austin ISD Title I schools located in under-resourced communities serving predominantly economically disadvantaged students.

**Other News****GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN**

*These photos, taken in Austin during District Nine Conference weekend, show that girls just want to have fun!*

*L-R, Kimberly Kierce, Barbara Cornelius, Jan Skinner, Sue McElveen, and Cindy McIntyre.*



## International News

### **ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL ASKS FOR MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY PROJECTS**

*From the International Service Program Development Committee*

The fourth Saturday in October is designated as Make A Difference Day. This is the day when we all come together at the same time to make a difference in our communities on a national day of helping others.

#### **What is Make A Difference Day and what does it have to do with Altrusa International?**

Founded by USA Weekend Magazine and its partners, Make A Difference Day is a national day of doing good... a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Every year up to three million people participate worldwide.

Altrusa, as an international organization, has participated in Make A Difference Day activities since 1997 and has been the recipient of a \$10,000 cash award on two separate occasions. This money went into the Altrusa International Foundation which in turn came back to the local clubs.

#### **What do we want to achieve by participating in Make a Difference Day?**

Create community awareness of Altrusa.

- ◇ Show Altrusa's international focus on literacy.
- ◇ Increase the number of clubs participating in Make A Difference Day projects by 20%.
- ◇ Increase the number of clubs putting literacy as the focus of their Make A Difference Day projects by 20%.
- ◇ Increase the number of clubs participating in Make A Difference Day activities with other community organizations by 20%.
- ◇ Receive \$10,000 cash award.

#### **Make a Difference Day Timeline**

June/July: Evaluate your community needs and design a project with a literacy focus. Ask for club buy-in and encourage member participation.

August: Assign chair to head project. Begin event preparation and encourage members to get involved.

September: Begin advertising your event and seek community support. Update club on progress and encourage member participation. Involve your ASTRA members.

October: Finalize your plans and send pre-report to International office. Hold your event on the fourth Saturday in October with as many club members as possible participating.

November: Send final Make A Difference Day report to



International office by designated due date. Include photos.

#### **Questions about Make A Difference Day**

##### Why is it important that my club project have a literacy focus?

With such a strong focus on literacy, Altrusa International chose this to be the theme behind our entry. By having one theme or focus we present a united front showing that Altrusa International has joined together to help stamp out illiteracy in our communities. This is a step to help us secure another cash award while at the same time showing our passion for this cause.

##### Why can't we hold our project on a different day?

The fourth Saturday in October is designated as Make A Difference Day. This is the day when we all come together at the same time to make a difference in our communities. If we all work on different days we lose the effect and the purpose of a "national day" of helping others.

##### Why do we have to submit a pre-report?

This gives the International office staff an idea of how many clubs are expected to participate in activities. The pre-report should be a brief overview of your plans.

##### Why do we have to report our project to the International office by a certain date?

In order to have your club's project included in the Altrusa entry, your information must be received by the International office by a certain deadline to give the staff time to compile everyone's information into one report. All information will be on the International website and your report can be filed online.

##### Why should I care about Make A Difference Day?

Altrusans are all about service and making a difference in our communities, large or small. Participation in the national Make A Difference Day event is just another opportunity to do so on a grand scale and to show our neighbors Altrusans do make a difference.

Remember, regardless of your project plans, large or small, whatever you decide to do will make a difference to someone!



# Club Calendar June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Liz Luthans, Ginger Tonne bday	4	5 Business meeting	6	7
8	9 Sue Walker bday	10 Finance Cmte. Meeting	11	12	13 Irene Strejc bday	14 Julie Horan bday
15	16	17 Susan Fischer bday	18 Rose Daughety bday	19 Dinner meeting Janice Campbell bday	20	21
22 Donna Jarman, June Rentmeester bday	23 RETENTION: AWCLS Donna Buhr bday	24	25 Education Cmte Meeting	26 Altrusa Board Meeting	27	28
29 Sandy Martin bday	30 Laura Trainor- Collins bday					

Business Meetings, 7 PM, 1st Thursday, Clubhouse  
at the Richardson Woman's Club

Dinner/Program meetings, 7PM, 3rd Thursday,  
Founders' Hall, at the Richardson Woman's Club

Board meetings, 7 PM, 4th Thursday, Friends Place  
Adult Day Services

Events on this page are copied from our website.  
See event listings at [www.altrusarichardson.com](http://www.altrusarichardson.com)  
for details of time and place.

## BOARD ACTIONS

- ◇ Approved budgets
- ◇ Signed Conflict of Interest Acknowledgments
- ◇ Appointed Sue McElveen to be Administrator of Patsy Palmer Reynolds Endowment Fund
- ◇ Re-appointed Nonprofit Compliance ad hoc committee
- ◇ Arranged for new signatories on bank accounts
- ◇ Approved appointments of Committee Chairs
- ◇ Received membership renewal reports

# Club Calendar July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Claudia Tatum bday	2	3 Jo Leeper bday Business meeting	4	5
6	7 Bobbi Klein bday Outreach Cmte Meeting	8	9 Finance Cmte. Meeting	10 Carolyn Swanson bday	11	12 Kay George bday
13	14	15	16	17 Strategic Planning Cmte Meeting Dinner meeting	18	19
20	21	22 Christine Hart bday	23	24	25	26 Ability House: Roberto's bday
27 Janie Jaquier bday	28 Nancy Crowe, Carolyn Giuliani bday Retention: AWCLS	29	30 Julianne Lovelace bday	31 Janet Sheppard bday		

Business Meetings, 7 PM, 1st Thursday, Clubhouse at the Richardson Woman's Club  
 Dinner/Program meetings, 7PM, 3rd Thursday, Founders Hall at the Richardson Woman's Club  
 Board meetings, 7 PM, 4th Thursday, Friends Place Adult Day Services

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If you choose, you may bring a gift (worth about \$5) 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. Proceeds are used for our administration budget.

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