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President's Message

THE IMPACT OF GOOD EDUCATORS

I attended the New Teachers Luncheon sponsored by the Richardson Chamber of Commerce that was held at the Renaissance Hotel on August 13, 2014. Each year, this special event honors new teachers entering the Richardson Independent School District (RISD) and demonstrates the business community's support for quality education.

The featured speaker was **Judge Tonya Parker**, Presiding Judge of the 116th Civil District Court in Dallas County. Her topic, "Journey to the Courthouse: The Difference RISD Teachers Made," blew me away. She stated that according to a study conducted by the U.S. Department of Education and National Institute of Literacy, 32 million adults in the United States can't read, and 21 percent of adults read below 5th grade, and 19 percent of graduating high school students can't read. Judge Parker stated, "this has got to change, and it all starts with our educators."

Judge Parker did not have the advantages like many children in Richardson. She grew up in a home with many challenges: her father was incarcerated because of his addiction; her mother was away from home most of the time, working hard to support the family. It was Parker's educators that changed her life by encouraging and pushing her not to be simply satisfied with "just making it through school."

Judge Parker stated

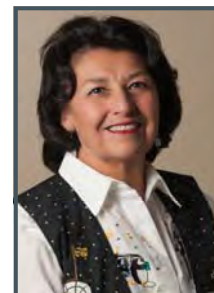
that any child can achieve what she did, no matter their circumstances, with the right educators in their life.

Remembering Judge Parker's words, I started thinking about the educators in my life and several came to mind immediately. Mr. Osborn, my 5th grade teacher, made sure his students were "well rounded", especially in English Literature. He always had us read poems by Robert Frost, William Wordsworth and many others. Being "well rounded" in his mind also included music and food. He brought his 33 rpm records so we could listen to "good music." One day, Mr. Osborn found out that no one in our class had ever tasted an artichoke, so he purchased several and asked someone in the cafeteria to prepare them according to his instructions. The entire class tasted the artichokes, who would dare to say "no" to Mr. Osborn.

Mrs. VonClausewitz, a very proper woman, was my senior year high school English teacher. Her purpose in life was to make sure her students enunciated words correctly.

Above all the educators in my life, my parents were the best. When I was young, I didn't dare complain to my Mom that there wasn't anything to do, because her answer was to hand me a

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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*

Altrusa Richardson's book club, also known as the Altrusa Wine and Chocolate Literary Society or AWCLS, meet on the fourth Monday of every month at Friends Place, 1960 Nantucket Drive in Richardson. We begin at 6:00 PM and end by 7:30 PM.

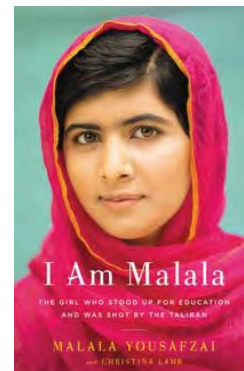
The book this month is **I Am Malala**.

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive. Instead, Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey from a remote valley in northern Pakistan to the halls of the United Nations in

New York. At sixteen, she has become a global symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest nominee ever for the Nobel Peace Prize.

I Am Malala is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons.

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!

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** *(Continued from page 1)*

book. She would say, "Read this and tell me what it's about when you finish." Or, worse yet, she would empty out my dresser drawers with the words "now you have something to do." My Dad was in sales for a pharmaceutical company and was usually gone Monday through Thursday. Fridays he was home doing paperwork and Saturday and Sunday was strictly family time. In the mornings, he would read the newspaper to us, and I usually didn't understand half of what he was reading. I think he knew it, but read it to us anyway. He didn't want his children not knowing what was "happening in the world around us."

Good educators are the ones that make an impact on a young child's mind, imparting knowledge upon them in their most impressionable years. What kids learn from their teachers at a young age will most likely stay with them, in some form, for the rest of their lives. I will always remember the educators who impacted my life.

Gloria Sandoval

2014-2015 President

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Project Preview

NEW PROJECT: WORLD PEACE ART CONTEST FOR RISD STUDENTS*By Barbara Berthold, International Relations Committee*

Sunday, 21 September 2014, is the UN International Day of Peace. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. (<http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>).

To mark this important day, Altrusa Richardson is sponsoring an art contest for students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. To involve the community as much as possible, we are partnering with the Richardson Arts Alliance, the Richardson Civic Art Society, and the Richardson Independent School District (RISD).

Under the leadership of **Janie Jaquier**, a group of Altrusa volunteers attended two meetings with RISD art teachers on August 20 and 21 to introduce the art contest to them. The idea was well received and we look forward to many thought-provoking discussions about what peace means to the individual student or to a class, and how they are going to express themselves and their thoughts artistically.

At right is the flyer listing the rules and deadlines.

In addition, we are planning to host a reception to properly showcase the students' work. Stay tuned!

And watch for the winners on our website!



To celebrate the United Nations' International Peace Day, Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc., the Richardson Arts Alliance, and the Richardson Civic Art Society, in partnership with RISD, are sponsoring an art contest. The theme of the contest is "What Peace Means to Me".

Guidelines:

- ✓ The contest is open to all students in 4th – 6th grade. Each student participating in the art contest will receive a "International Peace Day " pencil.
- ✓ The art work should depict what peace means to the student– doves, peace signs, children holding hands.
- ✓ Colored pencils, crayons, markers or paints may be used. The art work should be two dimensional not to exceed 24" x 36 ", matted with label in lower right corner.
- ✓ The top three entries from each participating campus must be delivered to the Richardson Public Library and checked in from 3:30 – 5:00 pm on either November 11 or November 12, 2014.
- ✓ Securely attach the entry form on the back of the entry.
- ✓ Ribbons and prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention. Winners will be posted on the Altrusa website, altrusarichardson.com, by November 24, 2014.
- ✓ The art work will be displayed at the Richardson Public Library through December 5, 2014.
- ✓ All entries should be picked up from the library either December 8 or 9.
- ✓ For more information email bjaquier@aol.com or call 972-907-8304.



Photo: Janie Jaquier (at left) introduces the World Peace Art Contest at a meeting with RISD art teachers.

Project Preview

DONATE TO EDUCATE, A NEW JOINT PROJECT WITH TEACHAITI

By Jane Tucker, International Relations Co-Chair

This is the third year our Altrusa Club has sponsored **Schephatia Herwine Joseph**. Through information shared about the education program being conducted at the School of Hope in Port au Prince, Haiti, we have learned how this non-profit organization is reaching children in Haiti who would never have received the privilege of education had it not been for TeachHaiti.

Sadly, only about 53% of Haitians can read and write. This is a major concern of UNICEF who has programs in place to provide donated educational supplies to help build a better future for the people of Haiti. When UNICEF aid workers reached out to the children of Haiti and asked them to name their favorite books, the children didn't know how to respond as they did not read books to have a favorite.

This year TeachHaiti is completing a new school in St. Michel, Haiti, which is due to open in 2015. There are still many things the new school needs, such as books for the school's library. Richardson Altrusans met with **Miquette Denie**, the founder of TeachHaiti, when she was in Dallas this past June and, through this meeting, came up with the "Donate to Educate" book project.

Miquette said that a library that contains even as many as eighty books would be considered an excellent

library in Haiti. She has provided our club a list of 53 books that would stock the new library. The books will be purchased by the TeachHaiti organization in Haiti because they need to be printed in French and Creole (the native language of Haiti). The books range in price from \$5.00 to \$19.50. Much like the Heifer International Honor Card program, when an Altrusan signs up to donate a book, a card will be sent to family or friends to let them know a book has been given in their honor to the St. Michel library, and a sticker will be placed in the donated book to let the children know the book has been provided through the efforts of our Altrusa club. A book list and information on how to order a book will be provided to members in the near future.

John Steinbeck said, "Learning to read is probably the most difficult and revolutionary thing that happens to the human brain, and if you don't believe that, watch an illiterate adult try to do it." TeachHaiti focuses on education as a means to build a sustainable future for Haiti. Through developing young minds, the hope is to bring the Haitian state out of despair by creating informed citizens who will go on to be the future leaders of the country.

Project Report

OUR FIRST "CHOOSE KIND" LIBRARY IS IN THE WORKS

Bobbi Klein, International Relations Committee

On August 13, **Rose Daughety**, **Bobbi Klein**, and **Jane Tucker** and proudly presented Terrace Elementary School principal, **Sharon Newman**, with the first set of books to begin **The Choose Kind Library at Terrace Elementary**, located at 300 Dorothy Lane in Richardson. We have also created a sign to mark the special area of the library. The books all have bookmarks designating them as part of the Choose Kind Library, and as a special project of the Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc.

Leah McDonough, Terrace Elementary School librarian, and the staff at Terrace are very excited to have this "library in a library" in their school. The "Grand Opening" of the Choose Kind Library will take place as soon as the books have been processed into the school's library. Funded by a grant from the Altrusa International Foundation, Terrace is the first library for our project, and will be joined by two other elementary schools in RISD.



Photo: (L-R) Rose Daughety, Bobbi Klein, Jane Tucker and Sharon Newman, Terrace Elementary Principal, display the books for the Choose Kind Library at Terrace Elementary.

Project Report

OUTREACH COMMITTEE HELPS CACCC AND NETWORK FOOD PANTRY*By Donna Buhr, Community Outreach Committee Co-Chair*

Community Outreach's August committee projects included a food collection for NETWORK, tennis shoes and socks collection for the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County (CACCC), and the on-going toiletry collection for NETWORK.

"Tennies and Socks" project co-chairs **Jan Skinner**, **Sarah Nesbit**, and **Kay George** organized the purchase, collection, and delivery of tennis shoes and socks for CACCC just in time for back to school. The Community Outreach Committee donated 20 pairs of boys and girls tennis shoes and over 50 pairs of socks to CACCC for the abused and neglected children of Collin County. The Children's Advocacy Center provides a friendly environment where children victimized by abuse can safely tell their story and receive the needed support. Within the center, families find support, resources, and a place where healing begins. The agency serves children up to 18 years of age.

"Food Drive" project co-Chairs **Norma Hammerlund**, **Robin Smith**, and **Debbie Simms** organized the collection, purchase, and delivery of 459 pounds of food for the NETWORK Food Pantry. The food drive benefits "food insecure" families who don't know from where they will get their next meal. According to NETWORK, they provide over 40,000 pounds of food each month to individuals in need of food assistance; therefore, the Community Outreach food drive will "have a real time impact immediately". NETWORK of Community Ministries, Inc. responds to human need by giving assistance with the goal of helping

individuals achieve long-term independence. A special thank you to the committee and to all Altrusa sisters who contributed to the food collection that helps ensure many families have good food on the table.

Altrusans, you so generously give of your time and resources, but do you stop to think about how much your contributions really matter? When you donate a can of tuna and package of macaroni, do you think about the hungry family that will be able to eat because of your help? When you take that extra bit of time and trouble to pack spare toiletries from the hotel room and bring to a meeting, do you stop to think about a struggling mother that can wash her hair and feel just a little better about her appearance when she takes her children to school? When you help collect shoes and socks, do you think about that abused child that had to be removed from their home without shoes and socks to wear? Although I know the Community Outreach projects are for worthy and much needed causes, I don't always think about the actual recipient and cannot always put a face with the act of our community service; however, it really hit home with me when we delivered the shoes and socks collection to CACCC. As we were dropping off the contributions, a young child was being dropped off at the center. I don't know her situation, but I now know her face and the silent tears that were rolling down her cheeks as her whole world was changing. The work of Altrusa and the Community Outreach Committee matters –what you do matters!



(L-R) Donna Buhr, Jan Skinner, Sarah Nesbitt, and Kay George deliver Tennies and Socks to CACCC.



(L-R) Kay George, Norma Hammerlund, Robin Smith, Gerry Carron, and Donna Buhr take 459 pounds of food to NETWORK of Community Ministries.

Committee Report

ACQUISITION OF CHANCE DRAWING ITEMS COMPLETED!

Linda Craft and Diane Davidson, OWT Committee Raffle Co-Chairs

We are proud to announce the complete list of items generously donated for the Chance Drawing to be held at the Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow Luncheon and Awards Presentation on October 31.

Tickets will go on sale soon, priced at \$10 each, or three for \$25.



#1 "Authentic Highland Retreat" (Value: \$1,400) (Lodging only. Airfare not included.)

- ◇ One week stay for up to ten people at the Corrydon Lodge in Perthshire, Scotland. This Victorian shooting lodge sits on an acre and a half of private grounds on the banks of the River Shee, with views of the Grampian Mountains. Set in Glenshee, right in the heart of Perthshire, the lodge is the perfect base for exploring Scotland with family and friends. www.corrydonlodge.com



#2 "Turquoise & Mint" (Value: \$500)

- ◇ Ladies Sterling & 18K "Rock Crystal Turquoise" Ring, 16X12 Checker board cut, 21X15 "Rock Crystal Turquoise" (Synthetic) 14.9 grams total wt. Manufactured by: Gabriel & Co., donated by America's Gold & Diamond Exchange, Dale Carver, Manager
- ◇ United States Mint 2009, 90% Silver Quarters Proof Set donated by Dale Carver, Manager of America's Gold & Diamond Exchange



#3 "Dancing Shadows" by Barbara Cornelius (Value: \$193)

- ◇ This canvas fine art giclée is created from Barbara's photography series that showcases her shadow reflected on red rock by the rising morning sun at the Wichita Wildlife Refuge in Lawton, Oklahoma. In her heart she believes this piece reflects the strength and fun of women; which ties right in with our Altrusa slogan of "Dancing to the Altrusa Rhythm...Let's Get Moving". Donated by Barbara Cornelius, Owner of Canyon Creek Art & Frame



#4 "My Eyes Adored You" (Value: \$250)

- ◇ Eisemann Center Tickets (2) for "The Hit Men" (November 22, 2014 at 8:00 pm)
- ◇ A lovely necklace in the colors of pearl, coral, and turquoise donated by 4 Women Shopping
- ◇ Silver Fox Restaurant \$100 gift card



#5 "Stay and Play" (Value: \$280)

- ◇ Hyatt Regency North Dallas/Richardson - One weekend night stay with breakfast for 2
- ◇ Richardson Symphony Orchestra Tickets (2) for the Holiday Concert (December 6, 2014 at 8:00 pm)



Committee Report

WE NEED MORE SPONSORS SO WE CAN DO MORE GOOD WORK!

By Robin Smith, OWT Committee

We are making good progress towards our very ambitious Outstanding Women of Today (OWT) Sponsorship goal for this year! Thank you to those of you who have been suggesting or reaching out to potential new sponsors. There is still plenty of time to share the OWT sponsorship opportunity with your hair salon, favorite restaurant, florist, financial planner, retail establishment etc. If you know of a potential sponsor and would like a member of the committee to reach out to them, please contact Robin Smith. Sponsorship information is on the home page of the Altrusa website and you can refer potential sponsors there. You can also download the information and email to them.

The Nomination Committee has done a great job of working with you to get some excellent nominees this year. We hope to share the sponsorship opportunity with a great variety of returning and new sponsors, as well. Deadline for new sponsorship commitments is October 10. Send along your ideas—we appreciate you and need your help!

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.

Committee Report

WHAT? 24 NEW MEMBERS? HOW CAN THAT BE?

By Bobbi Klein, Membership Recruitment Co-Chair

NO, that's not us! The Temple club has already initiated 24, yes, that's TWENTY-FOUR new members, since Conference in May!! The gauntlet has been thrown and we need to respond or we will not remain the largest Club in District Nine. They've been using social media and attracting members who don't even know anyone in their club! People are contacting them to join in service projects they've shared on Facebook. If you're still unsure about social media (as some of the Temple ladies were, so there's hope for us), don't miss the Accent at the September business meeting as we learn how to make social media work for us!

Let's give them a run for their money! Unfortunately, as of Monday, August 25, NO new member

recommendation forms that have been submitted. Our club membership goal is 12 new members by the end next May. That's only half of what Temple has already done in the first quarter!! Twelve members will bring us to 100 strong. With a district goal of 1,000 Strong, we need to make our contribution. Who do you know that you should share Altrusa with? All it takes is a visit to a club meeting, or bring someone to a service project. What attracted you to Altrusa? Share that with someone who is looking for the same thing. Sometimes people don't even know that service to the community is missing in their lives...so SHARE! Maybe even on Facebook. ☺

Committee Report

OUTREACH COMMITTEE LISTS SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER PROJECTS

By Donna Buhr, Community Outreach Committee Co-Chair

SEPTEMBER PROJECTS:♦ **Richardson Reads One Book Author Lecture**

September 23: Altrusans usher at the RROB Author Lecture event in conjunction with the Richardson Public Library. Co-chairs: **Jean Stuart** and **Cindy Murray**

♦ **NETWORK Personal Care Item Collection**

Altrusans donate much needed personal care items for NETWORK clients. NETWORK has informed the Community Outreach Committee that they are in great need this year for personal care items such as tampons, sanitary napkins, and diapers for both children and adults. These personal care items are often not thought about when making donations; however, they are the some of the most meaningful basic needs items that impact daily lives. Co-chairs: **Pam Johnson** and **Janice Swallow**

♦ **Hope's Door Kitchen & Dishes Collection**

Altrusans donate kitchen supplies and sets of dishes to Hope's Door for the emergency shelter housing kitchen. Hope's Door is an emergency shelter and counseling center for individuals and families affected by domestic violence. They offer transitional housing to survivors and their children fleeing life-threatening situations. Chair: **Susan Fischer**

OCTOBER PROJECTS:♦ **NETWORK Fall Book Collection**

Monday, October 13: Altrusans collect unsold books from the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale. The Friends hold spring and fall book sales and allows Altrusa to have first choice of unsold books on the Monday after the sale. We deliver age-appropriate books to NETWORK for children and seniors. Co-chairs: **Jane Merz** and **Samantha Slaight**

♦ **CACCC Teddy Bear Ride**

Sunday, October 26: Annual Teddy Bear Ride generates much needed funds and lovable teddy bears to provide safety, healing and justice for the abused and neglected children of Collin County. Co-chairs: **Janice Swallow**, **Jan Skinner**, and **Kay George**

♦ **NETWORK Santa Program**

October 1 - November 1: Toy drive to benefit NETWORK of Community Ministries for those less fortunate and children in need. This year, the NETWORK Santa Program is called "Toyland Express" and families will "shop" from November 3 - December 5 for toys. The collected toys need to be delivered in time to be available in the Toyland Express store. Co-chairs: **Christine Hart** and **Donna Buhr**

Committee Report

COPYRIGHTS AND COPYWRONGS—WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE WRONG!

Have you heard that everything—words and images—posted on the internet is in the public domain? Life would be much simpler if that were true, especially since Altrusa International told us to avoid using clipart in our newsletters. Instead of grabbing an image from a collection of clipart on CDs, Altrusans editing newsletters, creating flyers, or posting to websites are supposed to use photos. Of course, we must either own the photos or obtain licenses for their use, which often requires payment of fees.

It is no wonder the Altrusa Club mentioned in the article at right got into trouble. (Source: Issue #1 of **The Altrusa Compass**, the newsletter published by Altrusa International.) If you find something—either words or images—that would be great for **Altrusa Tidings**, but are not sure it is legal to use it, ask the Editor. She will try to find out if there are restrictions on its use, request permission from the copyright owner, or help you find an alternative.

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THE ALTRUSA COMPASS

**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL CHARGED
FOR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT**

Altrusa International Inc. received an Unauthorized Use Notification from gettyimages® and was charged \$1,870 for the violation. Fortunately the URL was not ours. Unfortunately it is an Altrusa Club's independent website. The notice will be reissued to that local club. The item cited [sic] was an event registration flyer which used two images that allegedly they were not licensed to use.

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Member Highlights

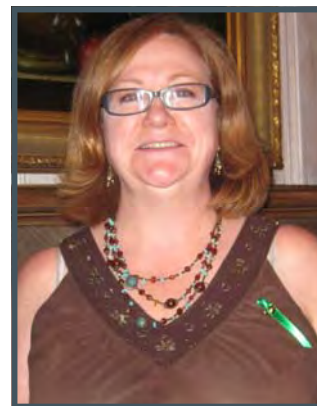
NEW MEMBER NICOLE LECLAIR

I was born in Calgary Alberta Canada in 1962, moved to Buenos Aires, Argentina, and am now a proud patriot of Richardson, Texas. I've been married for 27 years to David LeClair, an electrical engineer, and am mother of two children. My eldest is my daughter, Sarah, a Texas Tech grad working at the Office of the Attorney General. My son, Nicholas, is in his last semester of mechanical engineering. He is married to a wonderful gal named Jasmin.

I currently work as the Laboratory Manager at The Medical Center of Plano. I

started my career performing microbiology testing, but later moved into the clinical chemistry section of the laboratory. As a supervisor, I manage the quality assurance of test systems. As you can tell, I love science in of all its forms.

Giving back to the community and others has been a part of who I am since my Catholic school days. I've been a Girl Scout leader, PTA member, room mom, etc. I have found my tribe with the Altrusa women of Richardson.



Meeting Report

OFFICER MIKE WIECZOREK WAS GUEST SPEAKER

At the August dinner meeting, **Mike Wieczorek** of the Richardson Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit spoke to us on safety at home and in the community. He explained that crime is the result of opportunity, desire, and access. While we cannot impact someone's desire to commit a crime, we can—by taking precautions and being aware—limit their access and opportunity.

The Richardson Police Department has a comprehensive security checklist [here](#). You can use it to assess the security of your home, or you can schedule a free home (or business) security assessment with a Crime Prevention Specialist by calling 972-744-4955 or going to www.richardsonpolice.net and selecting the Prevention tab.



Meeting Preview

SUSAN ALLISON TO SPEAK AT SEPTEMBER 18 DINNER MEETING

By Christine Hart, Membership Retention Committee



September is Literacy Month and the Altrusa Wine and Chocolate Literary Society (AWCLS) will host our September 18 dinner meeting and celebrate Literacy. **Susan Allison**, Director of Library Services from Richardson Public Library, will be our speaker. We will have some interactive participation at the individual tables. It will be fun, but it will be even better if you take the opportunity to read **Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore**, which is the 2014 Richardson Reads One Book selection. (If you haven't read the book, try borrowing a copy from the Library or from one of the Altrusans who attended our August AWCLS meeting where we discussed the book.)

Jan Skinner said: "I just finished the Richardson Reads One Book selection, and its last pages remind me of the Sisterhood of Altrusa!"

Project Preview

LET'S MAKE SOME ALTRUSA MUSIC

By Bobbi Klein, Membership Recruitment Committee Co-chair
Join us for the Fall New Member Orientation/ Seasoned Member Re-Orientation. This is always a really fun event for all members. We'll get together at **Nancy Rohm's** home at 9:30 am, on September 27, to enjoy brunch and share knowledge about Altrusa. We'll spend some time on using Social Media to send the music of our service out into the world.

Literacy

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY ARE FRIENDS OF ALTRUSA, TOO

The Friends of the Richardson Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to support the Library and to enrich the cultural opportunities available to library users.

The Friends sponsor *Unwrapping the Classics* lectures, purchase book bags for the BookBabble Discussion Group, and support Richardson Reads One Book. Annually, they award the **Dorothy "Dot" McCalpin** Distinguished Friends of the Library Scholarship to a student who volunteers at the Library. (**Dot McCalpin** was a Richardson Altrusan.)

Their projects are funded by donations and by their Fall and Spring Used Book Sales, where patrons have the opportunity to buy books of all types at a reasonable cost. Altrusans have first choice in selecting unsold books to give to NETWORK for children and seniors.

Altrusans **Barbara Berthold** and **Sandy Martin** are on the Board of Directors of the Friends; Sandy recently completed a two-year term as their president.

You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Library; see flyer to the right.

"BOOK REVIEWERS: Who Do They Think They Are?"**Menu**

Aboca or Classic Caesar Salad
Served with Ciabatta Bread and
Olive Oil Garlic Sauce

Entree

(Choice of)

Pasta Trio
Combination of Manicotti, Beef
Lasagna and Fettuccine Alfredo

Chicken Aboca
Pan seared chicken breast stuffed
with prosciutto, spinach, garlic,
parmesan cheese
and garlic then topped with a
spinach cream sauce

Farm Raised Sea Bass
Pan seared sea bass topped with
lemon butter sauce

Vegetarian entrée available upon
pre-request

Dessert

Italian Cream Cake or Chocoholic
Cake

Tea, Coffee, Water and Soft Drinks

Deadline is Monday, Sept. 8 or
when sold out. Credit cards
accepted or cash. Please pay when
you are seated for dinner. Please
RSVP to Carl Youngberg at
Carl@concepts3inc.com. Your
response will be considered your
commitment to be part of the
dinner.



--- Jerome Weeks

Facts

Tuesday, Sept. 9 @ 6 pm

Aboca's Italian Grill

\$25 plus favorite literary wine to share
RSVP soon to Carl@concepts3inc.com

Bring a Guest

If you have wondered about book reviewers and how they prepare and deliver their insights, please join the Friends of the Richardson Public Library for **Tables of Content**. This unique dinner with a purpose will be held on Tuesday, September 9 @ 6 p.m. in the private dining room at **Aboca's Italian Grill** in Richardson.

Come one - Come All! With a share table for communal wine tasting prior to dinner, we can visit with long-time friends and meet new ones, all of who have a deep love of the literary arts.

You will love our speaker, **Jerome Weeks** of KERA. When we asked how he began reading, you will love his response. *"I started reading as a child the way any child does, I believe: I needed evidence to prove my older sister was wrong."*

You've probably heard Jerome Weeks if you listen to KERA, our local NPR station. Jerome is the producer-reporter for Art&Seek, KERA's cultural coverage. If you haven't heard him, you've probably read him. He has covered the arts in Dallas-Fort Worth for more than 25 years. He was the *Dallas Morning News'* book critic for 10 years, and before that, the paper's theater critic.

Because readers must nourish the stomach as well as the soul, Aboca's in the Richardson Heights Center has come up with a wonderful dinner menu and a special price. The cost is \$25 plus bring a bottle of your favorite literary vino to share and your story behind the wine.

Literacy

AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT LITERACY

By Brenda Boston, Scholarship Committee Co-Chair

Each year our club awards scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2000 to high school graduating seniors to help them continue their education.

Students applying for the scholarships must be a U.S. citizen or a legal resident and must be graduating from an RISD high school or live in the City of Richardson and attend a public high school. Along with their application, students must provide the Scholarship Committee with two letters of recommendation, a resume of extra-curricular school activities and community volunteer activities, a copy of their transcript which includes SAT and/or ACT scores, and a short essay about their goals and career ambitions. After reviewing the applications, the committee then interviews potential recipients.

Scholarship recipients are chosen based on their academic achievement, financial need, community volunteerism, extra-curricular activities, and their essay.

Recipients and their guests attend the April dinner meeting to receive their scholarships and meet our members.

INCREDIBLE BOOK BARGAINS!

The Friends of the Richardson Library's Fall Book sale will be in the Library basement:

Thursday, October 9. Preview Night, 5:30—8:30 pm

Fri, Oct 10 and Sat Oct 11, 10am to 5:00 pm

Sun, Oct 12, Bag Day. \$20 for a full bag! 2 pm to 5 pm

Literacy

THE IMPACT OF ALTRUSA PROJECTS ON EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY*By Andrea Rutledge, Education Committee*

Children dream if they learn about the wider world. Altrusans at Terrace provide opportunities which may change the future. Here are a few of those opportunities:



Teddy Bear Time, developed under Mimi Tanner's leadership at RALC, models reading and skills for parents by inviting parents to bring their children to an Altrusa-lea evening program of book reading and directed activities. During the 2013-2014 school year, $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Pre-K students participated in Teddy Bear Time.



Home Library Building. Pre-K children receive quality books for their home libraries as gifts during the Manners Party and through Teddy Bear Time. During the course of the year, each child will be given at least nine quality books. Altrusa also supports the school-wide summer reading program led by the school librarian by providing new books for the children.



Altrusans volunteer in Pre-K and other classes and help with Altrusa-sponsored field trips and assemblies. Our fourth grade Perot Museum trip and the kindergarten trip to Santa's Village have become traditions. Assemblies have included story tellers, the bubble lady, and Chinese New Year celebrations. Altrusans in the classroom provide individual attention to children, help with reading, play games, and help increase vocabulary through conversation and games. We serve as special friends to selected children through the Lunch Buddies program.

What does Altrusa involvement mean to the children? Terrace children have an enriched school life because we are there. Children talk about their experiences, remembering where we took them and what we provided. The first Pre-K children we were deeply involved with are now entering fourth grade this year. Ask them if they remember their visit to Barnes and Noble to choose their own book, their trip to the Arboretum, their trip to the Science Place, the pumpkin muffins they baked. Think about Jun Ho who spoke no English when he began Pre-K.

Literacy is the ability to read and write. Altrusa is a Partner in Education at Richardson Terrace Elementary (with a large banner outside the school to tell the world). During the past five years, and for years before that, Altrusa hearts, hands and funds have supported the children of Terrace through programs designed to increase literacy by enriching the school lives of young children. Formal words to describe wonderful fun.



Member Highlights

NEW MEMBER CAROLYN GIULIANI

Moved from California to Richardson, TX in 1973. My husband recently passed away. I have with three adult children two living in Richardson, and one in Tulsa. Employed by PEI Electronic Sales, Inc. for 17 ears. Interested in yoga, reading, gardening, shopping and of course being active in Altrusa.



Literacy

HISTORY OF THE RICHARDSON PUBLIC LIBRARYFrom www.wikipedia.com

The roots of the Richardson Public Library date back to 1947 when a branch of the Dallas County Library was established in a section of the Cash Dry Goods store on East Main Street in downtown Richardson. The fledgling library collection numbered about 400 volumes and was managed by **Jessie Durham**, the store's proprietor. The City Council established the library as a city department in 1958 and in 1959 the library moved into a newly constructed building at 310 Tyler Street. This new library was just under 6,000 square feet (560 m²) in size and was built at a cost of \$100,000.^[61]

Richardson was experiencing rapid growth in the 1960s and 1970s, and the library facility soon became inadequate for community needs. The current facility was constructed at a cost of \$2 million and opened December 1, 1970. The new 81,650-square-foot (7,586 m²), four-story building opened with the use of two floors and a small portion of a third.^[62] The basement was finished in 1980 for the reference collection and services. 1995 saw another expansion which finished the upper floor and renovated the three previously opened floors. Another renovation occurred in 2006 when the Youth Services department was expanded and other collections and services rearranged.



Top photo: [Portrait of Jessie Durham], Photograph, 1950's; digital images, (<http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metapht118253/> : accessed August 30, 2014)

Richardson Public Library, 310 East Tyler Street, Photograph, n.d.; digital images, (<http://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metapht118171/> : accessed August 30, 2014)

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Literacy

ALTRUSA SPONSORS "RICHARDSON READS ONE BOOK" ANNUALLY

Richardson Reads One Book (RROB), a 501(c)(3) organization, is an annual attempt to engage a cross-section of the Richardson and RISD community in reading, discussions, and group activities based on a shared literary experience. RROB selects a book, invites the author to come to Richardson to give a lecture to the community and to meet with high school students.

Altrusa Richardson is both a financial sponsor of the author's appearance and traditionally provides volunteers to usher guests to their seats, pass out programs, answer questions, and "man" all the various entrances into the venue.

Altrusans serving on the RROB Board are **Mary Beth McLemore, Jane Merz, Bonnie Perry, Mimi Tanner, and Janet Vance.**

The mission of the Richardson Reads One Book program is to promote and support reading, and to develop aesthetic, cultural, educational, and related activities for the benefit of participating residents of the Richardson/RISD area. The goals of RROB are to build community participation in an annual program that selects and reads one particular book that is carefully chosen for its general interest as well as for its timely, thought-provoking issues; and to encourage citizens of our richly diverse community to come together to openly discuss the book and the issues it raises. The chosen book will be available in paperback and preferably will also be available in another format such as an audio recording or a film. The book will be accessible to high school as well as to adult audiences.



One Book/One Community is a nationwide reading program created to develop a community built around the shared experience of people reading and talking about the same book - usually a work selected for its general interest and timely, thought-provoking issues.

Lecture and Book Signing by Robin Sloan

Richardson High School

Tuesday, Sept. 23
7:30 p.m.

1250 W. Belt Line Rd.
Richardson, 75080

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Free tickets available at the Library beginning at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2.

Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore
A Novel
Robin Sloan

Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan is the 2014 pick for the 11th annual Richardson Reads One Book program. Author Robin Sloan will speak Sept. 23 at Richardson High School. Book discussion groups across the community are encouraged to add Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore to their schedules. Public discussion groups and events are also scheduled for late summer and fall. For more information on Richardson Reads One Book, call the Library at 972-744-4350 or check the website: <http://onebook.cor.net>

Right, from top:

2013-2014 President Pam Johnson presents the Big Check to Nancy Kubasek.

2014 RROB Board of Directors

Front and back sides of the insert that goes to the more than 31,000 water department customers in Richardson; see our name at the top of the sponsor list!

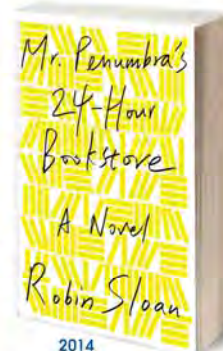
Many thanks to the following One Book Sponsors:

\$1,000+ SPONSORS

- Altrusa International of Richardson
- Friends of the Richardson Public Library
- Richard Huckaba
- Half Price Books Richardson
- Humanities Texas
- Methodist Richardson Medical Center
- Richardson Arts Commission
- Richardson Public Library
- Richland College
- RISD/Richardson High School

\$500-\$999 SUPPORTERS

- Richard & Sally Luttrell
- Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel
- Restland Funeral Home
- Richardson Adult Literacy Center
- Richardson Woman's Club



Literacy

I LOVE BOOKS—THEIR SMELL, THEIR FEEL, THE PLACES THEY TAKE ME

Mary Beth McLemore

My daddy sold books for Follett Publishing, and I grew up with a love of books. I like their smell, their feel, and the wonderful adventures and places books take me. How thankful I am that Richardson has a very vibrant library. There is always something going on and always new books to read. You don't need to leave home; the library eBooks can give you books for a reading device or your computer. You don't know how to do this? Just go to the library one Saturday and learn.

If you can't attend the Altrusa Book Club, I encourage you to attend one of the library's Bookbabble meetings. Bookbabble meetings are held first Wednesday at 7:00 PM, second Wednesday at 10:30 AM, third Wednesday at 10:30 AM, and fourth Tuesday at 7:30 PM. All meet in the second floor conference room. I found the second Wednesday session, which is led by **Janet Vance**, to be full of educated, intelligent, diverse women. Discussions do not get as personal as the Altrusa book club, but they are full of real thought, keen insight, and lots of life information. I've read books that I might not have picked up, including **The Son** and **Yanahlossee Riding Camp for Girls**. I liked both. At one discussion, I learned more about

Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore, the Richardson Reads One Book selection for 2014, which made me see the book in a new light and like it more.

Facts you might not know relating to Altrusa and reading:

- ◇ Our Club is blessed with three of our city's past head librarians: *Marguerite Anderson* (emeritus member), **Julianne Lovelace**, and **Jane Merz**.
- ◇ Former Altrusan **Susan Allison** is now Director of Richardson Public Library, and Altrusan Janet Vance is her assistant.
- ◇ RROB board members include **Bonnie Perry**, **Mimi Tanner**, Jane, Janet, and **Mary Beth McLemore**.
- ◇ You must thank Bonnie for suggesting Altrusa needed a book club during her year as president.

As Altrusans, we encourage reading. I encourage all Richardson Altrusans to find out what's happening "free" at our city's library. Check out the website for information. You will find a lot to enrich your life. Richardson residents are blessed to have this wonderful library.

Literacy

LET'S SWAP SOME BOOKS!

Sign up on our website! The Membership Retention Committee will host our annual Book Swap on Saturday, September 20, 5 PM - 7 PM, at **Cindy Murray's** home in Dallas. The committee will provide hot dogs, trimmings and plastic/paper goods. Bring books to swap, food and wine or soft drinks to share, friends and husbands/significant others to have fun!



Above, right: Book swappers at Mary Beth McLemore's home last year.
Right: The books, just waiting to be swapped.

**"The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go."**

— Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*



Literacy

WHY I BECAME A TEACHER

By Mary Osentowski

Education has been a wonderful part of my life since I began kindergarten in a one-room school in rural Nebraska, a school with only one teacher for grades kindergarten through eight. I loved going to school and I loved my teachers. As a second grader I rushed to complete my assignments so I could listen to the teacher discuss "Evangeline" with the eighth graders during their language class. I knew even then that I wanted to be a teacher. Perhaps I chose this career because of my love of learning, which helped me fulfill my dreams. As a teacher, I felt that I could help others fulfill their dreams.

I taught speech communication to help my students be successful in their careers and maintain healthy interpersonal relationships. In my classes, I addressed skills such as listening, speaking, problem-solving, conflict resolution, appropriate self-disclosure and monitoring oneself in various settings. Individuals with these skills have a greater opportunity to succeed, and I wanted my students to be successful.

I have made my living as a teacher, but the rewards that I received far outnumber the challenges I faced – the satisfied smile on the face of a shy Vietnamese student who learned to make direct eye contact with the audience during a persuasive speech; a student explaining how a technique he learned in class helped him resolve a major conflict with his father; the hug from a student who was admitted to Columbia University after I helped her with the application process. These are rewards I cherish as a teacher of more than 46 years. I know I made the right career choice and have many fond memories of my teaching experience.

**The Land of Story-books**

Robert Louis Stevenson, 1850—1894



At evening when the lamp is lit,
Around the fire my parents sit;
They sit at home and talk and sing,
And do not play at anything.

Now, with my little gun, I crawl
All in the dark along the wall,
And follow round the forest track
Away behind the sofa back.

There, in the night, where none can spy,
All in my hunter's camp I lie,
And play at books that I have read
Till it is time to go to bed.

These are the hills, these are the woods,
These are my starry solitudes;
And there the river by whose brink
The roaring lions come to drink.

I see the others far away
As if in firelit camp they lay,
And I, like to an Indian scout,
Around their party prowled about.

So, when my nurse comes in for me,
Home I return across the sea,
And go to bed with backward looks
At my dear land of Story-books.

BOARD ACTIONS

- ◇ Appointed **Kay Hopper** to be our representative to the Chamber of Commerce
- ◇ Reviewed District Nine Nominating Committee request for candidates for 2015-2017 slate; article will be published in Tidings

Literacy

RECEIVING AN EDUCATION IN HAITI—NOT HAPPENING FOR THE MASSES

By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair

In 1804, Haiti, which means “land of high mountains”, was the first black nation to win its independence. Located on the western side of a Caribbean island it shares with the Dominican Republic, Haiti has a total population of nine million people. Over 80% of Haitian people are unemployed. The gross national income per capita is \$650. From these statistics, one can see why education is the determinant of an individual’s potential to escape poverty in Haiti. Currently, over 82% of all primary and secondary school students attend private fee-based schools. The country has a total of 14,424 private schools and only 1,240 public schools.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and has one of the worst educational systems in the world. Over 50 % of school age children—about 1.3 million—do not have access to an education. Many of these are abandoned children, or restaveks, who are unpaid workers in urban households. These children are provided food and shelter in return for their servitude. Over 40% of Haitian children will never go to school. Out of every 100 children in Haiti, approximately 60 will attend primary school, but only 42 will complete it. Of the 42 students that complete primary school, only 20 will be able to attend a secondary school, and then only five of those students will go on to graduate from high school. With poverty and access to education at current levels, one wonders how this country can develop economically as a nation. Haiti has the lowest enrollment rate for primary education in the Western Hemisphere.

From the state of the educational system in Haiti you would never know that the founders of Haiti’s first constitution in 1805 stated “free education for all” and the constitution in 1987 “guarantees the right to education.” Haiti’s literacy rate is 52.9% and is the lowest in the world. Due to financial limitations, the Ministry of Education has not been able to fulfill its obligation to educate, and its regulation of schools is extremely disorganized. That is why 80% of students attend private schools.

To compound the problem, in January of 2010, a devastating earthquake occurred in Haiti. An estimated 1.3 million children under the age of 18 were affected directly or indirectly by this catastrophe. Schooling that had existed was either disrupted or halted. Because of the earthquake, much attention has been focused on Haiti, and it is hoped that, through newly acquired help, a sustainable educational system will emerge. The school our club helps is in Port au Prince, Haiti—The School of Hope.



In the Media

RICHARDSON TODAY

In the July 2014 issue

Altrusa seeks Outstanding Women

Altrusa International of Richardson is accepting nominations for its 2014 Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow Awards Luncheon being held on Oct. 31 at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas/Richardson. The nomination deadline is July 31.

Outstanding Women of Today is a distinguished honor for professional accomplishments. Categories for nomination are: Corporate, Education, Government, Non-profit, Small business, and Outstanding Women of Tomorrow (under age 35 in any category). Nomination forms are available online at altrusarichardson.com.



Literacy

WHAT HAVE THESE ALTRUSANS BEEN READING? MENUS!



Altrusa Accent

LETHA H. BROWN LITERACY AWARD

The International Board of Directors adopted the Letha H. Brown Literacy Award in honor of Past International President Letha H. Brown for her work in establishing literacy as a major emphasis of the organization. The objectives of the Literacy Award are:

1. To stimulate interest in developing active literacy projects to serve their community.
2. To create an awareness of Altrusa and its commitment to literacy.
3. To encourage members of local Clubs to participate actively in literacy projects designed to meet specific community needs.
4. To recognize outstanding Club achievement in service to the community.

Every Altrusa club is eligible to enter one literacy project each year of the biennium. Clubs can enter any literacy project that is conducted in its entirety during the Altrusa year, or is completed on or before the date of submission for entries. Ongoing projects that have major activities conducted during the Altrusa year may also be entered.

Club literacy projects nominated for the Letha H. Brown Literacy award are judged each year at District Conferences. First place winners for each year of the biennium are entered in the competition at the International Convention.

Established criteria for judging entries are used in all competition. The club must submit an entry form, a cover sheet, and a narrative of 500 or fewer words. Other documents and pictures may be included, but are not considered in the judging.

LITERACY: KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

Last year, **Tasha**, Kimberly Kierce's 16-year-old Maine Coon cat, showed off her Kindle. These days, she finds a spot in the sunshine to read her newspaper.

**The Fellowship of Books**

By Edgar Guest

I care not who the man may be,
Nor how his tasks may fret him,
Nor where he fares, nor how his cares
And troubles may beset him,
If books have won the love of him,
Whatever fortune hands him,
He'll always own, when he's alone,
A friend who understands him.

Though other friends may come and go,
And some may stoop to treason,
His books remain, through loss or gain,
And season after season
The faithful friends for every mood,
His joy and sorrow sharing,
For old time's sake, they'll lighter make
The burdens he is bearing.

Oh, he has counsel at his side,
And wisdom for his duty,
And laughter gay for hours of play,
And tenderness and beauty,
And fellowship divinely rare,
True friends who never doubt him,
Unchanging love, and God above,
Who keeps good books about him.

Edgar Albert Guest (1881-1959) was a prolific English-born American poet who became known as the People's Poet. Guest penned some 11,000 poems which were syndicated in some 300 newspapers and collected in more than 20 books.

I love that Altrusa recognizes the importance of literacy in the lives of children and adults by focusing attention in our classrooms, our schools, and our community on literacy issues in celebration of International Literacy Day. Share the message that strong literacy skills pave the pathway to success throughout life!

—Christine Hart

International News

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL RELAXES ALTRUSA® & EMBLEM RESTRICTIONS

The 2013-2015 version of the Altrusa Bylaws and Policies (to see it, log on to our website and go to Member Information) contained a very restrictive **Policy 27: Requirements for the Use of Altrusa Trademarks**. The policy appeared to be written to protect International's income stream from Doc Morgan, the only licensed supplier of items bearing Altrusa trademarks. However, since Altrusa® is one of the trademarks, the policy was sometimes interpreted as forbidding the use of the word Altrusa by Clubs and Foundations.

The first issue of newsletter, **The Altrusa Compass**, had an article "Demystifying the Use of Altrusa® and the Emblem". Paraphrasing:

- ◇ Members, Local Clubs, Districts, International, and Altrusa International Foundation may use Altrusa®.
- ◇ Altrusa International Foundation may grant their Local Club Foundations the use of Altrusa®.
- ◇ Altrusa International may grant the use of Altrusa® to other entities.
- ◇ The Emblem will continue to be used on jewelry, may be used on official documents, and may be honored in historical context
- ◇ Items that currently bear the Emblem may be used until worn out.

- ◇ The International Office may grant additional use of the Emblem.

The article went on to say:

At this time, Altrusa International is allowing other entities that have been using the word Altrusa to continue to do

so. Historically, clubs were encouraged to create foundations in the name of Altrusa. Infrastructures including trees, bridges, buildings, statues, park ornaments, etc. bear the name Altrusa. It may be in the Organization's best interest to allow them to continue to do so. A process and implementation timeline is being developed to orderly review and formally grant entities permission to use Altrusa®.

In the spirit of Altrusa, it is believed that our name is being used for good purposes and its use represents no immediate threat to the integrity of the organization. If any member believes there is an inappropriate use, they should immediately report the situation to the International Office.



International Foundation News

CAMP SAFE HAVEN DISCONTINUED

The concept for the CLUB 21 Program was created by the Altrusa International Foundation Board in the mid 90's. Altrusans become members of a Club with the annual dues payment of \$21. A special recognition pin was designed for each member. However, in order to get the program established, it needed a "cause": something that all Altrusans could embrace with their hearts, minds, and empathy.

The first program supported by the Foundation's Club 21 Program was Camp Safe Haven, which provided a camp refuge for children struggling with the medical effects of HIV/AIDS and the stigma associated with the illness.

This past January, **David Butler**, founder of the Safe Haven Project, Inc., informed the Board that the camp program in North Carolina would not be offered in 2014. The last camp conducted in North Carolina was in August 2012. The last Camp on Martha's Vineyard was conducted in April 2011.

All funds disbursed to Camp Safe Haven in FY 2013-14 have been returned to the International Foundation.

Four other camps have been reviewed, including ones for children with medical challenges such as Diabetes, Leukemia, Lymphoma Cancer, or other blood diseases. Funding decisions have not yet been announced.

LITERACY: DEVOURING BOOKS...

Lily Nordmeyer, Carolyn Swanson's 9-year-old dachshund, always enjoys a good book—especially the glue in the binding.



District Nine News

SAVE THE DATE (NOV. 15) FOR THE DISTRICT NINE FALL LEADERSHIP EVENT

SAVE THE DATE!

District Nine Fall Leadership Event

9 a.m. Saturday, November 15, 2014

Hilton Garden Inn, Allen, Texas

*A special Altrusa University workshop for
newer Altrusans will follow lunch.*

Everyone is welcome to stay.

*Friday dinner with the board of directors will be
an option for those staying overnight.*

District Nine News

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON THE DISTRICT NINE BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

If you have served a term as President of an Altrusa Club (or as Treasurer, if you are interested in being District Treasurer), and would like to be considered as a nominee for the District Nine Board of Directors, contact President **Gloria Sandoval**.

To see the current job descriptions for District Officers, log on to the Altrusa International website and navigate to the District Nine Shared Files.

District Nine Nominating Committee members are:

Martha Hardwick Hofmeister, (chair), Downtown Dallas;

Melva Hill, Greenville

Kathleen Dow, Waco

Tina Hampton, SETCER

Linda Gomez-Whitener, San Antonio.

In a letter to club presidents, Martha wrote:

The District Nine Nominating Committee is accepting nominations to prepare the slate of officers for the 2015-2017 Biennium. Offices for which nominations are being accepted are:

Governor-Elect	Treasurer
First Vice Governor	Director
Second Vice Governor	Director

Qualifications for nominations for all candidates are taken from Article XI, Section 1(i) from the District Bylaws:

To be eligible for election for any District Office, members must be, at the time of nomination and election an active member in good standing.

(i) To be eligible for election to the office of Governor-Elect, the candidate shall have previously served a full term (more than half of a two-year term) as a member of the District Board.

(ii) To be eligible for election to any District Office other than Treasurer, a person must have completed a full term as Club President or be serving as Club President at the time of the election. To be eligible for election as District Treasurer, a person must have completed a full term as Club President or Club Treasurer or be serving as the same at the time of the election and also must have general accounting knowledge or experience.



REGISTRATION FORM

2014 District Nine

Fall Leadership Event

9 a.m., Saturday, November 15, 2014

Hilton Garden Inn

705 Central Expressway South

Allen, TX 75013

Yes, I can't wait to join District Nine Altrusans for a day of fellowship, food, and fun!

Enclosed is my check for \$40, payable to Altrusa District Nine. See you in November!

Name _____

Altrusa International of _____

Address _____

City, Zip _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

BOX LUNCH REQUEST (check one):☐ Ham Sandwich☐ Veggie Wrap☐ Garden Medley Salad☐ Grilled Chicken Sandwich☐ Turkey Sandwich

We might be able to accommodate reasonable requests. Please note them on this form.

Mail this form and your check for \$40 (includes box lunch) to

Helen Partain, Altrusa International of Garland

3016 Bluffview Drive

Garland, TX 75043

Helen's telephone number is 972-240-2964.

For hotel reservations, contact the Hilton Garden Inn at 214-547-1700. Mention the special Altrusa nightly rate of \$89 for a room with either one king bed or double queen beds. Junior suites might be available at a higher rate. The special group rate and availability cannot be guaranteed after October 27, 2014. **Please make your reservations now** to ensure that you have a room!

Special Report

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 8*By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair*

International Literacy Day was first observed on September 8, 1966, after the United Nations declared it a day of observance on November 17, 1965. Every year since, the United Nations has used this day to help spread the importance of literacy among individuals, communities, and countries all around the world. Through this day, the United Nations and its UNESCO agency launches programs, awareness drives, exchange programs, and other such venues geared to promote literacy.

Literacy is a human right and means personal empowerment. It is important for social development and is at the core of developing societies free from poverty and child mortality.

There is still so much work to be done to achieve success in this area. Currently, approximately 776 million adults (most of them women) have no command of the fundamentals of literacy. Seventy-five million children are not in school and many of the children who are able to start school drop out. There are 58 million children ages six to eleven who do not attend school. Sadly, this is a number that has barely changed since 2007.

The theme for the 2014 International Literacy Day is "Literacy and Sustainable Development". On Literacy Day in 2005, then-Secretary-General Kofi Annan announced the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014) and explained the role of literacy:

Literacy is a key lever of change and a practical tool of empowerment on each of

the three main pillars of sustainable development: economic development, social development and environmental protection.

Experience and research show that literacy can be a major tool for eradicating poverty, enlarging employment opportunities, advancing gender equality, improving family health, protecting the environment and promoting democratic participation. A literate home environment is a boon to child development, having a positive impact on how long girls and boys stay enrolled in school and how effectively they learn. In recent years, many literacy programmes have become increasingly oriented towards local needs, especially through a focus on community development and environmental protection. Such approaches seek to provide an enriched version of literacy that goes beyond the basic mechanics of reading and writing to embrace life skills and relevant content.

As the foundation of learning throughout life, literacy is at the heart of sustainable development.



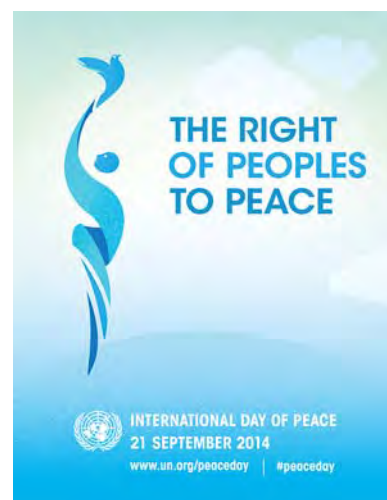
Special Report

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE IS SEPTEMBER 21*By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair*

First observed in 1982, this day of peace can be called International Day of Peace, World Peace Day, or Peace Day, but by whichever name you choose to call it, it is still the day the United Nations uses to strengthen the ideals of peace. It ideally focuses on the absence of war and violence and can be celebrated as a day of ceasefire.

This year, to mark the 30th anniversary of the General Assembly Declaration on the Right of People to Peace, the 2014 International Day of Peace theme is "The Right of Peoples to Peace" and offers a unique opportunity to reaffirm the United Nations commitment to the purposes and principles upon which the day was founded. The theme recognizes that the promotion of peace is a true human right.

A famous quote by Peace Pilgrim describes this day best. "This is the way of peace: overcome evil with good, and falsehood with truth, and hatred with love."



Club Calendar September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Gay McAlister bday	2 Carole Buffington bday	3	4 Business Meeting	5	6 Genevieve Hamulak, Pam Johnson bday SENIORS: Walk to End Alzheimer's
7	8	9	10 SENIORS: Atria Bingo	11 Marguerite Anderson bday	12	13
14	15	16 Norma Hammerlund bday	17 Lois Ferrara Debbie Simms bday	18 Dinner Meeting	19 Laura Maczka bday	20 Elizabeth Smith/ DuBose bday RETENTION: Book Swap
21	22 <u>TIDINGS deadline</u> Retention: AWCLS	23 COMMUNITY OUTREACH: RROB ushers EDUCATION: Teddy Bear Time	24	25 Board Meeting	26	27 Wilma Oliver bday RECRUITMENT: Orientation/.Re- Orientation
28 Kay Hopper bday	29	30 EDUCATION: Teddy Bear Time SCHOLARSHIP Cmte Meeting				

Business Meetings, 7 PM, 1st Thursday, Clubhouse at the Richardson Woman's Club; optional dinner afterwards at Besa's in Garland

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 for details of time and place.

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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