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President's Message

SISTERHOOD IN SERVICE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

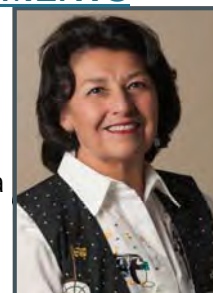
What does Thanksgiving mean? Thanksgiving means that we have family and friends near to us where we can share our love and feel the love that we have for each other. As an Altrusan, I believe it means we are grateful for many things, in particular, the sisterhood we share in the service we provide and accomplish in our community and our surrounding communities each year. We should not forget that Altrusans also work hard to serve people around the world through our International Committee.

You are an amazing group of women; I am always in awe of the talents each of you have. Several Committees have developed wonderful ideas that have been put to work and blossomed into spectacular events that have not only benefitted our community, but have also brought attention to our club. Reviewing the events of member involvement the past two months was amazing. Events from literacy, to community events, to the monthly retention events, to preparations for our annual fundraiser, Altrusans are involved.

The end of October we hosted our eleventh annual Outstanding Women of Today awards luncheon. This event has grown to almost maximum capacity of the banquet salon at the Hyatt North Dallas Hotel with 320 people registered. This in itself is quite amazing; however, more important, this event is supported strongly by the community. This year we

honored 32 women for their professional accomplishments.

Together we need to strive to keep Altrusa Richardson strong and proud by keeping the promises we make annually at membership renewal.



Gloria Sandoval

2014-2015 President
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- ⇒ Education: Good Manners Party
- ⇒ Education: Teddy Bear Time at Terrace Elementary School
- ⇒ Fall Leadership Event
- ⇒ International Relations: Highlights of November dinner meeting—and photos of you wearing orange
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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!

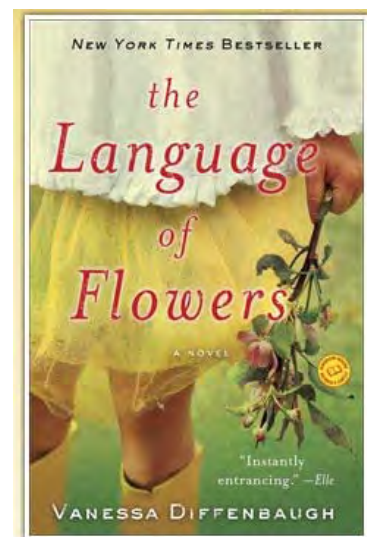
By Christine Hart, Membership Retention Committee

Altrusa Richardson's book club, also known as the Altrusa Wine and Chocolate Literary Society or AWCLS, meets 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.

NOTE: In November, we are meeting on the third Monday (the 17th) due to the Thanksgiving vacation week.

At our October meeting, Gerry Carron led a great discussion on Erik Larson's novel, **Devil in the White City**. There were lots of "thumbs up" for this book.

Coming up on November 17 is the discussion of **The Language of Flowers**, Vanessa Diffenbaugh's mesmerizing, moving, and elegantly written debut novel, beautifully weaves past and present, creating a vivid portrait of an unforgettable young woman whose gift for flowers helps her change the lives of others even as she struggles to overcome her own troubled past.



This selection is a New York Times Best Seller. The Victorian language of flowers was used to convey romantic expressions: honeysuckle for devotion, asters for patience, and red roses for love. But for Victoria Jones, it's been more useful in communicating mistrust and solitude. After a childhood spent in the foster-care system, she is unable to get close to anybody, and her only connection to the world is through flowers and their meanings. Now 18 years old and emancipated from the system with nowhere to go, Victoria realizes she has a gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them. But an unexpected encounter with a mysterious stranger has her questioning what's been missing in her life. And when she's forced to confront a painful secret from her past, she must decide whether it's worth risking everything for a second chance at happiness.

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 or wine to share. We always have a great time!

HAPPY READING!!!!!!



Project Preview

RICHARDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK ROTATION TO CONTINUE

By Sue McElveen, Seniors Committee Co-chair

The Senior's Committee has decided to include the Richardson Library Book Rotation on our list of activities for 2014-2015. The Exchange Club of Richardson has once again agreed to be our "muscle" and help us load and unload books at the various facilities.

The next rotation will be on Saturday, November 8. We at need at least four Altrusans (the more the merrier) to come to the employees' entrance to the library between 9 and 9:15 A.M. The library will not be open to the public at that time, but someone will be at the south entrance to direct you to the room where you will receive instructions. You will only need to commit to about two hours total.

The Richardson Public Library Book Rotation is a project that began in 2002, when the Library received a state grant to provide large-print books and books-on-tape to the growing Richardson Senior population. Since that time, on a quarterly basis, Altrusans have helped move the books between senior

living residences that signed up for the Book Rotation program. This program provides a constant rotating supply of books to seniors in Richardson, whether they live in a senior facility or visit the Richardson Senior Center. While on their delivery routes, the "Book Movers" are warmly greeted by avid readers who are looking forward to a new batch of books.



File photo, showing Altrusans and Exchange Club volunteers getting ready to move books. (August 2013)

Meeting Report

WE HEARD ABOUT RTIME AT OCT, MEETING

By Jean Stuart, Program Committee Co-chair



RTime - A very simple-sounding phrase for a very important initiative. Jill Darling, RISD Student Assistance Program Director, told us about an anti-bullying program that is currently being expanded into the RISD schools. It is a structured program for elementary schools that develops positive relationships between children by creating an environment that supports and enhances good manners, respect, attainment, and citizenship. She reported that children love the program. One student said, "Before, if I fell down, they just made fun of me, now if I fall down, they help me up". R-Time is not currently in all the RISD schools, but the plan is to add several each year until all schools have the program.



Presents

Christmas With the Chorale



Special Guest Artist
Bruce Fowler

Saturday
December 13, 2014
2:30 pm & 7:30 pm
St. Barnabas
Presbyterian Church
Richardson, Texas

Admission: \$20
www.thecontemporarychorale.org
972-999-1335



This performance is sponsored in part by a grant through the City of Richardson Arts Commission.

Project Report

ALTRUSANS ASSIST WITH ANNUAL CACCC TEDDY BEAR RIDE*By Donna Buhr, Community Outreach Committee Co-chair*

Altrusans **Jan Skinner, Kay George, Janice Swallow, Sarah Nesbit, and Donna Buhr** made an early Sunday morning journey to IKEA in Frisco to assist The Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County (CACCC) with the annual Teddy Bear Ride. The annual fundraiser is the longest standing event for CACCC and generates much needed funds and lovable teddy bears that are given to children visiting CACCC. In the last six years alone, the ride has "generated nearly \$140,000, 10,000 teddy bears, and immeasurable comfort for thousands of children victimized by abuse and neglect".

The Community Outreach volunteers were

Left, Alma Benoit, ready to ride.

Below L-R): Jan Skinner, Kay George, Teddy Bear, Janice Swallow, Sarah Nesbit, and Donna Behr, preparing to count motorcycles and riders.



responsible for counting the nearly 700 motorcycles and 1,000 riders. It was an exciting and rewarding event to hear the roar of the bikes and the

incredible number of riders that turned out to support and raise funds for such a worthy cause. To our surprise and delight, we discovered that one of our very own Altrusa sisters, **Alma Benoit**, was riding her motorcycle in the Teddy Bear Ride. CACCC thanked all the volunteers and riders for the tremendous showing of support and said that "your participation shows your commitment to ending child abuse in our community, and we are so grateful." Co-chairs for the event were **Janice Swallow, Jan Skinner, and Kay George**.



Meeting Preview **GENESIS SHELTER,** **HOLIDAY PARTY**

Bianca Jackson, Genesis Shelter development director, will speak at our dinner meeting on November 20. To observe the United Nations Day to End Violence Against Women, everyone is encouraged to wear orange.

Our December holiday meeting on the 18th will be hosted by the Membership Retention Committee. There will be a special dinner menu, with a price of \$20. You are encouraged to bring guests to enjoy the festivities.



Project Report

ALTRUSANS GATHER CHILDREN'S AND SENIORS' BOOKS FOR NETWORK

By Donna Buhr, Community Outreach Committee Co-chair

Altrusans selected books for NETWORK from the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale. Friends of the Library held their fall book sale and the organization generously allowed Altrusa to have first choice selection of adult books and some much needed foreign language books before the sale began.

Project co-chairs, **Jane Mertz** and **Sandy Martin**, along with volunteers, **Janie Jaquier**, **Genevieve Hamulak**, and **Donna Buhr** met Saturday morning October 11, before the book sale began and made fast work of collecting 15 boxes of adult light reading books. Monday morning after the sale, Sandy gathered the unsold children's books to add to the collection. Jane's husband, **Mike Merz**, gallantly offered to pick up the books from the library and deliver them to NETWORK. What great team work by the Friends of the Library, Altrusans and one strong and willing Altrusan husband!



(L-R) Sandy Martin, Jane Mertz, Genevieve Hamulak, Donna Buhr, and Janie Jaquier, looking for a lot of light reading material for NETWORK.

Project Report

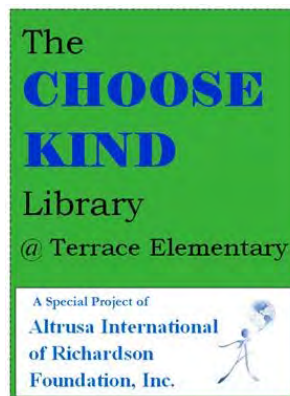
EXPANSION OF OUR CHOOSE KIND LIBRARIES IS IN PLANNING STAGE

By Bobbi Klein, International Relations Committee

The International Relations Committee has been in contact with two schools, Northlake and Forest Lane, where we are planning to start new Choose Kind libraries. These locations were recommended by the Executive Committee of RISD. A grant from Altrusa International to fund three Choose Kind libraries this club year was received in June. The Choose Kind Libraries are intended to provide books to promote inclusion, cultural awareness, equality, and empathy among elementary school children. Each library will have a special section inside the school library and with a 24"x 30" sign designating this as "The Choose Kind Library @ [school name] A Special Project of Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc." Book plates similar to the sign will be in each book.

The first library is in Terrace Elementary, since it has been our adopted school for more than 10 years and we have such a good relationship established there. Principal **Sharon Newman** and Librarian **Leah McDonough** were thrilled when we proposed this addition to the school

library. Books were ordered and delivered before the 2014-15 school year began. A picture of the delivery of the first set of books to Terrace was in the RISD Times. Though the Choose Kind Library books have been available for the children to read, we have not had an official "Grand Opening". We are working with the school to do this soon. Ms. Newman has expanded curriculum for the whole school to include the reading of the same Choose Kind book at each the grade level. Incentives have also been instituted to encourage reading of the Choose Kind books and information on the library has been included in the morning announcements.



Project Report

ALTRUSANS DONATE TOYS FOR NETWORK TOYLAND EXPRESS*By Donna Buhr, Community Outreach Committee Co-chair*

Altrusa played Santa early this year to help those less fortunate by organizing a toy drive to benefit NETWORK of Community Ministries.

This year the NETWORK Santa Program is called "Toyland Express" where parents that cannot afford toys for their children will "shop" from November 3 through December 5, 2014. The Toyland Express program allows parents to select the toys they know their children will most want. The Community Outreach Committee

purchased toys and Altrusans generously donated even more so we were able to fill two large boxes to donate.

Co-chairs **Christine Hart** and **Donna Buhr** delivered over 50 toys to NETWORK on Friday, October 18, so the toys would be available when the Toyland Express store opened on November 3. Thanks to everyone that donated a toy so a child won't wake up to an empty stocking this Christmas. You made the difference!



Rose Daugherty, Susan Frensley, and Diane Davidson add toys to the



Donna Buhr and Christine Hart deliver two huge boxes of toys to Toyland Express.

Special Report

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN*By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair*

On November 25, 1980 the ruler of the Dominican Republic, Rafael Trujillo, ordered the three Mirabel sisters brutally assassinated. Because these women were activists on women's rights, November 25 was selected as an annual day to raise awareness on violence against women in all countries around the world.

Violence against women and girls is one of the most widespread human rights problems in our world today. According to a 2013 study, 35 percent of women worldwide have experienced either physical and/or sexual violence.

This year, November 25 and the following days which are called the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence will be used to plan activities to mobilize and call attention to the urgent need to end violence against women. Appropriately, the 16 days end with the UN Human Rights Day on December 10. UN Women (formerly UNIFEM) uses this time to

coordinate the social mobilization campaign called Say No-Unite to End Violence against Women, this year commemorating its 18th year anniversary.

As part of this year's theme "Orange the World in 16 Days", the UNITE Campaign is extending the Orange Day throughout the 16 Days of Activism.

One way Altrusans can join in the campaign to raise awareness about violence against women is to wear orange, the official color of the UNITE campaign, to our November 20 dinner meeting. The UN Women are encouraging groups to submit a photo with the message "We wear orange because..." to raise global awareness.



Project Report

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE DONATES MUCH-NEEDED ITEMS*By Donna Buhr, Community Outreach Committee Co-Chair*

Altrusans donated much needed items to NETWORK through the Community Outreach Personal Care Item project. Co-chair, **Janice Swallow**, with the help of **Donna Buhr**, shopped for feminine products and diapers of all sizes, ranging from newborn infant to adult men and women. Janice is quite the savvy shopper and was able to stretch the committee's allocated project funds to go a long way, and was able to purchase over 300 diapers and 150 feminine product items.

Project co-chairs, Janice Swallow and **Pam Johnson**, delivered the items to NETWORK October 22 along with a large collection of travel-sized toiletry items donated by Altrusans, for a total delivery weight of 80 pounds of personal care items. NETWORK Emergency Services Coordinator, **Tuccoa Polk**, was very appreciative to receive the donation and said that personal care items are in short supply and the agency is always in great need of them. Tuccoa explained that because the agency serves many young women with children, feminine products and diapers are often requested and sadly, many times NETWORK does not have any to give.

Personal care items are often not thought about when making donations; however, they are some of the most

meaningful basic needs items that impact daily lives. Can you imagine not having such a basic item when you need it, and not being able to afford them for yourself or your children? What a terrible feeling that must be. Fortunately for most of us, we have not experienced such a feeling and thanks to this very worthy community service project, a few other women and mothers will not have to suffer that dreadful feeling, at least for a little while. Tuccoa wants you to know that your generous contributions have made a great difference in the lives of the people NETWORK serves and that she knows she can always count on Altrusa Richardson to help. Altrusans truly do make a difference!



Tuccoa Polk of NETWORK (second from left) receives donation of personal care items from Donna Buhr, Janice Swallow, and Pam Johnson.

Committee Report

TWO NEW MEMBERS TO BE INITIATED AT DECEMBER BUSINESS MEETING*By Bobbi Klein, Membership Recruitment Committee Co-chair*

The Membership Recruitment Committee is pleased to announce the first Initiation of 2014-2015 will be held at the business meeting on December 4th. Being initiated are **Janet Baker** and **Amalia Palmer**, who are both being sponsored by **Mary Beth McLemore** and **Nancy Rohm**. Please join us as we add these two wonderful new Altrusans to our sisterhood.

Who do you know that might want to become one of us? It's as easy as inviting them to a meeting. If you are

uncomfortable, the Membership Recruitment committee will gladly help your guest become familiar with us. Please let us know when you are bringing a guest so that we can be sure to give her a proper welcome.

Do you need a new name badge?

Replacement name badges are ordered periodically by the Membership Recruitment Committee. If you need one, contact Bobbi Klein. They are \$10.00.

Committee Report

IT KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER!*By Cindy McIntyre, OWT Committee*

I knew it was going to be a successful event from the moment I stepped in the hotel. I had arrived early to help decorate the small ballroom, but, of course, it was already complete and looked inviting and beautiful! So what can I do to help? It was as though the entire club was focused and knew exactly what they were about. The tables had been decorated with autumn colored leaves and fresh fruit. The yellow and red napkins on dark tablecloths were just the right festive, warm colors. The chance drawing items were being artfully arranged to entice buyers. The check-in team members were getting settled and warming up their welcoming smiles. Nominee corsages looked beautiful all ready for the excited wearers. The club display was ready to help our guests learn about Altrusa Richardson and our honors. And for a brief moment, everyone could breathe....

And then things happened quickly. The nominees arrived and the next thing you know we were called to our seats for lunch and the program. It seems every

year I think the nominees just can't get better but they do. What an involved, impressive community we serve! And I'm touched and awed by every one who contributed time, energy, thought, and a mountain of love to make this a terrific luncheon. And thank you for giving us the opportunity to continue to help support Richardson next year.



Committee Report

BRAND NEW ALTRUSANS SHOW US HOW IT'S DONE!*By Bobbi Klein, OWT Committee*

Thanks to five brand new Altrusans (all of whom were just initiated in April), this year's Outstanding Women of Today luncheon was one of our best money making fundraisers ever. Sponsorships were an all-time high with \$21,650, due to the Herculean efforts of **Robin Smith**. Although we were not able to attain a Presenting Sponsor, as we did last year; this year, for the first time, we had two Platinum Sponsors.

Diane Davidson and **Linda Craft** were an exceptional team and took on the challenge of our Chance Drawing. They certainly did an outstanding job getting really exceptional items donated and grouped them into wonderful prizes. Their display at the event was beautiful and certainly caught the eye of many of our attendees, which helped to raise over \$3,300.

Sisters, **Lianne LeBlanc** and **Nicole LeClair**, chaired the Underwriting Committee, in spite of their demanding workloads and the illness of their mother, who lives in Canada. Many, many, many thanks to these extraordinary ladies, who were willing to step up to plate (even though they knew nothing about their tasks) and hit it out of the park!



Committee Report**HAVING FUN AND RAISING FUNDS!**

By Mary Beth McLemore, OWT Committee

On the Thursday night before our Outstanding Women of Today luncheon, 11 Altrusans ate a light dinner, visited, laughed a lot, and made corsages for nominees and the dignitaries seated at the head table. **Jill VanOs**, co-chair of the Decoration Committee, brought turkey and ham sandwiches, dip and chips, and **Mary Beth McLemore** furnished the house, drinks, chips, and desserts.

At the last minute, tables at the hotel were available to start decorations, so Carolyn Giuliani, Decoration's other co-chair, and her daughter volunteered to take the fruit and decorate. Lots of bonding happens when Altrusans work together and money was saved and lovely colorful corsages were produced. Work with other Altrusans is FUN and everyone can find a job that fits her talents.



Committee Report

HONOREES, DIGNITARIES, AND OUR “LADY A” ENGRAVED ON VASES

2014 Outstanding Women of Today honorees are (L-R) Dawn Hayes (Small Business), Jo Stafflebach Heinz (Corporate), Kay Waggoner (Education), Laurie Garvie (Non-profit), Susan Allison (Government), and Caitlan Lucas (Woman of Tomorrow).



OWT Committee Report**THERE WERE TWENTY-SEVEN 2013-14 OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY NOMINEES****Small Business****Keiyana Roberts***Krème de la Cupcake***Cory Montfort***Cory Montfort Counseling***Ann McGee-Cooper, Ed.D.***Ann McGee-Cooper & Associates, Inc.***Jill Matthews***Bright Cactus***Dawn Hayes***Marcus Café***Celia Aragon***Aragon Graphics***Government****Melissa Tutton***City of Plano***Susan Allison***City of Richardson***Corporate****Sandra Moudy***Restland Funeral Home and Memorial Park***Jo Heinz***Staffelbach***Karen Ebling***Raytheon Company***Sebrena Bohnsack, MS, LPC, CCM, PHR***Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas***Non-Profit****Melanie Moore***The Contemporary Chorale***Ivy Hopkins Lassiter***First Baptist Church of Richardson***Laurie Garvie***Richardson Symphony Orchestra***Jean Crosby***Richardson YMCA***Education****Kay Waggoner, PhD***Richardson Independent School District***Brandy Schumann, LPC-S, NCC, RPT-S***Southern Methodist University**Therapy on the Square***Maribeth Nakwaasah***Richardson Terrace Elementary School***Jean Martin***Collin College***Lauren DeCillis***University of Texas at Dallas***Barbara Branum***Richland College***Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow****Joni Reed***Methodist Richardson Medical Center***Caitlin Lucas***Pepsico-Frito Lay, Inc.***Kimberly Lowry, PhD***Eastfield College*

Not pictured: Sarah Feuerbacher, SMU

Not pictured: Dana Vaden, SMU

OWT Committee Report

JUDGES FROM THE COMMUNITY CHOSE FIVE OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY

Altrusa Richardson thanks the judges for their time and dedication in reviewing all 27 nominations and selecting this year's honorees: The judges are leaders from a variety of professions and have had significant experience in all the award categories. Nomination packets include a nomination write-up, two letters of recommendation, and a biography. The nominee's name is redacted from all judging material. The judges evaluate every category of nomination. If one of the nominees is from a judge's company or organization, that particular judge will recuse himself/herself from that category.

Each judge completes an evaluation of each nominee. Then, the judges meet with the Judges Committee Chairs, all the ratings are combined, and final decisions are made. Altrusans do not participate in the judging process or the judges' discussion but they are present to answer any questions. This year's judges were:

Scott Dunn
Naomi R. Emmett
Bill Knudsen
Judge Ray Noah
Jude Ognibene

Richardson City Council
University of Texas at Dallas
Ability Connection Texas
Richardson Municipal Court
Verizon

**Dawn Hayes**

*Owner
Marcus Café*

- Since purchase in 2011, she has taken Marcus Café to a new level
- Applied her corporate experience and knowledge to Marcus Café with the motto: good friends, great food and awesome patio
- Marcus Café is a great place because of her dedication to knowing her customers

**Jo Heinz**

*President
Staffelbach Design*

- At the forefront of interior design creativity and innovation
- Under her leadership, Staffelbach has designed spaces for Fortune 100 companies and is listed as one of the leading firms in the nation
- Has won countless design awards

**Kay Waggoner, PhD**

*Superintendent
Richardson Independent School District*

- Provides leadership and vision to the RISD, the State and the Nation
- Works tirelessly to make sure RISD is fulfilling its vision of being a place where all students learn, grow and succeed
- Leads by example to create an atmosphere to empower people

**Laurie Garvie**

*Executive Director and President
Richardson Symphony Orchestra*

- Innovative ideas have been implemented under her leadership
- RSO on its way to becoming a professionally-run organization that lives up to its 53-year heritage because of her work and dedication
- Possesses a great passion for her work

**Susan Allison**

*Director, Library Services
Richardson Public Library*

- At the peak of an extraordinary library career spanning more than 30 years
- Awakened the reader in the child as Children's Librarian
- Insures services to every reader who enters the library or accesses all the online library resource

**Caitlin Lucas**

*Sales Zone Supervisor
Pepsico-Frito Lay*

- Manages the operations of a \$116 million sales business
- Provides training for nearly 200 full-time employees
- Implemented a safety incentive, the "Safety Card Program"



In the Media

ALTRUSA RICHARDSON MENTIONED IN LOCAL NEWSLETTERS, NEWSPAPERS**Waggoner Named Outstanding Woman of Today**

RISD Superintendent Kay Waggoner was named one of Altrusa International of Richardson's Outstanding Women of Today in the education category at an award luncheon on October 31.

Honorees are chosen for exemplifying determination, innovation, and making an outstanding contribution in their chosen careers. They are recognized for making a difference for the future of women and providing leadership in their fields.

Congratulations to all the honorees and nominees.

**Choose Kind Library at Terrace**

Altrusa International of Richardson donated books to help students understand differences for a *Choose Kind* Library at Terrace Elementary. The Choose Kind philosophy embraces diversity of all types and respects differences in peoples.

To introduce the special collection of books to the school, each grade level will read the same book. This common book experience will build collective knowledge about differences in people and provide grade-appropriate opportunities to extend learning.



From The Warren Center newsletter, Oct-Nov 2014



Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc.

Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation awarded The Warren Center a grant in the amount of \$700. These funds will be used to support the Koala Club. The group serves children enrolled in ECI who fall between the ages of two and three who are either diagnosed with Autism or struggle with social skills and language.

From Clear Springs Place HOA News

Speaking of Dawn [Hayes], what a fabulous person we have in our neighborhood. She won Outstanding Women of Today Professional Excellence Award from Altrusa International Richardson. I know you will all help me in congratulating her and telling her how proud we are she is one of our neighbors!!!!



In the Media

MORE OWT PUBLICITY

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Moore nominated for Altrusa's women's award

SUBMITTED STORY

Melanie Moore, artistic director of The Contemporary Chorale in Richardson, has been nominated as an Outstanding Woman of Today for her work with and service to The Contemporary Chorale.



Melanie Moore

Outstanding Women of Today is an award presented by Altrusa for professional accomplishments. Women are nominated for exemplifying determination, innovation and making an outstanding contribution in their chosen careers. They are recognized and applauded for making a difference for the future of women and providing leadership in their fields.

Over the past 14 years, Moore has exhibited the criteria required to be nominated for this honor through her personal achievements and enduring contributions of her time and talent to enrich others through music.

"[Moore] uses her gift of music to inspire all who are in this choir which consists of people who have their degrees in music, to people who have no music background but love to sing," chorale choreographer Rebecca Fudge said. "She continually tells the members of the chorale that they inspire her, but she encourages and inspires each member with her leadership and dedication."

Anita Pinkerton submitted this story on behalf of the Contemporary Chorale.

In the Media

From **Richardson Today**, Oct. 2014

Tickets on sale for 2014 OWT luncheon

Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc. will host the 11th Annual Outstanding Women of Today ... Builders of Tomorrow Luncheon and Awards Presentation Friday, Oct. 31, at The Hyatt Regency North

Dallas/Richardson. Tickets to the luncheon are \$50 per person.

At the luncheon, all nominees are honored; more than 300 community leaders are expected to attend. Check-in is at 11:30 am and the luncheon starts promptly at noon. Tickets may

be ordered at altrusarichardson.com; the deadline for reservations is Oct. 17. Sponsorships are also available.

Contact Janice Swallow at 469-835-8109 or contact@altrusarichardson.com for general luncheon inquiries.

BOARD ACTIONS

Due to holiday schedules, there will be no Board of Directors meeting in November, and the December meeting will be held on December 11 instead of December 25.

In the Media

ALTRUSA FEATURED IN CITY'S WEEKLY EMAIL**NEWS LIST****Week in Review, Oct. 31, 2014****Posted Date:** 10/31/2014**Altrusa Presents Mayor Symbolic Check for Volunteer Hours**

This afternoon, Altrusa International, Inc. held its 11th annual awards luncheon. During the event, Richardson Mayor Laura Maczka was presented a ceremonial check for \$334,550, representing the more than 14,000 hours of volunteer time invested in the city by the organization.

Richardson's Altrusa International, Inc. provides support to many agencies, including the Richardson Public Library, Animal Shelter, RISD, and NETWORK of Community Ministries. It also helps make the Richardson Reads One Book event possible.



Also at today's event, Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson honored six winners as they were named Outstanding Women of Today ... Builders of Tomorrow. Of the 27 women nominated, the winners were: Dawn Hayes (Small Business), Jo Stafflebach Heinz (Corporate), Kay Waggoner (Education), Laurie Garvie (Non Profit), Susan Allison (Government) and Caitlin Lucas (Woman of Tomorrow).

Special Report**VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE**

*By Jane Tucker,
International Relations Cmte. Co-Chair*

The Girl Guides and Girl Scouts have created a global community committed to end violence against girls and young women. The major part of this co-educational program is a non-formal educational curriculum developed in partnership with UN Women. Through this program over five million children and young people in over 100 countries will take part in "Voices against Violence".

This program has been developed in partnership with the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and experts in gender based violence. The curriculum, which has been designed into various age groups from 5 to 25 years, has been adapted for different cultural, social and legal contexts and has already been successfully piloted in 20 countries worldwide. The course can be run over a period of six or more weeks, or can run during a camp or conference, or can even be available online. This program gives young people the expertise they need to understand the root causes of violence in their communities, to educate and involve their peers and communities to prevent violence and to learn where to access support if violence occurs in their environment.

It is hoped this program will play a big role in not only ending violence against girls and young women but also allow an avenue in which to address the problems of violence against girls and young women. More information about this program is available at stoptheviolence@waggs.org.

International Foundation News**INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS/GRANTS FY2013-2014***From The Altrusa Compass, vol. 1, issue 3*

The contributions to Altrusa International Foundation and the Grants it made during Fiscal Year 2013-2014 are shown below.

The Foundation reported that it distributed almost \$26,000 more in Club grants in 2013-2014 than in 2012-2013.



FY2013-2014 Programs	Contributions
Club 21	\$19,261.00
Endowment Fund	\$9,154.00
Disaster Relief	\$6,956.00
Grants	\$20,103.00
Where Needed Most	\$60,727.00
Total	\$116,201.00

FY2013-2014 Programs	Grants Distributed
Club 21	\$9,500.00
Disaster Relief	\$9,850.00
Grants	\$85,260.00
Total	\$104,610.00

District Nine News**THREE ALTRUSA CLUBS ARE FORMING IN TEXAS; WANT TO HELP?***From News of Mighty Ninth, Summer 2014*

New Altrusa clubs are under construction in Lewisville, Rockwall, and The Woodlands.

- ◇ In Rockwall, meetings have been held at Luigi's Italian Restaurant, 2002 S Goliad Street. The date and location of their next meeting is TBD.
- ◇ Lewisville meetings are scheduled for the second Saturday of the month until the members determine a more suitable time. Meetings are held

at Tierney's Cafe, a local restaurant with an excellent brunch.

- ◇ Meetings in The Woodlands are held at Branch Crossing YMCA Community Room, 8100 Ashlane Way.

If you know someone living or working near one of these cities who would enjoy the Altrusa experience, please contact the District Nine Membership Committee at districtNinemembership@gmail.com.

Altrusa Accent**WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ALTRUSA?**

For many years, the Altrusa Encyclopedia was the go-to document for learning about Altrusa. In April of this year, the Encyclopedia was replaced by the [Altrusa International Resource Guide](#). It is available on the Members Only section of our website, where you can read it or download it to your computer.

Also available in the Members Only section are our bylaws and history. Remember, to access the Members

Only section of our website, you must be logged in. If you would prefer to receive any of these documents via email, send your request to Carolyn Swanson.

[Altrusa Bylaws and Policies \(2013\)](#) applies to Altrusa International, the Districts, and the Clubs.

[The Altrusa Tradition](#) was updated in 2012, and it is the complete history of Altrusa since its founding in 1917.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2014From www.altrusa.org

The most recent detailed membership report on Altrusa International's website listed the total number of Altrusans as 8,290, up from 8,221 a month earlier.

District Nine (Texas) has 924 members in 33 clubs. District Six (Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky) has the second largest number of members, with 850 in its 34 clubs.

District Nine	Active	Life	Subtotal	Emeritus	Total
Abilene, TX	11	0	11	1	12
Anderson County-Palestine, TX	25	0	25	4	29
Arlington, TX	28	0	28	1	29
Austin, TX	24	1	25	0	25
Big Country (Abilene), TX	5	0	5	0	5
Borger, TX	28	0	28	0	28
Central Texas, TX	20	0	20	0	20
Collin County, TX	17	0	17	0	17
Copperas Cove, TX	18	0	18	0	18
Dallas, TX	30	0	30	1	31
Denton, TX	18	0	18	0	18
DFW, TX	27	0	27	0	27
Downtown Dallas, TX	66	0	66	0	66
Fort Worth, TX	21	0	21	7	28
Garland, TX	34	0	34	0	34
Greenville, TX	51	0	51	0	51
Houston, TX	2	0	2	4	6
Lubbock Downers, TX	14	0	14	0	14
Lubbock, TX	20	0	20	2	22
Nacogdoches, TX	9	0	9	0	9
North Dallas, TX	14	0	14	0	14
Orange, TX	12	0	12	0	12
Pampa, TX	47	0	47	0	47
Richardson, TX	89	0	89	2	91
San Antonio, TX	31	0	31	5	36
Sherman, TX	23	0	23	0	23
Southeast Tarrant County Early Risers, TX	23	0	23	0	23
Southwest Dallas County, TX	22	0	22	0	22
Temple, TX	100	0	100	1	101
Texarkana, TX	20	0	20	0	20
The Brazos-Waco, TX	17	0	17	2	19
Waco, TX	19	0	19	1	20
Wichita Falls, TX	7	0	7	0	7
TOTALS for the 33 clubs in District Nine	892	1	893	31	924

Club Calendar November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Hazel Weathers bday
2	3	4 Teddy Bear Time	5	6 Business Meeting	7	8 Ability House: Shelley bday
9	10	11 Teddy Bear Time World Peace Art Contest prep	12 Atria Bingo World Peace Art Contest prep	13 Janice Flesch bday	14	15 District Nine Fall Leadership Event
16	17 Manners Party prep AWCLS	18 Manners Party prep Manners Party	19	20 Dinner Meeting	21 Lunch Bunch Barbara Cornelius bday	22
23	24 <u>TIDINGS deadline</u>	25 World Peace Art Contest Reception	26	27	28	29 Lianne LeBlanc bday
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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 (social time at 6:30)

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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