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President's Message

TIME MARCHES ON!

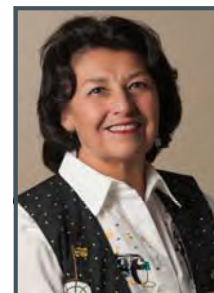
I can't believe I have only one more month left in my term as President of the number one Altrusa Club of District Nine. Last June, I thought I would have so much time to learn my job, but before I knew it, it's over, and I am just now at a point where I am truly comfortable. Now I wish I had more time...well maybe not. I have visited several clubs this year and everyone I have met is so impressed with "the Richardson Club", in particular with all we do and have accomplished. The question that is continuously asked: "how do we get our members to get involved?" I will admit that sometimes I do worry about our involvement in club activities. The questions I think about are: do we have too many events, are they too close together, do we need more variety in certain committees?

Speaking about thoughts on what we can do to make us a better club, the Strategic Planning Committee has emailed a survey to all members to find out what needs to be done to improve our club, asking us to express concerns, and to offer possible solutions, and to learn what we, the members, think about the state of our organization, and what direction we want going forward. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it to Kay Hopper or Nancy Crowe. A lot of time, effort, and thought have gone into this survey and we need to use it as it was meant to be used.

As I mentioned earlier, the year is coming to an end, and yet we still have a check list of items to complete. Our Foundation Committees have a few

events listed on our calendar for April and May. The Outstanding Women of Today Committee, our only fundraiser for our projects, has started planning for the October event. We will begin or have begun our year-end reports, documenting our accomplishments and successes achieved. The Education, International, and Community Outreach Committees have started working on a write-up of one of their special projects that hopefully will bring an award to each of them at the 2016 District Nine Conference. We also are in a state of transition as President-Elect Cindy McIntyre begins to prepare for her presidency. I know you and I are excited for Cindy as she begins to choose her team that will help her move our club forward. Cindy will bring excitement to our club with her artistic capabilities and talents to motivate people.

Let's all get moving by "Dancing to the Altrusa Rhythm", a rhythm that keeps our Club in constant motion. This motion will bring us to a great finish for the year 2014-2015, and a wonderful beginning to 2015-2016 with Cindy leading the way.



Altrusa Hugs,

Gloria Sandoval

2014-2015 President

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Dancing to the Altrusa Rhythm... Let's Keep Moving!

Special Report

2014-2015 CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED AT MARCH MEETING

The election of officers for next year was scheduled for our March 5 business meeting, but bad weather forced postponement of the meeting until March 12.

Four positions on the board were not subject to election:

- ♦ President-Elect **Cindy McIntyre** becomes President.
- ♦ President **Gloria Sandoval** becomes Immediate Past President.
- ♦ Directors **Rose Daughety** and **Cindy Murray** will serve the second year of their two-year terms.

Although we customarily elect a Foundation Treasurer to the Board, the Nominating Committee did not slate anyone for that position. The person filling that role will be one of the members of the Foundation Board of Trustees. That Board will be elected later this Spring.

The newly elected Board members are:

President-Elect: **Sue McElveen**

Vice President: **Dena Davis**

Admin Treasurer: **Bonnie Perry**

Recording Secretary: **Nancy Crowe**

Corresponding Secretary: **Courtenay Tanner**

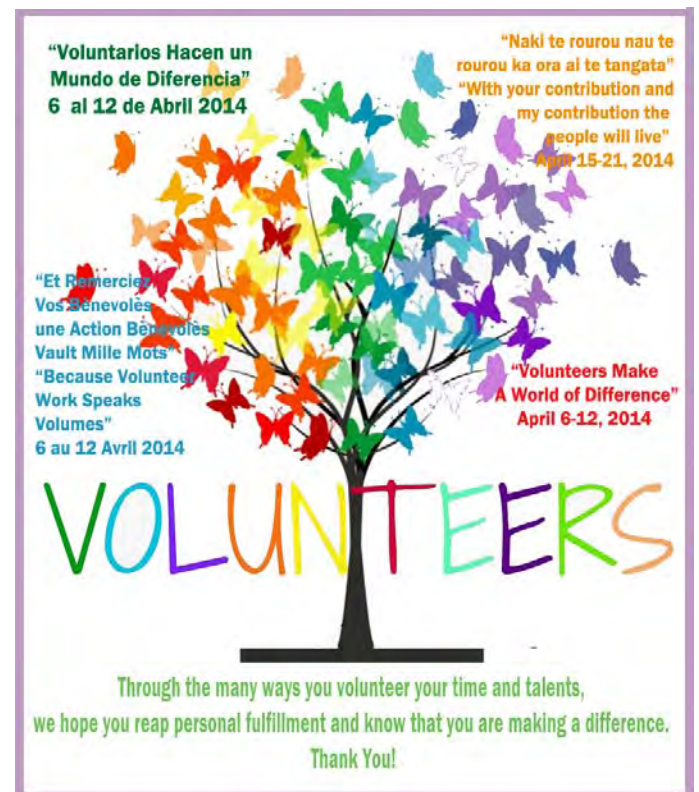
Directors **Donna Buhr** and **Barbara Cornelius**

Cindy McIntyre and her Board of Directors will be installed at the May 21 Dinner Meeting.

International News

APRIL IS VOLUNTEER MONTH

Altrusa International President **Ilona Kerby** writes: "April is the month to recognize volunteers everywhere for their service. International President, Ilona A. Kerby and Association Manager, **Sandra L. Jablonski** wanted to take this opportunity to share some themes from around the world."



Project Report

SWEET DREAMS PAJAMA PARTY/ORIENTATION/SOUPFEST—ALL AT ONCE!

By Pam Johnson, Community Outreach Committee

This year's Sweet Dreams Pajama Party on March 21 at Pam Johnson's home was always about much more than pajamas. It was the opportunity to help remind women fleeing domestic abuse and violence that others care. The Community Outreach Committee wanted to do a project that would address a specific need as identified by the New Beginning Center. It just so happened that at this time they were desperately in need of women's pajamas. In keeping with a tradition started a few years, it was decided that this would be less about a donation of purchased pajamas to a shelter and all about us coming together to create individual "gifts" for these women. It was our hope and intent that each and every item donated by our club would be a reflection of our care and concern ... a gift from a friend.

The Outreach Committee worked with **Bobbi Klein**, Membership Retention Committee Chair, to enable this event to also serve as our Spring Orientation/Re-Orientation Meeting for both new and seasoned members. Invitations went out to all club members, husbands, guests and potential members. The addition of wonderful homemade soups and lots of wine made this a great retention event with an overall attendance

of 36 people, consisting of 24 members, 12 guests: 10 husbands, one mother/Honored Member and one prospective member.

With \$260 from the committee's budget, 25 pairs of new pajamas were purchased. Then, everyone was asked to consider making a small donation of just one pair of sleeping socks to supplement our donation to the shelter for these women. Due to the enthusiastic response from so many of our members, this enormously successful project enabled us to present to the New Beginnings Center a total donation of 32 pairs of pajamas, 66 pairs of assorted styles of sleeping socks, ten nightgowns, and one spa robe, six pairs of washable ballerina slippers, 26 sleep masks... and 32 handmade, colorful pillowcases made by Carolyn Swanson's mother – our honored member - Ernestine Swanson.

About 80% of our club members actively participated by making donations and/or spending hands-on time before, during or after the actual event. Each sleepwear item was neatly folded and sealed in a gallon zip lock bag that could be reused. Smaller clear bags containing a single pair of socks were tied with colorful ribbons. Most importantly, members worked to ensure that every item donated had a colorful "Sweet Dreams" gift tag card attached.

*A community chorus with worldwide talent*

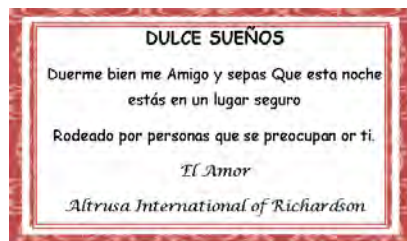
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The Contemporary Chorale celebrates
their 59th season.

The Contemporary
Chorale



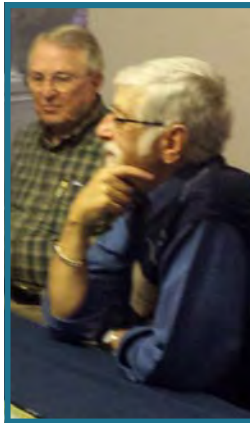
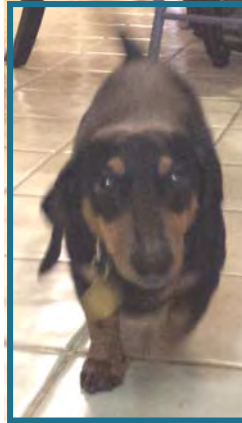
Melanie Moore, Director

For more information visit www.thecontemporarychorale.org

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SWEET DREAMS PAJAMA PARTY *(Continued from page 3)*

On behalf of Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, the Community Outreach Committee is proud to support the efforts of the New Beginning Center, a domestic violence agency serving our community since 1979. In addition to the 33 bed shelter, this non-profit organization offers crisis intervention, a 24-hour hotline, counseling services and education. Last year the shelter served 193 women and 151 children. Victim outreach services were provided to 820 people. The center's tagline reads "Where Life Without Violence Begins". Hopefully, the Center's assistance along with our donations, thoughts and prayers will enable these women to sleep in peace without fear and have "Sweet Dreams" of a world free of abuse and domestic violence.



Project Preview

ALTRUSA WINE AND CHOCOLATE LITERARY SOCIETY READS ON AND ON!

By Christine Hart, Membership Retention Committee

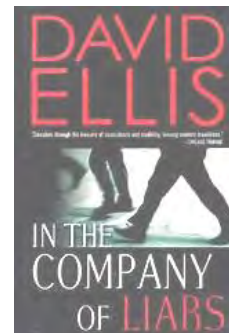
April's read was **The Olive Farm** by Carol Drinkwater. Lois Ferrara led the discussion. As always, a great discussion with some wonderful women. We had a total of 12 book-lovers in attendance—nine members and three guests. All three guests will be back enthusiastically!

May's book club will be on the 18th due to Memorial Day being on the fourth Monday of May.

You won't want to miss this one! **In The Company of Liars** by David Ellis is a thriller that is written in

chronological reverse order. It has twists, turns and surprises along the way. A tantalizing tour de force.

If you have never been to book club, or it has been a while since you have come, please consider coming and sign up on the website. We enjoy great discussions, snacks, chocolate and wine with some very unique literature.



Project Report

SENAYDA ISABEL TORRES MEDINA IS IN THIRD GRADE NOW!

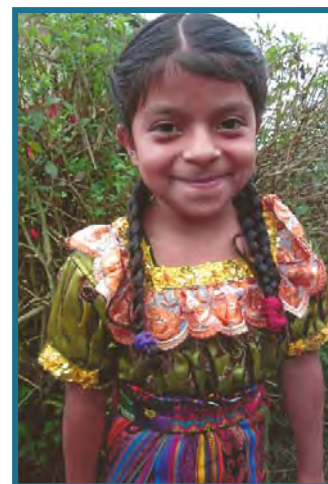
By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair

This year our club has continued to sponsor **Senayda Isabel Torres Medina**. She is in third grade this year and is such a darling young lady.

In January, Helps consultants **Cheryl Weeks-Rosten** and **Kathy Davis** went to Santa Avelina, Guatemala to kick off the new academic year. They had the teachers in Senayda's school become familiar with EGRA- the Early Grade Reading Assessment. They also continued editing Ixil books, a project that started in November and took the new school photos of the 150 children.

They also had a farewell dinner for the parents and families of the children on scholarship at the secondary level. This year, 13 children are going to a boarding school in Santa Cruz Del Quiche, and for the first in Helps International history, six college age young people will be in four different universities. As these young people finish their schooling, it is gratifying that Helps alumni are being able to work in the community. One alumni is a young woman managing accounts on the computer at a local coffee co-op and another graduate heads up the health clinic in nearby Cotzal by using her nursing degree she obtained through the Helps International program.

We look forward to receiving new artwork from Senayda as well as news of her continued success in school.



OWT Committee Report

*2015 Outstanding Women of Today . . . Builders of Tomorrow
Luncheon and Awards Presentation*



It's that time of year! You will be seeing Lady A (shown at left—did you know that is her name?) as we get ready for our annual fundraiser. Event Co-Chairs **Brenda Boston** and **Jean Stuart** want everyone to be aware of what is happening—via meetings, emails, and a special web page called **OWT Insider Information**, which can be seen only after you log in to our website and go to the Members Only page.

Committee Report

SELLING GREEN MANGO COOKBOOK TO RECOGNIZE WORLD HEALTH DAY*By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair*

In conjunction with World Health Day, the International Relations Committee has sold the "Green Mango Cafe & Bakery" cookbook and to date has raised over \$150 for this project.

The history behind this cookbook is nothing less than inspirational. The cookbook is the result of a dream two men had in 2010 to use their skills in culinary arts to benefit those in need. Their vision led to a program in Cambodia to help women in situations of poverty and abuse by giving them a future in culinary arts. They have devised a two year program in culinary arts and customer service for these young women and upon graduating, the women take on jobs in the restaurant industry. The Green Mango Café is located in Battambang, Cambodia. The culinary arts program opened this café as part of their training program and it

has actually become a tourist attraction. All items served at the café are made using quality food preparation techniques with everything made in-house and baked daily. The cookbook is a collection of the favorite foods served at the Café which features a variety of international styles: Cambodian, Italian, Mexican, French and American. The proceeds from the sale of this cookbook go back into the training programs for these at risk young women.



Special Day

UNITED NATIONS WORLD HEALTH DAY IS APRIL 7*By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair*

This year the United Nations seeks to focus on unsafe food as part of their emphasis on World Health Day on April 7, 2015. Unsafe food can be linked to as many as 2 million annual deaths with many of these deaths children. The food they eat is contaminated with harmful bacteria, viruses, parasites or chemical substances which can be responsible for more than 200 diseases resulting in anything from diarrhea to cancer. In addition, new changes in food production, distribution and consumption has created new threats to food safety.

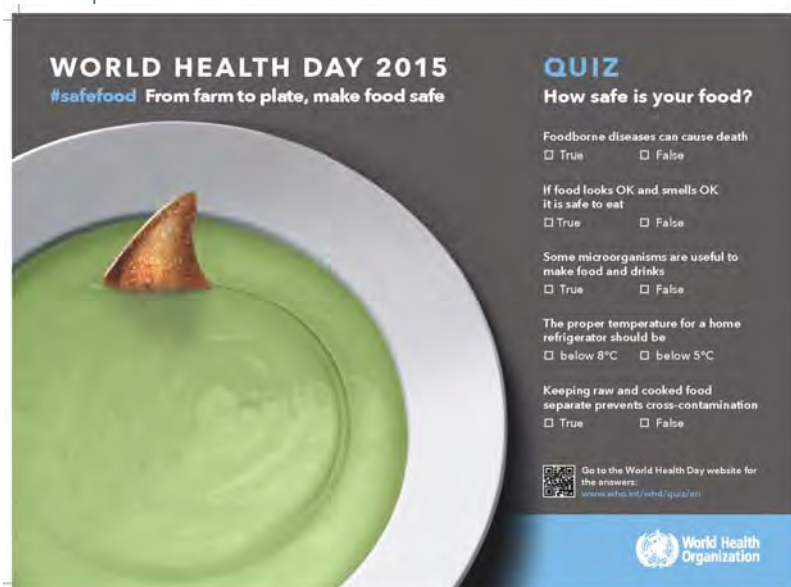
As food supply becomes increasingly more global, there is a need to have more education and public awareness to strengthen food safety systems in and between all countries. The WHO (World Health Organization) is promoting efforts to improve food safety from farm to the plate and wants people working in all sectors of food manufacturing to value the importance of food safety, and the part they all play in ensuring that everyone consumes safe food.

According to WHO there are five keys to safer food:

- ◇ Keep clean
- ◇ Separate raw and cooked food

- ◇ Cook food thoroughly
- ◇ Keep food at safe temperature
- ◇ Use safe water and raw materials

By keeping these five important points in mind, the WHO hopes to offer practical guidance to vendors and consumers for handling and preparing food.



Project Report

DONATION TO UNITED THROUGH READING TO MARK DAY OF FAMILIES*By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair*

The International Relations Committee has made a \$200 donation to United Through Reading as an observance of the United Nations International Day of Families. With this year's theme being "Men in Charge? Gender Equality and Children's Rights in Contemporary Families", the committee felt that this program could best represent the philosophy of this theme.

United Through Reading was founded in 1989 by **Betty Mohlenbrock** who at that time was the wife of a Naval flight surgeon who was deployed when their daughter was born. Upon returning from deployment, his daughter did not recognize him and it took time to build a bond. Betty was also a reading specialist with a master's degree in education and she continually saw children entering school at a disadvantage because they had little or no exposure at home with learning words or reading books. When Betty put these two experiences together she developed United Through Reading to help parents and children stay connected during separations by enabling them to read together using video recordings. This concept has proven extremely successful and servicemen are now reading to their children at United Through Reading sites all around the world. More than two million mothers, fathers, and children have kept the family bonded and at the same time built literacy skills through this program.

In 2014 alone, with the help of 541 volunteers, United Through Reading served 103,556 beneficiaries at 157 recording locations around the world distributing

25,889 books to military children. One recording, with one story on it, may be watched more than 250 times during a ten-month deployment. Over the course of a year's deployment in 2014, 25,000 book recordings being read in homes that had an average of two children totals to more than a million bedtime stories being read. The impact of being able to stay connected through this reading program has been to help fade children's anxieties, service members become part of the daily life at home, service members are enable a way of sharing a means of parenting, homecomings begins with welcoming a familiar face, and children learn to love books and reading.



(L-R) **Jane Tucker**, Terrace Elementary School Librarian **Leah McDonough**, and **Rose Daugherty** pose with books donated by International Relations Committee.

Special Day

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES WILL BE HELD MAY 15*By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair*

The International Day of Families, annually held on May 15, is meant to celebrate the importance of families to people, societies, and cultures around the world. The United Nations started celebrating this day in 1994 in response to the changing social and economic structures which affect the stability of family units on a global basis. The Division of Social Policy and Development (DSPO) supports the observance of the International Day of Families by preparing background information on families for use by governments, the UN system, UN information Centers and UGO's.

This year's theme is "Men in Charge? Gender Equality and Children's Rights in Contemporary Families" is meant to promote gender equality and rights of children within families. It is also meant to highlight prevention of family violence through fair family law frameworks and a variety of program interventions. This day represents the importance of family as a microcosm of the global commitment that sustainable peace is grounded in the family.



Project Report

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH BEADFORLIFE JEWELRY PARTIES*By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair*

Our Altrusa Club has been sponsoring BeadforLife parties since 2010. Over the past few years our club has raised a considerable amount of money for this organization and we have also watched BeadforLife expand to help greater numbers of women and children in Uganda.

Bead making is at the heart of how BeadforLife got started. A chance encounter of three **women from the United States, Torkin Wakefield, Ginny Jordan, and Devin Hibbard**, and **Millie Grace Akena**, a woman living in a Ugandan slum has made this all possible. The ladies from the United States noticed the beads Millie was making outside her mud hut and stopped to talk to her. Millie had been driven out of her Northern Ugandan home by soldiers and fled the area to protect her children. She was working in a rock quarry in order to make enough money to feed her family one meal a day. The ladies were touched by her story and at the same time felt there was a market for the beads Millie was making in the United States. This essentially was the birth of BeadforLife.

Now, bead making is at the heart of helping women in Uganda make a steady source of income. BeadforLife now enrolls women in a beading program which lasts three months. Currently there are 25 bead making groups consisting of between 40 to 60 women in each group. Not only do the women receive training on bead making but they receive extensive training on entrepreneurial and business skills so that they may launch their own business. The members enrolled in these classes are able to eat more nutritious meals, receive proper health care, enroll their children in school and improve their living



situations. Furthermore, the women are able to save some of their earnings to invest in starting businesses such as poultry rearing, restaurants, retail stores, vegetable stands, tailoring, and renting rooms.

According to the founder Devin Hibbard, "the biggest factor in empowering women is their own belief in themselves." BeadforLife believes the best solution to overcoming poverty is to create entrepreneurial training for women to allow them to create a means of supporting their families."

Special Day

UN WOMEN CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ON MARCH 8*By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair*

The United Nations is globally celebrating March 8 as International Women's Day. This year's theme is, "2015: Empowering Women-Empowering Humanity: Picture It!" The events held worldwide are globally a way of celebrating women's achievements, recognize challenges and focus on women's rights and gender equality. This year the UN Women are highlighting the Beijing Declaration and Platform of Action +20 campaign which is a historic document signed by 189 governments 20 years ago that set an agenda for realizing women's rights. Even though many achievements have been made in the last 20 years, many serious gaps in women's rights still exists.

UN Women Executive Director, **Phumzile Mlambo – Ngcuka** says that gender parity must be reached before 2030 so that effects of inequality can be reversed. She states, "We call on countries to step it up for gender equality."

In the words of UN Secretary-General **Ban Ki-moon**, "When we unleash the power of women, we can secure the future of all."



Beijing+20 Campaign

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Project Report

TERRACE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS DONATE TO HEIFER INTERNATIONAL*By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair*

In January 2015, Terrace Elementary hosted an energetic Think Kindness assembly which was co-sponsored by our Altrusa Education Committee. The speaker was **Brian Williams**, founder of Think Kindness, a nonprofit organization which challenges students to change the world through acts of kindness. As part of the assembly, he gave a slide presentation which showed how some children in other parts of the world are not attending school because of they are so poor they have no shoes and without shoes they are not allowed to attend school. At the end of the assembly he challenged the students of Terrace to do 5,000 acts of kindness in 15 days. He provided journals to enable the students to document these acts of kindness and also helped the students organized a shoe drive to collect shoes for these children to allow them to go to school.

Now that the numbers are in, the top two classes that achieved the most random acts of kindness are a second and third grade class and they are being given a "special" prize for their efforts. The International Relations Committee has given them \$100 each to purchase animals through Heifer International so they can continue their acts of kindness by passing on an even greater gift – a means to end hunger and poverty. Students in each of these classes will receive a Heifer International animal button and stickers, plus an Honor Card from Heifer International to acknowledging the special gift that was given in their name.

For over 70 years, the mission of Heifer International is to work with communities around the globe to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth. The approach of this organization is not to just give a hand out to people suffering from hunger and

poverty but to give them the means to become self-reliant by bringing sustainable agriculture and commerce to their area so they can provide food and reliable income for themselves as well as help others do so as well. With families gaining sustainable income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agriculture cooperatives, forming community savings and funding small businesses. Since this organization was first conceived by Dan West, a farmer from the Midwest who was a aid worker helping victims of the Spanish Civil War, it has sought to "Pass on the Gift" with the philosophy of not only sharing the training but also passing on the first female offspring of donated animals to another family in their community and by doing this the program perpetuates itself. We all have needed a little help sometime in our life and relate to how helpful it is. It is hope that projects such as this one at Terrace will allow students at an early age to see how they can help create an impact on others. Thus, creating another positive means of "passing on the gift" for the giving spirit can only grow exponentially with each person it impacts.



Moving beyond hunger
one gift at a time

International Foundation News

SILENT AUCTION AT DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE

District Nine Conference will have its annual Silent Auction benefitting the Altrusa International Foundation. Each Altrusa Club has been asked to contribute at least one item with a minimum value of \$25 to the auction. The Foundation provides the funding for Altrusa Club Grants,

the Letha H. Brown and Nina Fay Calhoun Awards, ASTRA Scholarships, and Disaster Relief.

The auction will be in the Everything Room, along with the Club Displays and the collection of items for the Conference Service Project.



Altrusa Accent

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP*From Altrusa Resource Guide (April 30, 2014)*

A member who freely shares knowledge, experience, and talent in Altrusa finds the dimensions of life richly expanded. The rewards of Altrusa membership are derived from the open acceptance and practice of the following member responsibilities:

- ◇ Expect the most from membership by making a firm commitment to it.
- ◇ Make every effort to know and practice the Ideals, Principles and Objectives of Altrusa.
- ◇ Know the Bylaws and Policies necessary to meaningful participation and keep informed on the organization by reading all Altrusa publications.
- ◇ Attend meetings regularly and take an active part. It is the fellowship experienced at meetings and the working together in service that brings full value to Altrusa membership.
- ◇ Accept Committee assignments and be willing to assume top leadership roles in the Club, District and International when invited.
- ◇ Be concerned with Club problems and participate in seeking their solutions.
- ◇ Pay dues promptly.
- ◇ Experience the total scope of membership by attending District Conferences and workshops and International Conventions and by supporting the International programs of the Foundation and the Association.
- ◇ Be supportive of Club Officers and Committee Chairs so that they can fulfill their required

assignments.

- ◇ Be aware of Club progress toward its goals and be ready to join in whatever action is needed at each stage of the way.
- ◇ Develop new ideas for the Club that can add to the impact of a program meeting; recruit members; expand a service project; and, in general, achieve satisfaction in being an Altrusan.
- ◇ Enjoy being a member and don't hesitate to share a sense of humor. It makes membership a relaxing, enjoyable activity.

BOARD ACTIONS

- ◇ Foundation Board approved new Bylaws of Altrusa of Richardson Foundation, Inc. with recommendations from Nonprofit Compliance ad hoc committee.
- ◇ Approved ad hoc committee to solicit bids from caterers (**Dena Davis, Bonnie Perry, Jean Stuart, and Ginger Tonne**).

District Nine News**DISTRICT NINE ADDS 2 NEW CLUBS!**

Altrusa District Nine recently chartered its 34th and 35th clubs, both in the Dallas area.

On March 28, **Altrusa International of Rockwall, Texas** held

their charter lunch, and that same evening, **Altrusa International of Lewisville, Texas** chartered at dinner. Both of these special events were attended by **Ilona Kerby**, Altrusa International President.

**Meeting Report****KITCHEN SHOWER BENEFITS HOPE'S DOOR**

At our January 22 dinner meeting, **Susan Fischer** (shown at right) of the Community Outreach Committee presented our Kitchen Shower gifts to Hope's Door, a domestic violence shelter in Plano.

Meeting Report

PROFESSOR AND POET JERRY MCELVEEN SPOKE AT MARCH 19 MEETING

Jerry McElveen, Professor Emeritus and Poet Laureate of Richland College, read some of his poetry and shared funny anecdotes from his 54 years of teaching English Literature.

Professor McElveen holds a bachelor's degree in English from Southeastern Louisiana University, and a master's, also in English, from Louisiana State University. Since 1969, he has taught English for the Dallas County Community College District, spending most of that time at Richland College.

Jerry is married to Richardson Altrusan **Sue McElveen**.



Meeting Preview

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS TO BE INTRODUCED AT APRIL 17 MEETING

By Liz Luthans, Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee received a record number of scholarship applications for undergraduate study at two- or four-year colleges or universities for the 2014-15 school year. Committee members reviewed each application and selected final applicants for interviews. The Committee conducted interviews with the selected applicants. All Altrusa members will have the opportunity to meet our scholarship recipients at the April dinner meeting.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on scholastic achievement, financial need, community volunteerism, extra-curricular activities, and a short essay. Applicants must:

1. Be a graduating senior of an RISD high school or be a resident of the City of Richardson and attend a public high school; and
2. Be a US citizen or legal resident; and
3. Provide a copy of each of the following by the deadline:
 - ◇ completed application form
 - ◇ two letters of recommendation, at least one being from a counselor or teacher
 - ◇ high school transcript (unofficial copy)
 - ◇ a resume of extra-curricular school activities and community volunteer activities from 9th - 12th grades, including offices held/honors received, year of participation, and estimates of time per month dedicated to each activity.)

- ◇ an essay stating academic goals, career ambitions, and any special circumstances affecting financial needs for college. (approx. 250 words or one typewritten page, double-spaced, 12 point font)

Meeting Report

BIG CHECK GIVEN TO EISEMANN CENTER

At the March 12 Business Meeting, **Sarah Nesbit** accepted a Big Check from **Rose Daugherty** of the Grants Committee and President **Gloria Sandoval**. The funds will be used for children's programs at the Eisemann Center.

Club Calendar April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Business Meeting	3	4
5	6	7	8 Seniors: Atria Bingo Sherri White bday	9 Susan Frensley bday	10	11 ACT Event at Wentworth House: Shawn's bday
12	13	14	15	16 Dinner Meeting	17 DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE Seniors: Atria Auction	18 DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE
19 DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE	20	21	22	23 Leadership Development Event Board Meeting Andrea Rutledge bday	24	25 Ability House: Nina's Birthday Celebration
26	27 Community Outreach: Spring Book Collection Appletree Court Auction Retention: AWCLS (book club)	28	29 OWT Fundraiser All-Hands Meeting	30 Volunteer Hours Due		

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.

Club Calendar May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Lynn Solomon bday	5	6	7 Business Meeting	8 Seniors: Mother's Day Tea	9
10	11	12	13 Seniors: Atria Bingo	14	15 Retention: Lunch Bunch	16 Mary Osentowski, Gloria Sandoval bday
17	18 Retention: AWCLS	19	20	21 Dinner Meeting	22	23
24 Bonnie Perry bday	25	26 Jan Skinner bday	27	28	29	30
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LOG IN to www.altrusarichardson.com, and the website will recognize you as a member. It will show you "member only" information such as Committee Announcements and Member Only Events, and will let you easily register for all events.

(As you log in, put a check mark in the Remember Me box to make subsequent visits easier!)

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