



President's Message

As I start this new year of Altrusa service to our community, I am humbled by your confidence in me and want to thank you for electing me as your president. I hope 2018-2019 will bring us all closer together as mem-

bers of Altrusa and as new friends exploring our similarities and celebrating our differences.

Thank you to mentors Sue McElveen, Mary Beth McLemore, and Nancy Rohm, in guiding me in beginning this new club year in the best way possible. I am so appreciative of my friends and sponsors, Jane Merz and Mimi Tanner, for creating the best possible installation for me and the 2018-2019 Board of Directors. I send a huge Altrusa hug and thank you to Courtenay Tanner for her beautiful decorations at the Installation dinner.. And, to Marta Gomez Frey for her beautiful Invocation, and to Nancy Rohm for her inspiring Accent – you have my eternal gratitude. It was a magical evening and I will never forget it.

Let's all commit to doing more hands-on projects and to 100% participation in our annual fundraiser Outstanding Women of Today and in the Kindness Action Ninja Weekend activities as we reach out with the goal of enlightening and informing the membership. I am so excited about working with the new Board and cannot thank the 2017-2018 Board enough for their service and dedication to



Sue McElveen passes on the president's pin



The 2018-2019 Board of Directors (l-r) Bobbi Klein, Toni Garrett, Rosemary Gouger, Sarah Nesbit, Laura Trainor-Collins, Nancy Crowe and Sue McElveen (not pictured: Gayle Ingle, Gerry Carron, Mary Beth McLemore, Samantha Slaight)

the club. I am so grateful to have the wise counsel of Past President Sue McElveen and President-Elect Bobbi Klein to help me keep the ship on course. Vice President Toni Garrett will act as our Liaisons to the Board of Trustees. Directors Gayle Ingle (Service) and Laura Trainor Collins (Administrative) will serve as the Committee liaisons. Nancy Crowe and Gerry Carron are also serving as second year directors and I am blessed to have Mary Beth McLemore as Administrative Treasurer, Rosemary Gouger as Recording Secretary, and Samantha Slaight as Corresponding Secretary. I look forward to working with each and every one of you and the Board of Trustees as we move forward in love and service.



Sarah Nesbit, President 2018-2019

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Upcoming Events

See online calendar for event details, location, and sign-up at <http://altrusarichardson.com>

June 7	7:00 pm	Business meeting
June 13	6:00 pm	Atria Bingo
June 15	10:00 am	Tie One On For Father's Day
June 16	10:00 am	Senior Book Rotation
June 21	7:00 pm	Program/Dinner Meeting
June 25	6:00 pm	AWCLS (book club)

2018-2019 Officers and Board of Directors

The incoming 2018-2019 Officers and Board of Directors was installed on May 17, to officially take office June 1, 2018. In preparation of assuming office, the Board of Directors met on Thursday, May 24 to plan for the coming year. Vice President will serve as liaison to the Foundation Board of Directors. Director Gayle Ingle will serve as liaison to the Foundation service committees. Director Laura Trainor-Collins will serve as liaison to the Administration committees. The Board adopted the calendar for the Board of Directors meetings, which, as usual, will be the fourth Thursday of the month. Exceptions to this schedule are November 29, which will be a combination November/December meeting and February 21, before our birthday meeting, to meet with District Nine visitor, Governor Linda Moore. All board meetings are held at Friends Place at 7:00 pm (except February). Remember all members are invited to attend any board meeting.

The Board also approved the club meeting calendar. There will be no need to deviate from our regular first and third Thursdays of the month; social time 6:30 pm, meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Please remember to put meeting dates on your calendar.

The Board also discussed creating a standing committee to plan and oversee the Kindness Action Weekend.



Altrusa Richardson Foundation

2018-2019 Foundation Trustees Installed on May 17th, 2018

This years' new Foundation Board of Trustees was installed at the May Dinner meeting by Mary Osentowski. Per by-laws, they will elect officers and schedule their meeting dates at the June

Foundation Board meeting. Toni Garrett will serve as the club Board of Directors Liaison to the Foundation Board. Trustees (pictured left) are Bonnie Perry, Mimi Tanner, Cindy Murray, Jean Stuart, Jane Tucker, and Julianne Lovelace.(not pictured Deb Bourland)

District Nine News

Fall Leadership Workshop Date Set

District Nine Governor Linda Moore has announced the date and location of the Annual Fall Leadership Event. The one-day program of information, hands-on workshops, sharing of ideas, and networking with Altrusans in the local area will be held in San Antonio, on October 20, 2018. You won't want to miss this event. Besides, it's a great excuse spend a day or two (or three) in San Antonio! More information will be announced at a later date.

The District Nine website; www.districtninealtrusa.org

Altrusa International, Inc. News

Altrusa International Convention July, 2019

While you are making plans...its never too soon to start planning to attend the Altrusa International Biennial Convention. The four-day program includes business meetings, election of international leadership, a variety of workshops, keynote speakers, recognition awards, the opportunity to connect and socialize with Altrusans from across the world, and a lot of fun!

The next International Convention is July 17-20, 2019, at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino, Reno, Nevada. For more info go to <http://www.altrusa.org/convention>

Celebrating Cub Awards Received



At the May 3, 2018 business meeting Past President Nancy Rohm (pictured right and left) joyfully shared with club members all of the awards that our club received for the 2016-2017 club year. Nancy was presented with the Edith DeBusk President's Award. Altrusa Richardson won the *First Place Communications Award*, the *First Place Letha H. Brown Literacy Award* for the work of the Education Committee, and *Third Place Mamie L. Bass Service Award* for the work of the Community Outreach Committee.



Choose Kind Library Committee Update

The Choose Kind Libraries Expand in RISD and Africa!

Our fifth Choose Kind Library, located at Forestridge Elementary, was celebrated with a ribbon cutting in conjunction with Muffins With Mom on May 11th. Assistant Principal Michele Gabriel had the honor of snipping the ribbon to officially open this special section of the library. She also shared with the mothers attending about the library, how important it is as an addition to their library. And, expressed the gratitude of the school. Altrusans had the opportunity to talk to all of the mothers about the collection of books and their purpose and share information about Altrusa! (See photo at right)

The Grand Opening of our sixth Choose Kind Library at Spring Valley Elementary was held on May 24th. (Pictured below) Sue McElveen Janet McCollough, Jackie Scrivener, and Bobbi Klein presented the library sign to Kristin Anderson the librarian and Delcin Wells the Asst. Principal. Both expressed their gratitude on behalf of the school. Altrusans also placed bookplates in all the books. Unfortunately, the first shipment of the book collection had been lost in transit and we had to wait for the replacements to arrive which delayed the opening by three weeks. But all is well and the collection has its place in the new library at Spring Valley Elementary.



Asst. Principal Michelle Gabriel (front center) cut the ribbon to celebrate the opening of the Forestridge Choose Kind Library. Also pictured are Rose Daugherty and Bobbi Klein who hold the ribbon and Librarian Andrea Dysert is clapping at the back.

Our fourth International Choose Kind library is being established this month. When Brian Williams and Gracie Wangui visited us for our birthday celebration, he offered to donate the profits from his new book "Kindness Ninja" sold by our club to fund an new Choose Kind Library and we immediately thought of Gracie's orphanage in Kenya as the perfect location. The books have been ordered and shipped to Think Kindness, which will deliver them to the Tumani Children's Home in Nyeri, Kenya. A Choose Kind Library banner and bookplates have been mailed by Altrusa to Gracie who will take them with her to Kenya.



(l-r) Bobbi Klein, Jackie Scrivner Janet McCollough, and Sue McElveen with librarian Kristen Anderson show off the books of the Choose Kind Library at Spring Valley Elementary

To date, we have a total of ten Choose Kind Libraries founded by Altrusa International of Richardson. We have six libraries in the RISD; Terrace Elementary, Northrich Elementary, Northlake Elementary, Audelia Creek Elementary, Forestridge Elementary and Spring Valley Elementary. Our international libraries are: St. Michel and Port au Prince, Haiti; Santa Avelina, Guatemala; and now in Kenya!



June Dinner Program Meeting

"Turning Tragedy Into Triumph: How a Secret Service Agent Survived 9/11"

Speaker: Samantha "Sam" Horowitz

Join us on June 21st at 7:00 pm for "Turning Tragedy Into Triumph: How a Secret Service Agent Survived 9/11" with speaker Samantha "Sam" Horowitz. Register on the website by noon Monday, June 18, to ensure your reservation.

About the speaker: After graduating from the University of Maryland, College Park and Howard University School of Law, Sam was accepted by the United States Secret Service. She was the only female in her graduating class to complete extensive training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the James J. Rowley Training Center. She was assigned to the New York Field Office, doing investigative case work in Electronic Crimes Task Force and provided protection to several Presidents, Former Presidents, First Ladies, and foreign dignitaries. September 11, 2001, was a turning point in her life... She was in the World Trade Center's North Tower when American Airlines Flight 11 struck it. After many difficult months, she made the heart wrenching decision to leave the Secret Service due to the effects of PTS (post-traumatic stress). After struggling for over a year, she found the help she needed and got well. She pursued a career in the Health & Wellness industry as owner of a sports performance center in Maryland. After realizing that Law Enforcement was still "in her blood," she returned to the law enforcement community in Montgomery County, Maryland as a Lieutenant in Executive Protection. She retired from law enforcement in 2012. She currently resides in Rockwall.

Samantha's book "Silent Fall" will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Community Outreach Committee Update

Donations to Network, Hopes Door New Beginnings Center

In May, Altrusa donated to Network, ten Kindness Ninja books by Brian Williams and two large boxes of adult disposables and toiletry items. (Pictured below)

Ten Kindness Ninja books were presented to Executive Director Beth Leos. (lower left)..A couple of books will be reserved for the Children's library for Hope's Door and New Beginnings and counselors will use the rest to assist in

Six cases of copy paper and a \$100 gift certificate from Staples were donated to The Counseling Place, in addition to ten Kindness Ninja books and several gift cards to use as needed in their office. (Pictured below)



Rebecca Trejo, Director of Development for Network accepts Altrusa donation from Gloria Sandoval and Jackie Scrivener



Above: Beth Leos, Executive Director of Hopes Door and New Beginnings accepts donation from Gloria Sandoval



Left: Debbie Dobbs, Executive Director, and some of the staff of The Counseling Place (center) accept the Altrusa donation from Jane Tucker (far left and Gloria Sandoval (far right)

Senior Committee Update

Auction at Appletree Court Assisted Living

By Lynn Solomon, Senior Committee Co-Chair

On May 29, 2018, five Altrusans facilitated the auction at Appletree Court Assisted Living in Richardson. This auction is held each Fall and Spring. There were approximately 40 residents in attendance. It is such fun watching them bid against each other to spend their "Apple bucks"! The majority of the auction items for Appletree Court are purchased out of the Senior's committee budget. Gloria Sandoval did a fantastic job as our auctioneer!

Thanks to the following Altrusans who volunteered their time for this event: (L-R) Lynn Solomon Gloria Sandoval, Dean Burroughs, Genevieve Hamulak, and Rose Daughety. (See photo right.)



Altrusa International Service Project

First Opportunity to Support Days for Girls

By Jane Tucker, International Service Project Committee

The Highland Village Team of Days for Girls has prepared 1,000 kits, which are now being split into half-kits to better meet the needs of over one million refugees that are flooding into Uganda from South Sudan. They are meeting next Tuesday June 12th at 10 am at the Bridlewood Amenity Center in Flower Mound to work on the kits and, if any one wishes to join in helping to work of this project, they are welcomed to attend.

If you would like to help support this current effort, please bring a box(es) of **ZIPLOCK FREEZER gallon bags** (has to be Ziplock freezer brand as they have proven to hold up and NO slider bags - **Standard Ziplock closures only**) and/or **BRIGHT colored wash clothes**. I saw exactly what they use at Kroger's this past weekend. They were bright colored wash clothes in a package of 12 for \$3. -- which I thought was very reasonable. They need to be bright colors as color hides staining. Please bring these items our meeting **Thursday night, June 7** - let's get this year kicked off with some International Service!

To help with the excess baggage fee, Highland Village Team of Days for Girls is taking orders for the PopSockets that go on the back of your smart phone. **PopSockets are \$10 each** and of that money \$8 will go directly back to Days for Girls. This fundraiser will help raise the \$1,000 needed to pay for the excess baggage fees to get the kits delivered to Uganda. Jane will take your order for the PopSocket at the June business meeting as well.

Participation is optional. Other opportunities will be available throughout the year ahead.



Membership Retention (the Fun) Committee Update

Secret Ninja Reveal Party May 3, 2018



(l-r) Sue McElveen, Mary Ann Johnston, Nancy Rohm, Sylvia McCloskey, Bonnie Perry and Nancy Crowe are ready to finally find out who their “Secret Kindness Ninja” was this year.



Sandy Martin shows off a new treasure from her Secret Kindness Ninja



The creative edible centerpiece of Sweet Secret Ninjas graces the refreshment table



Laura Trainor-Collins, Sarah Nesbit and Sue McElveen prepare for “the big reveal”



Jean Stuart can’t help laughing as she reads a special poem written for her by her special Secret Kindness Ninja.



Left: Rosemary Gouger enjoys her gift of a wine glass from her Secret Kindness Ninja



Right: Janie Jaquier and Sylvia McCloskey share their Secret Kindness Ninja secrets and presents

Seniors Committee Update

Mother's Day Tea at Friends Place, May 11, 2018



Gloria Sandoval assists a client with her fabulous hat



Rose Daughety, Nancy Crowe, Jackie Scrivener and Ann Eisemann are ready to serve lunch and, of course, tea



Jackie Scrivener adjusts the teapot centerpiece



Ginger Tonne and Lynn Solomon prepare to serve



Volunteers: (l-r) Alma Benoit, Nancy Crowe, Lynn Solomon, Gloria Sandoval, Ginger Tonne, Sylvia McCloskey, Sue McElveen, Ann Eisemann, Janet McCollough, Jane Tucker, Jackie Scrivener and Rose Daughety



Former Altrusan Jane Kovacs (center) receives Altrusa donation from (l-r) Pres. Sue McElveen, Lynn Solomon, Alma Benoit and Tane Tucker for Wounded Warrior Project



Rose Daughety looks over the auction items to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project