

President's Message

From my Incoming President's speech

“Now is the time to put on our 2020 vision glasses, look forward into our future and to take the steps to make our club even better than it already is. This will be an extra busy year because, in addition to all that we already do, we have accepted the added challenge of hosting all of District Nine for the 2020 Conference. But we know that Altrusa Richardson will make it happen.



Governor Beth Blair's theme for this biennium is “Defying gravity”. She encourages us to do extraordinary things, which fits nicely with my vision and goals for our extraordinary club this next year.

The first of my goals is for our club to take an even larger role in the Richardson community; making an even bigger impact by doing more significant projects. I'm aware that some Altrusans feel that we do too many projects. More significant projects with bigger budgets will mean fewer individual projects.; fewer projects will mean less work for all of us.



In hand with making a more significant impact in the community, is my goal to build a true Signature Project; something that Altrusa can be known for in the community. The Kindness Action Ninja Weekend project lends itself nicely to that end. My goal is that every committee plan to do one of their projects for the KAN weekend. This will significantly build the impact we already make. By focusing on projects for that weekend that impact Richardson directly, we can build visibility in the community.

I realize that as an individual club we can only do so much, but another way to build our Signature Project is to take advantage of partnering with other service organizations, schools and even our churches. We already have had offers of partnerships with other organizations on projects. We can work with these organizations to develop their own Kindness Action Ninja pro-

ject. As leaders of the Kindness Action Weekend, we will continue to build our visibility in the community...and add significantly to the impact of the weekend. Just imagine, if we had five other organizations doing a project that weekend, too.

Another of my goals is to enhance your experience of being an Altrusan. By consolidating our committees, we have created better leadership opportunities. We will offer more training to develop effectiveness of our leaders. I will concentrate on working with our committees directly, to help them work more efficiently, and with less stress. We will focus on using our strategic plan to better direct our project planning and further our club goals.

And if taking a leadership role is not one of your goals, remember that we are only as good as the sum of our parts and we still need you. Contribute your unique talents to the areas that interest you and we can build a better Altrusa.

In case you haven't already figured it out, my theme this year is “Doing the Kindness Thing”. “Doing the Kindness Thing” sounds to me more like the active state of being kind all the time, which is what I hope, we as Altrusans, can strive to be.”

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Upcoming Events for June

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

- June 6 7:00 pm Business meeting
- June 12 6:30 pm Committee Chair Meeting
- June 13 6:30 pm Foundation Trustee Meeting
Club members welcome
- June 15 10:00 am Senior Book Rotation
- June 20 7:00 pm Program/Dinner Meeting
“Camp Committees”
- June 22 1:30 pm Ability House Summer Party
- June 24 6:00 pm AWCLS Book Club
“The Little Old lady Who Broke All The Rules”
- June 27 6:30 pm Club Board meeting

President's Message continued

"Kindness is a mixture of compassion, gentleness, mercy, grace, and thoughtfulness tinted niceness. Not a bad state of being, I'd say.

Obviously, Altrusans extend kindness to the community we serve. But we can also remember to extend kindness to each other. Each Altrusan is a unique individual, who has a specific role to play in the tapestry of our Altrusa club. Allow your sisters to offer their talents to create wonderful projects. Extend a helping hand, but also accept a helping hand. Together we can "do the kindness thing" ...and defy gravity!"



Altrusa hugs,

Bobbi Klein

Bobbi Klein, President, 2019-2020
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors Meeting, May 21, 2019

by Bobbi Klein, President



Pictured are your 2019-2020 Club Board members. Back row (l-r): Lynn Solomon, Corresponding Secretary; Rosemary Gouger, Recording Secretary; Mary Beth McLemore, Treasurer; Robbin Murley, Judy Blome, Barbara Cornelius, Directors ; Sarah Nesbit, Immediate Past President; Gayle Ingle, Director. **Front Row (l-r):** Samanthia Slaight, President-Elect; Bobbi Klein, President; Donna Buhr, Vice- President

The May 21, 2019, Board meeting was the first meeting of the new Board of Directors. The President presented Board Binders to the new Board. The Board voted to move the Board meeting time to 6:30 pm at Friends Place. The Board meeting schedule for 2019-2020 was approved. Mary Beth McLemore gave the Administrative Treasurer's report. No Board member reports were made. As of May 21, seventy-two members have renewed their membership. The 2019-2020 Club meeting schedule was adopted pending confirmation with the Richardson Women's club of changing the July Business meeting to July 11, 2019, due to 4th of July holiday. Events or meetings eligible to be used as make-up meetings were adopted. The next Board meeting will be held June 27, 2019.

2019-2020 CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

As Approved by the Club Board, May 21, 2019

Altrusa International of Richardson, TX, Inc. holds it's Business meetings on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm; and Program/Dinner meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm, unless in conflict with a national holiday or changed with approval by the Board. The following are the meeting dates for the coming Club year. Please note a change in the July Business meeting date due to the 4th of July holiday.

2019

June 6 7:00 pm Business Meeting
June 20 7:00 pm Program/Dinner
July 11 7:00 pm Business Meeting
July 18 7:00 pm Program /Dinner
August 1 7:00 pm Business Meeting
August 15 7:00 pm Program/Dinner
September 5 7:00 pm Business Meeting
September 19 7:00 pm Program/Dinner
October 3 7:00 pm Business Meeting
October 17 7:00 pm Program/Dinner
November 7 7:00 pm Business Meeting
November 21 7:00 pm Program/Dinner
December 5 7:00 pm Business Meeting
December 19 7:00 pm Holiday Dinner

2020

January 2 7:00 pm Business Meeting
January 16 7:00 pm Program /Dinner
February 6 7:00 pm Business Meeting
February 20 7:00 pm Program/Dinner
March 5 7:00 pm Business Meeting
March 19 7:00 pm Program/Dinner
April 2 7:00 pm Business Meeting
April 16 7:00 pm Program/Dinner
May 7 7:00 pm Business Meeting
May 21 7:00 pm Installation of 2020-2021 Board of Directors & Trustees

Events or meetings eligible to be used as Make-up meetings for Perfect Attendance in 2019-2020: Spring and Fall Orientations, Convention attendance, and meetings of other clubs. Proof of attendance must be provided to the Admin. Treasurer. Example: Agenda signed by President or Secretary of visited club.

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF RICHARDSON FOUNDATION ACCENT

Incoming Foundation Trustees Installed May 16, 2019



Pictured above are the 2019-2020 Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation Board of Trustees. (l-r) Cindy Murray, Mimi Tanner, Bonnie Perry, Cindy McIntyre, Deb Bourland, Jean Stuart and Jane Tucker

Julianne Lovelace Honored by Foundation Board of Trustees



Julianne Lovelace, the retiring chair of the Altrusa Richardson Foundation, was recognized for her service to the Trustee Board. Julianne has served as Chair of the Trustees since 2015.

The Foundation was originally formed in 1986, when Julianne was President. The Club Board of Directors served as the Foundation Board until 2015, when the first separate Foundation Board of Trustees was elected in response to IRS regulations.

Pictured to the right: In the center is Julianne with Mimi Tanner (left) and Jean Stuart (right) who presented the "Retirement Gift" from the Foundation Trustees.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Donation to the Boys and Girls Club of Richardson

By Gloria Sandoval

April 12, 2019 was a very special shopping day for Community Outreach members; Alma Benoit, Susan Fischer and Gloria Sandoval. They met at Walmart on Garland Road to shop for sports balls and art supplies for The Boys and Girls Club of Richardson. Teo Simmons, Athletic Coach, advised on the sports balls needed. Alma, Susan and Gloria purchased every type of ball except footballs (already donated) and baseballs, (whiffle balls were requested instead); also on the wish list was a volleyball net. A total of \$211.52 was spent on balls and the volleyball net.

The art supplies purchased, totaling of \$320.10, was based on a list provided by Amber Sims, Club Director.

Gloria and Alma visited with Ms. Sims after delivering the sports balls and art supplies to The Boys and Girls Club of Richardson. She was very appreciative that Altrusa provided the sports balls and art supplies the children needed. Ms. Sims advised that with summer coming, their numbers increase and so do their needs. She will contact the Club as the need arises.



Pictured (l-r) Gloria Sandoval, Alma Benoit, Teo Simmons from Boys and Girls Club and Susan Fischer

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson

News From HASR

By Mimi Tanner, Club Liaison

News from HASR: October 24 This is the date of the second signature event, "NonProfit Innovation ." This is a day-long seminar featuring Larry James, keynote speaker with City Square; lunch and breakout sessions. It's a great opportunity to work on leadership skills, learn new things and have fun. Even though it is a few days before OWT, plan your OWT work schedule to allow time to attend this great event. (Besides, Altrusa's HASR rep, Mimi Tanner, will be coordinating all the volunteers and will be looking for all kinds of help!)

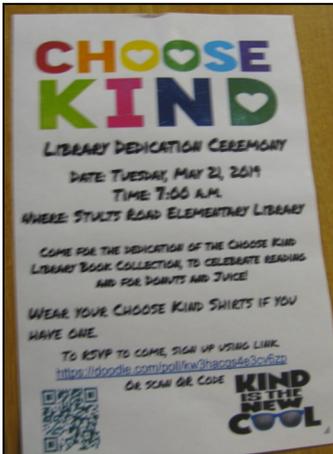
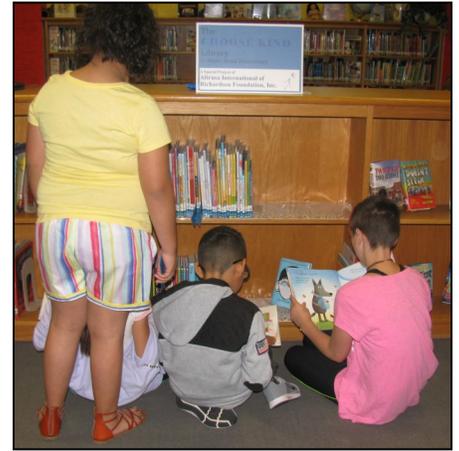
CHOOSE KIND LIBRARY UPDATE

Ribbon Cutting at Stults Road Elementary

By Bobbi Klein, Chair

On May 21, 2019, Altrusans Jane Tucker, Rose Daughety and Bobbi Klein joined Christina Merta, the librarian, for the Ribbon Cutting to formally open the Choose Kind Library at Stults Road Elementary in Dallas. They placed the Altrusa bookplates in the books before the event.

Teachers and special students were sent an invitation to attend the early morning event. Interim Principal Kay Reynolds cut the ribbon to officially dedicate the special section of the library and Bobbi Klein spoke about the purpose of the donation, the history of the Choose Kind Libraries and a bit about Altrusa. Altrusans served a light breakfast of donut holes and juice .



Top right: Four students christened the new library section as soon as they could after the formalities were over and read until they had to go to class.

Middle Left: A copy of the invitation to the event.

Middle right: (l-r) Jane Tucker, Bobbi Klein, Interim Principal Kay Reynolds, Stults Road Librarian Christina Merta and Rose Daughety pose with the Choose Kind Library sign in front of the special section.

Left: (l-r) Interim Asst. Principal Debra Yeiger, Bobbi Klein and Rose Daughety serve the donut holes and juice to the hungry students. Jane Tucker is taking the picture.

ALTRUSA ACCENT

9,187 Total Volunteer Hours Reported for 2019-2020

DID YOU TURN IN YOUR HOURS? Please remember to turn in your hours monthly. A new Volunteer Hours Form based on the Committee Restructure is available on the website for your convenience. You can do it online or print and send to Lynn Solomon, Corresponding Secretary. She will be keeping track of the hours and will report them at the Business meetings monthly.

These hours are recorded to reflect the wonderful work that we do in the community and around the world and are turned in as part of the President's Report and factored into the Distinguished Club Awards. We also use these to represent the donation Altrusa makes to our community when we present the symbolic check to the city at the Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon. Every Hour Counts!

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT
KAN Helps Ugandan and South Sudanese
Through Days for Girls Project



By Jane Tucker, District Nine Days for Girls Liaison

On June 3rd, the 207 Days for Girls kits we assembled on April 6th, as part of our KAN project will head to Uganda. The volunteer group taking them will visit Pearls Children's Home, Keryeka School for the Disabled, Batwa School for Girls, and a South Sudanese refugee camp. The group will also distribute medical equipment to a non-profit medical outreach foundation and participate in a water service project.

In addition, volunteers are taking supplies to make cute little dolls for the children to play with and for their mothers to make to sell as a means of sustainability. This simple idea came about from observing a mother giving her daughter a plastic water bottle and saying "here's your baby—now go play with her." Hearing this, and knowing what it would mean for that little girl to have a real doll to play with, was all the motivation it took to create an embellished water bottle that looks like a doll. Not only are the dolls given to children as volunteers pass out Days for Girls kits, but they are also made and sold as souvenirs near locations frequented by tourists.



Above: an example of the water bottle dolls



Above right: A bag being packed for shipment



Right: Some of the bags packed with Days for Girls kits that are ready to be shipped to Africa

ALTRUSA RICHARDSON DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE UPDATE
More From Sixty-third District Nine Annual Conference
Richardson Rules!



Posing for a group picture before the Governor's Banquet and showing off our 2017 awards!

Sue McElveen accepts our **First Place** Dr. Nina Faye Calhoun International Relations Award



Sue McElveen accepts our **Second Place** Communications Award



Sue McElveen accepts our **Second Place** Mamie L. Bass Service Award



Sue McElveen accepts the Edith DeBusk President's Award



MORE CONFERENCE PHOTOS...



First Place Award for Club Display!



Kimberly Kierce is installed as Second Vice Governor by Kathy Folley, Vice President of Altrusa International, Brenda Tucker and Linda Moore look on.



Bobbi Klein standing in for President Sarah carries our banner in the Parade of Banners during the Opening Session



Great music and a chance to dance at Friday Fun Night.



Linda Caron, Jane Tucker and Kimberly Kierce at the reception we hosted in Kimberly's honor after Fun Night.



A few "monkey shines" from the Kindness Monkeys getting ready for Fun Night to begin. Now don't you wish you were there?

DISTRICT NINE ACCENT

From the District Nine Website

District Conference

Held annually in Spring, our District Conference is an opportunity for fun, educational workshops, networking, sharing, skill building, electing leadership, and celebrating our accomplishments.

The next District Nine Conference will be held April 17 - 19, 2020 in Richardson, Texas at the **Renaissance Dallas**.

900 E. Lookout Drive, Richardson, TX 75082



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ACCENT

Now Is The Time To Register – It's Getting Late

Altrusa International Convention July 17-20,

Register for Convention on the Altrusa International website: Altrusa.org

Registrations after 6/15 will be considered LATE. Registration closes 6/30/2019.



2500 E Second St.,
Reno, NV 89595
Reservations 1-800-648-5080

Come for the fellowship, fun and renewal of Altrusa friendships; add extra days for all that the Reno/ Lake Tahoe area has to offer! This is a must-attend event and we are gearing up to make the 56th Altrusa International Convention in Reno, Nevada, one you will remember for years to come!

This year, the entire Convention falls within one week, commencing on Wednesday and ending on Saturday night. Take just one week off to come early to explore Reno/Lake Tahoe and still have Sunday to travel home. It's a great opportunity to make it a vacation for yourself and your family!

The Grand Sierra Resort (GSR) and the greater Reno area have many venues to keep families/spouses/ partners entertained while you attend Convention. The National Automobile Museum, The Nevada Museum of Art and the Discovery Museum are just a few of many museums. Pan for gold in Virginia City or drive around one of the most beautiful sites in the U.S. - Lake Tahoe; both are an easy drive from Reno. The Animal Ark provides a safe haven for injured, abandoned, and otherwise non-releasable tigers, bears and wolves to name a few of the species that have found a permanent home there. The Reno Arts District and the Reno Riverwalk are right downtown, where you can also find great restaurants and bars, shopping, and a walkway along the Truckee River. GSR has a spa, 50-lane bowling alley, arcade, beautiful swimming pool, shopping center, lake golf driving range, two-screen cinema, an RV park and 12 restaurants from casual to fine dining. Of course, you can't come to Reno and not play your lucky number on the Roulette wheel or drop a few quarters in the slot machines! Entertainers and shows abound at the casinos in Reno, as well as Lady Luck!

Convention activities include a bowling tournament on Tuesday evening, the opening banquet on Wednesday night, the Awards dinner on Thursday (Come as a song!), a dinner cruise on Lake Tahoe Friday evening, the Installation Banquet on Saturday night and many workshops throughout the week designed to send you home energized and full of new ideas!

June 2019 U.N. Days and Other Observances

Excerpted from www.un.org and www.altrusa.org



World Environment Day, June 5: The United Nations, aware that the protection and improvement of the human environment is a major issue, which affects the well-being of peoples and economic development throughout the world, designated 5 June as World Environment Day. The celebration of this day provides us with an opportunity to broaden the basis for an enlightened opinion and responsible conduct by individuals, enterprises and communities in preserving and enhancing the environment. Since it began in 1974, it has grown to become a global platform for public outreach that is widely celebrated in more than 100 countries.

World Food Safety Day, June 7: Food safety is key to achieving several of the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) and World Food Safety Day brings it into the spotlight, to help prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks. Safe food contributes to economic prosperity, boosting agriculture, market access, tourism and sustainable development. Some of the World Health Organization's goals are:

- *Goal 2* – There is no food security without food safety. Ending hunger is about all people having access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round.
- *Goal 3* – Food safety has a direct impact on people's health and nutritional intake. Foodborne diseases are preventable.
- *Goal 12* – When countries strengthen their regulatory, scientific and technological capacities to ensure that food is safe and of the expected quality throughout the food chain, they move towards more sustainable patterns of food production and consumption.
- *Goal 17* – A globalized world with annual food exports currently in excess of USD 1.6 trillion and complex food systems demands international cooperation across sectors to ensure food is safe. Food safety is a shared responsibility among governments, food industries, producers and consumers.

World Day Against Child Labour, June 12: The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day Against Child Labour in 2002 to focus attention on the global extent of child labour and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it. Each year on 12 June, the World Day brings together governments, employers and workers organizations, civil society, as well as millions of people from around the world to highlight the plight of child laborers and what can be done to help them.

2019 theme: Children shouldn't work in fields, but on dreams!

Children shouldn't work in fields, but on dreams. Yet today, 152 million children are still in child labour. Although child labour occurs in almost every sector, seven out of every ten is in agriculture.

In 2019, the International Labour Organization celebrates 100 years of advancing social justice and promoting decent work. The World Day Against Child Labour looks back on progress achieved over a 100 years of ILO support to countries on tackling child labour. Since its founding in 1919, the protection of children has been embedded in the [ILO's Constitution](#) (Preamble). One of the first Conventions adopted by the ILO was on Minimum Age in Industry (No. 5, 1919).

On this World Day, we also look forward towards [UN Sustainable Development Goal Target 8.7](#) set by the international community calling for an end to child labour in all its forms by 2025. In support of [Alliance 8.7](#), we call for immediate action to address the remaining challenges so that the world community can get firmly on track towards eliminating child labour. A newly released [ILO report](#) points the way with policy approaches and responses.

2019 also marks 20 years since the adoption of the [ILO's Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 \(No. 182\)](#). With only a few countries still to ratify, this Convention is close to universal ratification. On this World Day we call for full ratification and implementation of Convention No. 182 and of the [ILO's Minimum Age Convention, 1973 \(No. 138\)](#). We also encourage ratification of the Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, which protects both adults and children.