

**Leading to a Better Community®
through Communication**

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District Nine

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With a 90+ member club, communication is key! It is critical to find efficient and effective means to reach out to all our members and ensure that they are informed and feel included in all the activities of the club - and feel valued as members through such communication. The ability to communicate with the public and the community is also important.

Club Newsletter: *Altrusa Tidings* is published regularly in electronic format and contains a wealth of information about club activities - past, present, and future. Email notifications were sent to members and others when each issue was published and available on the club website (www.altrusarichardson.com). The newsletter is a great marketing tool as members can simply direct guests, community supporters, and potential members to review our newsletters to see what we are all about.

Club Website: We continue to use a non-profit on-line membership management software (Wild Apricot) to help facilitate communication with members and the general public – it is a great tool with useful features that help enhance the productivity and efficiency of our club! The club website (www.altrusarichardson.com) contains valuable information for both the general public and potential members; it is a valuable interactive tool for club members as well. Each service committee has their own webpage showcasing their activities and projects.

- Club Members can log into the website for access to “member-only” information, for example: view the on-line membership directory; pay dues and invoices (via PayPal); review club minutes, agendas, budgets, treasurer reports, and committee lists and so much more; and view / register for upcoming club events and activities. Club forms are easily accessible along with a wealth of District and International information and links. To view the “Member Only Information”, we encourage you to sign in as an “Altrusa Guest”. (see attached Website material tab for Username and Password)
- Our major fundraiser, “Outstanding Women of Today” (OWT) Annual Awards Luncheon, has its own webpage, which is useful in (1) providing forms necessary to make a nomination; (2) making a luncheon reservation and paying via PayPal; and/or (3) being a sponsor of the event. We have enhanced this website by including nominees/honorees photos of previous year events to generate excitement. All forms and detailed information about the event are on the website so members can direct the public, potential nominators, nominees, and sponsors about the event.

Emails: Through the website, the majority of club communications can be automated. Emails are automatically sent through the website software so event announcement emails can be delivered several days prior to an event, a reminder can be sent a few day before the event, and members who registered on-line for an event are sent a final reminder email the day before the event. Email management is no longer an administrative nightmare. Protocol is set up in the software in advance and emails are automated from that point forward. What a time saver! Emails are used to inform members of upcoming and recent events as well as volunteer opportunities and membership updates. It is a great way to reach out to our members and help them feel connected (see attached examples).

Publicity: Most years, our publicity is focused on “Outstanding Women of Today”, our annual fundraiser; however, this year we also achieved recognition for our Kindness Action Ninja (KAN) weekend and, most importantly, Altrusa Richardson was featured in the 2019 State of the City Address. The Address gave recognition to Community Partnerships and our very own Mary Osentowski was interviewed as part of the video presentation now available on the city website and YouTube. In *RichardsonToday*, we received “In the Spotlight” recognition in connection with the Address as well. Altrusa Richardson also received publicity for accepting grant applications and the World Peace Art Contest, just to name a few. All this helps achieve name recognition for Altrusa in so many ways!

Other: Altrusa Richardson has been recognized and publicized in a variety of creative ways. We sponsor the cat adoption room at the Richardson Animal Shelter with a wall mural displaying an “Altrusa” ball of yarn and paddock sponsorship at the Dog Park. We continue to use our “big check” when making donations to non-profit organizations and readily have business cards and brochures available. We invested in large banner and pop-up displays to also increase community presence and they make great photo opts! Our Choose Kind Library displays in numerous schools locally and internationally reflect our outreach – near and far. Through various community support outlets, we continue to receive recognition and publicity to help Altrusa be more widely recognizable (see attached examples).

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS AWARD SUBMISSION SHEET

Please fill out this sheet and submit it along with the required samples of your communications.

Altrusa International Inc. of RICHARDSON, Texas

Submitted by KIMBERLY KIERCE

Title: 2018-2019 COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

1. Please complete the chart below. (Utilization of all categories is not required.)

Check all that apply	Categories of Communications Submitted	Frequency of distribution/update	Number of Representative Samples
√	Printed Newsletter	Monthly	3
√	Electronic Newsletter	N/A	3 (if different from above)
√	Web site	Ongoing	N/A
√	E-mailing	Weekly / As needed	Up to 10
√	Publicity	As needed	Up to 10
√	Other (Please List) See examples below	Ongoing / As Needed	Up to 10

2. Description of Club Communication: On ONE (1) separate sheet of paper describe your Club's efforts in keeping members informed AND how you get the word out in the community through the use of publicity. **See Narrative report**

3. Categories of Communications and Required Samples: (Explanation of Requirements)

Your submissions for any of the areas you indicated in the chart in Section 1 above will be judged ONLY if the required samples are provided. Three judges will judge the entries, therefore, THREE (3) complete "hard" copies of all samples must be submitted. It is recommended to submit each complete copy in a separate notebook with dividers for the categories your club utilized during the year. Below are the categories

- Printed Newsletter: THREE HARD COPIES of your 3 best issues. **TAB 1-3**
- Electronic Newsletter: THREE "HARD" COPIES of your 3 best electronic newsletters (if different from above). **N/A**
- Web Site URL: (e.g. URL for District Nine is <http://www.altrusadistrictnine.org>) <http://www.altrusarichardson.com/> **TAB 4 (Social Media TAB 5)**
- E-mailing: THREE "HARD" COPIES of UP TO 10 representative email communications. **TAB 6**
- Club Publicity: THREE "HARD" COPIES of UP TO 10 samples of publicity your club has received from community media this year. **TAB 7**
- Other Communications: THREE "HARD" COPIES of UP TO 10 representative samples of other types of communications not listed above (e.g. Flyers, Mailings, Facebook, Displays, etc.). **TAB 8-12 [10 Samples: 1-Choose Kind Libraries, 2-BIG Check, 3-Club Display, 4-Club Banners (Step & Repeat / Pop-up Word Cloud), 5-Brochures, 6-Business Cards, 7-Cat Adoption Room Mural, and 8-Dog Park Paddock Headstone]**

1	Newsletter - Altrusa Tidings - Jun 2018
2	Newsletter - Altrusa Tidings - Dec 2018
3	Newsletter - Altrusa Tidings - May 2019
4	Website Sample Pages
5	Facebook Sample Posts
6	Email Samples
7	Publicity
8	Other - Choose Kind Libraries
9	Other - Altrusa BIG Check
10	Other - Club Display
11	Other - Club Banners
12	Other - Brochure / Business Card

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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 members 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



Sue McElveen passes on the president's pin

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

The 2018-2018 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)

Board of Directors Update

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 Love-lace.(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 ot 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)



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

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.

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 of 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)



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



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



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



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

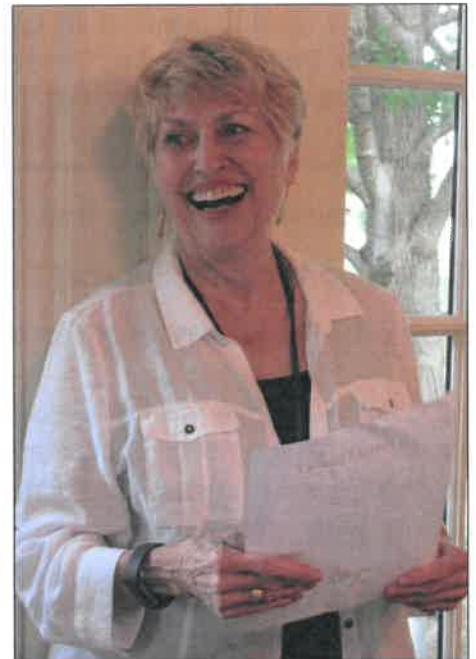
(l-r) Sue McElveen, Mary Ann Johnston, Nancy Rohm, Sylvia McCloskey, Bonnie Perry and Nancy Crowe are ready to finally find out who their "Secret Kindness Ninja" was this year.



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



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



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

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Whatever Your Celebration...



President's Message



I hope everyone had a special Thanksgiving gathering with your families and friends. As we prepare for the holidays to come, I know we will all acknowledge how blessed we are, take time to remember those who have less in their lives, and do what you will to make them brighter.

The Ability House Christmas Party is coming up on Saturday, December 15 at 1:30 pm and I know that Rosemary and her committee would love to see you there.

Our Membership Recruitment Committee has been hard at work planning our Holiday Dinner Celebration on Thursday, December 20 and I hope all that can, will come, and bring husbands and partners to make this night a special Altrusa Celebration.

The KAN/International Relations Committee helped us with our November program by hosting Camp John Marc's Executive Director Kevin Randles as our speaker. We were joined by Mary Osentowski's daughter and grandchildren along with Mimi Tanner and her son, Mike, all of who have close ties to this wonderful program. The program was delightful and inspiring for us all who were in attendance.

The Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon on November 2 at the Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel was a big success and I know you join me in recognizing Mary Osentowski and Sylvia McCloskey and their co-chairs for their planning and hard work. I think the nominees, honorees and sponsors all felt special and

valued by Altrusa and the community at large. We have had a lot of compliments and recognition and I am proud to be part of this wonderful club.

Work has begun on the 2020 District Nine Conference and our co-chairs are Carol Ruszkowski, Mary Beth McLemore and Ginger Tonne, and Nancy Rohm is the Conference Treasurer. There will be a lot more information and opportunities to get involved as the planning evolves.

A new Nominating Committee has been convened and I hope all of you will consider a leadership position with the club in the upcoming club year as we move forward. Don't forget that mid-year reports for the Administrative Committees are due at the December Business Meeting. I'm anxious to hear a recap of all the exciting projects undertaken so far this year.



Sarah Nesbit, President 2018-2019

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Upcoming Events

See online calendar for event details, location, and to register at <http://altrusarichardson.com>

Dec. 6 7:00 pm Business meeting

Dec. 12 6:00 pm Atria Bingo

Dec. 15 1:30 pm Ability House, Holiday Party

Dec. 20 7:00 pm Holiday Dinner/Program Meeting

Dec. 26 6:00 pm Tidings Deadline

NO Board of Directors Meeting this month

CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

November Board Meeting Notes

By Bobbi Klein, President Elect

The Board of Directors met on November 29 for November/December meeting. Ginger Tonne has agreed to serve out the remaining term as Vice President. The main topics of discussion were: restructure of the club board — no changes will be made at this time; our club will assist with the service project at the 2019 Conference; and Dr. Tran’s offer to teach wellness classes before meetings — dates and times to be determined based on club interest.

INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION ACCENT

Eleven District Nine Clubs Awarded International Foundation Grants —Cycle One 2018

From Linda Moore, District Nine Governor

Congratulations to the following clubs for submitting and receiving Grants from the International Foundation:

- Altrusa of Abilene, TX: Read Every Day \$1000
- Altrusa of Central Texas: Days For Girls Collaboration \$1297
- Altrusa of Collin County, TX: Reading About Animals at Forman Elementary \$2820
- Altrusa of Frisco, TX: The Comfort Project—Expanded \$4,000
- Altrusa of Garland, TX: Hopes Door New Beginning Center \$4000
- Altrusa of Greenville, TX: Bikes and Books Rodeo \$1000
- Altrusa of Richardson, TX: Kindness Ninjas Go Global \$1500** (more on page 4)
- Altrusa of Rockwall, TX : Practices for Healing Trauma \$4000
- Altrusa of Temple, TX: To the Moon and Back \$2000
- Altrusa of the Brazos, TX: Boys and Girls Club Literacy Project \$4000
- Altrusa of Wichita Falls, TX: Pajamas and Bedtime Stories \$1675

Seniors Committee Fall Event

Altrusans Assist and Enjoy the Atria Auction

By Gloria Sandoval

Altrusans **Gloria Sandoval, Alma Benoit, Rose Daughety and Jan Flesch** (pictured right, from left to right) assisted with the November 15 auction for residents of Atria Senior Living. Things can get pretty energetic as residents bid on their favorite items using “Bingo Bucks” that they collect during their once a month bingo games – also assisted by Richardson Altrusans. Residents and Altrusans alike had a fun afternoon and look forward to the next auction in the spring of 2019.



SOPHOMORE SISTERS UPDATE

Make A Difference Day Project – A Rousing Success

By Judy Blome

Up to and on Make a Difference Day (MADD), the Sophomore Sisters collected 2,152 gently used books. At the urging of our recently departed sister Kathy Yates, we made the military the primary recipient and, in conjunction with Operation Paperback, shipped 47 boxes containing 847 books to soldiers both home and overseas. In addition, we donated:

- 350 books to the Veterans Administration Hospital;
- 332 books to Network of Community Ministries (Network);
- 290 to Genesis Women's Shelter;
- 201 books to the USO at DFW Airport;
- 84 children's books to Network; and
- 48 books to a Spring Valley UMC member who is preparing gift boxes for her son, a military squad leader in Afghanistan, and his squad members.

Also, we donated 7 boxes containing about 150 books for the Kindness Action Ninja project. Thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement during the successful completion of this project.



On October 27, books were collected at Heights Recreation Center



Judy Blome (on the right) accepts a donation from a community supporter (on the left) at Heights Recreation Center



Pictured (L-R): Judy Blome, Gayle Ingle, Lishan Liu and Robbin Murley



Pictured (L-R) : Rosemary Gouger and Shirley Sigler-Wilson tend to the collection center



Pictured left: (L-R) Judy Blome, Shirly Waller, Robbin Murley and Lishan Liu are almost finished sorting



Pictured (L-R): Shirly Waller, Robbin Murley and Judy Blome are loading boxes for shipping

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS/KAN PROJECT UPDATE

Kindness Action Ninjas Go Global

By Cindy McIntyre, Kindness Action Ninja Project Chair



Pictured here are some of the troops displaying much needed and appreciated support "Care Packages"

Our wonderful Kindness Ninjas are at it again! With a recently funded \$1500 grant from Altrusa International, and help from our members, we have set a goal to prepare 200 care packages! The "Kindness Ninjas Go Global" care packages will lift spirits and provide a touch of home to troops overseas. Service members endure severe hardship and sacrifice. Loved ones left behind also sacrifice, with precious little time for all the responsibilities of child rearing and household upkeep - often for months and years at a time. There are thousands of deployed troop families in our community and we feel our care packages will provide an invaluable patriotic service.

Club members will collect or donate materials and snacks to fill as many boxes as we can with available monies. Please see the suggested items below to guide you while shopping. If you can get 50 or 100 (or more) of one item that's terrific, but we do ask that you bring at least 10. One member is knitting wool caps to include for cold nights in desert regions. The idea for this project came from one of our newest members, Kathy Yates, who recently passed away. It will be an emotional and poignant way to memorialize her short time with us.

On April 6, 2019, our members will gather at Friends Place at 9:00 am to fill, seal, address, and mail the boxes. Notes of encouragement will be included (with deepest thanks for their service) from the Kindness Ninjas of Altrusa Richardson.

<p>SUGGESTED ITEMS: SNACKS – Salty and Sweet</p> <p>COOKIES – plain/iced oatmeal, raisin, peanut butter, sugar and molasses, homemade or store bought</p> <p>CRACKERS – no saltines, but Trisket, Chickn-in-a-basket, Ritz, Wheat Thins, etc.; Chips in cans; cheese crackers</p> <p>FRUIT SNACK – (Resealable bags) dried banana chips, apple slices, apricots; golden raisins; freeze dried berries; Trader Joe's fruit tapes</p> <p>NUTS – cans or small individual sleeves of mixed nuts, honey roasted peanuts, almonds, pistachios, macadamias, sunflower or pumpkin seeds</p> <p>DIPS/CONDIMENTS – small cans of bean or cheese dip</p> <p>MEATS/FISH – Slim Jims or other individual packaged beef (no pork); non-perishable beef jerky or beef sausage; (make sure labeled USDA Beef); Quality canned sardines, smoked oysters or clams</p> <p>BEVERAGES/SOUP – (to mix with water or milk) instant breakfast; Gatorade/sweetened drink mixes, water enhancers (liquid or crystal); instant coffee or cocoa, lemonade, tea bags, creamer; soup in a cup</p> <p>CEREAL – (small 6 /8 packs) Frosted Flakes, Trix, Cheerios, Nuts & Honey, Honeycomb</p>	<p>ENERGY/PROTEIN BARS – granola bars, small bags of trail mix (no chocolate), snack cakes</p> <p>ENHANCERS – to mix with MRE's (Meals Ready to Eat), ramen noodles, seasoned salt, packets of hot sauce, mustard, relish, ketchup; taco seasoning for meat or chicken</p> <p>TOILETRIES – toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss piks; cotton swabs, shaving lotion, disposable razors, shampoo, small packages tissues; individually packaged baby wipes, eye drops, lip balm, lotion; aspirin and other pain relievers; feminine hygiene products; zinc oxide crème in tubes; moleskin, foot powder</p> <p>ENTERTAINMENT – paperback books, current magazines, comic books, word games, crossword puzzles, foam footballs and basketballs, frisbees, hacky sacks, playing cards, yo-yos, Sunday comics, coloring books and colored pencils</p> <p>OTHER HELPFUL ITEMS – large rolls of "gaffers" tape in black green and tan (like duct tape but fabric) <i>matte finish only – not shiny</i>; Batteries (no lithium) size AA & D are in high demand</p> <p>WRITING MATERIALS – notepaper, stationary, envelopes, pens pencils and stamps</p>
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NO chocolate, chocolate chip cookies, alcohol, anything that would melt in the desert heat.

Nothing offensive to other religions (pork or pork by products)

GRANTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Foundation Approves Ten Grants

By Mary Osentowski

- The Richardson Symphony Orchestra will receive a \$1,000 grant to support Symphony Days Program, which introduces approximately 4,200 RISD students to the world of classical music.
- Hope's Door/New Beginning received a \$500 grant to support a program for local youth that empowers them to foster healthy relationship and to reduce victimization and abuse.
- The Veterans Center of North Texas will use their \$1,000 grant to assist North Texas veteran and their families integrate into the community and to provide emergency financial assistance to veterans.
- Unlocking DOORS is a community resource network committed to improving public safety by reducing repeat crime for former offenders. The \$1,000 grant will help reduce recidivism among clients served.
- The \$1,000 grant for Richardson Reads One Book will assist in bringing a best-selling author to Richardson. The project brings community members together to read and discuss the book selected.
- The ESL for Parents Project at the Richardson Adult Literacy Center will receive \$1,000 to help parents learn English so they can engage in their children's education and become involved in the community.



Pictured L-R: Kevin Randles, Executive Director of Camp John Marc, who was our program speaker at November dinner meeting, accepts a symbolic check for our grant award to the camp, presented by Mary Osentowski and grandson Grant

- The Eisemann Center Foundation's Grant of \$1,000 will expand outreach initiatives in the community for students and will provide tickets to those who may not have access to the performing arts.
- Camp John Marc Special Camps for Special Kids received a \$500 grant to provide a unique camping experience for children and teenagers with cancer who interact with medical teams in a casual setting.
- Camp Summit's Campership and Financial Assistance Project received a \$500 grant, which provides financial aid to individuals with disabilities for a week-long camping session.
- The Senior Holiday Basket Program at Network of Community Ministries received a \$500 grant. This provides low-income seniors with food, toiletries and shelf stable food and clothing.

Grant Committee members include Barbara Berthold, Jan Flesch, Cindy McIntyre, Nancy Rohm, Janet Vance and co-chairs Sylvia McCloskey and Mary Osentowski.

ALTRUSA RICHARDSON FOUNDATION UPDATE

Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon



Kudos to the OWT Planning Committee L-R: Carol Ruskowski, Ginger Tonne, Sylvia McClosky, Mary Osentowski, Brenda Boston, Laura Trainor-Collins and Kimberly Kierce

Editors Note:

Watch For It!!

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Awards Luncheon

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ABILITY HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Shelly's Birthday Party at Ability House

By Rosemary Gouger



Pictured left to right: Henry, Barbara Cornelius, Kathleen, Nina (front), Jo Leeper, one of the caregiver, Robert (seated) Sara Deats, Nancy Rohm, Janle Jaquier, Princess Shelly (seated center), Kim Kierce (kneeling), Jane Merz, Vera, (seated), Mouna' Rounal's mother (visiting from Morracco), Mouna Rouani, Rosemary Gouger and husband John Sanders

On November 3rd, we all gathered at Ability House for Shelly's Birthday party. Thank you to all my Atrusa Sister's who came to the call when our committee had 5 absent members.

A wonderful time was had by all. **Sara Deats** was our hero once again! The presents she got for Shelly were OUTSTANDING; jewelry, sweat shirt and socks, a card that sings and a Mulan doll and more.

Sara Deats made the greatest bedroom door plaques with each of the resident's names and then we all helped to put stickers on the plaques that reflect each person.



Shelly is a Birthday Princess and all smiles



Shelly's Strawberry birthday cake was made by Rosemary Gouger



Sara Deats shows the birthday girl, Shelly, all of her presents



(L-R) Robert shows off his new door sign. Janle Jaquier, Jo Leeper, Nancy Rohm, Jane Merz and Kimberly Kierce help the residents enjoy their birthday treats



Kathleen is waiting for the party to begin



Henry is always ready with a laugh and a handshake



Vera has a pretty smile for the camera

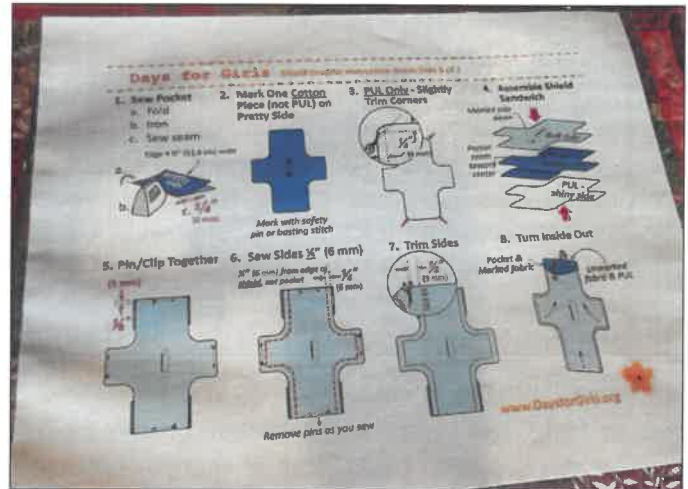
DAYS FOR GIRLS UPDATE/ ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

Altrusa Lends a Hand for Days for Girls Event

By Jane Tucker, District Nine Days for Girls Liaison



Altrusans cut, sewed and organize pieces of hygiene kits to be assembled for the Flower Mound High School service project.



This is the instruction pattern for making the hygiene pads

The Highland Village Team sponsored a **Days for Girls Service Project** at Flower Mound High School for 100 seniors on November 13th. To prepare for this project, volunteers cut, sewed, and prepared the hygiene kit contents for the high school students to complete and assemble. To prepare for this event, Altrusa members were among those who volunteered at the Bridlewood Amenity Center in Flower Mound on November 6th. This high school service project is an annual event and one the students really look forward to participating. **Days for Girls** volunteers say it is always exciting to see the zeal of these young men and women who truly desire to make a difference.

SENIORS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Loads of Fun at the Appletree Court Holiday Auction

By Robin Smith

The November auction at Appletree was attended by an enthusiastic group of about 45 residents who were ready to compete for their favorite auction items! The room was full of fun as **Gloria Sandoval** played her auctioneer role to a tee. **Jan Flesch, Alma Benoit, Lynn Solomon, Rose Daugherty** and **Robin Smith** enjoyed visiting with the crowd as we modeled or displayed the wonderful selection of auction items.

The Appletree Auction is always a fun event as residents bring their 'Appletree Bucks' to bid on their favorite items. We had some wonderful items for them to choose from, including beautiful blankets, holiday wreaths and decorations, books, perfume and lotion baskets, scarves, toys for the grandchildren and more!



(L-R) Robin Smith, Rose Daugherty, Jan Flesch, Alma Benoit, Gloria Sandoval and Lynn Solomon



Jan Flesch organizes and displays the items for auction



UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES

December U.N. Days and Other Observances

From www.un.org and www.who.int

World AIDS Day, December 1, 2018 : Significant progress has been made in the AIDS response since 1988, and today three in four people living with HIV know their status. But we still have miles to go, as [the latest UNAIDS report](#) shows, and that includes reaching people living with HIV who do not know their status and ensuring that they are linked to quality care and prevention services. HIV testing is essential for expanding treatment and ensuring that all people living with HIV can lead healthy and productive lives. It is also crucial to achieving the 90-90-90 targets and empowering people to make choices about HIV prevention so they can protect themselves and their loved ones.

Human Rights Day, December 10, 2018: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights Turns 70

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December – the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#). This year, Human Rights Day marks the [70th anniversary](#) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone document that proclaimed the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being – regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. It is the most translated document in the world, available in more than [500 languages](#).

"Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home – so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. [...] Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world." – Eleanor Roosevelt

Altrusan Eleanor Roosevelt of the United States (right), Chair of the Human Rights Commission, with Minerva Bernadino of the Dominican Republic (left), and Ana Figueroa of Chile (centre), both delegates to the Human Rights Commission, at Lake Success, New York, in May 1949. UN Photo/



International Relations Committee

Altrusa Wears Orange

This group picture was taken at the November dinner meeting. We wear the color orange in observance of, and to draw attention to the **U.N. Violence Against Women Day**, which was November 25, 2018. This has become an annual observance of our club and we take a group picture every year sporting our orange attire.



MEMBER SUPPORT

Altrusans Getting and Staying Healthy

Dr. Tran of Tran Vitality Essentials spoke to us about his fitness program at the August dinner meeting. He has offered to teach classes to us for **FREE at 6:00 pm before both business and dinner meetings for three months beginning January 3rd** (or February 7th). Dr. Tran's purpose is to give our members a taste of the process that results in becoming as healthy as we can be, in order to keep doing the good we have been doing for our community. He is impressed with our projects and commitment. Although the Natural Healing process is not a 'quick fix,' time and consistency proves to create amazing benefits in the body, even if we have no specific ailments.

Each participant should wear comfortable clothes and be prepared to practice with bare feet.

Please go to the website event calendar to register that you are interested by December 10th, so that we can let Dr. Tran know as soon as possible. We need **least ten people to commit to all six classes** to make it worth Dr. Tran's valuable time.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

World Peace Art Project

Altrusa International of Richardson partners with other community organizations to sponsor the annual **World Peace Art Contest** in celebration of the **UN International Day of Peace**. This year's theme was **"Share Peace Through Kindness and Compassion"**.

The contest is for RISD 4th through 6th grade students and the Art teachers from several schools submit one piece from their school to the contest. Canyon Creek Art professionally framed the pieces which are then put on public display for two weeks on the 3rd floor of the Richardson Public Library. Contestants, families, Art Teachers and the public were invited to a special reception honoring Richardson's young artists, held at the library on November 13, 2018, where the winners were announced.

Richardson Altrusans assist in the planning; collect the entries; assist with the framing; arrange the displays; and proudly host the young artist's reception.



Top photo: The winners of the World Peace Art Contest show off their ribbons

Center photo: Mayor Pro Tem Mark Solomon discusses art with one of the contestants at the reception

Left photo: A group photo of all the proud contestants and their Art Teachers



MEMBER RETENTION COMMITTEE OCTOBER ACTIVITY
Altrusan's Go On A Ghost Tour of Dallas

By Tracy Carron

On a cool October night, a group of Ghost Hunters, formerly known as Altrusans, loaded onto a Road Runner bus in a TJMaxx parking lot and set out in search of paranormal activity. **Laura Trainor-Collins** got us started with a FABULOUS eyeball Jello shot and **Donna Buhr** fed us DELICIOUS sausage balls!

Then, with ghost apps downloaded to our phones, our determination intact and our bravery plied with wine, we headed first to White Rock Lake in an attempt to contact the "Lady of the Lake." With **Bobbi Klein's** orange wig illuminating our path, we piled off the bus intent on finding the spirit. We fired up the apps and although we searched high and low, no one reported being able to detect the ghost. Disappointed, we headed back to the bus for another round and onto our next destination.



Some of the Intrepid Ghost Hunters (front to back) Bobbi Klein, Susan Long, Kimberly Kierce and guest, Laura Trainor-Collins, Alma Benoit and another guest checks his Ghost Hunting app.

As the wine flowed, **Laura** entertained us with "monster" trivia and candy prizes for the winners! We drove to 7804 Black Bird Lane and our tour guide engrossed us with the tale of the man and the Playboy model murdered in the home as a result of a drug deal gone bad. The bus pulled over and we stumbled down the stairs to explore the scene. One ghost hunter captured a ghostly image on her phone app and even made contact with the neighbor next door to the haunted home. JUST as the neighbor was offering up drinks and information about his neighbor, we were summoned back to the bus for more wine and to head to the Adolphus Hotel.



The female ghost on Black Bird Lane

The 19th floor of the Adolphus is purported to be a hotbed of spooky activity, so we drank up some more bravery and poured out of the bus to go exploring. We were hoping to find the heart broken, jilted bride who hung herself after being left at the altar; or the group of partygoers that danced to music all night in the ballroom, clamored through the hallways of the 19th floor and even sometimes entered guests' rooms. While we were "stood up" by the above mentioned spirits, **Tracy Carron** was able to talk to "Alice" in the ballroom through her ghost app. "Alice" said her dad was responsible for her current situation and wanted to know if **Tracy** wanted to play. **Tracy** opted NOT to play and instead scrambled out of the ballroom and back to the safe haven of the bus. As others followed suit, we once again packed the bus, tipped our glasses and headed to our final destination, Pioneer Park Cemetery.

Once there, we staggered out of the bus and romped through the graveyard with our apps and drinks in hand. We explored the cemetery, but sadly, despite our raucousness, all the spirits decided to keep themselves safely tucked in their plots rather than confront the motley group of revelers that were traipsing through their final resting place. So, back on the bus we went to finish off our wine and call it a night. And while we did not encounter anything REALLY scary, we laughed, played games, ate chocolate, listened to stories and overall had a TERRIFYINGLY good time!! Thank you to all who attended and a special thanks to **Donna** for the sausage treat and **Laura** for the sweets, trivia and booze!

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The Richardson Altrusa Believers

The Monkees Recorded *I'm A Believer* in October 1966 and released it in November 1966. That same year Altrusa of Richardson was organized on February 16, 1966. The Membership Retention Committee would like to honor all the Altrusa Believers each month by their dates of service. This month we are congratulating the Richardson Altrusa Believers from 2010 to 2013. Make sure and give a special Thank You to each of these ladies for their years of service to the club.

Barbara Berthold	2011	Donna Buhr	2013
Dean Burroughs	2012	Gerry Carron	2010
Nancy Crowe	2011	Rose Daughety	2011
Janice Flesch	2013	Christine Hart	2013
Sandy Martin	2010	Jenn Rohm	2010
Lynn Solomon	2012	Irene Strejc	2012
Ginger Tonne	2012	Sherri White	2013

Thank You For All You Do For Altrusa

DISTRICT NINE ACCENT

What is a Leader?

By Mary Osentowski

A leader is a visionary, someone who sees the big picture in infinite possibilities for success. But the vision must include a plan of action, and this demand's organizational skills. A leader is a communicator who gives direction in understandable language with clear and specific steps to follow. Effective leaders are motivators and supporters, helping individuals reach their potential. Leaders in a volunteer organization are often negotiators because of the challenges faced by members.

A visionary Altrusa leader is flexible and not afraid of change. They encourage clubs to try new strategies for membership growth; change fundraisers when members' enthusiasm wanes or sufficient funds cannot be raised. A visionary leader sees the value of change, which can stimulate interest in long term members and attract the interest of potential members. But visions must have plans; a good leader develops a plan to make the vision a reality. "The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can't blow an uncertain trumpet." Theodore M. Hesburgh

Effective leaders communicate expectations to members. Some communicate more effectively in writing, others are best in a public setting, and others are most comfortable with one on one communication. But all leaders must clearly share their goals and expectations with members. The best leaders use various approaches to communicate since members understand and respond differently to written and spoken messages. The only message that matters is the one received so a successful leader makes certain that the listener understands.

Altrusa leaders motivate members to fulfill their obligations as officers and committee members. They encourage members to do their best and provide necessary guidance so that those individuals are successful. This builds confidence and a willingness to assume other responsibilities within the organization. Altrusa is "builder of women" and the effective leader assumes this responsibility and offers support to members. "In organizations, real power and energy is generated through relationships. The patterns of relationships and the capabilities to form them are more important than the task, functions, roles, and positions." Margret Wheatley, Leadership and the New Science

Leaders must sometimes negotiate a solution to differing opinions expressed among members. The distribution of tasks and various approaches to service may also demand negotiation. This requires flexibility and the ability to see issues and situations from a variety of viewpoints. Good leaders are good listeners. "Leadership has a harder job to do than just choose sides. It must bring sides together." Jesse Jackson

Unlike Superman, leaders cannot leap tall buildings, cannot do magic and they are not perfect. Altrusa leaders are dedicated individuals who want the best for the organization and for their communities. Altrusans are "Leaders in Service." "An empowered organization is one in which individuals have knowledge skill, desire, and opportunity to personally succeed in a way that leads to collective organizational success." Stephen R Covey, Principle-centered Leadership.

Did you know that the *Altrusa Encyclopedia* has been replaced by the *Altrusa International Resource Guide*? You can download the new guide by logging into the International website. Click on "Index" and then go to "Altrusa Resource Guide". Good for old members, too.

The above is an excerpt from the Altrusa International of Collin County Communicator December 2018 issue

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**Register Now for Fun and Entertainment
at the **Holiday Dinner Meeting****

December 20, 2018 Social time 6:15 pm, Dinner 7:00 pm

Dinner \$20 per person Guests are Welcome

Register yourself and any guests on line

<https://altrusarichardson.com/event-2985807>

*Please pay in advance at the December 6th meeting
or mail your check to her before December 20*



**Mary Beth McLemore
Altrusa Richardson Admin Treasurer
3606 Cypress Grove Court
Richardson, TX 75082**

Hosted by the Membership Recruitment Committee



In Celebration

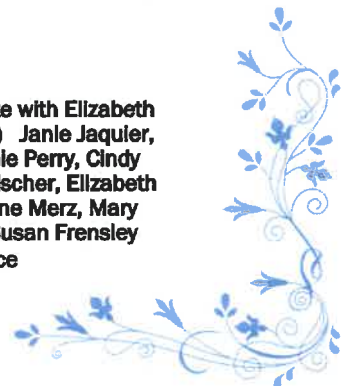
It is with great joy that we celebrate the marriage of Altrusan Elizabeth DeBose to Matt Clark on Saturday, November 3, 2018. Matt and Elizabeth have been long-time friends and Matt is moving to Texas from Memphis, TN.



A photo of the wedding cake — And we add Congratulations from all of us!



Altrusans Celebrate with Elizabeth and Matt : (L -R) Janie Jaquier, Jane Tucker, Bonnie Perry, Cindy McIntyre, Susan Fischer, Elizabeth and Matt Clark, Jane Merz, Mary Beth McLemore, Susan Frensley and Kimberly Klerce



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President's Message

Always Choose Kindness

I have been to two events recently that reminded me of why I love Altrusa and my fellow members so much as I begin the wrap up of my year as president and transition over to new leadership.

The first event that resonated deeply with me was the annual Scholarship Dinner honoring our recipients and their families on April 18. These impressive young people were matched only by the dedication and spirit of the Scholarship Committee itself. Jane Merz, Janet Vance and the whole group did a heroic job collecting the applications, parsing through them and making the life-changing decisions to help fund the educations of five deserving RISD students. I applaud this committee and all the administrative and service committees that do such good and necessary work in our community.

The other event that spoke to me about Altrusa and its role in the community was the ribbon cutting on April 23 of the Ann Eisemann Inclusive Playground. I know that we are all so proud to know Ann and Chuck Eisemann, and to have her as a fellow Altrusan. Their generosity and impactful philanthropy has made Richardson a dynamic place to live and raise a family. I am also proud to know so many of the Richardson East Rotary Club members who made this wonderful space a reality like my boss, Bruce MacPherson, Karen Ellis and Rotary Incoming President (and Altrusan) Mary Bedosky. Altrusa Richardson was glad to be a valuable contributor to the playground, along with many other community supporters. The City rallied behind this important initiative and the ribbon cutting was a joyous celebration by a community that is committed to provide the best of everything for all of its citi-

zens.

I think that Incoming President Bobbi's goal to make the KAN Weekend and its work a part of every committee is a natural direction to take this initiative and I hope to see it continue to grow every year as we continue to refine and add to the scope of our Kindness Action Ninjas. I am so impressed with the reorganization of the committee structure and updating the job descriptions for all board members. I have seen sweeping changes being undertaken during this past year and definitive plans to keep moving our club forward.

I congratulate Kimberly Kierce on her election to 2nd Vice Governor of District Nine. We are all well aware of what an asset Kim is to our club and proud to know that all of District Nine will get to benefit from her expertise and dedication as we do – you make us look good!



Sarah Nesbit, President 2018-2019

E-mail: Sarah.Nesbit@cor.gov

Upcoming Events

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

- May 2 6:00 pm Committee Palooza
- May 2 6:00 pm Pre Initiation Orientation
- May 2 7:00 pm Business meeting
- May 10 11:00 am Mother's Day Tea
- May 16 7:00 pm Program/Dinner Meeting
Installation of 2019-2020 Club Officers
and 2019-2020 Foundation Trustees
- May 20 6:00 pm AWCLS (book club)
"The Dali Lama's Cat and the Art of Purring"
- May 23 9:30 am Terrace Manners Party Prep
- May 23 7:00 pm Club Board meeting
- May 24 9:30 am Terrace Manners Party

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors Meeting, April 25, 2019

by Bobbi Klein, President Elect

The April 25, 2019, Board meeting was a joint meeting of the current and incoming Board members. Nancy Crowe made the Treasurer's report on behalf of Marybeth Mclemore: a bank balance of \$5,954.22, we have 21 membership renewals so far and three members will not be renewing.

Unfinished Business: The Job Descriptions Ad Hoc Committee presented the proposed changes to the Board of Director's Job Descriptions. After discussion of changes to each position, the Committee brought a recommendation that the Job Descriptions be accepted with the changes discussed. The Recommendation was accepted. The Committee will present the updated Job Descriptions to the members of the club and make a recommendation for approval at the May 2 business meeting .

New Business: Discussion of the transfer of Board responsibilities. Discussed oversight of the club's 501c 4 status and compliance with the State requirements.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

And the Scholarship Winners Are

By Jane Merz, Chair

The Scholarship committee received fifty-four applications this year. The applicants were truly amazing and it was a difficult task to narrow the list down to the nine students we interviewed. Our final five recipients were outstanding in every way.

The Scholarship Presentation Dinner was held on April 18, at the Richardson Woman's Club. Our students attended, with their parents, and were given a beautiful paperweight to commemorate the occasion. Recipients were Swamy Trejo, Joanna Patricio Bueno, and Elizabeth Chandler from Lake Highlands High School. J.J. Pearce High School recipients were Alejandro Gallegos and Katherine Mulry. Two students plan to be physicians, and one wants to be an astronaut!



Above: Our Scholarship winners left to right are: Swamy Trejo, Joanna Patricio Bueno, Alejandro Galegos, Elizabeth Chandler and Kathrine Mulry.



Left: The scholarship winners are pictured with the Schaloarship Committee members: Left—right are: Mimi Tanner, Jane Merz, Jo Leeper, Karen Tate, Swamy Trejo, Janet Vance, Jonanna Beuno, Alejandro Gallegos, Elizabeth Chandler, Katherine Mury Marsha Peters, Gayle Ingle, Betty Bruce and Jan Flesch.

BOARD JOB DESCRIPTIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATE

Proposed Changes to Board Job Descriptions

To Be Discussed May 2nd

By Sue McElveen, Job Descriptions Update Chair

After many weeks, and much labor, the Job Description Committee is ready to present the revised job descriptions for the Club Board of Directors. They have been approved by the current Board of Directors, so the next step is to present to the entire club for approval. As chair of this committee, I will be presenting the newly revised job descriptions to the club at the May 2, 2019, business meeting. An email was sent with a copy of each job description as an individual file. Also attached was a copy of the existing job descriptions in one file.

PLEASE read the proposed changes prior to the Business meeting and be prepared with any questions or concerns you may have on May 2. There are too many pages involved to prepare copies for everyone at the meeting. If you have questions, please print off the ones you would like to discuss and bring them with you to the meeting.

It is the committee's hope that we can approve (with or without corrections or additions) at this meeting. Our President-Elect, Bobbi, is anxious to start implementing the new job descriptions with the newly elected Board of Directors for 2019-2020.



MEMBER RECRUITMENT UPDATE

New Members Thanh Tran and Linda Calkin to be Initiated May 2nd

From Carol Ruzskowski and Kimberly Kierce, Co-Chairs

Meet the two new members who will be initiated at the May 2nd Business meeting. No photos of either woman are available at this time, so you'll just have to come to their initiation and meet them in person!

Lynda Calkin is one of five siblings raised in Kingsley Iowa. She attended Richland College and UTD, and earned her BA and CFA at SMU. Though she retired in 2003, she continues to be an active member of the Dallas CFA.

Lynda and her husband, Mark, have three children. She enjoys walking her dogs, playing with her granddaughter, reading, volunteering, artwork and travel

Lynda looks forward to becoming an Altrusan to be able to give back to the community as a volunteer, with an emphasis on education. She also wants to meet other women who are contributing to the community and who value volunteer efforts. Well, she found the right place!

Thanh Tran was born in Vietnam and grew up in Dallas, TX. She earned her bachelor's degree from UT Dallas and holds Master's degrees in Healthcare Administration and Business Administration from Texas Woman's University. Thanh has been working in healthcare management for over 20 years. Currently, she serves as CEO of North Central Surgical Center, a joint venture hospital between Baylor Scott & White and United Surgical Partners International. Thanh and her husband reside in Richardson with their three dogs. In her downtime, Thanh enjoys traveling, hiking, and spending time with family and friends.

KINDNESS ACTION NINJA WEEKEND

The Ninjas Went Global, April 6th, 2019

This is a taste of the fun and productive Saturday morning we had on April 6th, during our Kindness Action Ninja Weekend. Look for more photos and information in a Special Edition, coming soon!



Above: A group photo to celebrate our donation of 160 care packages that were sent to the military here and overseas. More than forty Altrusans and ten guests worked in a well organized assembly line and finished in two and a half hours!

Below: We stopped to take a photo to celebrate our hard work putting together 207 Days for Girls kits , and more than 150 bags and pieces for the kits. Two ladies from the Highland Village Days for Girls team instructed us in the correct procedures. Three Collin Creek and four Garland Altrusa members came to help. (more information on page 6)



KINDNESS ACTION NINJA WEEKEND

The Ninjas Went Global, April 6th, 2019



Above: The Kindness Action Ninja Team presents seventy sheet sets and towels for clients, and an assortment of art supplies to restock the Art Carts that we donated last year, to Beth Leos, Executive director of Hope's Door/ New Beginning Center.



Left: Kathy Yates' niece, and best friend, Donna Knipp (center) visited the KAN Weekend service project in memory of Kathy. She was in town for Kathy's Memorial Service at Richland college. Kathy was very committed to service to the military, for their service for us. (Pictured l-r: Sue McElveen, Donna Knipp, and Jane Merz)

KAN Helps South Sudanese Refugees

Through Days for Girls Project

By Jane Tucker, District Nine Days for Girls Liaison



On April 6, 2019, over thirty volunteers, which included Pamela Moore and Cathie Ford from the Highland Village Days for Girls Team, as well as Altrusa members of Richardson, Collin County and the Garland Altrusa Clubs helped assemble 207 “refugee” feminine kits to send over to a South Sudanese refugee camp. In addition to assembling these kits, volunteers also were putting snaps on additional shields and threading and completing the sewing on many bags. It was very interesting to see how much work and attention goes into making every kit as perfect as it can be. Club members also donated over 150 wash clothes, over 350 Freezer Ziplock bags, over 75 soaps, and over 60 pairs of panties. The rest of the supplies needed for this project were purchased with a \$140 donation. According to the Highland Village Days for Girls Director, Pamela Moore, we accomplished quite a feat and she was extremely grateful for our help.

This Summer, on June 3, 2019, twelve members of the Highland Village Days for Girls Team will take the 207 Refugee Feminine Kits along with several other kits and supplies a 15-hour flight from DFW to Doha, Uganda. Then, after a brief rest, they will depart for Entebbe and from there drive to Kampala, Uganda’s capital. While in this area of Uganda, they will visit Pearls Children’s Home, Kiryeka School for Disabilities, and Batwa School for Girls. Then, on June 17, the group will travel to a South Sudanese Refugee camp in the northern region of Uganda. Currently, there are over one million South Sudanese refugees in refugee camps in Uganda needing assistance. Days for Girls volunteers have been preparing feminine hygiene kits all year to distribute to women and girls as they visit these difference locations. Altrusa Richardson was excited to be an integral part of helping create these refugee kits for this important Summer Trip. The refugee kits put together during our event on April 6th were “half-kits” or “refugee kits” and, as such, have fewer liners and, because of the need for greater quantities in these camps, the women and girls are resourceful and are able to manage with fewer liners.



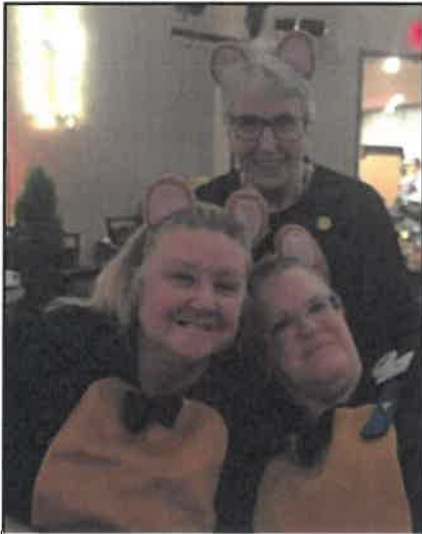
Our movement has reached more than one million girls — and counting!
With your help, we can reach Every Girl. Everywhere. Period

Photo and quote taken from the Days for Girls International Website

ALTRUSA RICHARDSON DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE UPDATE

Sixty-third District Nine Annual Conference!

Twenty-two Richardson Altrusans attended the District Nine Conference, April 26-28th. Here are some photos from Fun Night. See what you missed if you didn't go? Look for more information and photos in a Special Edition coming soon.



Ginger Tonne (left), Sue McElveen (top) and Rosemary Gouger (right)



Left -Right: Linda Caron, Ann Turner, Pam Johnson and Cindy McIntyre



The Kindness Monkeys and a Cowardly Lion

ABILITY HOUSE UPDATE

End of Year Wrap Up

By Rosemary Gouger, Chair

The second part of the service year was filled with birthdays. Vera's birthday on February 23rd was themed "Rainbows and Unicorns". Kathleen's party "Bring in the Clowns" was March 2nd and Henry's birthday party was superhero "Black Panther Feeds the Birds" on March 16th. Then, April 20th was Nina's birthday themed "Sunflowers, Bumble Bees & A Little Bit Country". Nina's party was held a week early because her birthday fell during District Nine Conference and we all wanted to be there to celebrate with her. At Nina's party, we also presented the house with a new DVD player for the entertainment of all.



Vera (front) shows her purple unicorn and the beautiful rainbow and unicorn cake to Jane Merz (right) Shirley SiWilson-Sigler and Gayle Ingle are in the background



Kathleen, in full clown regalia opens her presents assisted by Sara Deats, who is cropped partially out (right)



Henry (left) fills the birthday bird feeder we gave him with Cindy McIntyre (right) to help

The committee purposely held some of our budget to present a gift of something needed or wanted at Ability House at the end of our year. Carolyn Bailey and Kristopher McLauchlan have told us that the home would really like to have a charcoal grill so they can have cook outs. We are working with them to make this happen and to start the new club year, at our Summer Fun party, on June 22nd, we are planning a summer cook out with them.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE

Kindness Action Ninjas Spread the Word

By Bobbi Klein, President Elect

Beth Blair, the Dallas Altrusa club's program chair asked the Kindness Action Ninjas to share the story of the Ninjas at their April dinner meeting. Jane Tucker explained the evolution of our Kindness Ninjas theme. Bobbi Klein spoke about the development of the Choose Kind Libraries project, which was born at the same time. Both projects developed out of the International Relations Committee in 2015. Cindy McIntyre shared about the KAN Weekend, which was her idea and developed during her year as President. The incoming Dallas Altrusa President Pat Pirtle, would like to develop a Choose Kind Library with us in the new club year.



Left to Right: Dallas President, Guadalupe Carbajal; Cindy McIntyre, Jane Tucker and Bobbi Klein

DISTRICT NINE NEWS

New District Nine Board of Directors

The new District Nine Board of Directors was elected by the delegates at Conference, Serving you for the 2019-2021 Biennium are:

Governor—Beth Blair, Dallas

Governor Elect—Mary Black Pearson, Temple

First Vice Governor—Shirley Raymer, Garland

Second Vice Governor—Kimberly Kierce, Richardson

Treasurer—Laure Bruner, Anderson County

Directors—Linda Hurt, DFW, and Dr. Vickie A. Smith, Southwest Dallas County

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

New Altrusa Website is Available

From President Leanne Milligan’s Message on Altrusa.org Member Area


“Many of you may be aware that our old website collapsed and was unable to be restored so we all owe a huge thank you for the Website Task force and District webmasters for their work in past weeks to move the Membership log in area to our new platform. A special thank you to Katrina Clokie who has spent many hours designing and setting up the new site and to our team at the office who have been digging for files to be able to restore them to the new site.”

At District Nine Conference, President Milligan announced we should be able to create individual log-ins very soon.

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWS

Join in the Disaster Relief Fundraiser.

From LaVone Arthur, District Nine Foundation Liaison

	<p><i>Join us in fundraising to support the mission of the Disaster Relief Fund</i> The response from Altrusans to the unprecedented need of the Disaster Relief Fund last year inspired the foundation board to show the impact of Altrusans great work by <i>Reaching Out to Light the Way in 2019.</i></p> <p>Last year, the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. distributed (300) Luci lights to areas in Puerto Rico without electricity. The Luci light is portable, lightweight, solar-powered, and holds a charge for 24 hours.</p> <p>The Luci light serves countless needs - from students studying at night to healthcare volunteers working in remote villages without power.</p> <p>The lights will be available to purchase at the 2019 District Conferences and donations will go towards giving Luci lights to the Ghana Health & Education Initiative, Medicine for Mali, and Altrusa International of District Fourteen.</p> <p>Our GOAL is \$65,000! The Disaster Relief fundraiser results will be announced at the Foundation Luncheon in Reno. Thank you for your continued support.</p> <p>Go to https://foundation.altrusa.org to see a short video about the Luci Lights and to donate to the Disaster Relief Fundraiser.</p>
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April 2019 U.N. Days and Other Observances

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



TIME OF REMEMBRANCE AND RECONCILIATION FOR THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR; May 8-9, 2019: By [resolution 59/26](#) of November 22, 2004, the UN General Assembly declared May 8–9 as a time of remembrance and reconciliation and, while recognizing that Member States may have individual days of victory, liberation and commemoration, invited all Member States, organizations of the United Nations System, non-governmental organizations and individuals to observe annually either one or both of these days in an appropriate manner to pay tribute to all victims of the Second World War.

The Assembly stressed that this historic event established the conditions for the creation of the United Nations, designed to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, and called upon the Member States of the United Nations to unite their efforts in dealing with new challenges and threats, with the United Nations playing a central role, and to make every effort to settle all disputes by peaceful means in conformity with the [Charter of the United Nations](#) and in such a manner that international peace and security are not endangered.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES; May 15, 2019: Although families all over the world have transformed greatly over the past decades in terms of their structure and as a result of global trends and demographic changes, the United Nations still recognizes the family as the basic unit of society. The International Day of Families provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting them. It has inspired a series of awareness-raising events, including national family days. In many countries, this day is an opportunity to highlight different areas of interest and importance to families.

The International Day of Families is observed on the 15th of May every year. Activities include workshops and conferences, radio and television programs, newspaper articles and cultural programs highlighting relevant themes.

2019 Theme: "Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG13"

The 2019 observance focuses on families, family policies and major [SDG13](#) targets:

SDG 13 target 13.3: Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning

SDG 13 target 13.2: Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UN PEACEKEEPERS, May 29, 2019: The day offers a chance to pay tribute to the contributions of uniformed and civilian personnel to the work of the Organization and to honor more than 3,700 peacekeepers who have lost their lives serving under the UN flag since 1948.

Over seven decades, more than one million men and women have served under the United Nations flag in 71 peacekeeping operations, directly impacting the lives of hundreds of millions of people, protecting the world's most vulnerable and saving countless lives. Our peacekeepers make immense sacrifices, often serving at great personal risk and under challenging conditions. The families of peacekeepers and their governments share this sacrifice.

DISTRICT NINE 2019 CONFERENCE

Sunday Morning Remembrance and Devotional —

Remembering Kathy Yates

By Sue McElveen, Past President



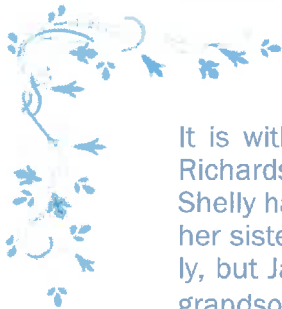
Kathy Yates

Kathy Yates' longtime friend (due to teaching together at Richland College), Mary Osentowski, Kim Kierce and Sue McElveen (Kathy's Altrusa sponsors), came to the front of the conference during the memorial service and lit a candle in her honor. At that time the following was read:

"Kathy Yates was born in 1944, in Wichita Falls, TX. She Attended Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls for both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in History and Political Science. She taught at the Dallas Community College district for her entire fifty-two year career. She will always be remembered for her devotion to her beliefs and an aggressive defender of the rights of all people to enjoy the full protection of the law."

Kathy became an Altrusan in the spring of 2018. Even though she was with us a short time, she made a big impact on our club. As part of our Sophomore sisters Committee, she suggested their Make a Difference Day Project be one to benefit members of the military. The project, which concluded after Kathy's untimely death, was a collection of over two thousand books. Some of the books were mailed to soldiers in foreign countries, some were delivered to the VA hospital, and others were given to various veteran's groups. Kathy died at her home in Dallas, on Thursday, October 18, 2018. She is missed by all who knew her.

It was a moving service and everyone should attend the Remembrance and Devotional when they go to conference. It is a way to honor all the Altrusans that have died during the previous year, while serving this wonderful organization. We will miss Kathy and what she could have contributed to an organization of which she dearly loved being a part.



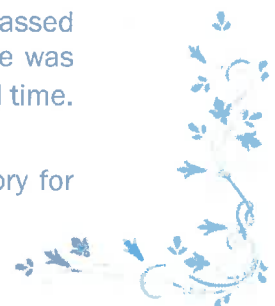
In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Brenda Boston's sister, Shelly Richardson. Shelly was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer which caused her passing. Shelly had been staying with Brenda for nearly all of the past year. In addition to losing her sister, Brenda and Jacob were in a car accident in April. Brenda was not hurt badly, but Jacob had to have surgery and is doing well now. Please keep Brenda and her grandson in your prayers.

If you wish to send cards or emails, please refer to your Membership Directory for Brenda's contact information, or contact the newsletter editor.

We make note of another sad passing. On April 15th, Karen Tate's brother passed way. He had been in failing health and passed at home with hospice care. He was Karen's only sibling. Please keep Karen in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

If you wish to send cards or emails, please refer to your Membership Directory for Karen's contact information, or contact the newsletter editor.



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Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.



Who is Altrusa?

Altrusa is an international non-profit organization, making our local communities better through leadership, partnership, and service. We strive to create better communities worldwide. Altrusa is made up of civic-minded people who find great joy in enhancing the lives of others.

[Join Altrusa! \(30 sec video\)](#)

[2019 State of the City Address - Community Partnerships and Philanthropy \(YouTube\)](#)



We welcome the involvement of new members who want to advance their skills, meet new friends, volunteer along with community leaders, or simply want to add meaningful new experiences to their lives. Contact us to find out more about becoming an Altrusa leader.

Join us on Facebook! [Click Here](#) to view the Altrusa Richardson Facebook page.



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benefiting the Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc.

SAVE THE DATE! Join us on November 1, 2019

as we honor **Outstanding Women**

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Mission Statement:

To serve our community while developing individual leadership skills and friendships.

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What is Altrusa?

Altrusa International, Inc. is a non-profit organization of members from all walks of life united in community service. It was organized in 1917 in Nashville, Tennessee and currently consists of 392 clubs in 19 countries.



Altrusa International of Richardson, Texas, Inc. was organized on February 16, 1966 and presented with a charter on May 23, 1967. The club is governed by Club Officers and a Board of Directors. Currently, there are over seventy regular members plus emeritus members.

Altrusa Richardson hosts the **Outstanding Woman of Today... Builders of Tomorrow Awards Luncheon**, a fundraiser held annually in the fall. The Awards Luncheon recognizes the tremendous achievements of working women - women of leadership - who exemplify determination and innovation and have made an outstanding contribution in their field.

For more information about the Luncheon, please select the "Awards Luncheon" link on this website. Funds raised by this year's Awards Luncheon will fund the club service projects and contributions for the following year.

For more information about the projects we support, please select the "Community / Projects" link on this website.

What does Altrusa do?

Giving over 1 million volunteer hours annually, throughout 11 countries, our focus is Literacy along with specific projects unique to our individual community. In Richardson, Texas, we serve children, elderly, disabled, and disadvantaged persons through a variety of donations and hands-on service projects. Check out our "Community / Projects" web page for more information about how Altrusa Richardson is building better communities - locally and internationally.



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Seniors Committee

Our Seniors Committee provides many diverse services to seniors in the Richardson area. These projects include:



Appletree Court Auction: Twice a year, once in the fall and again in the spring, Altrusans help organize an auction of collected items. Residents use "Appletree Bucks", which they have earned through participation in activities in the home, to purchase the items. Collected items include greeting cards and stamps, decks of cards, cologne and perfume, purses, Kleenex, toiletries, vases of flowers, books, and other items of interest to seniors.

Atria Assisted Living Center in Richardson Auction: Twice a year Altrusa facilitates an Auction at Atria similar to the one described at Appletree Court. We hold these auctions in the Fall and in the Spring. Atria supplies the auction items and Altrusans provide the Auctioneer and volunteers!



Atria Bingo: Monthly, Altrusans set up and call Bingo at the Atria Assisted Living Center.

The Richardson Public Library Book Rotation: The Richardson Public Library received a state grant to provide large-print books and books-on-tape to the growing Richardson Senior population. On a quarterly basis, Altrusans help the Richardson Library by providing the volunteers to move large print books and tapes between 10 local assisted living centers. This project provides a constantly rotating supply of books to the residents of the local centers and brings library services to them.



Tie One On for Father's Day Event: This event is held at Friend's Place Adult Day Services Center in Richardson on the Friday before Father's Day each year. Altrusans lend a helping hand for the event. Seniors are treated to an array of antique cars to view plus other special events to entertain them, and then to a lunch of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs!

Mother's Day Tea: This event is held the Friday before Mother's Day also at Friend's Place Adult Day Services in Richardson. This is a lovely luncheon event complete with china tea cups and tea! Altrusans assist in various ways including setting up the event and serving. This event is attended by the clients and their families.





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Altrusa Richardson Foundation Scholarships

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!

DEADLINE: February 22, 2019 at 4:00 pm



[2019 Altrusa Richardson Scholarship Application and Instructions](#)

[Click on the link above to access the application](#)

Scholarships for 2-year or 4-year colleges or universities

Scholarship recipients will be selected based on scholastic achievement, financial need, community volunteerism, extra-curricular activities, and a short essay.

Scholarship money is for tuition, fees, and textbooks only.

Email completed application and required documents
to altrusarichardson@gmail.com

Scholarships must be used for the next school year and will be sent directly to the school.

If you have any questions, contact Scholarship Co-Chairs:

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Altrusa club year begins June 1. Renew your membership for the next club year no later than May 31. By renewing your membership, you agree to abide by the **Membership Guidelines and Responsibilities**.

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VOLUNTEER HOURS

Members are required to keep track of their service in the following three (3) volunteer-hour categories. Recording hours regularly will allow you to detail the specific project in which the hours were performed (i.e. Ability House = 2 hours, Seniors = 2 hours, Community Outreach = 1 hour, Membership Recruitment = 2 hours, Leadership Development = 1 hour, etc.)

Volunteer Hrs - What Counts?

Membership Requirement: Report a minimum of 5 hours per club year

[Click Here to enter your Volunteer Hours Online](#)

or

Volunteer Hours Form - Manual

(please complete this form, print it and submit it to the Volunteer Hours Coordinator)

A. Altrusa Service Hours (Foundation Committees)

- Community Service involvement entails service projects and activities sanctioned by Altrusa, as documented in a club's minutes.
- Service hours include time spent in planning, preparation, execution and evaluation of fund-raisers and service projects.
- Operating and internal fund-raisers used to fund the *administrative operating budget do not qualify for any service hours*, but hours spent working on the Foundation fundraisers do count.

B. Altrusa Member Admin Hours (Administration Committees)

- Altrusa's member services include administrative services in nature:
 - production of the newsletter,
 - board or committee meetings,
 - leadership-development workshops,
 - International Representation at Conference, etc.

C. Non-Altrusa Volunteer Hours

- Club member participation in non-Altrusa community service activities includes volunteer work:
 - hospitals, schools, libraries,
 - not-for-profit organizations, and
 - activities such as mentoring, tutoring, etc.

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES; May 15, 2019. Although families all over the world have transformed greatly over the past decades in terms of their structure and as a result of global trends and demographic changes, the United Nations still recognizes the family as the basic unit of society. The International Day of Families provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting them. It has inspired a series of awareness-raising events, including national family days. In many countries, this day is an opportunity to highlight different areas of interest and importance to families

The International Day of Families is observed on the 15th of May every year. Activities include workshops and conferences, radio and television programs, newspaper articles and cultural programs highlighting relevant themes.



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Posted by the Richardson Library FB page:
 Last night marked the 16th annual Richardson Reads One Book reveal.
 Thank you to all of our donors, large and small, for making RROB possible!
 For more information on upcoming community book discussions and events,
 please visit: <https://www.cor.net/.../public.../richardson-reads-one-book>





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RICHARDSON WEEK IN REVIEW Post Date: 04/05/2019

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#AltrusaRichardson supports #DaysForGirls! Check out this video to understand Days for Girls impact. Join us for Kindness Ninja Day on April 6, 2019. www.altrusarichardson.com



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Leyda finds her strength in the Atitlán region of Guatemala. With her washable Days for Girls Kit, she is empowered to live her full life during her period and no longer be sequestered as her female relatives have been for centuries. www.DaysforGirls.org

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Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. updated their cover photo. ⋮

Published by Altrusa Richardson · November 25, 2018 · 🌐

"Not until the half of our population represented by women and girls can live free from fear, violence and everyday insecurity, can we truly say we live in a fair and equal world." — UN Secretary-General António Guterres



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7. Automated Event Announcement – Monthly Book Club Event
8. E Automated Event Announcement – Outstanding Women of Today Awards Luncheon Fundraiser (with details included)
9. Automated Online Payment / Donation (Tax Notice) Acknowledgement & Payment Receipt
10. Membership Renewal Reminder / Invoicing

Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 10:44 AM
To: Altrusa Guest
Subject: Tidings has been published

Dear Altrusa Guest,

Altrusa Tidings is published. Access your copy by clicking the link below or viewing it on our website.

[2018-09 Altrusa Tidings.pdf](#)

Bobbi Klein, Editor

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Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 02, 2019 7:01 PM
To: Kimberly Kierce
Subject: Event REMINDER: Business Meeting, Thu, March 07, 2019

Richardson Altrusans

Meeting Invitation:

Business Meeting at Richardson Woman's Club (Clubhouse), 2005 N Cliffe Dr, Richardson TX 75082

Date: **Thu, March 07, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

You are invited to join us! Guests Welcomed!

This meeting will address the business of the club PLUS OWT Kick Off..."***On the Road Again to a Successful OWT***"

Each Altrusa member is an important part of the decision-making of our Club! It is the fellowship experienced at meetings and the working together in service that brings full value to Altrusa membership.

You are encouraged to participate in our Business Meetings, which are held on the first Thursday of each month. You are also encouraged to bring guests to all meeting to learn more about Altrusa.

Members will receive an email when the Meeting Agenda and Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) are posted on the website, which are only available through Member Sign-in access.

Altrusa Richardson

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Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Monday, November 12, 2018 6:30 PM
To: Kimberly Kierce
Subject: EVENT REMINDER: Dinner/Program Meeting on Thu, November 15, 2018

Kimberly Kierce,

This is your friendly reminder about your event registration:
Dinner/Program Meeting at Richardson Woman's Club, Founders Hall
Date: **Thu, November 15, 2018 6:30 PM**

Social Time: 6:30 pm

Meeting Begins: 7:00 pm

Program: **Camp John Marc**
Presented by: Kevin Randles, Camp John Marc Executives Director

IMPORTANT: Please register online by NOON MONDAY before the meeting - whether you plan to eat or not. Remember, you don't have to pay if you're not eating, but you may not have a seat if you don't register so let us know you're coming.

Register online to attend. Need to change or cancel a reservation? Contact the Dinner Reservations Chair: Mary Beth McLemore at 214-353-9569.

REMINDER: Policy concerning dinner reservations - Dinner reservations may be made or cancelled until noon the Monday prior to the dinner meeting. To cancel during that time, contact the Dinner Reservations Chair. All dinner reservations that remain in place after the deadline must be paid for whether the member attends the meeting or not. An unused reservation may not be given to another member.

Thanks for registering and we look forward to seeing you!

Best regards,

Altrusa Richardson

[Click here to go to the Altrusa Richardson website](#)

Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 08, 2018 7:19 PM
To: Kimberly Kierce
Subject: Event Announcement: RETENTION: Dallas by Chocolate "Ghost Tour", Fri, October 26, 2018

Richardson Altrusans!

Join us!

RETENTION: Dallas by Chocolate "Ghost Tour" at TBD
Date: Fri, October 26, 2018 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM



Come join the fun as we find ghosts all over the Dallas area...from ghosts of old soldiers to ghosts of jilted brides. Our luxury motorcoach will send shivers up your spine as we check out a number of local haunted legends known for eerie occurrences. Bring a flashlight and your bravery. Price includes haunted motorcoach, soft drinks and water (you can also BYOB). All ages welcome.

Event Date: October 26, 2018 (7:00p-10:00p)

We need at least 25 people to make this happen so sign up today!

Cost: **\$36/pp** payable in advance (due date TBD)

Deadline to register: **September 13 - SO ACT FAST!!!** We need a headcount of **at least 25 people by this date** to lock in the event and payment will be secured before the event.

More information and online registration: [RETENTION: Dallas by Chocolate "Ghost Tour"](#)

Best regards,

Altrusa Richardson

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Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 6:34 PM
To: Kimberly Kierce
Subject: Event Announcement: COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Santa Project for NETWORK, Thu, October 19, 2017

Kimberly Kierce,

Upcoming event information:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Santa Project for NETWORK at the October Dinner meeting

Date: Thu, October 19, 2017 6:30 PM



Altrusa is playing Santa early again this year by organizing a toy collection to benefit NETWORK of Community Ministries. We collect toys for the NETWORK Toyland Express Store where parents who cannot afford toys for their children will “shop” from Nov. 2 - Dec.18. **Please consider participating in this optional project by bringing a new unwrapped toy to the October Dinner Meeting.** The Toyland Express program allows parents to select just the right toy for their child.

The new unwrapped toys must be delivered to NETWORK by the end of October to be available in the Toyland Express store by November 2nd.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping make Christmas magical for a child

in need!

Best regards,
Altrusa Richardson
[Click here for more info!](#)

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Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2019 8:21 AM
To: Kimberly Kierce
Subject: Event registration confirmed for Spring New Member Orientation/Re-Orientation/Sat, March 09, 2019 9:00 AM

Dear Kimberly Kierce,

Your event registration has been completed. Thank you for registering.

Event: [Spring New Member Orientation/Re-Orientation](#)

Date: **Sat, March 09, 2019 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

Location: **Bobbi Klein's Home**

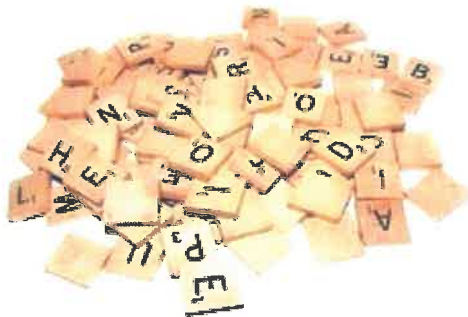


Are you ready for some **Altrusa Alphabet Soup**?

Attendance is encouraged for all our members (Orientations can be used as makeup meetings) to learn about **Altrusa**, all those crazy **acronyms**, and our amazing **service projects**. Join us to hear more about Days for Girls, Sophomore Sisters, and Kindness Ninja Projects.

This is a **Pot Luck Brunch** so sign up to bring your favorite item to share!

Carol Ruskowski and Kimberly Kierce, Co-Chairs, Membership Recruitment



Additional information:

Your registration data: **Will bring breakfast casserole**

First name: Kimberly

Last name: Kierce

Organization: Altrusa Richardson

e-Mail: kimberly.kierce@cor.gov

Primary Phone: M: 214-274-5409

Secondary Phone: W: 972-744-4502

Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2019 6:40 PM
To: Kimberly Kierce
Subject: Event Announcement: RETENTION: AWCLS (aka: Altrusa Book Club), Mon, March 25, 2019

Dear Kimberly Kierce,

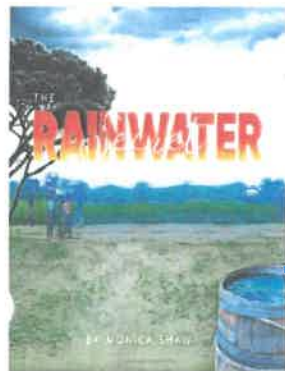
Upcoming event information:

RETENTION: AWCLS (aka: Altrusa Book Club) at Friends Place Adult Day Services, 1960 Nantucket Drive, Richardson TX 75081

Date: **Mon, March 25, 2019 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**

Please register online by clicking this link --> <http://altrusarichardson.com/event-3208752>

Altrusa Wine and Chocolate Literary Society (AWCLS) Presents:



This month's special AUTHOR PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION!

You are invited to meet the author of *The Rainwater Secret*, Monica Shaw, at 6pm at Friends Place.

Copies of this book are available for \$15 (please see Janet McColloch for a book). It is also available on Kindle for \$4.99.

This special event is presented and sponsored by Altrusa Wine and Chocolate Literary Society and The Hearing Wizard.



972.494.6237 | www.hearingwizard.com
2318 West Meadow, Suite B, Garland, Texas 75042
JLW&S 10/11/2017 #HWP

[AWCLS March 2019 Author Presentation / Reception FLYER.pdf](#)

Please register for one of these five categories:

Chocolate (1 Volunteer needed) Snack (5 Volunteers needed)

Libation: Red (2 Volunteers needed) Just Bringing Myself

Libation: White (3 Volunteers needed)

AWCLS BOOKS FOR 2019

DATE	TITLE	AUTHOR	LEADER
January 28	<i>I Feel Bad About My Neck</i>	Nora Ephram	Janet M
February 25	<i>Love and Ruin</i>	Paul McClain	Kay G
March 25	<i>Rainwater Secret</i>	Monica Shaw	AUTHOR VISIT
April 22	<i>Born a Crime</i>	Trevor Noah	Christine H
May 20 ***	<i>The Dali Lama 's Cat and the Art of purring</i>	David Michie	Cat Z
June 24	<i>The Little Old Lady Who Broke all the Rules</i>	Catharine Ingleman-Sunberg	Samanthia
July 22	<i>An Uncollected Death</i>	Meg Wolfe	Janice C
August 26	<i>RROB</i>	TBA	Mary Beth
Sept 23	<i>Small Great Things</i>	Jodi Picoult	Robin S
Oct 28	<i>The Heretic's Daughter</i>	Kathleen Kent	Donna B

Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 12:06 PM
To: Brenda Boston
Cc: contact@altrusarichardson.com
Subject: [Admin copy] LAST CALL: Outstanding Women of Today Awards Luncheon, Fri, November 02, 2018

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<http://altrusarichardson.com>

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Barbara Cornelius,

REGISTRATION CLOSES SOON! Our records do not show that you are registered yet to attend. If this is an oversight on our part, please contact the Reservation Chair to confirm your attendance OR use the link below to register.

Upcoming event information:

Outstanding Women of Today Awards Luncheon at Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel, 900 E. Lookout Dr., Richardson 75082

Date: Fri, November 02, 2018 11:30 AM



Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc. invites you to attend the 13th Annual Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on Friday, **NOVEMBER 2, 2018**, at the Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel.

Check-in will begin at 11:00 am. Luncheon will begin at **Noon**. Parking tickets will be validated.

Reservation Deadline is **October 19, 2018**.

Luncheon Tickets are **\$50/pp**

Click Here for the eVite - [2018 OWT Luncheon Invitation.pdf](#)

Questions? Call Reservation Chair, Brenda Boston at 972-742-5146 or email her at brendaboston@outlook.com

OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY is a distinguished honor for professional accomplishments. Women are nominated for exemplifying determination, innovation, and making outstanding contributions in their chosen careers. They are recognized and applauded for making a difference for the future of women and providing leadership in their fields. Companies, organizations, and individuals may nominate women in one of seven categories: small business (fewer than 50 employees), education, government, nonprofit, corporate, health care, and Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow (any woman under 35 in any of the above fields).

This year, we are pleased to present 39 women who live or work in the Dallas metroplex and who will be honored at the awards luncheon. [Click HERE for the list of 2018 Outstanding Nominees.](#)

Kimberly Kierce

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Friday, October 19, 2018 9:38 AM
To: Kimberly Kierce
Subject: Altrusa Richardson Payment Receipt - Important Tax Notification



Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc.

P. O. Box 832101, Richardson, Texas 75083

www.altrusarichardson.com

PAYMENT RECEIPT

IMPORTANT TAX NOTIFICATION

Payment received from:
Kimberly Kierce
kimberly.kierce@cor.gov

Date: Thu, October 18, 2018
Amount: \$100.00
Tender: Check

Thank you for your support of the *2017 Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow Awards Luncheon* benefiting Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc

Date	Document	
Thu, August 23, 2018	Invoice 01236 Registration for "OWT - Members Only - Underwriting" (Fri, November 02, 2018 11:30 AM, -), Underwriting - Award Vase for Honoree	Settled amount \$100.00 Invoice total \$100.00 Due \$0.00

Total settled: \$100.00

From: Altrusa Richardson <contact@altrusarichardson.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 26, 2018 2:34 PM
To: contact@altrusarichardson.com
Subject: [Admin copy] Altrusa Richardson Invoice 01232

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INVOICE



Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

PO Box 832101

Richardson, TX 75083-2101

Altrusa Richardson - Member renewal
Invoice number: 01232
Issued: Sat, May 26, 2019

Bill to:

Barbara Cornelius
barbaracaltrusa@gmail.com
Altrusa Richardson

Item	Amount
Membership renewal. Level: Regular membership. Renew to Fri, June 01, 2020	\$125.00

Total: \$125.00
Balance Due: \$125.00

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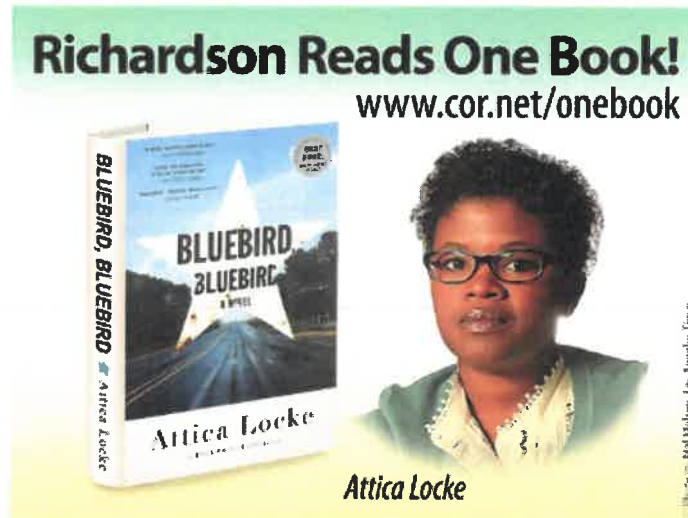
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2. “Altrusa Honors local Women, Presents Symbolic Check”
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3. “World Peace Student Art on Display...”
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4. “‘Kindness Weekend’ Begins April 5”
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Richardson Reads One Book

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- Discussion



The 2019 Richardson Reads One Book selection is *Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Locke

Join us for the Author Lecture and Book Signing on September 24, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Richardson High School Auditorium!

WELCOME TO RICHARDSON READS ONE BOOK
Celebrating fifteen years of great community book discussions!

Pick up your copy at [Half Price Books Richardson!](#)

[Click here to see images from our 2018 events](#)

Past Richardson Reads One Book selections have been:

- *The Circle* by Dave Eggers (2018)
- *Sing For Your Life* by Daniel Bergner (2017)
- *Spare Parts* by Joshua Davis! (2016)
- *We Are Called to Rise* by Laura McBride (2015)
- *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan (2014)
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak (2013)
- *One Amazing Thing* by Chitra Divakaruni (2012)
- *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford (2011)
- *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein (2010)
- *Three Cups of Tea* by David Oliver Reelin and Greg Mortenson (2009)

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- Friends of the Richardson Public Library
- Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National

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Week In Review, Nov. 2, 2018

Post Date: 11/02/2018



Nov. 2, 2018

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NEWS

Altrusa Honors Local Women, Presents Symbolic Check



Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. held its 15th annual "Outstanding Women of Today ... Builders of Tomorrow" awards luncheon earlier today. During the event, members of the Richardson City Council were presented a ceremonial check for \$302,196 representing the hours of volunteer time invested in the city by the organization in the past year.

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 honored six women (out of 36 nominees) as "Outstanding Women of Today ... Builders of Tomorrow," chosen for leadership in the categories of

Week In Review, Nov. 16, 2018

Post Date:11/16/2018



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ARTS/CULTURE

World Peace Student Art on Display at Library; Artists Recognized at Reception



Richardson ISD fourth, fifth and sixth grade artists were honored at a reception at the Richardson Public Library Tuesday evening, the culmination of the fifth annual World Peace Art Contest and exhibition sponsored by **Altrusa International of Richardson**, the Richardson Civic Arts Society, the Richardson Public Library and the Richardson Arts Alliance. The contest celebrated the United Nations' International Day of Peace with the theme, "Spread Peace through Kindness and Compassion."

Week In Review, March 29, 2019

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March 29, 2019

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EVENTS

"Kindness Weekend" Begins April 5



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Week In Review, April 5, 2019

Post Date:04/05/2019



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RichardsonTODAY

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mailed to over 40,000 residents

Eisemann Center Presents begins 2018-19 season

The 2018-19 Eisemann Center Presents season kicks off this month with shows featuring family theater, comedy, classical music and more. Visit www.eisemann-center.com for ticket information, or call 972-744-4650. Groups of 10 or more qualify for ticket discounts by calling Group Sales at 972-744-4657.

was at university that he put down the violin and started learning other instruments, the most significant of which being the acoustic guitar, which enabled him to start writing and playing his own songs. In 2010, he bought a loop pedal which would finally allow him to combine and layer the various instruments that create his unique sound.

they travel down the Yellow Brick Road with Dorothy, Toto and their friends the Cowardly Lion, Tin Man and Scarecrow in this lavish production, featuring breathtaking special effects, dazzling choreography and classic songs.

stitution, laughing all the way. This show contains mature content.

Siegel's Keyboard Conversations* are concerts with broad, popular appeal and lively commentary, making the music more accessible and meaningful for all. Each piece is performed in its entirety and there is a question and answer session following the concert. Gain a whole new perspective and enrich your life with great music!



Graeme James

Graeme James
7:30 p.m. Oct. 11
Tickets \$39

Born in Nelson, New Zealand, Graeme James started playing violin in the Netherlands as a 7 year old with the desire to become a classical concert violinist. He pursued this goal throughout high school as well as branching out into folk and Celtic music, playing fiddle and singing in his family's folk band playing local events. It was while he



The Wizard of Oz

The Wizard of Oz
7:30 p.m. Oct. 12-13
2 p.m. Oct. 13
Tickets \$40-\$60

A spectacular celebration of the iconic 1939 MGM film, "The Wizard of Oz" will blow you away from the moment the tornado touches down and transports you to a dazzling Oz, complete with munchkins and flying monkeys. The entire family will be captivated as



Jaston Williams

Jaston Williams in "Clear to Partly Crazy"
7:30 p.m. Oct. 19-20
2 p.m. Oct. 20
Tickets \$34-\$42

Announcing the premiere of Jaston Williams in his one man show, "Clear to Partly Crazy," where he holds forth on subjects all Texans understand: cheerleading, tornadoes and certifiably insane blood relatives. Travel with him from grandstands to storm cellars to the occasional mental in-



Jeffrey Siegel

Jeffrey Siegel's Keyboard Conversations*
7:30 p.m. Oct. 22
Tickets \$34-\$40

Jeffrey Siegel presents "The Joyous Music of Beethoven," which includes the boisterous "Rage Over a Lost Penny," the exhilarating "Polonaise," the intimate "Bagatelles," the "Theresen Sonata"—who was she?—and the "Farewell Sonata"—who was leaving and why was Beethoven so deeply affected?



Tomás and the Library Lady

"Tomás and the Library Lady"
2:30 p.m. Oct. 28
Tickets \$12-\$22

Tomás, the son of migrant workers, was born in Texas and loves the stories Papa Grande tells to him. One day while his family is in Iowa picking crops, Tomás meets the Library Lady and nothing is ever the same again. Soon his imagination takes off as he reads book after book, discovering a world filled with dinosaurs, tigers and explorers!

Health and Wellness Expo Set for Oct. 12

The Richardson Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Health and Wellness Expo, presented by Methodist Richardson Medical Center, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Richardson Civic Center. The Expo in-



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needs care, and provide nutrition. The free event will feature vendors offering flu and shingles vaccinations provided by Tom Thumb, hearing and blood pressure tests, body mass index screenings, chair massages and vision tests. There will

also be food samples from local restaurants. For more information, visit www.richardsonchamber.com.

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Woman's Club announces first responder scholarship

A portion of the proceeds from the Richardson Woman's Club's 2018-19 fundraisers will go toward the establishment of a scholarship designated for a child of an active City of Richardson first responder. In addition to the new scholarship, the Richardson Woman's Club is the long-time supporter of the City of Richardson and Santa's Village, and provides multiple scholarships to Richardson high school seniors and makes annual donations to numerous community outreach

programs. The Club's first event for 2018-19 is **Gourmet on the Grounds—A Community Table and Casino Night**, at 6 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Club, 2005 N. Cliffe Dr. Come join the fun and enjoy music, wine, food, casino games and live Las Vegas-style entertainment featuring Brad Ackland, a local swing jazz vocalist.

Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased at www.rwctx.org or from club members. E-mail Gayle Ingle at gs_ingle@hotmail.com for more information.

Holidays at RWC, the club's second fall event, is scheduled for Nov. 17-18. The weekend will be filled with traditional RWC activities—the yummy bakeshop and the delicious luncheon—plus several new ones including a photographer who will capture your family's photos in a holiday setting and the Mistletoe Shoppe, a bazaar featuring epicurean items and other gifts.

For more information, visit www.rwctx.org.

Repertory Company Theatre presents "Young Frankenstein"

Get into the Halloween season as Repertory Company Theatre continues its 2018-19 season this month with a performance of Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein." This hysterical comedy includes show-stopping musical numbers including "Puttin' on the Ritz," complete with tap dancing monsters.



Performances are scheduled for Oct. 19-28 in the group's new theater at 770 N. Coit Rd. in Richardson. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Ticket prices are \$27 for adults and \$17 for youth, with discounted tickets available for groups

of 10 or more. For more information, visit www.rcttheatre.com or call the box office at 972-690-5029.

Other shows on the schedule for the 2018-19 season include:

- White Christmas—Dec. 7-23
- Big River—Feb. 8-17
- Broadway's Best—March 15-17
- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat—April 12-21
- Mamma Mia—June 14-30

• Annie—July 19-28
• Forever Plaid—Aug. 16-25
The RCT is partially sponsored by the Richardson Cultural Arts Commission.

www.ArtsInRichardson.com

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For tickets visit www.eisemanncenter.com or call the Ticket Office at 972-744-4650

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS INSTITUTE

8 p.m. Oct. 4. \$20-\$60.

BALLET NORTH TEXAS "NIGHT ON THE TRINITY"

7:30 p.m., Oct. 6; 2 p.m. Oct. 7. \$25-\$35. www.likewoodconservatory.com

RICHARDSON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA OPENING NIGHT CONCERT

8 p.m. Oct. 6. \$15-\$70. Visit www.richardsonorchestra.org.

"GO FIGURE" THE RANDY GARDNER STORY

3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27. \$37-\$42. www.randy-gardner.com

CHARLEY PRIDE WITH SPECIAL GUEST JAKE PENROD

7:30 p.m. Nov. 3. \$50-\$100. www.charleypride.com

Altrusa holds annual awards luncheon

Altrusa International of Richardson will hold its annual "Outstanding Women of Today ... Builders of Tomorrow" awards luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Nov. 2, at the Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel, 900 E. Lookout Dr. More than 30 nominated women will be honored for their outstanding leadership in their fields.

Luncheon tickets are \$50 and are on sale now at www.altrusarichardson.com/outstanding-women. Proceeds benefit community outreach projects and scholarships provided by Altrusa International of Richardson, serving the needs of elementary schools, community organizations, international programs and seniors in Richardson.

Coming up at the Civic Center

LuLaRoe Richardson Popup
Oct. 6
www.facebook.com/LuLaRoeRichardsonTX

Creative Memories
Oct. 6
www.creativememories.com

DFW Marine Aquarium Society Frag Swap
Oct. 27
www.dfwmas.org

Drug Take-Back Event (Civic Center Parking Lot)
Oct. 27
takebackday.dea.gov



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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Please call 972-744-7800 to RSVP for events that require registration.

Aug. 21

OUT TO LUNCH

10:45 a.m. The Out to Lunch Bunch will go to Sonny Bryan's BBQ. Cost is 50 cents for transportation and the cost of lunch is on your own. Call 972-744-7800 to sign up.

Sept. 10

TEXAS WINDS

11 a.m. Texas Winds will present a string quartet concert, "The Sounds of Fall." No fee.

Aug. 22

SAY GOODBYE TO SUMMER

Noon. It is time to say goodbye to the dog days of summer. Join us for barbecue with the sounds of Bobby G with City Lights as we wait for the cooler days of fall. \$4.

Sept. 12-13

FLU SHOT CLINIC

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 12, 2-6 p.m. Sept. 13. Call 972-744-7800 to make your appointment or for more information. Vaccines offered include influenza (under age 65), influenza (over age 65) and shingles.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming Trips

George W. Bush Library and Museum—Aug. 29

Come with us and see the First Ladies: Style of Influence at SMU's George W. Bush Library and Museum. The exhibit will highlight every First Lady from Martha Washington to Melania Trump, and feature artifacts spanning more than 200 years of White House history. Lunch on your own at the museum. We will leave the Senior Center at 10 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. \$20.

New Mexico: Behind Adobe Walls—Sept. 17-21

We are flying to New Mexico to enjoy the crisp cool air of fall. The tour will explore Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos, the three major towns of Northern New Mexico. This will be a special opportunity to experience the cuisine, culture and art of The Land of Enchantment: Behind Adobe Walls. For more information, call 972-744-7810.

We have great travel destinations planned for 2018. Both one-day and overnight trips offer you the opportunity to travel and experience new adventures. Call Beth Owens at 972-744-7810 for more information.

Library 900 Civic Center Dr. • 972-744-4350

ADULT/GENERAL INTEREST

The Library will be closed Aug. 17 for staff in-service.

Aug. 1

FIRST WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Circle" by Dave Eggers. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.

Aug. 4, 18

DIGITAL DROP-IN: GET HELP USING YOUR eREADER

10 a.m.-noon. Second Floor Lobby.

Aug. 4

COMPUTING 101 WITH WINDOWS 10

10:30 a.m.-noon. Basement Training Room.

Aug. 4

DEWEY KNIT

2-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. Call Jane at 972-744-4355 for information.

Aug. 5

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

2:30-4:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Registration required; call 972-744-4376 to register.

Aug. 8

SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE

10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Us" by David Nichols. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.

Aug. 11

WOVEN ART WORKSHOP

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Studio RPL. Registration required. Call 972-744-4376 to register.

Aug. 14

LUNCHTIME LECTURES: CANADA AND THE ROCKY MOUNTAINEER

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Presented by Richard Cudlipp.

Aug. 15

THIRD WEDNESDAY BOOKBABBLE

10:30-11:45 a.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "Station Eleven" by Emily St. John Mandel. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.

Aug. 15

COMMUNITY WRITERS' CRITIQUE GROUP

6:45-8:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. E-mail WGTCritiqueGroup@gmail.com for more information.

Aug. 15

ROMANTIC INTERLUDES BOOK CLUB

7-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. Call Karen Gibbs at 972-744-4350 for information.

Aug. 16

REAL READS BOOK CLUB

7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "American Pharoah" by Joe Drape. Call Tamara Golubski at 972-744-4393 for information.

Aug. 18

GET TECH SAVVY: AUDACITY

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Studio RPL. Richardson Public Library card needed to register. Call 972-744-4359 for information.

Aug. 20

WRITERS' GUILD OF TEXAS

7-8:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Call 972-744-4376 for information.

Aug. 21

LUNCHTIME LECTURES: ROBERT E. LEE, LEGEND OR MYTH?

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Presented by Richard Cudlipp.

Aug. 23

WHAT'S AN INSTANT POT?

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. Registration required. Call 972-744-4368 to register.

Aug. 25

BEGINNING 3D PRINTING WITH TINKERCAD

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Studio RPL. Richardson Public Library card needed to register. Call 972-744-4359 for information.

Aug. 25

CREATE MANDALA ART

10:30 a.m.-noon. Basement Program Room. Registration required. Call 972-744-4374 to register.

Aug. 28

LUNCHTIME LECTURES: WORLD WAR II PACIFIC NAVAL BATTLES

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Basement Program Room. Presented by Richard Cudlipp.

Aug. 28

FOURTH TUESDAY BOOKBABBLE

7:30-8:45 p.m. Second Floor Conference Room. "The Circle" by Dave Eggers. Call Janet Vance at 972-744-4352 for information.

CHILDREN/YOUTH/TEENS

Please call 972-744-4358 for more information on children and youth activities.

Aug. 2

CTECH: LEARN, CREATE, CONNECT

2-3:30 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Aug. 2

FREE FLIX @ 6 FAMILY FILM: "ANNIE"

6-8 p.m. First Floor Program Room.

Aug. 3

TALES FOR TAILS: MEET THE DOGS AND TRAINERS

3-4 p.m. First Floor Program Room. For readers entering grades K-4 this fall. Free tickets available at 2:30 p.m.

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25

SATURDAY MORNING KIDS STORYTIME

10:30-11 a.m. First Floor Program Room.

Aug. 4

SUMMER READING FINALE: MARTY WESTERMAN'S KNOCK'EM DEAD MAGICAL EXPERIENCE

2-3 p.m. Basement Program Room.

Aug. 7

ESCAPE ROOM

2-3:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. For ages 13-18. Registration required. Call 972-744-4358 to register.

Aug. 8

LIFE-SIZED BOARD GAMES

2-3:30 p.m. Basement Program Room. For ages 9-13.

Aug. 9

FREE FLIX @ 6 FAMILY FILM: "COCO"

6-8 p.m. First Floor Program Room.

Volunteer ESL tutors needed!

RALC Teacher Training
9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 18
Richardson Professional
Development Center
701 W. Belt Line Rd.

Please register by Aug. 14.
To register or receive more
information, visit www.ralc.org

- No teaching experience needed
- No need to speak another language
- Free training
- Daytime and evening opportunities available



ESL registration opens this month

The Richardson Adult Literacy Center offers English classes for adults, from beginner to advanced. Registration for fall classes is coming up soon. Classes begin week of Aug. 27.

Registration dates:

- Wednesday, Aug. 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Richardson Public Library 900 Civic Center Dr.
- Tuesday, Aug. 21, 6-8 p.m. Richardson High School 1250 W. Belt Line Rd.
- Wednesday, Aug. 22, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Audelia Public Library 10045 Audelia Rd. Dallas
- Tuesday, Aug. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Richardson Public Library 900 Civic Center Dr.
- Tuesday, Aug. 28, 6-8 p.m. Richardson High School 1250 W. Belt Line Rd.

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KRAIG PARKER "THE KING LIVES"

(7:30 p.m. Aug. 18. \$27-\$52. Visit www.thekinglives.com.)

THE RICH-TONES

(7:30 p.m. Aug. 25. \$15-\$45. www.richtones.org.)

Civic Center Events

Career Fair

Aug. 9

www.targetedjobfairs.com

Texas Stamp Dealers

Aug. 24-25

www.tsdstamps.com

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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF RICHARDSON

Junior League of Richardson is hosting two Prospective Member Information Nights and Socials at Wine Authority, 508 W. Lock-out Dr. Suite 24. Events will be at 7 p.m. Aug. 1 and Aug. 15. Light appetizers will be provided.

Those interested in becoming a member should e-mail membership@lrjx.com to RSVP and obtain additional information about Junior League.

Altrusa Richardson grant applications

Altrusa International of Richardson is accepting applications for grants to qualifying IRS area nonprofits. Grants typically range from \$500-\$1,500. Monies must be used for a specific project benefiting the community and disbursed no later than May 31, 2019 unless otherwise reported.

Deadline for submission is Aug. 31. Decisions on funding will be made in the fall and all applicants will receive notification of results by the end of October. An application form and submission instructions are available at www.altrusarichardson.com/grants.

For more information about the grant submission process, contact Grants Committee Chairs Mary Osenowski at mosenow@verizon.net or Sylvia McCloskey at sylvia_mccloskey@yahoo.com.

Volunteer's dedication to Cottonwood Art Festival provides a testament to the quality of the event

A new artist or first-time visitor inquiring about the Cottonwood Art Festival need only talk to Glenda Endres to find out if it's time well spent. Endres, who marks her 14th year of volunteering at Cottonwood this May and was an exhibiting artist at the Festival for more than 30 years, would give them a resounding, "Yes!"

"This is one of the top shows in the nation," said Endres. "It is very, very well-run—it's only had two directors in its 50 years, and it really makes a difference having a staff that knows what they're doing."

Once a full-time potter, Endres first heard about Cottonwood while studying for her master's degree in clay at Texas Women's University, and tried out the Festival with a group of fellow art students.

"When I first exhibited, you placed your art on blankets," she recalled. "You could not set up for the show before the day of the festival, so at 12:01 a.m. we'd throw our blankets down, claim our spots, put all our stuff out and wait there until morning to pay our booth fee."

It soon became one of her favorite shows. Endres cites the Festival's quality of artwork and number

of exhibiting artists as factors that make it "click." Cottonwood is a juried art show, limiting the number of artists accepted to around 240 (out of an average 1,400 submissions). Endres explained that good shows keep the right balance between artists and expected attendees—"If there are too many artists, it can be hard for any of them to earn enough to make it financially worth being there."

She also likes how Cottonwood has evolved in its presentation, to where artists now bring shelving, tents, pedestals and backdrops to display their art "like a museum."

As a volunteer, Endres helps stuff information packets for artists during the week prior to the Festival, helps with artist check-in, walks throughout the grounds two hours before opening to talk to artists and help troubleshoot, and continues troubleshooting throughout the weekend, sometimes being a booth "sitter" if an artist who's working alone needs a break. Other volunteers help staff activities at ArtStop, the interactive children's area.

"Cottonwood was good to me so it's good to give back," said Endres. "This keeps me in the loop. I get to come and see wonderful art, and



Glenda Endres

buy it, too!" she laughed. "Volunteering in whatever you're passionate about is a good way to give back to the community."

The Cottonwood Art Festival will be held May 4-5 at Cottonwood Park. Visit www.cottonwoodartfestival.com.

To see if volunteers are still being accepted for the Cottonwood Art Festival children's ArtStop area, please visit www.cottonwoodartfestival.com/volunteers. Shifts are 2 1/2 hours long and volunteers will receive a volunteer T-shirt. Volunteers must be age 16 or older and must sign up online in advance.

City maintains highest credit rating from Moody's and S&P

For the 10th year in a row, both the Moody's and Standard & Poor's credit rating agencies have reaffirmed Richardson's "Triple A" status, the highest possible rating available for credit worthiness. Richardson has held AAA status from Standard & Poor's for 12 years now, and this is the 10th year in a row the City has received an Aaa rating from Moody's.

In its rationale, Standard & Poor's said Richardson's "Triple A" rating was based on the City's, "very strong economy, very strong management with strong financial policies and practices, very strong budgetary flexibility, strong budgetary performance, very strong liquidity, and a strong institutional framework."

In its rationale, Moody's said, Richardson's "strong credit profile is supported by a healthy local economy, favorable resident income levels and historically stable financial position. The credit is further bolstered by a sophisticated, policy-driven management team that budgets conservatively and maintains the city's financial flexibility and stability, offsetting the below median reserve position."

"In Richardson, one of our goals is to effectively and efficiently manage City resources while



maintaining and enhancing City services," said Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker. "We are able to do this thanks to our strong financial position and fiscal management policies, which allow us to continue to make necessary investments in infrastructure, as well as other areas that enhance the quality of life for our stakeholders. We are proud to once again be recognized by Standard & Poor's and Moody's, and to know that we have met their highest standards for fiscal responsibility."

This year the City plans to sell approximately \$49.4 million in bonds. This includes \$17.4 million for the continuation of the serial sale of bonds associated with projects that are part of the 2015 Bond Program and \$32 million for capital needs, which include funds for water and sewer infrastructure improvements, emergency services equipment, information technology equipment, streets, park trails and public facilities including the Public Safety Campus and Fire Station 3.

Be a "Kindness Ninja" April 5-6

The Altrusa International of Richardson Kindness Action Ninjas (KAN) are sponsoring the third annual Kindness Weekend Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6.

This year the Altrusans are focusing their KAN kindness efforts on sending 200 care packages to service men and women who are stationed in the Middle East. The boxes will be assembled Saturday, April 6 by Altrusa members and everyone is invited to help with the effort. The care packages will contain such items as batteries, pens, knitted caps, toiletries, paperback books, snacks, condiments, snacks, etc.

Also, this year Altrusa members will put together 200 kits for the "Days for Girls" organization that provides sustainable feminine products for women worldwide. The organization has given materials to more than 640,000 women, many of whom would not be able to attend school for several days each month.

If you are interested in aiding this year's efforts or future KAN projects, send your contact information to contact@altrusarichardson.com and you will receive a response.



Portal installation to begin at Spring Creek Nature Area

The granite pieces that will make up the two Spring Creek Nature Area entry portals should start being delivered in mid-April. The entry portals will be located at the intersections of Renner Road and Plano Road, and Renner Road and Routh Creek Parkway. Delivery will occur first at the intersection of Renner and Plano on the northeast side of the Nature Area, followed by Renner and Routh Creek on the Nature Area's northwest side.



The delivery and installation process is expected to take up to a month, during which time temporary lane closures will occur in the eastbound Renner Road right turn lane at Plano Road, as well as the right-hand northbound lane of Routh Creek Parkway at Renner Road. The closures are necessary so a crane can unload the large granite pieces that make up the portals.

The pieces will welcome visitors to the 100-acre Spring Creek Nature Area and have a leaf theme, with a large leaf-shaped cutout in each granite portal, granite benches and a leaf-shaped granite sculpture. The idea for the portals came from the Spring Creek Nature Area Master Plan, which was developed and approved in 2015 and outlines ideas for development of the 56 additional acres acquired for the park in January 2015.

Construction on the Spring Creek Nature Area perimeter trail, on which the portals will be located, began last summer and is complete except for the areas immediately surrounding the entry portals. In addition to encircling the park, the trail provides safe and easy access from the Spring Creek Nature Area to Foxboro Park.

Candidate forum scheduled for April 17

League of Women Voters City Council Candidate Forum

April 17, 7 p.m.
Richardson City Hall
411 W. Arapaho Rd.
www.lwvrichardson.org

The League of Women Voters of Richardson will hold a Richardson City Council candidate forum Wednesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Richardson City Hall/Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd.

Unopposed candidates will not participate in the question-and-answer part of the forum, but will

be given the opportunity to make a closing statement.

Questions from the audience can be submitted at the time of the forum or submitted in advance by sending them to voterservice@lwvrichardson.org. E-mailed questions will be given the same consideration as questions submitted at the event. Questions will be screened according to League of Women Voters of Texas Guidelines.

The forum will be streamed live on www.cor.net and broadcast live on the City's cable TV channel on Spectrum, channel 16 and AT&T U-Verse, channel 99. Taped

replays of the forum will also be available on the website and the City's cable channel.

Cable TV Replay Schedule

Forum air times	Apr. 20-May 2
2 p.m.	Tue. & Thur.
6 p.m.	Sat. & Sun.



Recent awards and accolades highlight City's appeal to businesses



Stan Bradshaw, CEO
US Freedom Capital LLC

The City of Richardson is a culturally diverse, friendly community with a robust business climate, making it an ideal place for companies and their employees, young families and others to live, work and play. Richardson's culture of innovation and quality of life attributes continue to earn the city high praise and "best of" rankings from media outlets worldwide.

The following are just a few of the City's numerous accolades helping to bolster our continued economic development efforts:

- The Dallas Morning News designated the "Telecom Corridor" area as the top submarket in

Texas for office leasing in 2018, having leased more than 1 million square feet of office space.

- Richardson was deemed to have the nation's fourth happiest workers, ranked the ninth best U.S. city for STEM workers and recognized as the third-best mid-sized city in the South Central U.S. for business meetings, according to CNBC, Livability and RewardExpert, respectively.
- CBS News ranked Richardson 16th nationally for "best cities to live in" and Niche.com ranked Richardson as the ninth best U.S. city in which to raise a

family and fourth best U.S. city in which to retire.

- Niche.com ranked Richardson schools 10th best in Texas out of more than 1,000 school districts statewide. UT Dallas was also recognized as the fastest-growing university in Texas and as the fourth fastest growing in the nation.

These honors are a well-deserved testament to Richardson's years of planning, and the continued, collaborative efforts of the City, Chamber of Commerce and our outstanding institutional partners. To view Richardson's many

recent accolades and top rankings, visit www.cor.net/awards.

Stan Bradshaw is CEO of US Freedom Capital LLC and also serves on the Richardson Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors and Executive Committee as Vice Chair of the Economic Division.

"From the Boardroom" is a recurring guest column featuring viewpoints from Richardson business and civic leaders, produced in cooperation with the Richardson Chamber of Commerce.

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Altrusa accepting Outstanding Women nominations

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc. is accepting nominations for its 2019 Outstanding Women of Today ... Builders of Tomorrow Awards. The event honors exceptional women who exemplify excellence, determination and innovation by making an outstanding contribution in their career. In the past 15 years, more than 450 women have been recognized and applauded for making a difference for the future of women and providing leadership in their chosen fields.

Nominees must live or work in the Dallas Metroplex and be currently employed in their positions.



Corporations, businesses or individuals may nominate women in one of six categories: small business, education, government, nonprofit, health care, corporate, or for Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow (a woman 35 years of age or younger, in any of these categories). All nominees and their organizations will be honored at the 16th annual Outstanding Women of Today ...

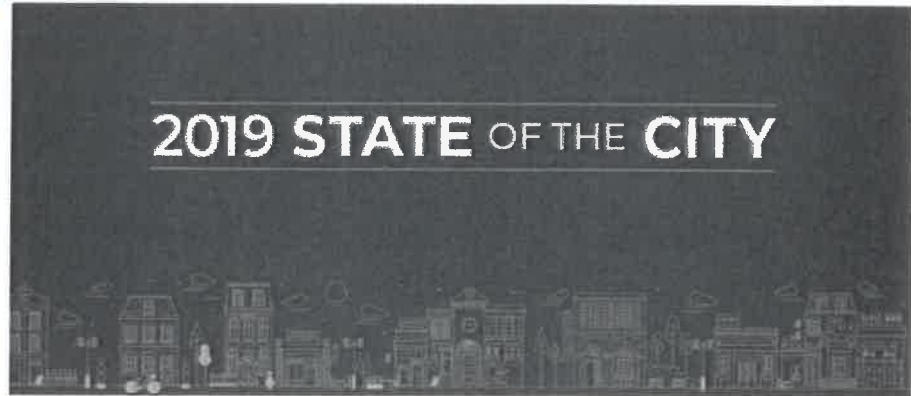
Builders of Tomorrow Luncheon and Awards Presentation Friday, Nov. 1, at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel Richardson.

Nominations must be received by June 1. To learn more about this event, submit a nomination or become a sponsor, visit www.altrusarichardson.com.

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[Watch the Full State of the City Address](#)



Major 2018 achievements include approval of the Cotton Belt Commuter Rail Line, more than 1 million square feet of office space leased, planning efforts for the East Arapaho-Collins Innovation District and other major progress on key initiatives

The City of Richardson annual State of the City Address was held January 30th and featured many significant accomplishments of 2018, as well as the future vision and priorities for moving the community forward in 2019. Mayor Paul Voelker and members of the Richardson City Council delivered the report as part of a free, open-to-the-public event at the Eisemann Center for the Performing Arts and Corporate Presentations.

The event focused on the City's compelling value

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Community Partnerships and Philanthropy

- Providing strategic support for agencies that help Richardson, focused on key areas such as assistance for the elderly, support for those who are disabled and people who are financially distressed.
- Celebrating the official naming and start of construction for the Ann Eisemann Inclusive Playground. The Richardson East Rotary Club raised more than \$500,000 for inclusive playground amenities and a large part of the goal was reached thanks to a donation from Chuck and Ann Eisemann. Part of the 2015 Bond Program, the project will now serve kids with a variety of physical abilities.
- Raising a record \$313,000 during last year's annual Corporate Challenge. This success led to Special Olympics recognizing the City of Richardson as an official partner and co-sponsor, making the city one of only seven such recognized partners in the state.

Along with 4 other volunteer organizations, Altrusa Richardson was featured in the City's State of the City Address in January 2019. Past Governor of District Nine and Richardson Altrusan, Mary Osentowski, was the spokesperson for Altrusa International of Richardson and its partnership with the Richardson Community and other organizations.

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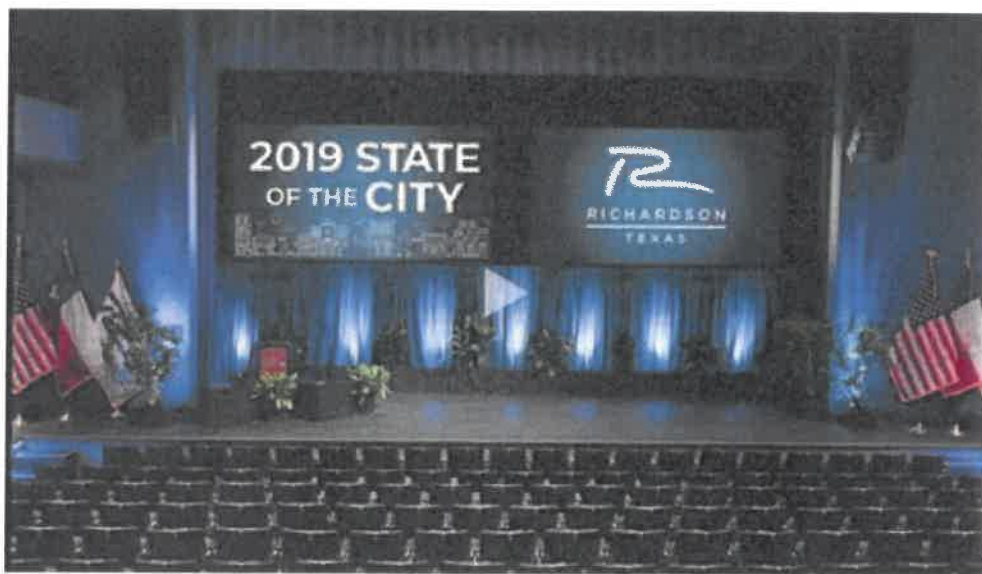
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Richardson supports community partners

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RICHARDSON – There are several non-profit organizations in Richardson that work hard year-round offering those who are in need a helping hand, from food and clothing to rental assistance, school supplies, even toys

The City of Richardson supports these community partners and their charitable activities by providing volunteer service connections and by helping bridge the gap for social needs.

“The partnership with Helping Agencies Serving Richardson (HASR) and Richardson is dynamic and very close. They want to partner with us, they don’t want to guide us and tell us what to do. They want to be there as a resource so, that we have everything that we need so that we can go out and fulfill our social missions,” said Neil Massey, vice-president of HASR.

Richardson’s community partners were some of the highlights at this year’s State of the City Address that featured organizations such as HASR, Network of Community Ministries, Alliance International of Richardson, Inc., and the Richardson East Rotary Club.

Watch the video attached to see how coming together makes Richardson a better, stronger community and for more information on the Mayor’s State of the City Address visit: www.ci.richardson.tx.us/stateofthecity



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Richardson's "value proposition" is highlighted by Mayor in the annual State of the City Address

During the annual State of the City Address last month, Mayor Paul Voelker talked about Richardson's "value proposition" and how the City strives to be the location for those looking to create a home or build a business, with the goal of creating points of differentiation that enable Richardson to remain a top choice in the DFW Metroplex.

"Our value proposition is our promise of what we as a city government will deliver to you," Mayor Voelker said. "How we do it more economically, with a greater consideration for leveraging resources and with a focus on service. It is the difference you hear in the way we answer the phone and the speed at which we respond to your needs. Our success is the result of a history of good planning and City Councils have gone through a process to chart a course for the future. Over the decades this long-term planning process has resulted in the development of the Telecom Corridor" area and helped shape our strong commercial office development while also envisioning the neighborhood amenities that make Richardson a place we love to call home."

During his Address, Mayor Voelker stressed that the City's value proposition is only enhanced by the many strong local and regional partnerships that have been established. He recognized educational partners UT Dallas, RISD, PISD, Richard and Collin colleges; health care partner Methodist Richardson Medical Center; the Richardson Chamber of Commerce; Dallas and Collin county commissioners courts; state and national legislative representatives; and board members and officials from the North Texas Municipal Water District and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART).

"Our partnerships have led to signature projects in our city," he said. "Fossil's new headquarters, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas



headquarters and the development of CityLine, home to State Farm and Raytheon facilities are just a few. And this past year, commercial leasing activity in Richardson was so active it led to our "Telecom Corridor" area ranking as one of the hottest office markets in North Texas."

Mayor Voelker highlighted recent news concerning Richardson's longtime partner DART and the announcement in December that the Cotton Belt Commuter Rail Line has been fully funded. The project includes a 26-mile commuter rail corridor from Plano through Richardson to the DFW International Airport. It will connect with Fort Worth's TEX Rail line, providing a direct route from a new second station at CityLine to downtown Fort Worth. The new rail line will run through the northern part of Richardson with a stop on the UT Dallas campus. It will also include an adjacent hike-and-bike trail and noise wall structures near residential areas. The City is working closely

with DART on the design and construction of an enhanced bridge feature over US 75.

"Our partnership with DART has brought lasting benefits to our community and provided economic mobility for the people who depend on transit services every day," he said. "We are excited to see this vision become a reality and look forward to riding the train to DFW Airport when the project is completed in late 2022."

Mayor Voelker closed the address by highlighting some future and long-term projects that are underway including the Collins/Arapaho TOD and Innovation District vision and improving and revitalizing the City's downtown district.

More information about the City's highlights/accomplishments presented during the State of the City Address (www.cor.net/stateofthecity) may be found on pages 3 and 4 of this publication.

Groundbreaking is held for Inclusive Playground



The ceremonial groundbreaking for the City's first inclusive playground, named the Ann Eiseemann Inclusive Playground, took place last month at Cottonwood Park, commemorating the beginning of a much-anticipated project and longtime dream of many area civic leaders, caregivers, teachers, parents and children. The playground will replace the existing playground at the park and will be accessible to children and caregivers of a wide variety of abilities, through creative design, materials and equipment.

"This speaks volumes about our City and the types of things we can do when we all come together," Mayor Paul Voelker said at the event. "We've inspired not just our own citizens but others in the Metroplex." He reminded those in attendance that the playground is designed for all, not just those with special needs. "I think this is going to build empathy, understanding and awareness at all ages, whether you're a child playing with another child or a grandparent here visiting your children."

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RichardsonToday.com website to launch Feb. 1



This month marks a new chapter in City of Richardson communications—the launch of RichardsonToday.com, a new website dedicated to ongoing coverage of news and events connected to Richardson city government.

"We're adding a new dimension to our coverage," said Director of Communications Greg Sowell. "Our new online presence will allow us to provide more timely news, which we will also enhance with video reports that will be much like what you may see on television when you watch the news."

The blog-style website, which went live Feb. 1, was crafted as the result of feedback and data gleaned from a comprehensive

city-wide communications survey conducted in 2018.

Results from the survey showed the Richardson Today newsletter was the most valued news resource provided by the City. The City's Communications Department is hoping to leverage its identity to expand outreach on the new digital platform. Coverage on the new website will also be shared on other channels such as social media to inform as many people as possible about projects, programs and services. The new website is responsive and mobile-friendly, with tabs for News, Videos, Environmental and Arts & Culture, highlighting five stories on the home page. You can find it at www.richardsontoday.com.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



In October, Charlie Chen, CEO of DFW Technology Incorporated, received the Citizen Leadership Award from the International Economic Development Council. Charlie is a past chair of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and helped to establish the Mayor's Office of International Business in 2010.



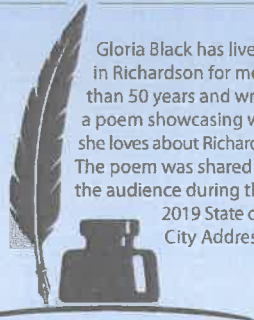
Over the past two years, the Richardson East Rotary Club raised more than \$500,000 to help fund the City's first inclusive playground. Children



of all ages and abilities will be able to enjoy the playground, which will be named the Ann Eisemann Inclusive Playground after a naming rights donation was made by Ann and Chuck Eisemann.

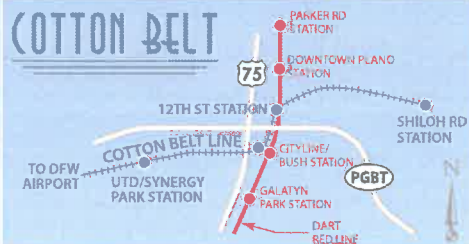


The Richardson Interfaith Alliance is made up of more than 40 different worshipping communities spanning various faiths and reflecting the diversity of Richardson. The RIA's purpose is to increase respect of all faiths through education and increased awareness and to coordinate and enhance faith-based services for the betterment of the Richardson community.



Gloria Black has lived in Richardson for more than 50 years and wrote a poem showcasing what she loves about Richardson. The poem was shared with the audience during the 2019 State of the City Address.

Altrusa International of Richardson features members from all walks of life who are united in community service. Altrusa has provided support to a number of organizations throughout Richardson including Network of Community Ministries, the Richardson Animal Shelter and Richardson Reads One Book, in addition to providing college scholarships to local students.



Last December, DART gave unanimous approval to build the Cotton Belt Commuter Rail Line, a 26-mile, more than \$1 billion project from Plano through Richardson and on to DFW International Airport. In addition to a station at CityLine, a fifth DART station will be built at UT Dallas as part of the project. The Cotton Belt is projected to be complete in late 2022.



The Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant came to Richardson in 2014, and last year signed a contract extension to keep the competition at the Eisemann Center through 2020. Miss Texas is an icon and Richardson is honored to be the host city for this historic event that has been held since 1937. Miss Texas Madison Fuller and Miss Texas Outstanding Teen Ady Lee Forrester represented the pageant organization at this year's State of the City Address.



Richardson ISD and the Texas Instruments Foundation launched "STEM for All" last year. The program will reshape the teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering and math for more than 10,000 children in the 16 campuses within the Berkner High School feeder pattern. It was made possible thanks to a \$4.6 million grant from the TI Foundation, which provides philanthropic support for educational and charitable purposes.



In 2018, Network of Community Ministries provided food, clothing, medical and utility service assistance to more than 38,000 individuals, children and seniors in the Richardson area. Since its founding in 1985, Network has impacted the lives of more than 300,000 individuals.



Last October, State Farm gave the City a \$100,000 grant to help fund new equipment for the Police Department. That, combined with other donations, brought State Farm's total corporate giving to Richardson to \$148,535 last year.



Methodist Richardson Medical Center partners with Richardson ISD's Health Science Program by utilizing available space at Methodist's Campus for Continuing Care on Campbell Road. The program is open to students in grades 10-12 and allows them to earn certifications or licenses in a number of fields including medical coding, emergency care, medical dispatching, phlebotomy, pharmacology and vocational nursing.



Helping Agencies Serving Richardson is a coalition of social service agencies where member organizations and their supporters can gather to share best practices, network, celebrate and learn.

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Local Choose Kind Libraries



Top left: The Assistant Principal thanks Altrusa Richardson for the donation of books and explains to parents about the Section at the Ribbon Cutting of **Audelia Creek Elementary** Choose Kind Library.



Top right: Librarian Shelly Kraal stands in front of the Choose Kind Library section of the **Northrich Elementary** Choose Kind Library.



Middle: **Spring Valley Elementary** librarian Kristen Anderson (right of sign) and Altrusans Bobbi Klein, Jackie Scrivener; Janet McColloch and Sue McElveen show off the section.

Bottom left: Librarian Lynn Gomez (center in front of sign) and students show off books from the **Terrace Elementary** Choose Kind Library. Altrusans left to right are: Cindy McIntyre, Jane Tucker, Rose Daughety, Bobbi Klein and Gloria Sandoval




Richardson ISD Choose Kind Library
Forestridge Elementary - 2018

The Choose Kind Library Signs in Richardson ISD Elementary Schools


The
**CHOOSE
KIND**
Library
@ Terrace Elementary

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The
**CHOOSE
KIND**
Library
@ Northrich Elementary

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The
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The
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The Choose Kind Library signs are 20" x 30" or 24" x 36" on foam core and stand to designate the Choose Kind sections of the school libraries. 4"x 5" bookplates of the same design are affixed in each book.

Four International Choose Kind Libraries



Three International Choose Kind libraries were created by Altrusa International of Richardson at the School of Hope in **St. Michel** and **Port-au-Prince, Haiti** through TeachHaiti as well as **Santa Avelina Guatemala** through HELPS International.



Our fourth International Choose Kind library was created in Summer 2018 in **Tumani Children's Home in Nyeri, Kenya**. Gracie Wangui (pictured at right in red) visited our club birthday celebration in February 2018 and is pictured here in June 2018 at the orphanage where she lived as a child and is now sharing Kindness with the children. A Choose Kind Library books and bookplates were delivered (pictured above). The banner was mailed separately by Altrusa to Gracie but we are still awaiting photos.

INTERNATIONAL CHOOSE KIND LIBRARY SIGNS

Funds were sent to TeachHaiti so that the sign could be printed in Haiti. It is 60" x 30" on plastic canvas.

The Kenya Choose Kind sign is 24" x 36" printed on plastic canvas with grommets so that it could be shipped.



We do not have photos of the Port Au Prince, Haiti School of Hope sign or the William Botan School sign in Santa Avelina, Guatemala because funds were furnished to have the signs printed locally and pictures have not been sent.,

The
CHOOSE
KIND
Library

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of Richardson, Inc.
Foundation**

Richardson, Texas USA

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Altrusa Richardson's BIG Check

When grants are awarded to non-profit agencies, Altrusa Richardson presents a "Big Check" to the recipient, which makes a great photo opportunity. The agency representative gives a short presentation about how the grant will be used to further the mission of their organization.



At the Annual Fundraiser, Altrusa Richardson presents a "Big Check" to the Mayor and City Council Members of the City of Richardson that represents the total number of volunteer hours Altrusans gave to the community in the form of service.



Richardson Reads One Book

Supports the personal appearance of the chosen book's author to appear for the community wide event and lecture.



Wounded Warriors

Supporting veterans and service members who incurred physical or mental injury, illness, or wound co-incident to their military service on or after Sept 11 and their families.



John Marc Camp

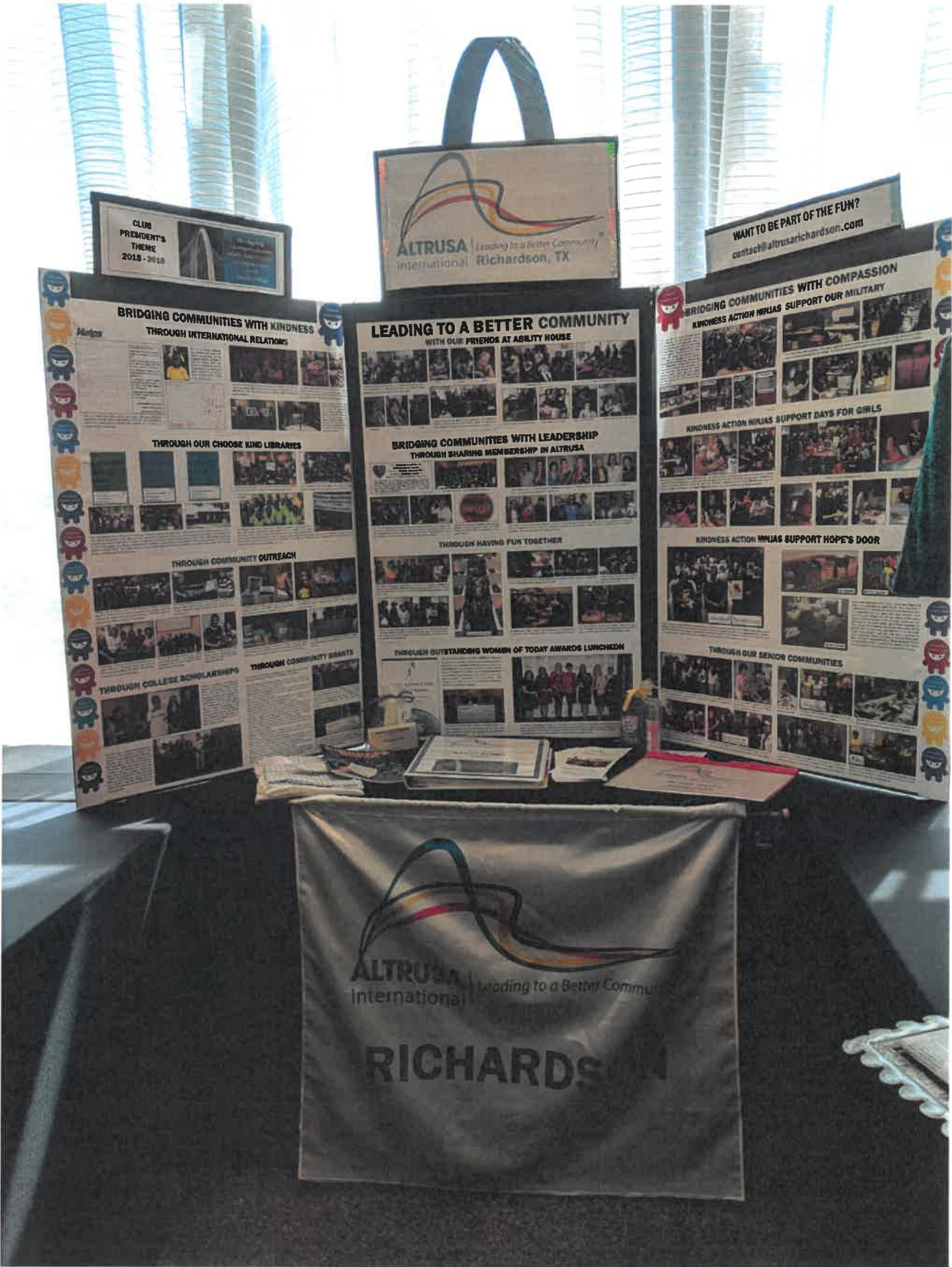
Supporting camp scholarships for campers living with chronic medical and physical challenges



The Counseling Place: a non-profit agency providing affordable counseling to families in crisis

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Club Display



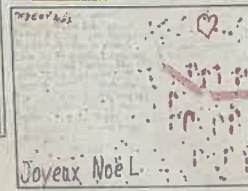
BRIDGING COMMUNITIES WITH KINDNESS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Helps

To my Godmother in Atlanta
Please receive this special greeting
saying you someone in your daily
work.
Today I am very happy because we
have done our evaluation and also
to inform you I am in 4th grade.
I am also happy to share my 4th
grade work with all my friends and soon
parents here.
I am thankful to God for another
year of my life with my family. All
my family is very happy because I
am in 4th grade.
I appreciate you reading my letter
and thank it really did make all
of my blessings.
Josephine Isabel Torres Medina
William M. Botwin School
Santa Aveña, Guatemala



This is a holiday greeting
from another girl whose edu-
cation we sponsor at the
TeachChild School of Hope in
Port au Prince, Haiti. Her
name is Josephine Hervine
Shepard and is in the fourth
grade. There is an interna-
tional Choose Kind Library
in her school, too.



This is a letter from the second girl whose education we have sponsored through Haiti International. We have also established one of our International Choose Kind Libraries at her school in Santa Aveña, Guatemala.



Atlanta is a Non-Governmental member of the UN and we observe many UN special days. Here we wear orange in observance of the "International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women"



For nearly twenty years we have observed International Library Day by holding an annual Book Swap and lunch supper. My books not re-visited are donated to the Friends of the Richardson Library Book Sale.



Atlanta holds an annual "For Peace: An Art Contest" in celebration of the UN International Day of Peace. Fourth thru six graders draw their interpretation of our 2016 theme "Share Peace Through Kindness in Compassion." Winners are announced at a special reception for artists, their parents, and their Art teachers.

THROUGH OUR CHOOSE KIND LIBRARIES



Two new Choose Kind Libraries, at Greenwood Hills and Shula Road Elementary, were added in the Richardson ISD this year. A third, Dover Elementary books are due to be delivered this summer. They join six other libraries in the RISSD. The Choose Kind Libraries are stocked with books to teach the values of kindness, equality, anti-bullying and self worth. This project was started in 2015 with a grant from Atlanta International Foundation. A second grant was received in 2016 that allowed us to continue to expand in 2016-2017. The newest libraries were funded solely by Atlanta Richardson and through funds raised with the help of Brian Williams and Thib Kindness.



A Thank you photo for the Choose Kind Library from day children at the Turnhill Children's Home in Haiti, Kenya, East Africa



This is Sergey's Fifth Grade Class at the William M. Botwin School, the location of our second International Library



The Choose Kind Library Project also includes libraries in international locations. Our newest International Choose Kind Library is located in the Turnhill Children's Home in Haiti, Kenya, East Africa. Other International Libraries are in: TeachChild schools in Port au Prince (above left) and St. Michel, Haiti (right); and in the William M. Botwin School in Santa Aveña, Guatemala (top right). The two libraries in Haiti were sent additional funds to rebuild after TWO hurricanes devastated Haiti in February and November of 2016.

THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Atlanta has celebrated the annual International Book Swap event for more than ten years. Individuals and groups read and discuss the same book during the summer. Atlanta serves as a venue for the Author Lecture in September.



For "Make a Difference Day", the Sophomore class selected eight hundred forty-seven books from the own monthly shipment of boxes of books to the library at home and overseas.



A shipment of baby binders was made to the "Toots for Babies" project at NETWORK. Several of our own family members volunteered at NETWORK, too.



Our Community Outreach Committee donated funds to the NETWORK Clothes Closet and lots and lots of toys to their holiday Santa program.



A collection of paper and office supplies from the "Toots for Babies" project at NETWORK. Several of our own family members volunteered at NETWORK, too.



For the fourth year, along with other family books, "Nicholas Stork" was made for Hope's "Duck-How Beginning Center."



Three hundred zero-pen in donation of papers and food items for NETWORK, was collected at our 12th Birthday celebration. NETWORK has been one of our partners for more than thirty years.



A donation was made to the "Weaver's Yarn program" in partnership with Friends of Peace at "The One On For Others Day."

THROUGH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



Atlanta International of Richardson has been granting college and trade school scholarships to high school seniors for more than 60 years. Originally scholarships were granted for students seeking to attend technical schools. These scholarships were named in honor of Richard M. Atkinson, classically educated scholar and applicant for attending college in and out of state. In 1964, the first scholarship was granted to a student who was named in honor of Richard M. Atkinson.



Richard M. Atkinson, one of the first scholarship recipients who received a portion of the \$2,000 scholarship granted the year previous (left) are the recipients with the members of the 2015 Scholarship Committee. Many of the scholarship recipients were named in honor of Richard M. Atkinson. The applications were reviewed and the first scholarship was granted to a student who was named in honor of Richard M. Atkinson.

THROUGH COMMUNITY GRANTS

In 2018-2019, six grants, totaling \$20,000, were approved and funded by the Atlanta International of Richardson Foundation.

The Richardson Foundation, Georgia, \$2,000 grant to support the "Toots for Babies" project at NETWORK, which introduces approximately 4,300 baby binders to the world of newborn babies. Roger's Bookstore, Birmingham, \$500 grant to support a program to help children with autism learn to read and improve their reading skills. The Veterans Center of North Texas, \$1,000 grant to assist in providing emergency financial assistance to veterans. The "Toots for Babies" project at NETWORK, \$1,000 grant to support a program to help children with autism learn to read and improve their reading skills. The "Toots for Babies" project at NETWORK, \$1,000 grant to support a program to help children with autism learn to read and improve their reading skills.



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BRIDGING COMMUNITIES WITH COMPASSION

KINDNESS ACTION NINJAS SUPPORT OUR MILITARY

2019 was our 4th Annual Kindness Action Ninja Weekend. Our club promotes acts of kindness to be done by the Richardson community this past weekend in April. Our club meets at Friends Place to do several hands on projects all together. This year one of our major projects was packing and shipping one hundred thirty care packages for the military, many going to the Middle East. Atrusans and other organizations donated items that are unobtainable to those serving in the desert. The boxes were filled with personal care items, water, snacks, knitted caps, pens, paper, etc. Students from Stella Road Elementary drew pictures and wrote notes that were also included.



Here are photos showing parts of the tightly organized assembly process for the most efficient filling, packing and shipping of the care packages for the military. The Pink Boxes are home baked cookies that were included in the packages.



KINDNESS ACTION NINJAS SUPPORT DAYS FOR GIRLS



The third major Kindness Action Ninja Weekend Project was making parts for and assembling two hundred and seven Days for Girls kits for both women and girls. We also made supply bags to hold the pieces of the kits. Actually, we did all three of the projects on Saturday morning in 4 hours with about fifty Richardson, Garland and Collin County Atrusans, and about ten guests of all ages. Two ladies from the region's Village Days for Girls Team came to teach us the proper procedures.



It was a fun and productive day!



KINDNESS ACTION NINJAS SUPPORT HOPE'S DOOR



Hope's Door/New Beginning Center help females and individuals to escape and heal from domestic abuse, caring abuse and family violence in Plano and Garland. The Center provides free emergency shelter and counseling services to individuals and families and family violence, including direct intervention programs and prevention services to help break the cycle of domestic abuse. A Community Education Program provides prevention and education at no cost.



Atrusans has partnered with Hope's Door/New Beginning Center for more than five years. Hope's Door has been a major project of our Kindness Action Ninja Weekend from the beginning. Over the years, we have donated more than a hundred pillows and Atrusans crafted pillow cases, toys and stuffed animals for the children, books, art supplies and two art carts, dishes and kitchen supplies, of food supplies and monetary donations. Beth Lake, the Executive Director, has even participated in the Kindness Action Ninja projects. Last year she was a nominee for the Outstanding Woman of Today in the Non-Profit category. This year's Kindness Action Ninja Weekend Project provided seventy sets of sheets and towels to the center. The art supplies were donated to restock the art carts.

THROUGH OUR SENIOR COMMUNITIES



Atrusans work every effort to set up, serve lunch, clean up, hand wash and share the beautiful sea food and sea goods which were donated by Atrusans to the beautiful "Mother's Day Tea".



An Atrusans woman is seen to have her picture taken in a beautiful hall at the 5th Annual Mother's Day Tea.



Setting up for the Mother's Day Tea



Atrusans donate items to Atrusans Court and hold parties for the senior clients.



Friends Place for Adult Day Services



Friends Place for Adult Day Services



The Senior's Committee arranged for the Executive Director of Atrusans Court (left) to speak at a program meeting about our partnership with them and general issues for seniors.



Atrusans call Bingo once a month at Atrusans Assisted Living Center. Once or twice a year we donate items and hold an auction for the Atrusans residents, too.



The "Board of Opposes" aka Board of Directors Foundation Trustees and Leadership Committee provided "What the Future Holds" for our members as they gathered the name of Leadership positions at our October Leader's Luncheon.



THROUGH OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Outstanding Women of Today, Builders of Tomorrow award luncheon is held to honor the women of service and leadership in our community. The luncheon is held at the Richardson Convention Center and is a great opportunity for our members to network and celebrate the achievements of our women. The luncheon is held on the 15th of every month and is a great opportunity for our members to network and celebrate the achievements of our women. The luncheon is held on the 15th of every month and is a great opportunity for our members to network and celebrate the achievements of our women.



COMMUNITY GRANTS

ALTRUSA International Richardson, TX is proud to announce that we have received a grant from the City of Richardson to support our community outreach efforts. This grant will be used to fund various programs and services that will benefit our members and the wider community.



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Altrusa Richardson's Backdrop Banner

Our NEW Backdrop Banner makes a great photo op for profile events and service projects











Pop-up Banner

New Member Initiation



2019 Scholarship Winners



Dinner Program Meeting
featuring club banner and 8ft Step & Repeat Banner



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Altrusa Richardson Brochure



Ability House Christmas Party

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Altrusa Richardson's Business Card

Altrusa Richardson members have this handy tool available to give anyone who may be interested in finding out more about Altrusa or becoming a member.



Meetings:
1st & 3rd
Thursdays
at
7:00 PM

Altrusa is an international nonprofit organization, making our local communities better through leadership, partnership and service.

For a reservation or information, contact:



Club member name and contact information

Meetings held at Richardson Woman's Club
contact@altrusarichardson.com • www.altrusarichardson.com
P.O. Box 833171 • Richardson, TX 75083-3171

Richardson Animal Shelter Cat Adoption Room

“Altrusa” Yellow ball of yarn



Richardson Dog Park

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