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District Nine 2021-2022

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Communications Committee Submission

We embarked on change this year. Our most seasoned and knowledgeable Committee member, Kimberly Kierce, took on other duties that made it imperative to spread the work and the knowledge. We began the year by dividing duties, and notified the Club that one committee member would be responsible for sending any emails requested or needed to be sent to the Club, another would be responsible for setting up meetings (with their attendant email scheduling) and posting documents such as minutes, agendas and reports on the website. A third member, new to Altrusa, will handle social media, publicity and changes to web pages. The Chair will back them all up, while also being responsible for web page updates and the newsletter, as our talented newsletter editor became very ill in the latter part of the summer of 2020. This division of labor has worked very well, resulting in better communication and faster response to members' needs.

Newsletter – *Tidings* - Club policy changed this year, stating that the newsletter can be published no less than quarterly, but we have so much club news that we have found we need it monthly. Each month, when *Tidings* is published, an email is sent to all members notifying them that it is available, but there is also a link in the email that will take them directly to the newsletter. Because our newsletters are visible to the public, they are a great way to help a potential member see what we are all about.

Website – <u>www.altrusarichardson.com</u> – We are privileged to have a marvelous website in Wild Apricot. You may sign on as an Altrusa Guest to view the "Member Only Information" if you wish with username <u>altrusarichardson@gmail.com</u>, password pobox832101. Through this website we can:

- Set up meetings with notifications and reminders, making them public or restricting to members
- Manage fundraiser sponsorships and payments, and maintain a database of supporters
- Email our club members or any or all of those in our sponsorship database
- Post for viewing by members only, and maintain files of reports for history (financial reports, minutes, agendas, etc.)

Emails – While we can send an email to members immediately, we can also set them for delayed sending. Most of the emails we send are actually scheduled. When we set up a meeting or other event, we schedule when notification emails will be sent. We also schedule reminder emails to go to those registered a day or so before the event. It is also possible to send an unscheduled email to those who have registered for an event. The flexibility of this system makes really good communication possible!

Publicity – Most of our publicity centers around our annual fundraiser, the Outstanding Women of Today, Builders of Tomorrow Luncheon. Press releases are sent to the City, which is very good about publishing them in the *Richardson Today* publication, as well as the emailed *Week In Review* city newsletter. In addition, information on scholarship and grant application information and deadlines are published by the City and by the monthly newspaper publication *Community Impact*.

Other - Altrusa is very visible in Richardson.

- We have adopted a home for six who are disabled and must have continuous care. Our members throw their birthday parties and buy Christmas gifts, supply their Thanksgiving dinner and take them to see the Nutcracker..
- Our Seniors Committee is active calling Bingo at two different senior facilities, holding auctions of small items at another and joining the public library in rotating books between senior facilities in the city.
- We actively support the Network of Community Ministries in Richardson, with many members volunteering to stock, sort and arrange items donated.
- Choose Kind Libraries we have funded are in numerous schools in town, well-marked as to the donor.
- Our fundraiser is well-known and well-attended. We always have at least two tables of people from the City.

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ALTRUSA TIDING

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year!!

It is really hard to believe that we are already in 2022! What a year we have had. Fortunately, we have been able to meet in person, at least for a while. Our committees have been arduously working to help our community, and despite the pandemic they have done an outstanding job. Coats and food were delivered to Network, parties were held for the residents of Ability House, and we had an outstanding in-person OWT. In addition, the AWCLS has returned to in-person book club gatherings, and the Seniors Committee has once again been able to hold fun activities for the residents at our community senior living facilities. Ending the 2021 year with a wonderful holiday party was exactly what we all needed. We had a wonderful time visiting with each other, enjoying a delightful l, playing a fun Christmas game, and singing Christmas carols. As we enter the 2022 year, we have so much more planned, and I know that we cannot wait to get started.

To start off the year, this month's meeting will be held virtually due to the emergence of the Omicron strain of Covid -19, and we have a full agenda. We will hear from our committee's midyear reports as well as we will have an informative program from Sgt. Frank Bradford of the Richardson Police Department. Our birthday meeting will take place in February and we will have our distinguished District Nine visitor with us for our board and club meetings. As we move into the Spring, we will have our annual KAN weekend which is currently being planned. The nominating committee was voted on and announced at the November club meeting, and they will be contacting you to serve on next year's boards. I encourage you to please consider taking on these very important positions within our club. In April, we will introduce our scholarship recipients, and finally in May,

Over at District Nine, the leadership book club will be launched, and the first book to be reviewed is Start with Why by Simon Sinek. Each month, a new book on leadership will The 2022 District Nine be introduced and reviewed. nference will take place April 29 thru May 1 in Georgetown, 1'X. If you have not been to one of Altrusa District Nine conferences, please plan to attend. Not only are they a lot of fun, but the sessions are very informative, and you get to meet other Altrusans from around the state. You can't get any better

we will install our newly elected 2022-23 board members.

While the past two years have been difficult, we have than hat! persevered, and made them extremely productive. Our members are so creative, and so willing to continue the work that makes our club great. I feel so honored to have been president of this wonderfully exciting club. It has been a pleasure to serve you, and I look forward to the next few months. Additionally, I want to thank Jean Stuart for taking on Tidings while our current Tidings editor, Bobbie Klein recovers from her illness. So, as we finish the winter months, we have a lot to look forward to. My wish to all of you is stay safe, stay healthy, and continue the good work!!

OCTOBER MEETING PROGRAM



Alyx Jones and Natasha Weir of Well Grounded Coffee presented a program on the Dignity Project which hires previously incarcerated women and gives them a second chance through training, a job and life skills support.

IANUARY EVENTS

Jan 1		December Volunteer Hours Due
Jan 13	6:30	Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
Jan 20	6:30	Monthly Club meeting, via zoom, the Program will be "Current Issues Affecting Policing", Seargent Frank Bradford, RPD
Jan 21	6:00	Altrusa Wine and Cocolate Literary Society, (AWLCS), at Christine Hart's home, "Eleanor Oliplant is Completely Fine" By Gail Honeyman
Feb 1	*	January Volunteer Hours Due

PUZZLED BY THE FINANCIAL REPORTS??

On our web site under Financial Reports, open the file.

Click on the General Ledger Tab or Balance Sheet tab. The Ledger tells you where all the money flows to and from the account. It shows the balance of funds net of checks written since the last bank statement. The Balance sheet just verifies the general ledger cash balance is in sync with the activities in the account.

Lynda Calkin, Administration Treasurer

We have a lot of projects planned for the spring. Even if you are not a member of the Community Outreach committee, you are welcome to come work on a project this spring. Give us a call and we will put you to work! Our community needs your help. Deb and Gloria

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan 5 – Helen Bate
Jan 5 – Mary Beth McLemore
Jan 8 – Jazz Kepner
Jan 14 – Mouna Rouani
Jan 23 – Mimi Tanner

Mike's Kids Thank You

I want to thank Susan Frensley, Alisha Gimbel and Lynda Calkin for helping with Mike's Kids packing December 30th. I don't think I left anyone out, but please, if I did let me know so I can thank you as well.

We packed quite a few boxes and although we didn't have a full truck this year, we still had quite a few boxes to send. It is always wonderful to see all the support for this charity. The items we send are very much appreciated and are distributed to those who are in need one of the poorest parts of Texas.

Thank you again,

Samanthia



Brenda Duckett, Alma Benoit, Gayle Ingle, Samanthia

Slaight, Jackie Scriviner, Deb Bourland and Gloria Sandoval delivered 221 new and gently used coats to Bin Steel, Network Clothing Closet Coordinator.

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Gloria Sandoval, Samanthia Slaight, Alma Benoit, Jackie Scriviner, Gayle Ingle and Brenda Duckett delivered collected food to Rachel McNully, Food Pantry Manager, and Laurel Stanley, Director of Programs



Carol Ruszkowski, Jennifer Davidson, Pam Johnson and Lynn Solomon joined Apple Tree Court Director of activities to conduct the Apple Tree Auction, where residents use their earned Apple Tree Bucks to bid on items provided by Altrusa.



Deb Bourland, Gloria Sandoval and Ann Turner delivered gift bags filled with personal items for women at the Hope's Door Shelter



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President's Message

Happy 56th Birthday Richardson Altrusa!!

It's hard to believe that one year has passed since last year's birthday celebration. This year, we are so fortunate to finally be able to celebrate in person. The celebration and program promises to be an exciting night of wonderful friends and exciting fellowship. In addition, we will be welcoming our very special guest, Linda Hurt, District nine's Second Vice Governor. Vice Governor Hurt will attend the Board Meeting that will convene prior to the Monthly Meeting. Then afterwards, at the Monthly Meeting, Vice Governor Hurt will be our honored speaker, bringing us up to date on important news and events from District Nine.

The program committee has worked hard and has nned a delightful evening with a tasty dinner catered by esperados. After the meeting, we will continue the celebration by ending the night with an Altrusa Happy Hour at Desperados. All in all, it promises to be a very festive evening with so much to celebrate.

We have come through so much this past year, and it truly is a time for us to celebrate our club and especially our dedicated members who have done so much to beat the odds even during the difficulties of the pandemic. Please make plans to attend as we celebrate this special birthday event.

SLATE OF OFFICERS CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Ginger Tonne
President Elect: Robbin Murley
Treasurer: Linda Calkin
Recording Secretary: to be determined
Corresponding Secretary: Cindy McIntyre
Directors: Christine Hart and Mouna Rouani
Returning Directors are Carol Ruszkowski and Sylvia

McCloskey Past President: Samanthia Slaight

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SLATE OF OFFICERS FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Donna Buhr Susan Fischer Gayle Ingle Janie Jaquier Marsha Peters Sarah Wagner

Members may vote absentee by sending their vote to the chair of the nominating committee Brenda Duckett.

COMING EVENTS

Feb 1		January Volunteer Hours Due
Feb 10	6:30	Board of Directors Meeting at Friends Place
Feb 17	6:30	Monthly meeting – Speaker will be Linda Hurt from District Nine BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Feb 19	1:30	Vera's Birthday at Ability House
	AMPOSESSA	615 Woodhaven, Richardson
Feb 28	6:00	Altrusa Wine and Chocolate Literary Society (AWCLS), at Christine Hart's house, 1952 Eastpark
Mar 1		February Volunteer Hours due
Mar 5	1:30	Ability House - Kathleen's Birthday
Mar 10	6:30	Board of Directors, Friends Place
Mar 17	6:30	Monthly Club Meeting, <u>Election of</u> <u>Officers</u> , Speakers are Committee Chairs
Mar 19	1:30	Ability House, Henry's birthday
Mar 26	9:00	Richardson Public Library, main
		Basement Program Room

MORE CATCH UP

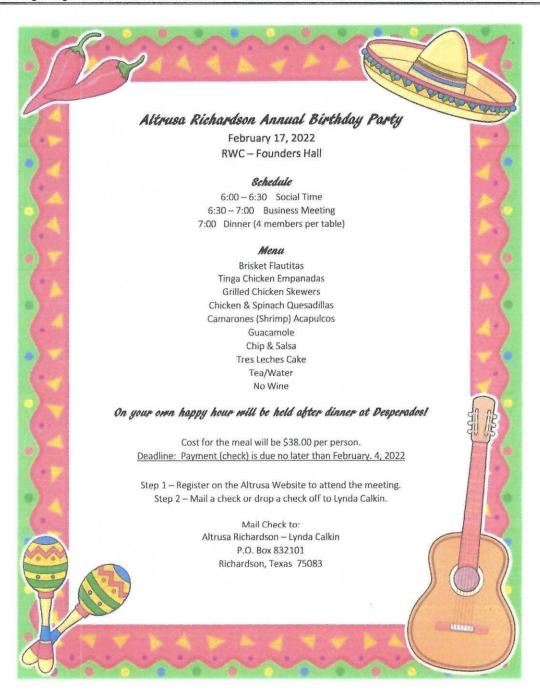
New Friends New Life Trunk or Treat Event

On Thursday the 28th of October, Altrusans decorated the back end of Robbin Murley's truck to participate in the New Friends New Life (NFNL) Trunk or Treat event. The theme of the event was a "Haunted Pumpkin Patch." Robbin provided an inflatable, scary pumpkin-headed scarecrow that glowed in the dark, and hay to cover the back end of the pick-up. There were seven Altrusans dressed in



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ALTRUSANS IN ACTION

Committee Chairs reported activities completed in their midyear reports. Ability House residents celebrated birthdays, Halloween and Christmas with Altrusans. Sophomore Sisters collected and donated clothes, pillowcases and towels to pe's Door. Ten community groups received Altrusa grants. Community Outreach donated composition books to the Counseling Place, backpacks and coats to Network and art supplies to Annie's Place and Mommie and Me. Kindness completed Trunk or Treat for New Friends New Life. Updated brochures are in the works and the scholarship committee has requested applications from high school students.

Altrusans are in action!

Mary O., Strategic Planning/Leadership



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President's Message

As we welcome spring and warmer days, we also must take time to celebrate our club and all of the wonderful things that we have done for our community this past year. There are so many residents who lack the basics such as food, clothing, and medical needs, and our club has generously come forth to help provide for those less fortunate than ourselves. We donated coats, food, and other necessities to Network and the other agencies that we serve. By donating books to District Nine's Read to Lead and Lead to Read, we have helped so many to explore possibilities that once seemed unattainable. And, at this April's monthly club meeting, we have an opportunity to welcome our scholarship recipients and congratulate them for their achievements and their leadership in their schools and the community. The scholarship committee has had the arduous task of reading each application and then making a determination of the ones who have made the

est accomplishments as well as showing future leadership skills. We look forward to meeting these young people and hearing them speak.

Speaking of leadership skills, kudos go to the Kindness Committee who have once again put together our annual KAN weekend. We will be packaging kits for Days for Girls which we do in sync with District Nine and International. This project helps to provide for girls who lack the necessities that would allow them to continue with their everyday activities during their monthly cycles rather than being subjected to harsh punitive archaic customs such as being shunned and shuttered away. This project helps to change the world for these women. The Community Outreach committee will also have tables set up where emergency sacks of food will be put together for RISD children who need a quick snack as well as sacks for the Network Food Truck. The Membership Committee will have tables set up where we can write notes of encouragement to some of our Altrusa sisters who have been unable to come to meetings due to illness, etc. Finally, the Kindness Committee will be packaging medical kits for our homeless vets in the area. Please make plans to attend this very important event. We will also be giving out the smiles and hugs that we have missed out on during the past two years.

l also want to remind members that we are coming up on the year's end and your volunteer hours are of utmost importance to show the work that our club has done throughout eyear. If you haven't recorded your hours, please go on the atrusa Richardson web site and input those hours. This is one way that we can show to the community the value of what we do.

Finally, with much excitement, we look forward to attending Altrusa District Nine's Rise and Shine Conference in

Georgetown that takes place at the end of the month. Hopefully everyone has registered and reserved their hotel rooms by now. Our Governor Mary Black Pearson and the conference committee have worked hard to make this conference fun as well as provide inspirational speakers and informational sessions. If you haven't registered, you still have some time to do so, but you need to do it soon. I encourage all of our members to attend, and while there we will be showing our support to our own Kim Kierce as she makes her way up the chain to become our future District Nine Governor.

Again, thank you to all of our club members for your hard work. We really have some wonderful Altrusans, and I just want to recognize all of our club members for the wonderful things that we do, and the wonderful women that we are.

CONFERENCE

RISE AND SHINE WITH DISTRICT NINE! April 29 – May 1, 2022

Registration is still open! The deadline is April 15th

How long since you've gone to Conference? Remember all the fun we have? Don't miss it!
\$295 until 3/31/22
\$325 through 4/15/22

COMING EVENTS

		CIVING EVER 13
Apr 1		March Volunteer Hours Due
Apr 2	9:00 am	Kindness/KAN Weekend
		Friend's Place
Apr 7	11:30 am	Lunch Bunch
		Mena's Tex Mex
Apr 14	6:30 pm	Board of Director's
**		Friend's Place
Apr 21	6:30 pm	Monthly meeting
		Founders Hall
Apr 25	6-7:30 pm	AWCLS - Book Club
		Christine Hart's home
Apr 29-	May 1	CONFERENCE
Apr 30	1:00 pm	Nina's Birthday at Ability House
<i>w</i>		615 Woodhaven, Richardson

BIRTHDAYS

April 8 - Sherri White April 9 – Susan Frensley April 27 – Judy Blome Aprill 27 – Carol Ruszkowski

Annual Scholarship Dinner Meeting

Join us as we celebrate our 2022 Scholarship Recipients with a special Scholarship Awards Dinner Social Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting & Dinner Begins: 6:30 pm

The Agenda and Meeting Minutes for approval will be posted / published prior to the meeting.

Cost \$38/pp

Registration Deadline: April 14, 2022.

Advanced Payment required to attend.

Richardson Public Library Lone Star Book Rotation

Community Outreach Seniors Project
On March 26, 2022, four Altrusans and three members of the Richardson Exchange Club, volunteered to help with the Richardson Public Library Book Rotation project. This project involves taking large print books on a rotation basis to several participating assisted and non-assisted living facilities in Richardson. Atrusans participating in this event were: Ginger Tonne, Carol Ruszkowski, Robbin Murley and Lynn Solomon.



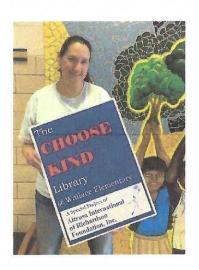
Robbin, Carol, Ginger and Lynn Accompanied by men of the Exchange Club, who do the heavy lifting

CHOOSE KIND LIBRARIES

Altrusans Continue our campaign for kindness – and literacy – by opening Choose Kinds Libraries throughout the City.



Sergio Arzac at Yale Elementary



LaLinda Mirsky at Wallace Elementary

I am so excited to share the addition of our Choose Kind Library in our Library. We are very thankful to the Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation, Inc. for their generous \$500 donation that enabled the purchase of books which promote kindness, empathy, friendship, and anti-bullying. This special collection has been added to our permanent collection and is available for immediate use in our Library. Thank you,

Caroline Ritzer, MLS - RISD Academy





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*Due to the current outbreak of COVID-19 in conjunction with national, state and local recommendations about restricting group events/gatherings and promoting social distancing, several Altrusa Richardson upcoming events have been modified the latest update on upcoming events, please refer to our calendar of events webpage.

Welcome to Altrusa Richardson

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. 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 Learn more >>











2021 Outstanding Women of Today - Unsung Heroes

RICHARDSON ALTRUSA KINDNESS NINJAS GATHER FOR KINDNESS WEEKEND



Members of the Altrusa Kindness Committee gathered on Saturday, April 2, 2022 to perform acts of kindness in celebration of this year's project. Check out this video which embodies KAN Weekend:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8atO6ikod_4

Every April, Altrusa International of Richardson's Kindness Ninja Warriors celebrate Kindness Weekend, a community initiative that began in April 2016.



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Tomorrow

Hearts for Humanity

2022 Luncheon and Awards Presentation

Friday, October 28, 2022, Richardson Woman's Club - Founders Hall

Sponsorship Letter

Sponsorship Commitment Form

To complete the form, click the link above to download the support the downloaded file, fill in the blue areas, save it, and then





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Goal: \$18,000.00 Collected: \$16,283.39

DONATE

90%



Join Altrusa Richardson

Complete the information using the link below and an Altrusan will contact you:



Membership Interest Form

Upcoming Events

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Wed, June 29, 2022 6:00 PM | Zoom

June Volunteer Hours Reminder

Thu, June 30, 2022 | n/a

OWT Team Leader

Thu, June 30, 2022 7:00 PM | Christine Hart's

Happy Birthday!!

Fri, July 01, 2022 6:00 AM |

OWT Sponsorship/Raffle Mtg

Mon, July 11, 2022 6:00 PM | Brenda Duckett's





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COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Altrusa International of Richardson divides service projects into several committee areas: Ability House, Community Outreach, Kindness Committee, and Scholarships. Under each committee, there are numerous smaller projects, which vary from year to year. Whenever service requests are received, we try to provide volunteers to serve the needs of the community.

Please click on an image below to learn more about our projects.







Ability House

Community Outreach







Check out Altrusa's calendar for all upcoming events!





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KINDNESS COMMITTEE







KAN Weekend



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International Relations

Got Kindness?!?

Our kindness was showing today at Altrusa Richardson's Kindness Action Ninja Day! Altrusans from many clubs (Altrusa Richardson, Altrusa Garland and Altrusa Collin County) came together to (1) donate 200 care packages for military overseas, (2) create 200 kits for Days for Girls, and (3) donate numerous linens (towels, wash clothes, sheets, etc) to Hopes Door New Beginnings. Busy Kindness Ninjas #daysforgirls#altrusarichardson #kindnessninjas





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JOIN US

KAN WEEKEND

KINDNESS WEEKEND 2022 - WOW! BACK TO IN-PERSON SERVICE!

This Year's Kindness Event on April 2, 2022, was a collaboration of all the Altrusa Service Committees as each committee authored a different type of service project.

Fifty-three Kindness Action Ninjas participated in one way or another along with the librarians and students from Yale and Northlake Elementary schools.

Mina and Fami Choudhury, owners of Friends Place, graciously allow the use of their wonderful facility for board and committee meetings and wonderful events such as this. We are so grateful for this service.







That morning we:

- * assembled reusable sanitary kits for women and girls in third world countries,
- * packed 40 Easter-type baskets with comforting items for women trafficked in North Texas for New Friends New Life,
- * put together 500 emergency food kits for Network for after school snacks for food-deprived students,
- * prepared and delivered 50 kits of grooming items for women veterans,
- * put together first aid kits for homeless veterans (joined by elementary school students from both Yale and Northlake Elementary who wrote notes of encouragement),
- * wrote notes to members we've been missing.

We touched the lives of 1,230 people locally as well as some internationally. And it was so good to all be together!

2021 KINDNESS NINJAS GATHER TO WORK FOR KINDNESS WEEKEND



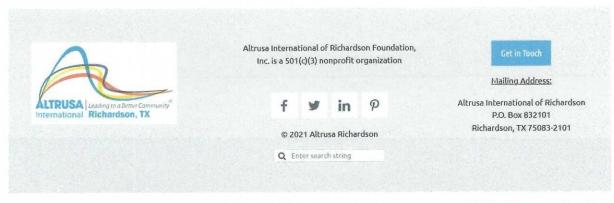




Every April, Altrusa International of Richardson's Kindness Ninja Warriors celebrate Kindness Weekend, a community initiative begun by the club in April 2016. Members of the Altrusa Kindness Committee gathered Saturday, May 1, 2021 for action in celebration of this year's project, which was

Ninjas in action at fire station 5. Thank firefighter Noah for showing our little Ninjas such a good time!





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EVENTS / CLUB CALENDAR

MONTH: JUNE 2022

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RETENTION: AWCLS (aka: Altrusa Book Club)

Mon, June 27, 2022 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Location Registered Christine Hart's Home

REGISTRATION

- Chocolate
- Just Bringing Myself
 Libation: Red
- Libation: white
- Snack

Registration is closed

Altrusa Wine and Chocolate Literary Society (AWCLS)

Our meetings will continue to be held on the 4th Monday of the month for the remainder of our club year. Thanks to the generosity of Christine Hart, the book club meetings will be held in her home. 1952 Eastpark Dr. Richardson, TX

Please sign up to bring either wine, chocolate or snacks - just as we have done in the past.

Month	Book of the month	Author	Leader	
January	Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine	Gall Honeyman	Janice Campbel	
February	The Lions of Fifth Avenue	Fiona Davis	Sam Slaight	
March	Caste	Isabel Wilkerson	Robin Smith	
April	Surviving Savannah	Patti Callahan	Jean Stuart	
May	The Only Woman in the Room	Marie Benedict	Ginger Tonne	
June	Have You Seen Luis Velez	Catherine R Hyde	Mary Beth M	
July	The Thursday Murder Club	Richard Osman	Marsha Petera	
August	Behold the Dreamers	Imbolo Nibue	Janet Vance	
September	The Personal Librarian	Mane Benedict &		
pentelinger	The Personal Clorerian	Victoria C. Murray	Chris Hart	
October	We Begin at the End	Chris Whiteker	Liz Luthans	
November	My Remarkable Journey, a Memoir	Katherine Johnson	Cheryl Toliver	
December	HOLIDAY PARTY AND SELECT BOOKS FOR 2023			



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Hearts for Humanity

2022 Luncheon and Awards Presentation

Friday, October 28, 2022Richardson Woman's Club - Founders Hall

Sponsorship Letter Sponsorship Commitment Form

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Unable to attend? Submit your Donation Here to support our Community Projects.

SELECTORS

Thank you for helping us Honor our Outstanding Women!

Click on THIS LINK to submit your Honoree Recommendation

HONOREES

Congratulations on being selected!

Click on THIS LINK to submit your Information



OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY is a distinguished honor for professional accomplishments. Women are nominated for exemplifying determination, innovation, and making an outstanding contribution in their careers. They are recognized and applauded for making a difference for the future of women and providing leadership in their fields.

All nominees are honored at the Annual Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon and Awards Presentation. On average, more than 300 community leaders attend the luncheon.

For a list of prior nominees, please review the Outstanding Women of Today Alumni List.

To find out more about the projects and services that we support throughout the year, check out the "Community / Projects" page on this website.



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ALTRUSA GRANTS



Altrusa Richardson awards grants each year to 501c3 organizations to fund special projects in the community (general operating expenses are ineligible)

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GRANTS AWARDED 2022

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Camp Summit
Eisemann Education
Hope's Door
Network of Community Ministries
New Friends, New Life
Richardson Adult Literacy Center
Richardson Reads One Book
Richardson Symphony
Unlocking Doors

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2020 Ability House



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Trustee Board: Gayle Ingle, Sue McElveen, Sarah Wagner, Susan Rischer, Janie Jaquier and Marsha Peters, Not pictured: Donna Buhr











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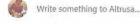
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Altrusa International of Richardson Foundations welcomes the newest Choose Kind Libraries within RISD! With Altrusa's donation, each of these school libraries was able to promote kindness, empathy, friendship, and anti-bullying through the purchase of a special collection of books! Congratulations to:

Sergio Arzac at Yale Elementary LaLinda Mirsky from Wallace Elementary Caroline Ritzer from RISD Academy









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Elaine Wolf



Sharon Smith Erickson

Marilyn Walsh



Susan Bartsch



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On May 19th, Altrusa Richardson inducted a new president and new board 2021 President Samanthia Slaight passed the baton to 2022 president Ginger Tonnel







Altrusa Richardson awarded scholarships to 7 outstanding seniors at its annual scholarship dinner on April 21. Congratulations to these amazing seniors! Brandon B.

Gavin C. Maricarmen H. Ravienne H.

Victor M.

Charles T

Laurel D. - the recipient of the first Altrusa Jo Leeper Memorial Scholarship





Many Altrusans participated in the Kindness Weekend Event on April 2. They created New Friends New Life baskets, worked on the Days for Girls project, and worked on a project for women Veterans!



Wonderful time at convention



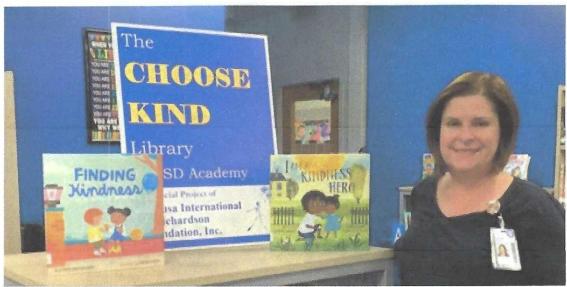


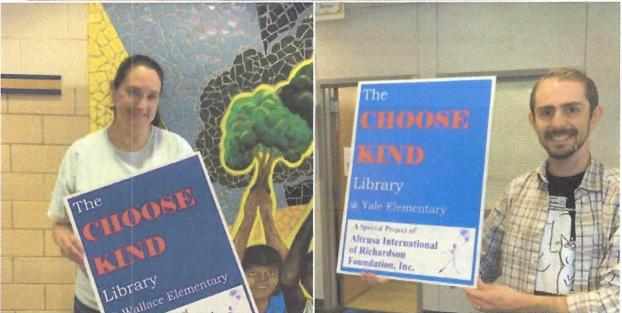
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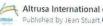
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Special women work to make Mr. Ed's birthday a happy one.





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LUNCH BUNCH! Thanks to the Lunch Bunch Committee for arranging this lunch at Ye Shire Tavern in Richardson. Enjoying the food and company are, left to right along the wall are Mary Beth McLemore, Jean Stuart, Lynn Solomon, Judy Blome, Carol Ruszkowski and Kimberly Kierce. On the right side of the table, beginning at the far end are Ann Slagle, Cindy McIntyre, Mary Shiroma, Pam Johnson and Jan Swallow, an old friend and former Altrusan.

Think about joining us next time.



EMAILS

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc E-Mail Samples:

- 1. Notification of Absentee Voting for Officers
- 2. Invitation to a Membership Retention Event
- 3. Invitation to 2021 Convention via Zoom
- 4. Announcement and Invitation to Installation
- 5. Event Announcement Monthly Meeting IN PERSON, with link to minutes from prior meeting
- 6. Invitation/Announcement for Lunch Bunch
- 7. Invoice/Receipt for registration for an event
- 8. Altrusa Insight provided by leadership Committee
- 9. Announcement of Vote on Job Descriptions for Officers
- 10. Notice of change regarding the Communications Committee

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc Emails – 2021-2022

Notification of Absentee Voting for Officers

Dear Club Members,

At the upcoming March meeting, we will be voting on our 2021-22 administration and foundation board slates (attached).

If you cannot attend the meeting on March 18, please feel free to vote by email. Just reply to this email and your vote will be counted.

We are accepting absentee votes till 6 pm on Thursday, March 18, 2021.

The Nominating Committee thanks you for your participation.

!2020-2021AltrusaNominatingCommitteeReport.pdf

Sincerely,

Barbara Berthold

Invitation to a Membership Event

Dear Jean Stuart,

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

Event: Let's Give Them Something to Taco Bout

Date: Tue, May 04, 2021 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Desperados, 3443 W. Campbell Rd., Garland, 75044

Invitation to 2021 Convention via Zoom

Richardson Altrusans!

Join us!

2021 District Nine Conference - Virtual Part 2 at via Zoom

Date: Sat, April 17, 2021 9:00 AM



Click Here for the Agenda Click Here to Join Via Zoom on April 17, 2021 at 9 am

65TH DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE (via zoom) Part II

Time: Apr 17, 2021 9:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83040896128?pwd=UGNDamNrNIR2Yyt0TIJHZVMyRGdtdz09

Meeting ID: 830 4089 6128

Passcode: 525252

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More information:

Altrusa Richardson

Announcement and Invitation to Installation

Altrusa Sisters -

This Thursday, May 20th, we will be having a Grand Celebration. This rainy weather will not dampen our spirits. The Installation of our Foundation and Administration Officers for 2021-2022 will be held in Founders Hall. This is not a dinner; however, cheese and crackers, etc., will be available for us nibblers. You are more than welcome to bring your own wine.

We will also be initiating four new members to our Club. What a great way to start the new year! Please be there to welcome Kevin Ann Mullen, Jennifer Davidson, Alisha Gimbel, and Vrena Patrick. All four of these ladies' work for the City of

Richardson. Please register to make sure we have enough table sitting and munchies for everyone. If you are so inclined, I bet Besa's would love to see you after this event.

Hope to see you there,

Program Committee

Event Announcement (Monthly Meeting)

Jean Stuart,

Upcoming event information:

Altrusa Richardson Monthly Meeting at Richardson Woman's Club - Outside Gazebo (Founders Hall if inclement weather)

Date: Thu, May 20, 2021 6:30 PM



"Achieving wonderful things through Unity, Teamwork, and Compassion"

Please join us for the monthly Altrusa meeting IN PERSON! See the meeting information below

Social Time: 6:30 pm

Meeting Begins: 7:00 pm

The Agenda and Meeting Minutes for approval will be posted / published prior to the meeting.

2021-04-15 Meeting Minutes.pdf

Join us for our FIRST In-Person Meeting in over a year! We plan to meet at the Richardson Woman's Club Founders Hall because of the inclement weather.

This is a great time to see each other face-to-face and not on a tiny computer screen. Stay safe! Stay Connected! Watch your Distance! Wash your Hands! and... Wear your Mask - AND your Altrusa Pin!

More information and online registration: Altrusa Richardson Monthly Meeting

Best regards, Altrusa Richardson

Click here for more info!

Invitation/announcement

It is time for LUNCH BUNCH again!!

Your Membership/Retention Committee is rekindling this quarterly event as a great way to get to know new members and rekindle past friendships!

Join us for fun and fellowship on August 27, 2021 at 11:30 am at: APOLLONIA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN located at 3610 Shire Blvd, #108, Richardson, TX 75082.

Go on-line and register now. RSVP by AUGUST 25th so we will know to set a place at the table for you!!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at this fun event!



Altrusa Richardson - Event registration

Invoice number: 01824 Issued: Tue, June 22, 2021

Bill to:

Jean Stuart jeanstrt37@gmail.com Altrusa Richardson

Item	Amount
Registration for "OWT - Members Only - Underwriting" (Fri, October 22, 2021 11:00 AM, -), Underwriting - Honoree Awards - 3	\$120.00

Total: \$120.00

Balance Due: \$0.00

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Altrusa Insight

Hello Altrusa Sisters and Happy Holidays to one and all.

ALTRUSA INSIGHT

Here is another installment of an Altrusa Insight. This is not meant to take the place of the Accent we hear at the meetings, rather it is a way we can all learn a little more about our history.

Did you know that in 1982, Altrusa's ongoing fight for literacy was carried beyond local clubs? When the International Foundation agreed to fund classes in ten village literacy schools in Kerala, India, a new phase of Altrusa involvement went beyond our borders. In 1987, the Foundation made literacy its major focus and the ABC Literacy Grants Program was established to provide financial assistance to Altrusa Clubs introducing literacy projects into their communities, to enhance existing local programs and for literacy projects which can be replicated by clubs in other areas and to assist individuals to complete education in Literacy Fields.

Altrusa of Richardson has a long history involving literacy projects. Our very own Kindness Libraries keeps the tradition of literacy alive in RISD as well as several foreign

countries. In fact, our own Jane Tucker just received a grant of \$4,000 on our behalf to establish even more Kindness Libraries abroad as well as locally.

Hope to see you all at the Holiday Party on Thursday, December 16. Happy Holidays to one and all.

Sue McElveen, Strategic Plan Committee

Announcement of Vote to Come

Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.



Altrusa Members:

Job descriptions have been revised by the Job Description Committee and are posted on the website (see link below). Your input and suggestions were reviewed and/or implemented in the jobs. Thank you for your input.

Click here for these - - > Job Descriptions

This webpage contains the current ones (2020) and all 2021 recommended job descriptions.

In addition, we have attached a "revision summary page" so that you can see what the changes were.

The Board of Directors have approved these job descriptions.

These revised Job Descriptions will be voted on at the **November 18, 2021 Monthly Club Meeting.**

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Heartful thanks to the Job Description Committee: Christine Hart, Gloria Sandoval, Carol Ruszkowski, President Samanthia Slaight & Ginger Tonne

Notice of change from the Communications Commmittee

Dear Altrusans,

Your Communications Committee is busily working to make life easier for you - and for us. Who do you contact if you want to send an email to the club? Who do you send the minutes or agendas to so they can be posted? We have divided these duties and want to let you know the answers to these questions - and a couple of others.

We have posted this on our website under Member Information, but you might want to copy it and stick it on the wall for easy reference:

For setting up events and zoom meetings, email Carol Ruszkowski.

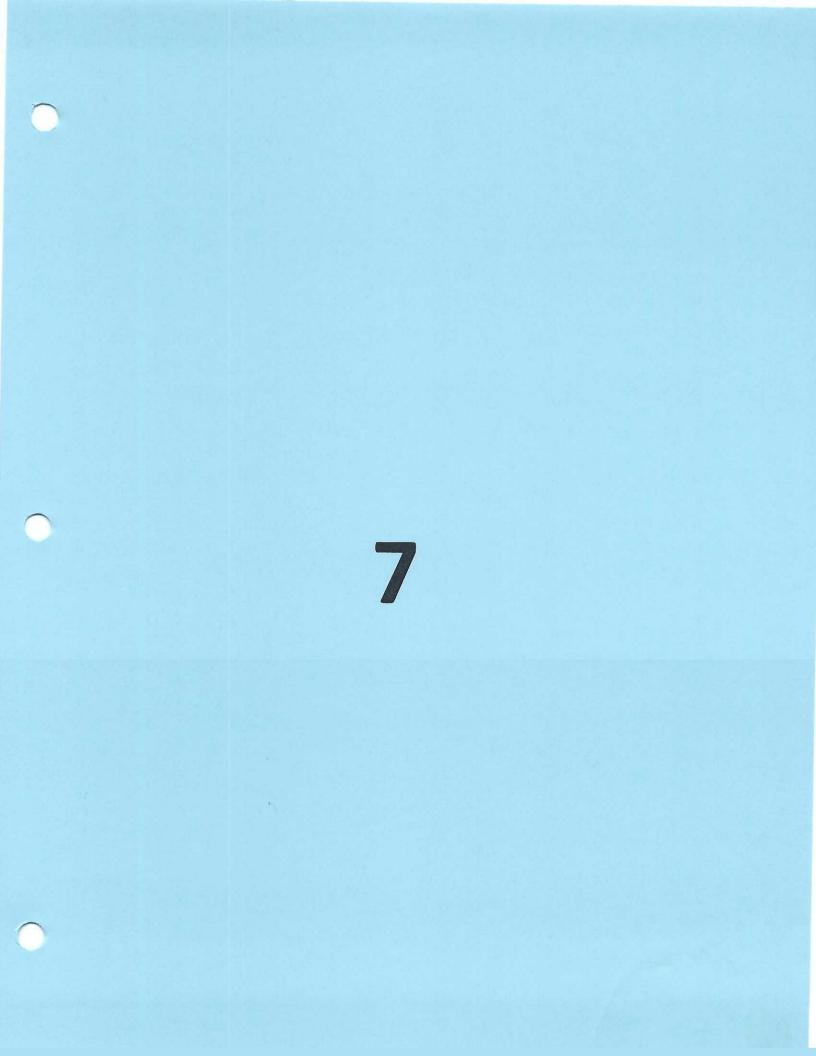
For posting documents, such as minutes, agendas, financial reports, send to Carol Ruszkowski.

For sending emails to the club, email Deb Bourland

For newsletter articles or pictures, Jean Stuart (We will be doing a monthly Tidings) For updating Facebook and Twitter, Vrena Patrick

If you will please follow this guidance, we will appreciate it. Never fear, we will back each other up, so if one is on vacation or out of pocket, another will fill in. Please copy Jean Stuart on all requests, just as a backup.

Your Communications Committee:



ALTRUSA RICHARDSON IN THE COMMUNITY

- 1. Altrusa International of Richardson bifold brochure.
- 2. Altrusa International of Richardson business card copy enlarged
- 3. Altrusa home page with information on Kindness Weekend and the annual fundraiser Outstanding Women of Today.
- 4. Altrusa dedication of the Bush International Barkway, play area for dogs.
- 5. Choose Kind Libraries in both Richardson and other countries
- 6. Involving Richardson school children in our projects
- 7. Presenting our sponsorship check for Richardson Reads One Book and serving tea at the annual Mothers' Day Tea
- 8. Using our portable Thank you Banner at events and fundraisers



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OWT 2019-20 winners

anyone interested in service and volunteerism may be invited to become an Altrusan. Our initiatives are conducted during the day, some in the evenings, and some on weekends - there are opportunities for all members to participate. Meetings are held once a month, on the Would you like to become a member of Altrusa? Today, third Thursday of each month, at 7:00 pm either virtually or at the Richardson Women's Club, 2005 North Cliffe Dr., Richardson, TX 75082.

Perhaps you are a local organization who would like to partner with Altrusa on a project? Are you a local business who would like to sponsor or make a donation to our annual OWT Luncheon and Awards?

Reach out to us at contact@altrusarichadrson.com

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube

Visit us on













Altrusans gathering items for TOOLS 4 Schools project for Network of Community Ministries.

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WHO WE ARE

Altrusa is an international, non-profit organization that strives to make our local communities better through leadership, partnership and service. Our organization is comprised of women dedicated to leadership development and community service.



At the Annual Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon, Altrusa presents its virtual check to the City of Richardson, representing the value of volunteer hours contributed to the community by members. Altrusa of Richardson serves the City of Richardson by providing volunteer support within the community. Many of our members actively serve on city and non-profit boards and commissions. We serve children, elderly, disabled, the military, and disadvantaged persons through a variety of donations and hands-on projects.

OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY... BUILDERS OF TOMORROW

Luncheon and Awards Presentation

Altrusa organizes and hosts, in the Fall, an annual OWT Luncheon and Awards Presentation for women who are nominated for exemplifying determination, innovation, and making an outstanding contribution in their chosen careers. The luncheon is also Altrusa Richardson's primary fundraising initiative. Funds raised fund the club's service projects and contributions for the fol-



Altrusans throw a birthday party for an Ability House resident.



Choose Kind Library in a Richardson ISD elementary school.



Days for Girls recipients

CLUB PROJECTS

TYPICAL LOCAL PROJECTS

Ability House

Ann Eisemann Inclusive Playground

Choose Kind Libraries (in RISD elementary schools)

Hope's Door New Beginning Center KAN – Kindness Action Ninjas

New Friends New Life

Make a Difference Day

Mike's Kids

Richardson Animal Shelter

Richardson Citizen Police Academy Association

Richardson Adult literacy Center (RALC) Richardson Reads One Book Senior Citizen's Activities – Bingo, Auctions, Book Rotations

World Peace Art Project VFW, Richardson

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Friends of the Richardson Library Boys and Girls Club of Richardson

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson (HASR) Network of Community Ministries

The Counseling Place

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For a reservation or information, contact:



Club member name and contact information

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**Due to the current outbreak of COVID-19 in conjunction with national, state and local recommendations about restricting group events/gatherings and promoting social distancing, several Altrusa Richardson upcoming events have been modified. For the latest update on upcoming events, please refer to our calendar of events webpage.

Welcome to Altrusa Richardson

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. 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. Learn more >>









RICHARDSON ALTRUSA KINDNESS NINJAS **GATHER FOR KINDNESS WEEKEND**



Members of the Altrusa Kindness Committee gathered on Saturday, April 2, 2022 to perform acts of kindness in celebration of this year's project. Check out this video which embodies KAN Weekend:



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Outstanding Women of Today . . . Builders of Tomorrow Hearts for Humanity

2022 Luncheon and Awards Presentation

Friday, October 28, 2022, Richardson Woman's Club - Founders Hall

Complete the information using the link below and an Altrusan will contact you:



Membership Interest Form

June Volunteer Hours Reminder Thu, June 30, 2022 | n/a

OWT Team Leader Thu, June 30, 2022 7:00 PM | Christine Hart's Home

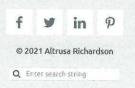
Happy Birthday!! Fri, July 01, 2022 6:00 AM [

OWT Sponsorship/Raffle Mtg Mon, July 11, 2022 6:00 PM | Brenda Duckett's Home

Board of Directors Meeting Thu, July 14, 2022 6:30 PM | Friends Place



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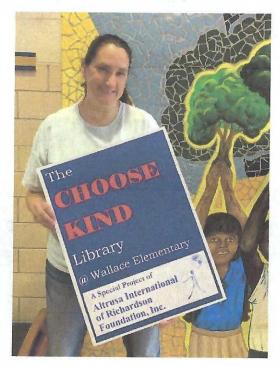


CHOOSE KIND LIBRARIES

Richardson Independent School District



RISD Academy



LaLinda Mirsky at Wallace Elementary

INVOLVING RICHARDSON SCHOOL CHILDREN IN OUR PROJECTS



Northlake Elementary students, grandchildren of an Altrusan with the school Librarian and cards prepared for Veterans.



Sergio Arzac, Principal of Yale Elementary Altrusans Thanh Tran and Brenda Boston Children with cards for Veterans

TRUNK OR TREAT



PORTABLE THANK YOU BANNER

