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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### BONNIE'S BASICS—AMAZING THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

It was with excitement and lots of energy that we welcomed the Second Vice Governor of District Nine, Sylvia Zamora. It was so good to have her as our guest and speaker as we celebrated our birthday! She was with us for a board meeting prior to the dinner meeting and this gave her some idea of what we have in store for the next three months.. We also welcomed eight members from the Garland Club which really added to the wonderful spirit of the evening. My compliments to the Membership Recruitment and Retention Committees for a great birthday celebration.

So what is in store for March? Of f course, we have our business, dinner, and board meetings, along with all of the things the committees are doing.

Added to this in March will be the Spring Orientation and the Strength Finder Seminar. .Mary Beth McLemore is hosting this event. Our club really believes in Leadership Training and our Leadership Committee does a great job with it. And our members lead, not only in Altrusa, but in any number of ways in the community on boards and committees. I am proud of you. It will be exciting to think about our strengths and the strengths of all of our members. I hope to see you there.

Jane Tucker and Barbara Berthold have arranged an International Relations event as they bring Beads of Life Jewelry back to our club before both the March business meet-

ing and dinner meeting.

And we are initiating three new members at the business meeting! Sue McElveen and Norma Hammerlund are busy making plans for it. I know you will want to be present and welcome them..

New members are such an important part of who we are. I challenge each of you, as well as myself, to invite a potential member to a future meeting. They will thank you and I know they will enjoy being with us.

And there are March birthdays to celebrate at Ability House. Barbara Cornelius and Jan Skinner and all of our members who are so involved at Ability House always bring a lot of joy to the residents there and they receive just as much joy themselves.

There are other things happening in March. So, now it is up to you to find out what they are.

Sign on to our website and it's all there. ([www.altrusarichardson.com](http://www.altrusarichardson.com)) Make reservations, announce your committee plans so that all members will know, and just see what is happening in our club. Read *Altrusa Tidings* and see what other committees and members are doing. You will be glad you did.

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson is alive and well!

*Bonnie Perry,*

President 2011-2012

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## MEETING PREVIEW

**OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED AT MARCH 1 BUSINESS MEETING**

The Nominating Committee announced the slate of officers for 2012-2013 in the previous issue of Altrusa Tidings and at the February business meeting.

The nominees are as follows:

- President-Elect                      Pam Kovacs
- Vice President                        Cindy McIntyre
- Recording Secretary                Janet Vance
- Corresponding Secretary        Toni Garrett
- Administrative Treasurer        Carolyn Swanson
- Foundation Treasurer              Jan Swallow
- New Directors:                        Linda Korn and  
    Courtenay Tanner

Kimberly Kierce, current President-Elect will be

our President. Genevieve Hamulak and Gloria Sandoval will return for their second year as Directors.

The election will be held at the March 1 business meeting.

Nominations from the floor will be accepted. Absentee ballots were due to the Nominating Committee Chair no later than February 29.

These excerpts from the 2011-2013 Club bylaws explain the election process:

- All officers, except the Immediate Past President, shall be elected by ballot at a regular business meeting in March and shall be installed so as to take office on June 1, and shall serve for one (1) year or until their successors are elected and installed.
- In the event there is only one nominee for an office, the Secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot.
- Any candidate who shall receive a majority of all valid votes cast shall be declared elected. In the event there shall be more than two (2) candidates for any one office, and no candidate shall receive the majority of all valid votes cast on the second ballot, the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be eliminated from each succeeding ballot.
- The Incoming Board of Directors may meet at any time after their election, at the call of the incoming President, for the purpose of organization and to ratify committee appointments.

The Nominating Committee was chaired by Marsha Peters. Committee Members were Deb Bourland, Dena Davis, Janie Jaquier, and Julianne Lovelace.

**BOARD ACTIONS**

- Approved the establishment of a PayPal account for administrative funds which can be used for dues and meal payments.
- Selected Mary Beth McLemore as our candidate for the District Nine Nominating Committee

## MEMBERSHIP RETENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

**THE ALTRUSA WINE AND CHOCOLATE LITERARY SOCIETY**

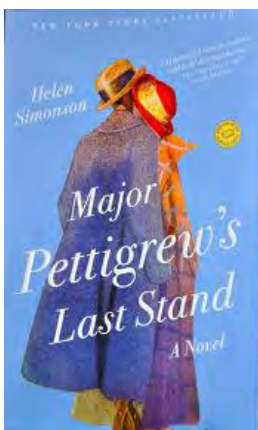
By Kay George

Thanks to Sue McElveen for leading a very enjoyable discussion of *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Published in 1960, the book is Lee's first and only novel and she won a Pulitzer Prize. The book is still admired, widely-taught, and beloved. Most of us read the book many years ago but reading it again is like visiting with an old, dear friend. It's as though no time has passed between the time we met and later reconnected.

Thanks to Barbara Cornelius, Kay George, and Cindy Martin for snacks. Jan Belcher, Gerry Carron, Cindy Martin, and Jan Skinner provided libations (bless their hearts). Special thanks goes to Pam Kovacs for letting us meet at Friends Place and always furnishing plastic ware, cups, soft drinks, etc.

**MARCH SELECTION**

Pam Kovacs will be the discussion leader for our March selection, *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. We will travel to Edgcombe St. Mary, a small village in the English countryside filled with rolling hills, thatched cottages, and a cast of hilariously original characters. Among them is Major Ernest Pettigrew (retired), a widower who is wry, courtly, opinionated, and completely endearing.



Major Pettigrew leads a quiet life valuing the proper things that Englishmen have lived by for generations: honour, duty, decorum, and a properly brewed cup of tea. But then his brother's death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village. Drawn together by their shared love of literature and the loss of their respective spouses, the Major and Mrs. Ali soon find their friendship blossoming into something

more.

Please join us at Friends Place Adult Day Services, 1960 Nantucket Drive in Richardson, at 6:00PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month for a great time of discussion and sharing.

**LECTURE BY AUTHOR OF THE PARIS WIFE**

On Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:15PM, Paula McClain, author of *The Paris Wife*, will appear at the Dallas Museum of Art-Horchow Auditorium to discuss the book. This was a featured selection of the *Altrusa Wine & Chocolate Literary Society* in August, 2011, and was well received. I checked with the DMA and



learned that the lecture is free with admission to the Museum. Adult tickets are \$10; seniors over 65 years old pay \$7.

According to lady at the DMA with whom I spoke, they are sold out; however, will offer a live simulcast in another theater. She also told me that there is a high "no show" rate and they will move attendees into the auditorium as seats become available. If you are interested in attending, you can purchase tickets online at [www.tickets.DallasMuseumofArt.org](http://www.tickets.DallasMuseumofArt.org) or by calling 214-922-1818. The lecture is in conjunction with the exhibition *Youth and Beauty: Art of the American Twenties*. Sounds like a fun evening!

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## COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT PREVIEW

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEEDS YOU!***By Toni Garrett*

This spring, the Community Outreach Committee offers you several opportunities to make a difference. Please join us!

**NETWORK CLOTHES CLOSET**

Clean out your closet and bring gently worn clothing for all ages and genders to meetings March – May. Shoes and purses in good condition will also be accepted. Your contributions will be delivered to the new NETWORK Clothes Closet to await appreciative new owners. Please bring your items in paper or cardboard, or just folded in stacks; do not use plastic trash bags, as this re-



quires NETWORK to launder items prior to display. Tax receipts will be available for all donors. If you have too much to bring to the meeting, call Sue McElveen and she'll pick up items from your home.

**CAMP SUMMIT ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY**

Join us for a morning of cleaning at Camp Summit! We will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 31, and travel together to Camp Summit. Last year our group cleaned the lodge, and we had a great time together as we worked. Breakfast snacks will be available when we arrive, and we can stay for lunch or eat lunch together somewhere else. We'll plan to finish cleaning by noon and be back in Richardson by 1:00. Put this special event on your calendar!

Call Bobbi Klein for more information about Camp Summit.



**Camp Summit Clean Up 2011**

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

**WEBSITE NEWS—THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!**

Our Club's logo, an important checkbox, and many events! All these things, and more, can be found on [www.altrusarichardson.com](http://www.altrusarichardson.com).

**REBRANDED!**

Our new logo is on the website, but it is not ready for general use. It is a low-resolution image appropriate only for websites...not for printed materials. We are hoping that our Club's Brand Ambassadors will receive training at District Nine Conference in the proper uses of the logo. So stand by for further information!

**PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX!**

When registering to attend one of our events, please do not remain anonymous! There is a box on one of the registration pages that looks like this:

Attendees list  Include name in list of event attendees

Please click on the box so it looks like this, and so the event coordinator see your name—not just the word Anonymous!

Attendees list  Include name in list of event attendees

**EVENTS AND RESPECTING OUR MEMBERS' PRIVACY**

Have you visited our website recently? Take a look at all the events, and plan your month accordingly!

Each committee is supposed to have someone who can add events; if you are that person and need some training, contact Kimberly Kierce. To add an event, you simply fill out a short form with the who, what, when, where, and why. Please do not list home addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses, because our events can be seen by anyone who has access to the internet. Members' contact information can be found in the Members Only section of the website. "Mary Smith's home" is sufficient for the event location, because attendees can find her address in the Members Only section of the website.

Since our newsletters are posted on the website where they are publicly available, Altrusa Tidings lists contact information only under special circumstances. Our masthead (on page 3) has the generic email address [contact@altrusarichardson.com](mailto:contact@altrusarichardson.com).

## MEETING PREVIEW

**MARCH 15 PROGRAM MEETING: DISTRICT VISITOR, OUR BIRTHDAY**

Our guest speaker at the February Program Meeting will be Dr. Sarah Samaan, author of *The Smart Woman's Guide to Heart Health*. A Vanderbilt University Medical School graduate, Dr. Sarah Samaan is a board certified cardiologist who considers heart disease prevention the cornerstone of her medical practice. While she is skilled in caring for patients with heart attacks, heart failure, and other devastating consequences of cardiovascular disease, she works passionately to educate women on the message that heart disease prevention should be a life-long pursuit.

Dr. Samaan's book, *The Smart Woman's Guide to Heart Health*, was released in March 2009, and was selected for the Book of the Year Bronze Award in Women's Issues by ForeWord Book Reviews. This book is a holistic, medically sound guide to health and vitality, written to help empower women to make smart choices about diet, exercise, and lifestyle. Her next book, *Best practices for a Healthy Heart, a Cardiologist's Seven Point Plan for Preventing and Reversing Heart Disease*, will be released by The Experiment and distributed by Workman in January 2012. This book will extend Dr. Sa-



maan's life affirming message to men, with completely updated heart health information for both genders.

Dr. Samaan is the Co-Director of the Women's Cardiovascular Institute at The Baylor Heart Hospital, located in Plano, Texas in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Dr. Samaan practices cardiology at Legacy Heart Center in Plano, Texas, and has been in practice since 1995. Her areas of expertise include echocardiography and nuclear cardiology.

For the past four years, Texas Monthly magazine has named Dr. Samaan as a "Texas Super Doctor." She has been acclaimed as one of "America's Top Physicians," by Consumers' Research Council of America, and is widely recognized as an expert on cardiovascular disease in women. Dr. Samaan currently serves as a spokesperson for the American Heart Association.

Away from work, Dr. Samaan's passion is horses. She enjoys dressage and cross country jumping, and stays fit with a regimen of running, Pilates, and yoga.



## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**FEBRUARY 16 MEETING: WELCOME DISTRICT NINE VISITOR, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!**

By Mary Beth McLemore

Red, white and blue dominated the members' clothing choice in support of the "Patriotic" Theme for our Club's 46th Birthday celebration. The blocks used when Bonnie became President plus building trucks and red and blue paper squares decorated the tables.

Presidents' scrapbooks and mementos provided a look at our Club's past. In her Accent, Jo Leeper told us about three important events in our history.



Norma Hammerlund's yummy cake gave us a choice of chocolate or cream cake, decorated with the new Altrusa logo. Mary Osentowski led the 50 plus members, guests, and one table of Garland Club members in singing Happy Birthday. Sylvia Zamora, District Nine Second Vice Governor, gave a light, fun, informative talk about things happening at International, District, and her own Club in San Antonio. In all it was a GREAT celebration for our Club!

## PROJECT REPORT

**LUNCH BUNCH DRAWS A HUGE CROWD, INCLUDING THREE GUESTS**

By Ann Eisemann

The Chocolate Angel Café and Tea Room was the setting for our Valentine's Day Lunch Bunch.. A good time and a delicious meal was had by all! Please plan to

join in the fun at the next quarterly luncheon, sponsored by the Membership Retention Committee. Watch this newsletter for details!



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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**NEW ELEVATOR SPEECH**

As part of its supplemental marketing materials, Altrusa International has given us a new elevator speech.

We are all frequently asked the following questions, to explain who Altrusa (the organization) is, or what Altrusa does (accomplishes). If we all answer with the same language, there is clarity and consistency in our message and our image.

**“WHO IS ALTRUSA?”**

“Altrusa is an international non-profit organization, making our local communities better through leadership, partnership, and service. We are civic-minded people who strive to cre-

ate better communities world-wide.” [add local flavor unique to the community served]

**“WHAT DOES ALTRUSA DO?”**

“Giving over 1 million volunteer hours annually, throughout 11 countries, our focus is Literacy along with specific projects unique to individual communities.” [add local projects]

(\* an ‘elevator speech’ is a 30-second response given to the usual question “What do you do?” The ideal response to any elevator is: “please tell me more!”, which leads to a longer conversation)

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



In the February 17 issue of *neighborsgo*, Ann Marie Shambaugh's Editor' Note gave the background for the cover story about the German Language School. She said, in part: "Thanks to **Barbara Berthold**, who teaches middle school students at the school, for contacting me about the German classes in the first place. She is also a board member at the Richardson Adult Literacy Center and has provided several articles and story ideas for *neighborsgo* in the past.

Photo at left (by Ann Marie Shambaugh) shows Barbara and a student role-playing.

### 'Fun way to learn'

German school provides cultural opportunities, education 14

In the Feb. 24 issue of *neighborsgo*, "Retired teachers stay busy after classroom" was the topic of Ann Marie Shambaugh's Editor's Note. She said, "I had the chance to meet and visit with several retired teachers at the monthly Richardson Retires School Personnel luncheon last week at Highland Springs retirement community. Thanks to **Brenda Duckett**, a vice president with the group, for the invitation. The photo (by Ann Marie Shambaugh) shows Brenda addressing the crowd at the Feb. 16 luncheon.



Attending the Hearts for the Arts gala honoring Bonnie Perry were Altrusans (back, l-r) Barbara Berthold, Bobbi Klein, Dena Davis, Mary Osentowski, Brenda Boston, Marsha Peters, Jean Stuart, (front, l-r) Kimberly Kierce, and Jane Merz.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

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RICHARDSON ARTS ALLIANCE

# Queens of giving back

The Richardson Arts Alliance held its annual Heart for the Arts gala Feb. 4 at the Eisemann Center.

The alliance honored Bonnie Perry with the Heart for the Arts award for her years of volunteering and finding volunteers for the arts community in Richardson.

Richardson assistant city manager Michelle Thames received the Ambassador for the Arts award for her work with the Eisemann Center and role as the staff liaison to the Richardson Arts Commission.

— Ann Marie Shambaugh



Richardson city manager Bill Keffler lauds Heart for the Arts award winner Bonnie Perry and Ambassador for the Arts award winner Michelle Thames before they receive their awards.



Ambassador for the Arts award recipient Michelle Thames (left), Heart for the Arts award recipient Bonnie Perry (center) and Courtenay Tanner of the Richardson Arts Alliance listen as State Rep. Angie Chen Button addresses the crowd.



**Above:** Courtenay Tanner (right) of the Richardson Arts Alliance places a crown on the head of Bonnie Perry, who received the alliance's Heart for the Arts award. **Bottom right:** Bruce MacPherson (left), managing director of the Eisemann Center, and Carl Youngberg of the Richardson Arts Alliance show the crowd what it's like to get a phone call from Bonnie Perry, Heart for the Arts award winner. Youngberg wore a red wig to represent Perry.



**Michelle Thames**, assistant city manager for the city of Richardson, addresses the crowd. The Arts Alliance of Richardson gave her the Ambassador for the Arts award.



Staff photos by ANN MARIE SHAMBAUGH/neighborsgo



## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROJECT PREVIEW

## ARRIVE EARLY FOR MARCH MEETINGS FOR BEAD FOR LIFE JEWELRY PARTIES



**Bead for Life**  
ERADICATING POVERTY  
ONE BEAD AT A TIME

The International Relations Committee is hosting Bead for Life jewelry parties before both March meetings to bring awareness to the United Nations International Women's Day, March 8. In Uganda thousands live in extreme poverty earning less than \$1.25 per day. The Bead for Life organization is dedicated to eradicating poverty by creating opportunities for women to live with pride and dignity. In the northern part of Uganda, women gather shea nuts and press them into shea butter to create income, food, medicine, school fees and hope. In other parts of Uganda, women turn recycled paper into beautiful bead jewelry. Women working with the Bead for Life organization support on an average 7 children each. They are hard working and represent nearly every tribe in Uganda. They live in extreme poverty, many with HIV/AIDS, and many are internally displaced from the 20+ year war in northern Uganda.

It is the Bead for Life goal to have these women in Uganda lift themselves out of poverty by becoming independent and self-sustaining members of society. The women are trained to roll beads and make jewelry, which is bought twice a month at fair trade prices.

Bead for Life supports entrepreneurial development

by helping participants setup savings accounts and by providing business training and helping to match business funds. They also work with participants to launch successful businesses within the Ugandan economy.

The money raised at Bead for Life jewelry parties helps to raise awareness about the extreme poverty in Uganda and helps to share the inspiring stories of participants. The money raised is invested in community development work that not only fights poverty, but also helps in health care, vocational training, affordable housing, and entrepreneurial skill development. Please plan to arrive early to the March meetings to help connect with people worldwide in a circle of exchange that enriches everyone.

Ugandan beadmakers on hillside—Photo by Charles Steinberg.



## SPECIAL REPORT

## TO REALIZE THE VALUE OF . . .

By Sandy Martin

Recently, I received a haunting email really helped me "TO REALIZE THE VALUE OF."

Time waits for no one, treasure every moment you have.

To realize the value of a sister and/or brother,  
ask someone who doesn't have one.

To realize the value of ten years,  
ask a newly divorced couple.

To realize the value of four years,  
ask a graduate.

To realize the value of one year,  
ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of nine months,

ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.  
To realize the value of one month,  
ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week,  
ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of one minute,  
ask a person who has missed the plane, bus, or train.

To realize the value of one second,  
ask a person who has survived an accident.

Hold tight to the ones you love...and the things you value!

(This was the Invocation at our February 16 meeting.)

**PROJECT REPORT**  
**DINNER AND THE SYMPHONY**

The Membership Retention Committee planned a fabulous Saturday night for us on February 11. Members and their guest met for a buffet dinner at the Eisemann Center, followed by a performance by the Richardson Symphony Orchestra.

After the concert of romantic music, we were invited to Mary Beth McLemore's home for a scrumptious buffet of chocolates, wine, and liquors.



**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY**

Bring the best skills OWT in our members! What do you like to do? Decorate, nominate, create, update, pontificate or communicate?



There are plenty of spots to fill and ways to use your talent. Talk to Brenda Boston or Cindy McIntyre – today!

## DISTRICT NINE NEWS

## CALL TO CONFERENCE

CALL TO CONFERENCE

As Governor of District Nine, Altrusa International, Inc., I hereby call all members, officers, committee chairs, past Governors, delegates and alternates to the Fifty-Sixth Annual District Conference, to be held April 20-22, 2012 at the Hilton Waco and Waco Convention Center, Waco, Texas.

At that time, we will receive annual reports; consider district and international recommendations and any other items of business; elect the District Nominating Committee; recognize achievements of the District and its membership; and otherwise conduct the business of District Nine, Altrusa International, Inc.

LaVone Arthur, Governor, District Nine

## From the Governor



**LaVone Arthur**  
2011-2013

## ALTRUSA ACCENT

## THE ALTRUSA COLLECT

The Altrusa Collect is recited at the beginning of each board meeting. In Christian liturgy, a **collect** is both a liturgical action and a short, general prayer. In the Middle Ages, the prayer was referred to in Latin as *collectio*, but in the more ancient sources, as *oratio*. In English, and in this usage, "collect" is pronounced with the stress on the first syllable.

The Collect reads:

“Our heavenly Father, surrounded by blessings, may we learn to bless;

Reaping the fruits of patriotism, may we love our country more;

Members of a world-wide community, may we cherish our neighbors everywhere;

Grateful to Thee, may we show our gratitude by efficiency and service.”

## NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS

## GREENVILLE ALTRUSA PLANS FUNDRAISER

## Altrusa Fashion Show

Wesley United

Methodist Church

5302 State Hwy 69 S

Greenville, TX

1pm-3pm

Tickets - \$15 (in advance)

\$20 (at the door)

Sunday, March 25, 2012



All proceeds support our community through Altrusa Service Projects

Visit or website:  
[AltrusaFashions.weebly.com](http://AltrusaFashions.weebly.com)  
for more information

## SPECIAL REPORT

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IS MARCH 8

By Cindy McIntyre

International Women's Day (IWD) has been observed since in the early 1900's and has become a world-wide phenomenon with events in many countries. It was founded as an International Day in 1910, and 2011 marks its 100<sup>th</sup> celebration.

The United Nations holds an annual IWD conference to coordinate international efforts for women's rights. They explain it as, "the story of ordinary women as makers of history; it is rooted in the centuries' old struggle of women to participate in society on an equal footing with men."

Men in various countries use the day to gift the women in their lives. Italian men give the mimosa flower and Bosnian guys say red roses are the answer. Children in other countries celebrate it like Mother's Day giving small presents to mothers and grandmothers.

Events took place in more than

100 countries in 2011. The 2012 theme, "Connecting Girls, Inspiring Futures," is one to which we can all relate. Even though we have made some pretty significant gains for women, there is still much work to be done. .



The accompanying DoD photo by Master Sgt. Demetrius Lester, U.S. Air Force, shows Afghan National Army Brig. Gen. Khatoon Mohammadzai, Dr. Husn Banu Ghazanfar, from the Ministry of Women's Affairs; and U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Rodney Anderson, the deputy commanding general - support of Combined Joint Task Force-82, cut a cake during an international women's day celebration on Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, March 3, 2008.

For more information, see [www.internationalwomensday.com](http://www.internationalwomensday.com) or [www.weareequals.org](http://www.weareequals.org).

## SPECIAL REPORT

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

Altrusa Marketplace  
& Bake Sale  
At Friends Place  
April 14  
10 AM to 2 PM

District Conference  
In Waco  
April 20-22

Richardson Adult  
Literacy Center's  
murder mystery  
at the library  
April 28

Mother's Day Tea  
and  
Father's Day Event  
At Friends Place  
Details to be announced

Retention Committee's  
Bus trip to Oklahoma  
(Choctaw!)  
Date TBD

## Your Business Ad Can Go Here!

An advertisement in *Altrusa Tidings* is a great way to spread the word about your services or products!

Ads are business card-sized; \$25 for one insertion, \$100 for six consecutive months.

Camera-ready content due by 15<sup>th</sup> of month; fee must be paid to Treasurer by third Thursday of month prior to publication.

Contact *Tidings* Editor for contracts and guidelines

## Your Big Brag Goes Here!

Thank You...Celebration...Recognition...Achievement  
Special Event...Award...Congratulations...Just Because!

If you would like to share your big news in a big way, contact the Altrusa Tidings Editor about creating your colorful, attention-getting 3.5-in. x 2-in. message.

Only \$25 for a one-time personal brag! Deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> of month for content; fee must be paid to Treasurer by third Thursday of month prior to publication.

## INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION NEWS

**OUR CLUB IS NOW PART OF LAMPLIGHTER PROGRAM*****Altrusa International Foundation, Inc.***

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December 6, 2011

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson  
c/o Ms. Bonnie Perry  
7132 Echo Bluff  
Dallas, TX 75248

Dear Bonnie:

On behalf of the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. and its Board of Trustees, I wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for your recent contribution in the amount of \$500.

This contribution of \$500 entitles your Altrusa Club to become part of the International Foundation's Club Lamplighter Program. The Club Lamplighter Award Program was officially announced during the Foundation Breakfast at the July 2009 Altrusa Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

In recognition of this contribution and in appreciation of your Club's support of the Foundation and its continuing programs, I am most pleased to send the enclosed Club Lamplighter Patch for your Club's Banner.

Again, our gratitude to the members of your Altrusa Club for supporting the Altrusa International Foundation and its programs of community and individual service.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Marie Snyder  
Chair



## CLUB CALENDAR MARCH 2012

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- Thurs., Mar 1 (6:00 PM) Beads for Life Party (Clubhouse)
- Thurs., Mar 1 (7:00 PM) Business Meeting (Clubhouse)
- Sat., Mar 3 (9:00 AM) Leadership Workshop (Mary Beth's)
- Sat., Mar 3 (1:30 PM) Kathleen's Birthday (Ability House)
- Thurs., Mar 8 International Women's Day
- Thurs., Mar 8 (5:45 PM) SMALLS Dinner (Main Street Bistro)
- Mon., Mar 12 (Noon) Reservations for Mar 15 Meeting
- Mon., Mar 12 (7:00 PM) Bridge (Mary Osentowski's)
- Thurs., Mar 15 (6:00 PM) Beads for Life Party (Founders' Hall)
- Thurs., Mar 15 (7:00 PM) Dinner Meeting (Founders' Hall)
- Mon., Mar 19 (6:00 PM) Tidings Deadline
- Thurs., Mar 22 (6:00 pm) Board Meeting (Friends Place)
- Mon., Mar 26 (6:00 PM) Wine & Chocolate Literary Society

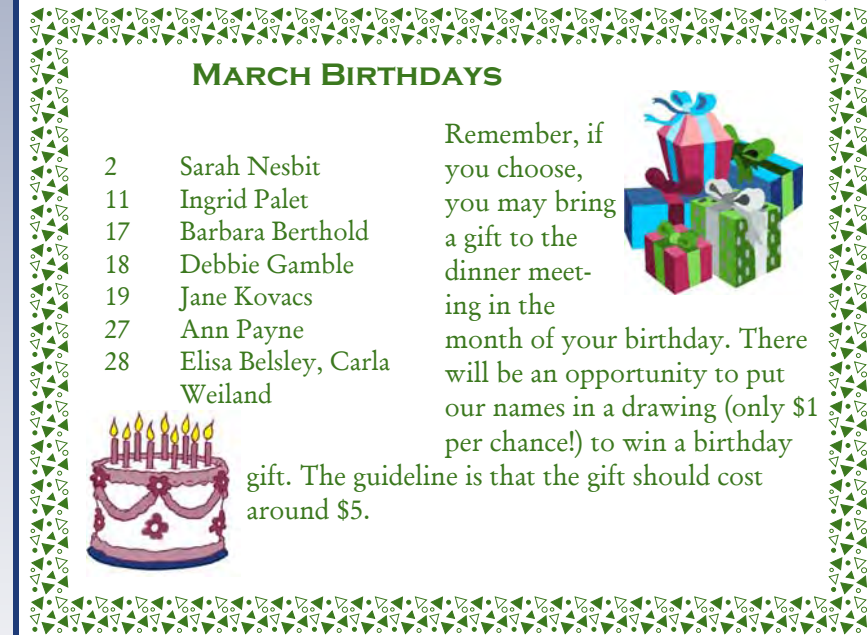
### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sarah Nesbit
- 11 Ingrid Palet
- 17 Barbara Berthold
- 18 Debbie Gamble
- 19 Jane Kovacs
- 27 Ann Payne
- 28 Elisa Belsley, Carla Weiland

Remember, if you choose, you may bring a gift to the dinner meeting in the month of your birthday. There will be an opportunity to put our names in a drawing (only \$1 per chance!) to win a birthday



gift. The guideline is that the gift should cost around \$5.



### MEETINGS

#### Business Meeting

7 PM March 1  
Clubhouse  
at Richardson Woman's Club

Dinner Reservations  
for everyone  
due by Noon, Monday, March 12  
Contact: Jean Stuart

#### Dinner/Program Meeting

7 PM, March 15  
Founders' Hall  
at Richardson Woman's Club

#### Board Meeting

6 pm, March 22 at Friends Place



The next meeting and dinner of **SMALLS**  
*The Sisterhood of Merry Altrusa Liquid Libation Sippers*

will be Thursday, March 8  
at Main Street Bistro in The Shire,  
(at the SW corner of Jupiter and Highway 190)  
Between 5:45 pm and 7:15 pm  
(or whenever we feel like going home)

**Come join us!**



### MEMBERSHIP RETENTION

#### BRIDGE



Monday, March 12  
6:30 PM Schmoozing  
7:00 PM Let's play bridge  
Location: Mary Osentowski's house

