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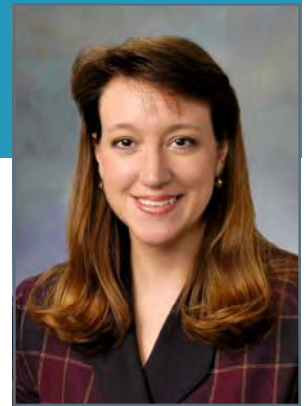
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President's Message

## Kimberly's Adventures



### Leading to a Better Community®

As I look back on the month of September, I am in awe of everything that Altrusa Richardson does. From progressive dinners, to orientations, to fundraiser walks, to community events and literacy programs, Altrusa does it all. And yet, when people ask about us or we mention Altrusa International, most people respond with “who?” or “what is that?” And recently, I began explaining that “Altrusa is the best kept secret in the world... I do not know why.”

As part of Altrusa’s recent rebranding efforts, Altrusa International wishes all members to explain that “Altrusa is an international non-profit organization, making local communities better through leadership, partnership, and service; striving to create better communities worldwide. Altrusa is made up of civic-minded people who find great joy in enhancing the lives of others.”

This issue of Tidings is chock full of activities that truly enhance the community in which we live. Through our hands-on service in many areas, we are building partnerships with other persons and organizations to strengthen Richardson. We truly exemplify the Altrusa motto: Leading to a Better Community®, through our service and partnerships.

Later in the month of October, we will host our signature event, the Outstanding Women of Today Awards Luncheon. This year, we are honoring 36 “outstanding” women for their leadership in their profession and career. The luncheon, now in its ninth year, is strongly supported by the community, with nearly 300 attendees celebrating the achievements of these women who also exemplify the Altrusa motto as they, too, are Leading to a Better Community®.

Together, one day... one project... and one person at a time, we are strengthening our partnerships through hands-on service projects that enhance the lives of others and events that support the needs of our community. Help us and be a part of Leading to a Better Community® and don't keep Altrusa a secret any longer!



Kimberly's Adventure this month happens a little closer to home. She enjoys the Japan-America Grassroots Summit Altrusa Progressive Dinner with the descendants of Manjiro Nakahama and fellow Japan-America Summit visitors.

*Discover Altrusa!*

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## Special Report

**WORLD FOOD DAY IS OCTOBER 16, EMPHASIZES FOOD COOPERATIVES**

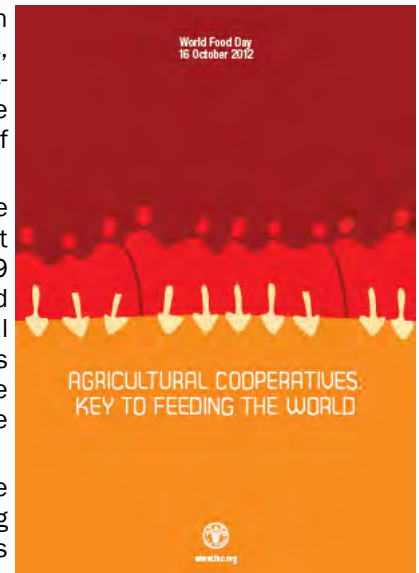
By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair

To celebrate United Nations World Food Day, October 16, 2012, many events have been planned worldwide. The purpose of these events is to raise levels of nutrition across the globe, improve agricultural productivity, enhance lives of rural populations, and contribute to world economy. This year's official theme - "Agricultural Cooperatives-Key to Feeding the World" - was announced this spring with the hopes of highlighting the role of cooperatives in improving food security and contributing to the eradication of hunger.

One in every seven people is suffering from hunger and malnutrition. The emphasis this year is on agricultural cooperatives, because studies have shown that smallholder farmers can provide much of the extra food needed to feed more than 9 billion people by the year 2050. One of the key tasks in achieving this type of food security is to support and invest in cooperatives, producer organizations and other rural institutions. It is estimated that 1 billion individuals are members of such cooperatives worldwide, which is also generating more than 100 million jobs around the world. These numbers represent a better bargaining power for members as buyers and sellers in the marketplace.

This year the United Nations World Food Day is aimed at celebrating the unique role that makes this type of business model a success in our modern world by sponsoring a first-ever World Food Day Poster Contest for children ages 5 to 17. Information on this contest was shared with teachers at Terrace Elementary School by members of our Education and International committees in hopes of getting local children involved in this international endeavor.

There are many other ways to get involved and do something to promote World Food Day. Among them are: organize a food packaging event, arrange a food drive, and even grow a garden. We can all do something to end the needless suffering of billions of people worldwide.



## Altrusa Accent

**ALTRUSA COLLECT**

Source: *Altrusa Encyclopedia*

The Altrusa Collect is recited at the beginning of each meeting of the Board of Directors. 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."



## OWT Committee Report

**36 OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY NOMINEES ARE ANNOUNCED!**

By Cindy McIntyre, OWT Committee Co-chair

Things are really getting exciting for our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual OWT Luncheon. October 26, 2012, will be here before you know it. The nominations are in, the judges have done their work, the speaker will be fantastic, the delicious lunch is selected, and the decorations are going to be beautiful. Now all we need are guests. You can buy your ticket on line, and then invite all your social and work friends to do so as well. The club has worked very hard, so let's make sure the room is filled with people to enjoy the fruits of our labor. Brenda and I are so grateful for all the help and support you have shown – our hearts are full. Thank you!

From the 36 nominees, six honorees have been chosen by the judges; their names will be announced at the Luncheon.

**Non Profit**

Debbie Childre

*NETWORK of Community Ministries*

Janna Gardner

*Healing Hands Ministries*

Liz Harling

*VMLC*

Susie Y. Jennings

*Operation Care International*

Melissa K. Robinson,

*LMSW-IPR, LCPA*

*Chosen Child Adoption Services*

Sara Rotenberry

*Alzheimer's Association,*

*Greater Dallas Chapter*

Elizabeth Sabella

*Mosaic*

Lynda Shirley

*Caring for Children Foundation of  
Texas, Inc.*

Marilyn Walsh

*The Counseling Place*

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Nichole Belford

*City of Richardson*

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*Richardson Police Department*

Cynthia O'Banner

*City of Plano*

Cynthia Oser

*Richardson Public Library*

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*Richardson ISD*

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*RN-BC, GNP*

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*School of Nursing*

Nicole Leeper Piquero

*University of Texas at Dallas*

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*ViewPoint Bank*

Jeanne Hooker

*Atmos Energy*

Lois Reed

*The Dallas Morning News*

Vikki Schoellhorn

*Seniors Helpers*

Jan J. Warren

*Petro-Hunt, L.L.C.*

**Small Business**

Susan Jeffers Aten

*Susan Jeffers Aten, DDS*

Thu Bui

*Salon 4316*

Stella Daniel

*MultiCare Nurses*

Laura Maczka

*Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship*

Maureen McGeehan

*Maureen McGeehan, M.D., P.A.*

Janice Peters

*Hudson Peters Commercial*

**Outstanding Woman of****Tomorrow**

Jessica D. Baker, PE, CFM, PMP

*Half Associates, Inc.*

Holly Baxter

*Richardson ISD - Terrace Elementary*

Lacy Durham

*Deloitte Tax, LLP*

Bridget Horan

*Richardson ISD*

Mary McClure

*Friends of Sam Johnson*

Katie Ostrom

*Talent 'N More Dance Centre*

Cristal Retana

*Office of Representative Stefani Carter*

Kathleen Rose Ryan

*Texas House of Representatives*



**Project Report**

**IT WAS ALL ABOARD FOR ALTRUSA ORIENTATION/RE-ORIENTATION ADVENTURE!**

*By Bobbi Klein, Membership Recruitment Committee*

Our Fall Orientation/Re-Orientation Cruise (Get-Together) took us to several ports o' call on September 8 at Nancy Rohm's home. About 30 of our new and seasoned members enjoyed an outstanding breakfast buffet provided by our members. Then we were off to discover how much we truly have in common with one another. Our next stop was to discover the adventure that awaits us as we work on our various Altrusa service and fundraising projects .

Our last stop was to experience the satisfaction to be had in hands-on participation. We stuffed envelopes for our Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon, and decorated quilt squares for quilts to be donated to returning injured service people, one of the International Relations Committee's projects. Bags were decorated to hold holiday goodies to be delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients by the Visiting Nurses Association. We also signed holiday cards to be sent to our Ability House friends. We learned a lot and got service hours, too!

Don't miss our next cruise to Altrusa Adventure at the Spring Orientation/Re-Orientation. Remember, it's open to all Altrusa sisters, new or seasoned and everyone in between! See you there!



## Project Report

### SENIORS COMMITTEE HELPED THE WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S IN NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR

By Gloria Sandoval, Seniors Committee Co-Chair



The Collin County Walk to End Alzheimer's, held September 15<sup>th</sup> at Celebration Park in Allen, had the largest attendance to-date at that location. Altrusans and Altrousers Barbara Berthold and Karl Muth, Bobbi Klein, Pam Fitzgearld, Kimberly Kierce, Jan Skinner, Samantha Slaight, Elizabeth Smith, Jean Stuart, Brenda Duckett, Jo Leeper, Norma Hammerlund, Debbie Simms, Ann Payne, and Isaac and Gloria Sandoval arrived at Celebration Park in Allen at 6:45AM to prepare to register walkers starting at 8:00AM. What a team!!! Kailey Posey, Walk Coordinator, stated "knowing that Altrusa was handling the registration was a relief and a big plus for this event."

Altrusa of Richardson has been doing the Dallas County Alzheimer's Walk registration for the past 10 years, and this year decided to move to the Collin County Walk for location and convenience. The goal for the Collin County Walk was \$135,000.00, and to-date they have earned \$132,000 and money is still coming in. More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease and nearly 11 million people are caring for someone with Alzheimer's. It's pretty alarming to see that one in eight people over the age of 65 will develop Alzheimer's (the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death). The Walk to End Alzheimer's is helping to raise money for the research to find a cure for this devastating disease.



## Meeting Preview

### **OCTOBER 18 PROGRAM WILL BE “ADVENTURES IN JOY”**

By Mary Osentowski, Program Committee

Dru Bookout, speaker for the next dinner meeting on October 18, believes that maintaining a balance in life requires a good sense of humor. She will share how to improve your health, nourish your relationships, and lighten your load by living joyfully.

She is a newly retired Professor at Richland College, where she taught speech communication for more than 25 years. She is also a Keynote Speaker, Public Speaking Coach, and Director of the Work Like Your Dog Institute. She says, “Each day becomes an adventure when you wake up with the intention of ‘living joyfully’.”



#### **Lookout for Dru Bookout!**

**Dru gives this warning: “If you suppress laughter it spreads to your hips!”**

## Meeting Highlights

### **JOURNALIST, AUTHOR TIM MADIGAN SHARED “ADVENTURES IN FRIENDSHIP”**

By Cindy McIntyre, Program Committee



Altrusans at the September dinner meeting were treated to a powerful tale of friendship and love when Tim Madigan, award winning journalist and author based in Ft. Worth, shared his story of interpersonal connections and life’s convolutions with the beloved children’s program entertainer/educator Fred “Mister” Rogers. His message, which he lays out in the book *I’m Proud of You*, published in 2006, is that Fred Rogers was a hero of our time. As Tom Junod of Esquire magazine testifies, “Fred comes to life in *I’m Proud of You*, with his simple goodness etched on every page, and his complicated greatness etched in the heart of every reader who finishes the book and decides to become a better person.”

Many Altrusans were moved to reach for the tissues as his heartfelt tribute ended and he invited us all to be “present” with each other always. He stayed well after the program to personally sign copies of his book. Thanks, Tim, we loved hearing your message!

His first fiction book, which he describes as having “some murder, some romance; kinda hard to explain,” comes out soon, so we can look forward to hearing more from Tim.

## Project Report

### **ALTRUSA OF RICHARDSON HELPS DISTRICT FIFTEEN WITH THE GREAT READ**

By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-chair

To celebrate United Nations International Day of Literacy, our club joined with District Fifteen clubs in New Zealand, as well as other clubs and individuals all over the world, to take at least ten minutes to read on September 8, between the hours of 12 noon and 3PM. The purpose of reading was to show our support for the importance of literacy skills. Our club reported 63 participants to Leanne Milligan, Immediate Past Governor of District Fifteen in New Zealand, and we are anxiously awaiting this year’s world-wide total participation results.

With over 776 million adults world-wide lacking minimum literacy skills, it is hoped that participating in such projects will continue to bring attention to the crisis this world faces with illiteracy.



## International News

### **DISTRICT FIFTEEN ANNOUNCES PUBLICATION OF 2013 CONVENTION WEBSITE**

Co-conveners of the 2013 Altrusa International Convention, Leanne Milligan and Chris Mouter, have announced that the Convention website is now on-line. You can find complete Convention information at <http://www.altrusa.org.nz/convention/index.html>. District Fifteen encourages you to visit New Zealand! See the website for information on convention program details, air travel, tours, registration, and frequently asked questions,



## Member Highlights

### ALTRUSANS NOMINATED FOR HASR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

By Mimi Tanner

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson (HASR) Volunteer of the Year Luncheon is November 7 at 11:30AM at the Richardson Woman's Club. The guest speaker is Karen Ellis, RISD School Board Trustee. The Altrusa nominees are Gloria Sandoval, Ann Payne and Barbara Berthold who are all guests of HASR at the luncheon. A new award called the Dot McCalpin Founders Award will also be given.

Tickets (purchased by October 8) are \$25; they are \$30 if purchased October 9-29.

Barbara Berthold will gather checks for \$25 (made out to HASR) at the business meeting on October 4 or they can be mailed to Mimi Tanner by October 5 and she will submit the checks and a list of Altrusans and guests (please give her guests' names) attending as of that date. If you wait until after that date, please send your check for \$30 to HASR, c/o The Warren Center, 320 Custer Road, Richardson, TX 75080, give your name and indicate that you would like to be seated with Altrusa members, if possible.



**HASR**  
Helping Agencies Serving Richardson

**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS LUNCHEON**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2012  
11:30 AM  
RICHARDSON WOMEN'S CLUB  
2005 North Cliffe  
Richardson, TX 75082

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**KAREN ELLIS**  
Richardson ISD School Board Trustee

Join HASR in celebrating the outstanding spirit of volunteerism in our community as we recognize volunteers who have made a significant contribution in Richardson.

Please respond by Monday, October 29

WWW.HASR.ORG

## District Nine News

### FREDERICKSBURG HEAD START IS BENEFICIARY OF FALL EVENT SERVICE PROJECT

District Nine Altrusans have an opportunity to assist the Stonewall Head Start Program (SHSP) in Fredericksburg during the November 10 Fall Event. Angie Cobb at the SHSP has a wish list that includes new or gently used pre-school books (English or Spanish), preschooler size crayons and markers, and glue. Bring your donations to the drop-off area at the Fall Event. SHSP staff will pick up the donations Saturday morning. Has your club received a Birthday Grant from International? If not, why not apply for the grant and bring the books to the Fall Event? Please read on for a brief history of the Head Start Program in Fredericksburg, Texas.

"In the Hill Country of Texas, a unique experiment in early education lit a spark that flared into a roaring success nationwide. Head Start, whose mission was to provide early education to special needs and low income children, opened its doors in Stonewall in 1965. The birth of the educational program was announced in May of that year by LBJ, who declared at its inception that with the assistance of Head Start, 'poverty's children would not forevermore be poverty's captives.'

So began this highly successful, life changing education for disadvantaged youngsters. With a name chosen by educators who understood the achievement boost that separated more affluent students from their lower socio-economic peers, Head Start was charged with bridging the gap for children of poverty.

In 1998, Head Start was expanded to full day and full year instruction. Services grew to include medical and dental screenings, in addition to quality early education. Parenting classes assisted mothers and fathers, providing structure for disorganized families. More than four decades later, Stonewall, Harper, and Fredericksburg continue to serve a total of 133 children, although recent cuts to the program have left a shortfall between government funding and local needs." (Published in the February 2012 issue of the Hill Country Current.)

## Project Report

### POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYS THANKS!



**R**

August 22, 2012

Ms. Mimi Tanner  
2926 N. Saint Andrews Drive  
Richardson, TX 75082

Dear Mimi,

I wanted to send you a short note of appreciation for the most generous donation of \$605.00 from Altrusa to the Richardson Police Department for the "Safe Haven" project. As you know, we have targeted this money to use for emergency shelter situations that arise from time to time. This money will be used as a last resort for the temporary sheltering of crime victims and stranded citizens who have no other immediate alternatives.

The Counseling Place, formerly known as Neighborhood Youth and Family Services, has graciously offered to assist with the accounting of the donated funds. Debbie Walsh and her staff are our resource for assistance when these kinds of events occur.

Thank you for your patience as we determined the best alternatives for temporary shelter, and the accounting of the donated funds. I look forward to working with you and Altrusa in the future.

Sincerely,

  
Rhonda M. Bonner, Assistant Chief  
Richardson Police Department



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Project Report

**ALTRUSA RICHARDSON IS A MAJOR SPONSOR OF RICHARDSON READS ONE BOOK**

By Janet Vance, Community Outreach Committee

Chitra Divakaruni, author of *One Amazing Thing* and the Richardson Reads One Book (RROB) author for 2012, shared her message of building understanding and a sense of community on Sept. 20 during a lecture at Richardson High School. Attendance at the program topped 900 people and included an author reception for sponsors and special guests with Indian delicacies catered by the RHS culinary arts students.

In Divakaruni's remarks, she noted that everyone has stories that define them. If we took the trouble to learn the stories of those we meet, we would discover that people we judge harshly through first impressions share many of our own hopes and desires. In *One Amazing Thing*, Divakaruni creates a community of diverse characters by trapping them together in the aftermath of an earthquake. To pass the time and lower the stress level while awaiting rescue, each person tells the one amazing story that was pivotal to their life. By the book's end, the reader has become part of their community and is invested in the characters' fates.

Altrusa Richardson financially sponsors the author's appearance and traditionally provides volunteers to usher guests to their seats, pass out programs, answer questions, and "man" all the various entrances into the venue. This year's ushers included Brenda and Bob Boston, Ginger Tonne, Debbie Bourland, Paul Vance, Bobbi Klein, Marsha Peters, Mary Osentowski, Dena Davis, Jean Stuart, Zora Blankenship, Pam Fitzgearld, Pam Kovacs, and Cindy McIntyre.

Altrusans are also represented on the Richardson Reads Board of Directors and include Mimi Tanner, Jane Merz, Bonnie Perry, Mary Beth McLemore, and Janet Vance. The selection of the 2013 book and author is already in full swing. Anyone with a suggestion for a book with great discussable issues and broad reading appeal should contact a Board member.

At right: Author Chitra Divakaruni with the RROB Board of Directors, including Altrusans Mary Beth McLemore, Mimi Tanner, Jane Merz, and Janet Vance.



Brenda Boston with author.



President Kimberly Kierce presenting our Big Check to RROB Board Members.



Project Reports

**ALTRUSA RICHARDSON PRESENTS BIG CHECKS!**



Barbara Berthold, Board of Directors President of the Richardson Adult Literacy Center, is thrilled to receive a Big Check for \$1000. Shown (L-R) are Julianne Lovelace, Jean Stuart, Mimi Tanner, Kimberly Kierce, Mary Osentowski, and Barbara.



Everyone (especially Roger, on the floor) is wearing a big smile as Kimberly presents a Big Check to Carla Weiland for Camp Summit.

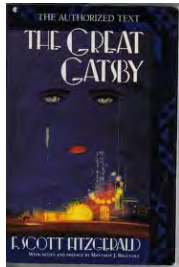


## Project Preview: Membership Retention Committee

### **AWCLS TO DISCUSS *THE GREAT GATSBY* IN OCTOBER**

By Kay George, Altrusa Wine and Chocolate Literary Society

Genevieve Hamulak led our September discussion of *The #1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall-Smith. This book is the first novel in the series and tells the story of the delightfully cunning and enormously engaging Precious Ramotswe, who is drawn to her profession to "help people with problems in their lives." Immediately upon setting up shop in a small storefront in Gaborone, she is hired to track down a missing husband, uncover a con man, and follow a wayward daughter. The story sparked a lively discussion of women's rights in different cultures and the surprising similarities all over the world.



In 1922, F. Scott Fitzgerald announced his decision to write "something new-- something extraordinary and beautiful and simple + intricately patterned." *The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald's third book, is our October selection. It stands as the supreme achievement of his career. This exemplary novel of the Jazz Age has been acclaimed by generations of readers. The story of the fabulously wealthy Jay Gatsby and his love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan, of lavish parties on Long Island at a time when *The New York Times* noted "gin was the national drink and sex the national obsession," it is an exquisitely crafted tale of America in the 1920s. *The Great Gatsby* is one of the great classics of twentieth-century literature. Join us in October for a discussion of one of the greatest classics of twentieth-century literature.

Start reading our November selection **NOW! 11/22/63** by Stephen King. A tribute to a simpler era and a devastating exercise in escalating suspense, *this book* is Stephen King at his epic best.

We meet at Friends Place Adult Day Services, 1960 Nantucket Drive in Richardson, at 6:00PM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. Even if you don't have a chance to read the featured books, we hope that you will join us for a great time of fun, fellowship, discussion and sharing.

## International Foundation News

### **VERIZON VELOCITY DISCONTINUES SUPPORT OF ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Since 2008, it has been possible for Altrusa International Foundation and other non-profit organizations to receive donations from the Verizon Velocity Fundraising Program when members signed up for residential Verizon FIOS Triple Play. Verizon recently concluded that it can more effectively and efficiently support its nonprofit partners through the philanthropic arm of Verizon, the Verizon Foundation. The Verizon Velocity program, although still featured on the Foundation section of Altrusa International's website, was discontinued as of June 30, 2012.

## District Nine News

### **ROOM RESERVATIONS FOR FALL LEADERSHIP EVENT**

By Laura Trainor-Collins, First Vice Governor

Great News!!! We have had an outstanding number of Altrusa reservations for the Fall Event, November 10, 2012. The Inn On Barons Creek is filling up, so the IOBC is starting a waiting list with name and phone number to contact Altrusans when suites become available. In the meantime, we have a small block of rooms at the Sunday House Inn and Suites. Call IOBC first, put your name on the waiting list and then reserve at Sunday House. Here is information from the Sunday House Inn and Suites.

The Standard Room has approximately 310 sq.ft. with two queen beds. Call 800.274.3762 for an Altrusa room rate of \$99.95 for double occupancy. I am holding 10 rooms in a block under Altrusa International with a release date of Oct. 10, 2012. Check-in is at 4 PM; check-out is at 12 PM. There is a 24-hour cancellation policy.

All rooms have mini-refrigerator, blow dryers, iron/boards, and coffee pots. Staff is on duty 24 hours a day to provide you with any assistance you may need. A wonderful Deluxe Continental Breakfast is included every morning that includes pastries, cereals, fruits, waffles, toast, hard-boiled eggs, oatmeal of different varieties, kolaches, and much more. There are three kinds of juices, and, of course, coffee and teas of your choice.

We are located at 501 East Main St. and are the closest hotel to the downtown area, walking distance to the wonderful Nimitz Museum historical sites, a variety of restaurants, and the interesting shops.

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Special Report

**MANY AMAZING ALTRUSA ADVENTURES IN SEPTEMBER**

By Mary Beth McLemore, Membership Recruitment Committee Co-chair

Anyone who has not found a rewarding, fun, and adventuresome Altrusa event this month has been asleep or very busy with family and/or job. Here are "my" adventures in September. [Editor's note: all of the events about which Mary Beth wrote are covered elsewhere in this issue, so Mary Beth's article was edited for space reasons; however, her enthusiasm for Altrusa should still be evident!]

One extremely rewarding adventure was the Walk to End Alzheimer's. Those hugs from Altrusa sisters made it worthwhile for not-a-morning-person-me to meet up at 6:30 AM. It was a beautiful day and I loved ringing the bell for big donors as I registered walkers. Lunch at Mimi's Café was a nice after-party!

The OWT invitation committee met twice to address and stamp invitations. Marsha, the chair, provided pizza, and I enjoyed visiting with Jill O during our ride to Marsha's house. It is always fun carpooling with someone to talk and learn what they have been doing; I highly suggest doing this when you are thinking, "Oh, NO, another meeting!" The first address party met at Rose's house, which is close to me. It was great getting to know Rose better by visiting her lovely home. Notice I called them parties, because work is fun when you are with Altrusans.

JAG started the month! WOW! Carl and I went to the greeting of our visitors on Thursday afternoon at the Richardson Civic Center. On Saturday, Carl and I felt honored to share our home with the 17 Japanese visitors and their hosts. Although entertaining 62 people in our home for soup and bread sounded overwhelming, with Altrusans helping it was just FUN! How great to discuss things with someone from a different culture. Carl found a TI wafer signed by Jack Kilby on a shelf, and showed it to a Japanese man who he later learned worked for TI.

At Nancy's home, the Recruitment Committee hosted 33 Altrusans and four guests for orientation/reorientation. Read Bobbi's article for all the details.

Two recent visits to the Book Club reminded me that this is THE place to go for intelligent conversation, even if you haven't read the current selection.

Richardson Reads One Book took a lot of my time, because I serve on the Board. The author of *One Amazing Thing* (I write this because of what she said about sharing an amazing adventure) stated that it was an amazing, well organized community event. I'm so glad Altrusa supports this event with ushers and a monetary donation. Many Altrusa adventures filled September for me. (The Rangers, World Series, please!!!, also took up time.) I love being an Adventuresome Altrusan and I, too, challenge you to write an article about your personal Altrusa adventure for our *Altrusa Tidings*.

**BOARD ACTIONS**

- ◇ Reviewed proposed changes to Club Policies; will be presented to club after completion of action item
- ◇ Approved purchase of new letterhead stationery
- ◇ Received report from ad hoc committee on purchase of banners

News from Other Altrusa Clubs

**GARLAND CLUB CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF SERVICE**



Charter, former and current members of Altrusa Garland gathered Sept. 13 at Eastern Hills Country Club to celebrate the organization's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. The group included members from neighboring Altrusa clubs (such as Jo Leeper and Kimberly Kierce from Richardson, above). They enjoyed a delicious dinner and a lively auction. Never one to miss a shopping opportunity, Kimberly was the high bidder on a fabulous gift basket.



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Richardson Today, October 2012

**Volunteers deliver books to seniors**

The Richardson Public Library brings reading directly to the senior community, supplying collections of large-print books to 11 retirement homes and the Richardson Senior Center.

Volunteers from Altrusa International of Richardson have assisted the Library with this outreach project since it started 10 years ago. They rotate these special collections among the senior living homes every three to four months.

New best-sellers are constantly added to these special collections to keep them fresh and up to date. The Library places more than 1,200 books directly at the sites, where many of Richardson's

seniors live. The Library also provides audio books to the Senior Center for its patrons to check out.

This program has gotten so large (and heavy!) that this year the members of the Exchange Club of Richardson began assisting with this important project. This happy collaboration of Altrusa and the Exchange Club volunteers resulted in a fast and efficient book moving day on a recent Saturday morning.

Residents from El Dorado community recently expressed their appreciation for these book deliveries with this message: "Thanks for bringing large print books to our home. They are our windows to the world."



**John Brady of the Exchange Club of Richardson and Gerry Carron of Altrusa International of Richardson delivering books.**

Richardson Today, October 2012

**Altrusa recognizes women's work in community**

Outstanding women from the community will be honored at the 2012 Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson Outstanding Women of Today Awards Luncheon to be held at noon Oct. 26.

Honorees will be recognized in six categories including Government, Education, Non-Profit, Small Business, Corporate and Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow. The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency at 701 E. Campbell Rd. in Richardson.

Former Lincoln Properties executive and nationally recognized trainer and speaker Anne Sadoysky will give the Keynote Address. The

luncheon will also include drawings for a week at a Scottish hunting lodge, a diamond and pearl necklace and other great prizes.

Proceeds from the Outstanding Women of Today luncheon support the organization's projects in the community, including funding college scholarships and elementary school field trips, and sponsoring such organizations as the Richardson Adult Literacy Center and Richardson Reads One Book.

Tickets are \$45 and may be purchased online at [www.altrusarichardson.com](http://www.altrusarichardson.com). For more information e-mail [contact@altrusarichardson.com](mailto:contact@altrusarichardson.com).

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**October Calendar**

**Civic Groups**  
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**NEWS LIST**

**Week In Review, July 27, 2012**

Posted Date: 7/27/2012



**Altrusa Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow Nominations are Due Tuesday**

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson is accepting nominations for its 2012 Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow Awards. The deadline to submit nominations is Tuesday.

The award honors women for their professional accomplishments and for making a difference for the future of women and providing leadership in their fields.

Click the link below for the nomination form:  
<http://bit.ly/MQb7Ez>

Richardson Today, July 2012

**Altrusa seeks outstanding women**

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson is currently accepting nominations for its 2012 Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow Awards that will be presented at a luncheon Oct. 26 at the Hyatt Regency North Dallas/ Richardson. The nomination deadline is July 31.

Altrusa's Outstanding Women of Today honors women for their professional accomplishments. The nomination categories are: Corporate, Education, Government, Non-profit, Small business, and Outstanding Women of Tomorrow (under age 35 in any category). Nomination forms are available online at [www.altrusarichardson.com](http://www.altrusarichardson.com).

This annual event offers a great opportunity to recognize the professional women who are making a positive impact in the community. The program benefits the projects and scholarships of Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, Texas Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization. For a list of the projects supported by Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, Texas, visit [www.altrusarichardson.com](http://www.altrusarichardson.com).

For more information about submitting a nomination, call Courtenay Tanner at 972-839-3818 or e-mail [contact@altrusarichardson.com](mailto:contact@altrusarichardson.com).

Richardson Today, October 2012

**Leadership workshop planned**

The Leadership Committee of Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson is hosting a leadership workshop, "Strengths Finder II," 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 6 at the home of Board Member Liz Luthans. Past President Bonnie Perry will facilitate the workshop. Lunch will be provided. Register online at [www.altrusarichardson.com](http://www.altrusarichardson.com) or by e-mail, [lluthans@petrohunt.com](mailto:lluthans@petrohunt.com) or [janet.vance@cor.gov](mailto:janet.vance@cor.gov). For more information, call Liz Luthans at 214-642-8251 or Janet Vance at 972-744-4350.

Project Preview

**NEW MEMBERS COMMITTEE PLANS MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY PROJECT**

By Bonnie Perry

The New Members Committee Project for Make a Difference Day on October 27, 2012, will center on children. Coloring book packets with crayons will be taken to the Medical Cities Hospital on Forest Lane for their Children's Cancer Program.

Children's books will be taken to the Methodist Richardson Regional Medical Center for their Children's area. We are asking that members bring children's books to the October 4 and 18 meetings, or if you prefer, make a cash donation that will be used to buy books. We would also like to invite you to join us at 6:00 PM before the business meeting to get the coloring packets ready to distribute. Please contact Bonnie Perry for questions or more information.



Bonnie Perry, Ginger Tonne, and Julie Horan show off the coloring books they will deliver on Make a Difference Day.

Special Report

**UNITED NATIONS DAY IS OCTOBER 24**

United Nations Day is the birthday of the United Nations. On 24 October 1945, the United Nations was formally established after a majority of its founding members ratified a treaty setting up the world body. In 1971, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution recommending that the day be observed as a public holiday by Member States. Traditionally, it has been marked throughout the world by meetings, discussions and exhibits on the goals and achievements of the Organization.



Special Report

**EXTRA EDITION OF ALTRUSA TIDINGS TO FEATURE JAG SUMMIT**



It was an extraordinary project, unlike anything we have done before! Our participation in the recent Japan-America Grassroots Summit will be featured in next week's special edition of *Altrusa Tidings*.



## Club Calendar October 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Altrusa Business Meeting	5	6 Strengths Finder Workshop, Part II
7	8	9 Gerry Carron bday	10 Atria Bingo	11 SMALLS dinner Sue McElveen bday	12 Deadline for OWT Registration!	13
14 Buns & Roses Romance Tea for Literacy	15	16 World Food Day	17	18 Altrusa Dinner Meeting	19	20
21	22 AWCLS (book club)	23 Brenda Moreland bday	24 United Nations Day	25 NO Board meeting	26 Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon	27 Make a Difference Day
28	29	30 Appletree Court Auction	31			

Business Meetings, 7 pm, 1st Thursday, Clubhouse at the Richardson Woman's Club  
 Dinner/Program meetings, 7pm, 3rd Thursday, Founders' Hall, at the Richardson Woman's Club  
 Board meetings, 6 pm, 4th Thursday, Friends Place Adult Day Services

Events on this calendar are copied from the calendar on our website. See the event listing at [www.altrusarichardson.com](http://www.altrusarichardson.com) for details of time and place.

If you choose, you may bring a gift (worth about \$5) 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. Proceeds are used for our administration budget.

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