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President's Message

Kimberly's Adventures

Peace on Earth

This time of year, I am reminded of the international scope of Altrusa and the great works that Altrusans are doing throughout the world. I am also reminded of how easy it is to get caught up in the commercialism of the season - unbeatable sales, bargains, and clearance items. Many of us are looking for that perfect gift, the biggest item to place under the tree, or the latest and greatest in electronics. Many people have long lists of must-haves they want for Christmas. Yet every year, all of us wish for same thing. But that one thing rarely ends up on our must-haves list - Peace.

When December rolls around and we are filled excitement and festivity of the Christmas season - but because of all the commercialism and materialism that clouds our society today, it is easy to lose the real spirit and meaning of this time of year - peace on earth and good will toward our fellow man.

Most of us are blessed to have close friends and family. But what about our neighbor and fellow man? Most of us don't know our neighbor across the street, nor the people we pass in the park, or at the mall, or on our highways. How much do we really know about our fellow man?

Collectively, we come together this time of year to help our fellow man through toy drives and food collections. We reach out those in need from city to city across the county and around the globe. We offer our Christmas spirit equally to those like us and those who might be different - that is the Altrusa way year round.

The spirit of Christmas was borne centuries ago in another county by people not so different from us. This year, I encourage us to celebrate our similarities - and our differences. Regardless of what you call this time of year - Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa - the celebration is the same.

Peace comes from accepting others and embracing our differences. Join us this holiday season for our own rendition of "peace on earth" through a celebration of dance and music from other parts of the world. It is through our giving, support, celebration, music, dance, and song we are joined together for a common purpose - to celebrate life and seek... Peace on Earth!



Kimberly celebrated last Christmas at the Chateau de Chenonceau on the River Cher in Loire Valley, France.

Discover Altrusa!

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Discover Altrusa: Your Passport to Adventure

Special Report

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF TO CELEBRATE UNITED NATIONS DAY

By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair

During the October 18 dinner meeting, the International Relations Committee facilitated a Treat or Treat for UNICEF coin drive. This project, which was the idea of Lisa DePrado and facilitated by Gloria Sandoval, was done to celebrate United Nations Day. The cute Trick or Treat coin boxes along with information on UNICEF were placed on each table. Attendees during the dinner meeting enjoyed stuffing the boxes with change and listening to Gloria Sandoval's bullet presentation about the work done by UNICEF. When all the change was counted, we raised a total of \$100.38 for UNICEF.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) was created after World War II in December of 1946 because so many European children were faced with famine and disease due to the devastation of the war. UNICEF provided food, clothing, and health care to these children and then extended its work to help children all over the world. By 1953 UNICEF became a permanent part of the United Nations and was recognized for its fight against yaws, a disfiguring disease affecting millions of children and one cured with penicillin. In 1965, UNICEF was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for its work in promoting brotherhood among nations. Today, UNICEF works in 190 countries and territories to save and improve children's lives by providing health care and immunizations, clean water and sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief, and much more. It is estimated that 19,000 children die every day from malnutrition, unsafe



drinking water, and lack of affordable vaccine and UNICEF is doing whatever it takes to reduce this child mortality. Its goal is to reach a day when the number of children dying from preventable causes is not 19,000 – but is zero!.

Congratulations...

The Richardson City Council thanks all the outstanding, adventurous members of Altrusa who help chart the course to improve our community.



Council Members pictured from left to right: Steve Mitchell, Mark Solomon, Scott Dunn, Mayor Bob Townsend, Amir Omar, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Maczka and Kendal Hartley.



Discover Altrusa, your passport to adventure for 45 years.

International News

PRESIDENT DONA GARRETSON TAKES OVER CHICAGO OFFICE OPERATIONS

Email excerpt from Ilona Kerby, International President-Elect

On behalf of the International Board of Directors, this message is to inform you that the employment relationship between Harriet Lewis and Altrusa International, Inc. has ended effective October 22, 2012. You may be asking who is in charge, I'd like to answer that question; Dona Garretson is in charge of the office operations in the interim. At present, she has two roles: International President and volunteer Office Manager extraordinaire. Dona has volunteered her time to help handle operational tasks and supervisory oversight of the staff. The Board of Directors welcomes her assistance and stands ready to help out in any way that Dona may need.

Dona maintains a home in Colorado, is telecommuting, and making periodic trips to Chicago to provide hands-on assistance and guidance to the International office staff. We are fortunate to have office staff that are very capable people and are committed to keeping operations running smoothly during this transitional time. It is hoped that there will be minimal hiccups with the absence of an Executive Director.

As always, every staff member is more than willing to help members who call with questions.

Committee Report

OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY LUNCHEON THROUGH THE EYES OF CO-CHAIR

By Cindy McIntyre, OWT Committee Co-Chair

The much anticipated day had arrived—sunny and cool. The Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon and Awards Presentation would come off ready or not! I arrived at the Hyatt early and found the parking lot already full on the front and the north side and almost full to the south. Where would all our nominees and guests find parking! Well there was nothing I could do about that so I proceeded to check on the dining room. Outside, the check-in tables were ready to swing into operation. And once inside, how lovely the tables looked. The fall colored mums centered on mirrored plates and highlighted with the colored ribbons of our new brand logo were fresh and pretty while staying low enough to promote conversation over their tops. Last minute items were being added to the tables like brochures and interest cards. When the media cart was not in place, a quick word to the hotel and it was located ready to receive our beautiful nominee PowerPoint presentation. Reservations and hotel liaisons were finalizing details of table placement. How thankful we were for everyone's hard work late into the night to finish this most important task, and the hotel was so very accommodating.

When my neighbor and photographer, Patty Blome, arrived, we went over where important sponsor tables were located, how the flow would be and what dignitaries and informal shots she would be expected to capture. We reviewed the order of events and the necessity for few time delays. She assured me she loved working at a fast pace (she does graduation ceremonies for Flash) and would do her part to keep things moving swiftly without looking pushed or rushed. Then, Patty and I followed the excellent signage to our next stop in the bar/reception area. It was a vision of fall fresh loveliness as well. The sign-in table was set up and name badges arranged. Next to them, nominee corsages beckoned and bloomed in various colors and bows. The snack table was a lovely collage of cheese, crackers, Brenda's candy corn display, and other fun elements that, combined with what catering had done, made a truly impressive set up. I was starting to feel really good about this event—the chairmen had done their homework and were executing beautifully which made me so proud.

As the reception began to fill up, it was fun to welcome folks. Everyone was so excited and so honored to be nominated! I helped Patty identify guests, and VIP's to snap—even Angie Chen Button (Texas House of Representatives) stopped by for a photo op which we gladly obliged. Then, it was time to move into the dining room. I noticed brisk sales for raffle tickets just inside the door and helpers crisscrossing the room, and the hum of the room's energy was palpable. I walked through encouraging seated folks to try the cheese and cracker displays in the front corners since no salad course was to arrive. Several members suggested different placement so more guests would take advantage and enjoy the delicious selections.



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(OUTSTANDING WOMEN *continued from page 3*)

When the gathering was brought to order, I was calm on the outside but slightly panicked inside—my husband wasn't there! What had happened? He knew how important this was and how could he be late??? Suddenly, I heard a commotion in the hall and someone (my hero) had opened one of the locked doors and let him in! Guess we need to make sure the hotel unlocks all the entrances (not just one). I vaguely remember saying the Altrusa Grace, and enjoying the meal. I just wanted the presentation and awards to go well. But before that could happen, it was the speaker's turn. What a joy she was - a refreshing change of pace that was on point, humorous, with just the right tone and length! Then Kimberly presented a "Big Check" to the City, representing the value of our volunteer hours—\$207,202.87!

OK, so introduce the 36 nominees, get individual and group photos, announce winners, listen to winner acceptances, draw prize ticket winners, category winner group photo, closing remarks, and get the guests back to work or their lives by 1:30. Pretty tough assignment but I had no cause for worry. From the moment Mary O. took the microphone, I knew we'd be fine. And when Kimberly graciously concluded the day, made our thank you's and ended her closing remarks on the dot of 1:30, I almost fell over.

You know, people say this is an awesome group of women - I've even said it on numerous occasions. But until you are in the heavy thick of an event this large, you really don't have a clue how amazing you all are. Brenda and I know, and we'll always be grateful. Showers of thankful stars rain down upon you! Love, Cindy



OWT Committee Report

THERE WERE THIRTY-SIX 2012 OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY NOMINEES

Non Profit (L-R)



Lynda Shirley
Caring for Children Foundation of Texas, Inc.

Marilyn Walsh
The Counseling Place

Melissa K. Robinson,
LMSW-IPR, LCPA
Chosen Child Adoption Services

Sara Rotenberry
Alzheimer's Association, Greater Dallas Chapter

Liz Harling
VMLC

Janna Gardner
Healing Hands Ministries

Susie Y. Jennings
Operation Care International

Debbie Childre
NETWORK of Community Ministries

Elizabeth Sabella
Mosaic

Education (L-R)



Jane Nunnelee, PhD,
RN-BC, GNP
Baylor University Louise Herrington School of Nursing

Jenny Kelly
Richardson ISD

Susan Barkley
Richland College

Nicole Leeper Piquero
University of Texas at Dallas
(not shown)

Small Business (L-R)



Janice Peters
Hudson Peters Commercial

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

Laura Maczka
Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship

Stella Daniel
MultiCare Nurses

Thu Bui
Salon 4316

Susan Jeffers Aten
Susan Jeffers Aten, DDS

Corporate (L-R)



Jan J. Warren
Petro-Hunt, L.L.C.

Vikki Schoellhorn
Seniors Helpers

Lois Reed
The Dallas Morning News

Jeanne Hooker
Atmos Energy

Mary Ryan Bedosky
ViewPoint Bank



Government (L-R)



Cynthia O'Banner
City of Plano

Rhonda M. Bonner
Richardson Police Department

Cynthia Oser
Richardson Public Library

Nichole Belford
City of Richardson

Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow (L-R)



Cristal Retana (stand-in)
Office of Representative Stefani Carter

Lacy Durham
Deloitte Tax, LLP

Holly Baxter
Richardson ISD - Terrace Elementary

Jessica D. Baker, PE, CFM, PMP
Half Associates, Inc.

Bridget Horan
Richardson ISD

Mary McClure
Friends of Sam Johnson

Katie Ostrom
Talent 'N More Dance Centre

Kathleen Rose Ryan
Texas House of Representatives

Photographs by Rick McGarry

OWT Committee Report

JUDGES FROM THE COMMUNITY CHOSE THE SIX OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF TODAY

Altrusa Richardson thanks the judges (Bill Knudsen, Barbara McNutt, Ray Noah, Amir Omar, and Drew Snow) for their time and dedication in reviewing all 36 submissions and selecting this year's honorees:



Susan Barkley (education)
**Executive Dean, World Languages,
 Cultures & Communications, Richland College**



*Outstanding Women
 of Today
 ... Builders of
 Tomorrow*

- Champions success for all students
- Builds learning communities at home and around the world
- Leads initiatives fostering cultural and global understanding
- Impacts college programs (ethnic, cultural, and peace studies)
- Excels in teaching and administration



Rhonda M. Bonner (government)
**Assistant Chief of Police
 Richardson Police Department**



*Outstanding Women
 of Today
 ... Builders of
 Tomorrow*

- Commands the Services Bureau
- Served in or supervised every assignment in the Police Department
- Championed numerous organizational and facility improvements
- Expects the best from department employees
- Empowers and encourages her employees to take ownership of their work



Lacy Durham (woman of tomorrow)
**Tax Manager
 Deloitte Tax, LLP**



*Outstanding Women
 of Today
 ... Builders of
 Tomorrow*

- Serves as Subject Matter Expert on employee benefits and executive compensation
- Excels at managing complex client engagements with power and grace
- Sought as a speaker for business, legal, and professional organizations
- Received many Young Lawyers' awards
- Spends countless hours helping to improve others and herself - personally and professionally



Janna Gardner (non-profit)
**Executive Director
 Healing Hands Ministries**



*Outstanding Women
 of Today
 ... Builders of
 Tomorrow*

- Founded clinic for uninsured families
- Has grown the clinic in 5 years into Dallas County's leading charity clinic; served 3,015 patients for nearly 10,000 visits in 2011
- Received NCQA Medical Home certification
- Inspires and brings people together to support and serve Healing Hands' mission
- Recognized for outstanding leadership by Texas Health Physician's Group, 2012



Janice Peters (small business)
**Principal
 Hudson Peters Commercial**



*Outstanding Women
 of Today
 ... Builders of
 Tomorrow*

- Advises clients in handling their real estate holdings and facility requirements
- Catapulted the success of her company through personal drive and tenacity
- Ensures that best services are offered
- Coaches and mentors; received Career Advancement for Women 2011 Award
- Impacts through service to professional affiliations and community organizations



Lois Reed (corporate)
**Copy Desk Chief
 The Dallas Morning News**



*Outstanding Women
 of Today
 ... Builders of
 Tomorrow*

- Demonstrates rigorous, thoughtful editing
- Regards the writer's voice and the readers
- Manages multimillion-dollar budgets
- Inspires employees and co-workers
- Sought as a newsroom and career advisor

Special Report**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN***By Rose Daughety, International Relations Committee*

On December 17, 1999, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution marking November 25 of each year as the International Day of Non-Violence against Women. This action was taken after the brutal assassination of the three Mirabel sisters, who were murdered by Dominican Republic's Dictator Rafael Leonidas Trujillo's men on this day in 1960. These women were members of a leftist movement working against Trujillo's regime. The assassination of the three women and the cover up are considered the major turning points in the downfall of the dictatorship.



At their November 15 dinner meeting, the women of Altrusa Richardson are pictured wearing orange clothing to join women worldwide in commemorating the International Day of Non-Violence against Women.

Committee Report**RETENTION COMMITTEE HAS BIG PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR***By Gerry Carron, Co-Chair*

The Membership Retention Committee is busy this year making plans for events that, hopefully, all of you will enjoy. Our next scheduled event is the Holiday Party. This is our Christmas party and is co-ed and guest-friendly. Dinner is \$18.00, and reservations have to be made. Bobbi Klein and Bonnie Perry have agreed to co-chair this event. If there are any of you who would like to help, please contact these ladies. This party is a wonderful time to be with your Altrusa friends and create new relationships as well.

Then to ring in the new year, "New Year - New You" will be from 10:00 till 1:00 on January 26, 2013. This is a new event that all will enjoy. More later, but do keep the date open. (See page 11 for more details.)

On May 4, 2013, we will have our Annual Marketplace. This is where we really need the help of the entire club. We want to double the size of the "fair" which means more vendors and more club involvement. Please contact friends who sell their wares at craft fairs and collect business cards of those whose merchandise you think might be suitable for our marketplace. We do not need jewelry, but keep your eyes open for other items. Ginger Tonne has arranged for us to have a school band outside to get attention. We need Altrusans who are savvy with advertising, ready to run a bake sale, and run the show.

Committee Report

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS INPUT

By Susan Frensley, Chair

The Nominating Committee members, elected at the October business meeting, are Mary Beth McLemore, Norma Hammerlund, Ginger Tonne and Rose Daughety, with Susan Frensley as Chair.

The Committee will be meeting early in December to begin to put together the slate of officers to be voted on by the membership in March 2013. The Committee would appreciate it very much if members could make suggestions of fellow Altrusans who they think would be good officers. We also welcome Altrusans coming forward to volunteer to be on the slate for some office.

If you want to make a suggestion to the committee or volunteer, just contact any of the members. We all want to have a great slate of officers to carry our Club into the future.



President Kimberly Kierce presented "Outstanding Altrusan Awards" to Brenda Boston and Cindy McIntyre, co-chairs of this year's Outstanding Women of Today Awards Luncheon, which was resoundingly successful thanks to their leadership.

Special Report

DONATING TO OPERATION CARE IN OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair

December 10th is the day annually set aside by the United Nations as a global observance of human rights and the importance of upholding these rights throughout the world. It is the occasion whereby people worldwide acknowledge and consider The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This document was completed by the United Nations High Commission in December of 1948 and for over the last 60 years it has aimed at focusing on the importance of human rights education. Events all over the world are aimed at educating people on their human rights and the importance of upholding these rights in their communities. By definition, human rights are the basic rights and freedoms that belong to every person in the world. This year the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights has as its focus inclusion and the right to participate in public life. They feel that inclusion of all those who have been traditionally locked out of the inclusion process is an essential precondition to the achievement of effective human rights.

Living in extreme poverty must be approached as a human rights violation. Living in poverty leads to the exclusion of the right to be properly educated. It also leads to poor health care, inadequate housing and discrimination. Poverty can be seen as a root to the cause of human trafficking of person, forced labor, street children, and child labor. This is why the United Nations feels it must focus their attention on events aimed at inclusion. This year as a means of helping celebrate Human Rights Day, Altrusa clubs from District Nine are helping a nonprofit Dallas organization called Operation Care International. On December 15, Operation Care International will host its annual Christmas Gift for the Homeless with the nation's largest Christmas party for the homeless at the Dallas Convention Center. They are preparing to help thousands of people by serving meals, giving out sleeping bags and blankets, new shoes, and toys to the children. Altrusa has collected shoes and socks to donate to Operation Care International and will be presented to the founder of Operation Care International, Susie Jennings, at our December 6th business meeting. We look forward to the opportunity to help Operation Care International and by doing so do our part to focus on human rights inclusion.



Meeting Preview

DECEMBER 20 MEETING WILL BE A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

You and your guests are invited to Altrusa Richardson's Holiday Adventure & International Passport Celebration

No matter what you call this time of year -

Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa, (just to name a few) -

The Celebration is still the same!

Join us for food, fellowship, music, dancing, and singing in an evening of Adventure and Celebration!

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Richardson Woman's Club Founders' Hall

2005 North Cliffe Drive, Richardson, TX 75082

Check-in 6:15 - 6:30 pm

Performances by Yallah! Dance Co.

Reservations required

Wine, soft drinks, and cheese 6:15 pm

Group singing led by Mary and Francis Osentowski

Register at www.altrusarichardson.com

Holiday program & dinner (\$18/pp) 7:00 pm

Meeting Highlights

OWT HONOREE CHIEF RHONDA BONNER HAD SAFETY ADVICE FOR US

Richardson Police Department Assistant Chief Rhonda Bonner was the guest speaker at our November 15 dinner meeting. She told us how to "Avoid Misadventure - Be Safe" and handed out police whistles to the audience. One way to be safe is to make a lot of noise—hence, the whistles—when being threatened!

The RPD website has been updated to mention Chief Bonner's Outstanding Women of Today award. See screen capture, below.

The screenshot shows the Richardson Police Department website. The navigation bar includes links for RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, VISITORS, GOVERNMENT, SERVICES, DEPARTMENTS, and I WANT TO... There is a search bar and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. The main content area is titled "ADMINISTRATION" and includes a "Font Size" selector, "Share & Bookmark", "Feedback [+]", and "Print" options. Two profiles are displayed:

- RICHARDSON POLICE DEPARTMENT**
Jimmy L. Spivey
Chief of Police
 Chief Jimmy L. Spivey has been with the Richardson Police Department since September 1995. Chief Spivey spent the preceding 25 years with the Dallas Police Department, where he served in virtually every area of the Department, including over 12 years in the Patrol Division. In his last assignment with DPD, he served as the Departmental Legislative Liaison. Since coming to the Richardson Police Department, he has served as Administrative Services Captain, Patrol Captain, and the Assistant Chief of the Operations Bureau. In August 2009 he was appointed Chief of the Richardson Police Department.
- OPERATIONS BUREAU**
Rhonda Bonner
Assistant Chief
 Assistant Chief Bonner started her career with the Richardson Police Department in 1980. She retired with over 27 years of service as a Captain in 2007, and returned to the Richardson Police Department in May 2010 as an Assistant Chief. She has served in virtually every capacity of the Department.
 Chief Bonner commands the Services Bureau which includes the Communications Division, Training, Records, Detention, Crime Prevention, School Resources, Fiscal Control, Mobile Field Force and Honor Guard. Chief Bonner is a graduate of Texas Woman's University. She is the 2012 recipient of the "Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow - Government Category" for the Altrusa International, Inc. Professional Excellence Award.

District Nine News

FALL LEADERSHIP EVENT HELD IN FREDERICKSBURG

From www.altrusadistrictnine.org

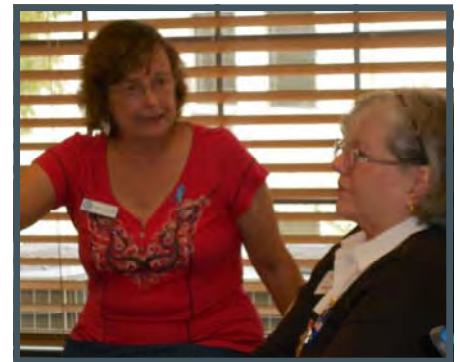
The District Nine Board of Directors hosted the Fall Leadership Event at the Inn on Barons Creek in beautiful Fredericksburg, Texas from 9:00am to 12:30pm, Saturday, November 10, 2012. The Keynote Speaker was Suzie Humphreys, www.suziehumphreys.com.

District Nine Altrusans assisted the Stonewall Head Start Program in Fredericksburg during the November 10th Fall Event by donating new or gently used pre-school age books (English and Spanish), preschooler size crayons and markers, and glue. Altrusans collected approximately 500 items and over \$100 to give to the Stonewall Head Start.

“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 Preview

A NEW WAY TO WELCOME THE NEW YEAR: *NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!*

By Ginger Tonne, Membership Retention Committee

On Saturday, January 26, 2013, the Membership Retention Committee will host *New Year, New You.*

The event, co-chaired by Ginger Tonne and Brenda Duckett, will be held at the lovely, spacious home of Sandy Martin. From 10am-1pm, four specialists in the areas of makeup, massage and reflexology, food and nutrition, and trendy accessorizing will pamper, educate, and provide a wonderful time for all attending.

An appetizing brunch and mimosas will be served from 10-11am, then from 11am until noon, all four of the specialists will demonstrate and speak on their topics. Starting at noon, attendees may select any or all of the four specialized areas to receive nutritional information, makeup techniques, current trendy accessorizing and an eight-minute massage. Come and join us for a fun day and pamper yourself with a “New You” in the New Year.

Ability House Project Report

ALTRUSANS HELP ABILITY CONNECTION TEXAS CLIENTS ATTEND NUTCRACKER BALLET

By Barbara Cornelius, Committee Co-Chair

We were fortunate that the Chamberlin Ballet contacted Altrusa with an offer of Nutcracker Ballet tickets that could be used for our Ability Connection Texas residents to use. We had four residents—Nina, Vera, Shelly and Robert come from Ability House, and residents Kenneth, Elliott, and Henry from Jubilee House also attended.

The ACT group had a wonderful time and we were so pleased to greet them and help to get them into the Eisemann and to their seats. They are a wonderful cheerful group and this was a real treat for them. The Altrusa helpers that day (November 23) were Jan Skinner, Kimberly Kierce, Barbara & Jerry Cornelius with their family members, daughter Trish with her husband Don Deutsch from Minneapolis and son Larry Bonnell from Michigan.



Altrusa Accent

THE ALTRUSA MOTTO

The Altrusa Motto, Patriotism-Efficiency-Service, was adopted in 1925. These are the ideals by which we are guided.



International Foundation News

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

It is time to start thinking about the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. Community Leadership Award!. The deadline for submission of nominations is May 15, 2013.

The purpose of the Community Leadership Award is to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to their communities as volunteer leaders. Put your thinking caps on and nominate someone who:



1. Has chaired a specific community service program that has provided or continues to provide a benefit to the community.
2. Chaired an Altrusa project or program (not a fundraiser) or chaired a project sponsored in cooperation with another civic or charitable organization.
3. Lives or works in the community of the nominating Altrusa Club.
4. Is a true volunteer, not a paid staff member.
5. Does not have to be an Altrusa member.

The Community Leadership Award will be a \$2000 contribution to the project/program conducted by the honoree. If the project has been completed, the award may be designated to a local charity of the recipient's choice.

To nominate, the entry should be submitted to the International Foundation and must be postmarked by May 15, 2013, by the Altrusa Club President in the city where the nominee conducts the project. The nomination should be in letter format, not more than three single-spaced, one-sided pages. With one inch margins and 12 point type. The letter should outline the reasons why the particular individual should be recognized. Substantiating information such as newspaper articles, photographs, or project reports showing results and/or outcomes can be submitted with the letter of nomination, but these enclosures should not exceed five pages. Please send an original and three copies of the complete submission, fastened at the top with a binder clip or paper clip (not in any type of binder).

The judging will be done by a group of non-Altrusans who have excelled in civic activities and volunteer service. The Award will be presented by the International Foundation at the International Convention in Rotorua, NZ, in July of 2013.

Project Report

APPLETREE AUCTION

By Gloria Sandoval, Seniors Committee Co-Chair

The Autumn Appletree Auction was a lot of fun, as always. The big ticket item was the spooky Halloween lap blanket made by Ernestine Swanson with fabric donated by Debbie Simms.

At right, Gloria Sandoval is shown in her role as auctioneer with Carole Buffington watching for bids.



Project Preview: Membership Retention Committee

AWCLS ANNOUNCES 2013 READING LIST

By Kay George and Jan Belcher, Altrusa Wine and Chocolate Literary Society



What a great time we had talking about 11/22/63 by Stephen King! Chris Hart stepped in for Bobbi Klein to lead the discussion and did a **FABULOUS** job. It was very interesting to listen to the perspective of this historic event by those who grew up in Dallas and witnessed firsthand its repercussions.

Stephen King definitely “stepped outside the box” with this novel. This heart-stopping dramatic new novel is about a man, Jake Epping, who travels back in time to prevent the JFK assassination. Jake’s friend Al, who runs the local diner, divulges a secret: his storeroom is a portal to 1958. He enlists Jake on an insane—and insanely possible—mission to try to prevent the Kennedy assassination. So begins Jake’s new life as George Amberson and his new world of Elvis and JFK, of big American cars and sock hops, of a troubled loner named Lee Harvey Oswald and a beautiful high school librarian named Sadie Dunhill, who becomes the love of Jake’s life—a life that transgresses all the normal rules of time. The book is a tribute to a simpler era and a devastating exercise in escalating suspense.

Co-chairs Jan Belcher and Kay George have reviewed the book recommendations received from our membership, and generated a list of books to discuss in 2013. It was not an easy task, as there were some incredible suggestions. The goal was to select books in a variety of genres: history, romance, the classics, and non-fiction. The reading list for 2013 is:

January ***The Family Fang*** – Kevin Wilson

February ***Loving Frank*** – Nancy Horan

March - We will have a special event in March. Passover begins at sundown on March 25th which is our scheduled meeting of the AWCLS. Bobbi Klein has volunteered to host a Seder dinner on that evening. Our reading material will be that which is used during the dinner. More information to follow.

April ***Empire of the Summer Moon*** – S.C. Gwynne

May ***South of Broad*** – Pat Conroy

June ***The Chaperone*** – Laura Moriarty

July ***Still Alice*** – Lisa Genova

August Richardson Reads One Book Selection

September ***All Quiet on the Western Front*** – Eric Maria Remarque

October ***Half Broke Horses*** – Jeanette Walls

November ***The Shack*** – William P. Young

Jan will send an email to the membership with a brief synopsis of each book. We are looking forward to another fantastic year in the AWCLS!!!!

REMINDER - There will be no meeting in December due to the holidays. We will resume on Monday, January 28, 2013, at Friends Place! Please mark your calendars for our meetings on the fourth Monday of each month.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL AND “HAPPY READING”!!!!!!

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In the Media

CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS HELD

From *Soundbytes*, Leadership Richardson Alumni Association

Class XXVIII Social Services Session

Brent Tourangeau, Janet Vance, Kim Stallings, Kristen Falies, Chris Hickson and ROC, Ted Ellis

As the old saying goes, you never really understand a man's journey until you walk a mile in his shoes. Our committee thinks that hits the nail on the head for how to understand what is happening with Social Services in Richardson today. So where do people in Richardson turn when they find themselves unable to meet the basic needs of day to day life? That is what we addressed throughout the course of our Social Service Day. Representative from The Counseling Place, Neighborhood Service Council, and Richardson Adult Literacy Center educated us on what they do to assist people in our community and allowed our classmates the chance to ask questions and start uncovering what

Richardson needs most. We also took tours to Community Network Ministries and to The Warren Center, to give the class a hands-on approach to what goes on in our community. Last but certainly not least, we hosted a Café Conversation with Altrusa. Altrusa came to our session to facilitate dialog on what Social Service issues Richardson will face next. That was a perfect way to wrap up our day because it focused our sights on the future and helped us figure out how our leadership can best be put to use in our community.

-Kristen Falies (28)
Class XXVIII Social Services Committee



In the Media

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EVENTS GIVEAWAYS

Janna Gardner wins Altrusa Award



Janna Gardner, founder and executive director of **Healing Hands Ministries**, was honored with a prestigious award by the Richardson chapter of **Altrusa International** Friday. Janna was named "Outstanding Woman of Today" in the Non-Profit category, nominated with 8 other accomplished women.

Attending the luncheon with Janna were Susan Cox, president of the HHM board, Brent Gardner, Janna's supportive husband, Shirley and James Burroughs, Janna's parents, and several folks who volunteer faithfully at the HHM clinic.

"Janna makes me a better person my just being around her," said Susan Solomon after watching Janna collect her crystal statue. "I have never been prouder."



Altrusa is an international non-profit organization which fosters leadership and service in local communities. Awards were also given for work in fields of education, corporate, government and small business, and younger women were nominated as Outstanding Women of Tomorrow.

Congratulations Janna!

Posted by: Carol Toler on October 29th, 2012 in All Blog Posts, Events, Health and Fitness
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The Lunch Bunch met at Casa Milagro in Richardson on Tuesday, November 14. The next quarterly meeting will be in February. Everyone is invited!



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IN THE MEDIA

Week in Review



Nov. 9, 2012

Here is the latest edition of Week In Review - a series of weekly messages from the Mayor and City Council to help Richardson residents and businesses keep up to date on events at City Hall.

HASR Recognizes Volunteers

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson (HASR) held its annual Volunteer of the Year Luncheon Wednesday, Nov. 7, honoring 16 nominees in five categories.

The winners were:

Community Leadership: Dean McGee, nominated by The Counseling Place

Humanitarian: Pauline Chen, nominated by Richardson Adult Literacy Center

Education: Diane Reed, nominated by Richardson Adult Literacy Center

Group: Altrusa International of Richardson, nominated by Terrace Elementary

The Dot McCalpin Founder's Award: Nancy Davenport



Pictured from left: Pauline Chen, Dean McGee, Diane Reed, Nancy Davenport, and Kimberly Kierce, representing Altrusa Richardson.

HASR exists to improve the delivery of social services in Richardson in a nonprofit, nonpolitical forum for better communication, coordination and cooperation among the service agencies serving RISD.

20 SMILING ALTRUSANS CELEBRATE HASR VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD



Photos by Rick McGarry

In the Media

RALC APPRECIATES OUR SUPPORT OF TEDDY BEAR TIMEFrom *RALC eNews***Altrusa Supports Teddy Bear Time**

Altrusa Richardson adopted Terrace Elementary School in 2000. Since that time, Altrusans have spent thousands of hours reading to students, supporting teachers, providing materials, and much, much more. As part of their support for this very diverse student population, Altrusa has sponsored Teddy Bear Time for many years. (Pictured: RALC Advisory Board Members Julianne Lovelace, Jean Stuart, and Mimi Tanner; Altrusa President Kim Kierce; RALC Board Member Mary Osentowski and RALC Board President Barbara Berthold.)

Teddy Bear Time is a 16-week family literacy program where trained Altrusa volunteers lead one-hour sessions with preK students and their parents, modeling read-alouds and introducing families to a variety of pre-literacy activities.

"We are so grateful for Altrusa's long-time support and dedication to Teddy Bear Time at Terrace," said Katie Patterson. "These outstanding women not only lead and fund Teddy Bear Time at Terrace, but because of their experience with program, they're a wonderful resource for ways to improve the program, both at Terrace and at other schools."



Below are photos from a Teddy Bear Time earlier this year.



IN THE MEDIA

ALTRUSA RICHARDSON FEATURED IN NEIGHBORSGO AND RICHARDSON TODAY

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ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF RICHARDSON

Women honored for local service

SUBMITTED STORY

Altrusa International of Richardson recognized 36 professional women at its annual Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon at the Renaissance Hotel.

The honorees were nominated in six categories including government, nonprofit, education, corporate, small business and Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow (a woman younger than 35 in any field).

Nominations were judged by a panel of community leaders who selected a top winner in each category. Judges included Bill Knudsen, Barbara McNutt, Ray Noah, Amir Omar and Drew Snow.

Top honorees were Assistant Chief of Police Rhonda Bonner (government), Lois Reed, copy desk chief from *The Dallas Morning News* (corporate), Janice Peters of Hudson Peters Commercial (small business), Janna Gardner, executive director of Healing Hands Ministries (nonprofit) and Susan Barkley, dean of the School of World Languages at Richland College (education).

The Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow



Photo submitted by JANET VANCE

Top honorees in Altrusa's Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon were Lacy Durham (from left) Janice Peters, Rhonda Bonner, Janna Gardner, Susan Barkley and Lois Reed.

Award was awarded to Lacey Durham from Deloitte Tax.

Altrusa of Richardson is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to the betterment of the local community through leadership, partnership and service.

Proceeds from the Outstanding Women

of Today Luncheon fund Altrusa's outreach to the Richardson community.

A few of the current year's Altrusa grant recipients include the Richardson Adult Literacy Center, the Warren Center, Network of Community Ministries, the Counseling Place and Richardson Reads

One Book. In addition, Altrusa awards college scholarships every year to deserving high school seniors.

Janet Vance submitted this story on behalf of Altrusa International of Richardson.

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Altrusa honors "Outstanding Women of Today"

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson honored six winners as they were named Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow at the 9th annual luncheon Oct. 26.

Of the 36 women nominated, the winners were: Corporate: Lois Reed, *The Dallas Morning News*; Education: Susan Barkley, Richland College; Government: Rhonda Bonner, Richardson Police Department; Nonprofit: Janna Gardner, Healing Hands Ministries; Small Business: Janice Peters, Hudson Peters Commercial; and Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow: Lacy Durham, Deloitte Tax.



2012 Richardson Altrusa honorees—(l-r) Lacy Durham, Janice Peters, Rhonda Bonner, Janna Gardner, Susan Barkley and Lois Reed

BOARD ACTIONS

- ◇ Approved amendments to Club Policies; next step is presentation to Club
- ◇ Reviewed banner design
- ◇ Approved membership applications
- ◇ Received Foundation and Admin financial reports; will be presented to Club

Richardson Today, December 2012

HASR recognizes community volunteers

Helping Agencies Serving Richardson (HASR) honored 16 Volunteer of the Year nominees in five categories at a luncheon Nov. 7.

Award winners were:

- **Community Leadership:** Dean McGee, nominated by The Counseling Place
- **Humanitarian:** Pauline Chen, nominated by Richardson Adult Literacy Center
- **Education:** Diane Reed, nominated by Richardson Adult Literacy Center

- **Group:** Altrusa International of Richardson, nominated by Terrace Elementary
- **The Dot McCalpin Founder's Award:** Nancy Davenport

HASR's mission is to improve the delivery of social services in Richardson through better communication, coordination and cooperation among agencies in the community.

For more information, visit www.HASR.org.



2012 HASR Volunteer of the Year Award winners (L-R) Pauline Chen, Dean McGee, Diane Reed, Nancy Davenport and Kimberly Klerce, representing Altrusa International.

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Club Calendar December 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 <i>Jane Merz bday</i>	5 <i>Pam Fitzgearld bday</i>	6 Business Meeting	7	8 Book Rotation, Ability House Decorating
9 <i>Ann Eisemann, Pat Hansen bday</i>	10 Human Rights Day	11	12 Atria Bingo	13 Board Mtg, SMALLS dinner	14	15 Ability House Party, <i>Janet Vance bday</i>
16	17	18	19	20 Holiday Dinner	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29
30 <i>Nancy Rohm bday</i>	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

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.

Events on this calendar are copied from the calendar on our website. See the Club Calendar at www.altrusarichardson.com for details of time and place.