

President's Message

EVERY DAY IS A CELEBRATION!



As an adult it always amazes me how quickly time seems to fly. When I was a child, many of my days seemed long and slow..... You guessed it - - I was one of those kids who couldn't wait for summer to end so school could start again!

This Altrusa year seems to be moving very fast. When you receive this newsletter, **1/3** of our Altrusa fiscal year will be over. I **CELEBRATE** how hard you work on projects, do good things in our community and of course have fun. I thank each one of you. I'm so proud to be a Richardson Altrusan.

Last week Christine Hart and I represented Altrusa as sponsors at an interview with the Richardson Reads One Book author of *Spare Parts*, Joshua Davis. It was interesting to hear how well he was able to think on his feet and answer hard questions about the main themes of his book. He shared that he keeps up with the four main characters from the book fairly regularly.

Many exciting things are scheduled in October. Recruitment will initiate a new member at our business meeting. You will have the opportunity to enjoy lunch and a shopping trip planned by Retention. The Service Committees will continue to offer opportunities for various projects. If you haven't participated in one **new** thing so far this year, I encourage you to do so. Sign up for a project you have never done, or visit the OWT Committee meeting Tues., Oct. 11, at Friends Place at 6:00 p.m. – sign up online; or attend the Foundation meeting Wed., Oct. 12, at Besa's at 6:30 p.m. – contact Julianne Lovelace; or sit in on next Club Board meeting Thurs., Oct 13, at Friends Place at 6:30 p.m.– contact the president. There is an endless supply of opportunities.

Everyone needs to be onboard for our annual fundraiser, OWT, on Friday, Oct. 28. Have you invited friends to

Upcoming Events:

- See online calendar for event details, location, and sign-up at <http://altrusarichardson.com>
- Oct 6 Monthly Business Meeting (7p)
 - Oct 8 RETENTION: Urban Flea Market (10:30a)
 - Oct 11 SENIORS: Atria Auction (1:30p)
 - Oct 12 SENIORS: Atria Bingo (6p)
 - Oct 12 FOUNDATION Trustee Meeting (6:30p)
 - Oct 20 Dinner / Program Meeting (7p)
 - Oct 24 RETENTION: Book Club (6p)



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

October 28, 2016 at Noon

<http://altrusarichardson.com/event-2197407>

attend? Have you purchased your seat at the luncheon? Have you bought or sold raffle tickets? Have you considered helping make corsages for Nominees? It is your responsibility as a member to help in some way.

In closing, please remember to tell those you meet about Altrusa. Sometimes the reply will be, "I've been looking for something like that." Be sure to invite them to visit a meeting!

Together we accomplish great things.

Every day is a Celebration!

Service, Leadership, Friendship

Nancy R. Rohm, President, 2016-17



(Pictured l-r)
Christine Hart,
Joshua Davis, and
Nancy Rohm at
Richardson Reads
One Book

Spotlight on Altrusans



Kimberly Kierce and **Janet McCulloch** interviewed each other for the September 1st Meeting SPOTLIGHT

Kimberly Kierce served as president of Altrusa in 2012-2013. She studied art and music at The University of North Texas but graduated with a degree in Psychology. She has served as an administrator for the Municipal Court in Richardson for 17 years and has worked in this field for 25 years. Kimberly was born and raised in Houston, where her mother still resides. She has three sisters and lots of nieces and nephews. She is the proud owner of two 18 year old Maine Coon Cats named Tasha and Sabre. Her favorite author is Janet Evanovich and she has read most of the works written by this author. Kimberly loves to travel and has a tradition of spending her birthday each year in a new place. She especially loves Italy and Istanbul, wants to zipline across Niagara Falls and to go on an African Safari. She is a talented percussionist and does belly dancing. This started out as a fun way to exercise, and turned in to something she loves to perform. Kimberly loves being active and having adventures. In fact, her words to live by confirm this: Anything once and the fun things twice!

Janet McCulloch is a Native Texan having grown up in Dallas where her dad still lives in the same house. She has 4 siblings; 3 sisters and 1 brother and she is the 2nd oldest of the 4 girls. Her favorite childhood book was *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle and she is currently reading *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman. Her favorite musician is Willie Nelson. Janet has a terrier named Seymour and a cat named Hazel. She is a retired elementary school librarian/teacher having taught 5th grade for 8 years and served 22 years as a school librarian. Janet has a daughter, Jill, and a son, Samuel, and 2 granddaughters Jane (23 months) and Amelia (3 years). Janet enjoys community outreach and making new friends. She currently volunteers at the Austin Street Center, does outreach at a nursing home with her church and tutors reading at a neighborhood school. Her travel to Italy earlier this year included a stop in Pompeii. In 2017 she is looking forward to traveling to Ireland. She also wants to visit Mackinac Island in Michigan

Best Chili Dogs in Texas

Laura Trainor-Collins

What a fabulous book swap. Thank you so much for making this event a huge success. We had great chili dogs, salads and chips and dips. A special thanks to Pam and Mike Johnson for hosting us in their lovely home, Jackie for set up, Christine for shopping and Gayle for cleanup. Thank you to everyone who brought food and drinks to share. We had 48 signed up online and we had 208 books to take to the Richardson Friends of the Library. We were asked by Altrusa International to donate at least 100 books this year for the 100 year anniversary of Altrusa so we have met that goal. District Nine suggested each club donate 900 books this year. So we are well on our way.

(pictured right l-r) Gayles Ingle, Nancy Rohm and Cindy Murray browse the book selection



(pictured middle) Brenda Boston recommends a book



(pictured below l-r) Janet McCulloch and her husband, Frank; Amalia Palmer; and Christine Hart and her husband. Peter



St. Michel, Haiti

Choose Kind Library is a Reality



The brand new TeachHaiti **School Of Hope** in St. Michel, Haiti is complete. In 2015, our International Relations Committee sent a donation to TeachHaiti designated as *"The Choose Kind Library, Supported by The Altrusa International Richardson Foundation"*, which would purchase books for the library of the school which was being built.

Our club has won the first place Nina Faye Calhoun International Relations Award for both District Nine and the International levels for our work with TeachHaiti and Terrace Elementary pen-pal project. Our "Choose Kind Library" donation was another facet of our project.

TeachHaiti was begun by Miquette McMahon, who came to the US on a nursing scholarship. She spoke no English when she came here but made the most of her opportunity and when her studies were complete she made the decision to return to Haiti to bring the opportunity of an education to others. In Haiti, all the schools are privately owned and the children need to be able to pay the tuition fees. Miquette sought to start schools that could be attended by anyone. The first TeachHaiti school was built in Port au Prince, Haiti and this is the school we began working with. The location of the second school was St. Michel, Miquette's home village.

This year the Choose Kind Library Project is being supported by both the International Relations and Education Committees. This is because the project focuses on establishing "Choose Kind Libraries" in RISD elementary schools and schools internationally also. A grant request has been submitted to the Altrusa international Foundation for funding to expand this project. The bulk of the original funding came from an

Altrusa International Foundation Grant that we received in 2014. Our first RISD Choose Kind Library was established at Terrace Elementary in 2014, the second at Northrich Elementary in 2015, the third at Northlake Elementary in 2015 and the fourth opened in May of 2016 at Audelia Creek Elementary. Each library is a specific section of the school library designated as "The Choose Kind Library @ (School) Elementary, A Special Project of The Altrusa International Of Richardson Foundation". The book collections focus on cultural awareness, diversity, anti-bullying and self-image. The School of Hope donation was granted by our International Relations Committee in 2015 and in 2016 a similar donation was granted to the William Botan School in Santa Avila, Guatemala, where our International Relations Committee sponsors the education of a girl named Seneyada.

If you have any questions about the Choose Kind Libraries, contact Bobbi Klein; bobbiklein@gmail.com.



Since 2011 Altrusa Richardson has supported the efforts of TeachHaiti. Haiti's education system is not free to all children. Families must pay for school expenses that results in primary school enrollment at only 67%. The mission of TeachHaiti is "Empowering Haitian Children to rise from Poverty through Education". Altrusa Richardson through the International Committee is sponsoring Herwine to attend school.

This summer we received a very sweet thank you card from Herwine (pictured right):

*Dear Sponsor
Thank you very much for supporting me in school. I've learned a lot of lessons this year. I really like the "Pinpin Lapin" lesson. I am glad to move up to 2nd grade. Thank you very much!!!
Herwine*

How rewarding for our organization to be able to change a little person's life. Go Altrusa!



World Food Day

October 16



World Food Day is a day of action against hunger. Although the date celebrates the creation of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on Oct. 16, 1945, World Food Day itself was not established until 1979. The

theme this year is “Climate is changing. Food and agriculture must too.” One of the biggest issues related to climate change is food security. The climate change hits the world’s poorest the hardest; at the same time the global population is growing steadily. To meet such a heavy demand, agriculture and food systems must become more resilient, productive and sustainable.

International United Nations Day

October 24



United Nations Day has been celebrated since 1948. The date marks the anniversary of the UN Charter in 1945, when the UN officially came into being. In 1971, the UN General Assembly recommended the day be observed as a public holiday.

The day is to make people aware of the UN and its aims and achievements, and gain their support for its work. “The United Nations works for the entire human family of seven billion people, and cares for the earth, our one and only home.” (Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon)



October 20th Dinner / Program Meeting

Are you interested in our City? Want to know what’s going on? Care about the crime rate? How about new development? Don’t miss the October dinner meeting, where the program will feature three of the Community leaders interviewed for the Community Initiative Project. The panel discussion will feature Police Chief Jimmy Spivey, First Assistant City Manager Don Magner and Judge Ray Noah, who recently retired as Richardson Municipal Court Judge. The meeting will be in Founders Hall, Thursday, October 20th. Social hour at 6:30 and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Be sure to register by noon on October 17th. <http://altrusarichardson.com/event-2337138>

FEEDING CHILDREN EVERYWHERE



On Sept 11, 2016, the Richardson Chamber of Commerce and the Richardson Interfaith Alliance gathered over 800 volunteers at the Richardson Civic Center to assemble 65,000

bagged meals to distribute in the community and internationally. Of the 65,000 meals packaged, 43,000 went to Richardson’s Network of Community Ministries, 2,000 to Care Ministries in the South Dallas area, 1,000 meals to Richardson East Church of Christ food pantry and 20,000 meals went to Syrian refugees in the Middle East.



Altrusans, (pictured above l-r) Mimi Tanner, Mary Beth McLemore, Carol Ruszinski (will be initiated October 6), Gloria Sandoval, Bobbi Klein, Jo Leeper, Gayle Ingle, Jane Tucker, (not pictured above) Lynn Solomon, Jean Stuart, Karen Tate, Amalia Palmer, Gerry Carron and Nancy Rohm, donned hair bonnets and gloves to bag meals to fill three boxes, totaling 864 packages. The second shift did the same, making 1728 packages that our club did. Carol said “this is the reason I am joining Altrusa, to make a difference”.



Upcoming Auction at Atria Assisted Living in Richardson

By Lynn Solomon, Senior Committee Co-Chair

On October 11, 2016 at 1:30pm, Altrusans will be facilitating the Auction at Atria Assisted Living in Richardson. This auction is held each Fall and Spring. We need about 5 people to help. Please consider signing up for this fun event!

<http://altrusarichardson.com/event-2264992>

Altrusa at Atria Bingo!

By Lynn Solomon, Senior Committee Co-Chair

Atria Bingo was held on Wednesday September, 14th. A good time was had by all as the ladies, usually about 12 of them, enjoyed the friendly competition! Altrusa caller this month was Gloria Sandoval and the helper was Ruth Tinnes. Thanks to these ladies for volunteering their time.



Richardson Reads One Book

By Cindy McIntyre

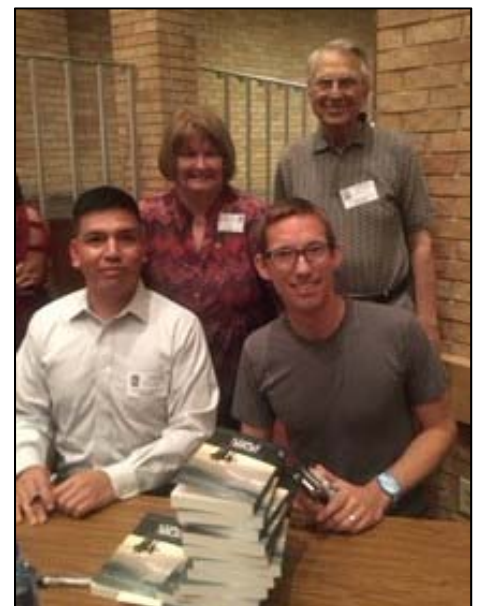


An enthusiastic group of Altrusa Richardson members served as ushers for RROB event at Richardson High last evening. The Culinary Arts students prepared their usual tasty appetizers and Mayor Voelker made welcome remarks at the pre-talk reception. Then, Joshua Davis, author of Spare Parts, entertained the packed auditorium with tales from his personal

history and how he came to write about four students at Carl Hayden High School in Phoenix, Arizona: An unlikely group of Hispanic young men who managed to design, implement, and compete in an underwater robotic contest sponsored by NASA. The group actually beat corporate giant backed teams from MIT and other schools at the college level. It is a wonderful, poignant, and timely story about underdogs, and the pitfalls illegal immigrants must navigate in the U.S.

Joshua Davis is not only a terrific writer but an amazing speaker who kept the crowd enthralled for over an hour.

(Pictured left standing l-r) Ann Turner, Mimi Tanner, Jane Tucker, Mary Osentowski, Mary Beth McLemore, Janet McColloch, and Jane Merz (pictured back row l-r) Janie Jaquier, Cindy McIntyre, Marsha Peters, and Jackie Scrivener



(Pictured left l-r) Gayle Ingle, Nancy Rohm, Amy Brenkus-Trigg, Sharon Nash, and Courtenay Tanner

(Pictured right l-r, seated) Oscar Vazquez and Author Joshua Davis along with Altrusan Mary Beth McLemore and husband, Carl

The Urban Flea Retention Event in Downtown Garland

By Laura Trainor-Collins

We have set up the Urban Flea for October 8, 2016 10:30am. The Urban Flea is an irreverent group of artists featuring vintage goods, pretty things, found objects, rescued and repurposed items and hand crafted wares. The Urban Flea is located one block off the Square in Garland next to Resurrected Designs on 7th Street between Main and Avenue A. There are food trucks, restaurants, and antique shops so let's plan on shopping and then have lunch. Register on the club website and those attending can decide on a meeting place or carpooling. Jenn Rohm is coordinating this event. <http://altrusarichardson.com/event-2316297>

Hubbard's Cubbard is known for breakfasts and the tv show Walker Texas Ranger. The Main Street Café has salad luncheon plates (I think you can make a reservation here.) The Intrinsic Smokehouse and Brewery (couple doors down from the Plaza theatre) has a lovely house made Sangria and BBQ.



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**"A Leader is one who
knows the way,
goes the way, and
shows the way."**

John C. Maxwell

Sophomore Sister Committee Update Make A Difference Day Project

By Cindy McIntyre

One of the best days in the life of a child should be his/her day of birth. Every child needs to be remembered and made to feel special. But sometimes in large needy families this day can go unnoticed - unrecognized. The Sophomore Sisters this year have decided to make a difference for these forgotten or unhappy children. They are preparing Birthday Bags filled with small toys and, of course, a book, to fill this need.

We will be assembling 50 bags and delivering them on Saturday, October 22, which is "Make a Difference Day." The Counseling Place and various women's shelters will receive them and pass them out across the year as needed.

Our ideas are grand but our budget is small so we are asking your help!

We looking for small toys, games, or puzzles (unisex) that will fit in an 8X10" bag...not junk, but inexpensive such as a package of cute party favors. You don't have to bring 50 - just a few - with our thanks. Books appropriate for age 5-12 are also welcome. Of course, your monetary donation is always appreciated. You can bring your items to the business and/or dinner meetings in October or give them to any of our terrific Sophomore Sisters (see list below). Help us make a little person's birthday special!



2016-2017 Sophomore Sisters:

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| Betty Bruce | Gayle Ingle |
| Susan Long | Betty Mastick |
| Linda McCollum | Barbara McNutt |
| Betsy Meggs | Sharon Nash |
| Amalia Palmer | Sarah Riehm |
| Jackie Scrivener | Ann Turner |

Join us at
Altrusa International of Richardson Foundation's



*Outstanding Women of Today
...Builders of Tomorrow
13th Annual Luncheon and
Awards Presentation*

Friday, October 28, 2016

Check in: 11:30 am

Luncheon and Program: 12:00 pm

Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel
900 East Lookout Drive
Richardson, Texas 75082

\$50 per person

Tickets Validated for Parking Garage

Register on-line at www.altrusarichardson.com.
RSVP by October 14, 2016

<http://altrusarichardson.com/event-2197407>

For additional information about reservations,
please contact
Brenda Boston at 972-742-5146 or
contact@altrusarichardson.com

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per IRS regulations. Please check with your tax advisor.

2016 Nominees

Corporate

Jolene J. Hersch, SPHR • ARGO
Cindi Jackson • Texas Bank and Trust
Sandra K. Mondy • BlueCross BlueShield of Texas
Ronda Kay Moreland • Salem Media Group, Inc.
Mary Poss • Ebby Halliday Realtors

Education

Lanet Greenhaw • Dallas Regional Chamber
Lois Parrott, Ph.D. • Richland College
Angela Sledge • Richardson West Junior High School, RISD
Carolyn Stratton • Canyon Creek Christian Academy
Joan Swim • Richardson Independent School District
Rachel Wolf • Eastfield College, DCCCD

Government

Deanna R. Kuykendall • Office of Representative Scott Turner
Donna Leach • City of Richardson

Health Care

Jan Arrant • Methodist Richardson Medical Center
Sally Bober • Sally Bober & Associates
Janna Brewer • Baylor Scott & White Medical Center Plano
Michelle Rowton • Healthy Kids Pediatrics LLC

Nonprofit

Barbara Adamson • Caring for Children Foundation of Texas,
Donna Cranston • Defenders of Freedom
Anna McFarland • Japan-America Society of Dallas/Fort Worth
Sydney Plant • Methodist Richardson Medical Ctr Foundation
Claire Turner • The Senior Source
Lori C. Villarreal • YMCA Camp Grady Spruce

Small Business

Celia R. Aragon • Aragon Graphics, Inc.
Colleen Halbert • Jimmy John's Sandwiches
Greta Horowitz • Casa Milagro Restaurant
Fran Osborn • Insight Counseling
Lauren Robertson • The C-Section Recovery Center LLC
Mabel Simpson • Simpson Law & Fidelity National Title
Jo Trizila • TrizCom Public Relations

Outstanding Woman of Tomorrow

Rev Julie Klossner • First United Methodist Church Richardson
Rachel Kuhr • Productable.Us



Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship deadline is October 10, 2016. For more information,
please contact Robin Smith at 214-405-3053 or
contact@altrusarichardson.com

Chance Drawing

(Need not be present to win)

For Chance Drawing Tickets, please contact Liz Luthans @
972.256.6825 or Bonnie Perry @ 214.636.1310 or
contact@altrusarichardson.com

\$10 each or 3 for \$25

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Backpage Flashback!



In April 2016, Richardson Altrusans donated hand-knotted blankets for the NICU at Methodist Richardson Medical Center

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October Birthdays

Barbara O'Dell	Oct 7
Gerry Carron	Oct 9
Sue McElveen	Oct 11
Brenda Moreland	Oct 23



Club Board Actions

Sept. 22, 2016

The Board reviewed drafts of Board Job Descriptions prepared by Kay Hopper. The descriptions will be a guide for members to know what is asked of them if the Nominating Committee asks them to serve on the Board. The Nominating Committee will be elected in November.

At the October Trustee Meeting, Foundation Board will be appointing Marsha Peters to fill the Trustee vacancy left by Carolyn Swanson. As such, the Board accepted the resignation of Marsha Peters as Co-Chair of the Finance Committee.



District Nine News

Fall Leadership Event

<http://districtnine.altrusa.org/Who-We-Are/Welcome-Message.aspx>

Many Richardson Altrusans have registered to attend the District Nine Fall Leadership Event on Saturday, November 5 in Palestine. It will be a fun, informative event. Please consider adding your name to the Gerry Carron's list. Fourteen of us are coming the day before and spending the night; three others are coming early Saturday morning.



International News

Centennial Celebration

<http://altrusa.org/Who-We-Are.aspx>



Altrusa International is getting ready for a big Centennial Convention, July 21-24, 2017 in Nashville, TN. Many Richardson Altrusans have already participated in pre-events: Signed up to volunteer 100 (or even 200 hours) this year, donated a dollar to fund the large celebration at Convention. We were asked to donate 900 books and we are over 200 so far. Start saving your money to attend – this will be one not-to-miss convention!