

President's Message

EVERY DAY IS A CELEBRATION!



By the time you receive this message, OWT will be over until next year. Our club does an outstanding job of preparing for and putting on an event that our community looks forward to

and that we can be proud of. Without a fundraising event, we wouldn't have money to do the service we do for our community. After the wrap-up evaluation of OWT, we might be tempted to put up our feet for a while. But Richardson Altrusans don't take time to rest; we will continue to focus on doing service for others and preparing for the upcoming holidays.

We will elect a Nominating Committee at our November Business meeting. There are now written descriptions of Club Board positions (thanks to Kay Hopper) and also the Foundation Board positions. Everyone will receive a copy of the descriptions and they will be posted online as well. Please read them carefully and consider serving on a board. It is easier to say, "Yes", when you know exactly what is being asked of you. Altrusa teaches leadership; a board position is a great way to grow!

In order to track our resources and help with future financial planning, everyone needs to report the amount of non-reimbursed money spent on things for Altrusa (a contribution) and the dollar value of professional skills donated to Altrusa (an in-kind donation). This is internal

Upcoming Events:

See online calendar for event details, location, and sign-up at <http://altrusarichardson.com>

- Nov 2 EDUCATION Teddy Bear Time (6:15p)
- Nov 2 OUTREACH Committee Planning Mtg
- Nov 3 MEMBERSHIP Committee Planning Mtg
- Nov 3 Monthly Business Meeting (7p)
- Nov 5 District Nine Fall Leadership Event
- Nov 9 SENIORS Atria Bingo (6p)
- Nov 9 EDUCATION Teddy Bear Time (6:15p)
- Nov 12 Fall Orientation/Reorientation (9:30a)
- Nov 15 SENIORS Appletree Auction (6:30p)
- Nov 16 EDUCATION Teddy Bear Time (6:15p)
- Nov 17 Dinner / Program Meeting (7p)
- Nov 18 RETENTION Lunch Bunch (11:30a)
- Nov 19 Board of Directors Meeting (9:30a)
- Nov 28 RETENTION Book Club (6p)
- Nov 30 EDUCATION Teddy Bear Time (6:15p)

information; no receipts are necessary. The budgets we work from never tell the full story of what it costs to run our club and to do good things. Posted online is a new form, "Altrusa Member Contributions and In-Kind Donations". Examples of contributions are: Purchasing and donating school supplies (Foundation) or purchasing items to decorate tables for a dinner meeting (Administrative). An example of an In-Kind donation is the value of time spent on new graphic artwork for our new OWT invitations. Print the form, complete it and get it to Dena Davis.

Together we accomplish great things.

Every day is a Celebration!

Service, Leadership, Friendship

Nancy R. Rohm, President, 2016-17



Club Board Actions - October 13, 2016

There were no actions taken by the board. Julianne Lovelace, President of the Board of Trustees updated the club board on the work of the Trustee Board concerning job descriptions, etc. Treasurer, Jean Stuart, presented a Treasurer's Report.



Installation of new member **Carol Ruzzkowski** (center) with Nancy Rohm (l) and Susan Fischer (r).



Spotlight on Altrusans

Jean Stuart and Karen Tate Interviewed each other for the October 6th Meeting SPOTLIGHT

Jean Stuart has been a member of Altrusa since 2000. She is a native Texan, born in Rule, Texas, and raised in Abilene. Jean has lived in Richardson for many years. She has three sons and six “nicely spaced” grandchildren – boys ages 26, 14, 12, and 8 months and two girls ages 24 and 3-1/2 years old. The little ones live right down the street from her. She stays busy with reading, jewelry making, crossword puzzles, and she loves crafts and “junkin.” She would also like to get back to painting. In addition to Altrusa where she is the current treasurer, Jean stays busy as chairman of the UTD Retirees Association Membership, and was the inaugural president for that group. She is also the communicator for her high school class. Her favorite vacation destination is Ireland, where the country is beautiful and the people are very friendly. She likes all kinds of music with the exception of heavy metal rock. Guests at her fantasy dinner party would include her late husband Bill, Abraham Lincoln and both her grandfathers – one she never met and one that was very dearly loved. The person who inspires her the most is her 101 years young mother. Jean’s favorite Altrusa memory is a convention in Abilene. Richardson’s own Mary O. was a state officer at the time, and the “girls” from Richardson wanted to do something special for her – a champagne fountain at the banquet. The hotel graciously furnished a concoction of champagne mixed with Hawaiian Punch. YUM! Her words to live by are “To put footprints in the sands of time, you must wear work boots.”

Karen Tate was born in Rochester, New York, and lived in Rockport, NY on the Erie Canal until she was 26, when she followed her parents to Texas. As a child, she watched barges plying the canal, though now it is lined with shops. She retired in 2015 after 30 years as an administrative assistant. She has just come through a rough patch, losing her mother to lymphoma after a twenty-year battle, her husband in 2008, and her 94 year-old father recently. Like many of us in this club, she had cancer in 2008. Hopefully Altrusa will be part of bringing her into a quieter, happier and, busier time. Karen has a Corgi named Zoe Maxine, who was a rescue dog. Her hobbies include embroidery and other needle work, crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She loves to read and is currently reading C.G. Ware’s *Cottage by the Sea*. She would love to time travel, going back to the Civil War era, but is more a nester than a traveler in real life. She loves music and her favorites are the Eagles, Josh Grobin, and classical music, particularly strings. Karen love museums, galleries, theater and historical buildings. She wants to get into genealogy. She is

beginning to work on her bucket list. The guests for her fantasy dinner party would be her mother, the grandfather she never met, Pope Francis and Mark Twain. Her words to live by are “When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on”.



Norma Hammerlund and Genevieve Hamulak Interviewed each other for the October 20th Meeting

Norma Hammerlund was raised in the mid-west. Favorite childhood books were Nancy Drew & The Hardy Boys. She is currently reading a romance series and cookbooks. Norma’s fantasy dinner guests would be Jesus and his disciples, Norma’s dad, both of her grandmothers and her aunts, Elsie and Mildred. Norma’s favorite musicians are Barbra Streisand, Celine Dion, Adele and Josh Groban. Although she currently has no pets, Norma loves dogs and often cares for friends’ dogs. Her hobbies include reading, cooking, loving dogs and in the past she was a quilter. Family includes a brother and a half-brother. She was inspired by her Aunt Elsie and her stepmother as well as her high school Dean Pierce and teacher M. Kern. Norma’s favorite Altrusa memory was her first visit to OWT. She serves on her church’s Women’s Guild and stewardship committee. Norma’s bucket list includes train travel through the Canadian Rockies and visiting Montana and Wyoming. Her favorite saying is “What you see is what you get.”

Genevieve Hamulak was also raised in the mid-west. She is married with a daughter who has given Genevieve and John 4 grandchildren and a son who is getting married soon. She retired from the UTD Deans Office – as Administrative Assistant. Her favorite childhood book was *Horton Hears a Who* and she is currently reading a Maeve Binchy book. She and her husband have installed a Little Free Library in their front yard with bench seating so people can relax and decide what books to read. She has three rescue cats. Genevieve would have an interesting Fantasy Dinner Party with invited guests of Isaac Asama, Nikola Tesla and Maureen McGovern. She might also include her favorite musician Jake Shimabukuro. In case you don’t know either, Jake Shimabukuro is from Honolulu, Hawaii and is a ukulele virtuoso and composer known for his fast and complex finger work. She is inspired by a friend of hers who is a “calm mother” and by Altrusa due to her passion for “hands on service and camaraderie.” A good example of that is her favorite Altrusa memory of working on and delivering pillows and pillow cases to the women’s shelter. Genevieve has several interesting hobbies: formerly singing in a large chorus, line dancing, Zentangle and learning to play the ukulele. Her current motto is “just keep swimming.”

Program Preview

November 17th Dinner / Program Meeting

Our speaker in November will be Nazia Hossain, an Intern at the SMU Hegi Family Career Development Center and a Student Counselor at the SMU Center for



Family Counseling, where she is working towards the completion of her M.S. in Counseling. For the past three years, Nazia was a high school counselor and before that she served as a Volunteer Manager at Islamic Relief USA based in Washington, D.C. She pioneered Give a Portion, Save an Orphan, an international orphan

sponsorship program, as well as Bite the Bug, a malaria eradication program in Mali. Nazia is proud to be an American Muslim and loves to share the richness of her culture and erasing stereotypes. *The Altrusa International Richardson Foundation*, which would purchase books for the library of the school which was being built.



Fall New Member Orientation/Re-Orientation*



Saturday, November 12, 2016
9:30 am – 11:30 am

Every Day is a Celebration!
Service ~ Leadership ~ Friendship

Do YOU like to **Celebrate**? Great! Be sure to join us for the Fall Orientation at:

2503 Springwood Ln
Richardson
75082

Agenda:

- 9:30 am to 10:30 am
Breakfast buffet & Get to Know You
- 10:30 am to 11:30 am
Get to Know More about Altrusa

Come and share the fun with someone else who is looking for a reason to celebrate! New members this is a great opportunity to learn more about Altrusa Richardson and Altrusa District Nine and Altrusa International.

***Remember: Fall New Member Orientation/Re-Orientation is a makeup meeting!**

Senior Committee Update

Auction at Atria Assisted Living in Richardson

By Lynn Solomon, Senior Committee Co-Chair

On October 11, 2016 at 1:30, several Altrusans facilitated the Auction at Atria Assisted Living in Richardson. This auction is held each Fall and Spring. There were 22 ladies and 1 gentleman in attendance! It is such fun watching them spend their "Atria" cash on items they want. Sometimes they are the winning bidder and sometimes they get outbid! Atria provides most of the auction items, however, this year Altrusans donated some make up bags and lap blankets. Thanks to those who donated make up bags and to the Sisters in Service from Waterview Church of Christ who donated the lap blankets.



Thanks to the following Altrusans who volunteered for this event: Gloria Sandoval (auctioneer), Alma Benoit, Lynn Solomon, Amalia Palmer, Mary McLemore, Ann Turner, and Carol Ruszcpowski.



October Dinner Program Meeting Highlight Richardson: Past, Present, Future!



City of Richardson Leaders (pictured l-r) Geg Sowell, Communications Director, Jim Spivey, Police Chief, and Ray Noah, Former Presiding Municipal Judge and Former Mayor, painted a picture of Richardson's Past, Present, and Future.

Altrusa Helps Haiti Recover from Hurricane

Instead of creating the new Choose Kind Library we suggest we send the \$200 to help rebuild in Haiti. Right now this is a much more pressing need.



How you can help victims of Hurricane Matthew: Hurricane Matthew has left a trail of destruction across Haiti. Homes were flattened, roads flooded and the death toll is rising. The full extent of the damages is still being assessed. The devastating hurricane comes six years after an earthquake killed more than 200,000 people.



As the people of Haiti try to piece their lives together yet again, TeachHaiti founder Miquette Denie McMahan says there is a long list of current needs. We are asking our supporters for your help. Miquette would like to help families replace the roofs to their homes that were destroyed by the storm. Repairs to homes and roofs vary in cost but are estimated between \$1,200-\$1,900 per home. Funds will also be used to purchase basic necessities and food. We are hoping to provide between \$50-\$80 in food and necessities for every family we help. TeachHaiti is currently trying to make contact with our more than 440 students and their families. We will continue to provide updates on our Facebook page. Donate to HELP HAITI - When you make a donation, please add a note that your donation is for "Hurricane Matthew Help." Our team in Port au Prince will disperse the funds appropriately as we assess the current needs.

Altrusa Disaster Relief Program

Taken from an Accent prepared by Jane Tucker

For the last six years our Altrusa Club has been actively helping TeachHaiti, a nonprofit organization which operates The School of Hope in Port-au-Prince. Our help started after the devastating earthquake of 2010, which took over 200,000 lives. Most recently Hurricane Matthew hit on October 4, 2016. Reports from TeachHaiti indicate that they have over 440 students and their families needing help to rebuild, receive food and clean drinking water.

There are three different Altrusa International Foundation Disaster Relief Programs. **The International Foundation Disaster Relief Support Program** allows the International Foundation Chair to initiate a contribution to an appropriate relief agency for a worldwide disaster as prescribed by Foundation policy. **The (District) Governor's Disaster Relief Fund** will respond to disasters specific to the district of a requesting District Governor. Money from this fund may go to relief agencies to enhance overall first responder efforts. **Altrusa Club Disaster Recovery Service Grants** provide opportunities for Altrusa Clubs worldwide to answer unmet needs of a community or area following a disaster.



Altrusa International News

United Nations Celebration November 25

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women



One in three women worldwide have experienced physical or sexual violence

November 25 has been designated by the U.N. General Assembly as International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The UNITE campaign, emphasizes the need for sustainable financing for efforts to end violence against women. The 2016 theme to "Orange the World" symbolizes a brighter future without violence and the need to raise awareness of the problem.

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

John Bunyan

New Member Committee Report

Make A Difference Day Project

Cindy McIntyre



The Kindness Ninjas have struck again! Last year's new members, known as the Sophomore Sisters, donned their black ninja shirts and prepared Birthday Bags for children at The Counseling Place and Emily's Place. For months, our sisters have been collecting small toys, stickers, bubble soap, etc. From now on, each child will receive a bag of toys and select a book on their birthday. The books were donated by Half Price Books (thanks Amalia Palmer) or purchased at the Richardson Library Book Sale (thanks Jackie Scrivener).



The Bags were assembled and delivered as part of the "Make a Difference Day" celebrated worldwide on October 22, 2016. Our Sophomore Sisters will make each child feel extra special on their birthday and a gift book is right in line with Altrusa's focus on literacy, too! And they didn't stop there! An entire box of stocking stuffers will be taken to the Network of Community Ministries for their Santa Toyland collection.

Elizabeth Wallenberg and Marilyn Walsh (pictured below in front, l-r, respectively) accepted our donation for The Counseling Place and Emily's Place.



Our Sophomore Sisters are Susan Long, Amalia Palmer, Betsy Meggs, Ann Turner, Jackie Scrivener, Linda McCollum, Barbara McNutt. Sharon Nash, Gayle Ingle, Betty Bruce, and Sarah Riehm were unable to attend but contributed toys. We missed you!

Great job everyone. It was a pleasure working with you.

**YOU MADE A
DIFFERENCE
TODAY!**



Senior Committee Report

Altrusa at Atria Bingo!

By Lynn Solomon, Senior Committee Co-Chair

Atria Bingo was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016. There were 16 ladies in attendance! Lynn Solomon and Jan Flesch (pictured below at right) shared the "caller" duties. Several of the ladies had also attended the auction the day before and it was fun listening to them share how much they enjoyed it!



Senior Committee Report

Altrusans donate cupcakes for Fall Fair at Friends Place

By Lynn Solomon, Senior Committee Co-Chair

On October 4, members of the Seniors Committee donated cupcakes for the Fall Fair at Friends Place. They were to be used for the cake walk/swag bags at the event. Committee members donating cupcakes were Dean Burroughs, Alma Benoit, Gloria Sandoval and Lynn Solomon. Also on hand for the presentation were Altrusans Susan Fischer, Nancy Rohm, Pam Johnson, and Jane Tucker.



Grants Committee Report

Richardson Awards 2016-2017 Grants

Janet Vance

The Altrusa Grants Committee would like to announce the following grant awards for 2016-2017:

- Richardson Symphony Orchestra - \$1,500
- Richardson Adult Literacy Center \$1,500
- Richardson Reads One Book \$1,000
- UTDallas Kids University \$1,000
- Eisemann Center \$500
- Arts Incubator of Richardson for *Ricochet* \$500

The Altrusa Foundation checks were mailed to grant recipients in mid-October. Formal "Big Check" presentations will be scheduled for Altrusa business meetings giving representatives from each organization an opportunity to tell club members about the funded projects and the organization's work in the Richardson community.



Altrusa International Foundation News

Fall Grant Cycle

The Fall Grant cycle is coming to a close. Grant applications were due September 15th. The Altrusa International Foundation Board funding decision is final on October 31st. By November 30th, Club grants will be awarded. Bobbi Klein, on behalf of the Richardson club, submitted a request to fund more Choose Kind Libraries. Good luck, Altrusa Richardson!

Leadership Committee Report

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Leadership



**"Communication with a Purpose"
Luncheon and Program**

Sat, Feb. 25, 2017

11:30am - 1:00pm

Canyon Creek Country Club

Stay tuned for more information
in the coming months.



District Nine News

District Nine Nominating Committee

from Fall, 2016, News of the Mighty Ninth

The 2015-2017 Nominating Committee members solicited nominations for the 2017-2019 District Board of Directors from current Board members, Club Presidents, Past Governors and District committee chairs. They have confirmed interest and eligibility of potential candidates and have prepared a slate for election at our 2017 District Conference. This slate of officers for the 2017-2019 Biennium will be highlighted in the next issue of the News of the Mighty Ninth.

