



October, 2017

State Fair, Pumpkins, Goblins...

Watch out for ghosties and goulies and longlegged

beasties and things that go bump in the night. We have so much going on during the month of October! With our fundraiser just around the corner we are all getting geared up for this wonderful event. Have you made your reservations? Invited a guest to join in the fun? Are you selling raffle tickets? Have you made plans to work on a committee? There is still time to get involved. If you can't come to the luncheon, think of other ways you can help make this the best year ever for Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow. We need 100% participation for this event to be a success.

September was a very busy month. Both the business meeting and the dinner/program meeting were well attended. Several of you were missing, but I hope that you will be back with us this month. During the month of September, we celebrated Literacy month by inviting Sandy Saucier from Terrace Elementary School to speak at our dinner meeting. What a delightful speaker! For those that missed her presentation, I will just say that she is the kind of person you hoped your kids had when they were young. As this goes to press, we are about to host the Richardson Reads One Book event. What a great way to celebrate literacy month in Richardson. There will be more about RROB in the next edition of TIDINGS.

Also, with the disaster in south Texas in August, lots of energy has been spent in finding ways to help with the relief effort. Several of you have donated clothes, food, books, cleaning supplies and money to help our neighbors to the south begin to recover. There is still much to be done in Houston and surrounding areas as they begin to rebuild. Keep your hearts open to helping in any way you can during this difficult time.

One of the highlights of September for many of us was the celebration of life party in honor of one of our own dear sisters, Jan Skinner, who died earlier this summer. The retention committee along with Barbara Cornelius and Mary Beth McLemore made this an occasion that would have pleased Jan. Thanks to all that helped in this endeavor and all those that attended.

I am looking forward to what October will bring in our efforts to reach out to our community to make a difference. Read TIDINGS carefully to see what committees have been doing and what is in store as we leap into fall.

Sue McElveen, President, 2017-18
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Upcoming Events:

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

- Oct 4 Education - Teddy Bear Time (5:45p)
- Oct 4 OWT - Committee Meeting (7p)
- Oct 5 Scholarship - Committee Mtg (6:15)
- Oct 5 Community Outreach Committee (6p)
- Oct 5 Monthly Business Meeting (7p)
- Oct 11 Seniors - Atria Bingo (6p)
- Oct 14 Member Orientation/Re-Orientation (9a)
- Oct 14 Seniors - Book Rotation (10a)
- Oct 16 UN - World Food Day
- Oct 19 Education - Teddy Bear Time (5:45p)
- Oct 19 Dinner/Program Mtg (6:30p)
- Oct 23 Retention - AWCLS Book Club (6p)
- Oct 24 UN - United Nations Day
- Oct 26 Education - Teddy Bear Time (5:45p)Sept 16
- Oct 26 OWT - Corsage Making (6p)
- Oct 27 OWT - Annual Luncheon
- Oct 28 Make A Difference Day/Café Momentum

September Board Meeting

Altrusa Board Report

by Gayle Ingle

The Club Board met on September 28. A thank you note from Network, expressing appreciation, was read mentioning the “Tools for School” program. Altrusa donated school supplies for backpacks at the beginning of this school year. It was also reported that our Kindness Action Ninja program is receiving many compliments from our community. Also, for Make A Difference Day on October 28, the Sophomore Sisters are encouraging our members to dine at Café Momentum between 5:30 and 9:30 that day.

The Club Board approved the following date changes for March 2018. The dinner meeting in March will change from March 15 (3rd Thursday) to March 22 (4th Thursday). Also, approved was the change of the Board of Directors meeting from March 22 to March 29 (5th Thursday).

October is a month filled with many activities. It is exciting to see what all we can do!



Community Outreach
Toyland Express Store

by Jackie Scrivener



Altrusa is playing Santa early again this year by organizing a toy collection to benefit NETWORK of Community Ministries. We collect toys for the NETWORK Toyland Express Store where parents who cannot afford toys for their children will “shop” from Nov. 2 - Dec.18. Please consider participating in this optional project by bringing a new unwrapped toy to the October Dinner Meeting. The

Toyland Express program allows parents to select just the right toy for their child.

The new unwrapped toys must be delivered to NETWORK by the end of October to be available in the Toyland Express store by November 2nd.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping make Christmas magical for a child in need!

Community Outreach

Altrusans Step in for Hurricane Relief

by Gerry Carron

When Community Outreach learned that Network of Community Ministries would be assisting Harvey victims, the call went out. In typical Richardson Altrusa fashion, members responded with bags and bags of clothing, plus toiletries and canned goods. On Tuesday, September 12, those items were eagerly accepted by Network. Pictured is Jackie Scrivener, Community Outreach Network Committee co-chair.



Jackie Scrivener sorting through Hurricane Harvey Donations



September Dinner Meeting
Reaching Richardson's Diverse Population Through Literacy

On the evening of September 21, 2017, Altrusans welcomed Sandy Saucier (pictured at right), Pre-K teacher at Terrace Elementary. She shared many ideas about what happens in a Pre-K classroom. She also told us about the activities in Teddy Bear Time and the ways Altrusans help parents of pre-schoolers discover ways to help their children at home. She reminded us that each child who attends receives a new book to



take home. Sandy also discussed Altrusa’s Manners Party for the Pre-K class. She also talked about our support of other grade levels by providing field trips. It was a delightful meeting for all involved.

Leadership Development

**Atrusa Leadership Breakfast: The Three Cs—
Communication, Crucial Conversations and Conflict
Resolution**

by Ginger Tonne, Leadership Committee Co-Chair

On Saturday, September 9, 2017 the Leadership Committee held its fall Leadership Seminar at Friends Place. The Seminar was titled “The 3C’s” and each session was presented by our own Altrusa members.

The morning seminar started with delicious brunch food and beverages prepared by our Committee members. This was a great time for socializing and networking,

The first session, “Communication”, presented by Barbara Cornelius and Sarah Nesbit, dealt with social media. Barbara assisted attendees on how to navigate in Facebook. Next, Toni Garrett did a wonderful presentation on “Crucial Conversations” with Jo Leeper and Donna Buhr as her demonstrators.

“Crucial Conversations” dealt with interaction among peers, team members and people in general. Examples on how to listen and receive the message being communicated was insightful and helpful.

The third session was “Conflict Resolution” presented by Kay George and Bonnie Perry. This session blended perfectly with the prior session and was a great demonstration on how to process, listen and resolve a conflict. Each session consisted of twenty to twenty-five minutes with a five break after each segment for questions and answers. The attendees were attentive and participated in each session.

The committee consisting of Brenda Boston, Donna Buhr, Toni Garrett, Kay George, Jo Leeper, Samantha Slaight and chaired by Sarah Riehm and Ginger Tonne did a wonderful job with the organization, presentation and food for the event.



Leadership’s next event will be in the spring, with a probable February date.



Donna Buhr and Jo Leeper role play a Crucial Conversation



Toni Garrett facilitates Crucial Conversations



Sue McElveen and daughter Kalyse work on Facebook



Teams working on Facebook training session

Retention Committee Update

Fun Time at the Book Swap!

by Laura Trainor-Collins, Co-Chair



We had a great turn out at the Book Swap, 45 Altrusans, Altrousers and guests. Thank you to Cindy McIntyre for opening her beautiful home to us. A special thanks to Ann Turner and Mary Beth McLemore and all the Retention Committee members and Altrusans who provided food and drinks for the event. We had some fabulous chili dogs and

ended with s'mores. Thanks to Lynn Solomon for taking the 152 book to the library.



Laura Trainor-Collins and Sarah Nesbit smile for the camera.



(l-r) Brenda Boston, Nancy Crowe, Van Niemela, Jane Tucker, Genevieve and John Hamulak



(l-r) Sandy Martin, Sharon and Dick Nash, and Bill Martin



(l-r) Lois Ferrara, Janie Jaquier, Marsha Peters and John Tanner



Ann and Doug Turner relax by the fireplace.

October Dinner/Program Meeting

NETWORK

October 19, 6:30 pm

Our guest speaker at the October meeting will be Cindy Shafer, Chief Executive Officer at NETWORK. Originally from the greater Pittsburgh area, Shafer leverages years of local and national non-profit experience. Prior to recently joining NETWORK, Shafer served as Vice President of Development for Christian Community Action in Lewisville, one of the largest nonprofits in North Texas. We look forward to welcoming NETWORK's new CEO and hearing about the upcoming plans for this important organization. Please reserve online by the Monday before the meeting. We look forward to a wonderful social/dinner time and an informative program!



Awards Luncheon Preparations

Corsage Making!

October 19, 6:30 pm

Calling all Altrusans to come make corsages for the OWT nominees at Friends Place on October 26th at 6pm. Norma Hammerlund is leading the OWT Decorations Committee and will provide supper for everyone. We will



also be pinning the small Kindness Ninja pins on info cards to give to all our attendees. This is always a fun time so please sign up on the club website so we will know how much food to prepare. Please BYOWine.



District News

Hurricane Harvey Task Force

by Kimberly Kierce



District Nine Governor Linda Moore has formed a Task Force to research and propose a District-wide project to address the needs of the Gulf Coast effected by Hurricane

Harvey. This Task Force team is: Janet Black (Chair), District Nine Service Chair; Beth Blair, District Nine Governor Elect and Past Governor; LaVone Arthur, Past Governor and District Nine Foundation Liaison; and Cookie Grant, President of the Montgomery County Club

Membership Recruitment

Fall Orientation/Re-Orientation

by Bobbi Klein – Recruitment Committee Co-Chair



Please join us Saturday, October 14, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, at Bobbi Klein's home for the Fall Orientation. Our OWT nominees have received a special invitation to join us so you can meet these special ladies.

Attendance is encouraged from **all** our members. (Orientations can be used as makeup meetings.) Brunch will be provided by the Membership Recruitment Committee at 9:00 am. Bring a guest and come and hear from speakers about four of our ongoing service Projects: **Choose Kind Libraries, Hope's Door New Beginnings Center, Ability House/Ability Connection and Mike's Kids.** A short Q & A, "Anything About Altrusa" will close the meeting, if time permits.



Membership Recruitment Committee

Four New Altrusans!

by Bobbi Klein – Recruitment Committee Co-Chair



The Membership Recruitment Committee is pleased to announce that our club is welcoming four new Altrusans to our sisterhood. Most of you, hopefully, have had a chance to meet Linda Griffith, who has transferred from the Downtown Dallas club. At the business meeting on September 7, 2017, we formally initiated (pictured l-r) **Linda Griffith, Shirly Waller** and her **daughter Catherine (Cat) Zultner**. The initiation theme is in keeping with Sue's president's theme for the year of *Embrace the World*. Please join us to welcome these wonderful new Altrusans. In addition, the board has approved the membership of Judy Blome. She will be out of town so will be initiated at the October business meeting.

International Award Forms Updated

by Kimberly Kierce



At the 2017 Pre-Convention Board Meeting, the Board approved some small modifications to the forms for the Mamie L. Bass Service Award, Letha H. Brown Literacy Award and Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Awards. These changes provide clarification

regarding the inclusion of supplementary materials and the provision of the project Executive Summary/ Synopsis. Revised Award entry forms will be available on the website by the 1st of September 2017.



Sophomore Sisters News

Café Momentum Dinner Reminder



The Sophomore Sisters invites all Altrusans, their families and friends to join them at Café Momentum for Make a Difference Day on October 28th. Because the

restaurant will also be open to other guests that evening, each Altrusan attending will need to call in reservations (which can also be made through Open Table) rather than RSVP on the Event Postings on the Altrusa website. Proceeds from each dinner benefit the program and students at Café Momentum. In addition, the Sophomore Sisters will provide a donation to the Café which can go to buying restaurant uniforms for young people participating in the program. Additional donations to Café Momentum are also encouraged to supplement what the Sisters are budgeting.

Café Momentum is located at 1510 Pacific Ave in Dallas. Reservations can be made via Open Table at www.opentable.com or you may call 214-303-1234. It's going to be a delightful, fun-filled evening.

The Holidays are Coming!

Join us for "A Texas Holiday Party"



Don't miss our annual holiday party on December 21st. Social time 6:30 pm and dinner begins at 7:00 pm. This year's theme is "A Texas Holiday Party". Guests (spouses, significant others and friends, etc) are welcome to join us for some down-home Texas grub and parr-tee! The

evening's entertainment will be provided by Debbie Perrone, who will do a few numbers in tribute to Patsy Cline and lead us in a holiday sing along. Dinner reservations are \$20 per person. Please pay Jean Stuart in advance so she may join in the festivities.



Altrusa Richardson Supports

Altrusa Frisco Fundraiser

by Deborah Hecht, Altrusa Frisco

Join the Altrusa Frisco club for their first Fundraiser by going online (see below) and purchase an event ticket for \$50/pp. At the event, themed Christmas Trees will be available for raffle.

A poster for a fundraiser event. The background is a festive Christmas tree with lights and ornaments. The text is centered and reads: 'First Annual Holiday Tree Extravaganza' in a decorative, cursive font. Below that, it says 'Benefitting Altrusa International Foundation of Frisco, Inc. A 501(c)(3) organization'. The event is titled 'Dinner and Holiday Tree Raffle' and is scheduled for 'Saturday November 11, 2017 6 PM' at the 'Lone Star Ranch Community Clubhouse 5150 Beacon Hill Drive Frisco, TX 75034'. It notes that 'Many decorated themed trees (with gifts) will be individually raffled. Dinner catered by' and features the 'MAGGIANO'S LITTLE ITALY' logo. At the bottom, it says 'For tickets visit www.altrusafrisco.org'.

TeachHaiti Update

by Samantha Slaight



Since 2011, Altrusa Richardson has supported the efforts of TeachHaiti. Since Haiti's education system is not free to all children, families must pay for school expenses that result in very low primary school enrollment. The mission of TeachHaiti is "Empowering Haitian Children to rise from Poverty through Education". Altrusa Richardson through the

International Committee is sponsoring Schephatia Herwine Joseph to attend school. Our generous sponsorship enables us to build a better more productive life for the children of Haiti.



Feeding Children Everywhere

by Samantha Slaight

On September 10, Altrusans gathered at the Richardson Civic center to participate in the annual Feeding Children Everywhere 2017. The event was a joint effort between Compassionate DFW, the Interfaith Alliance, and the Richardson Chamber of Commerce. The goal was to package 100,000 meals. A little over 75,000 packages of meals were completed with 900 volunteers from all over Richardson and the North Texas area doing the work. Dr. Charles Barker, of the Interfaith Alliance and one of the facilitators and organizers of the event, felt this year was a success considering this is only the third year. Each year this event has shown growth in participation from religious, corporations, other non-profits and individuals wanting to lend a hand. Altrusa had 18 members participating in this event: Alma, Benoit, Ann Eisemann, Susan Fischer, Jan Flesch, Marta Frey, Norma Hammerlund, Gayle Ingle, Pam Johnson, Bobbi Klein, Jo Leeper, Sue and Jerry McElveen, Bonnie Perry, Jen Rohm, Carol Ruszkowski, Gloria Sandoval, Samantha Slaight, Janice Swallow. Thank you Altrusa volunteers for your Kindness Ninja role and making this a very successful event.

ASPIRATIONS OF AN ALTRUSAN



Mamie L. Bass – written for her club later published in the National Altrusan, May 22, 1924 (Indianapolis Newsletter). The Altrusa Tradition was revised in July 2017. This can be found in the back with other historic Altrusa information.

Let me be always open minded, that I may recognize good for Altrusa wherever it may be. Let me be ready always to put aside my personal opinions for the greater good for the greater number. Let me see principles and not personalities, and, discerning them, let me serve them whole heartedly through every cloud of doubt and discouragement.

Let me have faith still that the voice of the majority is the voice of good, and let me lend myself to the working out sincerely of what the majority chooses. Knowing that the organization is but the individual multiplied by many and that the organization reflects not only the constructive good, but also the mistaken ideas, the short-sightedness, the failures of the individual, let me still adhere to the will of the majority, knowing that time will reveal the better way and lead our footsteps aright if we tread with purer motives and unselfish hearts.

Let me be conscious of the shortcomings, the mistakes, the failures of myself and my associates, only that I may learn to correct them, and let me rather see with uplifted face and stalwart soul the unblemished beauty, the high ideal, of the spirit of Altrusa, who lives upon the earth to uplift women to higher things, to make real in business and in our daily lives the things of the spirit.

Let me not dream and write and talk of noble things, but give me rather the strength to live them in the smallest act wherein it is mine to serve. Let me be patient in defeat and humble in success.

Let me seek not for rewards, for appreciation, or even for understanding, but let me seek rather to do the work that lies before me, and to find in the right doing of the work, the joy and satisfaction that passes understanding, until I too may say, "I know what pleasure is, for I have done good work."

Feeding Children Everywhere Volunteers

Pictured left (l-r): Jerry McElveen, Ann Eisemann, Sue McElveen, Richardson Mayor Paul Voelker, Pam Johnson, Gayle Ingle, Bobbi Klein, Alma Benoit, and Susan Fischer.

Pictured right (l-r): Jane Tucker, Alma Benoit, Marsha Peters, Gina Coffey, Sue and Jerry McElveen, Rosemary Gouger, and John Sanders.

