



February, 2018

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
RICHARDSON!**

It is that time of the year already. Time to celebrate our birthday as a club. For those of you that are new to the club, get ready for a great celebration. The Retention Committee is preparing a great evening of fun and celebration in honor of our club's 52nd birthday. We will be gathering a little earlier than usual, so make plans to come around 6:00 P.M. to enjoy a little gaming, giving and unabashed revelry! Also, it is a chance to meet our District Nine representative, Beth Blair. Beth is the Governor-Elect for District Nine. She is a member of the Dallas club and will be joining our Board of Directors for a meeting just prior to the dinner meeting. Please plan to attend and to show District Nine how Richardson Altrusans know how to put on a party! A big thank you to Laura Trainor-Collins and the Retention Committee for coming up with "VIVA ALTRUSA"!

At the Business Meeting this month, the Nominating Committee Chair, Gloria Sandoval will present the slate of officers they are recommending for the 2018-2019 year of service. I heard that there is one vacancy they are having extra trouble filling and that is Recording Secretary. If you are interested, but have not been contacted, please let Gloria Sandoval, Gerry Carron, or Deb Bourland know of your interest. We will vote on the slate of officers at the March Business Meeting.

Please plan to attend the Leadership Seminar being held on Saturday, February 17 at the Canyon Creek Country Club. Our Leadership Committee has worked hard to bring us a program that will focus on my theme for the year of "Embrace the World,

Welcome Diversity, Cultivate Kindness and Practice Tolerance". The speaker will be Kim Quirk, Leadership Richardson Executive Director, and she will speak on the topic of inclusiveness and why that is so important to our club's very foundation. Thanks to Ginger Tonne and the entire Leadership Committee for hosting this important event. Remember, if you are working on perfect attendance, you can use this meeting as a make up meeting for any you might have missed.

District Nine Conference will be here before you know it! The Conference registration packet is now online so begin making plans for this big event. I do hope that most of you are planning on attending. The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel North Dallas-Richardson on Campbell Road, April 20-22. You can plan to come and go as you please or, better yet, plan to spend the entire weekend by getting a roommate and registering at the hotel. Sarah Nesbit, our President-Elect will be in charge of coordinating roommates, gathering items for the silent auction, collecting items for the District Nine Service Project, etc. Please stay tuned for more information from Sarah as the District Nine Conference approaches.

Let's keep the momentum going by providing service to our community. Please remember to register your volunteer hours each month.

Sincerely,

Sue McElveen, President, 2017-18
suemcelveen@yahoo.com



2018-2019 Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee is please to present the slate of officers and directors for 2018-2019:

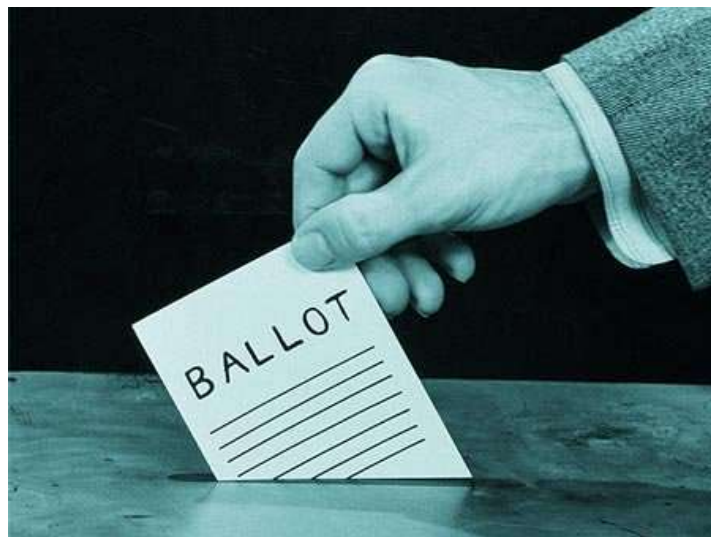
Club Board of Directors

President	Sarah Nesbit
President Elect	Bobbi Klein
Vice President	Toni Garrett
Admin Treasurer	Mary Beth McLemore
Recording Secretary	Rosemary Gouger
Corresponding Secr.	Samanthia Slaight
Director - 2 year term	Gayle Ingle
Director - 2 year term	Laura Trainor-Collins
Director* - 1 year term	Sandy Martin
Director* - 1 year term	Nancy Crowe
Immediate Past Pres.	Sue McElveen

Foundation Board of Trustees

Trustees (2yr Term):	Cindy Murray
	Bonnie Perry
	Mimi Tanner
Returning Trustees:	Deb Bourland
(1yr Term remains)	Julianne Lovelace
	Janice Swallow
	Jane Tucker

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the March Business Meeting on March 1, 2018, thus closing the slate for the vote. If you plan to nominate someone from the floor, please confirm with them prior to the meeting that they are interested in running for that position. The Nominating Committee would also appreciate notification prior to the election. *Nominations will not be accepted from the floor for returning positions (i.e. Directors serving their last term of office).



Members in good standing (dues and fees paid) wishing to vote absentee should request an absentee ballot from the Chair of the Nomination Committee, Gloria Sandoval (972-495-8930 or gloria.sandoval@verizon.net). Absentee ballots must be returned to the Nominating Committee Chair no later than the day before the election (February 28, 2018). All ballots must contain the member's printed name. Absentee ballots received the day of the election will not be counted. A member may request an absentee ballot be sent via email, but it is the responsibility of the member to verify that the Nominating Committee Chair received the member's vote by return email (See *Club Policies* as printed in the Yearbook).

The Nominating Committee wishes to express sincere appreciation to the members who agreed to be officers.

Gloria Sandoval (Chair), Gerry Carron, and Deb Bourland
Nominating Committee



"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

— John Quincy Adams

Upcoming Events:

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

Feb 1	Business Meeting - (7p)
Feb 3	Seniors – Book Rotation - (10a)
Feb 4	Retention - Big Game Viewing Party – 4:30p
Feb 14	Seniors – Atria Bingo - (6p)
Feb 15	Dinner/Program Meeting (Social -6:30)
Feb 17	Leadership Event - (10:30a)
Feb 23	Lunch Bunch - (11:30a)
Feb 24	Spring New Member Orientation/Re-Orientation - (9a)
Feb 24	Vera’s Birthday – Ability House - (1:30p)
Feb 26	AWCLS Book Club - (6p)
Mar 1	Business Meeting – (7p)



Altrusa Board Report

by Gayle Ingle

The Club Board met on January 25 at Friend’s Place. Since there had been a long time between meetings, the Board’s agenda was full. OWT will be November 2 at the Renaissance Hotel. Jean Stuart gave the Treasurer’s Report and the Budget Analysis. She also presented the audit report for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2017. The board voted to accept this audit report from our CPA. Four applications for membership were approved. Lishan Liu, Diana Springer, and Sebrena Bohnsack will be initiated in February, and Shirly Wilson-Sigler will have her initiation in April. Our Club continues to stay very involved! The next board meeting will be February 15 prior to the Dinner Meeting and Birthday Party at 5:00 p.m.



Retention Committee Event

It’s that time again... It’s

Lunch Bunch Time!

Fri, February 23, 2018 11:30 AM

Come join the Lunch Bunch at the Main Street Bistro. The Bistro is at the Shire Center, at the southwest corner of President George Bush Freeway and Jupiter Road.

Register online to let us know you are coming so we can let them know how many to expect.

January Dinner Meeting Privilege Discussion with Dr. Amanda Giordano by Robin Smith

Dr. Amanda Giordano presented an enlightening program for the January Dinner Meeting. A full house enjoyed the very interesting presentation entitled “Privilege” and there were a large number of questions after this thought provoking meeting. Dr. Giordano’s presentation provided us an opportunity



to think about privilege in our society in new ways and to potentially view the concept of privilege through a new lens. It was a wonderful program and I think many of us left with some new insights and topics to think about.



(pictured l-r) Robin Smith, Dr. Amanda Giordano and Altrusa Richardson President Sue McElveen.

Leadership Development Event
Altrusa Richardson Spring Leadership

Please join the Richardson Altrusa Leadership Committee at a special event:

What: Altrusa Spring Leadership Brunch Event

When: Saturday, February 17, 2018 (10:30a-12:30p)

Where: Canyon Creek Country Club

Why: Fellowship and Leadership Inspiration from Kim Quirk, Leadership Richardson Executive Director

Topic: Leading as We **Embrace the World** – Welcoming Diversity, Cultivating Kindness, and Practicing Tolerance

Cost: \$25.00/pp

Register Online TODAY! Be sure to register early – space is limited! There are only 40 seats available, and the deadline is February 3.



Recruitment Committee Event

Spring New Member Orientation/Re-Orientation

Sat, February 24, 2018

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Bobbi Klein's home, 1879 Quail Lane, Richardson,

Please join us for Spring Orientation. Attendance is encouraged for all our members (Orientations can be used as makeup meetings.).

Brunch will be provided by the Membership Recruitment Committee at 9:00 AM.

Retention Committee Event
Happy Birthday 52nd Party



February Program: **VIVA ALTRUSA - Altrusa of Richardson 52nd Birthday Celebration**

You are invited to Get “All Shook Up” and Celebrate the 52nd Birthday of Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson, Texas. Members are encouraged to wear the Kindness Ninja Shirt.

February 15, 2018 from 6 to 9pm

Richardson Woman’s Club, 2005 N. Cliffe, Richardson 75082

The Fun starts at 6pm with Donnie Pyle’s Tribute to Elvis.

Want to play Black Jack? Bring Two Cans of Hearty Chunky Soup, Dinty Moore Stew, etc. (some kind of nutritious meal in a can) for the Network Food Bank and receive your casino chips. Play Black Jack from 6 to 6:50pm. Prizes for players winning the most casino chips awarded at 7pm.

The Dinner Meeting will follow with the program speaker, District Nine Governor-Elect Beth Blair

Dinner Reservations Deadline is Monday, February 12, 2018 at 12pm

Make Your Reservation Online at www.altrusarichardson.com

The cost is \$20 and you may pay the treasurer in cash or with a check the night of the event. If you are not eating, please register online so you will have a seat. Because of the popularity of this event there are no walk in reservations available. (See flyer on last page of this newsletter.)

Questions....please call Co-Chair Karen Tate at 972 423 9574 MENU: Lasagna, green beans, make-your-own salad and garlic bread. Birthday cupcakes and ice cream will be served for dessert.

Sophomore Sisters Lead Kindness Action Ninja (KAN) weekend

Save the Date: April 6 and 7, 2018

by Nancy Rohm



Mark your calendars for KAN weekend on Friday morning, April 6, and Saturday, April 7. The Sophomore Sisters are busy making plans for our 3rd Annual KAN weekend. Soon the final details will be made available to our membership with opportunities for you to

sign-up to participate. There will be hands-on activities to help others in our community. We can't wait for plans to be finalized so we can share with you!



International Foundation News

Support Your Altrusa Foundation with a Gift that Gives Back to Your Community

by Kimberly Kierce

This year, the Altrusa International Foundation will...

- distribute Disaster Relief Funds to support residents left devastated in the wake of recent natural disasters
- support students with \$10,000 in ASTRA academic scholarships
- provide children's camps with \$10,000 in Club 21 Program grants to give children a fun and safe place to be a kid while they battle disease and disability
- distribute \$12,000 from the Club 21 Program to international projects supporting communities in Ghana and Mali with healthcare education and services
- acknowledge Altrusa Clubs with Letha H. Brown Literacy, Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations, and Mamie L. Bass service awards
- celebrate and support Altrusa Clubs with \$100,000 in community service grants



Deb Bourland and Sarah Nesbit

By Karen Tate

Sarah Nesbit - President elect Sarah Nesbit stays busy as a senior staff member at the Eisemann Center in Richardson as well as volunteering with the Dance Council of North Texas, The Association of Business Communicators, and has been a member of Altrusa since 2007. She has two children and one grandson who lives in Houston.

Her favorite childhood book is "Mud Pies and Other Recipes" by Joan Walsh Anglund, although Sarah admits that cooking and domestic chores are not high on her list of priorities. Her favorite Altrusa memory is buying shoes for the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center with the Community Outreach committee. Sarah loves to travel, and some favorite places are New York City, Eureka Springs, AR and Santa Fe NM. She hopes to travel abroad to more exotic locations - although New York City can get exotic for a Texas girl.

Sarah is inspired by poet Maya Angelou, Iris Apfel, and our own Sue McElveen.

Deb Bourland - Deb married her Texas Tech college sweetheart Dan and they have two sons and five wonderful grandchildren. Deb is currently Senior Vice President at Bank of America and deals with real time communications. Guests at her fantasy dinner party would be quite a diverse group: Andrew Lloyd Weber, Coco Chanel, author Dan Brown, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Winston Churchill. She has traveled to six of the seven continents and has only Antarctica to go! Deb's favorite vacation spot is the California Wine Country.

Deb has been a member of Altrusa since 2005. Her favorite Altrusa memories are the new member tea at Jan Skinner's home and her first District 9 conference in Amarillo, Texas with the tornadoes. She is active in many church activities with First United Methodist Church in Richardson and also the Richardson Women's Club. Her words to live by are the Golden Rule. She is inspired by Sue McElveen for her fighting spirit and also the many women who have fought for women's rights and removing the glass ceiling. The world would be so different without them.

Retention Committee Event

The BIG Game!

by Laura Trainor-Collins



Don your favorite NFL team attire and join your fellow Altrusans and their fellows Sunday, February 4 to take in the Big Game excitement! It's our annual "Altrousers" event where spouses, significant others, partners, dates or friends are invited to the party. Join the fun at **Wing'd Nut Sports Bar and Grill** in Eastside Richardson, beginning at 4:30 pm. We'll need to get a head count so group seating can be arranged, so be sure to visit the Altrusa of Richardson website and sign up on the Events Page. Registration deadline is Friday, January 26. There will be no charge for this Membership Retention event; what you order in the way of food and beverages is your choice and their menu is inexpensive, the screens are humongous and the atmosphere is fun! Plus, since the bulk of their Super Bowl day sales come from takeout, the manager is delighted to have us!! So come before the game so we don't miss one minute of the pre-game excitement and of course, the commercials! Check out **The Wing'd Nut** at <https://www.thewingdnut.net/>



District News

Come for the Projects, Stay for the Friendship

by Chip Howell, Member Retention Chair



Our dear District Nine Revitalization Chair, Cindy Jolly, asked me to temporarily help out working with Nacogdoches for a few months until her committee member could permanently

take over. As any Altrusan would do, I gladly accepted the chance. After two months, it was time to step back. Too late, I was attached. I had already grown to love this great group in Nacogdoches and consider them Friends.

When inquiring what motivates Altrusans across the District, there is a common theme: Come for the projects, Stay for the friendship. Our common altruistic desire to serve brings us to the Altrusa table to lead to better communities. As we work side by side, we grow to love

our fellow Altrusans even more. When faced with adversity, our Altrusans are by our side to do whatever they can to lift us up. After all, Altrusans never let another Altrusan fail.

Sometimes I take this for granted. When I became an Altrusan, I already knew about a third of the Temple Altrusans. The other two thirds seemed to adopt me right away. Being the little brother of two older sisters, Altrusa was much like just hanging out with my sisters' friends, just my Altrusa sisters. When visitors came, it was a different story. If I knew them I would think, "Why didn't I invite them?" If I didn't know them I was more resistant thinking, "Who are they?" Serving as Communications Chair, I had to know everyone and began to get to know the Altrusans for who they really are. Teresa served in the military, exhibits patriotism and wants to help our veterans. Maria, also a St. Edward's University alum speaks Spanish and has a huge heart for children. These are just two examples. The ancient Judaic proverb says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

My vision of Altrusa has changed to now include all Altrusans. As visitors, guests, and other Altrusans are integral to reaching our universal Altrusa vision, "Leading to Better Communities", we must welcome each of them and learn their passions and skills. When we get to know one another better our friendships grow. So even though we came for the projects, we stay for the friendships.



International News

World Day of Social Justice – Feb 20



World Day of Social Justice takes place on February 20, 2018. It is an awareness day which was initiated by the United Nations in 2009 and it aims to bring back the approach of social justice to mind by encouraging people to look at how social justice affects poverty eradication. One of its basic principles is the fair dispersal of goods. Social Justice is the basic condition for peace and respect between the nations on a connected world. It also focuses on the goal of achieving full employment.

World Day of Social Justice follows another topic each year but it always focuses on certain themes about injustice on our planet which should be fought. Examples for such injustice between nations are human trafficking, forced labor or rights at work. A fair globalization must include fair trade and working conditions to avoid human exploitation and frustrations. World Day of Social Justice supports fair globalization.



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