



*Light Tomorrow with Altrusa  
Today*

## Ginger Tonne

### President's Message

We are quickly approaching the end of our Altrusa year. So many things are still happening and yet to come.

Hats off to the Leadership Committee – Chair Sharon Nash, Deb Bourland, Samantha Slaight and Ginger Tonne for the Leadership Event on Saturday, March 25th. It was very well done and the panel discussion of “Embracing Equity” was spot on. We truly enjoyed hearing from Dr. April Bristow from First United Methodist Church, Lauri Kelley from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas and Greg Sowell from the City of Richardson.

KAN – Kindness Weekend will be so awesome. Kindness Chair, Cindy McIntyre has outdone herself once again. Cindy and her committee worked tirelessly and spent hours on making calls and dog treats, planning and preparation. The partnership with the City of Richardson Animal Shelter on Saturday, April 1st is a brilliant idea. Hopefully, this project, which is an event Altrusa is marking for the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the City of Richardson, will produce close to 150 adoptions. But make no mistake; all of our Altrusa volunteers on the project definitely put in 150 minutes (2.5 hours) easily. In addition to the Richardson Animal Shelter, there are also Days for Girls and New Friends, New Life projects.

We are all looking forward to our Scholarship Club meeting on April 27th at Founders Hall. (\*\* Note date change from the 20th to the 27th). Chair Brenda Boston and her committee worked hard on this task and have done a superb job. We can't wait to meet the recipients and their parents.

District Nine Conference is right around the corner. It is in Grapevine – April 21-23. It is wonderful that we have 21 attendees and all delegates and alternates are secure. Altrusa Richardson provides District Nine with strong leadership. Altrusa Richardson has been asked to consider “bidding” on Conference 2025. This is the year that our own Kimberly Kierce will become Governor. District Nine Board members approached us and my responsibility was to take it to our Board of Directors. All of the BOD voted yes to the bid. The incoming board was informed and agreed and will be announced on Thursday, March 30 at our Club Business meeting. We will move forward on this task.

What a fantastic group of Altrusans.

Let's continue to embrace all as we “Light tomorrow with Altrusa today.”

Ginger Tonne, President

### Coming events

Apr	1		KAN WEEKEND, Friends Place
Apr	7		World Health Day
Apr	13	6:30	Board of Directors, Friends Place
Apr	17	6:30	Altrusa Bridge -, Deb Bourland's Home
Apr	21-23		District Nine Conference
Apr	24	6:00	AWCLS – Book Club at Janet Vance's House
Apr	27	6:30	Annual Scholarship meeting and Dinner, Founders Hall
Apr	29	1:30	Ability House – Nina's birthday

### Birthdays

Apr	8	Sherri White
Apr	9	Susan Frensley
Apr	13	Lynda Calkin
Apr	27	Judy Blome
Apr	27	Carol Ruszkowski

## Conference 2023



*Rise & Shine!*

### Sixty-Seventh Annual District Nine Conference

**April 21 - 23, 2023**

*Courtyard by Marriott / TownePlace Suites  
Grapevine*

**Rise & Shine in Celebration of 100 Years!**

**Friday night fun night: Party of the Century!**

The April 21st **Friday Night Celebration** will kick off the weekend's festivities. Attendees are encouraged to **dress in the decade your club chartered**. Join us as clubs from the 1920's, 1960's, 1990's, and 2010's - and all decades in between - come together to celebrate **100 Years of Altrusa in Texas!**

**Kindness to Animals Event – Altrusa International of Richardson – April 1, 2023**

By Cindy McIntyre

First, we'd like to send 150 hugs of gratitude to Natural Grocers and K1 Speed- Indoor Go Karts for sharing their parking lot from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for this citywide event.

In addition to adoption and rescue opportunities, there will be free samples, grocery coupons, chances to win huge gift baskets – one cat, one dog - and homemade natural dog treats!



Altrusans making doggy treats



Pet Gifts

Donors and supporters for this event include Chewy, Hollywood Feed, NPIC, Inc., Natural Grocers, Furry Friends of Richardson, Parker Road Bird and Animal Clinic, All Breed Obedience Training,

Richardson Humane Society, Paw Tree, Take Me Home Pet Rescue, and Going Home-A Rescue Transport.

Of course, you are more than welcome to show your support by donating to any or all of these charitable organizations. Altrusa or Richardson just wants you to see more reasons why our town has been the Pawfect Place to Live for 150 years and going strong.



### DISTRICT NINE INFO

**Are you receiving News of the Mighty Ninth?**

If not, here's what may be happening. NOMN is sent through the ClubRunner software. Your email (particularly if it is a "gmail" address) may be sorting it into a newsletter category which may appear in your social media or promotions category of emails versus your INBOX. Some emails will sort it to SPAM. Please search and look for your NOMN to make sure you designate it to be received in your INBOX. The "News" is published twice a year, Fall and Winter. Club Runner also needs your up-to-date email address. Make sure you keep that current!

### WORLD HEALTH DAY

World Health Day is a global health awareness day celebrated every year on 7 April, under the sponsorship of the World Health Organization, as well as other related organizations. In 1948, the WHO held the First World Health Assembly

### Scholarship Committee Report

By Brenda Boston

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, the Scholarship Committee met to decide which applicants would be invited for an interview. Out of the 59 students who applied, the Committee selected 11 to interview.

Students who were invited to come for an interview were contacted and asked to sign up for a time via Sign-Up Genius. All other applicants received an email thanking them for applying, but that they

had not been selected to receive one of our scholarships.

On March 20th and 21st the Committee interviewed the 11 students. All were outstanding applicants, but the Committee decided to award one student the \$3,000 Jo Leeper Memorial Scholarship and five other students the Altrusa Scholarships for \$2,500 each.

Please be sure to join us for the Scholarship Dinner meeting on April 27 to meet these remarkable young people.



### Mimi Tanner awarded Emeritus Status

Mimi Tanner has been a member of our Altrusa Richardson club since 1992. She has served in numerous leadership roles including president of our club in 1995-1996, Vice Chair of the Foundation Board of Trustees from 2016-2019 and Chair of the Foundation Board of Trustees in 2019-2020.

A Happy Hour party attended by many of her Altrusa sisters was held in her honor. At the party Ginger Tonne presented Mimi with her emeritus status certificate.

## Richardson Altrusans Celebrate Mardi Gras

Laura Trainor-Collins, Retention Committee



Altrusa Krewe Queen Tonne

Twenty-five Richardson Altrusans and guests gathered at Desperados on February 21st to celebrate Mardi Gras. Attendees wore their masks and beads and enjoyed happy hour, good food and great conversations. We crowned our Altrusa Krewe Queen, President Ginger Tonne, and we cheered for our favorite masks and Mardi Gras outfits. There was a tie for favorites so Christine Hart and Julianne Lovelace took home the fancy Mardi Gras Parasol prizes. Later in the evening, we shared a couple of king cakes.



Sue Mc Elveen and Julianne Lovelace found the king cake babies. They should have lots of good luck in the coming year. Traditionally, those that end up with the baby from the king cake provide the cake for the next year celebration. Note to self to remember that. It was a fun evening. Altrusans sure know how to Laissez les bons temps rouler...



Let the Good Times Roll.

### Join Club 21

By Marsha Peters

Club 21 needs our support. The Club 21 Program was established in 1997 to support organizations that aim to meet 21st century health concerns of children and their families through local camps.


To donate, go to our website at [Altrusarichardson.com](http://Altrusarichardson.com): login, choose the Member Only tab, Members Information tab, Club 21 Donations. The link will take you to Altrusa International's website. Donate \$21 to join or renew your membership.



### LOAN STAR BOOK ROTATION

**Once Again Altrusans Assist with the Richardson Library Quarterly Loan Star Book Rotation**

Altrusans Gloria Sandoval, Carol Ruskowzki and Alma Benoit joined Exchange Club members Doug Starnes, Eliot Johnston and Paul Vance on March 25 for the quarterly Richardson Library Loan Star Book Rotation. Library books, including large print versions, were rotated among six senior living facility libraries and the Senior Center to provide new selections of books for these onsite libraries. This has been an ongoing project for our club for many years and is greatly appreciated by the library staff as well as the recipient book readers.



New members, please indicate that you would like to receive a Club 21 pin in the comments section. Pins are not provided to those who are renewing their membership.

If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Peters, mpeters2515@gmail.com or 972-415-7574. She will be happy to help.

This is a great cause. Don't Delay, Donate Today!

## From Accent on Altrusa, a publication to be found on the District Nine Website

### Saying it in Altrusan

by Betty Lawson

Altrusa International of Dallas

District Nine BRR Chair

Have you ever wondered why Altrusans say or do the things they do? Here are a few explanations:

#### Common Acronyms:

BRR Stands for Bylaws, Resolutions and Resolutions

ASTRA Service club for young people, affiliate with Altrusa

LRSP Long Range Strategic Plan

DSB District Service Bulletin

CAR Club Activities Report

#### Newer Terms for older programs

Quality Club Old term for Distinguished Club

Ways and Means Old term for Fundraising

#### Saying it Right –

Do I belong to a "chapter?" No, you belong to a "club"

Application for Membership? No, Recommendation for membership

Did I "join" Altrusa? No, you became an Altrusan.

Is it District "9" No, it is District Nine

Our colors are navy and white No, they are blue and White



**KAN WORKERS 2022 – Be sure to be in this picture for 2023!**

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Our International Office is Moving

March 2023



Hello Altrusans,

The International Office is moving!

Our staff is still preparing for the move, but since Convention and the new fiscal year is approaching, we'd like to ask you all to please use our new address when sending Convention registrations and dues. Dues will become payable April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our new address is:

**1400 E. Touhy Ave Suite 410  
Des Plaines, IL 60018**

Please send any Foundation correspondence here as well.

Please be aware that during this transition period the processing of mailed checks may be a bit slower.

Thank you for your patience and understanding,

David Mena  
Executive Director



Chief Dog Biscuit Preparer Rosemary Gouger

KAN – 2023 – Animal Kindness