



*Light Tomorrow with Altrusa  
Today*

## Ginger Tonne

### President's Message

The summer is going by fast. That's probably a blessing due to the heat and soaring temperatures. It is so oppressive. This, however, has not dampened our Altrusa spirits. Committees have met, set their goals and in the true Altrusan spirit. We continue to meet the needs of our community.

We hosted a congratulatory gathering at Desperado's for past Vice President, Robbin Murley. We all wished her good luck at her new job in Midland, Texas. Robbin will still zoom with us when she can. We were blessed, pleased, and impressed that our very own Christine Hart stepped up and took on the board position of Vice President. She is a true Altrusan and wonderful to work with.

Also, let's congratulate and thank Sherri White who filled Christine's vacancy as a Director. This is such a wonderful board and such a great group of Altrusa sisters.

We are moving forward with our plans. Service Committee, Community Outreach began with heading up the Network and RISD fall Backpack project for Altrusa. They will also provide a program presented by UPBRING at our August meeting. Be sure to read about it and sign up on our website. We look forward to their future endeavors. Good job ladies.

Membership Recruitment and Retention have been busy also. We will welcome and initiate our newest member, Ginger Mayo at our August club meeting. This group is working diligently, and I am sure there will be many more outstanding members to come.

We received excellent training at our club meeting in July on Club Runner. Kimberly Kierce did an outstanding job and even took on individual training for those that needed it. Thanks, Kim!  
The OWT crew is hard at work and so far, we have over \$25,00 in donations and 18 honorees. The

team chairs and leads will produce a successful 18th OWT Annual event. Make it a point to participate in some form - whether it is working the day of the event, being on a committee or donating through Member Underwriting. We all need to unite and participate. Currently, we are a little over 50% membership participation.

We will continue to move forward and "Light Tomorrow with Altrusa Today".

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Altrusa Richardson President

### Coming events

Aug	1		July Volunteer Hours Due
Aug	11	6:30	Board of Directors Meeting Friends Place
Aug	12		International Youth Day
Aug	17	6:00	Honoree Team Meeting Via Zoom
Aug	18	6:30	Monthly Club Meeting at the Woman's Club
Aug	22	6:00	AWCLS aka Book Club Christine Hart's Home <i>Behold the Dreamers</i>

### Birthdays

Aug	1	Kimberly Kierce
Aug	11	Brenda Boston
Aug	13	Lynda Calkin
Aug	18	Jean Stuart
Aug	20	Samanthia Slaight
Aug	26	Brenda Duckett
Aug	27	Susan Long
Aug	29	Terri Morgan
Aug	29	Cindy Murray

### Accent - Volunteer Hours - What Counts

\* Time spent on service projects and activities by Altrusa, as documented in the club minutes. This includes time spent in planning, preparation, execution and evaluation of service projects and foundation fundraisers.

\* Service hour spent on Club, District and International Operations, not including club meetings. This Includes activities such as production of newsletter or website, planning and execution of leadership/training

workshops, serving as a delegate at conference business meetings.

\* Service hours donated by members to non-Altrusa organizations such as volunteer boards, hospital boards and non-profit organizations' boards, volunteering in hospitals, schools, libraries, non-for-profit organizations and activities such as mentoring, tutoring, etc.

### **Wallace Elementary Proves that Kindness is doing what you can - when you can**



### **Wallace Elementary Librarian LaLinda Mirsky**

By Jane Tucker

Although school librarians and counselors are excited to receive Choose Kind books because of the impact they have are having on children, we do not often get to actually see the benefits of teaching kindness in our community.

But, Wallace Elementary, one of our most recent recipients of a Choose Kind Library, has shown our community how teaching kindness has far-reaching benefits.

Frank Gomez, a Wallace teacher assistant afterschool director for the past 26 years was once a student at Robb Elementary, the site of the Uvalde mass shooting. He still has family and friends connected to the victims and went back to visit them last month. He came back determined to do something to help, so he and his friends in the Wallace PTA started collecting donations for the Robb School Memorial Fund and recently donated \$6,150 to assist the victims and their families. Then as the days went on Mr. Gomez started talking to the teachers and found out they were worried about not having funds for classroom supplies to restart their classrooms when the students return to class August 15<sup>th</sup>. He realized these teachers needed help to buy the supplies they needed so the students could return to classrooms that made them excited

about learning. To raise money to help the teachers, Mr. Gomez set up a GoFundMe Link.

In the light of this heartbreaking tragedy the Wallace Elementary staff, students, and their families are certainly showing the power of kindness. To quote Ron Hall, "Together, we can change the world, one good deed at a time."

### **International Day of Youth**



The objective of this year's International Youth Day theme, Intergenerational solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages, is to amplify the message that action is needed across all generations to achieve the SDGs and leave no one behind. The 2022 International Youth Day will also raise awareness on certain barriers to intergenerational solidarity, notably ageism, which impacts young and old persons, while having detrimental effects on society as a whole.

### **Lone Star Book Rotation**



By Carol Ruskowski

Saturday, September 23rd, volunteers from the Men's Exchange Club, Gloria Sandoval, Carol Ruskowski, Lynn Solomon, Kim Kierce, and Robert Taylor, delivered books to various Independent Living and Assisted Living facilities, and picked up books to deliver to the next facility. You should see the look on the residents' faces when they see a new supply of books coming in. Absolutely fantastic.

### **Have YOU Signed Into Club Runner?**

By Jean Stuart

Altrusa Richardson is sooooo fortunate to have Wild Apricot as our club website platform, but a lot of

clubs aren't able to afford their own website. To overcome this obstacle, Altrusa District Nine partnered with Club Runner to create a District Website on their platform which also provides a webpage for each club in District Nine. The new District Nine website not only allows you to sign in to get District information, or find the address or phone of any Altrusa member across Texas, but you can also see what other clubs are doing. Check out their fundraisers, find out when they meet, etc. Those small clubs can put information about their projects on Club Runner and have a web presence!

I signed on to Club Runner and thought it was pretty easy. Go to <https://altrusadistrictnine.org/> and click on "Member Login" in the upper right of the screen. If this is your first time to log on, you will need to select your club name and enter your last name and your email address. Club Runner will then show you your user name and ask you to set your password. If you need help logging in, please contact District Nine.

Richardson Altrusans are already in Club Runner; our Administrative Treasurer, Lynda Calkin, did ALL that work, and we'll add new members as they join. District Nine is asking that we each take responsibility for keeping our contact information up to date. We can do that! Sign on and check it out.

## Add an Altrusan Day

By Brenda Boston

Do you know someone who might be interested in Altrusa? On Thursday, September 15, we will be having an Add an Altrusan event to give you the opportunity to invite anyone you know who might like to learn more about our club. Prior to the meeting that evening, we will be having refreshments in the Sun Room at the RWC Clubhouse and inviting guests to stay for a hands-on activity from the Kindness Committee. Check out the invitation on the last page of Tiding for all the information. And please bring scissors – you'll see why. Questions? Contact Brenda Boston at [brendaboston@outlook.com](mailto:brendaboston@outlook.com).

## Outstanding Women of Today

By Brenda Duckett

Altrusa Sisters, OWT Sponsorships and Membership Underwriting, and Donation & Volunteer Opportunities are endless!

Forms can be completed on our website at [www.altrusarichardson.com](http://www.altrusarichardson.com), and tax receipts will be emailed as payments are received.

Checks may be mailed to Altrusa, PO Box 832101, Richardson, TX 75083. Forms without payment may be mailed to Brenda Duckett, 3208 Thorne Hill Court, Richardson, 75082, or hand-delivered to Brenda or Mary Boyter. Personal checks help save credit card fees. Underwriting suggestions are outlined on the form.

There are numerous ways to fulfill your obligation to participate in some way toward OWT; recommend a sponsor or underwriter, sell/buy raffle tickets, attend the event, help with event day activities, or serve on an OWT committee.

Questions: Brenda Duckett 214-577-5217 or Mary Boyter 214-803-1634.

Come join the celebration for Outstanding Women in our area.

## Books for Network of Community Ministries

By Carol Ruskowski



Saturday, September 23rd was a full day of literacy for Altrusa. Robert Taylor, Kimberly Kierce, Gloria Sandoval, Richard and Carol Ruskowski spent a few hours at the Richardson Municipal Court, stamping and boxing **1,037 books** to be given to Network. The total number of books will be submitted to Club Runner. It was truly a rewarding experience.

## Membership Retention Update

### Membership Retention Event – The Secret Comedy of Women





By Laura Trainor-Collins

Ten Richardson Altrusans and two guests had an uproariously great time at *The Secret Comedy of Women* on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Eisemann Center. We laughed and laughed our way through this comedy. It was charming and just a fun time. We met for lunch before the show and carpoled from City Line to the Eisemann. If you have the opportunity to attend this play, just do it. It's a very well-done production and everyone gave it five stars. Thank you to the Retention Committee for organizing such a fabulous group experience.

### Membership Event – Lunch Bunch



Carol Ruszkowski, Anne Slagel, Mary Shiroma (hidden), Cindy Murray, Gayle Ingle, Ginger Mayo, guest of Nancy Rohm – and Nancy.



Lynn Solomon, Mary Beth McLemore, Mary O and Sue McElveen



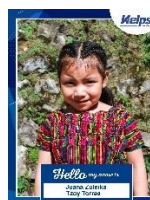
Kay George, Ginger Tonne and Jean Stuart. Missing is Mouna Al Rashad, who arrived after pictures

by Lynn Solomon

Altrusa Lunch Bunch was held at the Chocolate Angel Café and Tea Room in Richardson on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. We had a great attendance with 15 ladies enjoying the wonderful food and fellowship! Our next quarterly Lunch Bunch will be October 5, 2022, so save the date and stay tuned for details!

Today's attendees were Mouna Al Rashad (nee Rouani), Kay George, Jean Stuart, Ginger Tonne, Sue McElveen, Mary Osentowski, Mary McLemore, Carol Ruszkowski, Anne Slagel, Mary Shiroma, Lynn Solomon, Cindy Murray, Gayle Ingle and Nancy Rohm and her friend, Ginger Mayo.

### International Relations



**Juana Zulaika Tzoy Torres**

Here is a picture of our new student. She is in kindergarten and we have just sent in her tuition for six months of schooling for 2022-2023

#### My Country

Guatemala, Central American country.

#### Languages

Guatemala's official language is Spanish, spoken by 93 percent, but twenty-two Mayan languages are spoken, especially in rural areas.

The dominance of Mayan culture within its interior uplands distinguishes our country from its Central American neighbors. The origin of the name Guatemala is Mayan, but its meaning is unknown. The country's contemporary capital, Guatemala City, is a major metropolitan center; Quetzaltenango in the western highlands is the nucleus of the Mayan population.

#### My Community

Santa Avelina is a community of approximately 600 families, that is located between the mountains, in San Juan Cotzal, 340 kilometers away from Guatemala City. The native language of Santa Avelina is Ixil, The weather is around 70 fahrenheit over the year, the main economic activity is agriculture.

## Community Outreach Delivers School Supplies to Upbring's Foster Care Program

By Sherri White



Left to right Par Sung, Family Service Worker, Emily Norwood, Upbring Area Director; Deb Bourland, Ann Turner and Sherri White

The Community Outreach Committee Co-Chaired by Deb Bourland and Gloria Sandoval kicked off the year by providing school supplies to Upbring Richardson. Committee Members, Ann Turner and Sherri White, purchased school supplies for twenty-seven elementary students being served by Upbring Richardson. Kits containing fifty-two basic supplies, markers, notebook paper and ear buds were purchased. On July 19, Deb Bourland, Ann Turner and Sherri White delivered the supplies to Emily Norwood, Upbring Area Director in Richardson.

Upbring is a Texas-wide nonprofit organization implementing generational innovation to advance child well-being. They are the leaders in delivering a broad spectrum of life-restoring services that elevate and heal human beings in our community. Intent on shifting perspectives and re-imagining current systems, their work secures a future free from the dangers of abuse.

Upbring's foster care program, 'Foster in Texas', connects children with families who can provide compassion, safety and support until restoration takes place within the biological family. When a child cannot return to their birth families, the foster to adopt team helps provide loving, secure and permanent homes with a forever family.

Emily Norwood, Upbring Area Director, will present the program for our August 18 Altrusa Meeting.

### North Texas Giving Day

Hello All! I promised you in the July Tidings I would be getting back to you to give you more specific information about North Texas Giving Day which will be held on September 9, 2022, so here goes. First, you can go to the website at [www.northtexasgivingday.org](http://www.northtexasgivingday.org) and take these steps:

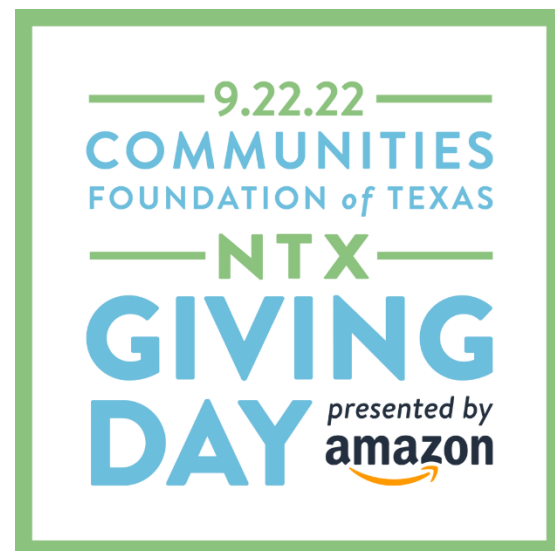
1. Place the web address in your browser, or click on this one if you are on your computer reading Tidings.
2. When the page opens scroll down under the Register Now prompt. (you do not need to register, that has already been done)
3. Click on Browse Organizations
4. Next page to pop up has Search in the upper left-hand section of this page. Type in Altrusa Richardson.
5. When our page pops up you can DONATE.
6. Underneath the word DONATE you will see Share this Organization with options for Facebook, Twitter and Email. This site is available NOW, so if you have a few coins, dollars, or a bunch you can put in a donation. Also, they have made it easier for you to share our page with friends and relatives that live far away. Ones who know your passion for serving your community through service to Altrusa Richardson and by logging on to the website can support your efforts. It also will give them a brief overview of who we are and what we do as service to our community.

As I stated in the July Tidings, this is not to compete with OWT in any way, just another avenue to get our name out and educate others about the work we do. Remember, this opportunity helped us through a rough patch when we could not do Outstanding Women of Today because of COVID.

You can also wait to donate on the specific day which is, September 9, 2022 from 6 A.M until Midnight.

Peace and blessings to you all...

Sue McElveen  
Vice Chair of Development



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# Come visit and learn about Altrusa!

Meet with some of our wonderful members, enjoy light refreshments, and find out more about what Altrusa of Richardson does in the community.

**When:** Thursday, September 15

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Richardson Woman's Club  
Clubhouse

2005 North Cliffe Drive, Richardson

If you would like to stay for the Business meeting at 7:00, we would love to have you visit that as well.



RSVP by September 12

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