



President's Message

Summertime is here in full force! We have had a good start and made a lot of progress this month.

Twelve of our Altrusans are registered to attend the 58th Altrusa International Convention in San Antonio the third week of July. Viva Al-

trusa! We will have inspiring speakers, informative workshops, great entertainment, music, dancing, and a lot of fun. Bring your cowboy boots and hats for Friday Fun Night! We will bring back a lot of important information for our club.

This convention is very special for Altrusa Richardson because our sister club from Queenstown, New Zealand have reconnected with us and are planning to meet up and get reacquainted with us. They have featured us in their July newsletter and we are hoping to do some mirror projects in tandem with them. Stay tuned.

Richardson's 150th Celebration was a great success. We had a shared tent with Rotary and we had many children, teens and adults stop to visit and play bean bag tic-tac-toe. With our banner and feather flag flying, we gave out more than 35 of our new publicity cards and to speak about our club with everyone we could.

OWT is moving along quickly now. Have October 27th marked on your calendars for a special Outstanding Women of Today luncheon at Richardson's DoubleTree Hotel. A very special thank you to our new member, Beth Leos and Bobbi Klein for taking over honorees. Thank you also for stepping up to lead Reservations, another new member, Kathy Stock and Gloria Sandoval.

Amy Spawn from the Warren Center will speak to the club at our July meeting and Network's CEO, Abbie Kaufmann will be speaking to us at our August meeting. Thank you, program committee and thank you members for your suggestions.

The finance committee has worked together very well to establish a very workable budget for this year.

My heart is bursting with pride and gratitude as I experience your enthusiasm, willingness to step up, creative thinking, and positive contributions. Every member is important!

Christine Hart

President 2023-2024

July Events

- July 1** *Volunteer Hours Due*
- July 5** **OWT Event Chairs/Committee Leaders 6:30 pm**
- July 6** **Club Board of Directors Mtg. 6:00 pm**
- July 8** **Summer Service Virtual Retreat 10:00 am**
- July 10** **Recruitment Committee 6:00 pm**
- July 13** **Monthly Meeting 6:30 Social 7:00 pm Meeting**
- July 15** **Lone Star Book Rotation 9:00 am**
- July 15** **Honoree Committee Mtg. 10:30 am Zoom**
- July 17** **Altrusa Bridge 6:30 pm**
- July 19** **Grant Committee Mtg.**
- July 19-23** **Altrusa International Convention**
- July 24** **Altrusa Wine & Chocolate Society 6:00 pm**
- July 25** **Sophomore Sisters Committee 6:00 pm**
- July 26** **Lunch Bunch @ Anaya's Seafood Kitchen 11:30 am**
- July 28** **OWT Chair Meeting 3:30 pm Zoom**

August Events

- August 1** *Volunteer Hours due*
- August 1** **International Friendship / Recruitment Event at Desperado's 5:00 pm Potential members 5:20 pm All**
- August 2** **Community Outreach Mtg 6:30pm Zoom**
- August 5** **Ability House – Robert's BDay 1:30 pm**
- August 9** **Honoring Gerry Carron 6:00 pm**
- August 10** **Board of Directors Mtg. 6:30 pm**
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July Birthdays

July 3 Alisha Gimbel
July 7 Bobbi Klein
July 12 Kay George
July 15 Gayle Ingle
July 16 Christina Gill
July 22 Christine Hart
July 27 Janie Jaquier
July 28 Nancy Crowe
July 30 Julianne Lovelace

August Birthdays

August 1 Kimberly Kierce
August 8 Shari Barat
August 11 Brenda Boston
August 18 Jean Stuart
August 20 Samantha Slaughter
August 26 Brenda Duckett
August 29 Cindy Murray

Community Outreach Partner Information

The Warren Center Kicks Off Christmas in July Toy Drive

From The Warren Center



(RICHARDSON, TX) — July 5, 2023 — [The Warren Center](#), a non-profit agency providing professional evaluations, therapy services and support to children with developmental delays and disabilities is getting into the holiday spirit early this year by launching their Operation Santa toy drive during Christmas in July. Operation Santa is a specialized event for children and their families to celebrate the holiday season in a sensory-friendly way. Every December, families served by The Warren Center are invited to celebrate the season at the annual holiday celebration featuring gifts, games, crafts, photos with Santa and much more.

Now through July 31, The Warren Center is seeking generous donors to participate in the Operation Santa Toy Drive. Community members can help bring joy to a child this holiday season by shopping online or dropping off new, unwrapped toys for children ages birth to seven-years-old at The Warren Center's Richardson office by appointment. This year, the experts at The Warren Center hand-selected gifts to help children reach developmental milestones. These gifts are available for purchase through The Warren Center's Amazon Wish List using this link: <https://a.co/eUDCokK>.

The best gifts to give include puzzles, building blocks, stuffed animals, trucks, dolls, developmental board games and arts and crafts sets. To organize a company toy drive or to schedule a drop off at The Warren Center's office located at 320 Custer Rd. Richardson, TX, please contact Leslie Chatman, leslie.chatman@thewarrencenter.org. All toys will be collected by July 31, 2023. For more information, please call 972.490.9055.



Above: The July 13, 2023 meeting included a presentation on the early childhood intervention services provided by The Warren Center. Chief Executive officer, Amy Spawn (speaking) and Development Manager, Leslie Chatman (behind) shared information and gave us insight on the families they serve as well as some of their needs. President Christine Hart (seated) listens to their story.

Membership and Community Outreach

Up Coming Event



UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY EVENT

The Membership Committee, the Community Outreach Committee and Desperados Restaurant are partnering to invite you to participate in United Nations International Friendship Day (UNIFD). In 2011, the United Nations proclaimed International Friendship Day to minimize the world's many challenges. These include security issues, violence, and poverty.

Richardson Altrusans can do our part by strengthening our bonds of friendship through our community service work.

The UNIFD event will be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, from 5 to 7pm at Desperados Restaurant at 3443 Campbell Road in Garland. We will have happy hour prices and \$10.99/\$11.99 taco specials.

The Recruitment Team is inviting Altrusans with their potential members to arrive at 5pm to learn about Altrusa, participate in the project and meet club members. Beth Leos said Recruitment would need about 20 minutes to complete their program. If you are not bringing a potential member you would need to plan to arrive after 5:20pm.

Honoring Gerry Carron

Wed., August 9th
6:00 pm at Friends Place
1960 Nantucket, Richardson

Let's share our memories of Gerry and rejoice in knowing and loving her. She made a big impact on everyone she met.

This will be casual and request everyone bring a snack or soft drink/bottle of wine.

Please register on the Altrusa Richardson website.

In Memory

Beloved Altrouser Francis Osen-towski passed away on July 27th. Mary, and their children, Tagni and Chris were with him at his passing.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the near future.

Cards, emails and visits are appreciated. Check your member directory for addresses.

July 30 is World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.

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—NTX—

GIVING DAY

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Human Trafficking Prevention

Look for a Special Edition of Tidings about the Altrusa International Convention — Coming Soon!



Eleven members had a real Fiesta at the biennial Altrusa International Convention. We were able to spend lots of good times with our Kiwi friends from our sister club in Queenstown, New Zealand. Lots more information and pictures will be in a special edition, coming soon.

Front row from left to right : Kiwi friend Kay Edwards (Queenstown) President Christine Hart, District Nine Vice Governor Kimberly Kierce, Margret Melhop (Queenstown and Vice Governor District Fifteen) Back Row: Jane Tucker, Pam Johnson, Sue McElveen, Nancy Rohm, Cindy Murray, Bobbi Klein, Ginger Mayo, Mary Beth McLemore and Jean Stuart.

The picture was borrowed from the Queenstown Facebook page. www.facebook.com/AltrusaQueenstown. We are mentioned in their newsletter and there is a link to our website in their newsletter.

Community Outreach Committee

LITERACY IN ACTION

By Carol Ruskowski

From left to right: Three faithful Men's Exchange club helpers, Mary Anne Fernandez, Carol Ruskowski, Jennifer Davidson, Gloria Sandoval and two other helpers.



On July 15, 2023, MaryAnne Fernandez, Gloria Sandoval, Jennifer Davidson, and Carol Ruskowski all joined together with the Men's Exchange Club at the Richardson Library for the Loan Star Rotation. This project happens in association with the Richardson Library to bring the latest and greatest large print books on adventure, mystery, history, and romance to seniors living at ten Rehab Centers and Independent Living facilities around Richardson. The books are rotated from one center to the next. The seniors truly like seeing us come with our carts of new books to read.

Ways and Means Committee Update

Outstanding Women of Today Raffle

Sponsorship Committee

The Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon honoring many of the exceptional professional women in the North Texas area will be Friday, October 27, 2023 One of the exciting things we will presenting is our wonderful raffle.

Raffle tickets will certainly sell themselves because of the wonderful collection of jewelry donated by Leland's Gold and Diamonds. Raffle tickets will be available from Altrusa members. You can reach Leland's at 972-490-5626.



Above: Brenda Duckett (left) and Mary Boyter (right) proudly display all of the beautiful jewelry for our raffle donated by Leland's Gold and Diamonds jewelry for our raffle donated by Leland's Gold and Diamonds



Left and below: A closer look at some of the lovely pieces that will be in the raffle.



Please note ANYTHING anyone needs to know about the OWT Luncheon is available on the Altrusa Richardson website. Luncheon tickets are available through the website. Sponsorship, Honoree and Nomination forms are linked and very easy to submit. Deadlines will vary so visit the website soon!

<https://altrusarichardson.com/2023-Awards-Luncheon>

Altrusa Membership and Community Outreach

150th Anniversary Celebration

By Christine Hart

Richardson's 150th birthday celebration

Altrusa Richardson took the lead on the nonprofit portion of Richardson's 150th birthday celebration. We began on January first and concluded with the all-city celebration in the Core District. For the city time capsule, which will be opened in another 50 years, our club submitted a bandana from our Kindness to Animals Project that was done in conjunction with the city.

At the event, Altrusa Richardson partnered with Rotary in a shared tent playing a bean bag tic tac toe with children, teens and many adults including the Mayor.

Many people came to our table throughout the day for information and our new hand outs and a chance to talk with enthusiastic Altrusans about our club.



Nancy Rohm (left) speaks to members of the community about Altrusa

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Partnering With The City of Richardson

From Richardson Today

ALTRUSA GRANT APPLICATIONS OPEN

OUTSTANDING WOMEN NOMINATIONS ALSO BEING ACCEPTED

Altrusa International of Richardson is now accepting applications for grants to qualifying area nonprofits for the 2023-24 grants cycle. Grants typically range from \$1,000-\$1,500, with the money used for specific projects benefiting the community by May 31, 2024.

A online application and submission instructions are available at www.altrusarichardson.com/grants.

The submission deadline is Aug. 31. Applications will be reviewed by the Grants Committee. Recipients will receive notification by Oct. 31.

For more information about the grant submission process, contact Grants Committee Chair Mary Shiroma at 214-914-3634 or at maryshiroma@outlook.com.

OWT Nominations Open

Altrusa is accepting nominations for 2023 Outstanding Women of Today: Hearts for Service, a distinguished honor for professional accomplishments. Women are

recognized for exemplifying determination and innovation, and for making outstanding contributions in their chosen careers. Nominations are being accepted through August and honorees will be recognized at an awards luncheon on Oct. 27. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Nominations can be made at www.AltrusaRichardson.com. If you need more information about the nominations or sponsorships, please contact Altrusa Richardson at Contact@AltrusaRichardson.com.

What is Altrusa Richardson?

Altrusa Richardson is a 501c3 organization that focuses on serving others, both locally and internationally, through community service projects and donations.

How Altrusans Serve

- 14,045 hours of service to the community provided from June 2022-May 2023
- \$12,000 in community-wide

nonprofit grants

- \$13,000 in educational scholarships awarded
- 270 coats donated to Network of Community Ministries
- 3,034 books donated for literacy projects
- 820 lives, which includes pets waiting for adoption, touched by Kindness Weekend acts

Visit www.AltrusaRichardson.com for more information or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AltrusaRichardsonTexas.

APPLY ONLINE



GRANT APPLICATIONS

COR Facebook Post

< Richardson150th's post

We are thrilled to announce that our community has come together to achieve something truly remarkable! With immense pride, we share that we have collectively logged in a staggering 998,265 volunteer minutes, surpassing our initial goal of 150,000 minutes by a landslide.

Many of the hours were logged at the Wildflower! and Cottonwood festivals, along with time donated by 24 other groups and organizations. We thank them for their service to Make A Difference in Richardson!

Let's celebrate this remarkable achievement and continue to make Richardson a thriving and vibrant place for all! 🙌💙

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Membership Committee

WELCOME NEW MEMBER KATHY STOCK

Submitted by Brenda Duckett

We are thrilled to welcome Katy Stock as our newest Altrusa Sister! She was born in Dallas and graduated from Bishop Lynch High School. She earned a B.S. degree in Elementary Education from Texas Tech University and a MA in Early Childhood from Texas Woman's University. She taught 2nd and 4th grades at Big Springs Elementary in the Richardson ISD. Kathy retired from RISD, but she still had too much to offer and taught an additional five years at Prince of Peace Catholic School in Dallas. She currently subs occasionally at these two campuses.

Kathy met her husband Wally at a church dance, and they quickly discovered that they had mutual friends. Wally is the oldest of 13 brothers and sisters, and Kathy grew up as an only child! When they met they each had three children, and they have one son together for a total of seven! They now have 14 grandchildren!!

She is a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church where she participates in Bible Studies and has participated in the Altar Society as well as delivering Meals on Wheels once a month with a dear friend.

Adventures include London, Mediterranean cruise to Italy and Greece, plus a Caribbean cruise. They also enjoy family time together at Rosemary Beach in Florida each summer. Reading, yoga, walking with friends and cooking are among her favorite pastimes.

Among her "likes" are the color purple, childhood heroes JFK and Jaqueline Kennedy, seafood, salmon, lobster bisque, roasted brussel sprouts, key lime pie and chocolate chip cookies. Playing school with her dolls and Barbie's probably led to her very successful teaching career!

Kathy is looking forward to becoming an active member by serving our community as well as creating new friendships. She has jumped right in and is currently co-chairing the OWT Reservations Committee.

District Nine Update

FROM THE DISTRICT NINE

GOVERNOR SHIRLEY RAYMER

Excerpted from News of the Mighty Nineth

My biennium theme is "Hearts of Service Shine" and I know that Altrusans' hearts shine as they continually provide services to others in their communities. I want us to continue our focus on literacy as we strive to put books into the hands of more children, adults, and seniors. District Nine Altrusans met the challenge of International President Kathy Folley by donating more than 68,000 books "Touching One Million Lives - One Book at a Time". Congratulations, District Nine!!! I want to continue this challenge and clubs will be recognized at the 2024 and 2025 conferences for their book donations. Kimberly Kierce has created a new page on our district ClubRunner website for clubs to continue recording book donations. Thank you, Kim, and thank you District Nine for your giving hearts!

We will continue Governor Mary's focus on membership. This focus took a giant step in its journey toward fruition as we chartered the new Altrusa International of Houston-Central Club on June 1. The club held its first organizational meeting on March 2, 2023, and chartered 3 months later - a truly amazing endeavor. We also have a club in formation in downtown Ft. Worth and another strong possibility in east Texas around Winnsboro. If you know anyone in any of these areas please contact Debbie Mabry, LaVone Arthur or me. I challenge every District Nine Altrusan to bring a new recruit or two or more into Altrusa this year. More members mean more hands doing good for our Texas communities. Congratulations to all District Nine Altrusa clubs for renewal of dues prior to the June 15 deadline.

Altrusa Partners
Kindness Committee
From TeachHaiti

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OPPORTUNITY TO
GIVE HOPE



Amidst the turmoil in Haiti, we are grateful to share that Teach Haiti has experienced a month filled with celebration. We proudly witnessed two kindergarten graduations, one in St. Michel and another in Port-au-Prince. Additionally, we are thrilled to share the news that Teach Haiti has successfully graduated its second class of seniors. These 27 students have accomplished something that very few in Haiti are fortunate enough to claim. We must acknowledge the crucial role played by steadfast supporters *like you*, who have paved the way for the success. Thanks to the support of sponsors, these students have big dreams and an opportunity to break free from the cycle of poverty.

Thank you for
giving HOPE!

We greatly appreciate your ongoing support and humbly encourage you to consider increasing your monthly gift (if possible) to support the teachers, administration, and students.

If you currently sponsor a student, it would be ideal to renew before the start of the school year on August 30 to assist in budgeting for the academic year ahead. Sponsorship costs \$40 per month (\$480/year) per child. This sponsorship fee covers the student's tuition and a daily meal.

If you are able, we ask that you consider an additional gift of \$125, which will cover the cost of school supplies. Please pray about helping to support the macro needs of both campuses of Teach Haiti, over and above the student sponsorships.

