



President's Message

I am so humbled to be your president for this year. Everyone's support and encouragement means a great deal to me. Your passion inspires me and it is an honor to have your confidence. I thank you all.

A special thank you to Pam Johnson for the meaningful installation and to Sue McElveen and MaryBeth McLemore for their Accent and Inspiration at our May meeting. Thank you to Sylvia McCloskey for making the arrangements with our caterer for my favorite meal. Samantha Slight and the BOD 2022-2023 also have my gratitude for the beautiful decorations and flowers.

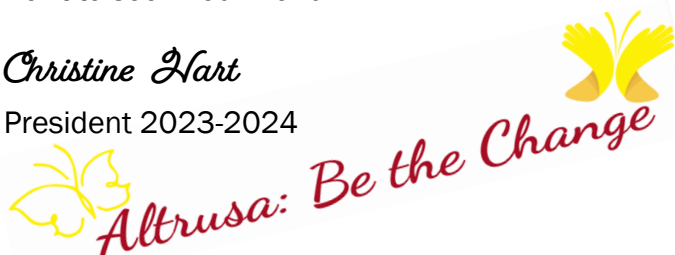
It is time to look forward to the changes we want to see in our community, our district, and our world. What positive differences will we make this year? We had an excellent OWT this past year that will help us greatly as we choose and fund projects and service for those in need. We will continue to contribute to our District's challenge of "One Million Lives, One Book at a Time" in addition to all our many and various committee projects.

Remember that each committee prepares their projects for the entire club. I encourage you to reach out past the committee you have signed up for and try projects from other committees. You might just find a new passion.

Let's begin Altrusa District Nine's second hundred years with renewed spirits and *be the change* we want to see in our world!

Christine Hart

President 2023-2024



June Events

- June 1** Finance Committee 6:30 pm
- June 5** World Environment Day
- June 6** Altrusa Foundation Annual Meeting 6:00 pm
- June 6** OWT Event Chairs Meeting 7:00 pm
- June 7** Kindness Committee 7:00 pm
- June 10** Ability House Committee Meeting 11:00 am
- June 15** Monthly Meeting 6:30 Social 7:00 pm Meeting
- June 19** Altrusa Bridge 6:30 pm
- June 24** Richardson 150 th Anniversary Celebration
10:00 am—2:00 pm Main Street Plaza
- June 26** Altrusa Wine & Chocolate Society 6:00 pm
- June 28** Community Outreach Committee 6:30 pm
- June 29** Admin/Service Committee Mtg. 6:00 pm

Reminder Volunteer Hours are due July 1

June Birthdays

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| June 3 | Ginger Tonne | June 23 | Donna Buhr |
| June 17 | Susan Fischer | June 27 | Janie Jaquier |
| June 18 | Rose Daughety | June 29 | Sandy Martin |
| June 18 | Rosemary Gouger | June 30 | Laura Trainor-Collins |



Altrusa Accent

Our new Board of Directors & Foundation Trustees

These are the wonderful women who have stepped up to be our “leaders n service”. If you have questions about your Altrusa experience please feel free to contact them.

2023-2024 Board of Directors

President - Christine Hart

Vice President - Jean Stuart

Recording Secretary - Samantha Slaight

Corresponding Secretary - Jackie Skrivener

Administration Treasurer - Ann Turner

**Directors - Ginger Mayo, Gloria Sandoval,
Cindy Murray, Sherri White**

Immediate Past President - Ginger Tonne

Parliamentarian - Mary Beth McLemore

2023-2024 Foundation Trustees

Chair - Marsha Peters

Vice Chair - Sarah Wagner

Secretary - Susan Fischer

Treasurer - Janie Jaquier

Assistant Treasurer - Gayle Ingle

Vice Chair Compliance - Donna Buhr

Vice Chair Development - Laura Trainor -Collins

Member Responsibilities

Committee Sign-Up

If you haven't made a commitment to assist both a service and a foundation committee sign-up at June meeting OR contact committee chairs directly.

Administration

Communications: Carol Ruskowski

Recruitment: Beth Leos and Alisha Gimbal

Retention: Laura-Trainor Collins

Finance: Ann Turner

Leadership: *Need Chair or co-chairs*

Strategic Planning: Samantha Slaight

Meeting Coordinator: Brenda Boston

Programs: Gloria Sandoval

Service

OWT: Ginger Tonne, Ginger Mayo & Sherri White

Ability House: Rosemary Gouger

Community Outreach: Gloria Sandoval & Deb Bourland

Kindness: Sue McElveen & Terri Morgan

Scholarships: Brenda Boston & Ginger Mayo

Communication Committee Update

Communication Committee Contacts

Please contact the appropriate committee member for the task you need:

To set up Events and zoom meetings:*
Carol Ruskowski

*Use the fillable Event Posting form on the website on the Member Information page

To post documents to the website (minutes, agendas, financial reports): Carol Ruskowski

To send emails to the club: Carol Ruskowski

For Newsletter articles: Bobbi Klein*

*See updated Tidings Submission Guidelines page 6

Updating Webpages, Facebook, Twitter:
MaryAnn Hernandez

Altrusa's Impact in 2022-2023

14,045

Hours of Service to the Community

= \$478,343

Volunteer Hour Equivalent



Community Outreach Committee Update

Altrusa Richardson Members Serve at Special Mother's Day Events

By Gloria Sandoval

Mother's Day is a special day for Mothers of every generation everywhere. This was evident at two special locations.

Network of Community Ministries Seniors Net held their second Annual Mother's Day Luncheon and Tea, on May 11, 2023. Headed by Jane Kovacs, Seniors Net Coordinator, the ladies attending wore their favorite hat. The Luncheon and Tea is very special and enjoyed by all attending. Jane stated, "The Mother's Day Tea is a very special event for Network's senior clients. It gives the clients a way to gather and enjoy company, especially the many who lead a lonely life.



Displaying the lovely buntini's and the handmade butterflies (L-R) are Norma Hammerlund, Judy Blome, Deb Bourland, Gloria Sandoval, Ginger Mayo, Ann Turner and Sue McElveen

Friends Place Adult Day Care held their annual Mother's Day Luncheon and Tea on May 12, 2023. Friends Place clients with their invited guests, enjoyed a delicious lunch, and a yummy dessert of Bundtins by *Nothing Bundt Cakes*, with special candy butterfly decorations made especially for the occasion by Norma Hammerlund and Gloria Sandoval. Altrusa Richardson members who came to help serve the lunch, dessert and tea were Norma Hammerlund, Judy Blome, Deb Bourland, Ginger Mayo, Ann Turner, Sue McElveen, and Gloria Sandoval, not pictured were Marsha Peters and Jean Stuart.



Pictured above (L-R) are: Lynn Solomon, Gloria Sandoval, Jane Kovacs from Seniors Net, Ginger Mayo and Gayle Ingle

Altrusa Richardson members visited with attendees and served dessert with various flavors of teas. Those Altrusans that helped were Lynn Solomon, Ginger Mayo, Gayle Ingle, Gloria Sandoval. Ginger Tonne, Ann Turner and Mouna Al Rashed.



JULY 24, 2023
Richardson
Anniversary Celebration
10 am—2 pm
Main Street Plaza

District Nine

District Nine's Website - ClubRunner

Are you familiar with the District website? We need to keep our individual information up to date on that site.

You won't get important emails if your address is not up to date! So,

Need CLUBRUNNER HELP?

Text Janna at 254.534.8090

Outreach Committee

**Spring Auction at Appletree Court
Assisted Living**

By Lynn Solomon

The Spring auction at **Appletree Court** was held on May 10, 2023. Six Altrusans were there to help the residents outbid each other! There were approximately 25 residents in attendance. They use their earned “Apple Bucks” to purchase items provided by Altrusa from purchased out of the Community Outreach budget. Gloria Sandoval, as always, did a fantastic job as our auctioneer. Cindy Bostick is their wonderful Activities Director and has worked for Appletree Court for many years. She is very organized and does a great job.

Thanks to the following Altrusans who volunteered their time for this event: Judy Blome, Gloria Sandoval, Alma Benoit, Deb Bourland, Lynn Solomon and Mary Anne Fernandez.



Showing off some of the items for auction (L-R) are: Judy Blome, Alma Beniot, Gloria Sandoval, Deb Bourland and Lynn Solomon



Gloria Sandoval (front) shows some auction items to encourage more bidding. Deb Bourland stands behind her (center) and Judy Blome is back left



Deb Bourland has fun modeling a lovely shawl and Gloria Sandoval looks on ready to start the bidding

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ALTRUSA GRANTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Altrusa Grants Available to Area Nonprofits

By Mary Shiroma

Altrusa International of Richardson announces that applications are now being accepted for grants to qualifying area non-profits for the 2023-2024 grants cycle. Grants typically range from \$500 - \$1500. Monies provided by Altrusa grants must be used by awardees for specific projects benefitting the community and must be disbursed no later than May 31, 2024 unless otherwise reported.

A fillable application form and submission instructions are available on the Altrusa website at www.altrusarichardson.com/grants. Additionally, reminder letters are being sent to 501C-3 recipient organizations who received funding last year.

Submission deadline is August 31, 2023. Applications will be reviewed by the Grants Committee then its funding recommendations will be submitted to the Foundation which will make the awards. Grantees will receive notification by October 31, 2023.

If you need more information about the grant submission process, please contact Grants Committee Chair Mary Shiroma, 214-914-3634, or at maryshiro-ma@outlook.com.

Right: See what our grants can accomplish...in a great letter from Abigail Kauffman, President and CEO of Network



May 24, 2023

RE: Report of Grant Funding Awarded 2022

Dear Chairman Shiroma,

During the previous fiscal year, Altrusa International of Richardson once again extended their generous support to Network, specifically for our Senior's Net Holiday Program. Your gracious gift of \$1,500 in 2022 played a pivotal role in enabling Network to provide a memorable experience for **62 senior neighbors!** They received a splendid warm meal and gift bags filled with essential items like toiletries, blankets, and food items.

Network recognizes that many of our elderly neighbors often feel lonely and emotionally burdened at the holidays, either due to not having anyone to celebrate with or the sorrowful memories of lost loved ones during this time. It is our steadfast belief that no neighbor should ever experience loneliness during the holidays. In 2022, Network hosted an in-person holiday dinner prepared by our dedicated staff and volunteers. Additionally, we created personalized gift baskets for everyone. This approach proved immensely successful, with 62 of our neighbors joining in the celebration together. For those who were unable to attend due to being homebound, volunteer "holiday elves" delivered gift baskets to their doorsteps, ensuring they were not excluded from the festivities. As depicted in the accompanying photos, the event was an overwhelming success, providing a heartwarming and inclusive experience for Network's neighbors, who felt genuinely appreciated and embraced by their community.

Thanks to your donation, Network was able to continue spreading love and care to those who may feel forgotten or isolated during the holiday season. Your support has made a meaningful impact in brightening the lives of our senior neighbors, reminding them that they are cherished and valued members of our community.

Best Regards,

Abbie Kauffman
President & Chief Executive Officer

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Editor's Note

Tidings Submission Guidelines 2023

Tidings is designed to spread the word about our good works. It is only as good as the information that is submitted. Please be sure to document all your projects with an article and pictures!

As they say, "A picture is worth a thousand words."

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Submit articles, photos and information to Bobbi Klein at raklein77@yahoo.com

* Please submit articles in WORD or the equivalent.

* Remember to take photos

.* Use Franklin Gothic Book font

Franklin Gothic Book Demi italic—12 pt. Topic

Franklin Gothic Book bold—14 pt. for Title

Franklin Gothic Book regular—12 pt. for Subject (subtitle)

Franklin Gothic Book regular—12 pt. for body of article.

Articles should be single line spaced aligned left. (See example below)

After the event: include project highlights and their impact on the community.

* Upcoming events: send only who/what/when/where/why (instead of an "article").

* If one committee person writes the article and another person does the picture, article and pictures should come in ONE email please, so nothing gets missed.

.* **PLEASE LABEL EACH PICTURE WITH WHAT THE OCCASION IS AND INCLUDE FULL NAMES OF EACH PERSON IN THE PICTURE.** *Photo Release forms are on the website under Member Information and should be obtained if individual is not a member of Altrusa. Children's faces must not be shown without photo release.*

* PLEASE PUT THE WORD "TIDINGS" AND EVENT TITLE IN EMAIL SUBJECT LINE, to identify it and ensure it isn't missed in the many, many emails Bobbi receives!

Our newsletters are available online to the general public. Write articles with that in mind.

Submissions received **after the 15th of the month** will not be included in the Tidings for the current issue.

EXAMPLE:

International Committee Update (12pt. Franklin Book Gothic Demi Italic)

HELPS International Receives Altrusa Richardson Donation (14pt Franklin Gothic Book bold)

By Jane Smith (your name) (12pt Franklin Gothic Book)

In June 2017, Michelle Hollaender, Chief Development Director and Public Relations Director of HELPS International, spoke to our club about a new program HELPS International was sponsoring called Women Empowering Women. As part of this program, women from the United States volunteer to go to Guatemala to teach women proper family hygiene. As part of this program, she said the organization was in need of hygiene kits, which include such items as soap, toothbrushes, and shampoo.

(body of article in Franklin Gothic Book regular 12pt.)