

## 2013-2014

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## President's Message

### OUR NEW CLUB YEAR: IT IS OUR SPRINGTIME!

The first few months of each new club year have often reminded me of springtime. Both for our club as well as Spring itself - it is an invigorating time of the year full of many exciting changes. It truly reflects what I have selected as our club's color of the year, emerald green – a color that symbolizes growth and renewal. For Altrusa International clubs everywhere, it is these new beginnings that will position us once again for the plans and projects that will enable us to continue to be “Altrusa: Leading to a Better Community”.

Recently, I realized how all the things I love about Spring as a gardener also hold true for this “season” of Altrusa. I do love everything about gardening even though I realize that I’ll probably never have the gardens of my dreams. Whereas I might be short on time and talent, I am enthusiastic about my gardens. For me, there’s nothing better than getting up early in the Spring and inspecting the gardens to see what is peeking through the soil with new growth each morning.

Spring is the best time to really evaluate the garden for the year ahead. You discover the plants that made it through winter and have returned with greater growth and fuller maturity. The shrubs and flowers that have highlighted the garden for years are tended to and nurtured in order to ensure their retention. Then, plans are made to fill in

the gaps left by those that didn’t make it back this growing season. But, that’s okay. It allows a gardener to experiment with new and different

varieties of plantings, integrate other vibrant colors, and create better, innovative designs for the yard. Then, before you know it, you are one step closer to that dream garden you’ve envisioned in your mind.

In many ways, it’s the same principles that bring us closer to the Altrusa club of our dreams. Certainly, there is already a lot to be excited about during this year’s “spring season” of our club. In June, the board approved four new members - Donna Buhr, Janice Campbell, Christine Hart, and Claudia Tatum. With several new committee chairs and other seasoned chairs returning, committee members are now evaluating past projects, events, and programs and planning for our 2013-2014 club year.

Altrusa Richardson is the model of an Altrusa dream club. We tend to be mindful of the changing dynamics of our

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## “Leading Loudly, Serving Proudly!”

## Project Preview

**JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH FOR GOOD ITALIAN FOOD AND LOTS OF FUN!**

By Ann Eisemann, Membership Retention Committee

Get ready for another fun quarterly Lunch Bunch get-together. We will meet at Aboca's Italian Grill, 100 S. Central Expressway #63, at 11:30 am on Friday, August 23. The restaurant is on the west side of Central Expressway, south of Belt Line Road.

You have to eat lunch somewhere, right? Please make your reservation by noon the day before the luncheon. It would be great if you would register for this

event on our website, but if that is not possible, please let Ann Eisemann know if you plan to attend so she can make reservations with the restaurant.

If you have questions, call or email Ann Eisemann.

**President's Message** (Continued from page 1)

members and open to new ideas that come in response to the fluctuating needs of our local community. By having our more experienced members working closely with newer members and being open

to new ideas, we can honestly evaluate projects and events in order to decide to either continue or set them aside to make room for fresh visions and brand-new ideas. This is truly a strength of our club. It is a gift that we should never take for granted.

Hopefully, members have somewhat embraced my unusual decision to have a club "color" this year. When I heard that emerald green was selected as the Pantone Color Institute® Color of the Year 2013, I was intrigued. Honestly, I never even knew there was such a distinction. After hearing why this color was selected, I thought, this is so us, too! The color institute explained that this is a color that enhances our sense of well-being by "inspiring insight as well as promoting balance and harmony." This is what we are all about! On Pantone's web site, it states that emerald green "brings a sense of clarity, renewal, and rejuvenation, which is so important in today's complex world." This also echoes all that we believe to be important to build and retain membership in addition to keeping a club strong.

In this sense, I believe our club does represent all that is symbolic of the color green. That, along with the enthusiasm and active involvement of our members, is what continues to make us an exceptional club and allows us to continue "Leading Loudly, Serving Proudly" in our local and worldwide community. Recently, I was asked about my favorite hobbies. Without any thought or hesitation, I honestly replied, "Altrusa and gardening."

*Pam Kovacs*

President, 2013-2014

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Council Members pictured from left to right:  
Steve Mitchell, Paul Voelker, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Townsend,  
Mayor Laura Maczka, Mark Solomon, Scott Dunn and Kendal Hartley.



## Project Preview

**ANNUAL BOOK SWAP INCORPORATES SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

By Pam Fitzgearld, Community Outreach Committee

Our annual Book Swap Party will be at Mary Beth McLemore's Richardson home on Saturday, August 17, at 6 pm. Avid readers among us know that this is a great place to get rid of the books we have read, and swap them for books brought by other club members and their guests.

The Membership Retention Committee will provide hot dogs and trimmings as well as paper products. Members should bring a favorite side dish to share, and BYOB.

Please be sure to register your attendance on our website so the Committee will know how much food to buy and prepare.

The Community Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies for the upcoming school year. If you cannot attend the party, you may bring items to the Business or Program meeting in August.

The school supplies will be donated to NETWORK where they will be given to hundreds of disadvantaged students. NETWORK is a non-denominational, community-based organization located in Richardson. It has a service area encompassing fourteen zip codes in

Dallas County, with over 70% of those served coming from Lake Highlands of the Dallas area in addition to Garland.

**SUPPLY LIST**

- 24ct CRAYOLA crayons
- black pens
- blue pens
- red pens
- #2 pencils
- mechanical pencils
- notebook paper
- spiral notebooks
- glue sticks
- elmer's glue
- pink bevel erasers
- thick WASHABLE markers
- plastic pencil box
- children's scissors
- colored pencils
- 3-ring binders
- subject dividers
- pocket folders
- pencil pouch
- highlighters
- index cards
- ruler
- watercolors

**NETWORK**  
We Impact Lives  
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Richardson, TX 75081  
972-234-8880  
www.thenetwork.org  
info@thenetwork.org

**NETWORK's Tools 4 School Project** needs **your help** to provide 1,000 disadvantaged children the supplies they need for a successful school year.

School supply donations can be dropped off at NETWORK, Monday-Thursday from 9-6 or Friday from 9-3.

No time to shop? Make a monetary donation at [www.thenetwork.org](http://www.thenetwork.org)

Thank you!

## Member Highlights

**MAYOR TALKS ABOUT ALTRUSA**From The Dallas Morning News *neighborsgo*, July 26, 2013

Chris Coats, *neighborsgo* community columnist for the city of Richardson, queried Altrusan Laura Maczka about "a day in the life of the Mayor". She asked: "which Richardson organizations do you focus your volunteer time on and why?" Laura's reply:

When I have time, I focus on Leadership Richardson—a life-changing event for me; Young Men's Service League—a mother/son service organization that lets me share my passion for serving others with my sons and something we do together; **Altrusa—great service opportunities for a variety of organizations**; Richardson Woman's Club; RISD Budget Review Team; the booster clubs and PTAs in my sons' schools—keeps me plugged into their worlds.

**BOARD ACTIONS**

- ◇ Developed new timeline for dues payments
- ◇ Put Marketplace Ad Hoc Committee on hold
- ◇ Appointed Nonprofit Compliance Ad Hoc Committee
- ◇ Reviewed and revised Strategic Plan; to be presented to membership
- ◇ Advised that OWT Fundraiser is a Foundation project
- ◇ Approved applications of four new members
- ◇ Approved Foundation budget for presentation to membership

## Project Preview

**ALTRUSANS NEEDED TO MAKE WEDNESDAY CLUB HAPPEN**

By Andrea Rutledge, Education Committee Co-Chair

Our Wednesday Club program for selected kindergarten students needs two Altrusans to guide each hour-long session. The program was designed by Altrusans to enrich the education and experiences of two groups of eight kindergarten students selected by their teachers. We meet on Wednesdays in the Terrace Library from 1:30-2:30.

The calendar of activities from last year included:

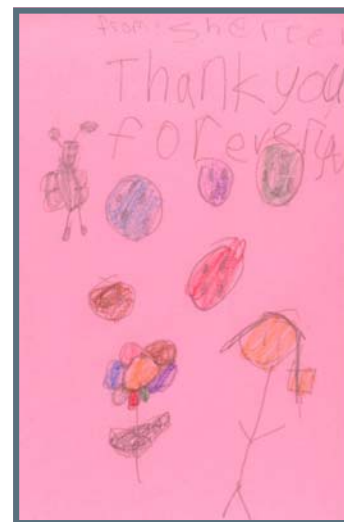
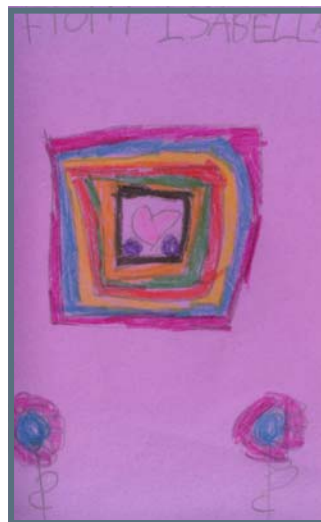
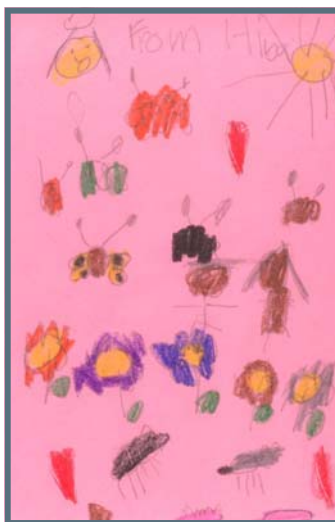
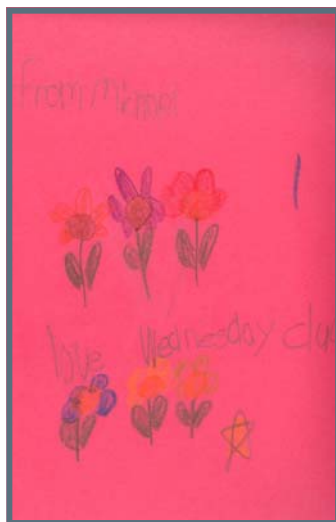
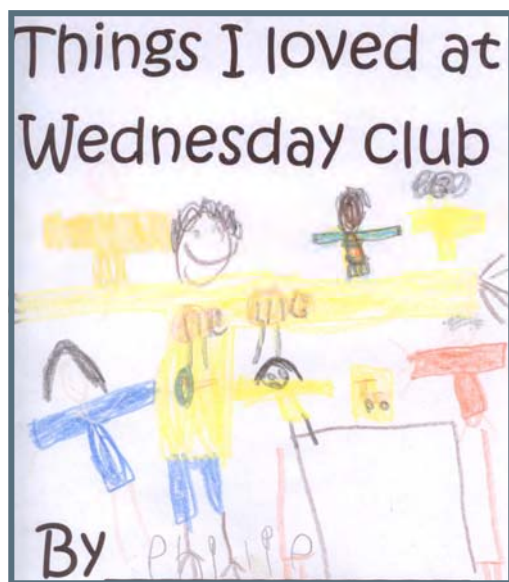
- ◇ T-Shirts and folders,
- ◇ LEGOS and building toys,
- ◇ Games and Puzzles,
- ◇ Black Paper,
- ◇ Patriotic activities (election, instruments, song),

- ◇ pumpkin decorating,
- ◇ Gingerbread man decorating,
- ◇ House coloring,
- ◇ Puppets,
- ◇ M&M Math,
- ◇ Fossils,
- ◇ Cookie decoration,
- ◇ Blind tasting, and
- ◇ Mother's Day gifts.

Susan Frensley has agreed to be our science person, so we will have additional science projects. If you

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Below: Student artwork shows appreciation for Wednesday Club.





## In the Media

**neighborsgo PUBLISHES STORY ABOUT ALTRUSA (THANKS, MIMI TANNER!)***The Dallas Morning News, June 21, 2013, page 22NR*

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

# Altrusans help 'tie one on for Father's Day'

## SUBMITTED STORY

Members of Altrusa International of Richardson and classic car owners helped make a Father's Day celebration, "Tie One On For Father's Day," a special time. Clients of Friends Place, an adult memory care day facility, and their family members, enjoyed a car show.

Classic autos from car clubs across the metroplex were on display at the Richardson facility. Rolls Royce, Corvair, Corvette, Chevrolets and Fords were represented in the 23 cars on display. Models included sedans, convertibles and trucks. Clients shared memories with the car owners, and enjoyed checking out the engines, interiors and even sitting in the beautifully restored cars.

Clad in neckties in keeping with the theme, Altrusa club members escorted people through the car show and helped serve lunch. Occupational therapy students from Texas Woman's University also assisted. This is the third year for this event, and Pam Kovacs, owner of Friends Place said they are already planning for next year. Kovacs said the organization appreciates the car owners participation and having the Altrusa volunteers aiding enables clients to fully engage in the experience of the car show.



Photos submitted by MIMI TANNER

The classic cars were checked out by Ivan Sett.

*This information was submitted to neighborsgo by Mimi Tanner.*

**WEDNESDAY CLUB** (Continued from page 4)

volunteer, you may select the project or choose a project of your own. The Education Committee has art supplies and a project budget for additional materials. You are asked to volunteer to do your project twice, once for each group of children. Andrea Rutledge will be one of the leaders, and the Wednesday Club has a set schedule so there will be consistency in the Club.

Without a volunteer to help every week, the Wednesday Club will not happen for this year's kindergarten children, a true loss for these bright and eager learners who tell us weekly how much they love the Wednesday Club.

Please contact Andrea Rutledge to make a commitment for as many Wednesdays, starting in mid-September, as you can.



Left, Altrusan Mary Osentowski and Carl Neel enjoyed looking at the cars during the Father's Day car show at Friend's Place. Below, classic cars filled the parking lot at Friend's Place in Richardson for the Father's Day celebration.





## Meeting Highlights

### **JULY 18 MEETING: LEARNING ABOUT S.T.E.M. EDUCATION FOR YOUNG WOMEN**

*By Cindy McIntyre, Program Committee Co-Chair*

Karen Ebling, Director of Business Development and Strategic Marketing for the Intelligence, Information and Services (IIS) business for Raytheon, entertained and educated the dinner meeting attendees July 18<sup>th</sup> with well-documented and enlightening information about STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) for young women.

Karen related stories of her own childhood that propelled her to a prominent place in IT management—a field that was new when she began college and one that was foreboding to math and science averse girls like her. But with some encouragement from her father through a mentor (who remembered her from a second grade brownie troop) she did find it fascinating and ultimately a splendid career opportunity.

With Raytheon support, she mentors women and encourages Altrusans to step up to the challenge as well. As Karen points out “women can be like oak trees—pretty AND strong.” Her speaker honorarium will supply science and technology books to Terrace Elementary School.



## Meeting Preview

### **AUGUST 15 DINNER MEETING TO FEATURE SPEAKER FROM UNA USA**

*By Cindy McIntyre*

Our speaker on August 15, 2013, will be Bill Matthews, past president of the Dallas Chapter of the United Nations Association. His talk will be "Girl Rising" and will focus on the education of young girls around the world. The Chapter sponsored a recent showing of "Girl Rising" a documentary at the Angelika theater.

From the UNA USA website <http://dallas-una.org/>:

The Dallas Chapter of the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA USA) is a non-for-profit, chapter-based membership organization committed to building understanding of and support for the ideals and vital work of the United Nations among the American people.

UNA-USA is a national organization with headquarters in New York and chapters throughout the



fifty states. UNA USA Chapters work on educational and humanitarian campaigns, and at the national level, the UNA USA directs policy and advocacy programs that stress the importance of nations working together as well as the need for United States leadership in the United Nations.

The Dallas chapter consists of a diverse group of citizens who work together to support and promote the goals of the United Nations. They believe in a strong US presence in the UN and support and encourage US involvement and leadership in the many UN-related agencies and

institutions that are working to combat the scourges of disaster, disease, hunger and poverty that continue to plague our planet. They partner with other groups to sponsor speaker events and undertake a wide range of activities to raise awareness about international issues.

## International News

**WE WON FIRST PLACE AWARD AT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION!**

The 2011-2012 International Relations Committee Award submission, "**Bon Jour Y'all: International Pen Pals**," was honored with First Place in the Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations award competition at the International Convention Awards Banquet on July 27, 2013, in Rotorua, New Zealand. (Click [here](#) to read

the submission.) Marsha Peters, one of our delegates, accepted the award.

Other award winners from District Nine were Altrusa Lubbock, First Place, Mamie L. Bass Service Award; and Altrusa Central Texas, Second Place, Letha H. Brown Literacy Award.



Our delegates to International Convention are pictured above (L-R): Bobbi Klein, Julianne Lovelace, Marsha Peters, and Linda Olivera. At right, Marsha is holding our award.



## Project Report

**DINNER GROUP ENJOYS A MEAL AT SOULMAN'S BAR-B-QUE**

Fourteen Altrusans and guests met at the Richardson location of Soulman's Bar-B-Que on July 17 to enjoy a meal and each other's company. When diners mentioned the Richardson Fire Department, 10% of the food sales were donated to the RFD Casualty Emergency Relief Fund. Watch our website for more events like this, sponsored by the Membership Retention Committee!



Richardson Fire Department (RFD) and Soulman's Bar-B-Que have joined together for a fundraiser benefitting the RFD Casualty Emergency Relief Fund (CERF)

**July 17, 2013**

Soulman's Bar-B-Que (Richardson location only)

1840 N. Plano Rd.

11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

10% of food sales will be donated by Soulman's to CERF when RFD is mentioned at time of meal purchase





## Project Report

**ALTRUSA WINE & CHOCOLATE LITERARY SOCIETY READS ON & ON**

By Jan Belcher and Kay George

We had a great turnout to discuss the selection for June, ***The Chaperone***, by Laura Moriarty. The discussion was led by Jan Belcher. Thanks to all who participated and who brought sandwiches, snacks, wine and chocolate!

This was our historical fiction book selection for the year. The book traces two astonishing stories: the first of real-life actress and dancer Louise Brooks and the second of her fictionalized chaperone Cora Carlisle. The book follows the lives and adventures of both women and begins as the two venture to New York when Brooks is 15 years old. This was selected as one of Oprah's great summer reads of 2012.

The selection for July is ***Still Alice*** by Lisa Genova. The discussion will be led by Lois Ferrara on July 22, 2013, at Friends Place at 6pm.

***Still Alice*** is a compelling debut novel about a 50-year-old woman's sudden descent into early onset Alzheimer's disease, written by Lisa Genova, who holds a PhD in neuroscience from Harvard University.

Alice Howland, happily married with three grown children and a house on the Cape, is a celebrated Harvard professor at the height of her career when she notices a forgetfulness creeping into her life. As confusion starts to cloud her thinking and her memory begins to fail her, she receives a devastating diagnosis: early onset Alzheimer's disease. Fiercely independent, Alice struggles to maintain her lifestyle and live in the moment, even as her sense of self is being stripped away. In turns heartbreaking,

inspiring and terrifying, ***Still Alice*** captures in remarkable detail what's it's like to literally lose your mind...

***The Book Thief*** by Marcus Zusak is the 2013 selection for **Richardson Reads One Book**, and it is the selection for our August 26 book club meeting. Mary Beth McLemore will lead the discussion.

It's just a small story really, about among other things: a girl, some words, an accordionist, some fanatical Germans, a Jewish fist-fighter, and quite a lot of thievery.

With Death as narrator, Markus Zusak's haunting novel follows Liesel Meminger, ***The Book Thief***, through the fear-filled years of Nazi Germany. The story opens as the ten-year-old girl takes her first book shortly after her younger brother's death. Both children were en route to the foster home of Hans and Rosa Hubermann in a Munich suburb. Despite Rosa's sharp tongue and Hans's lack of work, their home is a loving refuge for the nightmare-ridden girl. It also becomes a hideout for Max, a young Jewish man whose father saved Hans's life. There are good moments as Liesel learns to read and plays soccer, but Hans's ill-advised act of kindness to a Jewish prisoner forces Max to leave their safe house. The failing war effort and bombing by the Allies lead to more sacrifices, and eventually, to great losses. Reading books and writing down her experiences save Liesel, but this novel clearly depicts the devastating effects of war.

**REMINDER** – AWCLS meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month, 6:00–7:30 pm, at Friends Place.

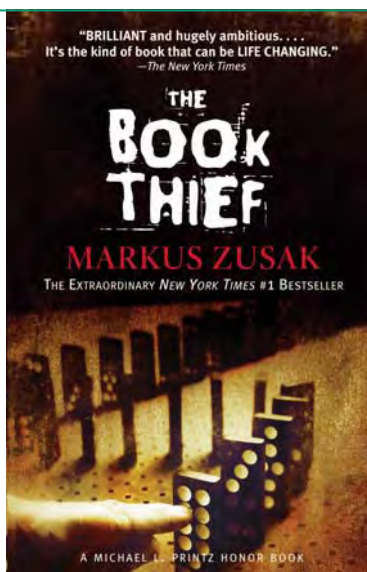
## Project Report

**RICHARDSON READS ONE BOOK: THE BOOK THIEF**

By Mary Beth McLemore

Tuesday, September 10, Richardson Reads One Book (RROB) brings articulate author Markus Zusak to First United Methodist Church in Richardson to talk about his soon-to-be-a-movie book, ***The Book Thief***. The event is free with tickets from the Richardson Library. (Word has it that no one has never been turned away at the door.)

A \$50 or more donation to RROB gets the donor a copy of the book, an invitation to the reception for the author, reserved seating at the author's lecture and an invitation to the reveal of next year's book in March. This the tenth anniversary of RROB and Altrusa has



always been a supporter. Bonnie Perry, Mimi Tanner, Jane Merz, Janet Vance, and Mary Beth McLemore presently serve on the book selection committee.

Altrusans, through the Community Outreach Committee, volunteer to help usher at the event. Janet Vance will be signing up volunteers. Let her know if you are interested. The event has been moved from the Richardson High School Auditorium since it is being remodeled. The church was kind enough to let RROB use their building. Fewer ushers will be needed as church members will be helping. Janet will have more information or find details at the library website.



## Project Report

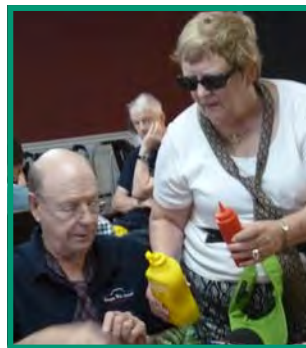
**ALTRUSANS, CLASSIC CAR CLUB TIE ONE ON FOR FATHER'S DAY**

By Mimi Tanner

We're just a few days into the Altrusa new year and the Senior Committee has had a great service project; they assisted at "Tie One On For Father's Day" at Friends Place. Genevieve Hamulak and Ann Eisemann co-chaired the project which involved rounding up volunteers, coolers, ice and bottled water (thank you John H. for all your help with that and other things, especially the terrific photographs!), in addition to cookies for an afternoon snack. All of these were Altrusa contributions. Additionally, Altrusans donated 30+ ties to Friends Place for the event, according to Genevieve.

The highlight of the day was the classic car show, a great opportunity for clients (called members) of Friends Place to enjoy walking around, chatting with car owners, and spending time with other members as Altrusans provided a friendly escort. Some of the

members just wanted to watch and enjoy all the activity; Altrusans chatted with them and kept them company. More than ten Altrusans, including brand new member Jan Flesch, participated at the lunchtime event; many served tea and lemonade and helped with the condiments for the hot dog and hamburger festive luncheon for the members and car owners.



## Committee Report

**THEY CAME TO TEA AND PLANNED FOR CHANGING LIVES**

By Andrea Rutledge, Education Committee Co-Chair

Members of the Education Committee sipped tea and nibbled tea sandwiches, scones, and dessert while they master planned projects for the 2013-2014 school year at Terrace Elementary. Not only did the committee plan projects, but committee members signed on to direct each of the projects supported by the committee. Members in attendance included: Brenda Moreland (co-chair), Hazel Weathers, Mary O, Linda Korn, Jan Flesch, Pat Hansen, Ann Payne, Elizabeth Smith, and Andrea Rutledge (co-chair). Maribeth Nakwaashah, our beloved Pre-K teacher, joined us as well.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

The Education Committee needs the support of Altrusa Richardson members to complete many of its projects. All Altrusans are invited to join us at Terrace Elementary for some great projects. There are two programs in which Altrusans who are busy during the day at the office can join us:

(1) Teddy Bear Time takes place in the evening and

(2) a first-time project called Lunch Buddies requires at least a twice a month lunchtime visit to the school for a half-hour lunch. You gotta eat lunch – so why not enrich the life of a child who needs you at the same time?

**PROJECTS FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR INCLUDE:**

**Classroom Assistance:** Assistance is needed in the Pre-K classroom on a scheduled basis. The assistance can be provided one hour every two weeks or more often. Pre-K Teacher Maribeth will have activities for you to work on with three children at a time.

**Learning Backpacks:**

Our award-winning program supplies children and their families with a backpack of supplies for activities. There are 13 backpacks including Nutrition, Read to Me, Numbers, and PE. The families borrow a backpack for a week and volunteers are needed to re-supply and inventory the backpacks.



**Manners Party:** This party is great fun and education for the children. After many months of practicing good manners, the children participate in a grand party complete with decorations, an exchange of gaily wrapped gift books, and ice cream sundaes.

**Teddy Bear Time:** This long-time Altrusa project encourages parents to read to their children. This event gives Altrusans in the workplace an opportunity to work with Pre-K children. Lots of volunteers are needed here!

**In-School Field Trips:** Special assemblies are organized for multiple grades. (i.e. The Bubble Lady)

**Eisemann Theatre Performances:** Altrusan Sarah Nesbit provides tickets for Terrace children and their families to go to the Eisemann Center for professional children's theater.

**Lunch Buddies:** Adopt a child for the year and eat lunch with that child at least twice monthly, just to talk.

**Wednesday Club:** A group of eight kindergarteners, selected by their teachers for their ability and good behavior, meet weekly for enrichment activities. The Wednesday Club needs volunteers to work with Andrea.

Support of the **Terrace Summer Reading Program.**

Trip to the **Perot Museum** for fourth graders. Want to come along?

It will be a busy year at Terrace Elementary for Richardson Altrusans and an enriched education for the children. Please join any activity you are interested in. Check out the club calendar for sign-ups, dates, times, and locations. Contact Andrea Rutledge for more information.



## District Nine News

### NEWS OF MIGHTY NINTH NOW A MAGAZINE, EMPHASIS IS ON SERVICE

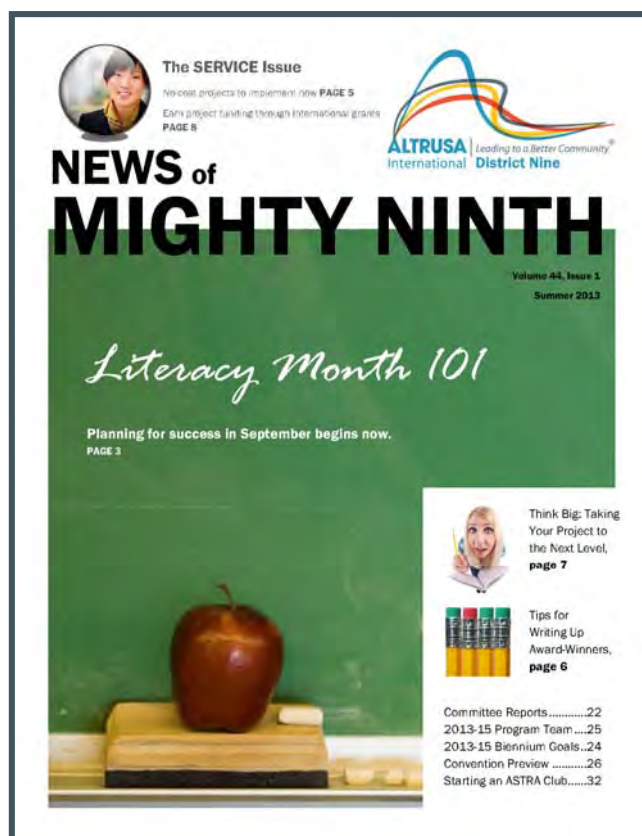
The July 2013 Issue of the News of The Mighty Ninth (NOMN) is published and available [HERE](#). Congratulations to our very own Jan Skinner, NOMN Editor, for publishing an amazing issue chocked full of valuable District information and club showcases – including the Richardson Club. Great work, Jan!

News of Mighty Ninth, also referred to as the District Service Bulletin, has a new format. It is no longer a newsletter—it is a magazine!

Governor Beth Blair says: “The magazine will be presented in two distinct parts. The first part will be our feature stories, all about a central topic. If you'll take a look at this issue, you'll see that we've announced that this is the SERVICE issue: All the feature stories will relate to taking our service to the next level. *(The fall issue will be the COMMUNICATIONS issue, so if you have a good question or topic for that issue, let Jan know!)*”

This issue's SERVICE articles include:

- ◇ Literacy Month 101: Success in September begins now
- ◇ Make A Difference Day: How will your Club be making a difference?
- ◇ There's No Reason NOT to Submit Award Entries
- ◇ 10 No-Cost Service Projects to Implement Now
- ◇ Free Money: Making Grants Work for You
- ◇ Service on the District Level: What the District Program Team Can Do for Your Club



## Committee Report

### MEMBERSHIP RETENTION COMMITTEE HAS SOME GREAT IDEAS!

By Mary Beth McLemore, Membership Retention Committee Co-Chair

The Membership Retention Committee met on July 13 to plan our activities for the year. It was noted that our budget is \$250.

#### TLC

We will budget \$25.00 for sympathy cards and special get well cards. Ann Payne will email birthday and regular get well/cheer up wishes, with help on the computer from Claudia Tatum.

#### MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

We will survey members to see what activities they would be interested in. Possibilities include Bridge, Book Club, Lunch Bunch, Art Party, Bunco, Game Night, Bike Hike, Craft Night, Book Swap, Family Pot Luck Dinner, Progressive Dinner, Movie Night at Theater, and Movie Night at a Home.

Other events could be visits to the Dallas Arboretum, Dallas World Aquarium, Dallas Zoo, various

Arts Districts, Pocket Sandwich Theater, Richardson Symphony, or Eisemann Center Performances.

#### CURRENTLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

July 17 - Dinner at Soulman's BBQ, benefitting the Casualty Emergency Relief Fund of the Richardson Fire Department.

August 17 - Partner with Community Outreach Committee - Book Swap/ School Supplies for Network Hot Dog Dinner / at Mary Beth's house.

December 19 - We are responsible for planning the Christmas/Holiday Dinner Meeting.

Our next meeting will be 9 am, Saturday morning, September 14, at Starbucks on Custer Road. We will discuss the results of the survey and Pam Kovacs' ideas for retention, and plan the December 19 Holiday Dinner Meeting.

## In the Media

**neighborsgo PUBLICIZES SEARCH FOR NOMINEES***The Dallas Morning News, July 19, 2013, page 9R*

## COMMUNITY COLUMNIST

# Altrusa searching for inspiring women

**CHRIS COATS**

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**A**ltrusa International of Richardson, the organization that provides support to area organizations such as Ability House, Richardson Adult Literacy Center and others, seeks for nominations for its 2013 Outstanding Women of Today...Builders of Tomorrow awards luncheon.

The event will be at noon Oct. 25 at Hyatt Regency North Dallas, 701 E. Campbell Road in Richardson.

It is the group's big fundraiser for the year, with proceeds benefiting organizations such as Neighborhood Youth and Family Counseling, Warren Center and the city of Richardson Library's "Reads One Book" program.

Norina Hammerlund of Richardson, co-chair of the nominating committee, said the organization is looking for outstanding women in corporate education, government, nonprofit, small business and Outstanding Women of Tomorrow (women younger than 35).

Nominations may be submitted from members and nonmembers, and nominees must live and/or work in Dallas or Collin counties.

"We are looking for women who are out there making a positive impact on our community," Hammerlund said.

Hammerlund highlighted notable projects such as helping an underprivileged school by mentoring and tutoring

students and calling Bingo at a Richardson assisted living center — and then there's a relatively new project: providing pillows with cases embroidered with uplifting messages for residents at a shelter for abused women.

"Now the residents get a pillow with an inspiring message that they can take with them," she said.

The deadline for nominations is July 31. Forms can be found at altrusarichardson.com. Completed forms may be emailed to Hammerlund at contact@altrusarichardson.com.

## Richardson community members deserving praise

Vernon Ruuska, a Richardson resident living in Richland Park, wanted to give some recognition to a few community folks having a big impact on his area of the city.

He emailed me praise for Ed Coleman, Richardson Police Department resource officer; RPD officer Frank Bradford, heading up the neighborhood's Crime Watch Patrol; and former Richardson mayor Bob Townsend.

"I know that it can be both a rewarding and also a thankless job keeping citizens in line," he said. "[Coleman] is being constantly praised for his tactful ways of getting things done."

Ruuska went on to praise Bradford.

"He has definitely been an asset. Both of these men should be recognized for their achievements and are definitely an asset to the city of Richardson, along with our former mayor, Bob Townsend."

*Chris Coats is a community columnist for the city of Richardson.*

## Altrusa Accent

**ALTRUSA AND THE UN**

The preamble of the United Nations Charter affirms the aims and purposes that "we the peoples of the United Nations" are committed to realize through the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The mission of ECOSOC, as set up by the Charter, is the promotion of "higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development; solutions of international economic, social, health and related problems; and universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion." Article 71 of the Charter provides for NGO consultative status with ECOSOC. NGOs are non-governmental organizations whose work is related to ECOSOC's areas of responsibility, namely social and economic well being.

In 1946, Altrusa was the first international classified service club for executive and professional women to have an official observer appointed to the United Nations. An Altrusan with a strong connection to the United Nations was Eleanor Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt was a member of the Altrusa Club of New York City. At the UN, Mrs. Roosevelt served as chairman of the Commission on Human Rights and was one of the drafters of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Traditionally, the Altrusa delegate and alternates are members of the New York City Club.

Audrey Braver is our current representative to the UN.



## Special Days

**NELSON MANDELA INTERNATIONAL DAY IS JULY 18***By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair*

The United Nations devotes July 18, Nelson Mandela's birthday, to promote freedom, justice, and democracy. Since November 2009, when the UN General Assembly first declared this day be called Nelson Mandela International Day, it has been used to celebrate the former South African President's contribution towards peace and freedom. Nelson



Mandela's values and his dedication to the service of humanity are undisputed. For 67 years, he devoted his life to eliminate South Africa's system of legalized racial discrimination known as apartheid. He has been a lawyer, a freedom fighter, a political prisoner, a peacemaker, and a president and through it all he has successfully brought change to the people of South Africa.

To honor Nelson Mandela Day, the United Nations has encouraged a collective celebration to do good to make an imprint on the world. They ask that groups devote 67 minutes of their time- one minute for every year of Mr. Mandela's public service- to make small gestures of solidarity that will make a difference in helping humanity. Ideas for projects include tutor children, feed the hungry, volunteer to help the elderly – all of which our club does on a regular basis. The best way to honor Nelson Mandela is to, in his words, “change the world and make it a better place. It is in your hands to a make a difference.”

## Special Days

**UN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY IS AUGUST 12***By Jane Tucker, International Relations Committee Co-Chair*

A World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth met in Lisbon, Spain in 1998 to discuss youth and raise global awareness to the problems, issues, and contributions surrounding youth.

Out of this conference, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution in 1999, accepting the recommendation made by this conference to have a day designated as International Youth Day and on August 12, 2000, the first International Youth Day was celebrated. Since then, this day has been used for many celebrations to raise awareness on the rights of young people ages 15 through 24 to have full access to education, adequate healthcare, employment opportunities, and full participation in public life. Through the United Nations, efforts are being made to force positive change for the world's youth by focusing on their

innovation, creativity, energy, and foresight. As 18 % of our global population is youth and 87% of this youth are in developing countries, the importance youth has can not go unrecognized. United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon said, “Youth should be given a chance to take an active part in the decision-making at local, national, and global levels.” It is felt that by focusing on helping our youth become positive role models, youth can lead the change to ensure our world has the ability, skill, and motivation to carry forward into the future.



## Special Report

**FOUNDATION COMMITTEES FOR CLUB YEAR 2013-2014**

ABILITY HOUSE	
Co-Chair:	<b>Ginna Coffe</b>
Co-Chair:	<b>Janie Jaquier</b>
Board Liaison:	<b>Sue McElveen</b>
Committee Members:	
<b>Janice Campbell</b>	<b>Ginna Coffe</b>
<b>Jane Merz</b>	<b>Jan Skinner</b>
<b>Mimi Tanner</b>	

EDUCATION	
Co-Chair:	<b>Andrea Rutledge</b>
Co-Chair:	<b>Brenda Mooreland</b>
Board Liaison:	<b>Linda Korn</b>
Committee Members:	
<b>Bonnie Buchanan</b>	<b>Jan Flesch</b>
<b>Susan Frensley</b>	<b>Pat Hansen</b>
<b>Linda Korn</b>	<b>Mary Osentowski</b>
<b>Ann Payne</b>	<b>June Rentmeester</b>
<b>Elizabeth Smith</b>	

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	
Co-Chair:	<b>Barbara Berthold</b>
Co-Chair:	<b>Jane Tucker</b>
Board Liaison:	<b>Jo Leeper</b>
Committee Members:	
<b>Norma Hammerlund</b>	<b>Jane Jaquier</b>
<b>Kimberly Kierce</b>	<b>Bobbie Klein</b>
<b>Linda Korn</b>	<b>Cindy McIntyre</b>
<b>Debbie Simms</b>	<b>Claudia Tatum</b>
<b>Laura Trainor-Collins</b>	

SCHOLARSHIPS	
Co-Chair:	<b>Liz Luthans</b>
Co-Chair:	<b>Ginger Tonne</b>
Board Liaison:	<b>Gerry Carron</b>
Committee Members:	
<b>Brenda Boston</b>	<b>Jan Flesch</b>
<b>Jo Leeper</b>	<b>Mary Osentowski</b>
<b>Marsha Peters</b>	<b>Irene Strejc</b>
<b>Janet Vance</b>	<b>Sherri White</b>

WAYS AND MEANS (OWT)	
Co-Chair:	<b>Janice Swallow</b>
Co-Chair:	<b>Gloria Sandoval</b>
Co-Chair:	<b>Dena Davis</b>
Co-Chair:	<b>Sue McElveen</b>
Co-Chair:	<b>Janie Jaquier</b>

COMMUNITY OUTREACH	
Co-Chair:	<b>Pam Fitzgearld</b>
Co-Chair:	<b>Kimberly Kierce</b>
Co-Chair:	<b>Ginger Tonne</b>
Board Liaison:	<b>Marsha Peters</b>
Committee Members:	
<b>Donna Buhr</b>	<b>Dean Burroughs</b>
<b>Barbara Cornelius</b>	<b>Dena Davis</b>
<b>Kay George</b>	<b>Christine Hart</b>
<b>Bonnie Perry</b>	<b>June Rentmeester</b>
<b>Lynn Soloman</b>	<b>Jean Stuart</b>

NEW MEMBER PROJECT	
Co-Chair:	(to be selected at
Co-Chair:	first planning meeting)
Board Liaison:	<b>Kimberly Kierce</b>
Committee Members:	
<b>Zora Blankenship</b>	<b>Bonnie Buchanan</b>
<b>Dean Burroughs</b>	<b>Janice Flesch</b>
<b>Laura Maczka</b>	<b>Lynn Solomon</b>
<b>Irene Strejc</b>	<b>Sue Walker</b>
<b>Sherri White</b>	
(new members initiated June 2012 - May 2013)	

SENIORS	
Co-Chair:	<b>Pat Hansen</b>
Co-Chair:	<b>Sherrie White</b>
Board Liaison:	<b>Gloria Sandoval</b>
Committee Members:	
<b>Carol Buffington</b>	<b>Ann Eisemann</b>
<b>Genevieve Hamulak</b>	<b>Julie Horan</b>
<b>Linda Korn</b>	<b>Sandy Martin</b>
<b>Ann Payne</b>	<b>Gloria Sandoval</b>
<b>Elizabeth Smith</b>	<b>Janice Swallow</b>
<b>Carolyn Swanson</b>	

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE!**

Committee participation is the backbone of the club. You get out of Altrusa what you put into it and our committee work is very rewarding. You are encouraged to sign-up for both an Administration Committee and a Foundation Committee to help plan and implement committee projects. All members may participate in any Altrusa event or project even if they are not on that committee. Sign up now so you can participate in planning for this year! Contact President Pam Kovacs!



## Special Report

**ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEES FOR CLUB YEAR 2013-2014****COMMUNICATIONS**

Co-Chair: <b>Kimberly Kierce</b>
Co-Chair: <b>Carolyn Swanson</b>
Board Liaison: <b>Kimberly Kierce</b>
Accent/ Invocation: <b>Ginger Tonne</b>
Chamber of Commerce: <b>Kay Hopper</b>
Dinner Reservations: <b>Jean Stuart</b>
Greeters: <b>Gerry Carron</b>
HASR <b>Mimi Tanner</b>
Int'l Foundation: <b>Mimi Tanner</b>
Newsletter: <b>Kierce/Swanson</b>
Publicity: <b>Mimi Tanner</b>
Rebranding of Altrusa: <b>Bobbi Klein</b>
Records Retention:
Scrapbook: <b>Kimberly Kierce</b>
Social Media: <b>Barbara Cornelius</b>
Table Display: <b>Kimberly Kierce</b>
Volunteer Hours <b>Linda Olivera</b>
Website Administrator: <b>Barbara Cornelius</b>
Website Event Coord.: <b>Carolyn Swanson</b>
Yearbook On-line / Print: <b>Kimberly Kierce</b>
Yearbook/Photographer: <b>Kimberly Kierce</b>

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Co-Chair: <b>Susan Fischer</b>
Co-Chair: <b>Bonnie Perry</b>
Co-Chair: <b>Liz Luthans</b>
Board Liaison: <b>Kay George</b>
Committee Members:
<b>Brenda Boston</b> <b>Donna Buhr</b>
<b>Kay George</b> <b>Cindy Murray</b>
<b>Mary Osentowski</b> <b>June Rentmeester</b>
<b>Laura Trainor-Collins</b> <b>Jane Tucker</b>
<b>Sherri White</b>

**PAST PRESIDENTS COUNCIL**

Co-Chair & Board Liaison: <b>Jo Leeper</b>
Co-Chair:
Committee Members:
<b>Brenda Boston</b> <b>Kimberly Kierce</b>
<b>Mary Beth McLemore</b> <b>Mary Osentowski</b>
<b>Bonnie Perry</b>

**STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Co-Chair: <b>Kay George</b>
Co-Chair: <b>Jean Stuart</b>
Board Liaison: <b>Kay George</b>
Committee Members:
<b>Barbara Berthold</b> <b>Susan Frensley</b>
<b>Toni Garrett</b> <b>Bobbi Klein</b>
<b>Laura Maczka</b> <b>Claudia Tatum</b>

**FINANCE**

Co-Chair: <b>Linda Korn</b>
Co-Chair: <b>Toni Garrett</b>
Board Liaison: <b>Linda Korn</b>
Committee Members:
<b>Janice Campbell</b> <b>Janie Jaquier</b>
<b>Mary Beth McLemore</b> <b>Marsha Peters</b>
<b>Jenn Rohm</b> <b>Andrea Rutledge</b>
<b>Gloria Sandoval</b> <b>Janice Swallow</b>
<b>Carolyn Swanson</b>

**GRANTS**

Co-Chair: <b>Dena Davis</b>
Co-Chair: <b>Bonnie Perry</b>
Board Liaison: <b>Jenn Rohm</b>
Committee Members
<b>Rose Daughety</b> <b>Bobbi Klein</b>
<b>Liz Luthans</b> <b>Andrea Rutledge</b>
<b>Janet Vance</b> <b>Hazel Weathers</b>

**MEMBERSHIP RETENTION**

Co-Chair: <b>Mary Beth McLemore</b>
Co-Chair:
Board Liaison: <b>Sue McElveen</b>
Book Club: <b>Kay George</b>
Caring Committee: <b>Ann Payne</b>
Dinners: <b>Kimberly Kierce</b>
Lunch Bunch: <b>Ann Eisemann</b>
Socials (Arts/Events): <b>Kimberly Kierce</b>
Committee Members:
<b>Ginna Coffey</b> <b>Ann Eisemann</b>
<b>Genevieve Hamulak</b> <b>Christine Hart</b>
<b>Julie Horan</b> <b>Janie Jaquier</b>
<b>Jane Merz</b> <b>Jan Skinner</b>

**MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT**

Co-Chair: <b>Bobbi Klein</b>
Co-Chair:
Board Liaison: <b>Gloria Sandoval</b>
Committee Members:
<b>Dena Davis</b> <b>Norma Hammerlund</b>
<b>Nancy Rohm</b> <b>Gloria Sandoval</b>
<b>Debbie Simms</b> <b>Sue Walker</b>

**PROGRAMS**

Co-Chair: <b>Cindy McIntyre</b>
Co-Chair: <b>Sue Walker</b>
Co-Chair: <b>Gay McAlister</b>
Board Liaison: <b>Cindy McIntyre</b>

# Club Calendar July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Jo Leeper bday</i>	4	5	6
7 <i>Bobbi Klein bday</i>	8	9 Community Outreach Planning Meeting	10 <i>Carolyn Swanson bday</i>	11	12 <i>Kay George bday</i>	13 Membership Retention Planning Meeting
14	15	16	17 Retention Dinner Group at Soulman's	18 New Members Planning Meeting Dinner Meeting	19	20
21	22 Retention: AWCLS Book Club	23	24	25	26 Altrusa Int'l Convention	27 <i>Janie Jaquier bday</i>
28 Altrusa Int'l Convention <i>Nancy Crowe bday</i>	29	30 <i>Julianne Lovelace bday</i>	31			

## International Foundation News

### INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION BOARD TO BE ELECTED

Source: International Altrusan May 2013

At the International Convention in Rotorua, New Zealand, delegates will vote for three candidates for the 2013-2015 International Foundation Board of Directors. The candidates are:

- ◆ Ida Hill (Capital City, VA) District Two
- ◆ Eula Tatman (Anniston, AL) District Four
- ◆ Rebecca Mercier (Lexington, KY) District Six
- ◆ Barbara Britt (Kansas City, MO) District Eight
- ◆ **Bennie Estelle (Texarkana, TX) District Nine**
- ◆ Ruth Ganeles (Tucson, AZ) District Eleven
- ◆ Anita Pennington (Olympia, WA) District Twelve
- ◆ Patricia O'Donnell (Wellington, NZ) District Fifteen



# Club Calendar August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Business Meeting: Initiation <i>Kimberly Kierce bday</i>	2	3 Book Movers Ability House: Robert's bday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Dena Davis bday</i>
11 <i>Brenda Boston bday</i>	12 <i>Linda Olivera bday</i>	13 <i>Ginna Coffer bday</i>	14	15 New Members Committee: Planning Meeting Dinner Meeting	16	17 End of Summer Book Swap and School Supply Party
18 <i>Jean Stuart bday</i>	19 <i>Linda Korn bday</i> <b><u>TIDINGS DEADLINE</u></b>	20 <i>Samanthia Slaight bday</i> <i>Courtenay Tanner bday</i>	21	22	23 Lunch Bunch at Aboca's	24
25	26 <i>B Duckett bday</i>	27	28	29 <i>Cindy Murray bday</i>	30 <i>Freda Hanley bday</i>	31

Business Meetings, 7 pm, 1st Thursday, Clubhouse at the Richardson Woman's Club

Dinner/Program meetings, 7pm, 3rd Thursday, Founders' Hall, at the Richardson Woman's Club

Board meetings, 7 pm, 4th Thursday, Friends Place Adult Day Services

Events on this page are copied from the calendar on our website.  
See the event listing at [www.altrusarichardson.com](http://www.altrusarichardson.com) for details of  
time and place.

If you choose, you may bring a gift (worth about \$5) to the dinner  
meeting in the month of your birthday. There will be an  
opportunity to put our names in a drawing (only \$1 per chance!)  
to win a birthday gift. Proceeds are used for our administration  
budget.

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