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# Altrusa Tidings eNEWS Edition July 2016



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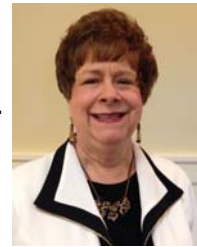
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## *President's Message*

### **EVERY DAY IS A CELEBRATION!**

I am always amazed at the multitude of things accomplished by Richardson Altrusans. During June, seventy-five renewing members hit the ground running. Committees met, plans were made, and projects started. The Finance Committee developed budgets that await board and member approval. Committees continued working on club and foundation policy revisions. Forty-four members accepted International's Centennial Challenge, pledging to do 100 hours of service; several agreed to serve an additional 100 hours. A strategic plan was adopted. Per the plan, a committee completed the first phase of the 'Community Needs Survey,' which will lead to a new service project or two. The survey results will be presented to the club in July. Also per the plan, members learned the correct use of Social Media from an absolutely outstanding professional speaker, Jo Trizila, who was engaged by the Leadership Committee.



In July, we will initiate new members, enjoy a "happy" hour hosted by newer members, feast on an indoor picnic at the dinner meeting, and continue serving our community.

Please remember our dinner reservations policy: Dinner reservations may be made or cancelled by noon the Monday prior to the dinner meeting. To cancel during that time, contact Jean Stuart. All dinner reservations that remain in place after the deadline must be paid for whether the member attends the meeting or not. An unused reservation may not be given to another member.

Together we can accomplish great things.

*Everyday is a Celebration!*

*Service, Leadership, Friendship*

Nancy R. Rohm

2016-2017 President  
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*Board of Directors June meeting*

### **ACTION FROM THE BOARD**

By Nancy Rohm, President

At the June 23 board meeting, the following actions were taken:

A Leadership Event to be held in Feb., 2017, shall count as a make-up meeting. This is in addition to the two Orientation / Re-orientations (date TBD), the Holiday Dinner Meeting, District Conference and attending other club meetings.

The Board granted requests for two Dual Memberships: **Susan Frensley**, who moved her primary membership to the Collin County Club, and **Deborah Hecht**, who moved her primary membership to the Frisco Club - previously a member of the Dallas Club. Please welcome these new Dual Members!

The Policy Revisions Committee will include the Dual Member Policy recommendations provided by an ad hoc Committee (Janice Swallow and Laura Trainor-Collins) in the policy revisions.

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#### *Foundation Board of Trustees Update*

### **Foundation Officers Elected**



At the June 9, 2016 Trustee meeting, the following officers were elected:

- Chair: Julianne Lovelace
- Vice Chair: Mimi Tanner
- Treasurer: Cindy Murray
- Assistant Treasurer: Kimberly Kierce
- Secretary: Bonnie Perry
- Vice Chair Record Keeping: Carolyn Swanson
- Vice Chair Development: Bobbi Klein

#### *\*\*\*\*\*Recruitment Committee Event*

### **New Member Happy Hour**



By Laura Trainor-Collins, Membership Retention Co-Chair

The New Members of Altrusa International of Richardson, TX invite you to a fun filled Happy Hour at Senor Chachote, 7602 N. Jupiter Rd, Garland (by Besa's) on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 5pm to 7pm. So put on your best moustache, have a margarita and get to know Richardsons newest Altrusans. There will be a Grand Prize for the Best Moustache. Guests are welcome. Please register on the Richardson website.



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*July 21<sup>st</sup> Dinner Meeting*

**Mix It Up Patriotic Progressive Picnic Party!**

By Sherri White, Membership Recruitment Committee Co-Chair

The Recruitment and Retention Committees have planned a very special evening of patriotic fun for the July 21<sup>st</sup> dinner meeting. The program portion will involve table ice breakers and mixers designed to get people learning about each other! The meal will have a "Picnic in July" theme. Members and guests are asked to wear red, white and/or blue for this casual evening of making, further strengthening, and renewing friendships in Altrusa Richardson. Get ready to have a fun-filled time at the "Mix-It-Up Patriotic Progressive Picnic Party!"

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*United Nations Observance*

**International Day of Friendship, July 30**

In 2011, the UN proclaimed the International Day of Friendship, observed annually on July 30, with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, and cultures can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities. The UN wanted for the day to involve young people, as future leaders, in community activities that include different cultures and promote international understanding and respect for diversity. The International Day of Friendship is a UN observance and not a public holiday.

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*Leadership Development Program*

**Social Media 101 by communications expert, Jo Trizila**



A delightful presenter, Jo Trizila, came early to the dinner meeting on Thursday, June 16, and socialized with club members. At the end of her presentation, instead of leaving as many presenters do, she stayed and circled up with the group for the benediction at the end of the evening.

The program, *Social Media 101*, was presented clearly and concisely with good basic information for all, regardless of skill or knowledge level. She kept the topic light; accompanying her presentation with helpful PowerPoint slides. Her use of specific examples, statistics, and humor made the topic easily

understood. Our speaker took questions during her talk and also

conducted a Q&A afterward. The Leadership Development Committee is pleased and confident that they delivered a quality presentation of definite value to the membership.

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*Retention Committee Update*

By Laura Trainor-Collins, Retention Committee Co-Chair



The Retention Committee is introducing the Altrusa SPOTLIGHT. We are looking for a way for more Richardson Altrusans to connect with each other. Each meeting we will have several Altrusans SPOTLIGHTED. Two Altrusans will randomly be assigned to interview each other and then share their information at the club meeting. Your "report" will be two minutes or less. We will provide you with a list of questions and you may certainly ask your own questions too.

We really want people to have human contact. So when you receive your interview assignment by email, please contact your person and set up a meeting. You can meet before an Altrusa meeting, committee meeting, or meet for happy hour or lunch. Whatever works for you. Have fun with it. We will include the SPOTLIGHTED Altrusans in the monthly Tidings, so please email your interview questions and answers to Laura.

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*Membership Retention Committee Update*

**Our First**



By Jenn Rohm and Laura Trainor-Collins, Membership Retention Co-Chairs

Jenn and Laura kicked off the SPOTLIGHT at the June 16<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting.

**Laura Trainor Collins:** Laura is a wonderful source of information when it comes to Altrusa. She has served on the District Nine Board. If she doesn't know the answer to something, she can send you in the right direction to get the answer. She was able to drive stick shift in Ireland and live to share the tale! You can find her during the day as 'The Hearing Wizard' with her dog, Stevie Ray, by her side. (Submitted by Jenn Rohm)

**Jenn Rohm:** Jenn would like to be the fictional character, Eve Dallas, from the JD Rob Series because Eve is smart, kicks butt, and has it together enough to be fun. Jenn's funniest Altrusa memory was at conference at Pam Johnson's mixer when several Altrusans rescued her cleavage from cheese dip that had accidentally spilled down her front. Jenn was inspired by her grandparents and would like to thank her parents and grandparents for the gift of reading. Jenn had an exciting moment as a candy striper at Richardson Medical when the TV show Dallas shot an episode there. One of her favorite memories was reading *Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry* with her Mom. The guests at her fantasy dinner party would be Grandma Rohm (never met), Sir Elton John, Princess Di, Alan Rickman and Linda Carter. (Submitted by Laura Trainor-Collins)

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#### *Senior Committee Update*

### **Annual Friends Place "Tie One On For Father's Day" Event**

By Lynn Solomon, Senior Committee Co-Chair

Friends Place Adult Day Services held its annual "Tie One On For Father's Day" event on June 17, 2016. It's traditional for the entire staff and Altrusa volunteers to wear ties to this event in honor of fathers everywhere.

Clients and their families were greeted by a great classic car show in the parking lot, and there were other fun activities inside. Altrusans **Kay George, Alma Benoit, Ann Eisemann, Rose Daugherty, Gloria Sandoval, Jane Merz, Betty Bruce, and Lynn Solomon** arrived early to help escort clients out to stroll around the parking lot to take a closer look at the cars.....and vote for their favorite one! They also assisted the clients with other fun activities and helped set up the tables for lunch. A delicious lunch was served which included hamburgers, hot dogs, cole slaw, and baked beans.....and, of course, peach cobbler for dessert! Altrusans **Janie Jaquier, Jane Tucker, Nancy Rohm, and Bobbi Klein** arrived for the second shift to complete the lunch service, clear the tables, and get clients settled in for a delightful swing band that provided the afternoon entertainment! And, yes, we did see some dancing and tapping toes!

Friends Place provided a first class event for these wonderful senior members of our community. As always, it was an honor for Altrusans to be a part of it!



1<sup>st</sup> shift, left to right: Alma Benoit, Kay George, Rose Daugherty, Jane Merz, Ann Eisemann, and Lynn Solomon (not shown is Gloria Sandoval)



2<sup>nd</sup> shift, left to right: Janie Jaquier, Bobbi Klein, Ann Eisemann, Lynn Solomon, Nancy Rohm, and Jane Tucker

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*Senior Committee Update*

**Richardson Public Library Book Rotation**

By Lynn Solomon, Senior Committee Co-Chair

On June 4, 2016, five (5) Altrusans, along with several members of the Richardson Exchange Club, volunteered to help with the Richardson Public Library Book Rotation project. This project involves taking large-print books on a rotation basis to several participating assisted and non-assisted living facilities in Richardson.

Crates of new books are picked up at the library, then delivered to the various facilities where the old books are picked up and returned to the library. This is done on a quarterly basis and provides a very important service to the seniors of Richardson.

Altrusans participating in this event were **Dean Burroughs, Gloria Sandoval, Lynn Solomon** and **Kimberly Kierce**. We were happy to have Kimberly's friend, Joe Gerard, who was also kind enough to lend a helping hand!



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*District Nine News*

**Officer Nominees Needed for District Nine Board**



The Officers for the District Nine 2017-19 Board will be elected at the District Nine Conference in April, 2017. Now is the time for Altrusans to consider becoming a nominee; all information including pictures must be submitted to the editor of the News of the Mighty Ninth by December 1.

Serving on the District Nine Board is interesting and rewarding. You are encouraged to take the important step and become a nominee and join Linda Moore, current Governor-Elect, in service to Altrusa at the District Nine level 2017-19.

**Eligibility**

**District Bylaws Article XI: Officers; Section 1. Elected Officers**

**(d)** No more than two (2) elected officers shall be from the same Club during any term.

**(i) Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for election to the District Office, members must be, at the time of the nomination and election an active member in good standing. To be eligible for election to the office of Governor-Elect, the candidate shall have previously served a full term as a member of the District Board.

To be eligible for election to any District Office other than treasurer, a person must have completed a full term as Club President or be serving as Club President at the time of the election.

To be eligible for District Treasurer, a person must have completed a full term as Club President or Club Treasurer or be serving as the same at the time of the election and also must have general accounting knowledge or experience.

**Deadline & Contact Information**

**Please submit your interest in serving on the District Board by October 1** to Mary Osentowski, Chair of the District Nine Nominating Committee at [m.osentow@verizon.net](mailto:m.osentow@verizon.net) or by calling her at 214-679-0722 or mailing your interest to:

Mary Osentowski

3205 Greenleaf CT

Garland TX 75044

You may also contact other members of the Nominating Committee: Laura Frias, SW Dallas County Club; Lois Durant, Anderson County Club; Sharon Tomlinson, Temple Club; or Sharron Vance, Dallas Club.

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**In Memory of... Carolyn Swanson Nordmeyer**



Carolyn Swanson Nordmeyer was born on July 10, 1944 in San Diego, CA and passed away June 18, 2016 in Richardson, TX. She was laid to rest in a private graveside service in the Nordmeyer family plot in York, NE.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held at the Richardson Woman's Club Founders Hall, 2005 North Cliffe Dr, Richardson, TX 75082 on Sunday, July 10, 2016 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Please join us in celebrating her life, her memory, and her legacy.

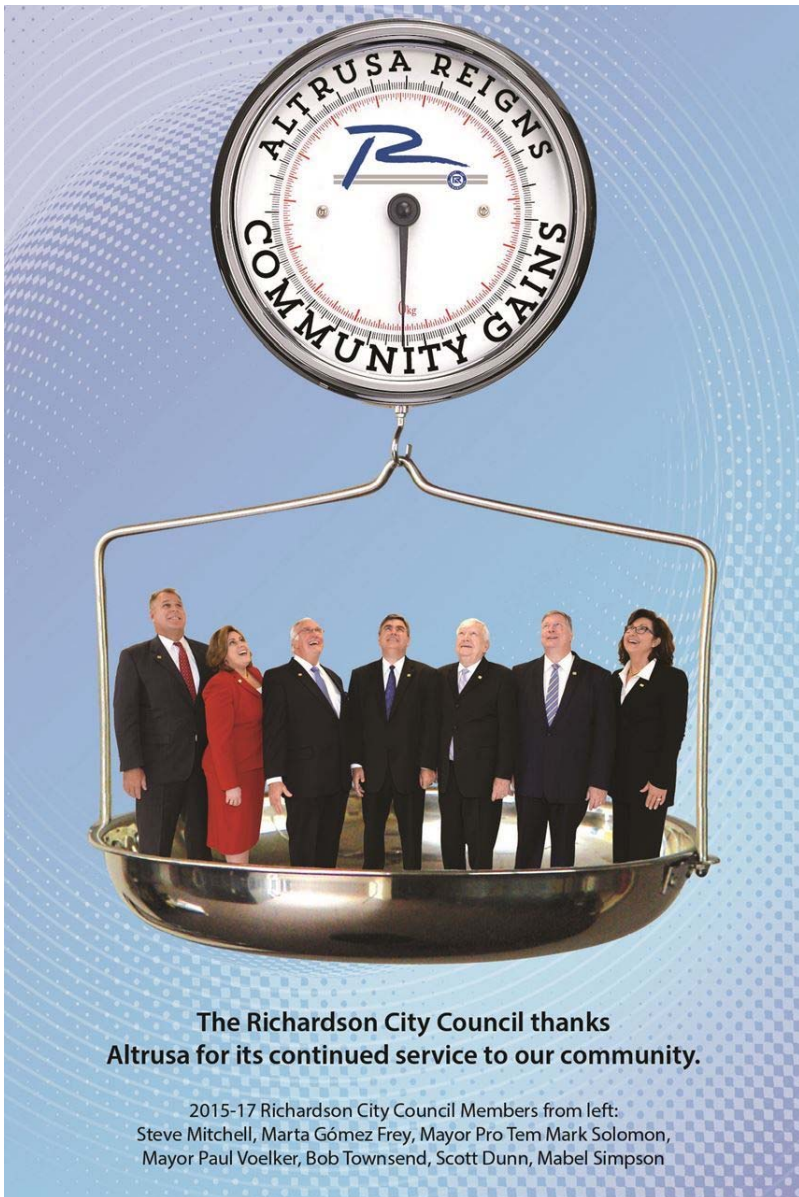
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