



President's Message - March, 2017
EVERY DAY IS A CELEBRATION!

What a great February! The words of this Kool & The Gang song say it best, "Ce-le-brate good times, come on! There's a party goin' on right here, A celebration to last throughout the years, So bring your good times, and your laughter too, We gonna' celebrate your party with you." And **CELEBRATE** we did. Fifty-one years of service is quite a milestone in the life of a club. We enjoyed a meal followed by cake and ice cream, we played an Altrusa game and heard from our District Nine Governor, Sylvia Zamora. Our celebration, with sixty-nine in attendance, included visitors from the Dallas and Garland Altrusa clubs, guests, prospective members and many Richardson Altrusans. Thank you to the Recruitment and Retention Committees for planning the event.

And now it's March and, in the slightly adapted words of a Bachman-Overdrive song, "We'll be taking care of business (every day), Taking care of business (every way,) We'll be taking care of business (it's all ours)." Richardson Altrusans, you have business to take care of! At the March Business Meeting you will elect your officers for the 2017-2018 club year, learn how our Community Initiative Plan is progressing, and hear about the process of updating our Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Planning Committee has developed an interactive program for our March Dinner Meeting. It is important that you attend this meeting if you can. Your opinion counts and your voice will be heard concerning what the club sets as goals for the next three years. The current Strategic Plan has been my guide throughout this year.

Another important 'takin' care of business' event in March is the Orientation-Reorientation at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday the 18th. If you have joined Altrusa in the past two years or if you are joining in April, it is especially important for you to attend. Please put it on your calendar. You will get to know other members better, enjoy camaraderie, eat good

Upcoming Events:

See online calendar for event details, location, and sign-up at <http://altrusarichardson.com>

- Mar 2 Monthly Business Meeting (7p)
- Mar 2 Retention Committee (6p) Dining Rm
- Mar 2 Service Committee Chairs (6:15 p) Sun Rm
- Mar 4 Ability Connections Birthdays (1:30 p)
- Mar 8 SENIORS Atria Bingo (6p)
- Mar 11 Altrusa/'Altrouser' Event - (2p)
- Mar 16 Dinner / Program Meeting (7p)
- Mar 18 Spring Orientation/Reorientation (9a)
- Mar 23 Board of Director/Trustee Mtg (6:30p)
- Mar 27 AWCLS Book Club (6p)

food and learn more about Altrusa. Orientations are always open to the entire club and they count as a make-up meeting.

Together we accomplish great things.

Every day is a Celebration!
Service Leadership Friendship

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Altrusa Richardson Board Actions

February, 2017 Board Meeting

The board met prior to the dinner meeting with District Nine Governor, Sylvia Zamora. The board received an update on the progress of the Community Initiative project. Reports were given from the liaisons for the Service and Administrative Committees. It was announced the Club Board and the Foundation Board of Trustees will hold a joint meeting on Thursday, March 23 at Friends Place.

The Governor said our club is operating well. She asked about us forming an ASTRA club. Board members told her what we have tried in the past and explained the costs and challenges involved. It was agreed that perhaps sometime in the future our club would want to try again.

Spotlight on Altrusans

Barbara Cornelius and Jackie Scrivener

Interviewed each other for the February 16th Meeting

Barbara Cornelius was born in Clarkston, Michigan and moved to Lewisville, Texas in 1987. On Halloween of that year she walked into a frame shop in Lewisville and met Jerry Cornelius who became the love of her life. They were married in 1990 and have been married for 26 years. Jerry is the person who inspires her. They have 4 children, 2 girls and 2 boys, 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Barbara has always loved reading and her favorite childhood books were *The Bobbsey Twins*. She is currently reading *Love* by Toni Morrison. Her favorite musician is Adele. Barbara is retired from EDS and is self-employed at Cannon Creek Art and Frame. Her favorite vacation spot is Wichita Mountain's Wildlife Refuge where she enjoys nature photography. For her fantasy dinner party she would have her Grandfather Al, Martin Luther King and President Obama. Her main bucket list item is to digitalize her many generations of family pictures. Barbara's words to live by are from John Wesley and could be an Altrusa motto: "Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can."



Jackie Scrivener is originally from Mobile, Alabama. When she met her husband, Wayne, they discovered that they had both been born at the same hospital, delivered by the same doctor! She and Wayne have been married for 53 years and have 2 children and 6 grandchildren. Jackie has always been an avid reader – in childhood her favorite book was *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett and she is currently reading *Long Gone* by Alafair Burke for the Altrusa Book Club. Her favorite musician is Louie Armstrong. The guests at her fantasy dinner party would be her father with her children and grandchildren – to have them all together so they could get to know her father. Her grandchildren, ages 29 to 9 years old, are her inspiration and she sees them as often as possible. They live in California and Kentucky. Jackie is retired from teaching but still volunteers as an ESL teacher with RALC and at Network. She joined Altrusa to be of service to the community; her favorite project so far has been the Pillow Project. When vacationing she LOVES

Yosemite, especially staying in one of the cabins in the green valley. There are thirteen beautiful waterfalls in Yosemite Valley. Jackie's bucket list only consisted of one item, she says: "Someday I'll get my act together – I'm truly hoping to do that." Her words to live by are "Never, never, never give up." - Winston Churchill

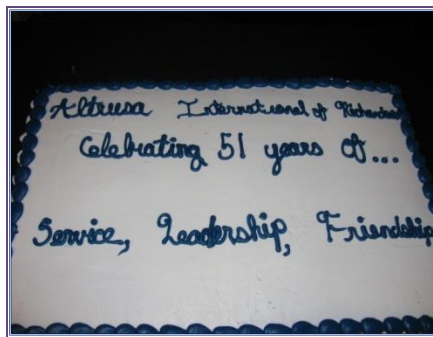


Program Meeting Highlight – February Happy Birthday Richardson Altrusa!

Nancy Rohm

The February 16 Dinner/Program Meeting was a Celebration of 51 years of Altrusa of Richardson. Table decorations reflected the year-long theme of Celebrate. In the spirit of Service, the Community Outreach Committee asked members to bring canned goods to be donated to NETWORK. District Nine Governor Sylvia Zamora, making the official district annual visit, spoke to the club encouraging Richardson to keep up the good work. And the club surprised president, Nancy Rohm, with a Celebration Certificate. It was an uplifting meeting with many members and guests in attendance.

During the meeting a special presentation was made by Shirley Raymer, a Director of the District Nine Board. She presented a gold Lamplighter pin to Mary Beth McLemore. Lamplighters are Altrusans or Altrusa Clubs who have contributed \$500 or more to the International Foundation in a twelve month period.



Happy Birthday!



March Program Meeting

Don't Keep Your Comments to Yourself!

Alma Benoit

The Strategic Planning Committee is in the process of formulating the club's 2017-2020 Strategic Plan. At the March 2nd business meeting the committee will be requesting your input on our club's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges in an effort to identify consensus in these areas. As there will only be 15 minutes allocated for this activity, PLEASE give thought to these categories prior to the meeting and come prepared to share your ideas. If you are unable to attend or have additional comments after the meeting you may submit them to Brenda Duckett via email - bduckett2@netzero.com - NO LATER THAN March 9th.

At the March 16th dinner meeting, after having compiled information from the business meeting, the committee will request your ideas for Objectives/Strategies/Action Plans with regard to these and possibly other strategic goals: Service, Marketing/Communication, Membership, Leadership and Financial. An interactive event is planned and seeks input from all members. The results of this information will be used to formulate our club's Strategic Plan going forward. We welcome your thoughts, insights and creativity, so please share them!

We need your.....



International Committee

Altrusa Impacts Lives Through Bead for Life

Jane Tucker

The mission statement of Bead for Life is to create sustainable opportunities for women to lift themselves out of poverty by teaching them entrepreneurial skills. This nonprofit organization has been helping women in Uganda for over 12 years by empowering them to transform their lives. Making paper beads into jewelry has helped over 40,000 women start their own businesses and has enabled 98% of their children to go to school.

Our Altrusa club has been holding jewelry selling events since 2012. Including the sales from the jewelry event at our February 16th dinner meeting, our club has raised over \$3,960 for Ugandan women. This is proof that Altrusans can make a significant impact in lives of thousands of Ugandan women.



Ability House - February Celebration
Birthday Party!

Genevieve Hamulak

Bobbi Klein organized a lovely birthday celebration at Ability House for resident Vera, on Saturday, February 18th. A lively group of Altrusans showed up and created festive atmosphere as we helped Vera celebrate!



Community Outreach Committee Report
Altrusa Tooth Fairy Project at Network of Community Ministries

Jane Tucker

Our Community Outreach volunteers had a blast serving as “Tooth Fairies” at Network last Friday, February 17. In a little over two hours, we filled 1,875 Tooth Fairy bags each containing a toothbrush, floss, and toothpaste—we stuffed until the donated supplies ran out! Our productivity was definitely given a boost as we grooved out to our favorite Motown tunes. The competition for Name That Tune was fierce! Unofficial winner: Bobbi Klein.

The bags will go to children visiting the free Dental Clinic hosted by Network of Community Ministries. The dental clinic was founded seven years ago as a joint effort of Richardson’s three Rotary clubs and Network. More than 40 area dentists volunteer their time to staff the clinic. The clinic serves children in the Richardson Independent School District who have no insurance and whose parents do not qualify for aid. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers from the Community Outreach Committee, who helped give the beautiful children of Richardson more reasons to smile!



Tooth Fairies at work: (l-r) Lynn Solomon, Bobbi Klein, Gloria Sandoval (rear), Coralie Miller (front), Cindy McIntyre, Linda McCollum, Jane Tucker (front), Anne Eisemann (rear) and Sarah Riehm



Senior Committee Update
Richardson Public Library Book Rotation
By Lynn Solomon, Senior Committee Co-Chair

On February 18, 2017, seven Altrusans along with three 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. The residents so appreciate having the books brought to them as most of them have no means of transportation. They look forward to a fresh set of books every quarter!

Altrusans participating in this event were Jackie Scrivener, Alma Benoit, Dean Burroughs, Carol Ruskowski, Sandy Martin, Gloria Sandoval, and Lynn Solomon. A big thank you also to Paul Vance, John Brady and Elliot Johnston of the Richardson Exchange Club for helping with the heavy labor!



Senior Committee Update
Altrusa at Atria Bingo!
By Lynn Solomon, Senior Committee Co-Chair

Atria Bingo was held on Wednesday February 8, 2017. A good time was had by all as the ladies always enjoy the friendly competition! Altrusa volunteers this month were Gloria Sandoval and Carol Ruskowski. Thank you ladies and thank you Atria Assisted Living Richardson for providing Altrusa this opportunity to serve our community.





RETENTION EVENT

Lakewood Brewery Tour / Tasting Event

When: Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.:

What: Lakewood Brewery, The Taproom, 2302 Executive Dr, Garland, TX 75041

This is a unique opportunity to invite your spouse, family and friends to the **Altrusa/Altrouser Event....Lakewood Brewery Tour/Tasting.** What a great way to get our Altrousers together. Arrive at 2 p.m. and select your choices for a flight of beer. Free Brewery Tour will begin at 3 p.m. Tours are 15 to 20 minutes and convene 5 minutes before tour. Food Trucks are available outside by the patio. The outside Beer Garden is dog friendly. We will have a reserved table inside. If it's a nice day, we can have a table out in the Beer Garden. Sign up by March 9th so we can have enough tables and tickets for the tour.

Membership Recruitment Committee

Spring Orientation – Reorientation Registration

Jane Tucker

The membership recruitment committee will hold its Spring Orientation/Reorientation event on Saturday, March 18th from 9 A.M. until about 11:30 A.M. at the home of Nancy Rohm on 2503 Springwood Lane in Richardson. This will be a great opportunity for new members as well as more seasoned members to enjoy great food, learn information about our club and current committee projects as well as brainstorm ideas for future projects. Consider this event as an excellent opportunity to invite a prospective member and as an extra bonus it counts as a makeup meeting for one missed during the current year.



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Join us at District Conference!

Sue McElveen – President Elect 2017

This is March and we are coming close to time for District Conference in Waco. It is scheduled for Friday, April 21 through Sunday, April 23. I thought I would take this opportunity to encourage each of you, both seasoned and new members to make this a priority in your schedule.

There are many reasons you should consider making the trip. First, it is fun! Also, it is a time you can learn more about our wonderful organization and see the impact we are making, not only on Texas, but around the world. You will have the opportunity to make new friends from clubs throughout Texas, but it will also give you an opportunity to get to know our own club members better. And as you might guess WINE will be involved! This year our own Kim Kierce is a nominee for District Board Treasurer. There will be partying after the election! Come join the fun, I guarantee you will not regret the trip.





United Nations Celebration
International Women's Day

International Women's Day

International Women's Day will be celebrated on March 8, 2017. The first International Women's Day was held in 1914. In Germany the day was focused on women's right to vote. The change in Germany did not happen until 1918, and in the U.S. it did not happen until 1920. This right we take for granted today was not available to many of our Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers.

The theme of this year's celebration is #BeBoldForChange. It encourages us to be "responsive and responsible leaders in creating a more gender inclusive world." The day is an opportunity to drive greater change for women. The two things we are asked to do are to Celebrate the achievements of women and to declare bold actions we can take to "accelerate gender parity across the world."

Altrusa International Foundation News
International Foundation Community Service Award
Jean Stuart

The Altrusa International Foundation Community Service Award was designed to recognize individuals who've made significant contributions to their communities as volunteer leaders. This person can be any member of our city, male or female, Altrusan or not. How great it would be to have our nominee recognized world-wide!

Who might be a good candidate? Someone who:

- chaired a specific community service program that provided, or continues to provide, a community benefit
- chaired an Altrusa project or program – not a fundraiser
- lives OR works in Richardson
- did not perform the service as part of his/her job.



The award, including a prize of \$2,000, will be presented at the Nashville Convention. It will be given to the winner's Oproject or a service project of their choice. Deadline for nominations: May 15, 2017. Application and guidelines, contact Shawna Kaiser foundation@altrusa.org



District Nine News
Governor's Call to Conference, April 21-23, 2017
Sylvia Zamora Governor, Altrusa District Nine

Dear Altrusans:
On behalf of the District Nine Board of Directors, I am excited to cordially invite you to attend our Sixty-First Annual Altrusa International District Nine Conference at the Waco Convention Center to be held in Waco, Texas on April 21-23, 2017. The theme of our Conference is "Deep in the Heart of District Nine." This event will be hosted by Altrusa International of Temple, Texas, Inc. I am confident you will find this conference amazing and vital (KEY) to the success of Altrusa. Make plans today to attend and re-energize your enthusiasm for Altrusa. I assure you, Conference



Will be a fantastic and memorable event. Workshops, events and activities are being planned to cover a broad range of interests. We encourage each of you to bring your spouse, significant other, family members, potential new members and guests to experience the beauty of our organization. We have special events planned for everyone! If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of our Conference committee."

Altrusa International News
Service Hours Updates
Jean Stuart

The International Board has approved continuation of the definitions for "Service Hours" as listed in the current Club Annual Report. An "action" is the key term to be applied to counting a service hour. In review:

Community Service Hours: service projects and activities sanctioned by Altrusa, as documented in a Club's minutes. (Include time spent in planning, reparation, execution and evaluation of fundraisers and service projects. ASTRA and New Club Building are service projects. Operating and internal fundraisers to fund the operating budget DO NOT qualify for service hours.)

Member Service Hours: time spent on Club, District or International operations, NOT including club meetings. Be sure to include activities such as production of newsletter or website, planning and execution of leadership/training workshops, serving as international representative at Conference, serving as delegate at conference/convention business meetings. Etc.

Other volunteer Service Hours: time donated by members to non-Altrusa organizations such as volunteer boards, hospitals, non-profit organizations. Be sure to include other volunteer work, for example in hospitals, schools, libraries, not-for-profit organizations and activities such as mentoring, tutoring, etc.



Continuing the Challenge
BOOK DONATION CHALLENGE

Nancy Rohm

Our club was challenged to donate 900 books this year.

We are such a large club,
we can exceed it! To help us
meet the challenge, you are
encouraged to bring
unwanted gently used
books to the March Dinner
meeting to donate to



Friends of the Richardson Library Book Sale. Please
count the books you bring and have them in boxes or
bags. Sandy Martin will have her the trunk of her car
open when you arrive at the dinner meeting. Put the
books in and let Sandy know the number of the books
you are donating. A big thanks to Sandy for making this
so easy.



Altrusa Centennial News
Founders Day

Altrusa Founders Day is April 11, 2017. What is your
Club or District planning to do on April 11th 2017? It is
your once in a lifetime chance to celebrate Altrusa's
100th birthday? Photos of your activities on the 11th of
April can be sent through to centennial@altrusa.org for
inclusion in the Centenary Coffee Table book and
shared on Facebook.

Altrusa Centennial Quiz

How many Questions can you Answer?

1. What is Altrusa's motto? _____ ,
_____, and _____.
2. Where and when was the first Altrusa Club
Organized? _____ , ___ in ___/___/19 ___
3. Who was the first National President?
_____ - _____
4. Altrusa became an international organization in
19 ___ with expansion into _____ .
5. Altrusa International is comprised of ___
Districts.
6. In 1977 Altrusa adopted _____ as its
major Focus of Service.
7. The Altrusa Brand logo contains the tag line:
"Leading ___ - _____ ."
8. Charter strength for an Altrusa club is ___
Members.
9. The Altrusa International 100th Convention will be
held in _____ , ___
10. The name of the current International President
is _____ . She will be the
International Representative at Conference in
Waco in April.

(Quiz Answers in April *Tidings*)