



*Light Tomorrow with Altrusa
Today*

Ginger Tonne

President's Message

A Love Letter for Altrusa

November is the time to be grateful and give thanks for our blessings. We, as Altrusans have a lot to be thankful for because of you, the membership.

The "Outstanding Women of Today, Hearts for Humanity" Luncheon is a prime example of why I am so proud to be an Altrusan. It was wonderful! Tremendous! Sensational! From the planning to the saying goodbyes at the door – we – you outdid yourselves. It truly touched everyone's heart. But, of course we continue to strive to be even better going forward.

More importantly, it was fun. This is the most successful fundraiser in the community. (I have been involved in a lot of them). Ours by far does so well because of the reach and touch to the hearts of the Richardson community. So many people say, "this doesn't feel like a fundraiser." Well, this is what fundraisers should feel like.

The Richardson community truly came together on Friday, October 28th and this tradition will keep making that happen throughout the years to come because of you the membership.

Altrusans are a hard-working bunch of women who know how to have fun. Shout outs all around! The OWT chairs and the OWT committee leads, and their teams did an outstanding job! Everyone had a part of this success. GO TEAM!

As we continue on with our projects and plans for our community, let's keep that Altruistic spirit with a smile throughout the year! We are moving forward with fantastic things for Altrusa and the

Richardson community. By the way, Richardson loves us as much as we love them!

My wish for all of you – be safe, be healthy and may your families be blessed this Thanksgiving and holiday season. Our faith will keep us going.

I am grateful for my Altrusa sisters and feel blessed to be a part of this membership. I am honored to be your President. Please remember, we truly do "Light Tomorrow with Altrusa Today."

Your President, Ginger Tonne
Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc.

Coming events

Nov	2	6:30 pm	OWT Debriefing Friends Place
Nov	5	8:30 am	Alzheimer's Walk, Dallas City Hall Plaza
		9:00 am	Lone Star Book Movers Richardson Library
		1:30 pm	Ability House birthday Shelley
Nov	9	6:00 pm	Appletree Court Auction
Nov	10	6:30 pm	Board of Directors Friends Place
Nov	12	10:00 am	District Nine Fall Leadership Conf. Hilton Garden Inn, Duncanville
Nov	17	6:30 pm	Monthly Meeting Woman's Club
Nov	25		United Nations Day Violence Against Women
Nov	28	6:00 pm	AWCLS – Book Club Christine Hart's Home

Birthdays

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Outstanding Women of Today Luncheon

On a very rainy Friday morning, Altrusa International of Richardson was privileged to honor eighteen really outstanding women – women who have revealed their Hearts for Humanity in the way they pursue their chosen professions.

The women who were honored are professionals in the fields of healthcare, non-profit, government, education and corporate/business. These outstanding women are pictured below:



Courtney Wright, Paula Rilling, Julie Horn and Melissa Davis
Honorees for Education



Genora Ragsdale and Amy Taylor
Honorees for Healthcare



Yolanda Martinez, Lauri Kelley and Kristen Trest
Heroes for Corporate/Business



Debra Walker, Ashley Akers, Jessica Brazeal and Christina Coultas
Honorees for Non-Profit



Martha Harwick Hofmeister, Keynote Speaker



Lindsay Turman, Aimee Nemer, Noura Jammal and Yvonne Falgout
Honorees for Government



Ginger Tonne Presented the 'Big Check' to Mayor Paul Voelker
The hours that Altrusa volunteers amassed last year was valued at \$330,168.88 in benefits to the city of Richardson

Fall/Halloween Party at Ability House

By Gayle Ingle

Trick or Treat, Trick or Treat, give us something good to eat! Witches, princesses, and goblins galore visited Ability House on October 16. We enjoyed cupcakes, Halloween cookies, candy corn and yummy witch's brew served right from the cauldron by our Head Witch, Jane Merz!

The girls, plus special guest, Robert (former resident of Ability House) enjoyed an afternoon of good fun and food to celebrate Halloween. While enjoying the food, Vera, Kathleen, Nina, Shelly, new resident, Crystal, and Robert played the shell game using candy pumpkins under three cups shuffled by Susan Long. There were several rounds of Bingo with an Altrusan helping each player win lots of prizes. We decorated a big pumpkin with crazy faces, and the afternoon ended with a reverse trick or treat with volunteers bringing treats to the residents. Many thanks to those volunteers that were able to attend. We had record numbers! Thank you to Sherri White for donating! And thank you to Cindy McIntyre, Donna Buhr, Jane Merz, Susan Long, Deb Bourland, Susan Fischer, Bobbi Klein, Kimberly Kierce, Mouna Rouani, and Thanh Tran for making this a wonderful party for our friends at Ability House Richardson. Shelly's Strawberry Shortcake Birthday party is Saturday, November 5 at 1:30. We hope to see you at her party and the upcoming Holiday/Christmas event in December.



Halloween treats are coming!



Ever Play Jingo??

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

By Jane Tucker



Every year our club participates in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF by making donations of change or extra cash at our October meeting. This year a surprise has been added as an incentive to donate. Your name will be submitted into a raffle for a UNICEF Christmas ornament!

Since 1950, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF has supported the world's most vulnerable children and raised over \$195 million dollars. It was started by a Pennsylvania minister, Clyde Allison and his family as a way to help children left vulnerable by World War II. Today, UNICEF still works to protect children everywhere. As of June 2022, there is an estimated 100 million people in the world who are forced to leave their homes due to conflict, climate, human rights violations, and persecution. This year in Ukraine, UNICEF has reached 2.8 million people with lifesaving health and medical supplies and helped over 610,000 children and needs for these people keep increasing every day. So please help is support UNICEF by remembering to bring a donation of any amount to our October meeting.



Ability House residents, L-R: Robert, Nina, Shelly, Vera, Kathleen and Crystal

Altrusans Thanh Tran, Bobbi Klein, Mouna Rouani,, Gayle Ingle, Deb Bourland, Rosemary Gouger, Jane Merz, Donna Buhr, Susan Fischer and, in front, Kimberly Kierce and Susan Long

Membership Retention Update Lunch Bunch Event

by Lynn Solomon



Altrusa Lunch Bunch was held at one of Richardson's newest restaurants, Wildwood CityLine, on Wednesday, October 5th. There were eight Altrusans enjoying the great food and fellowship! Watch for details on the next Lunch Bunch in January!

Those attending were Jean Stuart, Brenda Boston, Marcia Peters, Ginger Mayo, Nancy Rohm, Mary Beth McLemore, Judy Blome, and Lynn Solomon.

As they say back in the day, a good time was had by all!!!

Altrusa Bridge

By Sandy Martin



Cindy McIntyre, Sandy Martin, Mary O., Pat Johnson, Julianne Lovelace, Deb Bourland, Mary Boyter and Ann Turner enjoyed a recent game at Sandy's home.

The game of bridge is known to be one of the most challenging, strategic, frustrating, thought-provoking, and FUN card games there is! Regardless if you're a novice or a seasoned player, we would love to have you join us in a monthly game, which is hosted by one of the players on a rotating basis. The game provides ample opportunities to learn about another Altrusan and/or strengthen friendship, general and current events, etc. etc. The games are on the third Monday of the month, with a social time with refreshments at 6:30 pm and bridge beginning at 7:00. If interested, please contact Mary O. (our current coordinator) at 214/679-0722.

Altrusa Richardson Receives a Cycle One Grant

By Jane Tucker



Malawi Library under construction – waiting for our books

Altrusa International has awarded 57 grants to Altrusa Clubs and 2 to Club 21 International projects for a total of \$166,447. Our club is among the recipients. We will be receiving a grant for \$3,156 which will allow our Kindness Committee to set up new Choose Kind Libraries at the following 4 RISD Elementary Schools: Aiken, Thurgood Marshall, Forest Lane Academy, and Springridge Elementary.

In addition to these local schools, we will be able to move forward with another international Choose Kind Library located in Malawi (Africa) at the One Heart Secondary School. There will be additional funds available to help existing Choose Kind Libraries refurbish their existing libraries. The wonder of kindness continues to be our message to the community and the world at large.

OWT GALLERY



**The first faces our guests saw
Jean, Alma, Jane, Susan and Sarah**



Beautiful tables, luscious dessert



Beautiful corsages by the group led by Norma Hammerlund



Norma and Jane making sure it is all right.



Our Raffle chair Thanh still selling tickets



Brenda and Thanh created drama in the drawings.



The rain didn't keep people away!



And then there is our resident Gypsy Jane

And More Ability House



Halloween Treats from loving Altrusans



L-R, Jane Merz, Donna Buhr, Susan Fischer, Thanh Tran, Gayle Ingle, Deb Bourland, Rosemary Gouger, Bobbi Klein, Mouna Rouni, and Kimberly Kierce and Susan Long in Front.