



*Light Tomorrow with Altrusa  
Today*

## Ginger Tonne

### President's Message

I want to brag on our Club. Everyone is doing such a good job and moving forward with the Altrusa spirit on several accomplished projects!

Under the leadership of Community Outreach Committee, backpacks and school supplies were provided. In fact, 25 school supply kits were given to Upbring. We had a delightful speaker from Upbring, Julie Streit. Who enlightened us on "fostering in Texas". Thank you, Deb and Gloria! We are also gearing up for a Fall Coat drive lead by Carol Ruskowski. You will be hearing more about that in September. Last year, over 220 coats were donated. Let's meet or go over that goal!!

The Grants committee, chaired by Mary Shiroma and Brenda Duckett received many applications by their August 31 deadline. They are working hand in hand with the Foundation board to assure all proper procedures and guidelines are followed. Brenda and Mary will report on that at the September meeting.

If you haven't had a chance, go to our website, and review the upcoming programs. We have many special presentations planned for the upcoming year both by external and internal speakers.

Don't forget to attend one or both events for the Richardson Reads One gatherings for this year's book, "Behold the Dreamers" by Imbolo Mbue, either the luncheon at UTD or the author's presentation at Richardson High School. Mary Beth is asking for ushers for the Tuesday night event on September 13. I am sure she will answer any questions you may have for these events.

For September, the Membership and Kindness committees have combined their talents for "Add An Altrusan Day". Bring your scissors to help out our Kindness committee and "cut the ribbons" for their project. On September 15, before our meeting at the Clubhouse - things will be buzzing! So, invite a friend or two to become an Altrusan. You can contact Brenda Boston if you have a guest for that evening.

The OWT committee chaired by Christine Hart and Gloria Sandoval is doing a fantastic job. These OWT team members are right on schedule and moving forward. We have a bevy of Sponsorships and wonderful

nominees that you can see when you attend the event on Friday, October 28 at the Richardson Woman's Club. Get involved!

We want 100% participation. Remember that participation can be purchasing a luncheon or raffle ticket, being a committee member or helping the day of the event. We do such an outstanding job on our only fundraiser of the year because of you.

Welcome to Ginger Mayo, our newest member. Ginger is a great asset to our club. What a dynamite package. We look forward to her becoming an Altrusan. Be sure to speak, smile and welcome her.

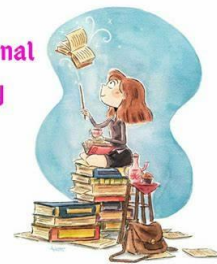
Hopefully, the days will get cooler and usher in a great fall. Thanks to all of you -

We "Light Tomorrow with Altrusa Today."

### Coming events

Sept	8	6:30	Board of Directors Meeting Friends Place
Sept	8		International Literacy Day
Sept	12	6:00	Foundation Board Quarterly Meeting, Darren's American Grill, Dine before at 5:15 pm
Sept	15	6:00	Add an Altrusan Day, Richardson Woman's Club House
Sept	15	7:00	Monthly Meeting, Richardson Woman's Club House
Sept	21		International Day of Peace
Sept	22		North Texas Giving Day
Sept	26	6:00	AWCLS - aka Book Club Home of Christine Hart <i>The Personal Librarian</i>
Sept	30		September volunteer hours due

International  
Literacy  
Day



**September 8, 2022**

Celebrate the fact that we have unlimited access to books and learning!

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Facebook: [@AltrusaRichardsonTexas](https://www.facebook.com/AltrusaRichardsonTexas)

Website: [altrusarichardson.com](http://altrusarichardson.com)

District Nine Website: [www.altrusadistrictnine.org](http://www.altrusadistrictnine.org)

## Birthdays

Sept 6	Pam Johnson
Sept 13	Jackie Scrivener
Sept 17	Norma Hammerlund
Sept 20	Elizabeth DuBose
Sept 27	Wilma Oliver

## Community Outreach



The Community Outreach Committee has been busy this summer purchasing and preparing backpacks. Cindy Murray, Mary Boyter, Gayle Ingle, Deb Bourland, members of the Community Outreach Committee delivered 76 backpacks on August 1<sup>st</sup> for the Network/RISD Backback Bash. The backpacks were in three different sizes with all kinds of colors and patterns for students to choose from. Network featured us on their website and gave us a big “Thank you”.

In addition, the Community Outreach Team purchased 27 school supply kits to be delivered to local area children in the Upbring Foster Care Program. Each kit contained supplies that a student would need to start their school year.



## Kindness Committee Presents Upbring

At our meeting on August 18th, Julie Streit, Regional Intake Specialist at Upbring, brought us information on services and support they provide, particularly to children in foster care. They also work to foster adoption programs and other services for Texas

children. Upbring is a state-wide organization whose mission is to advance child well-being.

## What is an “Accent?”

The Altrusa Encyclopedia defines an "Altrusa Accent" as a two-minute presentation at a Club meeting that covers such items as:

- news on an upcoming International or District event,
- new Altrusa materials,
- Altrusa historical highlights, or
- bylaw and policy changes.

Many clubs have an accent presented at each meeting, others include accents in their newsletters.

The Learning Team has developed a publication full of informative Accents by Altrusans throughout District Nine on a variety of topics. We are welcome to use these in our club meetings as we wish, but we are encouraged to research topics on our own for club accents as well. The Team is continually adding new information to the document and members are invited to send an accent to us to be included in the publication.

## Membership Committee/New Member

By Lynn Solomon, Mentor

### Meet our New Member Ginger Mayo



Sponsors Nancy Rohm and Gayle Ingle are privileged to welcome new member, Ginger Mayo! Lynn Solomon is serving as Mentor. Ginger has a rich tradition of service in our community making her a valued addition to Altrusa! She is from Streetman, Texas and began her education at Navarro Junior College then received her Education degree from East Texas State University, then further earning her Master's Degree at UTD.

Ginger retired from teaching Science at Richardson High School after 34 years.....in the same room! Her volunteer activities include holding prominent positions in the following organizations: Richardson Rotary Club, Friends of the Library, Richardson Retired School Personnel, Richardson Central Rotary Club Foundation, and the Blanket Ministry at First United Methodist Church

in Richardson. Ginger is also an avid reader and loves to travel. Her next trip is to Hawaii in January! Her fantasy dinner would be with John Wayne! She joined Altrusa to expand her service to the community and to make new friends.

We extend a warm Altrusa welcome to Ginger Mayo!

## Choose Kind Libraries Continues to Grow Internationally



By Jane Tucker

Our club's newest Choose Kind Library is located at the Amani Children's Home in Moshi, Tanzania. This home currently has 65 children and thanks to volunteers with Think Kindness has had their library totally overhauled this summer. By partnering with the nonprofit organization Think Kindness, our club's Choose Kind Libraries continue to strengthen efforts to bring quality literature to children worldwide.



**September 21, 2022**

## SAVE THE DATE

### **2022 District Nine Fall Leadership Event Saturday, November 12, 2022**

**Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Duncanville  
800 North Main Street, Duncanville, TX 75116**

**Hosted by Altrusa International of Southwest Dallas  
County, Inc.**

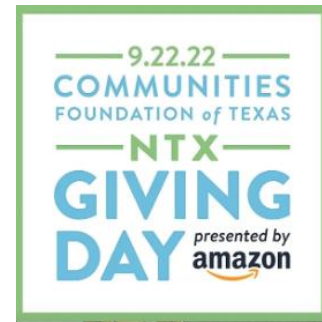
**Registration fee - \$60.00, includes lunch, opening  
soon on AltrusaDistrictNine.org**

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## **NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**



North Texas Giving Day is fast approaching. I understand that we are all working hard on getting donations, selling raffle tickets, sponsoring and underwriting for OWT. However, we did vote as a club to support and raise some funds for NTGD, so I am sending out again the instructions for you to share. Remember each dollar we raise goes directly back into the Richardson community to help support our philanthropic efforts.

1. Place the web address in your browser, or click on this one if you are on your computer reading Tidings. <https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/giving-events/ntx22>

2. When the page opens scroll down under the Register Now prompt. (you do not need to register, that has already been done)

3. Click on Browse Organizations

4. Next page to pop up has Search in the upper lefthand section of this page. Type in Altrusa Richardson.

5. When our page pops up you can DONATE.

6. Underneath the word DONATE you will see Share this Organization with options for Facebook, Twitter and Email.

This site is available NOW, so if you have a few coins, dollars, or a bunch you can put in a donation. Also,

they have made it easier for you to share our page with friends and relatives that live far away. Ones who know your passion for serving your community through service to Altrusa Richardson and by logging on to the website can support your efforts. It also will give them a brief overview of who we are and what we do as service to our community. As I stated in the July Tidings, this is not to compete with OWT in any way, just another avenue to get our name out and educate others about the work we do.

Remember, this opportunity helped us through a rough patch when we could not do Outstanding Women of Today because of COVID. You can also wait to donate on the specific day which is, September 22, 2022 from 6 A.M until Midnight.

Peace and blessings to you all... Sue McElveen  
Vice Chair of Development

## Add an Altrusan Day

Come one! Come all! Bring a friend and join us for Add an Altrusan Day on Thursday, September 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the RWC Clubhouse. There will be light refreshments plus a hands-on activity for the Kindness

Committee and time to get acquainted with our visitors/potential members.

Look around at those you know and see who you think might make a good Altrusan and invite, or even bring them, to a fun get together just prior to our regular meeting at 7:00. Of course, invite them to stay for the meeting to really get to know about our club.

Please RSVP to Brenda Boston at [brendaboston@outlook.com](mailto:brendaboston@outlook.com) or 972-742-5146 by September 12 so we have plenty of goodies.

## A STEP BACK IN TIME

### Photos from March, 2016



Looks like St. Patrick's Day



Our favorite leprechaun

- who will always be missed -



The Gang WAS all there



## Come visit and learn about Altrusa!

Meet with some of our wonderful members, enjoy light refreshments, and find out more about what Altrusa of Richardson does in the community.

**When:** Thursday, September 15

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Richardson Woman's Club  
Clubhouse

2005 North Cliffe Drive, Richardson

If you would like to stay for the Business meeting at 7:00, we would love to have you visit that as well.



RSVP by September 12

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