

Altrusa International, Inc. of Garland, Texas

International Relations

Nomination for Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award

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Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award Entry Form

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Club Membership 21 members

1. Number of meetings dedicated to International Relations: We had six meetings this year dedicated to International Relations. Every other month at our business meetings we prepare a shipment for Boxes to Baghdad. The October business meeting included preparing 130 gift bags for our Make A Difference Day Project at DFW Airport, Greet The Troops returning from Afghanistan and Iraq.

2. Most Outstanding Program; did it contribute to the initiation of a new club project?
Yes. At our annual brainstorming program where we identified areas in Iraq to send packages to troops, a member reported on the Greet the Troops program at DFW airport. We decided to make Greet the Troops our Make a Difference Day Project this year.

3. Does your club currently have an existing project to promote International Relations?
Yes, we have two projects funded by our annual poinsettia sale and an International Grant. We ship supplies requested by troops on anysoldier.com for the Boxes to

Baghdad program. We sent 250 lbs of food and personal care items as well as 55 books. Local clubs donated phone cards, food items and postage. We spent \$150 on postage and 61 hours in volunteer time.

We also have a reading incentive program at Daugherty elementary school, which is predominately a Spanish speaking population, using Heifer International's Read to Feed Program. Two hundred thirty-one 2nd through 5th grade students read 12,574 books from October 1, 2006 through April 20, 2007 earning \$1323.00. The students were able to buy one water buffalo, one llama, two goats, two pigs, one sheep, three trios of rabbits, four flocks of chickens, and three flocks of ducks. Seventeen needy families in third world countries around the world will receive these animals. In addition, the Daugherty students learn about the geographic areas and acquire reading skills and team work. These animals provide income and resources for the families and villagers to improve their quality of life. Altrusans donated 54 hours of time with 96% club participation.

4. Did your club observe any of the following International dates during the past year?

a. Women's Rights Day, March 8 Mentioned in our monthly newsletter calendar, and at the dinner meeting.

b. World Health Day, April 7 Mentioned in our Monthly Newsletter and a ten-minute accent by a club member at the dinner meeting with an overview of the World Health Organization and the spread of SARS, HIV, AIDS and precautions for possible global pandemics.

c. World Literacy Day, September 8 Mentioned in our monthly newsletter calendar, and mentioned at our fourth birthday party/membership event in conjunction with literacy being one of Altrusa International's main priorities.