



# NEWS OF MIGHTY NINTH

Altrusa International Inc. District Nine

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## Leaders in Service ... Let's Get Cookin'!

### District Nine

#### Vision Statement

Altrusans providing leadership and service to communities throughout Texas.

### District Nine

#### Mission Statement

District Nine, Altrusa International, Inc., provides guidance in leadership development and direction for membership growth; promotes club service projects, fundraising, and the strengthening of activities that will enhance the Altrusa image throughout the district; and encourages new club development across Texas.

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Summer is here and so is a new Altrusa club year. By now you have installed new officers, appointed new committees, and begun the process of selecting new service. This is a time for new leadership, new energy, and renewed enthusiasm. As we move forward into this new beginning I hope you take just a moment to thank those who led through the past year and forged the path you are on today. As Isaac Newton said "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants". We can never forget or take for granted the role our past leadership has played. So with that in mind I would like to take a moment to thank all the outgoing Club Presidents for being so diligent in their job as club leader. Thank you for being prompt with your responses to my many requests, thank you for welcoming us and opening your club (and many times your homes) for District visits.

And while I am passing out thank you's I extend special thanks to the Past Governors for being my guardian angels, to the District Board and my Program Team for going above and beyond, and to each of you for all you have done to make the first half of this biennium a success. Because of all of you District Nine is a shining star in the Altrusa organization and any Past Governor will agree with me when I say it is you – the members of this District - that make the difference. In her year-end report, **Michelle Parker** (Greenville – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner of the

Edith DeBusk President's Award) wrote "remember, no matter how small your role, you are making a difference." No truer words have been written to describe the role of an Altrusan. Always remember members make the club great and clubs make the District great. Thanks for everything you have done during this past year and everything I know you will do during the coming year!

We have had much success with membership growth as evident when 28 District Nine members received special recognition at the Lubbock Conference for sponsoring two or more new members during this past year. If you are struggling with growth in your club please

know the new Club Revitalization Manual is now available to you at no cost on the International website.

**Barbara Boyden, Melva Hill, Jan Lavender, Ruth Rios, and JoAnn Weinkauff** were elected by the delegate body during the April Conference to serve as the 2010-2011 District Nominating Committee. This committee will prepare a slate of officers for election at the 2011 Conference in Dallas. If you have an interest in being slated for District office I know **Governor-Elect LaVone Arthur** would like to hear from you. If you have questions about what is involved serving on the District level please visit the District website and click on the job descrip-

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#### From the Governor



**Kathy Folley**  
2009-2011

## So What Do I Get for My International Dues Any Way?

by Donna C. Johnson  
President, Altrusa International, Inc.



Altrusa International President  
Donna Johnson

One of the most frequent questions I get from districts, clubs, and members is an inquiry regarding what benefits there are for the payment of International dues. This question comes up especially often at this time of year, the time when International dues are to be paid for the next year.

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- \$2 million dollar liability insurance policy for club and district events.
  - Covers your club for accidents that may happen at a club sponsored event
  - An on-line “quick-quote” for single day event categorized as Charity Benefits, *Auctions and Sales* for 300 attendees was \$450.
- Privilege of identifying your club as an Altrusa club
  - Use of the Altrusa trademark and logo
- Support staff to answer questions for members, committee chairs, board members
- Support provided to International Foundation who in turn
  - provides the 501 (c) (3) umbrella status under which clubs can easily establish a club foundation.
  - provides grants to clubs for service projects
- Web site
  - referral point for prospective members
  - on-line shopping for Altrusa materials and supplies
- access to Altrusa information, publications, and forms
- access to update your personal information with Altrusa
- Tools for use by clubs and districts
  - Encyclopedia
  - Club Revitalization Manual
  - Bylaws
    - includes model district bylaws
    - includes model club bylaws
  - ASTRA Manual
- Recruitment Tools
  - Modern, stylish professionally designed brochure and rack card
  - Letterhead, envelopes and mailing labels
  - Public Service Announcement samples
  - Sample recruitment letters
    - For prospects you have met
    - For prospects you have not met
  - Altrusa business cards
- International Altrusan magazine
- Club Presidents’ E-News
  - Educational and motivational materials for club presidents
  - Useful to share with other officers and committee chairs
  - Useful for club newsletters
  - Useful for District Service Bulletins
- Marketing support (beginning 2009) and long range strategic planning
- Biennial Convention

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The next time we come together will be Saturday, November 6 when we gather in San Antonio for the Fall Event. There is already talk of going early and staying late so there will be plenty of time to enjoy the city and each other. Make a note of the date and begin making your plans to join us in the Alamo City for eats,

drinks, fellowship, service, laughs and good times.

So, Leaders in Service “Let’s Get Cookin!”... cookin up new service projects, exciting fund-raising events, ways to engage your club members, and ways to reap the benefits of Altrusa membership. I continue to look to each and every one of you to help me reach the goals of the District. I remain excited to be your Governor and expect each of you to continue this journey with me.

# Conference Wrap-Up

by Beth McPherson Blair  
First Vice Governor and Program Coordinator

## Overheard at Conference: Is the Hot Flash Pneumonia Contagious? *Friday*

We converged on Lubbock, Texas, by land and air—some of us on Thursday, most on Friday—and with a flurry of garment bags, suitcases, and mysterious bags and boxes, we set up temporary camp at the Overton Hotel and Conference Center. It would be an adventure of a lifetime at the Fifty-Fourth Annual District Nine Conference!

After exchanging many hugs and excited squeals of delight, the 2009-2011 Program Team, District Board, and Past Governors settled in for the annual Leadership Luncheon, presented by **Judie Ridley** and the Leadership Committee. Judie and Co. gave us a recipe for true leadership.

Host clubs Lubbock and Lubbock Dawners, led by conference co-chairs **Jo Henderson** and **Lee Ruth Kreig**, greeted each Altrusan with a hug, a kiss, and a goodie bag while the District Board held its

pre-Conference Meeting. The Exhibit Room opened Friday afternoon to host the conference service project, club exhibits, and the Foundation Silent Auction, and then 51 First-Timers gathered to meet their Board and Past Governors and to learn a bit about Altrusa and what to expect this weekend.

By early evening, it was time to get started with the real fun! **Governor Kathy Folley** called the conference to order. We were welcomed with full fanfare by **Governor-Elect LaVone Arthur**, who presented the invocation; Girl Scout Troop 6424, which presented the colors; **Jean Mallory** from the Lubbock Dawners; **Linda Giatner**, chair of the Lubbock Centennial Celebration; **International President Donna Johnson**; and **International Foundation Trustee Melva Hill**.

**Immediate Past Governor Brenda Tucker's** Accent set the tone for the weekend, chal-

lenging us to “take the road we don’t know,” and then it was time for our only live roll call. Cheers of delight pealed across the room as clubs were announced and their members stood to be counted. Among the most-represented clubs were **Richardson** with 20 members, **Pampa** with 19, **Dallas** with 17, and **Lubbock Dawners** and **Temple** with 16 each.

When the business of the day died down, it was time for Friday Fun Night, where we were entertained by Lubbock’s **Hub City Performers** and singing duo **Tom and Kimberly Wagner**. A few clubs had their own songs arranged, including the always entertaining girls from **DFW**, who had us rolling with “The Hot Flash Pneumonia and the Menopausal Blues.”

Friday was certainly a day to remember, but the best was yet to come!

## Overheard at Conference: It’s Time to Get Off That Dead Horse! *Saturday*

Despite rumors of partying late into the night, Altrusans were up bright and early on Saturday morning. 2009-2010 Club Presidents enjoyed breakfast with **Governor Kathy Folley**, the District Board, and the Past Governors. Each president had a chance to share her favorite moments from this club year, and Governor Kathy had some to share as well. While the presidents were noshing with the governor, conference attendees had a breakfast opportunity as well, as the Lubbock and Lubbock Dawners Clubs hosted a BYOB (Bring Your Own Breakfast) with leaders from area nonprofits.

Business was of foremost importance on Saturday. We elected a District Nominating

Committee as follows: **Melva Hill** (Greenville), chair; **Barbara Boyden** (Garland); **Jan Lavender** (Texarkana); **Ruth Rios** (SW Dallas County); and **Jo Ann Weinkauff** (Abilene). We also elected **Laura Trainor-Collins** (Garland) as our district nominee for the International Long Range Strategic Planning Committee.

The highlight of the morning was our wonderful keynote speaker, **Marsha Sharp**. The Executive Director of the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund, Coach Sharp also was the longtime women’s basketball coach at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She was well-known for her

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### Hot Flash Pneumonia and the Menopausal Blues

My swollen feet ain't gonna let me dance.  
And if I laugh too hard, I'll pee my pants  
Excess blubber's got a hold on me too  
I got a Hot Flash Pneumonia And The Menopausal Blues  
  
I think my hubby started hiding out  
Cuz if he crosses me I'll punch him out  
I'm so bloated I can't tie my own shoes  
I Got A Hot Flash Pneumonia And The Menopausal Blues  
  
I wanna holler but my skirt's too tight  
and I'm sweating every single night  
Can't stop eating and I'm hitting the booze  
I Got A Hot Flash Pneumonia And The Menopausal Blues  
  
The kids just look at me and shake their head  
I'm hiding chili dogs beneath my bed  
Can't stop crying and I get so confused  
I Got A Hot Flash Pneumonia And The Menopausal Blues

## Conference Saturday, continued



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leadership style and is now a sought-after inspirational speaker. Coach Sharp explained that it's our fear that makes things "stupid" to us—and that we can be instruments in helping the next generation of women conquer their fears. "The greater the opportunities we've been given, the bigger our obligation to pay it forward," Coach Sharp reminded us. "We have to reach down and pull up the next generation of women leaders."

The annual Awards Luncheon brought cheers as well as tears, as we celebrated the fantastic works done by Altrusans

all over the state of Texas. **International President Donna Johnson** made a splash as she distributed numerous International sponsorship pins to Altrusans who have sponsored new members, and **Foundation Liaison Antonia Buban** launched the "Fund-Raiser in a Fund-Raiser," giving every Altrusan a chance to give back to the International Foundation. One Altrusan from each table received a special treat—the hand-decorated centerpieces were given away as door prizes!

The afternoon was peppered with officer/committee training and workshops, including "Spice Up Your Programs" by **Brenda Tucker**, "Using the

New Altrusa Marketing Materials" by International President **Donna Johnson**, and "Smart Talkin'" by Richardson Altrusans **Jo Leeper** and **Samanthia Slight**.

After an energizing day of inspiration and motivation, it was time to wind down with an elegant evening at the Governor's Banquet. After the traditional parade of Club Presidents, Past Governors, and Board members, attendees settled in with a bit of entertainment from **Jerry Brownlow** and a message from International President **Donna Johnson**.

## 2008-2009 District Nine Awards

### Linda Nichols Foundation Contribution Awards

#### Total Club Contributions

Richardson (\$1,625)  
Borger (\$1,276)  
Temple (\$1,135)

#### Average Contribution per Member

Borger (\$51.04)  
DFW (\$38.04)  
Richardson (\$20.57)

### District Nine Awards

#### Yearbooks

Dallas  
Pampa  
Borger

#### Club Communications Award

Richardson  
Dallas  
Greenville

### Joella Terrill Butler Membership Awards

Denton (69.6 percent gain)  
Fort Worth (60 percent gain)  
Temple (16.7 percent gain)  
Texarkana (15.4 percent gain)

#### Under Charter Strength Recognition

San Antonio (138.5 percent gain)  
Anderson County (38 percent gain)  
Orange (38 percent gain)

### Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award

Richardson\*  
Temple  
Dallas

### Letha H. Brown/Governor's Literacy Award

DFW\*  
Texarkana  
Garland

### Edith DeBusk President's Award

Michelle Parker, Greenville  
Brenda Boston, Richardson  
Ginger Tolbert, Temple

### Mamie L. Bass Service Award

Lubbock Dawners\*  
Denton  
Temple

### Club Display Award

Temple  
Greenville  
Anderson County

### Club First-Timers Award

Highest Number: Pampa (6)  
Highest Percentage: Garland

### Helen Hooker Award

Shirley Albritton, Fort Worth

\* Moves on to represent District Nine at the International level. Awards will be presented at the 2011 International Convention in Rapid City, S.D.

# Conference Wrap-Up

## Overheard at Conference: I Think She Must Have Slept With Her Altrusa Pin On!

On the final morning of Conference, Altrusans were exhausted but exhilarated. After a beautiful remembrance and devotional service led by Greenville Altrusans **Melva Hill** and **Frances Dalbey**, we honored our record 51 First-Timers. First Vice Governor **Beth Blair** presented our First-Timers Awards and recognized our “second-timers”—those Altrusans who were so impressed by their first Conference experience that they returned for more. On Sunday morning, 20 second-timers stood for recognition. Past Governor **Peggy Sturrock** presented a brief history of **Helen Hooker** and the first-timer award named in her memory. **Shirley Albritton** of the Fort Worth Club received the Helen Hooker Award, which comes with a check to reimburse her Conference registration fee. We also met Temple Altrusans **Regina Phinney** and **Cynthia Jackson**, who led the First-Timers event at this year’s Conference.

Also on Sunday, our final credentials and registration reports were given. Registration Chair **Derlyn Gordon** of the Lubbock Dawners Club, was thrilled to announce that Conference registration had set a record. We had 263 total registrations, and no one could remember a higher number. Sure enough—the District History records the highest attendance at 261! What a fantastic success!

Another success was announced as well: Our Conference service project to benefit Lubbock’s Hodges Elementary

and the South Plains Food Bank. Project Chair **Adria Kit-ten** of the Lubbock Dawners Club announced that Conference attendees brought 91 packages of dry food, 55 cans or spices, and 12 cases (144 boxes) of mac and cheese to benefit the South Plains Food Bank, as well as 130 books and \$110 for Hodges Elementary.



Perhaps one of the most amazing examples of the power of Altrusans became apparent when Foundation Liaison **Antonia Buban** held drawings for our annual Foundation Raffle and Fundraiser Drawing (congratulations to lucky winners **Sharron Vance** of Dallas, **Cheryl Russell** of Nacogdoches, and **Toni Kincaid** of SETCER) and announced the results of the Conference’s Foundation fundraising efforts. When the dust cleared, District Treasurer Terry Lechler could confirm that we raised almost \$6,500 over the weekend, including:

- \$3,075 at the Awards Luncheon “Fund-Raiser in a Fund-Raiser”
- \$743.44 for proceeds from the sale of the District Nine Cookbook
- \$700 for the Foundation

## Sunday

Raffle (beautiful crystal container and candlesticks donated by **Antonia Buban**)

- \$1,947 from the Foundation Silent Auction

As promised at our Awards Luncheon, Antonia presented special Lamplighters to honor several of our District Nine matriarchs, as well as District Nine itself. Each was thrilled to receive the honor, and all District Nine Altrusans can be proud that they were a part of these gifts. Congratulations to the newest International Foundation Lamplighters:

- Lamplighter District
- **Governor Kathy Folley**
- **Immediate Past Governor Brenda Tucker**
- **Past Governor and Past Foundation President Debbie Mabry**
- **Past Governor Martha Hardwick Hofmeister**
- **Foundation Trustee Melva Hill**

Although the Conference was winding down, there was more fun in store. **Susie Stephenson** of the Dallas Club presented a quick bid for her club to host the 2013 Conference in Frisco, Texas (home of much SHOPPING!), and the **Downtown Dallas Club** invited us all to come see them for Conference in 2011.

And while no one seemed to want it to end, **Governor Kathy Folley** led us all in the Altrusa Benediction, *until we meet again.*

### DISTRICT CALENDAR

#### JULY

**July 1** 2009-2010 Perfect Attendance List due to District Secretary

**July 10** Last day to pay dues for past due members

#### AUGUST

**Aug 12** International Youth Day

#### SEPTEMBER

**Sept 8** International Literacy Day

**Sept 15** Grant applications due to International Office

**Sept 21** International Day of Peace

**Sept 30** Last day to send pre-report on MADD plans to International

#### OCTOBER – *October is Grants Fund Month*

**Oct 16** World Food Day

**Oct 15** Clubs file 990

**Oct 23** Make a Difference Day

**Oct 24** United Nations Day

Beginning with the 2010-2011 club year, the issue dates of the News of Mighty Ninth are changing to July, October, January and April.

## 2008-2009 Success Stories

by Beth McPherson Blair  
First Vice Governor and Program Coordinator

What makes a great project even better? Receiving a check from District and International as a reward for your hard work! While it's the consensus that every club in District Nine shines in all its work, a few projects seemed to stand out this year, and they were recognized at our annual Awards Luncheon. Congratulations to all the 2008-2009 winners!

### Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Awards

**Third Place: Altrusa International Inc. of Dallas.** The Dallas Club sought to keep Altrusa's international focus all year, through articles in the club newsletter and items on each meeting agenda. A service project and a meeting were dedicated to telling the story of the "Lost Girls of Sudan," who fled thousands of miles for freedom of civil war and find a better life here in Texas. A program speaker told members of her experience running through the forest when the soldiers came searching for children, knowing that if caught they would be enslaved or even sold as brides—but now she knows she has a brand new opportunity here. The club donated funds for two laptops for two lost girls who were attending a local college to help ensure that they never became "lost" again.

**Second Place: Altrusa International Inc. of Temple.** Members of this club created a project to help kids in Guatemala as well as kids in

their own community to maintain healthy personal hygiene. They filled 30 backpacks with school supplies and personal hygiene products, then sent them to a small Guatemalan village for students there. Back home, they helped teach local elementary children about Guatemala and fostered a penpal program between the two groups. The club also presented a \$1,000 international scholarship and several meeting accents related to the United Nations.

**First Place: Altrusa International Inc. of Richardson.** This club truly touched communities all around the world. From learning about an orphanage in South Africa to training women to do business in different cultures to sending cards and packages to soldiers overseas, they covered the globe with altruism and love. The club coordinated a bilingual book drive for World Literacy Day, and created a new project to help the Peace Corps implement nutritional campaigns and environmental solid waste management projects in Peru, and to improve 30 stoves and purchase three stoves for Peruvian schools that were unable to provide students with hot food. The project enabled villagers to form community pilot vegetable gardens and receive education about proper nutrition; to clean up trash and construct mini landfills; and to reduce firewood consumption and respiratory illnesses. The winner of the 2008-2009 Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award receives a \$50

check from District Nine and a \$100 check from International.

### Letha H. Brown/ Governors' Literacy Awards

**Third Place: Altrusa International Inc. of Garland.** For its third-place project submission, this club expanded its reading program to an additional elementary school and continued its work in another school and with Heifer International. Members coordinated book fairs and gave books to youngsters as Christmas gifts. They tutored 17 at-risk third-graders in math and reading—90 percent of whom then passed their TAKS tests! All in all, there were plenty of "FROGS" hopping around ... for the Future Readers Of Garland project.

**Second Place: Altrusa International Inc. of Texarkana.** This club started a new literacy project in its community. In partnership with Reading Is Fundamental, the club selected two lower-income-serving schools and provided each student with three books to take home and read with their families. They encouraged the students AND their families to read through motivational activities, a book distribution party, and a student body rally. Through this project, 600 children were introduced to a lifelong love of reading.

**First Place: Altrusa International Inc. of DFW.** The project was initiated by a club that just seems to keep



expanding to make a good thing into a GREAT thing. Their annual backpack and school supply drive led to the construction of a library and playroom at a local battered women's shelter—and that led to a book drive to fill the library's shelves! From there, a Saturday reading program was born, and that led to tutoring the listeners' older siblings during the same time period! Lastly, the club helped fund another building—this one to house an education and literacy center with plans for a computer center where ESL, GED, and many other educational courses will be offered! The winning project for the 2008-2009 Letha H. Brown/Governor's Literacy Award receives a \$50 check from District Nine and a \$100 check from International.

### Edith DeBusk Presi- dent's Awards

**Third Place: Ginger Tolbert, Altrusa International Inc. of Temple.** The third-place recipient of the Edith DeBusk President's Award wrapped the whole Altrusa experience into one year.

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## 2008-2009 Success Stories, continued

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Not only did this president lead her members to pull off TWO hugely successful and popular fund-raisers; donate 4,500 service hours and thousands of dollars to benefit children with blood disorders, students, families in crisis, and the homeless; and show off Altrusa to scores of guests at its varied membership events throughout the year, it also—that same year—chartered our newest District Nine Club and hosted District Conference! This club president's theme was "Building the Spirit of Altrusa," and she certainly did that.

### **Second Place: Brenda Boston, Altrusa International Inc. of Richardson.**

The second-place winner of the Edith DeBusk President's Award led her team to the heights of success. Her goals were simple, but her members really hit the ball out of the park! In providing service, the club served disabled adults and children, senior citizens, needy students, U.S. troops, and underprivileged villages in foreign lands. The club shattered its membership goal, netting 11 new members while losing only two, and this president awarded her team with increased leadership development and fellowship opportunities—she even led a "going green" effort in the club! Fund-raising did double duty in this club, which found a way to honor outstanding local women while raising more than \$13,000. The numerous awards for outstanding service this club garnered throughout the year should come as no surprise for this club, whose

president was the head coach her theme: The Altrusa Team—Together in Service and Friendship.

### **First Place: Michelle Parker, Altrusa International Inc. of Greenville.**

The winner of the Edith DeBusk President's Award for 2008-2009 had three broad goals for her term as president. She wanted to expand her club's reach in the community, to involve every club

member so she has a sense of belonging and accomplishment, and to tighten the bonds of sisterhood among members.

The Service Committee was 100 percent on board and stoked the locomotive's engine with one major service project each month, each targeting an underserved area of their community and serving more than 1,400 people across the community. The committee also revived the club's oldest service project, providing elderly shut-ins with a night out every month. That project was down to just a handful of participants, and now is up to 25 or more folks every month! The Finances Committee bought a ticket on the success train as well, successfully orchestrating three fund-raisers throughout the year, one of which netted more than \$5,000 to this year's recipient, the local early childhood intervention program. Membership and Communications were all

aboard the Altrusa train as well, with more than 20 major media hits and 10 new *quality* members added to their ranks. And throughout it all, this club president conducted the year with humility and modesty. In her president's report, she continually stressed that while this year was a landmark year of service, there was "still much work to be done." In her year-end president's report, this outstanding presi-

dent reminded her members of all their successes as she reminded her members, "remember, no matter how small your role, you are making a difference."



### **Mamie L. Bass Service Awards**

#### **Third Place: Altrusa International Inc. of Temple.**

This club sought to build the spirit of their community by touching several different needy areas. Members helped provide health care for low-paid workers, assisted homeless students, sent children with cancer to camp, provided hygiene kits to disadvantaged students, purchased uniforms for at-risk students, and provided continued support for victims of domestic violence. The projects were staggered throughout the year, with the club's annual Caring Ball fundraiser anchoring it all.

#### **Second Place: Altrusa International Inc. of**

**Denton.** This club filled a need when no other organization would. It answered the question "Could Altrusa help?" with a resounding "YES!" The club collected crayons, drawing paper, and stickers, and then packaged them—with love—with a special coloring book designed to help young patients understand their visit to the doctor or hospital. Designed by two club members, this special coloring book also served to help reinforce reading skills for 1,125 students in the community.

#### **First Place: Altrusa International Inc. of Lubbock**

**Dawners.** This club's members provided a true example of servanthood and love. They understood that almost everyone has been touched by the ravages of cancer, and they wanted to help women who are undergoing the terror of chemotherapy to feel and look as normal as possible. Members picked up wigs from a local cancer center; lovingly and carefully washed, dried, and repackaged them; and returned them to the cancer center, where they were distributed free of charge to patients. For less than \$100, these club members helped 434 women feel happier and less burdened by this disease that knows no discrimination—and in turn helped set these women down the road to recovery without worrying about seeing pity on people's faces when they meet a woman who has lost her hair to chemotherapy. The first-place recipient of the 2008-2009 Mamie L. Bass Service Award receives a \$50 check from District Nine and a \$100 check from International.

## 2008-2009 Perfect Attendance

by Beth McPherson Blair

First Vice Governor and Program Coordinator

### ABILENE

Christie Beermann  
Happy Collins  
Gloria Lantzy  
Barbara Pollack  
Teresa Price

### COPPERAS COVE

Angea Carroll  
Bobby Clayton  
Donna Herring  
Roxie Vincent

### DALLAS

Louise Boucher  
Guadalupe Carvajal  
Valeta Gentzler  
Betty Lawson  
Sue Powell  
Carolyn Rash  
Dee Parmer  
Jackie Robertson

### DENTON

Belva Gibson  
Lisa Kennon  
Nancy Kniatt  
Martha Tarlton

### DOWNTOWN DALLAS

Holly Roundtree  
Dorothy Nowlin  
Beverly Miles  
Martha Hardwick  
Hofmeister  
Kathleen Bauer  
Kim Epps  
Carol Kilman  
Debby Weber

### FORT WORTH

Wanda Blake  
Gerry Eidson  
Nada Harris  
Doris Henderson  
Carole Heihn  
Carolyn Henry  
Margie Houlihan  
Joanne McClendon  
Mary Ann Melton  
Pat Roland  
Katherine Speairs  
Daine Turner  
Carolyn Zeller

### GARLAND

Janet Black  
Barbara Boyden  
Judy Gentzler  
Patty Lucas  
Shirley Raymer  
Laura Trainor

### GREENVILLE

Frances Dalbey  
Luanne Dickens  
Melva Hill  
Jan Kimberlin  
Cheryl Mays  
Michelle Parker  
Mary Standfield

### NACOGDOCHES

LaQuita Allen  
Bobbie Fry  
Bernice Grimes  
Tommie Jo Hasley  
Shellene Kestner  
Hennrianna Pearce  
Lynnae Perdue  
Patti Rogers  
Cheryl Russell

Earline Shipley  
Brenda White

### PAMPA

Terry Gamblin  
Barb Hahn  
Kerrick Horton  
Pat Johnson  
Rochelle Lacy  
Mary McDaniel  
Myrna Orr  
Brenda Tucker  
Judy Warner  
Leona Willis

### RICHARDSON

Brenda Boston  
Sue Gray  
Kimberly Kierce  
Bobbi Klein  
Linda Olivera  
Nancy Rohm  
Jan Skinner  
Jane Tucker

### SAN ANTONIO

Rita Corey  
Debbie Davenport  
Jackie Fremming  
Linda Gomez-Whitener  
Betty Pilgrim  
Gerleine Schoonover  
Maxine Severson  
Rose Strawn  
Sharon Tremonte  
Sofia Villarreal  
Pam Walton  
Rita Wilkinson  
Sylvia Zamora

### SOUTHEAST TARRANT COUNTY EARLY RISERS

Argenia Cooper  
Joyce Zollicoffer

### TEMPLE

Donna Childress  
Tamara Clothier  
Linda Moore  
Mary Pearson  
Robbie Richey  
Ginger Tolbert

### TEXARKANA

Frances Holcombe  
Jan Lavender  
Sharon Felps  
Janelle Williamson

### THE BIG COUNTRY

Peggy Sturrock  
Jane Reed

### WACO

Bobbie Bills  
Dorothy Chubb  
Vicky Cohen  
Kathleen Dow  
Joan Gilmore  
Carole Golden  
Vira Hopkins  
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# Conference Resolutions

by Debbie Mabry and Sharon Tramonte  
Committee on Resolutions, District Nine, Altrusa International, Inc.

## RESOLUTIONS OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, DISTRICT NINE, ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC., APRIL 11, 2010.

WHEREAS, the Fifty-fourth Annual Conference of District Nine, Altrusa International, Inc., is now in session in Lubbock, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Conference has been to transact business, receive reports and awards, attend workshops, and enjoy fellowship; and

WHEREAS, the First timers were led in a fun and informative conference orientation; and WHEREAS, business was conducted by Governor Kathy Folley in an efficient and effective way; and

WHEREAS, the flags of our country and state were presented by Girl Scout Troop 6424 from Lubbock, Texas, and

WHEREAS, Lubbock Dawners Club President Jean Mallory, and Linda Gaither, Chair of the Lubbock Centennial Celebration extended a warm welcome to all Altrusans and guests; and WHEREAS, Altrusa International, Inc. President Donna Johnson extended special greetings, gave a report from Altrusa International, Inc., and addressed the District Nine Conference Governor's Banquet; and

WHEREAS, Altrusa International Foundation Trustee Melva Hill also extended special greetings from Altrusa International Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the members of Altrusa International, Inc. of Lubbock Dawners and Altrusa International, Inc. of Lubbock, Texas have most graciously and efficiently coordinated food, facilities, and delightful decorations, and have extended their warm Texas welcome to members and guests of District Nine; and the Overton Hotel and Convention Center extended memorable hospitality; and WHEREAS, District Nine Altrusans "Rocked Around the Clock" and were grandly entertained by the Hub City Performers and the duo of Tom and Kimberly Wagner on Friday evening and by Jerry Brownlow on Saturday evening; and,



WHEREAS, Marsha Sharp, Head Coach Emeritus at Texas Tech University and Executive Director of Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund gave a wonderful presentation on team building that was enjoyed by all conference attendees, and WHEREAS, District Nine Altrusans were recognized for excellence in service, literacy, leadership, membership growth and international focus at the Awards Luncheon, and WHEREAS, the District Nine Board of Directors, Governor Kathy Folley, Committee mem-

bers and other District Nine Altrusans presented informative reports and workshops that expanded awareness of the role of Altrusa International, Inc., as a worldwide service organization, and that inspired all of us to become better Altrusans; and WHEREAS, clubs and individuals of District Nine have, through their generosity, supported Hodges Elementary School and the South Plains Food Bank, and WHEREAS donations, the Silent Auction and raffle benefiting the Altrusa International Foundation was a great success; and, WHEREAS, Melva Hill and Frances Dalbey from Altrusa International Inc., of Greenville inspired attendees Sunday morning with a moving Devotional and Remembrance; NOW THEREFORE, let it be resolved that District Nine Altrusa International, Inc., extends appreciation to the aforementioned individuals and organizations for their many contributions to the success of this Conference. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these Resolutions, along with our sincere thanks, be sent to those herein named.

Submitted by:  
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### DISTRICT NINE BOARD ACTION – APRIL 2010

By Donna Childress  
*Secretary*

At the 2010 Pre-Conference board meeting, the District Nine Board of Directors voted:

- To ratify e-mail votes to approve revisions to Club Communication Award criteria, the Yearbook Award criteria, and the Club Display Award criteria.
- To ratify e-mail votes to approve January 2 as the date for establishing the paid membership of each club in regard to determining delegates and alternates to District Conference.
- To ratify e-mail vote approving the use of the IRS website to determine mileage rate.
- To appoint Martha Hardwick Hofmeister as chair of the Ad Hoc committee for ASTRA Conference activities.
- To approve revisions to the Under Charter Strength Club Grant Proposal.
- To approve the 2010 Conference Program.
- To approve the proposed 2010-2011 budget.
- To approve a memorial to the International Foundation in honor of Past Governor Virginia Morriss.
- To ratify the e-mail vote of Laura Trainor-Collins as the Board's nomination for the International LRSP Committee.

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# Conference Evaluation

by Beth McPherson Blair  
First Vice Governor and Program Coordinator

## DISTRICT NINE BOARD ACTION – APRIL 2010

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At the 2010 Post-Conference board meeting, the District Nine Board of Directors voted:

- To change the issue dates of the News of Mighty Ninth to July, October, January and April beginning with the 2010-2011 club year.
- To set the 2010 Fall Event for November 6, 2010 in San Antonio.
- To approve Carolyn Chambers and Nina Cox as co-chairs for the 2011 Downtown Dallas Conference.
- To approve the Dallas club's bid to host the 2013 Conference in Frisco, TX.

## MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT

Military family and support personnel have a vast array of websites that offer volunteer opportunities.

Army... Navy... Air Force... Marines... They all have their support websites from

- [www.ArmyWives.com](http://www.ArmyWives.com),
- [www.NavyWives.com](http://www.NavyWives.com),
- [www.AirforceWives.com](http://www.AirforceWives.com),
- and [www.MarineWives.com](http://www.MarineWives.com) to sister sites like [www.CoastguardWives.com](http://www.CoastguardWives.com), [www.MilitaryWives.com](http://www.MilitaryWives.com), and [www.MilitaryHusbands.com](http://www.MilitaryHusbands.com) just to name a few...

Check them out for a world of possibilities to share your patriotism.

You spoke up, and we listened! Every year, the conference program coordinator compiles a report based on the conference evaluation forms, and this year was no exception. Conference belongs to you—our members—and fittingly, we try to give you the best experience possible. Of 263 registrations, we received 114 evaluations, and we thought you'd like to see the results.

### What made Conference good?

Lots of you said we did a good job of sticking to the schedule, which is, of course, our aim. Sometimes we can't help the amount of business we need to take care of, but we're constantly looking for ways to be more efficient.

### What made Conference bad?

The food. OK, the food... More about that later. What else? The crowded rooms Friday night and Saturday at lunch. The reason for that is simple: We'd signed a contract with the hotel to guarantee 200 people, and that number was used for planning. A good number of registrations came in at the last minute and even at the door. We think you agree that it's a good problem to have, but we also know to plan on 250 or more Altrusans—District Nine Conference is the event of the season!

### How'd you like the workshops?

You liked the ones you attended, but you're clamoring for more leadership development and topics for Altrusans who've "been there, done that." Point taken, and ideas welcome. Send them to Beth Blair ([bethelene@tx.rr.com](mailto:bethelene@tx.rr.com)). You like the exchange of ideas and this year's new addition—the Conference CD with everyone's workshop materials included. Some of you thought 45 minutes wasn't long enough to cover your topics, and we're looking into that. And one more note to those of you who wanted more polished presenters—remember that we're all volunteers, and Altrusa is a builder of women.

### How was the hotel?

It got mixed reviews. Lubbock's newest hotel and conference center has been open less than a year, so while it was shiny and new, the kinks might not have been all worked out. Many of you said the staff was

friendly and very accommodating, while some of you said the exact opposite. And then there was the food. Chicken at every meal and no dessert? It was a calculated decision based on the need to accommodate Altrusans with special dietary needs AND the need to keep your registration

costs down. The sliding economy has affected the hospitality industry, too; adding more expensive meals wasn't a viable option for everyone, so we opted to keep costs in check.

### Were you entertained?

Many of you didn't like the Friday Fun Night experiment, and the reviews were mixed on the Governor's Banquet entertainment as well, but you all seemed to compensate on your own by

catching up with old friends and enjoying fellowship with your sister Altrusans. And everyone loved out keynote speaker, Marsha Sharp. You should know that Coach Sharp donated both her time and the 250 copies of her book—neither the cost of the books or our donation to the Kay Yow/WBCA Cancer Fund in honor of Coach Sharp was added to your registration fee!

### What else?

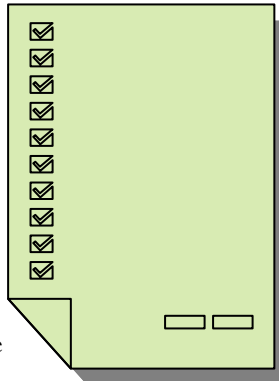
Rest assured, we'll be working on the best way to handle assigned seating. Not assigning seats at all creates a dangerous situation when overzealous Altrusans tilt the chairs to save seats. Assigned seating alleviates the risk of someone getting injured. We'll be incorporating a few more subtle details for future conferences, too, such as including some etiquette reminders in next year's program.

### One more thing.

Several of you mentioned that you missed the hospitality room. For the past few conferences, the hotel has restricted us bringing in our own food. Having their catering services provide snacks was cost-prohibitive. We tried to tailor the Exhibit Room as a gathering place for in-between times.

### Are you coming back?

Every evaluation save one said "yes." The one was left blank. We'll do what we can to get you back!



# ASTRA

by Kadda Schale  
Chair, ASTRA Committee

The ASTRA Workshop presented at the Fifty-Fourth Annual District Conference was titled "Forming an ASTRA Club: A Case Study, ASTRA Eagles of Wallace B. Jefferson Middle School, San Antonio, Texas. Presented by Rose Strawn, District Nine ASTRA Co-chair and Kadda Schale, ASTRA Chair, the workshop followed the ASTRA Eagles Club step-by-step, as it was formed and through their first year as a club.

Several Altrusa Clubs have expressed interest in sponsoring

an ASTRA Club. I can assure you, it is a very rewarding experience and is a wonderful service project for your club. Governor Kathy's goal of 14 ASTRA Clubs by 2011 is still possible. Please contact me, Kadda Schale at [kschale@cablone.net](mailto:kschale@cablone.net) or Rose Strawn at [rosestrawn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rosestrawn@sbcglobal.net). We would be happy to assist you in any way.

It is time for all ASTRA Club sponsors/advisors/liaisons to submit required ASTRA Club membership forms/

photo releases for 2010-2011 members to International. International needs this information as soon as possible for their database. The forms can be found under the ASTRA link on the International website.

Please share your ASTRA Club activities and projects. Articles and pictures should be submitted to Susie Stephenson at [Susie.stephenson@verizon.net](mailto:Susie.stephenson@verizon.net) for publication in *News of Mighty Ninth*, the District Nine newsletter.



## ASTRA in Action

San Antonio  
ASTRA Bingo

By Rose Strawn  
Co-Chair, ASTRA Committee

At the end of the year ASTRA Awards Celebration Lauren Zamora, ASTRA/Altrusa Liaison and ASTRA Chair, plays ASTRA bingo with ASTRANS from the San Antonio ASTRA Club. The members learned about ASTRA and Altrusa in a fun way through ASTRA Bingo.

The ASTRA Bingo Game

was developed by Rose Strawn, District Nine ASTRA Co-Chair in an effort to teach ASTRA members the history of ASTRA.

For information on how to purchase an ASTRA Bingo Game contact Rose Strawn at [rosestrawn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rosestrawn@sbcglobal.net). Proceeds will be donated to the ASTRA Eagles community service projects.



Lauren Zamora with ASTRA Eagles

## Go International - No Passport Required

by Kimberly D. Kierce  
Chair, 2009-2011 District Nine Service Committee

The Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award was adopted in 2002 as a memorial to the only International President who served two terms and who focused on the International aspect of our organization. The objectives of this International Relations Award are:

- To encourage and to stimulate international relations
- To create an awareness of other cultures and people of the world
- To recognize outstanding Club

achievement in international relations

Every Altrusa Club is eligible to enter their International activities each year of the biennium. This award is based on a year long focus on International Relations, not

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# Countdown to a Cocktail Supper Part I - Make Ahead Magic!

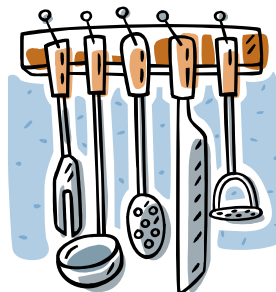
by Judie Ridley  
Chair, Leadership Development Committee

## 9 SIMPLE QUESTIONS

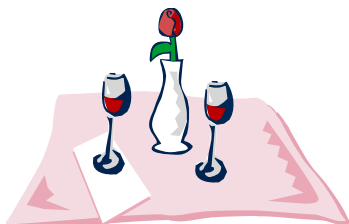
1. What area(s) of the club causes you concern? What suggestions do you have to make it better?
2. What is working well?
3. What is your opinion of service projects, in general? Do you want to do "hands on" work with a group of people? If so, what group? Do you prefer a less-involved method of providing community service, such as bringing items for a charity, providing money for a project? How do you personally want to be a "Leader in Service"? Would you prefer one or two service projects with regular participation by members? (at schools, nursing homes, veterans.)
4. What does your dream club look like? What does it do? How do members interact with each other and with our service project(s)? How can our club regain its "spark"?
5. What are some of your special memories of Altrusa that gave you a "spark"? What was special about it?
6. What are your personal barriers to participating in: Service Projects, Meetings, Social Activities. (family illnesses, driving at night, meeting location/time, anything else)
7. Regarding social activities, what kinds of socials do you prefer? Informal get-togethers at someone's house/ restaurant/park? Do you prefer activities that include our families?
8. Would you be willing to serve on a to-be-formed Social Committee?
9. What else do you want to comment on?

The phone rings and you see on caller ID that it is from a member of the nominating committee. Answer it? Ignore it? What to do? OK, answer it. At the end of the conversation, you say "yes" and now you are going to be the next President of your Altrusa Club. Yikes! What were you thinking? You know that you have a few months to prepare, but where do you start??

Maybe you should look at it like a gourmet cook would look at what it takes to pull off a FABULOUS cocktail supper. One type of cook would start gathering utensils. To an incoming Altrusa President, this would be the "tools of the trade"--books of inspiration, notes on agendas or meetings, and attending workshops at District Conference.



Another type of cook would start by planning placements or table linens. This would compare to an Altrusa thinking about committee chairs and other leaders he or she will need to assist in the workings of the club.



Then there is the cook who gets right to the grits and starts planning the menu or the Altrusa Annual Action Plan, such as the evaluation, the strategic plan and the goals for the year.

And of course there is always the drama queen, who starts deciding what she is going to wear to the cocktail supper or the Altrusa Installation of Officers.



Whatever type of cook/ President you are, you have to start with some kind of plan

before you take office. Just remember: The best laid plans for cooks and Altrusans often go awry!

### CASE STUDY: Altrusa Club of Chocolate Bayou

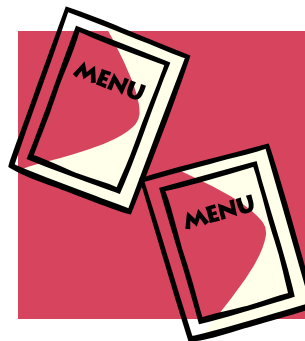
The new President has her recipe for success! She has all of the ingredients she needs to make a wonderful "Presidential Casserole." She has her goals and many ideas about new service projects, a membership campaign and doing what needs to be done to put the "US" back in Altrusa.

And then, she notices something is wrong. The consistency is not right. She wonders if she has left out an ingredient because the butter is not blending with the oil and the flour has caused huge lumps in the cream and the color and smell are all wrong. What does she do? Throw it out and start over with new ingredients? She does what any head chef would do.

She goes back to the basics--the recipe that has always worked in the past and she makes sure that she is using the right ingredients in the right amounts. She begins with a summary of the last evaluation and finds out that only EIGHT members of 23 completed it. She gives a summary of that evaluation, of the lack of participation, lack of involvement, lost of spark, lack of growth to club members. She tells the Altrusa Club of Chocolate Bayou: "We are broken". Ouch!

To start the process of "fixing" the club, she prepares a list of nine simple questions for club members to answer. (see sidebar)

What happens next to the broken Altrusa Club of Chocolate Bayou? Stay tuned for Part II in the next issue of *News of Mighty Ninth!*



# Communications - Altrusa Exploration

by Cheryl Russell  
Chair, Communications Committee

It was fantastic to see so many members attend Conference this year. What a turnout! For those of you that couldn't make it this year and especially those of you who have never been, please set your sights on next year. Conference is the single best thing you can do for yourself as a member. Participating in the business meetings and workshops, listening to the awe-inspiring keynote speakers, and fraternizing with other members builds confidence, character and camaraderie that directly contribute to the development of one's leadership skills.

Another way to grow in Altrusa is to spend some time exploring both the District Nine and Altrusa International Websites. There is a lot of information in these two sites and links to other sites where you can see what clubs in other Districts are doing.

For the District Nine website, go to [www.districtnine.org](http://www.districtnine.org). On the left hand side you'll see a column that has the following headers: "Home", "Board of Directors", "Member Resources", etc. the only one that requires a username and password is "Member Resources", but this area has the most information and is a good place to explore. If you don't have a username and password, that's easy to fix. Just click on "Register!" and follow the online instructions. If you have forgotten your username or password, there's help for that, too; just click on the line below that begins, "forgot your userid or password?..." The Webmaster will send you an email to reset it. Make sure to let the Webmaster know if your email address ever changes.



The International Website is [www.altrusa.com](http://www.altrusa.com) and is chock full of great information and resources. On the left hand side of the home page is a list of things you can access without a username and password including "News for Members", "Publications" and a "Site Search" to name a few. Up in the very top right area is a place to "login" to take you to information only available to members. Click on "login". If you have never registered or have forgotten your password, there is a place on the right side of the page to sign up. The only requirement is that your email address matches what Altrusa International has for you. So, if it is different, you'll need to get that straightened out.

While you are exploring the International site and after you login, check out the "Marketing Materials" located in the

"Membership" section. There is a ton of good stuff here including a brochure, rack card, business card template, and updated "Recommendation for Membership" and "New Membership Information" forms that can be printed out directly from the Website at no charge. There are also sample recruitment letters and public service announcements (PSAs) that can be used for membership drives and service or fundraising projects.

Whatever your position in Altrusa is, whether you are a newly initiated member or a well-seasoned International past-president, there is always something to learn in this dynamic organization. I encourage all members to explore every avenue available to reach your greatest potentials as Altrusans!

# How To Incorporate a Local Foundation

by Laura Trainor-Collins, Chair, District Fundraising Committee  
Martha Hardwick Hofmeister, Altrusa International Foundation Legal Advisor

**Membership Development Committee Tip**  
Take time EACH month to acquaint more people about Altrusa.  
Host a neighborhood "coffee or tea" and invite your neighbors.

- UNITED NATIONS DAYS OF OBSERVANCE**
- A. World Day of Social Justice – February 20th
  - B. International Woman’s Day – March 8th
  - C. World Health Day – April 7th
  - D. International Day of Families – May 15th
  - E. International Youth Day – August 12th
  - F. International Literacy Day – September 8th
  - G. International Day of Peace – September 21st
  - H. World Food Day – October 16th
  - I. United Nations Day – October 24th
  - J. International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – November 25th
  - K. Human Rights Day – December 10<sup>th</sup>

The District Fundraising Committee presented a workshop at the District Conference in Lubbock reviewing the benefits to a club of establishing an associated 501(c)3 club foundation and exploring the positive impact on corporate fundraising for projects such a club foundation can have. Several clubs expressed interest in establishing foundations and this article will clarify the instructions for establishing a local foundation “under the Altrusa International Foundation umbrella.”

The forms are available at the Altrusa International website. Scroll to Foundation, then to foundation forms/publications. Print out the 501 (c)3 information packet, which contains prototype articles of incorporation and prototype bylaws for a club foundation. Also print out the Incorporation of a Local Foundation Instructions.

Rent a post office box and designate this address for all club foundation business, particularly with the Federal Government and State of Texas agencies. Agencies will be contacting the club foundation for periodic updates and this will provide a consistent point of contact.

The membership of the club and the club’s board of directors must approve the formation of the associated club foundation and this should be clearly stated in the club minutes and the board of directors meeting minutes.

It is wise to have a local attorney prepare the club foun-

ation’s articles of incorporation and bylaws, using the prototypes, and to make any changes to conform to local/state laws. Luckily, in Texas, the only required change is to call articles of incorporation articles of formation.

Submit two copies of the following to the attention of the International Foundation administrator at the Altrusa International Office:

- Foundation articles of formation
- Foundation bylaws
- Club board of directors’ minutes clearly stating approval of formation of the foundation
- Club meeting minutes clearly stating approval of formation of the foundation
- Copy of completed IRS Form SS-4 (this is an application for a Federal Employer Identification Number, or FEIN)

The SS-4 form can be downloaded from [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and be filed online or mailed. If the form is mailed, it takes two to four weeks to receive the FEIN. When you receive the FEIN (either online or in the mail) keep copies of the letter assigning it in a permanent file. Notify the International Foundation of the FEIN when it is assigned.

Once all of the forms have been approved by the Legal Advisor (this happens after you send the documents listed above to the International Foundation), file a Certificate of

Formation for a Nonprofit Corporation (Form 202) along with the articles of formation for the foundation, with the Texas Secretary of State. There is a \$25 filing fee. It is important to note that the club’s foundation legally exists as of the date stamped on the Certificate of Formation. If you do not take this step, your club foundation, even if approved, will not exist! Keep this stamped document in a permanent file. Send a copy of the Certificate of Formation to the International Office and send one to the Altrusa International Foundation Chair, requesting that the local club foundation be included in the International Foundation’s “Listing of Local Foundations”.

You will automatically receive a letter from the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts stating that the club foundation is exempt from state franchise tax, limited sales, excise, and use tax as a 501(c)3 organization. Keep this document in a permanent file. You will be notified every four years to update your information. If you do not reply, the club’s foundation may be involuntarily dissolved.

Club foundations are required to file the 990N e-Postcard by October 15<sup>th</sup> every year. Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) and electronically file. Failure to annually file the Form 990N for three consecutive years can result in revocation of the club foundation’s tax-exempt status. Reinstatement after such revocation involves reapplying and paying the appropriate fees.

# ADD An Altrusan Day Events at a Glance

by Sylvia Zamora  
 Chair, District Nine Membership Development

Although **ADD AN ALTRUSAN DAY** has officially been moved from one day in January to a week in May - May 2-8, 2010, many of our District Nine Altrusa Clubs hosted events throughout the year. Our membership numbers are up due to the wonderful recruitment and retention efforts of our members. Remember: Each one of us is encouraged to bring in at least one new member. Every day we interact with someone who we run across that would make a good Altrusan, so, *let's get cookin'* and ask them to your next club meeting, service project or fundraiser.



**Garland Club** On May 6, 2010, Garland Altrusa observed Add-an-Altrusan Day with a social event at the lovely new home of Helen Partain. It was well-attended by members and a guest who hopefully will be joining soon. Lots of wonderful things to eat as well as margaritas, wine, and other liquid refreshments were served. It was also a time for Altrusans to visit with each other and to better get to know newer club members. According to Eleanor Morris, "A great time was had by all."

**DFW Club**-Participated in the Southlake Chamber of Commerce's monthly networking event, a happy hour hosted by a local bank. According to Laura Roach, six Altrusans armed with Altrusa business cards, FAQ sheets and membership applications visited with local women business owners and employees about the upcoming service projects. Altrusans had a great time collecting dozen of names of prospective guests who will be invited to their next club meeting. Neat recruitment idea!

**Southwest Dallas County Club**- According to Elnora Robbins, added one more new member and had another visitor who is interested in becoming an Altrusan as a result of their "Add an Altrusan Day" event. This club just keeps adding new members!

**Nacogdoches Club**-This club incorporated "Add an Altrusan Day" with their Installation of Officers. President's theme was "It's High Tea Time for Service." Beautiful invitations were sent to current members, six past members and two guests. Event held at a quaint Tea Room downtown. Guests were welcomed with a tea cup filled with lotions and tea bags. As dinner guests, these prospective members were able to learn about the responsibilities of the new club Board members and the President's goals for the new year. A follow up card was sent to the prospective new members. Great idea! Thanks for sharing, Lynnae Perdue.

**Downtown Dallas Club**-On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the club hosted a wine and snack party at the Times Ten Tasting Room. Sixteen Altrusans and two guests were in attendance according to Dorothy Nowlin. One of the guests plans to attend the June Program meeting. Good luck with your prospective member!



**Temple Club**- ADD an Altrusan Day and Workshop Event Temple Altrusans discuss possible service projects for the upcoming year at their combined planning workshop and ADD an Altrusan Day Brunch. Good work! Thanks for sharing Mary Black Pearson and Judy Duer.



**San Antonio Club's** Annual New Members' Tea Party. Pictured are Barbara Newcomb, New Member; Sylvia Chessman, Director; Rosie Farias, Prospective Member.



**San Antonio Club's** Wine and Cheese Members' Mixer held in May. Two "Add an Altrusan Day" events were hosted this year. Lauren Zamora and Amanda Albright (both in Black) recruiting new members at the mixer. 10 new members were recruited as a result of both these events.

**North Dallas Club**-This club's "Add an Altrusan Day" event was held during their Chinese New Year event which has been successful in the past for reaching out to new members. Altrusans invite guests to enjoy delicious Chinese food catered by Rachel LI, this year's club president, and to participate in the Chinese Gift Exchange. This event allows for guests to meet club members, learn about Altrusa and the club's service projects plus enjoy the fellowship of the group. Chinese red envelopes filled with lottery scratch off cards, Chinese temporary tattoos, Chinese rubber ducks and red band bracelets with Chinese symbols were pasted out. Everyone had a wonderful time according to Gail Cope. Creative idea!

# Blueprints and Tools

by Mary Standfield  
Chair, New Club Building

## OPERATION GIVE

An organization bringing hope to deprived people of the world by providing assistance to US Military men and women working in regions where the military serves. Their website lists a variety of projects your club can get involved and get connected. Check out [www.operationgive.org](http://www.operationgive.org) to find out more about their many operations. Find the project that is best suited for your club. In 2009, the Richardson Club participated in Operation Back to School in Camp Taji, Iraq. They collected school supplies and shipped school kits to military personnel in Iraq. By the end of the campaign, the Operation reportedly collected over 6,000 school kits and over 700 soccer balls valued at around \$84,000 and benefitted over 300 at-risk children, of which, Altrusa Richardson contributed to the overall success of this operation - millions of miles away from home.

Any building project needs several things to be successful, including

- A contractor or head person to lead others through the process
- A blueprint or plan
- The correct tools

Building a new Altrusa club follows the same principles. First it takes an Altrusan, or a committee of Altrusans to lead others in the new community through the club building process.

A blueprint or plan is essential to have. But, don't try to figure it out for yourself when others with club building experience have written a step-by-step manual full of their wisdom and knowledge. That blueprint is the newly revised and updated "New Club Building 2009" and it is available on-line for FREE! Just go to [altrusa.com](http://altrusa.com), click on 'Publications' and look for "New Club Building 2009" then download the pdf file. It's a 41-page 'blueprint' that starts with the reasons to build a club, then covers community analysis, recruitment, organization and finally chartering the new club. You'll find a time line and lots of samples for press releases, letters, forms and invitations.

The third item needed for a good construction project is the correct tools. Our interna-

tional office has a toolbox, and they will gladly send to help any legitimate building effort. The "New Club Building Kit" is packed full of helpful tools to spread the Altrusa love into the new community, things like: the Altrusa Encyclopedia, brochures, applications for membership in the new club, copies of the *International Altrusan*, new member kit, Doc Morgan catalog, and a ton of necessary forms.

If you or your club has ever had thoughts of starting a new Altrusa club now is the time to seriously explore the possibility. Governor Kathy's goal is to charter two new clubs this biennium. There is a viable effort in the Rio Grande Valley, which we hope will charter soon, but we will need another successful effort to meet the district's goal.

Remember, there are monetary rewards for a club or an individual who successfully charters a new club! If you've missed out on the details, they too, are available on-line. Go to [altrusa.com](http://altrusa.com), click on "Committees" then "Membership Development" and look for the 2009 New Club Incentive file to download.

Finally, your New Club Building committees at the district and international levels are your best cheerleaders and would love to help your succeed. We're here; let us know how we can serve your building effort.



## Recipe for Success

San Antonio

Angela Keresztury gets a hug from her son Jimmy, 21, in their kitchen. Jimmy remembers dancing in the kitchen with his mom the same way Angela danced in the kitchen with her



mother when she was a child. Bob Owen/Express-News

By Deborah Martin - Express-News

Angela Keresztury, who became an Altrusan in May as a result of one of our Add An Altrusan Day events, was featured on the front page of SA Life of the *San Antonio Express News* newspaper on Mother's Day. The newspaper asked its readers to write in and tell them how they saw their mother's work and deeds reflected in their own lives. She was recog-

Children see themselves in Mom's footsteps

nized as an excellent role model for her three sons who are all grown up now and on their own. Angela is a Social Worker for the University Health Care System in San Antonio.

Angela Keresztury is an inspiration to us all. She exemplifies all the wonderful attributes of a true Altrusan. We are honored and thrilled Angela is a member of our San Antonio Altrusa club.

## Go International - No Passport Required (con't)

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just one specific project. The winner is judged on the overall emphasis for the entire program year.

For the Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award, Days of Observance will be those dates officially recognized by the United Nations as listed on page 14 of this issue.

Does your club have a year-long plan to focus on International Relations? Well, if you don't, getting started is easier than you think. No passport required. All you have to do is make a connection! With a little research, a little creativity, and a little effort, your club can succeed in developing and/or expanding your reach - internationally. The possibilities are endless. So, let's get started!

First, you have to know that our 2009-2011 Altrusa International UN Representative is Audrey Braver. She can be contacted at 21-55 34th Avenue, #6B, Long Island City, N. Y 11106 or via email at [AudieDaniels@aol.com](mailto:AudieDaniels@aol.com). She is a valuable resource for many UN sponsored programs. A few of her current project suggestions are:

Participate in the UN "Say No To Violence" petition by visiting [www.saynotoviolence.org](http://www.saynotoviolence.org). Distribute this website to your club members to recognize a UN Day.

Check out the November 2009 issue of the *International Altrusan* (page 3) for the article entitled "Altrusa at the United Nations", written by Audrey Braver. She describes the success of Phase I of the petition and the current efforts of Phase

II. Join the movement by circulating the petition in your club and community. Together we can "UNITE to End Violence Against Women".

In affiliation with UNIFEM (United Nations Trust Fund for Women), [www.nothingbutnets.org](http://www.nothingbutnets.org) and [www.theglobalfund.org](http://www.theglobalfund.org) are organizations that donate bed nets to prevent malaria transmission by mosquitoes in Africa. A mere \$10 donation can save a life.

**World Food Programme** is the world's largest humanitarian agency and focused on delivering food wherever and whenever it is needed most. Learn how you can help the fight against hunger by visiting [www.wfp.org](http://www.wfp.org)

**Universal Peace Federation** is a United Nations supported organization dedicated to building a world of peace. These "Ambassadors of Peace" have developed a helpful website ([www.upf.org](http://www.upf.org)) containing information about world food programs your club may find of interest. They have initiatives all over the world as well as programs entitled Women for Peace, Youth Federation, Sports, Art and Culture – your special interest can help someone a world away.

Another organization to consider is **Bead For Life**. This nonprofit organization is working to eradicate poverty among women in Uganda by making beaded jewelry out of recycled paper. Their website [www.beadforlife.org](http://www.beadforlife.org) gives helpful instructions for supporting their cause and even gives step by step instruction about how to host your own bead party - at no cost. Get your friends and co-workers and community sup-

porters together for a fun event while helping women in Uganda.

There are several international organizations that can also use your support:

**Heifer International** is located at 1 World Ave., Little Rock, Ar. 72202 or connect with them at 1-800-422-0474 or [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org). Visit their website and pick a project from any part of the world your club would like to support.

**HELPS International, Inc.** is located at 15301 Dallas Parkway, Suite 200 Addison, Tx 75001 or visit [www.helpsintl.org](http://www.helpsintl.org). Check out their website for a variety of projects you can support. For example, Sponsor a child to attend school, Corn Project, Water Filter Project, ONIL Stove Project, etc.

**Humanity United in Giving Internationally, Inc. (HUG)** is a non-profit agency dedicated to bringing dignity to the lives of children. Visit [www.huginternationally.org](http://www.huginternationally.org) for a variety of ways you can help HUG achieve its mission. Sponsor a child for just pennies a day or collect items for "HUG Boxes", which contain women's toiletry items or a child's toy or stuffed animal. A few comfort items can make a big difference to someone in need.

**Pennies for Peace** is a non-profit international service-learning program focused on education in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Obtain your Pennies for Peace toolkit by visiting [www.penniesforpeace.org](http://www.penniesforpeace.org). This project was started by the Central Asia Institute whose mission is to promote and support

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### "GROCERY LIST" OF BRAINSTORMED IDEAS

- Support Red Cross Volunteers
- Support Peace Corps Volunteers
- Start a pen pal program with military personnel
- Mail care packages and/or holiday mail to military personnel
- Sending blank holiday or special occasion cards to military personnel to send back home
- Support women and children by conducting a school supply collection or clothing drive
- Support a mission trip - provide a monetary or supply donation
- Collect foreign language books
- Support refugees, immigrants, or homeless in your community
- Support an orphanage or home for disabled children
- Tutor international students
- Volunteer for an ESL program in your area
- Support health and hygiene programs
- Give to international disaster relief, reconstruction or rehabilitation projects
- Support healthcare personnel traveling outside the US to provide medical or dental services to those in need
- Start or support a LIFE (Literacy Is For Everyone) Program in your community or another country
- Provide pillows/blankets or caps for soldiers - visit [www.pillowforsoldiers.com](http://www.pillowforsoldiers.com) or [www.pillowsfortroops.com](http://www.pillowsfortroops.com) or [www.patrioticpillowproject.org](http://www.patrioticpillowproject.org)

## Next Up: Fall Leadership Event!

# Come Soak Up Some Culture in Beautiful San Antonio

by Beth Blair  
Program Coordinator

### A Great Tool to Cook Up Interest in Altrusa!

Fall Leadership Event could be a great recruiting tool. Registration cost is low enough to treat that special lady who would make a great Altrusan. Bring her along to meet new people and enjoy the fun.

Our Lubbock Conference was such a big success, we just couldn't wait to gear it up again! Start planning to be in San Antonio on November 6 for the District's biennial Fall Leadership Event. Held in even-numbered years in conjunction with the District Nine Board's Midyear Board Meeting, the Fall Leadership Event has risen in popularity and reputation as a mini-Conference just bursting with fellowship and quick tips to boost your club leadership.

### A Cookin' Program!

This year's program will be short in time but fast-paced and packed with useful information for your club. Your service-loving side will enjoy our hands-

on program that will leave you with samples and recipe cards for some of District Nine's best "culinary" (food-related!) service projects. We'll also build our leadership repertoires with an interactive team-building session. And expect some surprises all morning as we kick back and enjoy each other's company.

When our morning program ends, you're welcome to hang around for some optional activities. We're working to arrange a festive and fun lunch for all who would like to join in (Dutch treat), then everyone can follow that with strolls along the Riverwalk—just in time for holiday shopping!

### A Scrumptious Hotel

We're staying steps from the famous San Antonio Riverwalk at the Drury Plaza Hotel Riverwalk (105 S. St. Mary's St.; 210-270-7799). The Altrusa room rate is \$110 plus tax per night for one or two people. The hotel offers a FREE HOT breakfast and a nightly happy hour with FREE drinks and hot food. Every room has a refrigerator and a microwave. You can get more information about the hotel from the company's Web site, [www.drury-hotels.com](http://www.drury-hotels.com).

### Registration

Registration is only \$20! Form is available on the next page.

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community-based education, especially for girls, in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan. For more information see [www.ikat.org](http://www.ikat.org)

**International Student Exchange** is a non-profit organization for tomorrow's leaders. Is a member of your club a host family for an international student or know someone who is? Visit [www.iseusa.com](http://www.iseusa.com) for more information.

If you prefer to focus on the patriotic aspect of our Altrusa motto, support a military organization. The USO has a wealth of programs available to support military personnel in a variety of ways.

**United Through Reading** is a non-profit organization whose mission is to

helps connect families through reading. Visit [www.unitedthroughreading.org](http://www.unitedthroughreading.org) for more information about their Military, Grandparent and Transitions programs. The Richardson Club participated in this program by working with the USO in Grafenwoehr, Germany. The manager there can be contacted at [hwilson@uso.org](mailto:hwilson@uso.org). Through his work with the Richardson Club he is familiar with Altrusa. Send him an email – make a connection.

See the sidebar on page 17 for a "grocery list" of brainstormed ideas about international programs to explore. Be sure the organization that your club supports is a non-profit agency and do a little research to ensure that contributions are going to their intended destination and/or target population. Also research the customs requirements specific to the country you are con-

sidering supporting. Some country's requirements are too restrictive, so monetary donations can always be helpful to volunteers in the area who are already familiar with the customs.

Keep in mind that when determining the winner of a Dr Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations award, judges consider how comprehensive the international focus was during the entire club year and how it was incorporated into other aspects of the Club. With a little creativity, a little research, and a little effort, the wide variety of organizations listed in this article will become the start of a great project for your club. A world of opportunities is just a click away. Get Connected. Go International. No Passport Required.



**Altrusa International Inc. District Nine  
2010 Fall Leadership Event**

**9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ■ November 6, 2010 ■ Drury Plaza Hotel Riverwalk**

**Registration Form**

Please print legibly. You will receive e-mail confirmation of your registration.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Altrusa International Inc. of \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ or Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ADD ME TO THE RESERVATION LIST FOR A LATE LUNCH ON SATURDAY (DUTCH TREAT;  
RESTAURANT TBD).                     Yes     No

Registration fee is \$20. Send your registration form and a check (payable to Altrusa District  
Nine) to:    Gerleine Schoonover  
                 P.O. Box 100961  
                 San Antonio, TX 78201-8961  
                 GAS323@aol.com



**OUR HOTEL**

Drury Plaza Hotel Riverwalk  
105 S. St. Mary's St.  
San Antonio, Texas 78205  
210-270-7799  
Altrusa room rate: \$110/night, plus tax (1-2 people)

HUGE amenities include free HOT breakfast and a fantastic nightly (5:30 to 7 p.m.) "kick-back" with FREE drinks and hot food. Every room has a microwave and refrigerator.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS, call 1-800-DRURYINN, or visit  
<http://www.druryhotels.com/Reservations.aspx?groupno=2094112>.

Make your reservations by Wednesday, October 13, 2010 to ensure the group rate. Reservations made after this date will be subject to prevailing rate and availability.

Driving directions at <https://www.druryhotels.com/PropertyMapsAndDirections.aspx?Property=0130>.

# Join the Sister Club Program in 3 Easy Steps!

by Sylvia Zamora  
Chair, Membership Committee

## SISTER CLUB INTEREST

Dear Sylvia,

My club, Champaign-Urbana, IL, voted unanimously this week to have a sister club in Texas. Susan Farris is the current president and Donna Chapel is the incoming president. They are cc'd on this e-mail. We're not sure what this all entails, but think it could be fun. We're especially looking forward to having new friends to meet in person at the convention in Rapid City, SD.

Bev

Bev Herzog  
Governor, District Six  
Altrusa International, Inc.

Does your club participate in the Sister Club Program? If not, do not miss out on this rewarding opportunity. Share information regarding new member recruitment and retention strategies, community service projects, fundraisers, club socials, and much, much more with your sister club via facebook, club website, e-mail, snail mail, or telephone. Meet with your sister club members at Convention, or attend one of their club meetings. Build long lasting friendships with Altrusans both in your district and on the other side of the globe. So easy to participate in this program. Just three easy steps!



Once your club has made the decision to participate, please contact Sylvia Zamora at [sylvia-zam2002@yahoo.com](mailto:sylvia-zam2002@yahoo.com) to help you "match" up with a sister club. Next step is to contact your prospective sister club. Last step is for one of the participating clubs to fill out ONE very sim-

ple Sister Club registration form which can be found on the International website.

Currently, we have five clubs looking to match up with a Sister Club. Contact information is available. We have one club in New Zealand looking for a Sister Club. We have one in New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts and Illinois. Please read the e-mail request to the left which was sent to me April 28, 2010.

Information on "Questions Frequently Asked About the Sister Club Program" will be emailed to each club president. I encourage all new incoming presidents to review this opportunity with club members at their June meeting. District goal is to have every club a participant in the International Sister Club Program by the end of this biennium. Good luck and **LET'S GET COOKIN'!**

## Recipe for Success

Central Texas

Grant from Altrusa International Foundation



Altrusa International Inc., of Central Texas received a \$1000 grant from the International Foundation to help set up and furnish the childrens' playroom in the new pediatric unit at Metroplex Hospital in Killeen. We presented the check last night (April 27).

In the photo (from left), Daphne Meade (Metroplex Foundation), Margot Cox (President, Central Texas), Carolyn Lockridge (Metroplex) and Susan Kolodziejczyk (Central Texas).



**C**ongratulations to the following District Nine Altrusans who received special recognition at the Fifty-Fourth Annual District Nine Conference in Lubbock this past April. Each member listed below received a special pin from Altrusa International for sponsoring two or more members during the June 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010 time frame.

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Barbara Pollack, Abilene        | Jan Kimberlin, Greenville       | Nancy Rohm, Richardson               |
| Diana Payne, Copperas Cove      | Michelle Parker, Greenville     | Jane Tucker, Richardson              |
| Belva Gibson, Denton            | Tracy Reed, Greenville          | Janet Vance, Richardson              |
| Lois Scott, Denton              | Mary Standfield, Greenville     | Marilyn Walsh, Richardson            |
| Antonia Buban, DFW              | Maria Herlinda Trevino, Houston | Sylvia Zamora, San Antonio           |
| Laura Roach, DFW                | Brenda Tucker, Pampa            | Laura Frias, Southwest Dallas County |
| Dorothy Nowlin, Downtown Dallas | Brenda Boston, Richardson       | Mary Black Pearson, Temple           |
| Judy Porter, Downtown Dallas    | Pam Kovacs, Richardson          | Pamela Williamson, Texarkana         |
| Shirley Raymer, Garland         | Barbara O'Dell, Richardson      |                                      |
| Luanne Dickens, Greenville      | Linda Olivera, Richardson       |                                      |

## District Nine Membership

*As of June 1, 2010*

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>EMERITUS</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>EMERITUS</u>
Abilene	16	3	Orange	10	0
Anderson County	19	3	Pampa	47	0
Arlington	32	0	Richardson	85	3
Austin	4	0	San Antonio	27	7
Borger	26	0	Sherman	29	0
Central Texas	19	0	Southeast Tarrant Co. ER	21	0
Collin County	13	0	Southwest Dallas County	17	0
Copperas Cove	24	0	Temple	63	1
Dallas	38	1	Texarkana	24	0
Denton	18	0	The Big Country	6	0
DFW	24	0	The Brazos	28	1
Downtown Dallas	65	1	Waco	35	0
Fort Worth	46	5	Wichita Falls	9	0
Garland	26	0			
Greenville	58	0	Active Total	930	
Houston	20	0	Emeritus Total	28	
Lubbock	24	3	Affiliate Total	7	
Lubbock Dawners	24	0	Life Member	1	
Nacogdoches	20	0	<b>Grand TOTAL</b>	<b>976</b>	
North Dallas	13	0			





# New Members

February 1, 2010 to June 1, 2010

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>NEW MEMBER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>NEW MEMBER</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Arlington	Vicki Hawxhurst	Anita Copeland	Pampa	Marsha Royse	Myrna Orr
Borger	Jennifer Hataway	Wanda Guinn		Karen Linder	Kadda Schale
Collin County	Marta Damaree	Anne Womack	Richardson	Norma Hamerlund	Nancy Rohm
		Sharon Day		Debbie Simms	Janet Vance
Copperas Cove	Edith Freyer	Barbara Schwab			Gloria Sandoval
	Liz Wessels	Alice Boggs		Jane Kovacs	Pet Hansen
Denton	Debbie David	Lois Scott		Liz Luthans	Pam Kovacs
		Nancy Kniatt			Nancy Rhom
	Carolyn Smith	Johnny Sue Reynolds		Ingrid Palet	Janet Vance
		Belva Gibson		Carole Lester	Nancy Rhom
	Marvel Maunder	Lea Dobson		Sandy Martin	Hazel Weathers
		Lisa Kennon			Mary Osentowski
Dallas	Lara Tompson	Frances Maloney		Sandi McCracken	Andrea Rutledge
Downtown Dallas	Janet Hohertz	Kathaleen Bauer		Suzanne Cotton	Kimberley Kierce
	Peggy Hoffman	Dorothy Nowlin			Barbara Rohm
Fort Worth	Delight Atkinson	Susan Bennett			Nancy Rohm
	Lezah Kratz	Claire Wallace			Kay George
	Ann Bracey	Carolyn Lombard	San Antonio	Barbara Newcomb	Linda Gomez-Whitener
Garland	Melissa Gonitzke	Shirley Raymer		Angela Keresztury	Linda Gomez-Whitener
	Barbara Powers	Shirley Raymer		Gail Yrigoyen	Linda Gomez-Whitener
	Martha Melaku	Shirley Raymer	Sherman	Stephanie Singleton	Bea Harmon
	Leah Raymer	Shirley Raymer			Rita Baker
Greenville	Kacy Flanagan	Michelle Parker		Dr. Kelly Reed	Sarah Hagberg
		Luanne Dickens			Helena Fair
	Felicia Heincy	Cheryl Mays	SE Tarrant Co ER	Carolyn Williamson	Olivia Boyers
		Renee Francey	Sherman	Dr. Susan Elaine Wills	Sarah Hagberg
	Tommie Kerr	Michelle Parker			Margaret Hill
		Luanne Dickens	Temple	Rosa Hernandez	Judy Duer
	Julia Wensel	Mary Standfield		Teri McCart	Mary Pearson
		Melva Hill		Susan Birchfield	Ilene Miller
Houston	Christina Trevino	Herlinda Trevino		Erin Spencer	Judy Duer
	Tewanado Hoyness	Herlinda Trevino		Beverly Luedke	Debbie Fendrick
	Beth Lee	Herlinda Trevino			Sylvia Winkler
	Dolly Spencer	Herlinda Trevino	Texarkana	Sondra McMellon-Maroun	Bennie Estelle
Lubbock	Kathy Volanty	Vera Tittle			Sue Foster
	Jessica Sharkey	Leslie Thompson	The Big Country	Elisabeth Land	Peggy Sturrock
	Glena Burns	Janice Sutton	The Brazos	Elizabeth Dietrich	Judie Ridley
	Shelley Sue Harp	Leslie Thompson		Rene Bush	Lori Southern
	Alice Temple	Claudia Thornton		Elizabeth Kelly	Susan Duecy
	Sandy Gelner	Leslie Thompson		Fay Gutierrez	Phyllis Blackwood
Pampa	Linda Weaver	Julia Sparkman			
	Breanne Schwiergarth	Alison Watson			
	Mary Potter	Mary McDaniel			
	Leslie Fisher	Myrna Orr			