

# ALTRUSA WAVES



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF GARLAND NEWSLETTER



Altrusa Garland welcomes new members #28 and #29 at our June meeting. Wendy Santiago (beside Betty) and Beth Hollis (beside Patty), we are glad you've chosen to join us as we have Fun Reaching Our Goals!

# Welcomes

## PRESIDENT'S

Stephanie Noland

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We are officially in the "dog days of summer" – which, according to the Farmer's Almanac, are the hottest and most humid days of the year! (I'm not telling you anything you don't already know or haven't already experienced.) This time of year is often associated with lower activity levels and a time when many prefer to stay in air-conditioned spaces OR cool off in bodies of water.

While some may be slowing down, that's not the case for Altrusa. We are programming and budgeting for the new year, welcoming new members, scheduling events (2 book fairs so far), and preparing books for our F.R.O.G. events. Thanks to everyone who worked both at our June meeting and continue to work in the comfort of their A/C so that our 2024-25 year can be our best one yet.

Both the proposed Operating Budget and Foundation (Community Service projects) Budget will be presented to the full club at the July meeting. Please make every effort to attend on July 11 at Strike & Reel and contribute to this important conversation for our club. Remember you'll receive copies of each prior to the meeting via email.

No doubt that all this planning and organizing will result in significant and enduring impact for our communities.

For that, I am glad to serve alongside you (even in the heat!)

*Stephanie*

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P.S. Here's a special plug for the Altrusa book club. The book we're reading for July (noted in the newsletter) is already getting rave reviews from readers. Bonus: the restaurant where we meet is AIR CONDITIONED! Join us!



## IMPORTANT DATES

- July 11 Business Meeting, 6 PM, Strike + Reel
- July 21 Book Club, 4 PM, Wildwood Firewheel
- July 25 Board Meeting, 6 PM, via Zoom
- Sept 19 North Texas Giving day
- Nov 2 District Nine Fall Leadership Conference

## JULY MEETING

### VENUE UPDATE

After receiving positive feedback from members in attendance at the June meeting, we will be returning to Strike & Reel for our meeting again this month. Our room is available to us a little before 6:00 with the dinner buffet service available beginning at 6:15.



## MEETING INFORMATION

### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the July 11, 2024 meeting.

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**CLUB NEWS**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

September 19, 2024 is North Texas Giving Day (and our ONLY fundraising project). Please begin to think of how you will participate to support our local community service projects - both personally and by reaching out to your network. More to come soon from the Fundraising committee.



**Where Giving Thrives.**



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We are pleased to have **Wendy Santiago** and **Beth Hollis** join Altrusa Garland at the June meeting. Wendy lives in Wylie and comes to Garland as a transferred member from the Lake Cities club. Betty Sainz is her sponsor. Beth lives in Sachse and comes to Garland from The Woodlands club. Mary Powlen is her sponsor. Welcome, we are so glad that you are now a part of us!

**SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION**

With the school year just around the corner, please plan to participate in our school supply collection. As we did last year, we bought when supplies were cheap and then donated to a grateful campus in January - when student supplies are often depleted. Community Service will provide us a curated list of what to look for - as soon as the sales hit the shelves!

**FALL BOOK FAIRS**

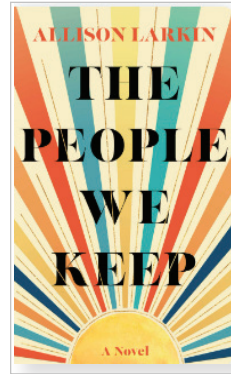
We will be giving away books at Daugherty Elementary on **September 10** and Shorehaven on **October 4**. Volunteer background checks for GISD must be completed each year, so we will be sending that opportunity out to the club soon.

*Thanks* to those who volunteered to help stamp books in the comfort of their homes this summer. Stephanie will reach out to you about a good time to connect to drop off/pick up books...don't worry if you have not had your chance yet. If you didn't get the chance to sign up to stamp books, but want to, let Stephanie know.

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**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

LEE SCRUGGS JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> BARBARA POWERS JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> SHIRLEY RAYMER JULY 22<sup>ND</sup> ELIZABETH FUENTES JULY 23<sup>RD</sup> KIMBERLY KIERCE AUG 1<sup>ST</sup> MARY POWLEN AUG 3<sup>RD</sup>



**Altrusa READS Book Club**

The book club choice for July  
**The People We Keep**  
by Allison Larkin

Set in the mid-90s, this tale follows the story of April Sawicki, a 16-year-old girl from a small town who has been dealt a raw deal when it comes to family. After a fight with her father, April steals a car and flees their motor-free motorhome to find somewhere she can fit in and call home.

See you at book club on **July 21 at 4:00**. We meet at Wildwood restaurant at Firewheel.



Check out our picks on GoodReads [2023 List Here](#)



**BIG NEWS FROM INTERNATIONAL**

Altrusa of Garland has been named a "Distinguished Club" for the 2023-24 club year. This is the 22nd year that Altrusa has earned this recognition. Woo-hoo!!

**2023-2024 DISTINGUISHED CLUBS**

Club	District	Club	District
Carroll County, NH	One	Anderson County, TX	Nine
Central Connecticut, CT	One	Austin, TX	Nine
Greater Biddeford Saco, ME	One	Copperas Cove, TX	Nine
Merrimack Valley, MA	One	Dallas, TX	Nine
Northeastern Connecticut, CT	One	DFW, TX	Nine
Portland, ME	One	Garland, TX	Nine
Seacoast, NH	One	Greenville, TX	Nine
Centre County, PA	Two	North San Antonio, TX	Nine
Martinsville/Henry County, VA	Two	Pampa, TX	Nine



**JUNE BUSINESS MEETING 2024**



**GOVERNOR'S HOME CLUB**