

ALTRUSA WAVES

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Words from our PRESIDENT

Tina Rhodes

Fall has officially arrived. I'm enjoying the cooler temps and glad the heat of summer is finally behind us, for the most part. Although it's been a little warmer the past few days, the cooler mornings have been glorious. Time to look forward to all things pumpkin spice! The holidays are right around the corner.

We've had two successful book fairs so far with a third one scheduled in November. These book fairs are a great way to promote literacy among our children, but also a great way to network with our school system and educators. If you haven't been able to work at a book fair yet, I encourage you to try to make at least one. It is very rewarding to see the faces on the students as they choose a book to take home. Their enthusiasm is contagious. The schools have helped us navigate recent legislative changes so that we can continue this project, so be sure to join in!

Unfortunately, our Make A Difference Day project was cancelled due to the rain, but we are still making a difference in our community! Our MADD funds were reallocated using all the goodies donated for the carnival, and were distributed by 5 Loaves to their family distribution on October 31st. So even though we weren't able to host the carnival, we were still able to share a little fun with the 5 Loaves families. And, if nothing else, we have a lot of great ideas for next year's carnival.

We have a new service opportunity coming up with Hope Clinic at Christmastime. Look for more details to come but it will be a lot of fun to help wrap gifts and put smiles on the faces of the children and families served by the clinic.

On a personal note, thank you to all who called, sent a text or email, or a sympathy card upon the passing of my mother. She was a remarkable woman and we will miss her terribly, but her legacy lives on in her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In Service, Tina

IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov 8 Daugherty Bookfair, 9 AM
- Nov 9 Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn
- Nov 26 Book Club, 4 PM, Wildwood Firewheel
- Nov 29 Board Meeting, 6 PM, via Zoom
- Nov 30 Social Event, 6 PM, Rosalyn Blackshear's House

Shorehaven BOOK FAIR!



November Meeting

Altrusa welcomes **Noel Ramirez**, Specialist, VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement from the **Garland Veterans Center**, VA North Texas

We will be preparing holiday cards for veterans who are in the local VA hospitals as our meeting service project.

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MEETING INFORMATION

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the November 9, 2023 meeting.

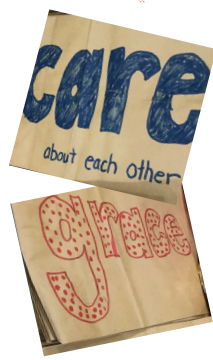
November

GIVE THANKS

COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Thanksgiving bags for Good Sam - We are decorating bags for Good Sam's Thanksgiving distribution again this year. We will be contacting members and dropping off bags to decorate and bring to the November meeting. More bags will be available at the meeting for members to take and decorate.



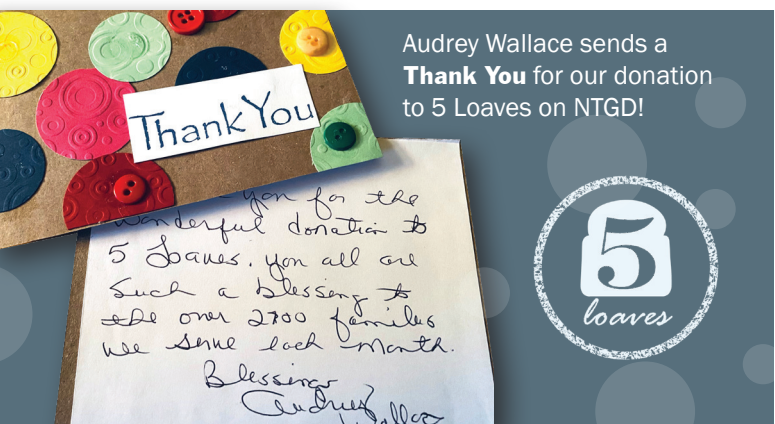
Save the date - Monday, December 18, 9:30 - 11am - Gift wrapping at Hope Clinic. More information next month.

Volunteer opportunity at Weaver Elementary for the "Winter Wonderland" event from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the school's gym on the last day of school before the winter break.

Chillville! We are confirming a painting date followed by a short work day to install furniture and decorate the last space. Hopefully we will have these nailed down by the first week of November.

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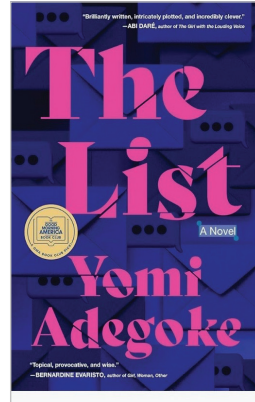
5th Thursday will be a "Getting to Know You" event at Rosalyn Blackshear's house (3313 S Country Club Road, Garland) at 6 PM on **November 30th**. We want to take this opportunity to get to know our new members and have some fun. Finger food would be greatly appreciated. The Stir Crazy event will be re-scheduled for the next 5th Thursday. We hope to see everyone on the 30th.



Audrey Wallace sends a **Thank You** for our donation to 5 Loaves on NTGD!



IN MEMORY
Glenna Feagins
Altrusa Garland Charter Member
September 13, 2023



Altrusa READS Book Club

The book club choice for October is **The List** by Yomi Adegoke

A Good Morning America Book Club Pick! In this sensational, page-turning debut novel, a high-profile female journalist's world is upended when her fiancé's name turns up in a viral social media post—a nuanced, daring, and timely exploration of the real-world impact of online life, from award-winning journalist and internationally bestselling author, Yomi Adegoke.

We will meet on **Sunday, Nov 26 at 4:00** at Wildwood at Firewood.

HUGE THANKS to Jody Stout (left) and Jordan Palefsky (right) at The Lamplighter School for their donation of 278 children's books to Altrusa's literacy projects.

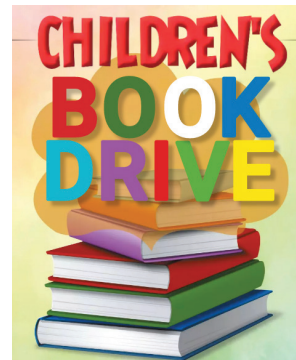


BOOK DONATIONS

And speaking of books...please do not bring any more adult books for donation at this time. We do not have room to store them and very few opportunities to distribute them. Please feel free to donate them to other organizations until we are able to accept them again.

Eagle Project Book Drive

Jaden Walker from BSA Troop 1989 is building and installing 5 Little Free Libraries sponsored by the Rust Powers Foundation.



Bring books to the November 9th & December 14th Altrusa Club of Garland Meetings

{ Please bring gently-used elementary age books to supply Little Free Libraries at local Garland elementary schools. }

ALL DONATIONS BENEFIT LOCAL SCHOOL STUDENTS

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