

ALTRUSA WAVES

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Words from our PRESIDENT

Tina Rhodes

Leaves are starting to change color and fall. Temps are finally cooling off. But you know what's NOT cooling off? Altrusa, that's what! Fall may be our busiest time of year with book fairs and our big event – Make A Difference Day. I hope you will be

able to participate in one of these great events.

Our fundraiser is over and although we did not hit our goal we did raise an amazing amount: \$9,079 total raised during NTGD. That's fantastic! Thanks to all who participated to make this event successful. We also raise smaller amounts during the club year from random donations and our community rewards programs through Kroger. I'm confident we will exceed our \$9,500 foundation budget before the club year ends. If you were not able to participate in NTGD, feel free to make a donation any time. We will still count it toward our total fundraising campaign for the club year.

This year, we're partnering with 5Loaves Food Pantry for Make a Difference Day. This annual event is our biggest activity and we're co-hosting a carnival at 5Loaves in Sachse. As this is our first big event with 5Loaves, we're hoping to have a LOT of member participation – either serving at the event or helping with the planning and preparation leading up to the event. Look for more information in Waves and from our Community Service Committee to see where you can serve.

As most of you already know, my husband and I have relocated to Comanche, TX. We were presented with an opportunity to escalate our long-term plan for relocation/retirement, and we did not want to miss the opportunity. Because of the distance, it's not feasible for me to commute to Garland long term. I'll continue to serve as president through the end of December. Stephanie will take over in January and become president a few months earlier than expected. I know she will be a great leader and I hope you all will support and encourage her as you have done for me. It's been my pleasure to serve and I will miss seeing everyone on a regular basis.

I hope you'll be able to participate in a book fair, or Make A Difference Day. These are great events to serve our community and have a lot of fun!

In Service, Tina

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct 12 Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn
- Oct 20 Shorehaven Bookfair, 1 PM
- Oct 26 Board Meeting, 6 PM, via Zoom
- Oct 22 Book Club, 4 PM, Wildwood Firewheel
- Oct 28 Make a Difference Day, 10-2 PM, North Pointe Church of Christ

Sort, Stamp, Box, REPEAT!



October Meeting

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MEETING
BRINGS

Individually wrapped snack cakes/treats for Make a Difference Day
(cookies, cheez-its, teddy grahams, etc.)

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MEETING INFORMATION

FUNDRAISING

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the October 12, 2023 meeting.



COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

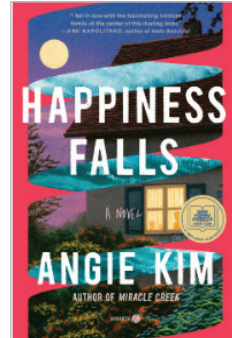
PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

In recognition of October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Altrusa welcomes Hope's Door/New Beginnings Center for our program. We are proud to partner with this organization in fulfilling their over 30 year mission of "building lives without violence". During the 6:00-6:30 time period, we will be assembling birthday bags for children who find themselves at Hope's Door on their birthday. We will also donate books for children to choose as a part of our birthday gift to them.

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Plans for Make a Difference Day (MaDD) on **October 28th** are in high gear. It's going to be a great day of service with our friends at 5 Loaves in Sachse. Community Service asks that Altrusans bring the following donations to the October meeting: individually wrapped snack cakes/treats (cookies, cheez-its, Teddy Grahams, etc.). These items will be used for carnival games on MaDD. **We are wanting 100% club participation in this event.** Participation can be as workers or as donations given at the meeting. More details will be emailed shortly along with a sign-up sheet.

North Texas Giving Day was a big deal, not only as OUR fundraiser, but also for our partner agencies. Thanks to Sheila McComas, Rhonda Schmid, Betty Sainz and Debi Summerville for dropping off "big checks" to **The Achievement Center of Texas, Hope Clinic, 5 Loaves, and Good Sam of Garland.**



Altrusa READS Book Club

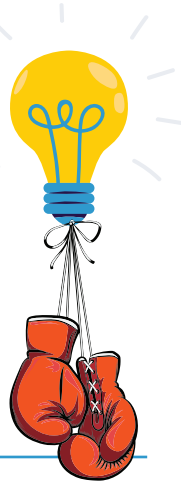
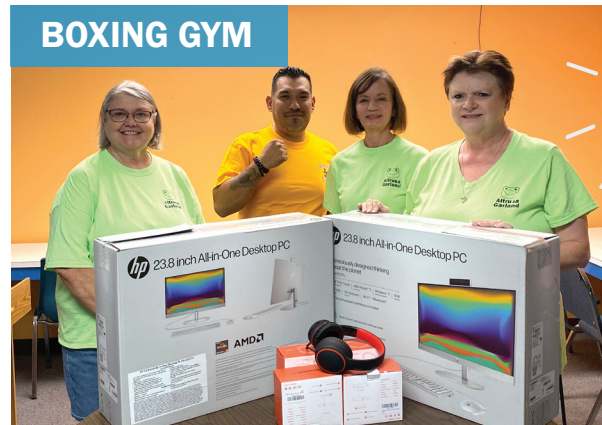
The book club choice for October is **Happiness Falls** by Angie Kim

When a father goes missing, his family's desperate search leads them to question everything they know about him and one another—both a riveting page-turner and a deeply moving portrait of a family in crisis from the award-winning author of *Miracle Creek*.

We will meet on **Sunday, October 22 at 4:00** at Wildwood at Firewood. See you there!

Boxing Gym Update

Computers and headphones were purchased and delivered to the gym. The last thing we need in order to complete the grant is to purchase shelves, tables and snacks. Once this is accomplished, we will fulfill the grant.



Sort, Stamp, Box, REPEAT!

On Saturday, September 21, Altrusans met at Betty S.'s office in Carrollton for a good old-fashioned book stamping party! Patty, Debbie (and her daughter), Rhonda, Sheila, Stephanie, and Betty worked to prepare 27 boxes with a total of 1135 books for upcoming book fairs and other donation events.

SAVE THE DATE - 5TH THURSDAY SOCIAL
NOVEMBER 30th
Stir Crazy
 We'll go "Stir Crazy" at Rosalyn Blackshear's house. More info to come!