

ALTRUSA WAVES



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF GARLAND NEWSLETTER



Words from our PRESIDENT Stephanie Noland



Books and boxes and grants... OH, MY! So much has happened since our last newsletter, I feel a bit like Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz. We have been busy, busy, busy so... #ICYMI, here are just a few highlights:

New members participated in orientation "speed dating" and found many things about Altrusa to love. We're excited to welcome a new dual member this month and a new primary member next month! Remember dues are pro-rated for anyone who joins at this time in the Altrusa year!

In service, we have wrapped up our GISD book fairs and completed our two outstanding grants. We hosted 5 book fairs...an aggressive goal, but ACCOMPLISHED! You'll see the investment in our community in both Chillville and the 9th Street Boxing Gym through photos at our meeting. (See pg. 2 and learn what our next grant proposal will involve!)

Our Social Committee did it again with a great 5th Thursday event at Shirley's home. Don't tell the rest of the district, but I know that Garland IS the governor's favorite club! ;)

Unsure of the exact number of participating Altrusans, I do know that attendance has been strong across the board. Remember, events listed here, on agendas, or in emails, are calls to action for our membership. So, find your bliss and jump in!

This month, we will be electing the club officers for the upcoming year, based upon the slate of officers presented by Nominating last month. We will also begin the work of establishing new committees for the next Altrusa year. Be thinking of the areas where you'd like to serve. Finally, our annual drive for Club 21 kicks off this month. Our goal is 100% member participation in this worthwhile cause.

See what I mean? OH MY!!! So, to borrow from Dorothy, I'll just click my heels together and say, "There's no place like Altrusa, Garland!"

LUCKY to serve alongside you, *Stephanie* snolandtx@yahoo.com

Boxes for the Military
Altrusa fun with a purpose! 16 members + 4 guests + lots of goodies = 37 boxes packed and shipped. Thanks to Mary Powlen for organizing us!!



IMPORTANT DATES

- Mar 8 International Women's Day
- Mar 14 Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn
- Mar 24 Book Club, 4 PM, Wildwood Firewheel
- Mar 28 Board Meeting, 6 PM, via Zoom
- Apr 6 Book Stamping and sorting party
- Apr 19-21 District Nine Conference

MARCH MEETING

Altrusa welcomes **Chris Kizziar, president of Life Message Rowlett** for our March meeting. Life Message provides a variety of services to the Rowlett area that are consistent with our goals and community service projects.

MEETING INFORMATION

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the March 14, 2024 meeting.

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COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Literacy Day at Centerville Elementary

We were asked to have a table at the Centerville Elementary School's **Literacy Night, Tuesday, March 26th**. This would be an opportunity to get our name out and talk with parents who may be interested in becoming Altrusans. If any members would like to participate please contact Betty Sainz.

Book stamping and sorting April 6th at Stephanie Noland's (details to follow) – White Star Logistics (a warehouse located in Forest and Shiloh) has offered us a pallet to store our books. We will be moving books from Stephanie's house to the warehouse during spring break. This will allow us space to sort and stamp the 20+ boxes currently stored at Betty Sainz' office. Once we complete the sorting and stamping, we will be able to have a complete inventory and better able to plan for next year's book fairs!

Grant applications – The Service Committee was given abstracts for 3 possible grant recipients in our community. After reading the abstracts, the service committee chose to write a grant request for **Achievement Center of Texas** to help them improve their library space at ACT's new building. Stephanie Noland has graciously offered to put this request together. Details to follow.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership welcomes **Wendy Santiago** as a dual member at our March meeting. Wendy's primary membership is currently with Altrusa Lake Cities, but lives in our area and wants to be a part of what's happening with our club.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Fifth Thursday Event on Leap Day

Special thanks to the Social Committee for organizing the event. There were 14 of our members in attendance and 2 guests. Special thanks to Shirley Raymer for sharing her house. It was great seeing everyone again!

NEWS

Club 21

We will begin to collect the \$21 member donations for Club 21 at the March meeting. Sign up forms will be available at the meeting. Please plan to be a part of this important international project. We are hoping for 100% member participation in Club 21.

Member Satisfaction Survey 2024

Each Altrusan should have received a member satisfaction survey from International. This is a great opportunity to provide feedback to our organization at the highest level. Please take a moment and complete the survey. Let your voice be heard!

IN MEMORY

Coralee Hester

Altrusa Wichita Falls member since 1960 and president 1964-65, and mother of Karla Langston

MARCH BIRTHDAYS



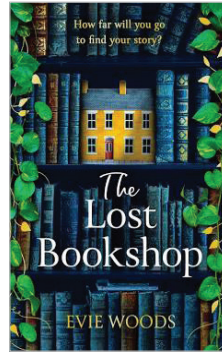
DEBORAH HENSON
MAR 10TH



TAMMY CARUSO
MAR 15TH



CHRISTINA CONTRERAS
MAR 30TH



Altrusa READS Book Club

The book club choice for March

The Lost Bookshop

by Evie Woods

'The thing about books,' she said 'is that they help you to imagine a life bigger and better than you could ever dream of.'

On a quiet street in Dublin, a lost bookshop is waiting to be found...

For too long, Opaline, Martha and Henry have been the side characters in their own lives.

But when a vanishing bookshop casts its spell, these three unsuspecting strangers will discover that their own stories are every bit as extraordinary as the ones found in the pages of their beloved books.

We will meet on **Sunday, Mar 24 at 4:00** at Wildwood at Firewood.

goodreads

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



Altrusa Garland partnered with the Achievement Center of Texas

on Saturday, March 2 for their annual Special Arts Festival.

We gave away **294 books** through the event and additional donations to ACT.



Book Fair at Weaver Elementary

We completed our final book fair which was at Weaver Elementary.

Thanks to all the members who helped with all 5 of the events.



Gym Equipment for Weaver Elementary

We had \$50 left in our budget and gave **dodge balls** to Janna Hockett, Weaver Elementary gym teacher. Students at Weaver enjoyed them! Ms. Hockett was so happy to get these particular dodge balls since they do not hurt the students.



District Nine Conference is coming April 19-21 in San Marcos.

You can check out the details here:

[District Nine Conference](#)



GOVERNOR'S HOME CLUB