

ALTRUSA WAVES

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Words from our PRESIDENT

Tina Rhodes

Hard to believe August is here already. We've had a fantastic start to our new club year and I'm excited for everyone to see what our committees have been planning.

We were awarded the Distinguished Club Award again this year – our 21st successive year for receiving this acknowledgement. Based on the energy and commitment of our club, it was no surprise that we received this honor. I'm proud to be part of such a committed group of people who keep working hard in our community.

Several of our members just returned from International Convention in San Antonio where our new International President, Linda Smith, was inducted. She will lead us for the next biennium and I'm sure great things await. We're looking forward to hearing more about convention and what our attending members learned about our International organization.

Committees are wrapping up their plans for the club year and we'll be starting several projects in August. Among those is our annual fundraiser, North Texas Giving Day. This is our primary fundraiser and with enough effort on all our parts, we'll be able to raise sufficient funds to cover our projects and devote the remainder of the year toward serving our neighbors. Please be thinking of the impact you may have with your network of friends, family and associates. Remember, we have the opportunity to raise funds from donors outside our club, as well as from our members. We also can use this time for sharing more about Altrusa and growing our membership. **Think BIG!**

Let's get busy with our projects. And most importantly, let's have FUN!

In Service, Tina

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 10	Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn
Aug 24	Board Meeting 6 PM via Zoom
Aug 27	Book Club, 4 PM, Wildwood Firewheel
Sept 14	Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn

5 Loaves Back 2 School Bash was a great success!



Altrusa was represented by Laura Contreras, Maria Contreras, Mignon Morse, and Stephanie Noland

August Meeting

Altrusa welcomes our District Nine visitor, **Linda Hurt** as our speaker for August. Linda, a familiar face to many of us in Altrusa Garland is a member of the DFW club and First Vice-Governor of District Nine.

MEETING BRINGS 24 COUNT CRAYONS, BLACK/WHITE COMPOSITION BOOKS (WIDE RULED), AND/OR BOXES OF TISSUES

Community Service plans to provide replenished school supplies for students at our partner schools this year. The requested items are on sale for back to school now, so that means we can get more "bang for our buck" by purchasing and donating them now!

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MEETING INFORMATION

PROGRAMS

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the August 10, 2023 meeting.



COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

New Faces and New Names

Please make sure to wear your Altrusa nametag and membership pin to meetings. This helps all of us learn each other's name. If you need a replacement name tag, Debbie Summerville can order one for you. The cost is \$15. If you need a blue ribbon for your pins, check with Stephanie Noland.

Beginning this month, sticker name tags will be provided for guests at the registration table. When bringing a guest, please make sure they have a nametag as well.

We welcome two more Altrusans at our August meeting. Stacey Flanagan, sponsored by Shirley Raymer, is a teacher in Allen ISD and is excited about the opportunity to volunteer in our community. Sheila McComas, sponsored by Barbara Powers, is a teacher in Garland ISD and wants to get involved in the outreach opportunities that our club provides.

As a part of the August meeting, Membership will be initiating four new members. Stacey and Sheila, along with Betty Oursler and Jackie Robertson will become official Altrusans. **Welcome to each of you!**

SERVICE COMMITTEE

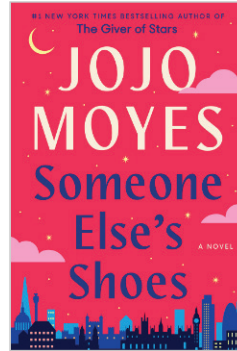
The community service committee is hard at work planning away! Our first book fair is scheduled at Centerville between **September 6 - 8 at 1:00 PM** (final date to follow). Please put this on your calendar. One of our new project is to provide school supplies in January to help schools supplement supplies they ran out of. We will purchase items now (while sales are happening) and store them until January.

We are planning on starting to use the Boxing Gym grant. Our first priority is to paint the room in August. We will need many hands to help. We have asked the Boy Scouts for help, also. Our tentative date to paint is **Saturday, August 19th**. We will keep you posted on exact time and date.

The Chillville is moving right along. We hope to get two more of the sections completed within the next 6 weeks. We received wonderful compliments from Founder's Plaza for the Fishing Cabin. More to come.



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Altrusa READS Book Club

The book club choice for August is **Someone Else's Shoes** by Jojo Moyes

A story of mix-ups, mess-ups and making the most of second chances, this is the new novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Jojo Moyes, author of Me Before You and The Giver of Stars

Who are you when you are forced to walk in someone else's shoes?

Nisha Cantor lives the globetrotting life of the seriously wealthy, until her husband announces a divorce and cuts her off. Nisha is determined to hang onto her glamorous life. But in the meantime, she must scramble to cope—she doesn't even have the shoes she was, until a moment ago, standing in.

That's because Sam Kemp – in the bleakest point of her life – has accidentally taken Nisha's gym bag. But Sam hardly has time to worry about a lost gym bag—she's struggling to keep herself and her family afloat. When she tries on Nisha's six-inch high Christian Louboutin red crocodile shoes, the resulting jolt of confidence that makes her realize something must change—and that thing is herself.

Full of Jojo Moyes' signature humor, brilliant storytelling, and warmth, Someone Else's Shoes is a story about how just one little thing can suddenly change everything.

We will meet on **Sunday, August 27 at 4:00** at Wildwood at Firewood. See you there!

It may be blistering hot outside, but it is starting to look really cool in Chillville at Founders Plaza! Here's a picture of the Fishing Cabin...all that's left to install is the checkerboard table.



Chillville at Founders Plaza