

ALTRUSA WAVES



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF GARLAND NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S

Stephanie Noland

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Can you believe it's already December? It's hard to believe that 2024 is about to come to an end. I guess what they say is true – "Time flies!" I recently overheard a small, but important phrase added to that remark... "Time may fly, but YOU are the pilot." I love that simple reminder that WE have the ability to choose the direction we go as time moves forward.

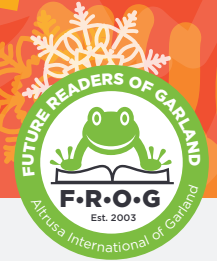
So, as 2024 flies out of here and we head into 2025...we each have the opportunity to pilot our "flight plan" with a renewed sense of purpose, and commitment for our community. We're only halfway through our Altrusa year...with plenty of opportunities on deck to do what we do best ...serving others.

But, before the year gets away from us, there's still fun to be had! I hope you're planning to attend our holiday party. We'll eat, play, give, and enjoy the company of our friends. This is an excellent opportunity to invite someone to visit our club and begin to check out Altrusa Garland. Remember, dues for new members are prorated through March 31.

My holiday prayer for each of you is one of joy, peace, and laughter in this blessed season. Whether you're traveling or staying close to home, I hope you find yourself surrounded by those you love...and have help cleaning up after all the gifts are opened!

Merry Christmas...I'll be serving alongside you *Stephanie* in 2025!

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IMPORTANT DATES

- DEC 10 Human Rights Day
- DEC 12 December Meeting/Holiday Partyg
- DEC 22 Book Club, 4:00 PM Wildwood Firewheel
- DEC 30 Board Meeting

DECEMBER MEETING

It's Time to Celebrate

We will celebrate the holidays at our upcoming December meeting. Come festive and ready to party a bit. The holiday party committee is planning a variety of party activities, but most is still top secret!

PLEASE BRING a wrapped gift or ornament (\$10-15 max) for our gift exchange.

We will be putting together gift card trees for our 3 servers, so please bring gift cards in small amounts (\$5-10) or even cash for each of the young adults that take such good care of us. There are several suggestions and ways to participate in a recent email from Stephanie. Let's really spoil these guys well.

MEETING INFORMATION

THE HOLIDAY PARTY COMMITTEE

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the December 12, 2024 meeting.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

SPRING BOOK FAIR NEWS

We currently have one book fair scheduled for the spring semester. [Williams Elementary](#) is set for [February 21](#). Please make sure to add this date to your calendar.

A big thank you to Deborah Henson for her efforts in connecting us with the schools! She is working with another school to schedule one more.

As announced at the November meeting, we have collected hundreds of books from several generous sources and individuals. These will need to be vetted, stamped, and sorted by grade bands. Watch your email for information about an upcoming book stamping and sorting party after the holidays.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

SAVE THE DATE!

January 30 is our next 5th Thursday social. The Social Committee is hosting a Game Night at Mary Powlen's home. Watch for more details on what to bring and additional information.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Know someone who'd be a great addition to our club? Annual dues are prorated now through March 31 at the bargain rate of \$87.50. Invite them to a meeting, service project, and/or the upcoming social event so that they can see what we do and who we are!

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Altrusa Garland welcomed our 34th member (primary and non-primary) at the November business meeting. Lee Scruggs is our newest non-primary member, being a primary member at our sister club, Altrusa of Lake Cities. Lee and her husband, John live in Greenville and she is excited to serve with our club. Betty Sainz is her sponsor. Welcome, Lee! We are so glad that you are one of us.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE

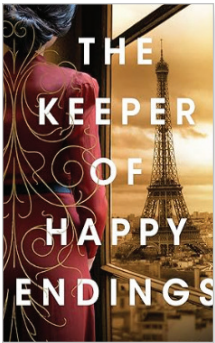
If you have not received your new directory, please reach out to Betty Sainz. She will have them at the December meeting for pick up.

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



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DEC 20TH



Altrusa READS Book Club

The book club choice for this month

We are reading *The Keeper of Happy Endings*

by *Barbara Davis*

A story about the intertwined lives of two women decades apart, bound by a vintage wedding dress and how secrets unravel, wounds heal, and belief in love's magic reignites.

See you at book club on **December 22 at 4:00**. We meet at Wildwood restaurant at Firewheel.

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



GOVERNOR'S HOME CLUB