

ALTRUSA WAVES



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF GARLAND NEWSLETTER



Altrusans delivered big checks to our community partners this month.

Pictured here with Audrey Wallace from 5 Loaves are Barbara Powers, B.J. Hawkins, and Rhonda Schmid.

PRESIDENT'S

Stephanie Noland

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November is upon us...the month when being thankful and giving thanks is celebrated across our country. (Bring on the turkey). Additionally, we celebrate Veterans Day this month and have the opportunity to thank the veterans among us.

The armistice that officially ended World War 1 was signed on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. For this reason, Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11 each year. Although the original intent was to honor WW1 veterans, in 1954 the emphasis of Veterans Day broadened to include all U.S. military veterans.

To celebrate this special day, may I challenge you to find a way to thank veterans among us? Check with the Garland VA hospital for ways to support veterans who are hospitalized, wear a poppy, or simply say thanks to active duty or veteran members of the military. It is appropriate to wish a veteran a "Happy Veterans Day", too.

There's information in this month's newsletter on how you can be a part of Crown Royal's "Purple Bag Project" and send goodies to active military members and veterans. Being a part of this project costs you only a few minutes. It's quick and easy and, just like our Boxes to the Military, greatly appreciated by those who serve.

Speaking of service...thanks so much to all who participated in all the ways we served our community during the month of October. I am grateful for you.

Eating turkey and giving thanks alongside you this month...

Stephanie
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IMPORTANT DATES

- NOV 14 Business Meeting
- DEC 1 Book Club, 4:00 PM Wildwood Firewheel
- DEC 10 Human Rights Day
- DEC 12 Business Meeting
- DEC 30 NO Board Meeting

NOVEMBER MEETING

We welcome Sergeant Bernard Tolan, The Salvation Army Garland Corps

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR DECORATED THANKSGIVING BAGS FOR GOOD SAM THIS MONTH.

MEETING INFORMATION

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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

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COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Altrusa Garland celebrated MaDD at the Sachse Fall-o-Ween event on October 19. We gave away TONS of candy and snacks along with 560 books and 300+ bookmarks that offered tips for a safe and happy Halloween. Between advanced preparation of give aways and the actual event, we had 77% member participation for MaDD this year. That means we still have room to grow in our goal of 100% participation, but still a rewarding and fun day.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BOOK FAIR

We gave away **446 BOOKS** to a bunch of really excited students at Weaver Elementary. One student told us "I've been at Weaver for four years...I know exactly what we get to do!" Gotta love that we've established a long term relationship with this school.



SEND TREATS TO THE MILITARY

Log onto <https://pack.crownroyal.com/Home/PackABag> to participate again this year in curating and sending care packages to our active duty and veteran military members. You'll select 4 items to be packed and shipped by Crown Royal. It's quick, easy, and FREE! You do not even need to share any of your personal information. Many of us did this last year, so were a part of over 1 million care packages that have already been sent to our military personnel.

CHRISTMAS PLANNERS NEEDED

We need a small committee of holiday people to organize our upcoming Christmas party (during our December business meeting). If you like to party, then this committee work is perfect for you.

CLUB NEWS

A LITTLE BUSINESS MEETING BUSINESS

Our contract with Strike and Reel requires us to give a guaranteed count of dinners by the Monday prior to the meeting date. Please remember that your RSVP matters...and needs to arrive either by responding to the Evite or responding to the email follow up or even texting Stephanie...BEFORE the Monday prior to each month's meeting.

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



MIGNON MORSE
NOV 15TH



BRENDA GARDNER
NOV 17TH



MARY HELEN VOLLMER
DEC 2ND

Altrusa READS Book Club

The book club choice for this month
How to Age Disgracefully
by Clare Pooley

A senior citizens' center and a daycare collide with hilarious results. If that doesn't spark your interest, you probably have wet wood! Join us... maybe we will pick up some great tips to apply !?!

See you at book club on **December 1 at 4:00**. We meet at Wildwood restaurant at Firewheel.



goodreads

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



Congratulations to Sheila McComas who was one of the 2024 honorees of Altrusa Richardson's *Outstanding Women of Today*. Sheila was recognized for her leadership as an outstanding educator in the Garland. We are so proud of you, Sheila.



I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you all for the award presented at the Richardson Altrusa luncheon. I am extremely humbled and blessed to be recognized. Thank you .

BOARD MEMBERS

We will not be having a board meeting this month. Documents to review will be shared via email and discussed at the December meeting.



GOVERNOR'S HOME CLUB