

# ALTRUSA WAVES

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## Words from our PRESIDENT

**Tina Rhodes**

*It's September and fall is around the corner. Kids are back in school, football season is in full force, and pumpkin spice flavored everything starts cropping up. It's a busy time in*

*our community, and in our club. I hope you'll engage in one of the many projects we have going on this month.*

*Big focus this month is our fundraiser – North Texas Giving Day. This is our major fundraising event and if we're successful in meeting our goal we won't need any additional fundraising projects. We need every member's participation in this event in order to meet our budget. Share your WHY with others: WHY are you an Altrusan? WHY did you decide to serve your community? Sharing your passion with others is a great way to garner support. Working together, we can ALL make a difference.*

*Our first book fair is this month – right in time for Literacy Day. One of Altrusa's missions is to promote literacy and there's no better way than to reach our children early, help them improve their reading skills, and expand their education. Some of our kids do not have their own books at home. If you've never worked a book fair, sign up today. It's a fantastic opportunity to see the impact we have on kids and see the smiles on their faces as they select a book to call their own. Be sure to sign up on GISD's website as a volunteer.*

*AND, September is our birthday month! We'll celebrate 21 years of making a difference in Garland, Rowlett and Sachse. Join us for fun, projects, service and friendship!*

*In Service, Tina*

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept 7 Bookfair, Centerville Elementary
- Sept 8 National Literacy Day
- Sept 14 Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn
- Sept 21 ACT Ribbon Cutting Open House, 5 PM
- Sept 21 North Texas Giving Day**
- Sept 24 Book Club, 4 PM, Wildwood Firewheel
- Sept 28 Board Meeting 6 PM via Zoom
- Oct 12 Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn

**Our club welcomed 3 New Members and 1 New Member Transfer**



*New members and their sponsors from August meeting: Barbara Powers, Sheila McComas, Shirley Raymer, Stacey Flanagan, Betty Oursler, Patty Lucas, Jackie Robertson*

### September Meeting

Altrusa welcomes the Achievement Center of Texas as our September program. ACT has been a long time partner of our club, had to close due to COVID, but is reopening in a new location this month. We're excited to catch up with this long time "friend" of Altrusa AND learn about what's happening new in the new location.

**WE WILL BE DONATING 200 BOOKS FOR ACT'S NEW SPACE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.**

No other "brings" are requested this month.

### GARLAND ALTRUSA IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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[AltrusaGarland.org](https://www.AltrusaGarland.org)

**DISTRICT NINE WEBSITE**  
[AltrusaDistrictNine.org](https://www.AltrusaDistrictNine.org)

**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL**  
[Altrusa.org](https://www.Altrusa.org)

### MEETING INFORMATION

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the September 14, 2023 meeting.

# September is Our Birthday Month!

## COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

#### New Faces and New Names

Please remember to wear your nametag and Altrusa pin to our meetings each month.

New member orientation will be scheduled soon. Watch your email for the date and time. We're hoping to have an in-person event for the first time since COVID...fingers crossed!

## 9th Street Boxing Gym Tutoring Center

Garland Altrusans and Boy Scout Troops 1199 and 1989 teamed up on August 19th to paint the Garland PD Boxing Club tutoring room. We had a great turnout of about 15 scouts and 10 Altrusans. The new paint really brightened up the space to make it more inviting. As a part of the project grant, Altrusa of Garland will be providing new computers, a printer, headphones, furniture and supplies. More to come.



## Chillville at Founders Plaza

Two more spaces are now open in Chillville at Founders Plaza! The **Fireside Library** (complete with large print books and magnifying reading lights) along with the **Chillville Office** are ready for residents to enjoy. Work days for our last space, the Memory Cafe, will be scheduled soon.




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FIRESIDE LIBRARY

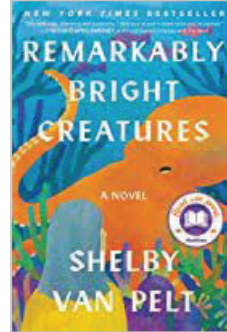
### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



**SHEILA MCCOMAS**  
Oct 1st



**JAN MCCORSTIN**  
Oct 1st



## Altrusa READS Book Club

The book club choice for August is **Remarkably Bright Creatures** by Shelby Van Pelt

AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER, a Read With Jenna Today Show Book Club Pick and named "a Best Book of Summer" by the Chicago Tribune, The View, Southern Living, and USA Today. "Remarkably Bright Creatures [is] an ultimately feel-good but deceptively sensitive debut. . . . Memorable and tender." — Washington Post

For fans of A Man Called Ove, a charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.

We will meet on **Sunday, September 24 at 4:00** at Wildwood at Firewood. See you there!

**SCHEDULE** your online giving or to let us know if you have already collected anything. Remember, it's really helps to start the race ahead as best we can...that way finishing is a breeze.

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## ALTRUSA GARLAND 9.21.23

### Reminders:

**Club 21** annual contributions are due! If you have not made your \$21 contribution, please visit <https://foundation.altrusa.org/donate/> If you are a first time donor, please let Debbie S. know so that we can get you a Club 21 pin for your blue ribbon.

The Club 21 Program is committed to supporting children and their families affected by disease and disabilities, as well as healthcare initiatives in West Africa.

**Book Fairs**, members need to go to GISD in advance and register to be a volunteer; you have to be approved before you'll be allowed on campus.



LANDON WINERY  
5TH THURSDAY