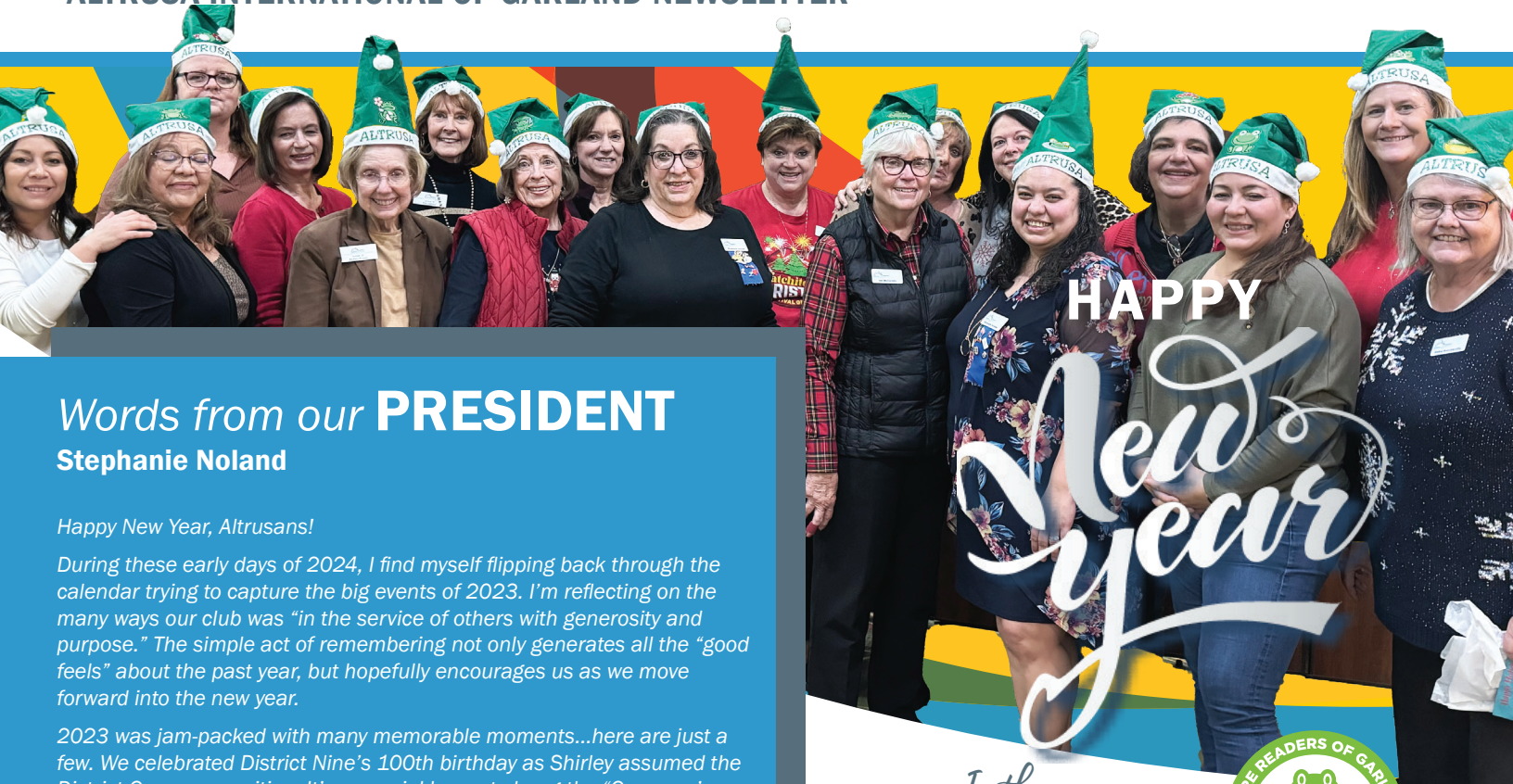


ALTRUSA WAVES

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF GARLAND NEWSLETTER



HAPPY New Year

Words from our **PRESIDENT** Stephanie Noland

Happy New Year, Altrusans!

During these early days of 2024, I find myself flipping back through the calendar trying to capture the big events of 2023. I'm reflecting on the many ways our club was "in the service of others with generosity and purpose." The simple act of remembering not only generates all the "good feels" about the past year, but hopefully encourages us as we move forward into the new year.

2023 was jam-packed with many memorable moments...here are just a few. We celebrated District Nine's 100th birthday as Shirley assumed the District Governor position. It's a special honor to hang the "Governor's Home Club" banner alongside our club banner.

We welcomed seven (7!) new members who are already finding their places to serve our communities. As a club, we packed boxes to send to deployed military, gave away a LOT of books at our book fairs and through our ongoing support of the Little Free Libraries around GISD, and learned about new opportunities in our area. Significant progress was made on both the 9th Street Boxing Gym and Chillville grants as we now work toward finishing touches on each.

Altrusa Garland ended 2023 incredibly strong. We had representation in five different service projects between December 15-18 in what was affectionally called "Elf+ Weekend." Our District Nine visitor, Linda Hurt, was full of "brags" for our club's continued growth. (P.S. We had two women who applied for membership in December as well.) And...in the words of many...the BEST CHRISTMAS PARTY EVER!

As I assume the role of club president, it is my prayer that we join together and make 2024 our best year yet. I am excited about what we have on-deck for this year and anticipate the impact we will continue to make in our communities. Get ready...2024 is going to be simply amazing!

Stephanie Noland
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Serving alongside you,
Stephanie



IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 11 Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn
- Jan 12 Montclair Book Fair
School Supplies will be donated to Montclair during Book Fair
- Jan 21 Book Club, 4 PM, Wildwood Firewheel
- Jan 23 Board Meeting, 6 PM, via Zoom

JANUARY MEETING

Altrusa welcomes Helen's pastor, Eddie Hill from Monica Park Christian Church this month. Eddie will share thoughts and encouragement for a successful 2024.

If you still have the school supplies you purchased in August, please bring them to this meeting. As our meeting service project, we will be writing notes to include in the Boxes to the Military packing event.

MEETING INFORMATION

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the January 11, 2023 meeting.

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



HELEN PARTAIN
JAN 15TH



RITA JOHNSON
JAN 18TH



DEBRA SUMMERVILLE
JAN 30TH

COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The board has approved Amy Saucameda and Gale Wallace for club membership! This brings our membership count to 31 active and 2 dual members. Remember that dues are half price for new members through March 31...so if you have a friend who'd make a great Altrusan...this is a great time to invite them.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our nominating committee will be selected at this month's meeting and begin the process of identifying club leadership for the upcoming year. Please begin to think of how you want to serve our club, in both board positions and committee chairs. Once the nominating committee is elected, you will have the opportunity to reach out to them regarding any position you are interested in holding.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

CHECK US OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



We are on Facebook, Instagram and Tiktok! Be sure to **like and follow** us to see all of our videos, pictures and events!

YEARBOOKS

Please contact Betty if your are interested in purchasing a yearbook. Cost will be between \$30 & \$40 depending on the quantity.

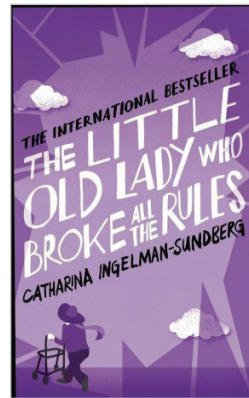


DRUM ROLL PLEASE...

Altrusa Garland shared the gift of literacy to our community in a big way this year. We donated 2775 books to literacy projects across our communities including GISD book fairs, Little Free Libraries, including Jaden Walker's Eagle Scout project, 5 Loaves food pantry, and more!

**THE ALTRUSA BOOK COUNT
SINCE 6/1/2023**

**2775
BOOKS**



Altrusa READS Book Club

The book club choice for January

The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules

by Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg

Witty and insightful comedy of errors about a group of delinquent seniors whose desire for a better quality of life leads them to rob and ransom priceless artwork.

We will meet on **Sunday, Jan 21 at 4:00** at Wildwood at Firewood.



Altrusa READS 2023 Book Review on GoodReads
Check out all the books our book club read last year!

[2023 List Here](#)



WHO DO YOU KNOW?

The Garland PD Boxing Gym is still looking to hire a tutor (retired teacher or one who is interested in a small side hustle) who can support the students in both middle and high school. The tutor would work at the gym in the newly renovated study space for a few hours on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We will be glad to connect any candidates with Dave Swavey.

MEMBER UPDATE

Jackie Robertson's house number is incorrect in our directory. Please update in your copy Jackie's street address is 513 Baltusrol.



**DECEMBER
BUSINESS
Meeting**

