

ALTRUSA WAVES

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF GARLAND NEWSLETTER



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



September is our Club's Birthday!

PRESIDENT'S

Stephanie Noland

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As summer wraps up (except the heat), we also wrap up our three-part series on the Altrusa motto. This month, it's all about a favorite for Altrusans – "Service." Typically, when we think of service, we think of things like book fairs, MaDD, or filling Easter eggs, but service is so much more.

How we serve our community is directly impacted by the way we serve our club's goals and plans. In other words, our club's ONLY fundraiser, North Texas Giving Day is vital to the service we provide to others.

NTGD is not just an opportunity to participate, but a call to action for all of us. Our goal of \$10,000 raised this year requires EACH of us to do our part. However, it's not about dividing 10K by the number of members. Instead, it's about equal commitment to our vision and equal sacrifice in going beyond the usual.

It's time to plan your participation. Don't wait until September 17 to decide! Who will you invite to support in our service to the community? Giving is easy...we take donations in lots of ways. Donors can give through the NTGD website, our Foundation Venmo, cash, or checks. You can even make a pledge and pay it out over the next few months. However you choose, just step up to serve!

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept 10 Daugherty Book Fair
- Sept 11 Business Meeting, 6 PM, Strike + Reel
- Sept 18 North Texas Giving Day
- Sept 21 Book Club, 4 PM, Wildwood Firewheel
- Sept 25 Board Meeting, 6 PM, via Zoom
- Sept 26 Christian Care Center "Fair Day" Bentley Building
- Oct 27 Make A Difference Day

SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

Our annual District Nine visitor, Governor Kimberly Kierce, will bring our program this month as we also celebrate our club's birthday.

Menu: Meat Lasagna, Chicken Alfredo, salad, garlic knots, birthday dessert

We will be assembling birthday goodie bags for Hope's Door/New Beginnings Center to give to the children who find themselves at the shelter on their special day.

MEETING INFORMATION

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the September 11, 2025 meeting.

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COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership Matters

Altrusa Garland is Growing – Let's Keep the Momentum Going!

We're excited to share that Altrusa Garland continues to grow! In September, we'll welcome our third new member this year, **Janet Epstein**—a milestone that reflects our club's energy and commitment.

Now is a great time to invite a friend, neighbor, or colleague to join us at an upcoming service project, social event, or meeting. Every activity is a chance to showcase our impact and camaraderie, often inspiring others to get involved.

September also brings our **Birthday Celebration**—a special time to enjoy fellowship and honor our longest-serving members. Their dedication is the foundation of our continued growth.

Let's keep building our club with passionate individuals who care about service, leadership, and making a difference. Extend an invitation and help us welcome the next wave of Altrusans!

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

The service committee is planning many events for the next couple of months.



1st Book Fair is at Daugherty Elementary on **September 10th** from 9:00 to 11:00. We will also celebrate **Literacy Day** with the staff from Daugherty during this time. Other book fairs scheduled are Shorehaven on **October 3rd** and Shugart on **October 27th**.



Christian Care Center has asked us to help with their Fair Day event on **September 26th** from 10:30 to 12:30. Members will be asked to help bring the residents to the event center and play fair games with them. This is a great opportunity to share in the fun with the residents!



Make A Difference Day (MADD) is scheduled for **October 27th**. Our plan is to help educate the clients from Hope's Door/New Beginnings on basic financial, etiquette, auto and everyday needs they should be concerned with. We are hoping to bring some experts in to talk about some of these issues, as well as, tap into resources from our members. 100% participation from our members is a requested. More details to come.



THANK YOUS from
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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



**BJ
HAWKINS**
SEPT 10th



**WENDY
SANTIAGO**
SEPT 13th



Altrusa READS Book Club

The book club choice for this month

The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride

by Joe Siple

With all his family and friends gone, one-hundred-year-old Murray McBride is looking for a reason to live. He finds it in a ten-year-old boy with a terminal heart defect and a list of five things he wants to do before he dies. Together, they race against the limited time each has left, ticking off wishes one by one. Along the way,

Murray remembers what it's like to be young, and Jason fights for the opportunity to grow old.

See you at book club on **September 21** at 4:00. We meet at Wildwood restaurant at Firewheel.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS



Traveling With a Passport?

Here are some stamps to add to your passport this month.

Everyone gets **Foundation** #3!

Fundraising Committee can stamp **Foundation** #10 and Membership and Social Committee can stamp **Member Engagement** #18.

Attend the 5th Thursday Social on July 31? Stamp **Member Engagement** #2.

Have you presented an accent? Give yourself a stamp for **Leadership** #5.

Literacy Day Participants at Daugherty Elementary should be sure to stamp **Service** #6 and #8

This month - When you attend the birthday party, stamp **Member Engagement** #3 and #4.

Give to NTGD and stamp **Foundation** #10 and #11.

Sit with someone new at the meeting - then give yourself the stamp for **Member Engagement** #21

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NOW open for giving through **September 18**.

We need participation from everyone! Give online with no processing fee at

www.northtexasgivingday.org/organization/altrusainternationalofgarland OR give offline with cash, checks, Venmo to the Foundation account, or a pledge to be paid out over time.

Our goal is \$10,000 - and WE CAN DO IT!