

ALTRUSA WAVES

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Words from our PRESIDENT

Tina Rhodes

Hard to believe December is here already. Christmas songs float through the airwaves, Christmas movies are all over tv and streaming services. And those emotional commercials have made their appearance, too.

(The Chevy commercial is a real tear-jerker!) One thing is for certain: Christmastime warms our hearts. People are more inclined to give and show their generosity during Christmastime than any other. It truly is the "most wonderful time of the year."

We have several service projects going on this month: gift wrapping at Hope Clinic, 5 Loaves Christmas for Children event, and Winter Wonderland at Weaver Elementary. Each of these events give us an opportunity to work directly with our community and neighbors, and you'll love working with the children! They all hit within a short period of time but hopefully you can participate in at least one event. If you're not able to join in one of these events, hopefully you can help with our two current grant projects: Founders Plaza and the 9th Street Boxing Gym. And we also have two book fairs coming up in the new year so watch out for announcements on those, at Montclair and Weaver Elementaries.

This will be my last "words" to the club as Stephanie will move into the President's role starting January. It has been my honor to serve as your president for the past 19 months. While I've worked in other leadership roles throughout my professional career, I've never had the privilege of working alongside such remarkable individuals as Altrusans. Your hearts for service have inspired me in many ways to give back to my community, to make the service of others a more focused part of my life, and to more clearly see the needs of my neighbors. I hope you'll support and encourage Stephanie, lift her up when you can, and have a whole lot of fun!

In Service,
Tina

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec 10 Book Club, 4 PM, Wildwood Firewheel
- Dec 14 Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn
- Dec 15 Winter Wonderland at Weaver 8:30 - 10:30
- Dec 16 5 Loaves Christmas for Children
- Dec 18 Gift Wrapping at Hope Clinic
- Dec 27 Board Meeting, 6 PM, via Zoom



"PLAN B" project for MaDD We donated 72 Halloween treat bags to 5 Loaves for their distribution on October 31.

December Meeting

Altrusa Garland will welcome **District Nine First Vice Governor, Linda Hurt**, to our December meeting.

We will be collecting small goodies for gift bags

Think of all the little "pampering" items that would be great stocking stuffers, small amount gift cards, candles, lotion, etc... and bring three of them to our meeting. We will have gift bags to collect all the goodies. We are collecting these things for the servers at the Holiday Inn.

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MEETING INFORMATION

HOLIDAY COMMITTEE

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

December

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

HOLIDAY COMMITTEE

In addition to celebrating the holidays with our annual party, Altrusa Garland will welcome District Nine First Vice Governor, Linda Hurt, to our December meeting. She will be conducting our annual visitor meeting as well as installing our three new officers: Stephanie Noland as President, Mary Powlen as President-elect, and Barbara Powers as Director.

NEWS

Need a quick holiday gift? We have 8 **ALTRUSA COOKBOOKS** left (\$10 each) that would make a great gift. Email Stephanie and she can bring them to the December meeting.



Send a gift to our deployed military!

Partner with Crown Royal and send a bag of snacks for free. Here's the link: <https://pack.crownroyal.com/Home/Intro>

Kroger Community REWARDS

How to add Altrusa Garland to your Kroger Plus card using the Kroger app:

1. Open the app on your phone.
2. Click on the three bars at the top right corner to open the More page.
3. On the More page, click on Rewards.
4. Search for our club by scrolling down to the correct address (Club address: 106 Stone Mountain, Garland) and follow the steps to enroll.



5TH THURSDAY
"Getting to Know You"

BOOKFAIR Daugherty

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



MARY HELEN VOLLMER
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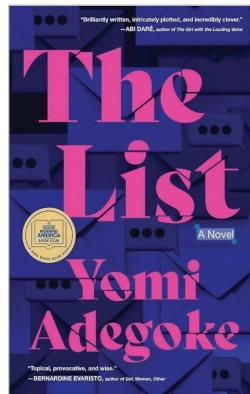
WENDY SHERIF
DEC 9TH



MARY DYER
DEC 20TH

Altrusa READS Book Club

November's book club was postponed til December. So you still have time to grab and read *The List*.



The book club choice for November/December

The List
by Yomi Adegoke

A Good Morning America Book Club Pick! In this sensational, page-turning debut novel, a high-profile female journalist's world is upended when her fiancé's name turns up in a viral social media post—a nuanced, daring, and timely exploration of the real-world impact of online life, from award-winning journalist and internationally bestselling author, Yomi Adegoke.

We will meet on **Sunday, Dec 10 at 4:00** at Wildwood at Firewood.

THANK YOU!

BOOK DONATIONS

Thanks to 5 Loaves food pantry for the donation of **420 CHILDREN'S BOOKS**. We will definitely use them in our upcoming distribution events!!

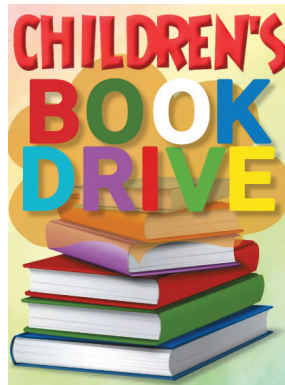


HAVE A FRIEND WHO'D MAKE A GREAT ALTRUSAN?

From December 1 - March, dues are half price, so make that contact and invite them to become a part of our club.

Eagle Project Book Drive

Jaden Walker from BSA Troop 1989 is building and installing 5 Little Free Libraries sponsored by the Rust Powers Foundation.



Bring books to the November 9th & December 14th Altrusa Club of Garland Meetings

{ Please bring gently-used elementary age books to supply Little Free Libraries at local Garland elementary schools. }

ALL DONATIONS BENEFIT LOCAL SCHOOL STUDENTS

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