

ALTRUSAWAVES

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF GARLAND NEWSLETTER



Birthday gifts to celebrate our club birthday!

Altrusans: Jackie Robertson, Sheila McComas, Jan McCorstin, Amy Sausameda, Rhonda Schmid, and Betty Sainz as they pack 50 birthday bags for children at Hope's Door/New Beginnings Center.



PRESIDENT'S Pen

Stephanie Noland

Howdy, Folks! It's time for another year of your favorite food, fun, and traditions! I'm sure many of us will be headed to the State Fair of Texas this month ...an event that really has no comparison. There is so much to love about the State Fair – Throughout the years, my "never miss" remains having a Fletcher's corny dog. It doesn't matter what time I arrive, that is always where I head first.

October is also the month when we begin our second quarter of the Altrusa year. After three months of planning, organizing, and fundraising, we close the door on Quarter 1 and begin to implement all the plans we've made. From business meetings to book fairs to Make a Difference Day to decorating Thanksgiving bags to attending Fall Leadership and MORE...Quarter 2 looks to be full of some of our favorite food, fun, and Altrusa traditions! – Kinda like the State Fair, but without the tall guy in boots and a cowboy hat.

Although each project or event is important to our club and our commitment to the community, I want to remind everyone that Make a Difference Day is one of our annual events where we not only ask for, but NEED 100% participation. We will be distributing books and treats at the Sachse Fall-o-Ween on October 19 and will need people to donate 2-3 hours to our booth. Please note that we will be doing our MaDD project one week earlier than previous years...and mark your calendar to attend and help. We can't do it without your help.

Looking forward to "fall-o-weening" alongside you, *Stephanie*
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IMPORTANT DATES

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| OCT 10 | Business meeting |
| OCT 19 | Sachse Fall-o-Ween (MaDD event) |
| OCT 24 | Board meeting via Zoom |
| OCT 27 | Book club, 4:00 PM Wildwood Firewheel |
| OCT 29 | Weaver Book fair 8:30 AM |
| NOV 2 | District Nine Fall Leadership Event 10-3 PM |

OCTOBER MEETING

Altrusa welcomes Cameron Mullens from For the Nations Refugee Outreach as our October program. We are looking forward to learning about this new opportunity to connect in our community.

MEETING SERVICE PROJECT – Our MADD event needs Halloween candy! Please bring a bag or two to the Oct meeting. We will be making individual baggies to pass out at Sachse's Fall-o-Ween ...along with books, of course.

MEETING INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the October 10, 2024 meeting.

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COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

OUR LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES NEED "LIBRARIANS"!

If you volunteered to check and replenish some of our libraries OR if you'd like to be a part of this ongoing project, please let Stephanie know.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

This year, we're partnering with 5 Loaves and the city of Sachse for the "Fall-o-Ween" event on October 19 from 10 AM to 6 PM, where we'll distribute books and Halloween treats. Make a Difference Day is one of the few events each year where we want 100% participation from all club members. We'll discuss how everyone can help at the October meeting, especially with covering shifts at our table during the event.



BOOK FAIR

Shorehaven and Daugherty students now have new books, thanks to our recent book fairs. We have one more for this semester - **Weaver Elementary's book fair** is October 29 at 8:30. Please make sure your background check is completed, and plan to attend.

BAGS FOR GOOD SAM

Thanks to all who took bags to decorate for Thanksgiving after the September meeting. Please bring them to the meeting, we will also have more to pick up and decorate. These will be used by Good Samaritans of Garland to bag up Thanksgiving meal supplies for their November distribution days.

SOCIAL

The Social Committee had decided not to have a 5th Thursday event this month as it falls on October 31. Stay tuned for information about the next 5th Thursday event.

CLUB NEWS

FALL LEADERSHIP

Fall Leadership is just around the corner. **November 2** from 10-3 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Allen. Registration is \$70 (includes lunch) and is currently open on the District Nine website.

DISTRICT NINE

Call for Board Nominations. Are you interested in serving Altrusa at the district level? If so, now's the time to speak up. Reach out to Shirley, Kimberly or Mary Powlen and let them know you'd like to be considered for the next biennium's board of directors.

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY UPDATE

Our North Texas Giving Day fundraising is almost complete. We can still accept offline donations and pledged amounts. If asked, let others know it's not too late to donate, but they should do so via check or cash instead of the NTGD website. Please thank any family or friends who donated for supporting Altrusa Garland.

IN MEMORY

Freedra Myers

Debbie Summerville's mother

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



MABLE USREY
OCT 18TH



BETTY SAINZ
OCT 29TH



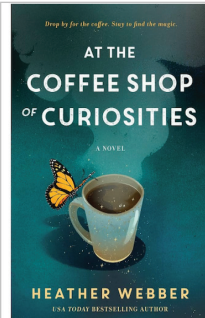
BETTY OURSLER
NOV 3RD



KARLA LANGSTON
NOV 5TH



RHONDA SCHMID
NOV 8TH



Altrusa READS Book Club

The book club choice for October

At the Coffee Shop of Curiosities

by Heather Webber

Here's just enough to hopefully grab your attention and make you want to grab a copy and join us. "A mysterious letter. An offer taken. And the chance to move forward."

See you at book club on **October 27 at 4:00.**

We meet at Wildwood restaurant at Firewheel.

goodreads

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



ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Altrusa District

Twelve has training opportunities, presented via Zoom, that we are able to attend. <https://altrusadistricttwelve.org/>

16 OCT	TIPS FOR WRITING DISTRICT AWARD APPLICATIONS 7:00-8:00PM (PST) Presenters: Joan Julius, Karen Rose, & Lisa Gregory, Service Chairs
TBD OCT	HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING WITH LYNCH CREEK FARMS Time to be determined Presenters: Tore Johnson and Lynch Creek Farm Representative

Outstanding Educator

Sheila McComas

Congratulations to Sheila McComas who is being recognized as an outstanding educator by Altrusa Richardson at their "Outstanding Women of Today" annual event on Friday, October 18. We are so proud of your contributions to education in Garland ISD.



SUE FLOYD!



GOVERNOR'S HOME CLUB