

ALTRUSAWAVES

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF GARLAND NEWSLETTER



FIESTA! District Conference 2025

PRESIDENT'S

Stephanie Noland

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...And that's a wrap! The 69th District Nine Conference is in the books. What a whirlwind weekend it was. I am so grateful to those who were able to attend this year. Garland showed up well. We had 14 in attendance from our club, with 4 first timers! I want to yield some of my space here for pictures, but a few shout outs are needed.

I am so proud that our club had THREE delegates this year. Thanks to Elizabeth, Patty, and Barbara P for representing us in the voting business. When it came to celebrating Shirley's and Mary's service to the district, Helen and Patty are the ones who organized the reception. Thanks to you two and all who helped on Friday night. And last, but certainly not least, thanks to our club display "dream team" – Christina and Karla! I loved what you created.



Each of us came home with new energy, new ideas and fresh vision for service in our community. But now, I'm going to take a little nap!

Stephanie

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IMPORTANT DATES

- May 8 President's Banquet and May business meeting
- May 9 Mother's Day luncheon at Christian Care Center
- May 10 Work day at the Achievement Center of Texas
- May 15 Volunteer hours due to Stephanie
- May 17 New Member Orientation - 10-12 @ Sachse library
- May 22 Board meeting - both incoming and outgoing members attending via Zoom
- May 25 - Book Club
- May 29 - Fifth Thursday, Fortunate Son in Garland
- May 31 - Renewals due

MEETING INFORMATION

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the May 8, 2025 meeting.

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GENERAL CLUB NEWS

Congratulations!

Barbara Powers was honored recently at the Friends of Scouting dinner for the impactful work her foundation, The Rust Powers Foundation, contributes not only to Scouting, but to the broader community, including Altrusa, Garland. We deeply appreciate you and the work your foundation does, Barbara!

Remember

Add Altrusa Garland to your Kroger Rewards card to support our club, Kroger donates a portion of your purchases! Check your receipt for a donation note; if it's missing, contact Stephanie or visit the store's service desk for help.



Who's Who in Garland Altrusa?

With many new members AND guests visiting club meetings, it is important that everyone wear their name tag to each event! Can't find yours? Barbara Powers can order you a new one for \$15.

VOLUNTEER HOURS DUE!!!

Email Stephanie your total volunteer hours for the year by **May 15**. Include Altrusa meetings, service work, and other volunteer activities (church, scouting, food pantry, etc.). You can estimate May hours since our year doesn't officially end until May 31.

THANK YOU to our Scholarship committee, Deborah Henson, Jan McCorsten, and Betty Ousler, for selecting our scholarship winners this year. We will celebrate winners at our May meeting.

SHOUT OUT and thanks go to Steve Vaughn (friend of Betty and Nick Sainz) for housing our donated books at his warehouse. This is a huge help for our ongoing literacy projects.



COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our last 5th Thursday

Thursday, **May 29th** at Fortunate Son Restaurant, located at 500 Main Street in downtown Garland. Details to follow.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

New Member Orientation

New member orientation is Saturday, **May 17** at the Sachse Public Library. Sponsors and any members wanting a refresher are welcome. If you've brought a guest who may join, let Membership know—they're invited too!

Membership Renewal Time

Club membership renewals are due by **May 31**. Dues are \$125—pay in full or \$75 now with the balance by Sept. 1. Forms were emailed and will also be available at the May meeting. Submit payments to Barbara Powers.



IN MEMORY
Mable Usrey

October, 1942 - March, 2025

Mable joined Altrusa Garland in 2009, served as president for the Altrusa year 2015 - 2016, and became an Emeritus member in 2023. She will be remembered in our club for her dedication to our literacy projects.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



JANET
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May 18TH



BARBARA
JOHNSON
May 28TH

Altrusa READS Book Club

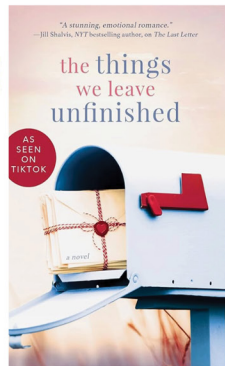
The book club choice for this month

The Things We Leave Unfinished

by Rebecca Yarros

"Told in alternating timelines, THE THINGS WE LEAVE UNFINISHED examines the risks we take for love, the scars too deep to heal, and the endings we can't bring ourselves to see coming."

See you at book club on May 25 at 4:00. We meet at Wildwood restaurant at Firewheel.



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