

ALTRUSA WAVES

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF GARLAND NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S Pen

Stephanie Noland



Just got home from a slew of errands that took about an hour. However, without planning, it would have taken double the time. In other words, I leveraged efficiency in my errands. This month, we'll explore the second word in our club's motto - efficiency.

Efficient work for Altrusa amplifies the club's ability to provide community service and positive social impact. When members collaborate, communicate openly, and deploy organized action, our impact as a club increases both in quality and reach. This means a stronger, more visible presence in the community, enhanced member satisfaction, and sustainable momentum for ongoing projects.

Thanks to the planning work of Programs and Community Service, our club is standing at the ready for another year full of efficient service projects and partner connections. We are already ramping up this month by providing another meal to the Family Promise house. Upcoming opportunities are included in this newsletter.

Efficiency is more than just a part of our motto. It is transformational in the work we do. It elevates the club's presence in the communities we serve while enriching each member's experience. The story of Altrusa's efficient works of service is one of multiplied kindness/goodwill and a dynamic force for enduring impact.

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Aug 13 Family Promise Meal Delivery
- Aug 14 August Meeting
- Aug 19 Zoom Membership Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Aug 24 Book Club at Wildwood
- Aug 28 August Board Meeting
- Sept 8 Literacy Day
- Sept 10 Daugherty Book Fair
- Sept 18 North Texas Giving Day

AUGUST MEETING NOTES

Altrusa welcomes Stephany Benitez from the Garland PD 9th Street Boxing Gym as our program speaker this month. Stephany works in the newly renovated tutoring center at the gym and will give us an update on the impact of our work through the recent International Foundation grant award.

MEETING INFORMATION

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the August 14, 2025 meeting.

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COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership Matters

We're excited to share the success of our recent Membership Orientation, where new members enjoyed a fun, "speed dating" intro to Altrusa. Attendance was fantastic, and we're thrilled to welcome new faces! We've started the club year strong, initiating a new member each month, and in July, we welcomed three guests! Thanks to all who made that happen! Let's keep the momentum going and invite guests to meetings and service projects! Stay tuned for our next New Member Orientation and our September Birthday Celebration, where we'll honor long-time members. We're growing together, and we can't wait to celebrate with you!



COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Calling All GISD Volunteers

It's time to apply or reapply to volunteer in Garland ISD schools for the year. If you plan to attend any school event, including book fairs, an approved volunteer application is required. It's quick and easy, just attach your driver's license when applying online here: <https://garlandisd.net/connect/volunteer/volunteer-our-schools>

Librarians Needed!

Our Little Free Libraries need librarians! We provide the books and you visit regularly to restock. Along with the seven libraries we've installed, we plan to add more. If you're interested, contact Betty to help with this easy, low-stress volunteer opportunity!

School supply drive

Our Altrusa group gathered more than

- 48** - 24 packs of Crayola crayons
- 120** - College rule composition books
- 3000** - Index cards
- 240** - Spiral notebooks college rule
- 1000** - Pocket only folders
- 111** - Crayola colored pencils packs of 12

These have been added to other donations and are being organized for shelter and outreach clients to pick up this week and next week.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



Altrusa READS Book Club

The book club choice for this month

Queens of Crime

by Marie Benedict



London, 1930. The five greatest women crime writers have banded together and are led by the formidable Dorothy L. Sayers. They call themselves the Queens of Crime. Their plan? Solve an actual murder, that of a young woman found strangled in a park in France who may have connections leading to the highest levels of the British establishment.

See you at book club on August 24 at 4:00. We meet at Wildwood restaurant at Firewheel.

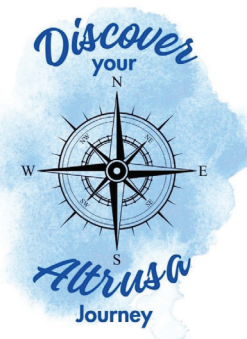
GENERAL CLUB NEWS

Traveling With a Passport?

Here are some items you can check off on your Altrusa journey via your District Nine passport:

Governance #1, 2; **Website** #2, 3. New members who participated in our Speed Dating event can also check off: **Social Media** #9. If you invited a friend to our recent 5th Thursday social at Landon Winery, you can check off **Hospitality** #4!

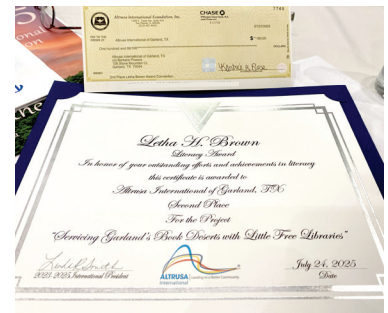
MORE activities that would be easy for everyone to do: **Website** #1, **Member Engagement** #13, and **Service** #9. Sit with a new friend at the next club meeting to check off **Member Engagement** #21.



Convention

The only club-level win for all of District Nine

Altrusa Garland was honored with second place in the 2023-2025 Letha H. Brown Literacy Award at Convention for their impactful project "Servicing Garland Book Deserts with Little Free Libraries". This recognition includes a \$100 monetary award to Garland's Foundation. Congratulations to Altrusa Garland for your ongoing dedication in promoting literacy in the community!



Save the Date!

North Texas Giving Day - Our ONLY fundraising event - is just around the corner. Please begin to think of who you want to invite to donate and support our ongoing service in our local community.



12 MONTHS
OF LEADING TO A BETTER GARLAND



12,637
VOLUNTEER hours



350
DECORATED
THANKSGIVING
BAGS to Good
Samaritans of
Garland



\$3000
in **SCHOLARSHIPS**
AWARDED

\$449,641
in fiscal impact
to our local
COMMUNITY



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CARE PACKAGES to deployed
military personnel through
BOXES TO MILITARY



50
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BAGS
for CHILDREN at Hope's
Door/New Beginnings Center



1000
STUFFED **EASTER EGGS**
to Gateway of Grace



34 **MEMBERS**