

# ALTRUSA WAVES

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## Words from our PRESIDENT

### Tina Rhodes

June is here, school is out, and that means time for summer fun! It's also the start of our new fiscal year. We have new committees, new projects, new board members to welcome, and oh yeah – a new District Nine Governor in our midst. **New, new, new!**

To prepare for our new fiscal year, we'll start off with setting our goals and reviewing our strategic plan that will guide us through the next twelve months. Please be prepared to sign up for at least ONE committee and hopefully two or more committees. We need members to serve as committee chairs and co-chairs, so if you are not certain you want to chair a committee consider sharing the leadership role with someone else. Maybe a veteran and newbie can team up and co-chair. We had sign-up sheets at our May meeting and will have them again for June. The key committees we will focus on at our June business meeting are Communications, Community Service, Membership and Programs. We will also have break-out sessions at our June meeting for our committees to begin sharing ideas and projects.

It's time to prepare our district award submissions for the upcoming filing deadline of June 30th. Volunteers are needed to write (or co-write) the award submissions for the following:

- Mamie L Bass Service Award – given for outstanding community service projects
- Letha H Brown Literacy Award
- Dr Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award
- Club Communication Award – this format is new this year
- Innovation Award – this is the 2nd year for this award

Our club has worked very hard this past year and this is our opportunity to show others in Altrusa what we've accomplished. No one can tell our story better than us so let's work together and shine!

We are officially registered for North Texas Giving Day – our annual fundraiser. Although our budget has not been set yet, we can still set our fundraising goal so be thinking about that as well. How much money do YOU think we can raise?

I'm excited to see what the new year brings for us. I know we will do great things in our community!

In Service,  
Tina

## IMPORTANT DATES

June 8	Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn
June 22	Board Meeting via Zoom
June 25	Book Club, 4 PM, Wildwood Firewheel

## MEETING INFORMATION

### COMMUNICATIONS

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the June 8, 2023 meeting.

## June Meeting “BRINGS”

### COLORING BOOKS AND/OR CRAYONS

Members are asked to bring coloring books and/or crayons to the June meeting on Thursday, June 8 to donate to Hope Clinic. They request that coloring books be smaller (fewer pages than 100 if possible) and crayon box counts should be 16 or 24. Now that school is out, more children are coming to the clinic and these items will be put to good use.

### GARLAND ALTRUSA IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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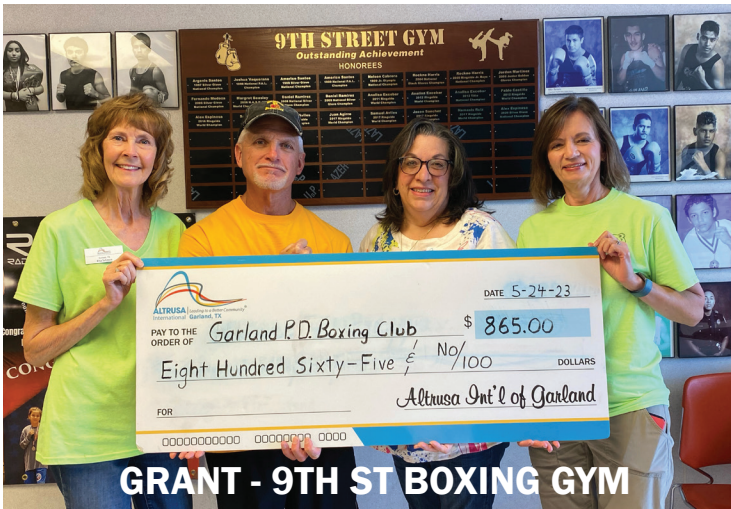


**COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Grant for the Garland PD Boxing Gym**

We received a grant letter from Altrusa International Foundation informing us of our grant award for \$4000!!!



**GRANT - 9TH ST BOXING GYM**

Presentation of the “big check” to the Garland PD 9th Street Boxing Gym

**WEAVER ELEMENTARY SAYS THANKS!**

Altrusa Garland was recently recognized at Weaver Elementary’s PPCD/ Prekindergarten graduation ceremony for all the ways we support this school. Both the principal, Jenny Thomason, and the PPCD teacher (and our friend), Sheila McCommas shared the many things we continue to do for Weaver - including the book fairs, Little Free Library, Winter Wonderland, paint for their Sensory Walk, support for the trip to Morgan’s Wonderland, etc. Stephanie Noland represented Altrusa and accepted the certificate of recognition on behalf of the club.



**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**



Scholarship winner from North Garland



Scholarship presentation with Shirley

**Marjorie Hall-Chamberlain Memorial Scholarship Winners**

Congratulations to Lizbeth Vasquez and Leena Van, our two recipients of the MHC scholarship this year. Here’s a little bit about each of these well deserving young women.

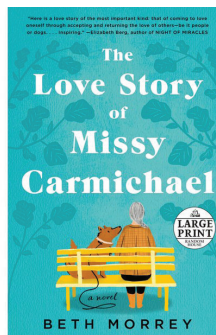
Leena Van will graduate in the top 7% of the senior class at North Garland High School and attend the University of Southern California in the fall. Her future plans include a double major in Computer Science and Business Administration. In her essay, Leena shared that her degree will provide opportunity impact inclusivity in modern technology. She stated, “I aim to break down walls of the digital divide with an emphasis on underrepresented communities by creating accessible software applications and digital media.

Graduating in the top 8% of her class at Lakeview Centennial High School, Lizbeth Vasquez plans to attend SMU and pursue pre-med. In addition to her high school diploma, Lizbeth has earned medical certifications at the Gilbreath-Reed Center and her Associates of Science from Dallas College (Eastfield campus). Choosing the medical field is deeply tied to her family and experiences they have had with doctors, stating, “I want to make a difference in the (medical) field ensuring that patients will get the correct diagnosis without breaking them.”

Congratulations and good luck to these two well-deserving young women.

**Altrusa Reads Book Club**

The book club choice for June is *The Love Story of Missy Carmichael* by Beth Morrey.



Here’s a bit about the book: “The world has changed around Missy Carmichael. At seventy-nine, she’s estranged from her daughter; her son and only grandson live across the world in Australia; and her great love is gone. Missy spends her days with a sip of sherry, scrubbing the kitchen in her big empty house and reliving her past—although it’s her mistakes, and secrets, that she allows to shine brightest. The last thing Missy expects is for two perfect strangers and one spirited dog to break through her prickly exterior and show her just how much love she still has to give.”

We will meet on **Sunday, June 25 at 4:00** at Wildwood at Firewood. See you there!