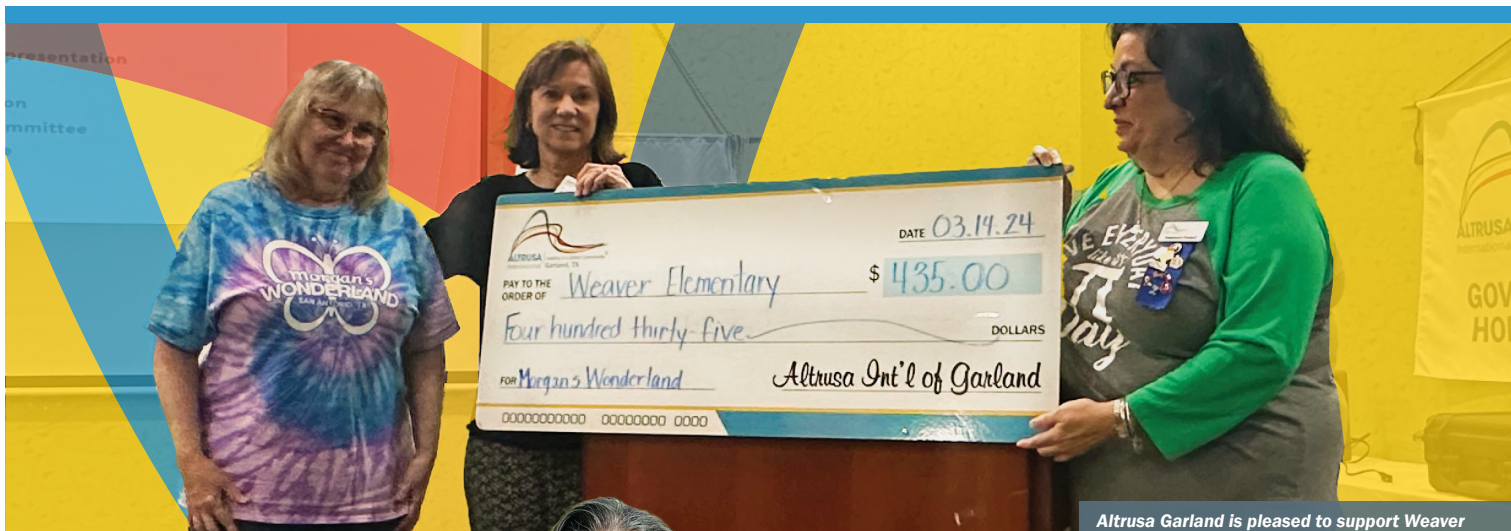


ALTRUSA WAVES



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF GARLAND NEWSLETTER



Altrusa Garland is pleased to support Weaver Elementary and their students' trip to Morgan's Wonderland. Altrusan and Weaver teacher, Sheila McComas accepts the club's donation from Mary Powlen.

Words from our PRESIDENT Stephanie Noland



Hello, April...and welcome to Spring in Texas! As I turn my calendar to April 1, I reflect upon a quote by Jim Elliot – "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." The priority here resonates with me as an Altrusan. Doesn't it for you?

We donate (give up) things we cannot keep - time, expertise, and material resources. sThe impact for our club members (and club as a whole) are lives that are rich in love, compassion, generosity, and purpose – all things we cannot lose.

Once again, this month is full of opportunity and challenge. We are wrapping up projects for this Altrusa year and beginning to look toward Altrusa 2024-25. Even as we begin to organize committees, plan community service projects, and schedule events for the next year, there are still many "don't miss" events for this year. Be sure to invite a friend, too!

Thanks to our members who will be representing us at District Nine conference. Shout outs to Barbara Johnson for creating our silent auction contribution and Christina Contreras for our club display. Those of us who are unable to attend look forward to hearing all the news from San Marcos. Our collective fingers are crossed in hopes that our amazing service projects will be recognized AND our book donation efforts land us at the top of the district's list.

I've said it before and say it again...it is my privilege to serve alongside each of you in Altrusa, Garland...NO FOOLIN' ;)

Stephanie snolandtx@yahoo.com



IMPORTANT DATES

- Apr 11 Happy Birthday Altrusa International!
- Apr 11 Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn
- Apr 19 Volunteer Appreciation Lunch 11:45 AM, Christian Care Center
- Apr 19-21 District Nine Conference
- Apr 25 Board Meeting, 6 PM, via Zoom
- Apr 28 Book Club, 4 PM, Wildwood Firewheel
- May 9 President's Banquet

APRIL MEETING

Altrusa welcomes "Pajamas for Seniors" as our program for April. This non-profit's goal is to provide a new pair of pj's to all low income seniors throughout our communities.

MEETING INFORMATION

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the April 11, 2024 meeting.

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COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Donations

If you have things around the house you're looking to donate, remember Life Message in Rowlett from last month's program! Contact information: Life Message: <https://lifemessage.org/>

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Books! Books! Books!

Thanks to Rhonda Schmid for reporting our book donations throughout this year. Our final donation submission of 495 books included titles to ACT, Founder's Plaza, Centerville Elementary and more. We will soon find out how our numbers line up against other clubs in the District Nine challenge!



Thanks to Deborah Henson for making a connection with the former librarian at Weaver, Laura Thomas, and her son, Travis. We will hear about Travis' senior service project and how he managed to collect over 600 books to pass along to us to share through our book fairs next year. Laura and Travis plan to join us for our April meeting. Please be sure to make them feel welcomed.

CLUB NEWS

Club 21

Members will have a second opportunity to make their \$21 donation to Club 21 at this month's meeting. If you prefer, you can also Venmo Debbie Summerville directly with the note "Club 21" in the payment memo. We are hoping for 100% member participation this year.

Wrapping Up 2023-24

It's time to begin to gather your volunteer hours for our annual report. Stephanie will send an email reminder that includes what Altrusa counts as volunteer hours and how to report the different areas of service. Remember, we reported 13,627 hours last year for a financial impact of \$433,339. Will we exceed those numbers this year?

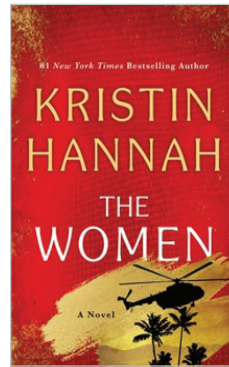
Gearing Up for 2024-25

We are in the process of organizing committee members and chairs for the upcoming year. Sign up sheets will be available at the April meeting OR you can email Stephanie directly at snolandtx@yahoo.com with the areas where you want to serve.

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

We have been invited to attend this year's appreciation luncheon at Christian Care Center because of the Mothers Day Tea we held for them last May. The luncheon will be Friday, April 19 at 11:45 in their Memorial Auditorium, 1000 Wiggins Parkway, Mesquite. If you would like to attend, please let Rita know.

EDITOR Christina Contreras cmcontreras01@yahoo.com



Altrusa READS Book Club

The book club choice for April

The Women

by Kristin Hannah

With the underlying theme, "Women can be heroes", Hannah's #1 New York Times bestseller is a must read! It has been described as "an intimate portrait of coming of age in a dangerous time and an epic tale of our nation divided during the Vietnam War."

We will meet on **Sunday, Apr 28 at 4:00** at

Wildwood at Firewood.



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

