

ALTRUSA WAVES



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF GARLAND NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S

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Happy New Year! I'm writing from my home office today (unusual for me) and enjoying the last few days of my holiday break. I'll return to work on Monday with the students coming back on Tuesday. Then we will begin to tackle all the things that the spring semester requires.

I welcome Christmas break...it gives me time to accomplish all the "REs". I'm sure you know what I mean. The holidays are a great time to REmember and REvisit the traditions of holidays past. But they're also great to REflect, REvise, REconnect, and possibly even REDuce (after eating too many Christmas goodies!) I'll toss in "REst" just for good measure...since it sort of fits my theme.

The RESolution maker in each of us calls us to REview successes from the past year and urges us to REcharge our batteries as we pREpare for the year to come.

So, as we head into 2025, I challenge each of us to REview our individual commitments to all that is Altrusa Garland. Join me in REcommitting to our community partners, our core values, and service in our local community. Make every effort to participate in as many of our activities and projects as possible. I know you'll find it to be incredibly REwarding!

With RENewed energy, I'll be serving alongside you,

Stephanie
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IMPORTANT DATES

- JAN 26 Book Club, 4:00 PM Wildwood Firewheel
- JAN 27 Shugart Elementary Bookfair
- JAN 30 Board Meeting
- JAN 30 5th Thursday social, Game Night, Mary Powlen's
- FEB 13 February Business Meeting
- FEB 21 Williams Elementary Bookfair

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTES

Our February program will feature an update from Garland ISD. Come learn what's happening with the students that receive books from our book fairs and Little Free Libraries as well as other important news about our local district.

Menu for the February meeting will be meatballs and marinara, vegetable lasagna, caesar salad, garlic bread, tea/water, and peach cobbler for dessert. Yum! Cost for the meal is \$31.00

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COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE



SHUGART ELEMENTARY BOOKFAIR - January 27
at 8:30 - 10:30 Please mark your calendars to help. If you completed a GISD Volunteer background check in the fall, it is still good for the spring semester.

BOOK FAIRS

WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY BOOKFAIR - February 21.
More information to come, but for now, *SAVE THIS DATE!*

SCHOOL SUPPLY DELIVERY - After collecting supplies this past summer, it's time to distribute them to one of our GISD schools. We will be distributing the school supplies this month. Thanks to everyone who participated in this effort for children in our community.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

5TH THURSDAY SOCIAL

Game Night - Thursday, January 30

Mary Powlen's home - 3301 Callaway Court, Richardson 75082. Bring a friend, a snack to share, and a wrapped gift (\$10 or less) that will be used as prizes for winners in each round of our game. We'll play Keeno (like Bingo with playing cards)—easy to learn and fun!

Mary will provide non-alcoholic drinks; BYOB if you'd like.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Know someone who'd be a great addition to our club? Annual dues are prorated now through March 31 at the bargain rate of \$87.50. Invite them to a meeting, service project, and/or the upcoming social event so that they can see what we do and who we are!

◆ An orientation event is on deck for our new members. More information to come.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Know a great Garland ISD senior? Applications for the Marjorie Hall-Chamberlain Scholarship are open! Seniors pursuing higher education (2- or 4-year college, vocational training, etc.) are eligible. Encourage them to ask their school counselor or contact Deborah Henson with questions.



IN MEMORY *Beverly Ryan*

Altrusa Garland remembers charter member, Beverly Ryan, who lost her battle with Leukemia on December 14. Beverly and her Boxes to the Military legacy will be honored at this year's District Nine conference.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



HELEN PARTAIN
JAN 15TH



RITA JOHNSON
JAN 18TH



AMY SAUSAMEDA
JAN 22ND



DEBRA SUMMERVILLE
JAN 30TH



ROSALYN BLACKSHEAR
FEB 2ND

Altrusa READS Book Club

The book club choice for this month

Yellowface by R.F. Kuang

White lies. Dark humor. Deadly consequences... Bestselling sensation Juniper Song is not who she says she is, she didn't write the book she claims she wrote, and she is most certainly not Asian American—in this chilling and hilariously cutting novel from R.F. Kuang, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Babel.

See you at book club on **January 22 at 4:00.** We meet at Wildwood restaurant at Firewheel.



MEMBER UPDATE

BARBARA BOYDEN

Barbara just celebrated her birthday this month Jan 10th! Happy Birthday!

A primary member since 2003, Barbara has transferred her primary membership to a club in Oregon, but remains a dual member of our club.

"Miss y'all. They tell me here that I don't have a Texas accent -- rather surprises me as I lived in TX for 57 years!! Oregon is beautiful with trees EVERYWHERE! Miss my Garland Altrusa buddies BUT the Eugene folks are so good to me here and I am glad for the opportunity to be a part of their group and activities."

-Barbara

We miss you Barbara!



Thanks to everyone who helped put holiday smiles on our servers' faces. The individual trees were jam-packed with gift cards and cash!



GOVERNOR'S HOME CLUB