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Words from our President

Wow!!! What an active month we have had. It is so wonderful to share these events with our members.

We started out with a book fair at Routh Roach in March and recently one at Daugherty. These are our last 2 for the year. A lot of fun was had at Founder's Plaza

making Easter wreaths for the residents (despite a few hot glue gun blisters). The Fifth Thursday was a great success as we had around 20 people join in. All in all, a fun time for all.

So . . . what is left for April? We have our business meeting on the 14th and our program will be given by a representative of the Southwest Transplant Alliance. Be sure to make your reservations by the 8th. Also, we may have some visitors who seem to be interested in joining and we will be inducting Wendy Sheriff as our newest member.

Don't forget to join the book club. It's a great opportunity to meet up with members to discuss the previous read. It's also a great time to socialize and enjoy a dinner together.

District Conference is April 29 thru May 1. This will be our first face-to-face meeting with fellow District Altrusans in over 2 years. I know the District Nine board has been working hard to present an exceptional event. Tee shirts are available to order from the District Nine website. We will be bringing our display board and a silent auction item to conference. I think we will be well represented this year.

Our Zoom Board meeting for April has been changed to the 26th so it doesn't conflict with Conference.

Let's have a wonderful April and prepare for the President's banquet in May.

Fondly,

Betty Sainz



EVENTS

- Apr 7 World Health Day
- Apr 8 Daugherty Book Fair - 8:30a set up; 9-11 Fair
- Apr 11 Altrusa Awareness Day
- Apr 14 6p-Membership Meeting - SW Transplant Alliance
- Apr 22 Earth Day
- Apr 24 4p-Altrusa Reads Book Club, Wildwood in Firewheel
- Apr 26 6p Board Meeting - Zoom meeting
- Apr 29-May 1 District 9 Conference - info at altrusadistrictnine.org or article on pg2
- May 12 Membership Meeting - President's Banquet

APRIL PROGRAM

April has been designated as "National Donate Life Month", so our program on April 14 will feature Yvette Chapman of Southwest Transplant Alliance (STA). STA is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to fulfilling the gifts of organ and tissue donation. They provide hope to the families grieving a tremendous loss and to the individuals awaiting lifesaving transplant.

WE ARE GROWING!

After welcoming Rhonda Schmid to our club last month, Altrusa Garland will be adding our 27th member - Wendy Sheriff! We have also had several visitors and member guests joining us recently, which is very exciting! Remember that membership offers a GREAT deal for joining during the months of April and May. Dues for joining members in April or May are included in the dues for the upcoming Altrusa club new year beginning June 1. Let's all continue to talk to our friends who we KNOW would make great additions to our club.

BOOK FAIR AT ROUTH ROACH



The Social Committee

Is responsible for leading the Altrusa Accent Pledge/Collect/Benediction at our April 14, 2022 Meeting

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communication Committee – A reminder to share on your facebook the many community activities that Garland Altrusa is involved in. Talk to people you encounter about Altrusa and carry the rack cards to give to them so they have the information to contact Membership site information.

Community Service – We had a successful Literacy Night at Roach Elementary and a Craft Day at Founder’s Plaza. Thank you to all that were able to volunteer for either of the two events. We have one more Literacy event coming up on April 8th, at Daugherty Elementary. There is a need for volunteers for this event on Friday from 8:30-11 am.



We are partnering with Airborne Angels Cadets of Texas this year for our Boxes to the Military. We will be using their supplies and mailing contacts to send the boxes. This will enable us to send a more customized box to fit the recipients’ needs. More details to come soon.

The boxes for the Military donation for the month of April is granola and protein bars. Please bring to our meeting.

Fundraising – Our committee had such great support for our fundraiser this past year that we collected enough for our projects and no other projects are needed until the new club year begins in June 2022.

Membership – We will be inducting another new member at our meeting this month – see article on page 1.

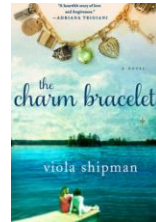
Program- April is National Donate Life Month so our program on April 14 will provide information from Southwest Transplant Alliance. Hope all can attend!

Social – Ten Garland Altrusans and 7 guests enjoyed the Fifth Thursday event at Landon’s Wine in downtown Wylie. Everyone enjoyed the evening. Several members want to return in the near future.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

01 Apr Tina Rhodes
10 Apr Stephanie Noland



APRIL BOOK CLUB

Altrusa Reads Book Club – Please mark your calendars for Sunday, April 24, at 4 pm. and plan to join us at Wildwood Firewheel as we discuss **The Charm Bracelet** by Viola Shipman. Here’s the synopsis: “Through an heirloom charm bracelet, 3 women will rediscover the importance of family and a passion for living as each charm changes their lives. On her birthday each year, Lolly’s mother gave her a charm, along with the advice that there is nothing more important than keeping family memories alive, and so Lolly’s charm bracelet would be a constant reminder of that love.” As grandmothers, mothers and daughters ourselves, this sounds like something that will resonate with each of us.

Monthly Dinner Reservations

Please remember to respond promptly to any communication regarding our monthly dinner meetings. Stephanie Noland and Barbara Powers must turn in a count to the Holiday Inn no later than the Friday BEFORE each month’s regular Thursday meeting. All members should receive both an Evite and an email reminder on Monday before the count is due. Help us out and let us know if you are coming or not within this time frame.

BOOK PREVIEW FOR MAY



We also want to announce our book selection for May although time and place are still to be determined. Scheduled for May will be **One Italian Summer** by Rebecca Serle. Here’s a little bit about this book: When Katy’s mother, Carol, dies, she is left reeling. To make matters worse, their planned mother-daughter trip of a lifetime to the magical town of Positano looms. But, as soon as she sets foot on the Amalfi Coast, Katy begins to feel her mother’s spirit. Buoyed by the stunning waters, beautiful cliffside, delightful residents and delectable food, Katy feels herself coming back to life. And then Carol appears – in the flesh, healthy, sun-tanned and 30 years old. Katy doesn’t understand what is happening, or how. All she can focus on is that she has somehow impossibly gotten her mother back. Over the course of one Italian summer, Katy gets to know Carol, not as her mother, but as a young woman before her. However, she is not exactly sure who Katy imagined she might be and soon Katy must reconcile the mother who knew everything with the young woman who does not yet have a clue.” Another tender, mother-daughter story, this one seems timely for Mother’s Day month.

2022 DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE

Several members are planning to attend the first District Nine Conference in 2 years due to the pandemic. Garland will be taking their updated display board and an item for the fundraising auction which is always filled with beautiful and useful baskets.

Betty Sainz and her son did a wonderful job designing a cute District Nine t-shirt which you can preorder at \$25 even if you are not going to conference. Go to District Nine website for ordering procedures (see page 1 for website address).

