



# ALTRUSA WAVES

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## Words from our President

What a month this has been for our club! The committees have been working double time to get the year planned. The Fundraising, Community Service, Social, and Membership committees all worked together on planning events and having a little fun. Thank you to the Chairs for getting the ball rolling.

Jan McCorstin and I closed out the Foundation bank account that was compromised and opened a new account.

It was a great success sponsoring the Mobile Mammogram Day at Hope Clinic. We had so many volunteers that I allowed some to back out and take the day off. During this event, we found out that some of the patients had never had a mammogram. We are so thankful that we could share in this event. Special thanks to Helen Partain for lending us her canopy so we had some shade on a very hot day for the event.

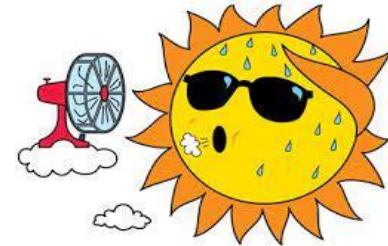


The Book Club met face-to-face for the first time and we had our first 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday event, "Painting with a Twist". Great job team!!

Shirley Raymer, Mary Powlen and I just returned from the International Convention in Charlotte, NC. If you didn't see the Facebook post . . . our club will receive \$2250 from Altrusa International Foundation. Details to follow.

Let's keep this ball rolling and continue to support all the committees. The **Caring, Commitment** and **Community** theme is strong in our club.

Fondly, Betty Sainz



## JULY EVENTS

- Aug 12 6p Membership/Business meeting - Scott LeMay, our Garland Mayor, is the speaker at Garland Holiday Inn on GWB Tollway**
- Aug 12 International Youth Day**
- Aug 26 6p Board Meeting - At Barbara Powers' house with Guadelupe Carvajel, our District Nine visitor attending**
- Sep 8 Literacy Day**
- Sep 9 6p Membership/Business meeting - District Nine visitor will be our program**
- Sep 23 North Texas Giving Day**
- Sep 23 6p Board Meeting**
- Sep 30 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday Event - information later**
- Oct 2 District Nine Workshop at Garland Holiday Inn on GWB Tollway - more info to come**

## GARLAND WINS AWARD

Ladies, if you haven't seen our Facebook post yet, PLEASE take a look . . . and like it (love it would be better, actually), share, forward, and do a happy dance while you're at it.

Altrusa Garland won **FIRST PLACE** for the International 2021 Altrusa Club Service Award Fundraiser which comes with a check for \$1500. We were the largest total Altrusa club contributor per capita!

Altrusa Garland won **SECOND PLACE** for the largest total Altrusa Club contribution - which comes with a check for \$750. Betty will bring details about how the money can be used. We got an extra \$2250 in the bank. WOO-HOO!!!!

I say we blow the socks off Temple next year and win 1<sup>st</sup> place on BOTH categories. Who's with me???????

## NEW MEMBERS

Karla Langston submitted her membership materials recently and her initiation is scheduled for our August meeting.

The club will welcome Kimberly Kierce as a dual member to our club. Kimberly is 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Governor on the District Nine Board of Directors.

We are happy to welcome these new members. Be sure to visit with them when they attend and plan to get to know them better and bring them into the responsibilities and fun events Garland Altrusa has on the calendar for the rest of our club year.

**The Fund Raising Committee is**

**responsible for leading the**

**Pledge/Collect/Benediction/Altrusa Accent**

**for the August Meeting**

## GARLAND ALTRUSA IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

Email: [garlandaltrusa@gmail.com](mailto:garlandaltrusa@gmail.com)

Facebook: [garlandaltrusa](https://www.facebook.com/garlandaltrusa)

Website: [districtnine.altrusa.org/garland/](http://districtnine.altrusa.org/garland/)

District Nine Website: [www.altrusadistrictnine.org](http://www.altrusadistrictnine.org)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Communication Committee** – Let’s be looking at various communication devices to get the word out on our fund raising to begin in September on North Texas Giving Day. Use your facebook, twitter, Instagram and other social media sites to let your friends and businesses that you frequent know of club needs and how easy it is to give via NTGD. It is another way to get our club name and services rendered into our local community.

**Community Service** – Committee met on 21 July and finalized the donations schedule for the year. We are hoping that club members will donate monthly the item(s) for our Boxes to the Military program. Every month will be a different item that is named in the invitation to the business meetings and the newsletter. **For the August business meeting, we are requesting club members bring non-aerosol sunscreen and bug spray.**

We are also working on our volunteer opportunities calendar for the year. There are 2 events in August that we are hoping to get volunteers for: one is helping with the clothes closet at 5 Loaves on 21 August and the other is helping with the Backpack Giveaway on 28 August. More information for both events will be emailed later.

**Fundraising** – The committee will be reaching out to volunteers at the business meeting for our North Texas Giving Day (NTGD) page testimonials and videos. Anyone who offered to write a testimonial on why you are an Altrusan, please have those written and ready to give to a committee member. Members may also email testimonials if preferred. For those members who offered to make a VIDEO for our social media sites and NTGD page, we will film those at the business meeting. Please come prepared - dress, makeup, enthusiasm!

**Membership** – Membership Committee has visitor information available in both digital and print versions. Please help us connect to the visitors you bring to meetings and events by sharing names and emails of those friends and family members you invite. We want everyone to know about our club and that they are welcomed!

**Program** – Scott LeMay, Mayor of Garland, will be our speaker for the August meeting. Club members - Don’t forget to bring your non-aerosol sunscreen and bug spray for Boxes to the Military (see information above under Community Service report.

**Social** –We have another 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday September 30, and information will come later so you can plan for the next great event. **See picture below from the Paint With A Twist 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday event** in Downtown Garland on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Great fun for members attending and we had 2 guests at that event. Look at all these beautiful seascapes from OUR membership!

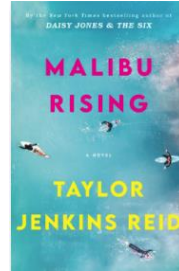


**2021 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

This month, I will be sending this newsletter AND Betty Sainz’s Altrusa International Convention 2021 report. Shirley Raymer, Mary Powlen and Betty attended the Convention in Charlotte, NC, during July, and Betty put together a report to let all of us know about changes coming and good things that happened, like Garland winning those 2 cash fundraising awards. Look for the second email with the information regarding Altrusa Convention.



- 1 Aug Kimberly Klerce**
- 3 Aug Mary Powlen**
- 16 Aug Mlna Ray**
- 26 Aug Patty Lucas**



**ALTRUSA READS BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club is reading **Malibu Rising** by Taylor Jenkins Reid for our August selection.

Here’s a little teaser from Goodreads.com: “Four famous siblings throw an epic party to celebrate the end of the summer. But, over the course of 24 hours, their lives will change forever.” Sounds like the perfect end of summer read, don’t you think?

Our dinner meeting time and place will be announced at the August meeting, so more information is coming soon.

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

The Altrusa Member Spotlight shines this month on . . .

**Tammy Caruso** – With a 100% Italian Mom, you can bet that Tammy Caruso can make a mean pot of sauce with meatballs. I wonder if that is what she serves when she and her husband (both raised in Pittsburgh) watch their favorite Steelers play. Tammy loves dogs and has had a schnauzer since she was 10 years old. Isabel is their current fur baby. Considering her love of dogs, it is not surprising to learn that Tammy won a “Be Kind to Animals” week poster contest when she was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade Her prize was 3 years of free art lessons at the Pittsburgh Art Museum. Her teacher was Joseph Fitzpatrick, who was also Andy Warhol’s first introduction to art! Wow!

**Deborah Henson** – Deb has, from her earliest years, wanted to work with children as her career. Even retired, this remains her passion. One of her favorite pastimes is reading murder mysteries! Many are aware husband, Dave’s challenges with cancer and other health issues. Through all of this, Deb has learned a lot more about turning everything over to God and understanding His will as perfect. You may not know that Deb learned to snow ski after turning 40 and became good enough to successfully navigate black runs. Go, Deb!

Tune in next month to learn more about our members.

**CARE AND CONCERN**

This past year, we have felt distanced from our fellow Altrusans throughout District Nine in many ways. At the same time, many members have been affected personally by COVID and other illnesses or have had other struggles. Because of this, and because we feel bonded to fellow Altrusans throughout the district, we want to begin a **Care and Concern** list of Altrusans in need of our thoughts, prayers and well-wishes. Beginning immediately, if you wish to raise up a member through our **Care and Concern** list, please email or text Second Vice Governor Linda Hurt at [hurtlj@aol.com](mailto:hurtlj@aol.com) with the name of that Altrusan and his/her club. We will update the list in the *News of Mighty Ninth* and on the new District Nine website when it becomes fully operational. His/her name will remain on the list for about three months. If you wish to keep the Altrusan on the list for longer than that, just send another email or text.

To honor needs for privacy, please check with the person whose name you plan on submitting and forward an email from that Altrusan indicating that she/he is willing to be placed on the list. If forwarding an email is impossible, please ensure that you have received approval from the Altrusan or his/her family first.