

ALTRUSA WAVES

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Words from our President

Tina Rhodes

The holiday hustle and bustle is upon us. And those days transitioning from autumn and Thanksgiving to Christmas and all the joy it will be always seem to fly by. I'm never ready for it, no

matter how much time I have to prepare. I hope everyone is able to attend our December meeting/Christmas party – with the focus on party. We'll have a great time being merry and bright!

Fall Leadership was a great success and Garland club was well represented. Our own Wendy Sheriff was a keynote speaker and, of course, Governor-Elect Shirley and District Nine Treasurer Mary Powlen were there. In addition, Betty and our newest member, Debby Summerville, were in attendance. District Nine is doing great things so stay on the lookout for updates, especially as we prepare for the 100th anniversary of our district and the annual conference which will be co-hosted by Garland club.

We have several book fairs in the works but for various reasons they're being rescheduled. If you've already committed to working a book fair, please be on the lookout for the new date and keep it on your calendar. Our only book related event in December will be at 5 Loaves Food Pantry in Sachse, on December 18th. Please let Rita and Rhonda know if you will be able to work for a couple of hours. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to promote literacy and extend our reach in the community.

My prayer for all of you is that you have time to celebrate the Christmas season with family and friends, feel the love and joy it can bring, and remember the reason for the season. This is a time for giving and there's no better way to give than to serve others. Merry Christmas to all my Altrusa friends. I'm looking forward to what the New Year brings!

In Service,
Tina

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Dec 8 | Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn Holiday Party |
| Dec 10 | Little Free Libraries installation, 2:00 PM |
| Dec 16 | Weaver EC Winter Wonderland, 8:30 - 10:15 AM |
| Dec 18 | 5 Loaves Book Fair, 3 shifts from 1:30 - 7:00 PM |
| Jan 12 | Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn |



Five of our members attended the District Nine Fall Leadership event in Duncanville. This was a very educational event for all who attended.

Pictures L - R: Shirley Raymer, Wendy Sheriff, Mary Powlen, Debra Summerville, & Betty Sainz, Not pictured: Kimberly Kierce

MEETING INFORMATION

Holiday Party Committee

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the December 8, 2022 meeting.

GARLAND ALTRUSA IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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DISTRICT NINE WEBSITE: [AltrusaDistrictNine.org](https://www.AltrusaDistrictNine.org)

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL: [Altrusa.org](https://www.Altrusa.org)

Committee Happenings

Community Service

Little Free Libraries

We will be installing Little Free Libraries on Saturday, December 10, 2:00 PM, (if the weather cooperates). Meet at Montclair Elementary, 5200 Broadmoor Drive, where we will have the needed supplies and divide the work crews. One group will stay at Montclair and one will go to Southgate Elementary, 1115 Mayfield Ave. With any luck, we could have two additional locations approved by the end of the week. We need some strong volunteers to help get these libraries installed. Contact Barbara Powers via email barbara@brpowers.com or phone 214-662-4412, if you can help.

Weaver Elementary Early Childhood Winter Wonderland

The Early Childhood Special Education Program at Weaver Elementary School, 805 Pleasant Valley Road, Garland, will have its Winter Wonderland event Friday, December 16, in the gym. Setup begins at 8:30 a.m. and the special program ends at 10:15 a.m. Please let Barbara Powers know if you can assist, 214-662-4412, barbara@brpowers.com.

5 Loaves Book Fair

We could still use a few volunteers to distribute books at 5 Loaves Christmas for Children event on Sunday, December 18. The event will be held at the TNT Game Center (formerly Community BBQ) in Sachse on 78 just north of Williford Road. There are three shifts available: 1:30 - 3:00, 3:30 - 5:00, 5:30 - 7:00. 5 Loaves has asked that volunteers for each shift arrive 30 minutes prior to the families' arrivals (noted above). We only need a few more people to join in the fun. Please contact Rita Johnson or Rhonda Schmid if you can help.

Thanksgiving Meal Bags

Approximately 175 (maybe more) decorated bags were delivered to Good Sam for their Thanksgiving meal distribution. In addition, we distributed 120 books to the families who came to get a meal from Good Sam. Vicki Tumulty (GS manager) said it was so fun to watch the families choose books for their children!



Make A Difference Day - Debra Summerville helping a child select the perfect prize.

Special thanks to our Holiday Party Elves

Barbara Powers, Debra Summerville and Betty Sainz for planning our party festivities.

Upcoming Birthdays

Dec 9 Wendy Sheriff
Dec 20 Mary Dyer
Jan 10 Barbara Boyden
JAN 12 Mary Henderson



Altrusa Reads Book Club

November's selection is *Daisy Jones & the Six*. Meeting and discussion will be at Wildwood Firewheel on Sunday, December 18 at 4 PM.

Synopsis:

A gripping novel about the whirlwind rise of an iconic 1970s rock group and their beautiful lead singer, revealing the mystery behind their infamous break up.

Everyone knows Daisy Jones & The Six, but nobody knows the real reason why they split at the absolute height of their popularity...until now.

Daisy is a girl coming of age in L.A. in the late sixties, sneaking into clubs on the Sunset Strip, sleeping with rock stars, and dreaming of singing at the Whisky a Go-Go. The sex and drugs are thrilling, but it's the rock and roll she loves most. By the time she's twenty, her voice is getting noticed, and she has the kind of heedless beauty that makes people do crazy things.

Another band getting noticed is The Six, led by the brooding Billy Dunne. On the eve of their first tour, his girlfriend Camila finds out she's pregnant, and with the pressure of impending fatherhood and fame, Billy goes a little wild on the road.

Daisy and Billy cross paths when a producer realizes the key to supercharged success is to put the two together. What happens next will become the stuff of legend.

Membership

Our most recent new member orientation (for Wendy, Debra, and Maria) was held via Zoom on Monday, December 5. Thanks to all who participated in support of our newest Altrusans.

Programs

We will be celebrating the holidays at our annual Christmas party for this month's meeting. We plan to assemble holiday gifts and goodie bags for the three Holiday Inn employees who serve our meals each month. So please bring "stocking stuffer" type gifts that you know they would enjoy - nail polish, lotion, bath bombs, chocolates, holiday decor, ornaments, cozy socks, or any other fun treat. You might also pick up \$5 (or more) gift cards from places like Chick-fil-A, Walmart, or Target. Remember that we will be making three gift bags.

Member Updates

Sue Floyd is in the Christian Care Center at 1000 Wiggins Pkwy, #100, Mesquite, TX 75150. She is in the Bently Bldg in Room 1157. Sue's phone number is 972-686-3038.

Janet Black is homebound for a few months due to a fractured 1st and 2nd vertebrae. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers

Directory Updates:

Barbara Boyden's email address - barbwired36@gmail.com