



ALTRUSA WAVES

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Caring - Commitment - Community

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Words from our President

Happy February and Valentine's Day

We had to postpone the book fair at Routh Roach which is now tentatively rescheduled February 24th. We may also have a book fair at Daugherty that same week. Community Service is trying to tie everything down and hopefully by the meeting, we will have a better idea of what is going on.

The Board voted to give Valentine Day cards and candies to Founder's Plaza staff and residents. We hope to have the staff cards ready to complete at the meeting on the 10th. If you can come early and stay a little late, then we can get everything completed and ready to deliver by the 14th.

The program for the upcoming meeting will be presented by the Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest. They will be promoting their Annual Trout Lily Walk coming up the end of February. There have been few of our Altrusans who have participated in and really enjoyed this annual event.

Foundation Board - International Foundation has instructed Garland that we must set up a Foundation Board of Trustees separate from the club's Board of Directors. The Board has reviewed the by-laws from International and updating how we want to run the Foundation. The proposed by-laws will be presented at the next business meeting looking at the changes on how we will be governing our club. This Foundation Board of Trustees has the same fiscal year as the club and must begin June 1. Details to follow.

Here's hoping you are doing well and you and your family are staying safe. Let us know if you are in need of any help during these winter months as we want to keep the **Caring, Commitment, Community** philosophy continuing throughout our club.

Fondly,

Betty Sainz



EVENTS

- Feb 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb 2 12p District Nine Zoom Book Series Lead to Read "Art of Possibility" - See page 2 Book Club
- Feb 4 Deadline to make meeting dinner reservations
- Feb 10 6p Our Membership meeting brings Preservation Society for Spring Creek area in Garland and info on annual Trout Lily Walk. Menu - Lasagna and dessert; cost is \$22.
- Feb 20 World Day of Social Justice.
- Feb 17 6p Board Meeting Date Change - Zoom meeting. More info to be emailed later
- Feb 24 Routh Roach Book Fair.
- Mar 8 International Women's Day
- Mar 10 6p March Business Meeting - Program provided by Garland Independent School District

NEW OFFICER SLATE

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| President | Tina Rhodes |
| President Elect | Stephanie Noland |
| Vice President | Rita Johnson |
| Recording Secretary | Patty Lucas |
| Foundation Treasurer | Jan McCorstin |
| Operating Treasurer | Barbara Powers |
| Director 2021-2023 | Elizabeth Fuentes |
| Director 2022-2024 | Rosalyn Blackshear |
| Immediate Past President | Betty Sainz |

(No Historian and Parliamentarian is Appointed by President)

Our thanks to the Nominating Committee for their success in securing this slate of new officers for our upcoming new fiscal year which begins June 1

The Communication Committee

is responsible for leading the

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at our February 10, 2022 Meeting

GARLAND ALTRUSA IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

Email: garlandaltrusa@gmail.com

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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 “bar” cards to give to them the information to contact Membership site information.

Community Service – Change of date on Book Fair at Routh Roach – see article below.

Our Boxes for the Military donation request for this month is **Jerky, Slim Jims, Nuts, or Gum**. Please bring your donations to the **February** business meeting.

Fundraising – Our committee had such great support for our fund raiser 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 – These next few months are the perfect time for prospective members to join our club. Membership dues are half price for joining members through March. Those joining our club in April or May pay a 12-month price for the 14 months! Such a deal. Please consider people you know that would be a good member for our club..

Program - Our program for February will be brought to us by Preservation Society for Spring Creek Forest, and they will be talking about the annual Trout Lily Walk the end of this month. Hope all can attend!

Social –March has a 5th Thursday and Janet Black would appreciate suggestions from members in January and February with ideas about celebrating on March 31st. Help find or create a fun event for this March event.

ROUTH ROACH BOOK FAIR

This Book Fair had to be rescheduled due to Covid numbers on campus. GISD isn't allowing outside visitors on their campus until the infection numbers go down.

The campus is planning an “in-person” Literacy Night for the families on February 24th, from 4 to 8 pm. We are invited to join them and hand out books to the children participating. If the event goes “virtual”, we will drop off books for the school personnel to distribute one book per child to take home. Either way, the kids will get books in February.

If the event on the 24th occurs “in person”, we need volunteers for this event so please volunteer to help. Call Elizabeth Fuentes.

FROM GREENVILLE NEWSLETTER

Altrusa was happy to donate \$10,000.00 to **Hunt County Shared Ministries** to help with their M.A.R.K. Program. Thank you to everyone who supported the Tour Of Homes.



CONGRATULATIONS GREENVILLE ON YOUR VERY SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF HOMES



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 01 Feb Rosalyn Blackshear**
- 10 Mar Deborah Henson**
- 30 Mar Christina Contreras**

NO FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB

Altrusa Reads Book Club is on pause this month but all members are encouraged to check out the **Altrusa Lead to Read-Read to Lead** book club that District Nine is hosting on Zoom. Each of 3 different titles will be discussed at the meetings offered at noon on the first Wednesdays of January, February and March, 2022. More information available on the District Nine website. Garland Book Club comes back beginning in April.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Altrusa's Member Spotlight shines this month on a long time member and one of our newer members.

Mary Dyer, an Altrusan since 2010, was an educator for over 40 years. Before becoming a Dyslexia specialist, Mary was a music teacher, a classroom teacher, and a community college teacher. Seeing students struggle with reading in her classroom is what led her to pursue her work in Dyslexia. Mary is a native Texan, growing up in East Bernard (near Houston). She met her husband, Dave, in the singles group at First United Methodist of Dallas and were married in 1969! Mary loves to travel, both internationally and in the US. Talking about trips as far away as Sapporo, Japan and as near as Destin, Florida, Mary says, "These were great times in my life." She and Dave hope to travel more as soon as we get past Covid - and just enjoy life!!

Another native Texan, **Christina Contreras** grew up in El Paso and has been in the DFW area for about 13 years. Her sport growing up was soccer and she played both in college and on semi-pro teams around here. However, in addition to soccer, Christina has also recently tried ice hockey! (Wow!)

Anyone who's seen our yearbook knows how creative Christina is. So it makes sense that she is the Creative Director for a consulting company that works with oncology, rare diseases, and a non-profit that focuses on the disparities in cancer care. She and her 7 year old son, Christian, have recently moved to Wylie...be sure to make note of their new address. (It's in this month's newsletter!). See below.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Please make a change to your directory for this new address:

**Christina Contreras:
212 Daylily
Wylie TX 75089**

HINTS FROM INTERNATIONAL RE MAILINGS

Issues regarding communications to Altrusa International seem to be problematic so here are some instructions to help:

- We ask that you please make your best efforts to pay/donate and communicate online.
- Please **only send mail** to International and Foundation Chicago office at
Altrusa International Inc
1 N LaSalle St Suite 1955
Chicago IL 60602
- For **Grants Program applications**, please **email only** to foundation@altrusa.org. You will receive a confirmation email when the application is received.
- **Do not mail grant applications** to the Chicago office.

Note: David Mena has accepted the position of Interim Executive Director of Altrusa International. He has been with Altrusa the past 5 years and will work with us during our search for a full-time Executive Director.