

# ALTRUSA WAVES

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## Words from our President

**Tina Rhodes**

**Love is in the air** – and I love what our club is doing this month. We will initiate FIVE new members to our group. To have this many new members at one time is a first for our

club and this momentum will propel us to do many more great things in our community. Our service project at the business meeting will be sharing a little love with seniors. And we'll share a little more love at the Roach book fair on the 23rd.

Conference will be here before we know it. If you haven't signed up to attend, please do so as soon as you can. Attending conference will expand your knowledge of Altrusa, celebrate our accomplishments, give us great ideas for other service projects, provide training, and will be a lot of fun. Don't forget to reserve your 100th anniversary charm before the deadline. We will pick up these charms at conference and get them to you.

The service project at conference is Spanish-translation books. We have several suggested sites that offer Spanish translations or find them at your favorite resource. We have distributed a few Spanish books at book fairs and the faculty loved the idea – so we will always have a need for these in GISD. Pick up a few extras for future book fairs.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this month. We have a lot of opportunities before us and I love being part of Garland Altrusa.

In Service,  
*Tina*

## IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 9	Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn Program: Gateway to Grace
Feb 14	Valentine's Day at Bentley Assisted Living at Christine Care. 2 PM - 2:45 PM
Feb 21	Board Meeting Via Zoom, 6 PM
Feb 23	Book Fair at Roach Elem. 4 PM - 7 PM
Feb 26	Book Club, 4 PM, Wildwood Firewheel
Mar 9	Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn
Mar 10	Book Fair at Shorehaven Elem.

*Stephanie Noland delivering last months donations to 5 Loaves. Total donations were 89 boxes of mac-n-cheese and 16 jars of jelly. Way to go Garland Altrusa*



### Items to bring to the meeting.

Gateway of Grace, our program for February, is in need of diapers, sizes 5,6,7 or pull ups sizes 3T-4T.

If you would like to donate to them, please bring to the business meeting.



### MEETING INFORMATION

#### Programs Committee

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the February 9, 2023 meeting.

### GARLAND ALTRUSA IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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WEBSITE: [GarlandAltrusa.org](https://www.GarlandAltrusa.org)

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

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

## Committee Happenings

### Community Service

#### Book Fair & Book Donations

Weaver Elementary Book Fair January 9 was a success! There were 364 books donated. Books were donated to the Little Libraries as follows: Weaver Elementary 57; Caldwell Elementary 74; Centerville Elementary 75.

The Routh Roach Elementary Literacy Night is Feb. 23, 4-7:30 p.m.

Please complete your background checks for Garland ISD if you wish to participate in Garland ISD book fairs.

You may visit <https://garlandisd.net/connect/volunteer/volunteer-application-process> for more information and the link to the volunteer application. Alternatively, you can go to the Garland ISD web site>For Parents>Scroll down to Volunteer>Scroll down to Apply to Volunteer.

#### Valentines at Christian Care's Bentley Assisted Living

We will be joining in their festivities on February 14th during Christian Care's ice cream social from 2 pm - 2:30 pm. During this time we will be handing out valentines and gift bags to the residents. The facility is located at 900 Wiggins Parkway, Mesquite (northeast corner of Northwest Drive and I-30). The Bentley area has 50 residents including our own Sue Floyd. Valentines will be available at the business meeting to sign and the service committee will make the gift bags. Please contact Rita Johnson or Rhonda Schmid if you would be able to participate on the 14th.

### Membership

Altrusa Garland welcomes FIVE new members this month! Laura Contreras, Barbara Johnson, Christy Miller, Mignon Morse, and Renee Nicholas will be initiated at the February business meeting. Please take the time to welcome each of these amazing women to our club!

**New Member Orientation** - With all of our new Altrusans, it's time to schedule a new member orientation meeting. Watch for more information regarding date, time, place (or Zoom) to arrive in your email soon. Until then, each new member should reach out to her sponsor with questions or ideas.

**Member Updates** - In addition to adding our new members to your Altrusa membership directory, we have a few updates from current members. There's too much information to list it all here, so watch for an email from Stephanie coming soon. Remember to update any email groups you have set up as well as updating individual information.

### Programs

Our speakers for February 9 meeting will be Dr. Samira and Dennis Page. Samira is an Episcopal priest and founder of Gateway of Grace which is a cross denominational non-profit organization. Dennis Page, her husband is the COO.

Gateway of Grace's Educational and Community ministries provide English as a Second Language and citizenship classes, children's educational programs and ESL and special event transportation among many other services. We help refugees furnish their apartments, find jobs, enroll their children in school and begin the path toward developing new relationships and healthy communities.

They have a need for diapers, sizes 5,6,7 or pull ups sizes 3T-4T.

### Altrusa Reads Book Club

The book selection for our book club this month is *The Rescue* by Nicholas Sparks. Here's an idea of what the story's about:

In this heartfelt Southern love story from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Notebook*, a daring fireman rescues a single mom—and learns that falling in love is the greatest risk of all.

We'll meet and discuss the book on Sunday, February 26 at 4:00 at Wildwood Firewheel. Please join us!

## Upcoming Birthdays

Feb 1 Rosalyn Blackshear

Mar 10 Deborah Henson



### District Nine Conference - April 21 - 23

#### *Rise & Shine in Celebration of 100 Years*

Garland and Lake Cities are co-hosting this year's conference at the Courtyard and Towne Place Suites by Marriott in Grapevine. If you are attending and would like to volunteer for a few hours, please contact Betty Sainz.

There are many dates to keep in mind for this event. Links are on the District website: [AltrusaDistrictNine.org](http://AltrusaDistrictNine.org).

**Registration** - Deadline is March 21

**Hotel** - Deadline is March 21 for the block rate of \$129 per night. All rooms are suites with either 1 king bed or 2 queen beds.



**100th Anniversary Charm** - Pre-Order deadline is Friday, February 10. Cost \$23. Pick up is at conference. If you cannot attend, let Tina know and she will pick it up for you.

**Vendor Fair** - Deadline is March 31. If you or someone you know who has a business and would like to sell items during conference, let them know about this opportunity. Altrusans love to buy new things.

**Sponsorships** - Deadline is March 31. You and your company are invited to show support and appreciation for the service of your Altrusa clubs. There are several sponsorship levels ranging from a simple congratulatory message in the Century Book to advertisements in the Century Video, slide show, and social media.

**District Service Project** - Each year the sponsor club(s) choose a specific service project that we or an organization the club works with can help with the needs of the club or organization. Lake Cities and Garland chose to ask for Spanish language children's books to help supplement the books we give away. In recent years we have been asked for more and more Spanish language books at the book fairs. Since our International Representative to conference is Kathy Folley, this is a great way to support Altrusa International's Service Project "One Million Lives, One Book At A Time" We know that the clubs of District Nine are very generous and they are award of our service project Future Readers of Garland (F.R.O.G.) and we are sure they will support this cause. Donations will be collected at conference or delivered to Betty Sainz.

**Governor's Banquet and Installation of New Board** - Finally, at the Saturday evening dinner, Shirley Raymer will become District Nine's new governor. Shirley has been working diligently as a leader in District Nine and is ready to take the reins. We are so proud of her hard work and dedication to Altrusa!

