



# ALTRUSA WAVES

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## Words from our President

Happy New Year Greetings! I hope all of you had an enjoyable holiday and are ready to start the New Year. I enjoyed the extended time with family. Also, I had time to do some needed reorganization and eventual purging around the house and business. I still have a long way to go but

it was a start.

I want to thank the Holiday Party committee for the great hybrid event last month. It was such fun! A special thanks to the members who assisted with the holiday bags which were given to the staff and residents at Winter's Park Retirement Center for their holiday party. I heard they were so appreciative of our small gesture. It is nice to let our community know we are thinking of them.

Our District Nine visitor, Governor Mary Black Pearson, will be joining us at our business meeting Thursday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup>. Please join us and welcome her to our meeting. Mary is excited about sharing the evening with us and will have some updates on what District Nine has in store for our clubs. I hope to see you there!

We have survived the first part of our year and need to focus on what is coming up. Reach out to our members who have been stuck at home. Give them a call, text or email and ask how they are doing and if they need anything. There is a light at the end of the tunnel if we can manage to get there. Meanwhile we need to focus on what we can do the next 5 months. Do you know of community service opportunities we can help with? If so, please contact me or a Board member with your ideas.

I want to thank everyone for their positive attitude shown through these unprecedented times. I appreciate all the support and look forward to seeing everyone again! Continue to keep our **Caring, Commitment, Community** spirit going throughout the rest of the year.

Betty Sainz

### The Communications Committee

*is responsible for leading the*

**Altrusa Accent**

**Pledge/Collect/Benediction**

**at our January Meeting**

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- Jan 14 6p** General Membership Meeting with our District Nine visitor, Mary Pearson presenting the program
- Jan 19 6p** Altrusa Reads Book Club - *The Talented Miss Farwell*. See Stephanie's email for info to connect with Zoom call
- Jan 28 6p** January Board meeting - Email reminder and Zoom call information is sent prior to meeting
- Feb 11 6p** February General Membership meeting with Susan Henderson talking with us about the game of Pickle Ball.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY AT STEPHANIE'S HOUSE



Here are Patty Lucas and Helen Partain showing us all the beautiful goodies on the table for our Christmas Party. Many of the members attending did so by using Zoom so all could participate in spite of COVID-19 restrictions.

Games were fun, one of which was playing various bits of Christmas Carols and guessing names for each. Another was a list of things women carry in their purses and the member with the most won, etc. Prizes were given to winners and everyone had fun with the whole evening. Those who could not be at the party in person were delivered a "party bag" filled with holiday goodies. It was fun.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communication Committee – Altrusa Garland has teamed with a couple of our community partners this fall to insure the holidays are joyful for all. In conjunction with Good Samaritans and Make A Difference Day, we have collected, boxed up, and sent 144 toiletry bags and 100 candy bags to their patrons and the Garland community. These contained snacks, toothpaste and toothbrush, soap, socks, razors and masks, shampoo and chapstick. Thank your Rita, Tina, Mary P. and the many club members who contributed to this project. And, we have an ongoing project with Winters Park Nursing Home where we recognize their residents with goody bags on their birthdays. To date we have given out 45 bags. We made Christmas gift bags which were delivered to the **staff and residents** for their holiday party in December. Special thanks to Deborah Henson and Rita for heading up this project. We will be submitting an article to *The Garland Texan* promoting the organizations and our club's involvement. Thanks for all you do and for being the generous, kind women you are.

Community Service – Community Service has gathered items for bags at Winter’s Park nursing home and and we provided items for Christmas Bags as well. At this time, Deborah said she has enough items. The items include snacks, candy and puzzle books. We are hearing from the workers that the residents of Winters Park home are so happy to get these bags and many times residents in nursing homes do not have family members doing such things for them.

Our Community Service members are looking forward to the day we can meet the residents at this nursing home and deliver books to our special schools.

Fundraising – Our committee had such great support for our fund raiser this past year that we collected enough for our projects and do not need any others until the new club year beginning in June 2021.

Membership – Please remember to check in on our fellow Altrusans during this season of heightened COVID-19 numbers along with the flu. Member care and connection begins with each of us grabbing our membership directory and giving a friend a call to chat.

Who do you know that would make a great Altrusan? Be sure to invite them to all our events and let Membership know so we can follow up with our virtual visitor’s packet of information!

Program- Our January 14<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting will be our District Nine visitor, Mary Black Pearson, Governor of the District. She will be updating us on activities coming up and discussing some goals to help keep membership up and ways we can participate in projects coming up. Our February program will be Pickle Ball!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . . .  
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Jan Donna Raymer
- 10 Jan Barbara Boyden
- 12 Jan Mary Henderson
- 15 Jan Helen Partain
- 18 Jan Rita Johnson
- 01 Feb Roselyn Blackshear



DECEMBER BOOK CLUB

The December **Altrusa Reads** got postponed until January 19. Too much going on during the month to do another meeting or take time to read a book, so we are reading *The Talented Miss Farwell* for Altrusa Reads on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Grab a copy of *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton for February's book club. This choice has been described as "Agatha Christie meets Groundhog's Day!" Doesn't that sound fun?

Here's the tease for you: "Aiden Bishop knows the rules. Evelyn Hardcastle will die every day until he can identify her killer and break the cycle. But every time the day begins again, Aiden wakes up in the body of a different guest at Blackheath Manor. And some of his hosts are more helpful than others." With a locked room mystery that Agatha Christie would envy, Stuart Turton unfurls a breakneck novel of intrigue and suspense. February 16 is the date for this read - so order a copy from Amazon, use curbside pick-up at the library, find it on Audible or Audio Books and be ready for a fun book discussion.

