



ALTRUSA WAVES

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Words from our President

So, the new year has begun! I feel as if the world is getting back to normal. Our Business Meetings will again be held at the Holiday Inn (George Bush Toll Road in Garland) on the 2nd Thursday of every month.

Thank you everyone for the success of the President's Banquet! Special thanks to Mary Henderson and Patty Lucas for helping make this a wonderful memory. It was so nice to see your faces and hear your laughter while we celebrated our successes.

Congratulations go to our Spirit Award winner, Stephanie Noland, and Growth Award winner, Elizabeth Fuentes. We will expect greatness from both of you!

Another special thanks to our members for the generous donations used in our Boxes to the Military - so much that we doubled our expectations. Way to go team!



The Board met and they are planning for the new year. Committees have been formed and are listed later in this newsletter. Expect to hear from the Chairs for scheduled meetings and plan on support with the various projects throughout the year. We have a large grant to use which will take some extra effort to complete. The chairs have the option of either face-to-face or Zoom meetings. Instead of a program at our June business meet, we will split by committees and have small planning sessions. Bring your ideas to this meeting.

Membership brings a big push for the coming year. Keep a lookout to friends, work mates, family and anyone with the altruistic spirit. Think of those who have been at home for most of past year and need excuses to get out and have some fun. In June, we welcome a new member, Karla Langston, Executive Director of Founder's Plaza. She attended our banquet and is so excited to join our wonderful club. Be sure to welcome her when she attends activities.

We will be taking pictures at June meeting for the directory. If you want a new picture, let's get it taken at this time.

Thank y'all - looking forward to the coming year and following the **Caring, Commitment** and **Community** theme.

Fondly, Betty Sainz



JUNE EVENTS

- Jun 6 World Environment Day
- Jun 10 6p Membership/Business meeting - Committee Planning Sessions - bring ideas
- Jun 14 Flag Day
- Jun 15 6p Book Club - Of Women and Salt
- Jun 24 6p Board Meeting
- Jul 4 Independence Day - Celebrate!
- Jul 8 6p Membership/Business meeting
- Jul 15 6p Board Meeting - note date change
- Jul 28-31 Altrusa Int'l Convention in Charlotte NC
- Jul 29 Fifth Thursday

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Several members of the Garland Altrusa have plans to attend the Convention scheduled for 29-31 July, in Charlotte, NC. Several of our members who also have responsibilities with our District Nine, will be there. Conventions are a way of understanding how extensive Altrusa is as members from all over the world attend these events.

WEAVER ELEMENTARY SPECIAL ED GRANT

Sheila McComas, Teacher at Weaver Elementary and our contact person for this project, has arranged for GISD's Marketing Specialist to take our picture on Monday, 7 June, at 1 pm, at Weaver. Members are invited to show up in their green "frog" t-shirts for the "shoot". Please let Barbara Powers know if you plan to attend and if you don't have one of the shirts, contact Betty Sainz to get one. The GISD specialist will write an article for their social media page about the project now completed by Altrusa Garland with pictures of items purchased by our club. We will be presenting the "big check" and want as many members that can to attend. This will be a great chance for us to show everything we contributed to the program. The items purchased will broaden the programs available for these students to develop better skills and increase their abilities.

GARLAND ALTRUSA IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

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The Program Committee is responsible for leading the Pledge/Collect/Benediction/Altrusa Accent for the June Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communication Committee – Work has begun on the club yearbook, and Christina Contreras has been collecting photos from our various activities during this strange year and it is quite amazing how much we have accomplished and contributed to our community. Be sure to let her know if you want to order a yearbook. Members are looking to plan for making our social media sites more timely by making more regular and specifically timed information in an effort to lure community residents to give us a try or get more information to respond and/or participate.

Community Service – A group of members met and, once again, the generous donations far exceeded expectations and Garland Altrusa donated enough items to DOUBLE the number of boxes planned. 22 boxes were filled and will be sent to 3 different units currently serving our country overseas. A special thank you to Mary Powlen and the volunteers that helped prepare all for shipping. We are continuing to work with Pleasant Valley to start the Virtual Readers program. There seem to be some technology logistics on their end that have not been solved. Committee plans to meet soon to review budget for our upcoming year.

Fundraising – This committee will begin the planning to execute this program with the \$4000 grant approval by District Nine for our grant proposal, “Welcome to Chillville” to create therapeutic and sensory spaces at Founders Plaza Nursing and Rehabilitation Center! There will be many ways to participate and serve on the project in the coming months.

Membership – Altrusa Garland welcomes Karla Langston to membership this month and she will be initiated soon. As the Executive Director at Founder’s Plaza, Karla “met” Altrusa Garland through our grant partnership, “Welcome to Chillville”. Karla and her husband, Trevor, live in Sachse and have 1 daughter, Zayde, who attends college at Pacific Lutheran in Tacoma, WA. In addition to being a long-time friend of Stephanie Noland, Karla has an Altrusa legacy – her Mother was an Altrusan in the Wichita Falls Club! We are so glad YOU are now a part of US!

Program – Rita Johnson is asking members to give her some suggestions for programs you would like to have as a part of our regular meetings. This month, committee members will briefly meet with their respective chairs to plan and share ideas for our new club year.

Social – Everyone so enjoyed the end of year President’s banquet which was an in-person event. It was fun and so good to be “socializing”. July has a 5th Thursday, so plan to soon hear information from our Social Committee for an event at that time.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS

COMMUNICATIONS: Christina Contreras*; Carol Hanson**

Tina Rhodes, Sue Floyd, Barbara Boyden-Newsletter

FUNDRAISING: Tina Rhodes*; Marlee Nickerson**

Mary Henderson, Shirley Raymer

MEMBERSHIP: Stephanie Noland*; Patty Lucas**

Mary Powlen, Helen Partain, Rosalyn Blackshear, Barbara Boyden

PROGRAM: Rita Johnson*; Jan McCorstin**

Stephanie Noland, Deb Henson

SERVICE: Elizabeth Fuentes*; Mary Dyer**

Janet Black, Helen Partain, Barbara Powers, Shirley Raymer, Deb Henson, Tammy Caruso, Donna Raymer, Mary Powlen, Rosalyn Blackshear

SOCIAL: Marlee Nickerson*; Janet Black**

Tammy Caruso, Mable Usrey, Mary Helen Vollmer

SPECIAL DISTRICT NINE 2023 CONFERENCE

Betty Sainz*

Barbara Powers – Treasurer, Carol Hanson, Alice Mae Britt, Patty Lucas,

Code: 1 * = Chair; 2 ** = Co-Chair



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
28 June Sue Floyd



JUNE BOOK CLUB

We are reading Gabriela Garcia’s *Of Women and Salt*, for our June Book Club meeting. Join the conversation with us via Zoom on June 15th, 6pm. Great discussions, great people and wine . . . is there a better combination?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

This month our member spotlight shines on 2 Garland Altrusans. As a “boymom”, **Elizabeth Fuentes** says her sons, age 6 and almost 4, are her second full-time job! Because of Cub Scouts, their family has recently taken up camping and have a few camping trips planned in the coming months. Elizabeth was born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley – “an entirely different world down there” where she enjoys visiting. You might be surprised to know Elizabeth loves to play poker, blackjack and other card games. If we ever have a Casino Night, Elizabeth would be right at home. She says, “I’ve been shuffling and dealing pretty much my whole life!”

Tina Rhodes met her husband, Mike, on eHarmony and had him convinced she’d hired a private investigator to check him out before she would let him meet her daughter, Kendra, and the rest of her family! Tina loves to garden, cook, travel with Mike and has recently taken up painting. Thanks to her Mother, Tina’s nickname is “Maggie”. No one remembers where or why it started, but her Mom has called her that pretty much her whole life. Give it a try and see if she answers!

PICTURES FROM BOXES TO THE MILITARY PACKING PARTY

