



# ALTRUSA WAVES

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## Words from our President

**Tina Rhodes**

As June arrives and I think about the new club year, I am in awe of this group and all that we have done and are prepared to do.

In May, we helped celebrate Hope Clinic's 20th anniversary at the annual Celebration of Hope breakfast on May 12th. We served as ushers so that Hope Clinic staff members could attend as guests. The breakfast was a wonderful tribute to Hope Clinic's impact on our (our-personalize it) community as they raised funds to support their mission and welcomed their new director, Tanya Downing. We are looking forward to working with Tanya and the Hope Clinic staff.

Our President's banquet was a fantastic party. The presentation highlighting the accomplishments of our club, under Betty's strong leadership, really brought to light how mighty our group is and how determined we are to carry on in the face of adversity. And, as you all know by now, the awards we received at District Nine Conference were proof of all that work. It was great fun reflecting on the past two years' activities and successes. Photos don't do it all justice, that's for sure. Betty graciously commemorated the outgoing board and Kimberly inducted the new board. The club presented the Lamplighter Award to Betty acknowledging the challenging term she served during a global pandemic. And, as a symbolic award, we gave her a goody bag of pandemic gifts along with Pandemic Pin.

On Saturday, May 14th, we sponsored a book table at Achievement Center of Texas' Art Festival. Altrusa was the only vendor invited to attend the festival, held at Springcreek Preserve park. We were able to give about a hundred books to attendees and had a great time celebrating with them. Unfortunately, ACT has closed due to the impact of the pandemic on their clients as well as loss of staff. Hopefully, they will regroup and resurface in some capacity and, when they do, Altrusa will be there to support and lend a hand.

Both the outgoing and incoming board members met for dinner meeting on May 26th at Wildwood Firewheel. Great food, great laughs, and a lot of fantastic ideas shared for our new year. Be on the lookout for new service opportunities as our committees form and start planning. We want to mirror our Community Service and Programs committees so that we can learn about projects and quickly follow up with service. We'll be doing more hands on service projects at our business meetings, so come prepared to participate.

We'll also be using more technology at our meetings as we implement District Nine's suggestion of hybrid meetings. Details are still underway and we hope to share more about that in June. Our ability to reach new members, as well as serve our current members, is a goal we're working towards for the new club year.

I'm excited to see what the new year brings and hope you all are excited, too. Let's make a big impact in Garland, Sachse and Rowlett, get our name out there, expand our reach, and have fun!

In the Service of Others,  
with Generosity and Purpose,  
*Tina*

## IMPORTANT DATES

June 9	Business Meeting, 6 PM; Holiday Inn
June 23	Board Meeting, place TBD
June 26	Book club at Wildwood Firewheel, 4 PM
June 28	Sue Floyd Birthday
July 4	Independence Day

## MEETING INFORMATION

### Membership Committee

is responsible for leading the Altrusa Accent and Pledge at the June 9, 2022 meeting.

## Committee Break-out

We will have break-out sessions after the dinner to work on planning for the new year. **Bring your talents, ideas and brainstorming abilities.** If you have ideas for community service projects, or programs, bring those as well and be prepared to present your idea to the club or committee. Bring the contact info, location, address, bulletin, or whatever information you have available. We can use it. If you have ideas for communications, share them. **Don't be shy!**

## Club 21

Shirley Raymer will be reminding us of the importance of Club 21 during our accent. In the past we could send in the money but now Club 21 is online. To assist in your membership, we will have a computer set up to help you join Club 21. Please bring cash or a credit card in order to process your Club 21 membership. We want to keep our 100% participation! This is such a great use of \$21.



## Book Club

We will be discussing *One Italian Summer* by Rebecca Serle. This is a tender, mother-daughter story in which Katy gets to know her mother, Carol, in one Italian summer.

We will meet on June 26th at Wildwood Firewheel, 4 PM

## ALTRUSANS DOING SERVICE & HAVING FUN!



Participating in the Achievement Center of Texas' Special Arts Festival and our illustrious leader having fun.



Promoting literacy by giving books to the children at the festival.