



# ALTRUSA WAVES

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## Words from our President

Can you believe it is already March? I think we are finally getting back on track for service projects. Unfortunately, we had to postpone our book fair for Routh Roach due to the weather as it has been rescheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>. Because of this scheduling change, we will move our

Board meeting to March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please welcome our newest member, Rhonda Schmid. She will be inducted at our March Business meeting. Also, we will be voting on our slate of officers for the new 2022-2023 club year. There have been a couple of changes to the slate that was presented. See "New Board Officers" in column to the right.

The program for the March business meeting will be Lakisha Culpepper, GILSD Community Liaison to African Americans. We look forward to hearing from her.

Don't forget to sign up for District Nine Conference, April 29 through May 1. District Board is working hard to present a very informative conference. Conference registration and hotel reservations can be found on the District nine website ([altrusadistrictnine.org](http://altrusadistrictnine.org)) under the Events Calendar drop down menu. **Do It now!**

All members must be on Club Runner. The email that is entered is used by District to communicate with you. Make sure your information is correct. If you have problems with Club Runner, please contact me and I will work with you on it.

Let's make this month successful and hopefully get more involved with our Community Service Project and keep **Caring, Commitment, Community** going throughout the month.

Betty Sainz, President



- Mar 8 International Women's Day
- Mar 10 6p March Membership Meeting - Program: Lakisha Culpepper from GISD
- Mar 24 3:30-8:30p Book Fair at Routh Roach Elementary - volunteers needed
- Mar 17 6p March Board Meeting
- Mar 30 5-6:30p Arrival Time for Fifth Thursday at Landon Winery in Wylie
- Apr 7 World Health Day
- Apr 14 6p April Membership Meeting
- Apr 11 Altrusa Awareness Day
- Apr 29 - May 1 District 9 Conference - [more info at altrusadistrictnine.org](http://altrusadistrictnine.org) or [article on pg2](#)

## VOTE FOR NEW BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2022-23

Members will be voting on the new slate of officers for the upcoming year at our March Business meeting. Here is the new slate:

### Foundation Trustees:

- Shirley Raymer, Jan McCorstin, Rita Johnson

### Club Board:

- President - Tina Rhodes
- President Elect - Stephanie Noland
- Vice President - Mary Powlen
- Operating Treasurer - Barbara Powers
- Recording Secretary - Patty Lucas
- Director 2021- 2023 - Elizabeth Flores
- Director 2022 - 2024 - Rosalyn Blackshear
- Immediate Past President - Betty Sainz

Nominations can be made from the floor but you must have talked with the person being nominated prior to the meeting.

## DISTRICT NINE "ONE MILLION BOOKS" CHALLENGE

Here's an update on our participation in this challenge. As of the last update on the District Nine website, a total of 8920 books have been donated by our district. Of that total, Altrusa Garland donated 1275 and is currently in third. Temple and San Antonio are ahead.

We have 2 more book fairs scheduled for later this month at Roach and Daugherty schools. Call Elizabeth Fuentes and volunteer to help so we can try to overtake the other clubs in District Nine and get many more books in the hands of Garland students to read, read, read.

### The Fundraising Committee

*Is responsible for leading the*

*Pledge/Collect/Benediction*

*and the Altrusa Accent for March*

## GARLAND ALTRUSA IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

Email: [garlandaltrusa@gmail.com](mailto:garlandaltrusa@gmail.com)

Facebook: [garlandaltrusa](https://www.facebook.com/garlandaltrusa)

District Nine Website: [altrusadistrictnine.org](http://altrusadistrictnine.org)

## NEWEST MEMBER

Altrusa Garland welcomes our newest member, **Rhonda Schmid**, at our March meeting. After visiting a couple of meetings, Rhonda has determined that the service our club does for our community is a good fit for her. We are excited to welcome Rhonda as our 26<sup>th</sup> active member and look forward to working with her.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Communication Committee** – With Conference coming up, we will be working on updating our club display-board to include-participating in community activities in spite of the pandemic problems encountered. We generally display at the District Conference.

**Community Service** – Please join us at Routh Roach Elementary Book Fair on March 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 8:30p. We have 2 shift options available and volunteers are needed. Give Elizabeth Fuentes a call if you want to volunteer for a shift.

Be on the lookout for another volunteer opportunity in April for the Book Fair at Daugherty Elementary.

**Donations for Boxes to Military to bring to March meeting are dry soups (Ramen) and/or pull-tab soups and fruit cups.**

**Fundraising** – Our committee had an impressive year in spite of current restrictions and exceeded our goals such that no other fundraising activities are needed. However, we welcome ideas to help our next club year build on this plan.

**Membership** – April is “Add an Altrusan” Month! Who do you know that would make an excellent Altrusan? New members joining April and May are eligible for 14-month dues (April and May as a part of next year’s dues). It’s as easy as inviting them to the meeting – just remember to include them in your RSVP. Our Membership Committee will have visitor packets ready and everyone will make them feel right at home.

**Program** – **Lakisha Culpepper**, our March speaker, is an experienced educator with over 20 years in GISD. as a master teacher, turnaround principal and career coach. She is a doctoral student and currently the GISD Community Liaison to African Americans. She is a passionate advocate for education as a right for all children and has devoted her life to coaching and mentoring others to realize their vision of success. Lakisha inspires others to truly be the change they want to see in the world.

**Social** – **March 30<sup>th</sup>, our 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday Event**, Janet Black has scheduled arrival time for between 5-6:30p at the Landon Winery, 103 N Ballard St, in downtown Wylie. Sounds like fun! Let her know if you plan to attend.

**ALTRUSA LOVE MAKES THE WORLD GO ‘ROUND AT FOUNDERS PLAZA (February 14, 2022)**



*“A woman is like a tea bag – you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water.”*



*~ Fellow Altrusan, Eleanor Roosevelt*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO . . . . MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 10 Mar Deborah Henson**
- 15 Mar Tammy Caruso**
- 16 Mar Marlee Nickerson**
- 30 Mar Christina Contreras**
- 1 Apr Tina Rhodes**

**MARCH BOOK CLUB**

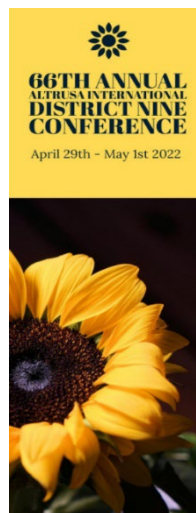


Our book club, Altrusa Reads, will resume later this month by returning to our most recent (and paused) selection, **Just Haven't Met You Yet**, by Sophie Cousens. It's a fun read that we've been waiting to discuss . . . so grab a copy or download the audio book. Our meeting date, time and place will be announced at the March meeting and through a later email.

**CHILLVILLE UPDATE**

We have gotten the green light from Founders Plaza (cleared from COVID) to begin to install some of our Chillville spaces! We are in the process of purchasing the materials needed to set up our 4 spaces – Fishing Cabin, Reading Library, Memory Café and the Office. Watch for opportunities to come help set up and decorate each space for the residents.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**



It's time to “Rise and Shine with District Nine!” The 66<sup>th</sup> annual District Nine Conference is scheduled to begin at noon April 29 and end May 1 at noon at the Sheraton Austin Georgetown Hotel and Convention Center.

Conference registration is open until March 31, and cost is \$295 if paid on or before March 31 (conference fee \$40 and meals \$255 = \$295). Late registration fee (April 1 and after) is \$325. Room registration at the hotel needs to be done prior to March 31 and room rate is \$139/night when you **select “District Nine”**. Reserve your room as soon asap as they go quickly.