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Words from our President

So . . . have you heard? We gave District Nine something to talk about. We were recognized throughout the entire conference. Of the 13 District Nine awards, we were honored in 9 categories. I was so proud of our club's accomplishments for the 2020-2021 pandemic year and truly honored to represent Garland for each award. Our awards will be on display at the

President's Banquet. Special thanks to award writers Stephanie Noland and Barbara Powers for helping with this process and to Christina Contreras for completing our display board and yearbook. Communicating our success stories is how we grow!

Special honors went to Shirley Raymer as District Nine honored her with the Hofmeister Pendant, Altrusa's most distinguished award. Congratulations Shirley, you deserve this honor!

Mary Powlen, our District Nine Treasurer, did a wonderful job presenting the new District budget. She held her own while answering the many questions regarding the District dues increase. She kept her cool and her responses concise. You ROCK, Mary!

Conference was a great time to see fellow Altrusans from all over Texas and a wonderful time for "hello" hugs. I want to thank our club representatives, Tina Rhodes and Barbara Powers, for being our delegates as well as Helen Partain, Rosalyn Blackshear and special attendee, Marlee Nickerson for representing Garland. Such fun for all.

I hope everyone is planning to attend the President's Banquet on May 12th. We will be honoring the outgoing Board for what they have accomplished and installing the new Club and Foundation Boards. One of our scholarship recipients will also be attending. Please welcome Brian Van and his mother to our meeting.

Although we are closing our year, we still have some projects going on. Our club will be represented at the Spring Arts Festival for the Achievement Center of Texas on Saturday, May 14th, distributing books to all children attending, as we have for the past several years. We also have a special packing session later in May for our Boxes to Military personnel serving overseas.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for their support these last 2 years. These were not typical years but we pivoted and made the best of the situation. Thank you for embracing the technology struggles and fighting our way through it all. Special thanks to the Board members and their support. We had to reach outside our comfort zones and we succeeded. It was as pleasure to be your President and I am looking forward to supporting Tina in her endeavor. Thank you for continuing to honor the "Caring, Commitment and Community" theme!

Fondly,

Betty Sainz

The Community Service Committee
Is responsible for leading the
Altrusa Accent
Pledge/Collect/Benediction
at our May 12, 2022 Meeting

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EVENTS

- May 12 6p** President's Banquet and Install New Officers
May 14 Achievement Center Spring Arts Festival
May 20 Deadline to report volunteer hours to Betty Sainz - see form attached to this newsletter
May 26 6p Board Meeting

ACHIEVEMENT CENTER SPRING ART FESTIVAL

For those of you available, our club will have their book giveaway table at the Achievement Center's Art Festival on May 14th. This event will be a bit different than years past - it is being held at the Spring Creek Preserve Pavilion from 10 am - 2pm, located at 1770 Holford Rd, Garland, TX. If you can help at this event, please contact Elizabeth Fuentes.

Here is a "thank you" from the presentation of our donation to the Achievement Center in April.



ALTRUSA WAVES – MAY 2022**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Communication Committee – “Let’s TACO-bout it!” Remember to take advantage of any opportunity to talk about what’s happening with our club. You never know when it will pay off! One of the Daugherty teachers asked about our projects during the recent book fair. Once she heard about our literacy work in the community, she donated nearly 300 books to our club and our projects. WOW!

Community Service – See article on page 1, re Achievement Center Spring Festival on May 14th.

Time for all of us to document our various volunteer hours for our year beginning June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022, and get those figures to Betty Sainz no later than May 20th (estimate your May service hours). Please use form attached to this month’s newsletter.

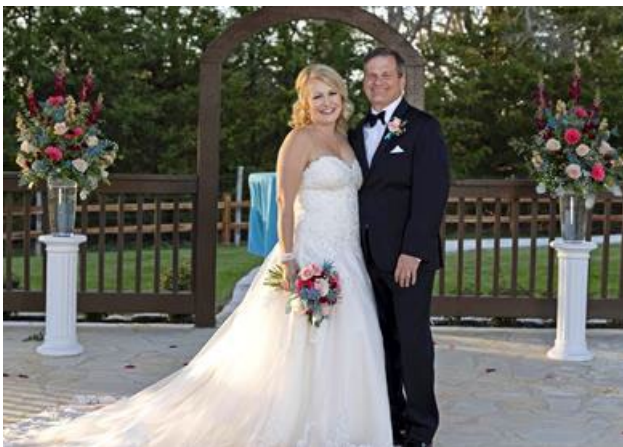
As we wrapped up our Boxes for the Military donations, Routh Roach Elementary school contributed several boxes of their own donations as a thank you to our group. We will be reaching out to members later this month for help preparing the boxes for shipment. Look for an email to all members.

Fund Raising – Our committee had such great support for our fundraiser this past year that we collected enough for our projects and no other projects are needed until the new club year begins in June 2022.

Membership – We will be scheduling an orientation session for our new Altrusans in the near future. Watch for an email with details coming soon. Remember, if you have questions prior to the orientation session, you can reach out to your sponsor or any fellow Garland Altrusan.

Program - May program will be reports from our members who attended first District Nine Conference in 2 years in Georgetown and installation of new Club Board and Foundation Trustees.

Social – Our next 5th Thursday is June 30th. What fun social is being planned for this event? If you have an idea, call and share with Janet Black.

THE NEW MR & MRS SCOTT HUBE

Congratulations and many good wishes to Carol Hansen and Scott Hube on their marriage on April 8th. Please make the address change below:

Carol Hube
1908 Drew Ln
Richardson, TX 75082

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO****18 May Janet Black****28 Jun Sue Floyd****BOOK PREVIEW FOR MAY**

For May, we will be reading *One Italian Summer* by Rebecca Serle. Here’s a little bit about this one: When Katy’s mother, Carol, dies, she is left reeling. To make matters worse, their planned mother-daughter trip of a lifetime to the magical town of Positano looms. But, as soon as she sets foot on the Amalfi Coast, Katy begins to feel her mother’s spirit. Buoyed by the stunning waters, beautiful cliffside, delightful residents and delectable food, Katy feels herself coming back to life. And then Carol appears – in the flesh, healthy, sun-tanned and 30 years old. Katy doesn’t understand what is happening, or how. All she can focus on is that she has somehow impossibly gotten her mother back. Over the course of one Italian summer, Katy gets to know Carol, not as her mother, but as a young woman before her. However, she is not exactly sure who Katy imagined she might be and soon Katy must reconcile the mother who knew everything with the young woman who does not yet have a clue.” Another tender, mother-daughter story, this one seems timely for Mother’s Day month. Time and location of our discussion TBD.

Monthly Dinner Reservations

It is time to confirm your attendance at the May Altrusa meeting. Remember this is the last meeting of our “Altrusa” year 2021-2022, and we will be celebrating Betty’s presidency, installing the new Board Officers and getting a sneak peek into Tina’s term as President. I need your RSVP **no later than this Friday, May 6**. Responding to the invite, replying to the email or sending me a text – all are great ways to let me know you are coming (and if you plan to bring a guest!) I just must have the final count to the Holiday Inn no later than May 6.

Our meal will be Chicken Cordon Bleu, salad, green beans, scalloped potatoes, rolls, fruit cobbler and tea/water. The cost for the meal this month is \$25. Looking forward to celebrating a very successful year for our club!!! You won’t want to miss it!

2022 DISTRICT NINE CONFERENCE

The Garland Club did very well at District Nine Conference, and we are so proud of the accomplishments, member growth and community presence during these pandemic times. Our thanks to our President, Betty Sainz, for her persistence in keeping us active as possible and encouraging us to become inventive and active to needs in our community. Pay attention to the “brags” coming up this month at our meeting.

- 1st Pl Dr Nina Fay Calhoun Int’l Relations Award – Boxes to the Military
- 1st Pl Highest Percentage of Club 21 Members (tied with San Antonio)
- 1st Pl Linda Nichols Foundation-Average Contribution per member
- 1st Pl Club Yearbook/Directory
- 2nd Pl Highest Number of Club 21 Members
- 3rd Pl Mamie L Bass Service Award – A New Meaning to Senior C.A.R.E.
- 3rd Pl Linda Nichols Foundation Total Club Contributions
- 3rd Pl Communications Award
- 3rd Pl Club Display Board Award

These awards are great and they serve as recognition amongst our peers but it pales in comparison to the feeling of selflessly serving others in our community.

See Page 3 – Volunteer Hours Reporting Form to be completed and sent to Betty Sainz before May 20.