



# ALTRUSA WAVES

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## Words from our President

Thanksgiving is just around the corner – the time to give thanks to everything we have and to the health of family and friends. I am grateful for everything we do for our community and know we will continue our efforts the rest of the year!

Special thanks to the Community Service Committee for making our "Make A Difference Day" a success. Thank you also

to all the members who stayed after the meeting putting together the bags with books and hygiene packs for Streetside Showers. Don't forget members who decorated the paper bags with pictures and words of encouragement.

Great news!!! Through the efforts of Barbara Powers and writing a grant request, International Altrusa awarded Garland with \$4000 to use for the literacy project *Servicing Garland's Book Deserts with Little Free Libraries*. Way to go Barbara! We are one of 9 recipient clubs awarded grants in District Nine. It will be great to hear how our fellow district clubs will create their special service projects throughout Texas.

Our program is Hobby Crafters Foundation – see column on right.

A request from Holiday Inn asking us to give a head count earlier – now on the Friday prior to our dinner meeting. Your prompt attention to this is greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to Stephanie Noland for volunteering to be the gatekeeper of our books for the book fairs and has graciously offered a section of her garage for this purpose.

We need volunteers to form the scholarship committee. Due to the dissolution of the Garland Federation of Clubs, we need to create our own club process for selection of our scholarship recipient. If interested. Please let me know.

Work on the Founder's Plaza Grant begins shortly. Keep a look out for emails from Stephanie for your help. Plans are in the works to start making the special areas for the residents.

The time we give as a club to our community is priceless. Our members continually have the giving spirit. Thank you for everything you do and for keeping the "Caring, Commitment and Community" going.

Fondly, Betty Sainz



## EVENTS

- Nov 11 6p November Membership/Business meeting, Program features The Hobby Crafters
- Nov 18 6p Board Meeting
- Nov 25 International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women
- Nov 25 Happy Thanksgiving!
- Nov 28 4p Book Club - Spring Creek BBQ near Firewheel - Article on book on page 2.
- Dec 9 6p December Membership/Business meeting - time for our yearly holiday party too
- Dec 16 December Board meeting cancelled

## NOVEMBER PROGRAM FROM HOBBY CRAFTERS

Rita Johnson from the Program Committee tells us the Hobby Crafters Foundation is a non-profit volunteer organization that, since 1944, has made hand-crafted wooden toys for disadvantaged children for the holidays. They are our local Santa's Workshop. Dale Arrington and John Horne will be the speakers and not only bring samples of the toys they make but will present a slide show of the work they do all year.

You don't want to miss this!

## DINNER MEETING RSVP CHANGE

The Holiday Inn has asked for an earlier deadline for the head count and menu selection for our dinner reservations so please respond no later than Friday Nov 5<sup>th</sup> either by the sent "Evite" or call Stephanie. Chicken enchiladas are menu item for our dinner on November 11<sup>th</sup> and cost is \$22.

**The Membership Committee is responsible for leading the**

**Pledge/Collect/Benediction/Altrusa Accent for the November Meeting**

## GARLAND ALTRUSA IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

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Website: [GarlandAltrusa.org](http://GarlandAltrusa.org)

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**>Communications Committee** – Our printed Membership Directory for the current club year will be distributed at the Nov 11 business meeting. The NEW deadline for making dinner RSVP's for our business meetings has been changed to the Friday prior to our meeting Nov 5)

**>Community Service** – We are in the early stages of building Chillville at Founder's Plaza and have purchased items from our list and are picking up furniture donations from Istation for the Chillville Office. Work days are in the planning for the next couple of months to set up for use. We would like to knit, crochet or somehow make some lap blankets for the library – do any of you do hand crafts? We will provide yarn.

The item(s) to bring to November Membership meeting for Boxes to the Military are hair shampoo and conditioner.

**>Fundraising** – Will have final amount from NorthTXGivingDay at the upcoming meeting. Great job y'all.

**>Membership** – Heard from a couple of individuals who attended the Garland Volunteer Fair that may be interested in participating with our Altrusa club.

**>Program** – The program is Hobby Crafters Foundation, a non-profit volunteer organization that makes wooden toys for needy children. See article on page 1.

**>Social** – We do not have another 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday until December. Watch this spot for upcoming information about whether or not we do have something since it is New Year holiday time.

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY PROJECT (MADD)**

Once again, Altrusa of Garland celebrated Make A Difference Day on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> by partnering with Good Samaritan of Garland. This year we collected and delivered items for a variety of projects that would be appreciated and enjoyed by our unhoused neighbors in the Garland Area.



Pictured are examples of the 500 decorated grocery bags to add hope and cheer to Good Sam's grocery distribution.

Before delivering the groceries, Altrusans added approximately 500 gifts of literacy to the bags by adding free children and/or adult books. In addition to the above, Altrusans assembled and delivered 40 hygiene bags to Good Samaritans to distribute during the next regular visit by Streetside Showers. The hygiene bags were stuffed with shampoo, razors, hand sanitizer wipes, first aid kits, foot powder, manicure set, deodorant, dental floss and other items typically found in the bathroom.

And, of course, the end of October is not complete without a little Halloween candy so we stuffed and delivered loot bags for the children who visited because, around Halloween, you can't ever get enough candy!



**5 Nov**  
**17 Nov**  
**2 Dec**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Karla Langston**  
**Brenda Gardner**  
**Mary Helen Vollmer**



**"ALTRUSA READS" BOOK CLUB**

Our book club is reading Kate Quinn's *The Rose Code* this month. The New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of *the Huntress* and *The Alice Network* returns with another heart-stopping World War II story of 3 female code breakers at Bletchley Park and the spy they must root out after the war is over. Tina Rhodes said, "I'm only 100 pages in and am hooked!" We gather at Spring Creek BBQ at 4p, on Sunday, November 28 for our discussion. You know you'll be tired of turkey by then, so make plans to join us.

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

The Altrusa Member Spotlight shines this month on . . .

Stephanie Noland – Our Vice-President collects nativities and displays approximately 120 each holiday season. She's an avid traveler and has only 3 more states to cross off her traveling bucket list: Idaho, Vermont and Hawaii. Some of her favorite places to visit have been Seattle, WA, Nashville, TN and Hershey PA. Stephanie is fur mom to her black lab, Barbie and the world's greatest godmother to Megan (age 20) and Nicholas (age 19). Something you might find surprising is that Stephanie is an ordained minister – so if you need one . . . let her know!

Barbara Boyden – is one of the 2 longest standing members of Altrusa Garland, having joined in 2003. She's served in several club roles, including President, and is currently the editor-in-chief for our Altrusa Waves. Barbara was raised in THE Napa Valley, but headed to Los Angeles after college. Her first job was with the BBB which, she says, gave her much more education than college – there's where she learned to keep her cool since almost everyone who called in was mad! Barbara is Mom to a daughter and 2 sons. One son lives in Austin, one in Oregon and her daughter is in LA working for JPL/NASA! But, she cannot arrange any space trips, so don't ask. Music has been a part of Barbara's life for many years. She learned to play the guitar after moving to TX and would sing and play in her kids' classrooms during their elementary years. Bet you didn't know Barbara not only plays but taught guitar 15 years and has even written some hymns and other songs!

**ANOTHER MADD PROJECT PICTURE**

