



# ALTRUSA WAVES

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## Words from our President

What a month September was. We had our first Book Fair at Weaver Elementary to celebrate Literacy Day. Our District Nine Director joined us for our business meeting and we received glowing remarks. Thanks to Barbara Powers for getting the grant request submitted. Special thanks to the Fundraising Committee for all their work on North Texas Giving Day!

Garland Volunteer Fair was a success. Thanks to Elizabeth Fuentes, Stephanie Noland, Tina Rhodes and Janet Black for meeting everyone and sharing Altrusa with attendees. We met some definite prospects and the Membership Committee is reaching out to them.

The Social Committee planned a dinner at Kearney's Feed Yard. It was a fun evening and nice seeing some husbands attend.

A special thanks to Tina Rhodes, Shirley Raymer, Stephanie Noland, Tammy Caruso and Mary Powlen for representing our club at the District Nine Fall Leadership Workshop. I am so proud of the number of members who make the extra effort to be a part of District Nine activities.

Make a Difference Day is October 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you haven't received paper bags from Elizabeth, be sure to contact her and share your motivational thoughts. Please plan on staying after the October meeting to put together our Make a Difference Day bags for Good Samaritans.

Our program for this month will be from the SMU Meadows Museum - see information in right column under "Events".

Thank you so much for everything you do as a member of our club. You continually share and follow the "Caring, Commitment and Community" theme when you participate in all our different events.

Fondly, Betty Sainz

## TO OUR MEMBERS



## NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY 2021

### EVENTS

- Oct 2 District Nine Leadership Workshop at Garland Holiday Inn on GWB Tollway - see attachment
- Oct 14 6p October Membership/Business meeting at Holiday Inn-SMU Meadows Museum program
- Oct 16 World Food Day
- Oct 16 9a Greenville Altrusa Club A21 walk to eliminate global human trafficking
- Oct 20 6p New Member Orientation - Zoom call number will be emailed Oct 18
- Oct 23 Make a Difference Day - decorate Good Samaritan bags - call Elizabeth Fuentes for bags
- Oct 24 United Nations Day
- Oct 28 6p Board Meeting
- Nov 11 6p November Membership/Business meeting

### NOVEMBER PROGRAM FROM SMU

Our program for the October membership meeting is Terry Cagler with the Meadows Museum at SMU and she will give us an overview of the current special exhibit, *Canvas & Silk: Historic Fashion From Madrid's Museo de Troje*. This exhibit marks the institution's first major partnership with an American museum and the display includes jewelry, shoes, accessories, and ensembles for men, women, and children and seeks to offer a glimpse into some historical fashions through the lens of Spanish.

### MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY PROJECT (MADD)

Make a Difference Day is coming on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Good Samaritans would like us to repeat the Shower Bags & Goodie Bags we made last year. They would appreciate it if we add messages and/or pictures onto the plain brown paper bags filled with their groceries. Some words of encouragement, a cute little picture, etc. would go a long way in raising their spirits. We received 500 bags and delivered some to members who are currently decorating them. Let Christina know if you would like to help decorate the bags.

We plan to decorate the remaining undecorated bags immediately following our business meeting October 14<sup>th</sup>. It would be great if you can stay and help decorate these bags.

**Let's Make A Difference!**

### The Community Service Committee is

responsible for leading the

Pledge/Collect/Benediction/Altrusa Accent

for the October Meeting

### GARLAND ALTRUSA IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

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

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

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

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

### DISTRICT NINE'S FALL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

This event was held October 2 at "our" Holiday Inn. Approximately 90 Altrusans from across the District came together to learn, laugh, and grow together. Garland was well represented by 5 of our members and our club was the beneficiary to Kathy Folley's "Change One Million Lives, One Book at a Time" challenge. Over 400 books were donated by the attending clubs and will be used in our upcoming book fairs in Garland ISD. Thanks, District Nine! Way to Rise and Shine...Rise to Lead!

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Communications Committee** – This committee continues to update our social media sites so those who visit might be lured in for a visit or request information.

**Community Service** – Thank you to the volunteers that made it out to the Weaver Elementary School Book Fair. The campus loved having Altrusa there! We will be working on our Make a Difference Day goody bags for Good Samaritan at our next meeting so be sure to come out. **The item(s) to bring to October Membership meeting for Boxes to the Military are candies that don't melt.**

**Fundraising** – Thank you to all our members for their work towards our NTXgiving Day goal. While it has not all been received yet, we did very, very well. We are appreciative for the many friends, family and businesses contributing. Don't forget to get those thank you notes off to them.

**Membership** – BIG thanks to Janet Black, Elizabeth Fuentes, Tina Rhodes, and Betty Sainz for attending the Garland Volunteer Fair with me and doing an outstanding job representing our club!!! Additional thanks to Barbara Powers for connecting us to this event through her work with Kiwanis. We talked with 6-8 potential new members and several organizations that have potential for being interesting programs and/or service projects for us in the future. We also chatted with several local high school students that may be interested in partnering with us for future service projects. It was a GREAT evening!!! Fingers crossed that we can close the deal on the new memberships, programs, and projects for our club.



**Program** – Terry Cagler with the Meadows Museum at SMU will be our speaker for the October 14 meeting. 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 in holiday time. However, we always have a Christmas party, so be sure to put December 9 on your calendar right now! That's our meeting date!

**WEAVER BOOK FAIR**



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Oct Jan McCorstin**
- 18 Oct Mable Usrey**
- 29 Oct Betty Sainz**

**“ALTRUSA READS” BOOK CLUB**



We are reading New York Times Bestseller, **The Flight Attendant**, by Chris Bohjalian this month. Here's a tease that's sure to catch your attention: "A flight attendant wakes up in the wrong hotel, in the wrong bed, with a dead man – and no idea what happened..."

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 24, 4:00 pm at Spring Creek Barbeque for some good food and great discussion.

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

The Altrusa Member Spotlight shines this month on . . .

**Patty Lucas** – Our immediate past-President, Patty Lucas, joined Altrusa Garland in 2005 due to her advertisement business connection with former member, Laura Trainor. She says, "I attended a couple of meetings and was hooked! So, here we are in 2021 and I've been an Altrusan for 17 years and, although Laura never did buy an advertisement", she has served in nearly every position on our board (except Treasurer!), including 2 two-year stints as President. While Patty has been single since 1993, she has a wide set of friends and family in the area who serve as her support group, including, of course, Garland Altrusans.

**Mary Henderson** – Born and raised in Nacogdoches, Mary Henderson brags on the fact that she's from the oldest town in Texas. If you ever wondered why Mary is always so calm, cool, and collected, it is probably because she is the youngest of ten siblings!!! She's proud of their wonderful grandson, Jacob (age 6). Goal oriented, Mary shares, "I plan to finish writing my book this year!"

**WEAVER BOOK FAIR**



**CARE AND CONCERN**

**Mary Helen** is recovering from recent surgery. Here's her address if you'd like to mail her a get well card: 9191 Garland Road, No 721 Dallas 75218. We are keeping in touch with her husband and, if any needs arise where we can help we will contact members. Dallas, Texas 75218