

ALTRUSA WAVES

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Words from our President

Tina Rhodes

Fall is here and the weather is glorious – cool temps in the morning, bright and beautiful days. The brutal heat of summer is behind us now and we can shift into our fall activities without sweating bullets.

We installed our first Little Free Library on September 8th – Literacy Day – at Weaver Elementary. Partnering with the Boy Scouts helped us get these libraries assembled and our first one installed. Many thanks to Julian for his help. We're working to get the "call before you dig" permitting done so that the remaining libraries can be installed. Hopefully by end of October we'll have them all set up and stocked.

Our 20th birthday bash was a lot of fun – thanks to everyone who helped make it happen, especially the Social Committee. We had 11 visitors in attendance, including support from Dallas and Lake Cities clubs. It might be an Altrusa thing to support our sister clubs, but I was honored they took time to celebrate with us.

North Texas Giving Day was a HUGE success. Once again, Altrusans turned out in full and raised over \$9500 which fully funds our budget. Any fundraising we're able to do after this just adds to the kitty. We need to be sure to THANK our donors with personal notes, which we'll do at the October business meeting.

The State Fair of Texas is in full swing and Make a Difference Day is right around the corner. The Community Service committee has coordinated with Good Samaritans for our fall carnival. We'll need a LOT of Altrusans available to work and lend a hand with games, treats, handing out books, and doing anything else needed at this event. This is a GREAT way for us to have FULL club participation. Please plan to attend on Saturday, October 22nd. Ideally, we'd like at least 85% participation so if you are unable to work on October 22nd, please consider donating goodies or beauty items for the ladies' toiletry bags. By partnering with Good Sam's, we're supporting their organization as well as vulnerable members of our community. It's an excellent opportunity for us to be in the service of others.

Community Service has scheduled several book fairs and while we had to reschedule a couple of them, we're locked in for November 2nd at Daugherty and December 5th at Weaver. We need members to commit to working at these events. Kids and faculty are looking forward to Altrusa book fairs so please try to schedule at least one of these two fairs. We need a minimum of 4 workers, but 6 would be ideal. Remaining book fairs will be held in the 2nd semester, dates to be announced.

Lots of good things are happening this fall – it's a busy time. Let's pull together to support our projects and make Autumn in Garland a blast!

In Service,
Tina

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 13	Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn
Oct 22	Make A Difference Day
Oct 23	Book Club at Wildwood Firewheel, 4 PM
Oct 27	Board Meeting
Oct 28	Book Fair at Roach Elementary
Nov 2	Book Fair at Daugherty Elementary
Nov 10	Business Meeting, 6 PM, Holiday Inn
Nov 12	District Nine Fall Leadership Event



Our friend Barbara Boyden is starting a new adventure by moving to Oregon to be closer to her family. A going away party was held at Mary Powlen's house on October 4th. Altrusans dropped by all evening with well wishes and many stories and memories were shared. It was a good time for all and especially Barbara, who enjoyed seeing everyone. She will be missed.

MEETING INFORMATION

Social Committee

is responsible for leading the Altrusa Accent and Pledge at the October 13, 2022 meeting.

GARLAND ALTRUSA IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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DISTRICT NINE WEBSITE: [AltrusaDistrictNine.org](https://www.AltrusaDistrictNine.org)

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL: [Altrusa.org](https://www.Altrusa.org)

Committee Happenings

Communications

Directories will be distributed at the October and November business meetings. Special thanks to Stephanie Noland and Tina Rhodes for their expert editing help.

Committee CHAIRS need to submit newsletter articles the last week of every month to Betty Sainz. Please help us get the correct information to our members.

Community Service

Book Fairs are scheduled!

We need at least 4-5 Altrusans to commit to each of our book fairs. Everyone (teachers, students, administrators, librarians, and Altrusans) enjoy these events, but they can't happen without US! Please mark your calendars and make plans to participate in the following book fairs.

Daugherty Elementary is November 2 and Weaver Elementary is December 5. Both of these are morning events from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Make a Difference Day Items - We will be assembling our Moms' bags at the October meeting. We are collecting small pampering items for "mommie" gifts at our Fall carnival. Dollar Tree has a ton of great options - including nail polish for 50 cents! Due to allergies, please make sure that anything scented is well sealed! We are also collecting candy to give away at Good Sam's Fall FUN-fest.

Make a Difference Day at Good Samaritan Fall FUN-fest

Volunteers are asked to arrive no later than 10:30 to set up and need to bring candy. Unhoused neighbors have been invited to join in the fun from 11-1. Lunch will be provided by Santini and everyone is welcome to share the lunch. There will be games, a DJ, food, bounce houses, a cake walk (individually wrapped like last time), The Garland PD and FD may also participate in the festivities.

Our goal for MaDD is always to have 100% participation. Even if you are unable to attend on October 22, there are things that you can do that will count as participating. Contact Shirley Raymer for ways that you can contribute.

Thanksgiving Meal Bags

Altrusans will be decorating Thanksgiving dinner bags for Good Sam's again this year. Please plan to grab 5-10 (or more) bags at the October business meeting, decorate them, and bring them back at the November meeting. These were a big hit last year!

We will also be giving away books along with the Thanksgiving meal distribution at Good Sam's, but will not be adding them to the bags. We will provide sorted books to Pam's staff and the families will be able to select appropriate books for the children in their family.

Upcoming Birthdays

Oct 1 Jan McCorstin
Oct 18 Mable Usrey
Oct 29 Betty Sainz
Nov 5 Karla Langston
Nov 8 Rhonda Schmid



Altrusa Reads Book Club

The September book selection is *Run, Rose, Run* by Dolly Parton and James Patterson. Meeting and discussion will be at Wildwood Firewheel on Sunday, October 23 at 4 PM.

Synopsis:

From America's most beloved superstar and its greatest storyteller—a thriller about a young singer-songwriter on the rise and on the run, and

determined to do whatever it takes to survive.

Every song tells a story.

She's a star on the rise, singing about the hard life behind her.

She's also on the run. Find a future, lose a past.

Nashville is where she's come to claim her destiny. It's also where the darkness she's fled might find her. And destroy her.

Run, Rose, Run is a novel glittering with danger and desire—a story that only America's #1 beloved entertainer and its #1 bestselling author could have created.

Fundraising

A great big THANK YOU to everyone for a successful North Texas Giving Day. Way to Go!

Please wrap up NTGD donations by the end of October. All donations should be directed to Jan McCorstin.

Membership

Altrusa Garland welcomes our 28th and 29th members this month. Maria Contreras and Debra Summerville are joining at the October meeting. Please do what you do best and make sure they feel welcomed and included!

Programs

Pam Swendig, Executive Director of Good Samaritans of Garland, is our guest speaker at our October meeting. Good Sam will be the venue for our Fall FUN-fest carnival on MaDD (Saturday, October 22).

District Nine Fall Leadership Event November 12 from 10 AM - 2 PM!

Registration remains open until October 26 for this event. You can register and order T-shirts at the altrusadistrictnine.org website.

Fall Leadership will be held at Hilton Garden Inn Dallas/Duncanville located at 800 North Main Street, Duncanville.

GOING...GOING...(almost) GONE!

We have just 17 copies of Altrusa Garland's cookbook,
FROG - Favorite Recipes of Garland, available for sale \$10.
Let Stephanie know and she will get one (or more) to you!