



ALTRUSA WAVES

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Words from our President

I can't believe it's September and only a few more weeks until I can say "Howdy" to Big Tex. This is one of my favorite times of the year!

We have many things going on this month. Literacy Day, September 8th, will be with the students of Weaver Elementary. We will have our first book fair in over a year. We still need a couple more volunteers so please contact

Elizabeth Fuentes.

We celebrate our 19th Birthday at the September Business meeting. Tina Rhodes will preside over this meeting as I will be in the Marble Falls area helping with the Fall Pyrofest.

Please be sure to welcome our District Nine Director, Guadalupe Carvajal, who will speak about District Nine planning and how we can make our club better. Don't forget to sign up for the District Nine Fall Leadership event scheduled for October 2nd at the Garland Holiday Inn. See District Nine website for details.

We need volunteers to help at the Garland Volunteer Fair on September 28th. Details to follow later in the month.

Plan on joining everyone at our 4th Stir Crazy event at Helen Partain's house on September 30th. This is a great time to bring friends and possible members to share in this wonderful event.

DON'T DELAY . . . as we are now in the early donation period for **North Texas Giving Day!** This is our **only** fundraising event! We need everyone's participation. Tina Rhodes has been emailing everyone ideas and instructions for this to be successful. Let's do what we did last year and get everyone involved! Don't wait until the last minute to contact friends, family and business associates.

Finally, we need a volunteer to join the Board as our Attendance Secretary. If you are interested in volunteering and have questions of required duties, please contact me.

I am so honored to lead this group of wonderful members. What you do for our club and our community always amazes me. The **Caring, Commitment** and **Community** theme runs strong.

Fondly, Betty Sainz.



EVENTS

- Sep 8** Literacy Day - Weaver Elementary, call Elizabeth Fuentes to volunteer.
- Sep 9 6p** Membership/Business meeting at Holiday Inn-District Nine visitor, Guadalupe Carvajal, presents the program
- Sep 18 11a** Downtown Garland Big Art Day
- Sep 23** North Texas Giving Day - see article below
- Sep 23 6p** Board Meeting
- Sep 24 6p** Book Club - *Woman In Moscow*, note date change!
- Sep 28 6p** Garland Volunteer Fair at downtown Garland Atrium 6-8p
- Sep 30** 5th Thursday Event - Stir Crazy party
- 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 9a** Greenville Altrusa Club A21 walk to globally eliminate human trafficking
- Oct 23** Make a Difference Day - more info to follow
- Oct 28 6p** Board Meeting

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY - SEPT 23rd

After a year of celebrating our remarkable success in 2020 and the advance prep work from the Fundraising Committee, it is FINALLY the time for each of us to step up, reach out to our friends, families and business connections and make it happen! Our NTXGD goal of \$10,000 is definitely attainable if each of us does our part by asking for \$20 from 21 friends (see how that works for 2021?). We'd blow our goal out of the water again this year.

So, between right now and September 23rd, call, text, email, visit or even send a carrier pigeon and ask, ask, ask! Any amount is a good amount to give to the wonderful projects that Altrusa Garland sponsors. Any type of donation, cash, check, Venmo, PayPal or directly on the North Texas Giving Day website is the right way to donate.

If you have questions or need help, our committee is just a phone call or email away. Let us help you help our club!

Our cause is the RIGHT cause. North Texas Giving Day is the RIGHT way. This is the RIGHT time. Let's do this, Altrusans!

The Social Committee is responsible for leading the Pledge/Collect/Benediction/Altrusa Accent for the September Meeting

GARLAND ALTRUSA IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

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Website: GarlandAltrusa.org

District Nine Website: www.altrusadistrictnine.org

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications Committee - Help spread the word about NTXGivingDay 2021 with our new Facebook profile. Shirley Raymer and others have made profiles and a blue "Donate" button is available to take you directly to the magic spot to easily enter your donation information.

Community Service - Literacy Day, Sept 8th, we are scheduled for Weaver Elementary and volunteers are needed. GISD requires all volunteers to complete their form for background checks and that can be found and completed at <https://bit.ly/3BqRT5K>. Let Elizabeth know if you can help with this project. We are so happy that GISD is allowing us to continue our services in the local elementary schools.

The **item(s) to bring to our Sept Membership meeting for Boxes to the Military are hand held games, card decks, books and puzzle books.**

Altrusa Greenville has reached out asking for volunteers and/or participants to help at the Fundraiser Walk they are hosting along with A21. A21 is a non-profit that combats human trafficking globally. The Freedom Walk will be on October 16th at 9am at the Greenville Sports Park. Please reach out if you would like to participate in this event.

Fundraising - Early giving is open with NTXGiving Day and our fundraising is up and running through Sept 23rd. It is time to get serious and start working on your contacts, networking and potential corporate sponsors.

Membership - Below is a picture of our 2 newest members being welcomed into Garland Altrusa at our August meeting. So neat to meet Karla's mother who was an Altrusan and she had Karla pinned with the Altrusa pin given to her when she became an Altrusan several years ago.



Program - Guadalupe Carvajal, Second Vice Governor for District Nine will be our guest speaker at our September 9th meeting at the Garland Holiday Inn. She can answer all our questions re upcoming events.

Social - We have another 5th Thursday September 30, when our 4th Stir Crazy will be held that evening at the home of Helen Partain. These are such fun events to participate in and then we have such great food to eat afterwards. Bring a friend to introduce to Garland Altrusa. It is a great way to recruit!

CARE AND CONCERN

Helen Partain is recovering from her bout with COVID. She is home and taking it easy for a spell. Also, we are glad to hear that Mary and Dave Dyer have recovered completely.

Thanks again for all the thoughts and prayers that are going out to our fellow Altrusans and their families.

NOTE: For your information and use, the District Nine flyer for October 2nd Leadership Workshop will be attached with this newsletter when emailed to all our members.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



11 Sept
12 Sept
1 Oct
18 Oct

Carol Hansen
Alice Mae Britt
Jan McCorstin
Mable Usrey



"ALTRUSA READS" BOOK CLUB

The September Book Club selection is *Our Woman in Moscow* by Beatriz Williams.

Here's a bit of information about this next read: "A cold war thriller about 2 sisters in 1948 that is based loosely on the Cambridge Five, a ring of spies who passed information to Russia during and right after WWII".

We will be Zooming on Friday, Sept 24, for this month's discussion. The Zoom link will be coming by email the week of Sept 20.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

The Altrusa Member Spotlight shines this month on . . .

Jan McCorstin - Between serving locally in her church and being a 4-time missionary to Uganda and the Batwa pygmies, one would think that alone would keep Jan McCorstin busy, but no! She also enjoys playing Pickleball and golf and is learning some woodworking. Jan hosts regular Nana camps for her 2 grandchildren, Edie (7) and Leo (4) who normally hang out in San Antonio with their mother, Susan. Believe it or not, Jan once got to drive a nuclear sub in the Atlantic Ocean! You can bet that I'm going to want to hear more about that the next time I see her!!!

Carol Hansen - Loud and proud, Carol Hansen is a Texas A&M Aggie from the Class of '90. She's a proud mom of Brooke (22) and Tyler (25). Carol was on "The Price is Right" (Come on down!!) where she won a grandfather clock and got to kiss Bob Barker on the cheek! How cool is that?

Kimberly Klerce - Altrusa Garland welcomed Kimberly as our newest dual member at the August meeting. She serves as 1st Vice Governor, District Nine and is a dual member also in Lake Cities, Collin County and Denton County (where she serves as their club Treasurer). When Kimberly is not busy with Altrusa, she serves as the Court Administrator for the City of Richardson Municipal Court. She and her boyfriend, Robert, both love to travel and see the Dallas Stars play (and win!!)

Tune in next month to learn more about our members.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to our member, Alice Mae and her new husband, Robert Jackson, Jr. We wish them all the best in their very own "happily ever after"! Mrs. Jackson, you are such a beautiful bride!!!



We will miss you