

ALTRUSA WAVES

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Words from our President Tina Rhodes

Who thought September would be here so quickly? Yet here we are – summer will soon end and autumn is around the corner. To say Altrusa Garland is busy is an understatement. We have a great many things going on

this month and I hope you're all prepared for the ride.

First and foremost, we are 20 years old this month – and I only wish I knew about Altrusa early on so that I could've been part of the fantastic projects we've supported, and the impact we've had in the Garland community. While trying to compile data to build a 20-year club impact statement, I saw some of the projects we've done over the years and am in awe of what we've completed – from literacy projects like books fairs and Reed to Feed, to international projects like Days for Girls, scholarships, and to the continual support of our military. It's an impressive list of achievements.

And of course, most of this wouldn't've been possible without sufficient funding. North Texas Giving Day's early giving is open and we're off to a great start in our fundraising endeavors. It is so important to us to raise a minimum of our \$9500 budget. Think what we could do if we surpassed our budget? Whatever YOUR favorite project, or your interests, or your WHY – it's only possible because YOU make a difference in this world, and YOU are willing to work toward a goal. WHY are you part of Altrusa? What do you want the world to know about your service interests, about your passion and your PURPOSE. We talked about this in our August meeting and will talk a little more in September. We'll be set up to record short video statements from willing members so that we can share YOUR WHY on our social media sites. People are already checking out our NTGD page and looking at our activities. Your WHY could be the reason someone else supports or partners with us, or even joins our cause.

Our September meeting will be a little bit of business and a LOT of fun. I hope you'll join us to celebrate 20 FANTASTIC years of serving others, with generosity and purpose.

In Service,
Tina

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 8	Business Meeting, 6 PM; Holiday Inn Happy Birthday Garland!
Sept 8	Literacy Day
Sept 22	NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY
Sept 22	Board Meeting; Location TBD
Sept 25	Book club at Wildwood Firewheel, 4 PM
Sept 26	Book Fair at Weaver Elem. 8:30AM
Oct 22	Make A Difference Day
Oct 28	Book Fair at Roach Elementary
Nov 2	Book Fair at Daugherty Elementary

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Special thanks to Elizabeth Fuentes, Julian González, Stephanie Noland and Barbara Powers for installing our first Little Library. Job well done!

MEETING INFORMATION

Fundraising Committee

is responsible for leading the Altrusa Accent and Pledge at the September 8, 2022 meeting.

GARLAND ALTRUSA IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EMAIL: GarlandAltrusa@gmail.com

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

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

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

Committee Happenings

Communications

Check out our website, Mary Powlen is working at getting everything updated.

Due to a lack of time, the directory will not be published for the September meeting. Sorry for the delay.

Thanks to all the members who provide articles for the newsletter.

Community Services

Garland Altrusans and members of Boy Scout Troops 548 and 1989 met Saturday, August 20, 2022 to build the Little Free Libraries. Thanks to every

We have installed our first library at Weaver Elementary and are getting the rest of them as we get approval.



Make a Difference Day Items (MaDD) - We will be assembling our Moms' bags for MaDD at the October meeting. **We will be 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!**

Fundraising

North Texas Giving Day is September 22, 2022. Please start contacting friends and associates to help us achieve our goal. Look for emails for updated ideas.

Membership

Altrusa Garland has a new member on deck! The board has approved Maria Contreras (Christina's mother) as our 28th member! Maria has participated in Altrusa events in the past and is going to be another great addition to our club. Maria will be initiated once she returns home.

Programs

It's time for our annual club visitor from District Nine leadership. District Nine director, Kathleen Smith from Anderson County will be attending our September meeting to bring updates and greetings from our district board. Many of you will recognize Kathleen as she has visited our club on several occasions in the past. Please be sure to make her feel welcomed.

Social

The next social will be Lakewood Brewing, 2802 Executive Drive, Garland. Details to follow.

Upcoming Birthdays

Sept 11 Carol Hube



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, September 25 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.



Here are all the helpers who put together the Little Libraries.
Special thanks to Boy Scout Troops 548 and 1989!

Member Information Updates

Mary Dyer has a new email address. Please double check your email contact list and update hers to mary.dyer1942@gmail.com

Carol (Hanson) Hube has a new work email address. Please add it to your contact information for her: chube@benco.com

Tom Thumb's Good Neighbor Policy Update

Tom Thumb has migrated its Good Neighbor (contributions to non-profits) to the Tom Thumb for U app. Once you have the app set up on your phone, you need to email to Good.Neighbor@TomThumb.com and ask them to link your Tom Thumb account to our club. You'll need to provide our Good Neighbor number (13145) along with your phone number when emailing Tom Thumb. This information is available on their website at <https://www.tomthumb.com/yourstore/good-neighbor.html>

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