

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*Dear Altrusans,*

*I want to thank you for your support and encouragement that you have given me as your president. We have some exciting times ahead of us, starting with the month of September.*

*Our Governor, Kathy Folley, sent us information about District Nine "Blue Ribbon for Literacy" campaign during September-Literacy Month. The purpose of the campaign is to bring awareness to the problem of illiteracy to Altrusa and the role we are taking to combat the issue. I will be sending you a blue ribbon and information card to use during the campaign*

*As members of SW Dallas County club, we are encouraged to wear the blue ribbon each day during the month of September as a conversation starter. If someone asks what the ribbon is for, you can give them some quick data about illiteracy (found in your information card) and follow it with the 30-second "elevator" speech about Altrusa. Please share any reactions to the campaign at the October Meeting. I will have to provide feedback at the November Fall Event.*

*Have a Great September-Literacy Month!!*

*Sincerely,*

*Laura Ann Frias  
President, SW Dallas County  
Altrusa International, Inc.*



**NEWS YOU CAN USE** -- the newsletter of Altrusa Intl. Inc., of Southwest Dallas County, TX  
September 2010

**CLUB OFFICERS – 2010/2011 FISCAL YEAR**

- President – Laura Frias
- Vice President – Trina Taylor
- Treasurer – Noemi Ruth Rios
- Secretary – Mary H. Musgrave
- Director – Lee Bryant
- Director – Manuel Frias
- Immediate Past President – Elnora Robins

**CLUB COMMITTEES – 2010/2011**

**SERVICE -- Chair – Ruth Rios**

- Manuel Frias
- Lee Bryant
- Lucretia Lucio
- Christina Frias

**MEMBERSHIP – Chair – Versie Lusk**

- Elnora Robins
- Trina Taylor
- Vickie Smith
- Sharon Jackson

**COMMUNICATIONS – Chair – Mary H. Musgrave**

- Trina Taylor
- Ruth Rios
- Alta Dixon

**LITERACY – Chair – Lucile Dade**

- Mary H. Musgrave
- Pat Bonds
- Versie Lusk
- Linda Young

**FINANCE – Chair – Manuel Frias**

- Christina Frias
- Shirley Harper
- Lucretia Lucio

**HOSPITALITY – Chair – Trina Taylor**

- Lucretia Lucio
- Vickie Smith
- Sharon Jackson

**STRATEGIC PLANNING – Chair – Elnora Robins**

- Lee Bryant
- Ruth Rios

Do you have a favorite poem or quotation? Let Newsletter Editor Mary H. Musgrave know and you just might see it published in future issues of the News You Can Use Newsletter



PLEASE WEAR YOUR ALTRUSA INTL. INC. PIN ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND REMEMBER TO WEAR IT TO MEETINGS OR ELSE YOU ARE FINED \$1.00 FOR NOT WEARING IT.

### Assignments for Accents and Programs for the 2010-2011 Club Year

MONTH	ACCENT	PROGRAM
July 2010	Trina Taylor	Trina Taylor
August 2010	Christina & Manuel Frias	Christina & Manuel Frias
September 2010	Lee Bryant	Mary H. Musgrave
October 2010	Pat Bonds	Ruth Rios
November 2010	Laura Frias	Elnora Robins
December 2010	Hospitality Committee	Hospitality Committee
January 2011	Versie Lusk	Versie Lusk
February 2011	Sharon Jackson	Linda Young
March 2011	Vickie Smith	Alta Dixon
April 2011	Shirley Harper	Lucretia Lucio
May 2011	Lucile Dade	Installation of Officers

FAVORITE QUOTE OF VERSIE LUSK ---  
IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

#### SEPT 2010

8<sup>th</sup> International Literacy Day  
21<sup>st</sup> International Peace Day

#### Oct 2010

1<sup>st</sup> October News of the Mighty Ninth is available on District website  
11<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg – Luby's / D'ville  
14<sup>th</sup> Regular SW Dallas County Mtg.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Make A Difference Day  
24<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day

#### Nov 2010

6<sup>th</sup> Fall Event – San Antonio  
8<sup>th</sup> Board Mtg – Luby's / D'ville  
11<sup>th</sup> Regular SW Dallas Co. Mtg.

### SERVICE PROJECTS NEWS

#### Books to the Rescue

An Altrusa Intl. Foundation grant for \$500 was received early in 2010. The money was used to fund the project called – Books to the Rescue, a joint project with the City of Duncanville Fire Dept. Materials were ordered and in April, members gathered at the DeSoto Public Library to compile 100 packets to be kept on the ambulances and given out to children that are being transported to the hospital or children who must accompany a parent who is being transported to the hospital. Fire Chief Dave Giordino was excited about this project. In June 2010, several members attended a small “kick-off” party at the Duncanville Main Fire Station. Pictures from that event can be seen at the Club’s website [www.altrusaswdallascounty.org](http://www.altrusaswdallascounty.org) Many thanks to Lee Bryant, Service Chair 2009/2010 for her leadership on this project.

#### Trinity River Mission

Christina & Manuel Frias have been volunteering at the TRM since learning about the center at the April meeting when Delores Green, Executive Director spoke at our regular Club meeting. At the August meeting, the Frias’ reported that TRM was needing donations for school supplies and the Club voted to give \$50. Christina and Manuel presented the check which we KNOW will be wisely used. Anyone else interested in volunteering at TRM should get in contact with the center which is located at 2060 Singleton Blvd. Suite 104 Dallas, Texas, 75212  
Phone: 214.744.6774  
Fax: 469-916-5832  
[info@trinityrivermission.org](mailto:info@trinityrivermission.org)



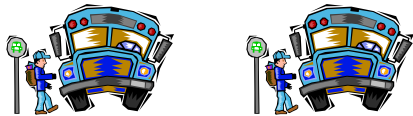
## OCTOBER 23, 2010

Tentative plans for a combination fund raiser / service project are in the making. With luck (Keep those fingers crossed) we will have a Shred-a-thon utilizing the services of member Lucretia Lucio's company Sierra Shred. The place will be parking lot of the Cockrell Hill Baptist Church located at 1128 S. Cockrell Hill Rd in Dallas.

If all goes as planned, the public will be invited to bring the papers and other household items that need shredding and for a donation of \$5 per box or a new children's book, we will shred their materials and help to stop identity theft.

Any books received will be donated to the Storybook Project through the Texas Inmate Families Association that works with incarcerated parents to engage in the reading development of their small children and provides an opportunity for meaningful contact between the child and the parent.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND WATCH E-MAILS FOR FINAL PROJECT PLANS AND TIMES.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO TRINA TAYLOR** on her new job as Program Coordinator for The Dallas AfterSchool Network. They will be having a training session for their providers, this Saturday at the Irving ISD and are in need of volunteers. If you can help this Sat., September 11, 2010 from 7:45 am -12:30 pm. Please contact Trina ASAP at C 214/815-9311 or [Trinataylor1@yahoo.com](mailto:Trinataylor1@yahoo.com)



Loving God, your creation is so beautiful. This autumn is so beautiful. Thank you for fall, and signs such as colorful leaves, crisp air, fall activities and children excited about Halloween costumes. As the leaves fall and change, your power and love remain changeless and eternal. May the beauty of this day, and the blessings of this life, glorify your name, now and always. Amen.



REMEMBER – ALL CLUB MEMBERS HAVE A STANDING RESERVATION FOR DINNER AT EACH REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE GOLF CLUB OF DALLAS.

IF YOU WILL NOT BE AT THE MEETING, OR IF YOU ARE BRINGING A GUEST, YOU NEED TO NOTIFY HOSPITALITY CHAIR TRINA TAYLOR BY 6 PM ON TUESDAY BEFORE THE REGULAR 2<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY MTG.

TRINA CAN BE CONTACTED AT 214/815-9311 OR [Trinataylor1@yahoo.com](mailto:Trinataylor1@yahoo.com)

HAS YOUR COMMITTEE MET? IF SO AND YOU HAVE INFORMATION YOU'D LIKE TO REPORT FOR UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS, PLEASE SEND THAT INFORMATION TO MARY AT [DRAGONMI@SWBELL.NET](mailto:DRAGONMI@SWBELL.NET)

ALSO, WE CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE THE FREE ON-LINE MEETING SOFTWARE CALLED YUGMA, SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN USING THIS FOR MEETINGS, LET MARY OR TRINA KNOW & THEY'LL SHARE INFO ABOUT IT.

**NEED A NEW 2009 ALTRUSA ENCYCLOPEDIA? IF YOU ARE STILL USING THE ENCYCLOPEDIA THAT YOU RECEIVED WHEN YOU JOINED THE CLUB (MEMBERS BEFORE 2009) THEN YOU CAN PURCHASE A NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA FOR \$12. MARY H. MUSGRAVE BOUGHT 2 EXTRA COPIES, SO IF YOU NEED ONE, PLEASE GET IN CONTACT WITH HER BEFORE ORDERING FROM ALTRUSA INTL. OFFICE.**

### ALTRUSA INTL. INC., OF SOUTHWEST DALLAS COUNTY FOUNDATION IS OFFICIAL

The first meeting of the Foundation Board took place on Thursday, July 8, 2010 after the last regular Club meeting. Directors of the Foundation are: Mary H. Musgrave, Ruth Rios, Laura Frias and Elnora Robins. The Foundation is now a 501(c)(3) organization as designated by the IRS and the Foundation will be accepting tax deductible donations after the checking account is set up in the next few weeks. All Club members are also members of the Foundation. The Foundation Board of Directors will meet at least twice annually each FY (June – May).