

ALTRUSA WAVES

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF GARLAND NEWSLETTER



Happy International Literacy Day! We celebrated this year by giving away books at Daugherty Elementary.

Altrusans: Rhonda Schmid, Deb Henson, Barbara Johnson, Betty Sainz, Mary Powlen

PRESIDENT'S Pen

Stephanie Noland

'Tis the season! September 1 marks the start of early giving for North Texas Giving Day (Sept. 19). This is our club's only fundraising event for the year. Historically, we've hosted a lot of event things that took time and effort away from our mission of service. Our annual participation in NTGD is easy and the most effective way for us to fund our service projects with much less effort and time invested.

Community Service has asked that our goal be set at \$10,000. This increase is not a huge stretch IF we all work together. It's not about taking the number of members and dividing the goal amount. It is, instead, asking each member for equal commitment to our community service projects and for equal sacrifice in their giving. No gift is too small, but then again, no gift is too large!

Gifts can come from anywhere – and wherever you feel the most comfortable. Member's personal gifts, donations from friends/family members, your employer/local businesses all add up to help us reach our goals.

Giving is also convenient. You can donate anytime between now and September 19. You can donate online via the NTGD website or offline directly to our club by cash, check, or Venmo. If the window of time between Sept 1 -19 isn't convenient, you can make a pledge and pay it at a later date.

The most important thing is that we need 100% participation from club members in order to continue to make a significant impact in our community. Do not let this opportunity get away from you. Please join me in committing to our club in this season of giving.

I'm giving alongside you,

Stephanie

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept 10 Daugherty Book Fair
- Sept 12 Business Meeting, 6 PM, Strike + Reel
- Sept 19 North Texas Giving Day
- Sept 22 Book Club, 4 PM, Wildwood Firewheel
- Sept 26 Board Meeting, 6 PM, via Zoom
- Sept 27 Christian Care Center "Fair Day" Bentley Building
- Oct 4 Shorehaven Book Fair
- Nov 2 District Nine Fall Leadership Conference

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Altrusa Garland welcomes Director Frances Dalbey from Greenville as our District Nine visitor. She will be speaking at our September meeting/birthday celebration. Thanks for joining us, Frances!

MEETING SERVICE PROJECT – We will be making birthday goodie bags for children who find themselves in the shelter at Hope's Door/New Beginnings Center on their birthday. Just another way to share the birthday love this month.

MEETING INFORMATION

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

is responsible for leading the Altrusa pledge, grace and accent at the September 12, 2024 meeting.

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CLUB NEWS

BIRTHDAY!!

On September 13, 2024, Altrusa Garland celebrates her 22nd birthday! Thanks to those 20 dynamic Garland women who decided to form a club here in our area. While none of our charter members are still active members of our club, we thank them for our beginnings and we wish each other **"Happy birthday...and many more!"** P.S. Thanks to our Social committee for their work on our celebration.

WILMA B HOGAN ENDURING COMMUNITY PROJECT AWARD

International has established new a way to recognize ongoing projects for local clubs. The first award will be given at the 2025 International Convention in Quebec City. We have several projects that meet the eligibility criteria...but will need help (especially of long-standing members) to build our submission. Watch for more information to come.

COMMITTEE HAPPENINGS

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

BOOKS

We are only accepting children's books (in English or Spanish) at this time for our literacy projects. Please also remember to remove any books with religious themes prior to donating them to the club.

BOOK FAIRS AND BACKGROUND CHECKS

Fall book fairs are right around the corner. GISD does require an annual background check prior to volunteering on any campus. The website says the process could take 3-5 days for them to complete. So don't delay! Visit <https://garlandisd.net/connect/volunteer/volunteer-application-process> and follow the steps to get yourself ready to work at the book fairs.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



BJ HAWKINS
SEPT 10TH



WENDY SANTIAGO
SEPT 13TH



JAN MCCORSTIN
OCT 1ST

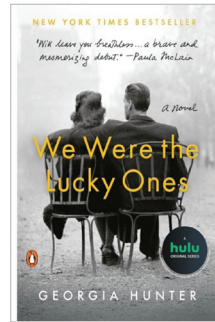
Altrusa READS Book Club

The book club choice for September

We Were the Lucky Ones

by Georgia Hunter

A New York Times bestseller, this book is inspired by the incredible true story of one Jewish family separated at the start of World War 2, who were determined to survive and to reunite. *We Were the Lucky Ones* is now also a limited series streaming on Hulu.



See you at book club on **September 22 at 4:00**. We meet at Wildwood restaurant at Firewheel.

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Check out our picks on GoodReads [2023 List Here](#)



ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Altrusa District Twelve has several training opportunities, presented via Zoom, that we are able to attend.

<https://altrusadistricttwelve.org/>



18 SEP	MAKING YOUR MEETINGS COUNT! 7:00-8:30PM (PST) Presenter: Trece Eden, District Parliamentarian
26 SEP	LET'S TALK ABOUT SERVICE PROJECTS! 7:00-8:00PM (PST) Presenters: Joan Julius, Karen Rose, & Lisa Gregory, Service Chairs
16 OCT	TIPS FOR WRITING DISTRICT AWARD APPLICATIONS 7:00-8:00PM (PST) Presenters: Joan Julius, Karen Rose, & Lisa Gregory, Service Chairs
TBD OCT	HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING WITH LYNCH CREEK FARMS Time to be determined Presenters: Tore Johnson and Lynch Creek Farm Representative



AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING



GOVERNOR'S HOME CLUB