



ALTRUSA VIEWS

"Leading to a better community"

APRIL, 2019

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 14h

Business Meeting

12:00 pm

Pampa Country Club

Greeters:

Pat Johnson

Judy Warner

Accents:

Chalenia Freeman

RSVP:

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THE POWER OF BOLD

Spring is a special time of year. Everything is in bloom. The world around us expands with hope and new beginnings. Please take time to enjoy the beautiful area we live and work in with families and friends this spring. It is also a time to reflect back on where we have been—and where we are headed. It is a time of transition—and Altrusa is no different. Spring is the time when the current club year begins to wind down, and yet we are also gearing up for the new club year ahead. Reflecting back on my

goals for the year, I feel that we have met—and even exceeded—our goals in true Altrusa style! Through our membership growth, impactful projects, and fun



President Shawna Elliott

of Bold". Your Altrusa Passport has given you another year of opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those around us. However, as we wind down this club year, do not let the momentum slow down. We still have a few more projects to complete. We will begin preparing end-of-year reports and documenting our successes and accomplishments achieved during this year of adventure.

times, each of you has truly lived up to the "The Power

President's message continued on page 3...

Shawna's 2018-2019 Altrusa Goals

- Reevaluate and update the Long Range Strategic Plans and bring it current
- For our club to boldly be a positive and encouraging organization for our community; in all areas but especially literacy.
- Make-A-Difference Day that will reach out and effect not only our lives but those of our community
- Build up the current members as well as add 5 new members
- Engaging our new members and allowing their talents to assist in the growth of our club
- International project that reaches many and speaks volumes



Governor Linda Moore

"Keep playing the music and keep dancing to the songs! Let's Celebrate all that there is about Altrusa and serving our Communities!"

Big Altrusa Hugs,

**Linda Moore
Governor**

**Altrusa
International
District Nine**

Leanne Milligan,
International President



NEWS FROM THE MIGHTY NINTH

Award Submission for 2018-2019 are due soon

Please refer to the District website districtnine.altrusa.org for the names, and addresses where all entries should be sent. Please choose a member of your club to coordinate your award submissions as soon as possible. Your participation is encouraged and appreciated!

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

At District Nine's Conference in Grapevine, International President

Leanne Milligan spoke to the delegation about International's focus on growing the organization. Several items of interest were communicated:

- *Reducing International dues by 50% for new members under the age of 30
- *Create ASTRA Alumni to maintain communication with ASTRA members over 18 between leaving ASTRA and becoming Altrusans in the future.
- *Develop Pathways to Leadership—a tool to match mentors and mentees with online forms.
- *International is looking at ways to utilize social media presence to help leaders within Altrusa and to mentor current members. With the new website up and running, feel free to investigate all that is going on in this great organization.

What's new at International?

- Updated Club President's Handbook is available on the Leadership page of the website.
- New member orientation PowerPoint presentation template available on the Membership page. Remember to edit the text and add images.
- You can find a downloadable logo on the Communications page. Remember, clubs are no longer required to pay royalties for using a third party vendor to create branded items.
- Familiarize yourself with the new format of the International Policies, available on the Governance page of the International website. There is also a conversion table to help anyone who needs to cross reference the old policy numbers with the new.

While this momentum continues for the next few months, we are also in a state of transition as President-Elect Heidi Schwope begins to plan and prepare for her presidency. We are excited for Heidi as she begins selecting her leadership team who will help her meet her goals for the year ahead. Heidi has a unique ability to instill a real team spirit in all that she does, so the possibilities are endless for you to step up, be a leader, and be involved.

The strength of our Club has always been the diversity of our talents, skills, training, and life experiences. These members have had the opportunity to lead on various projects, committees, events. We know that it is quicker to do many things by ourselves. Guiding another person to learn from your experiences is one way of giving another person a sense of accomplishment and passing on the knowledge so eventually that person can take your place in that event or fundraiser. How about trying something a little out of your comfort zone, maybe a new committee assignment or volunteering to partner with a Club member you have not worked with previously.

Don't be shy—share your time, talent, and passion. Altrusa needs you to be an active part of something great. So, let's make this journey memorable—from beginning to end.

"Be bold enough to use your voice, brave enough to listen to your heart, and strong enough to live the life you've imagined. Anonymous "

Till Next Time,

Shawna Elliott
Altrusa Pampa
President 2018-2019

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Coordinator: We will be initiating Rhonda Patterson at our next meeting. Club Membership stands at 36, plus two emeritus members.

Communications Coordinator: Remember to update your address changes and telephone changes with the Communications Coordinator.

Finance Coordinator: Club balance as of 4/1/19 is \$2,656.41. If you have bills to turn in, please do so before the end of the year.

Service Coordinator: If you have interest in a new project for this coming year, let Heidi know your idea. She is busy planning her committees and getting ready to do her proposed budget in a few weeks. New projects can build energy and add excitement to the club!

Literacy Coordinator: We will be taking a break for the summer from our literacy projects. Over the summer think about ideas to improve our projects impact on the children in our community. If you are wanting to be involved in a project this summer, visit the Pampa Memorial Library and visit with Tonie.

Altrusa Club Board Actions and Recommendations

April 9, 2019

Actions:

The Board approved membership for Rhonda Patterson

The Board approved Mary McDaniel to become an Emeritus Member

Recommendations:

None

Altrusa Foundation Board Actions and Recommendations

April 9, 2019

Actions: None

Recommendations:

Message from your 2019-2020 President

I am so excited to begin our new year and eager to begin planting our seeds of service. **If you're not** currently as active as you have been in the past, or are a fairly new member wanting to do more, stepping up to a committee or chair is a great way to dig in. Please be sure to ask for help and guidance if you feel like you need it. There are many veteran members that are knowledgeable and available to help! Not just today, but throughout the year. As veteran members, our responsibility to our new members is to make sure they are getting the most out of their membership. I am looking forward to a great year and cannot wait to start planting our seeds of service!

The following positions are still needed as we begin cultivating the 2019-2020 service year:

Service Coordinator

Literacy Coordinator

Communications Coordinator

Soup With Mrs. Claus Chair(s)

Webpage Chair

Altrusa Views" chair

Sister Club Liaison (Borger)

Altrusa Views" Editor (x 2)

Make A Difference Day Chair (Heidi has an idea, but needs someone to take charge in implementing it, or come up with another project.)

Literacy project ideas & Membership Development ideas

I appreciate your consideration in stepping up to be a leader in our club. If you have any questions or hesitations please reach out to me.

Thank you,

Heidi Schwope

806-662-9670

2019-2020 Board Members Elected



Board of Directors 2019-2020 Service Year

RED: elected to office
YELLOW: appointed by President
BLUE: automatic place due to prior election



President:
Heidi Schwope



Parliamentarian:
appointed by President
Kitty Hall



Vice President:
Brenda Tucker



Recording Secretary:
Barb Hahn



Immediate Past President:
Shawna Elliott



Corresponding Secretary:
Lisa Crossman



Foundation Treasurer:
appointed by President
Terry Gamblin



2 year Director:
Laycee Johnson



Club Treasurer:
Virginia Fessenden



1 year Director:
Sheila Winton



1 year Director:
Chalenia Freeman



2 year Director:
Ruby Moultrie



CLUB ACTIVITIES UPDATES

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Wilson At-Risk Reading Project

Altrusa read at Wilson, April 17th. This was our last time to read this school year. We really enjoyed having conversations and reading with those sweet students.

Kim Lancaster, Chair



Wilson Reading Donation

On March 20th Altrusa International of Pampa, TX made a donation to Sarah Craig with Wilson Elementary in the amount of \$750.00. The donation was for books and other teaching supplies that the teachers need at Wilson.

ACCENT

Presented by Maxine Watson

Why be a Volunteer?

It's not for money, it's not for fame.
It's not for any personal gain.
It's just for love of fellowman.
It's just to send a helping hand.
It's just to give a tithe of self.
That's something you can't buy with wealth.
It's not medals won with pride.
It's for that feeling deep inside.
It's that reward down in your heart.
It's that feeling that you've been a part.
Of helping others far and near,
that makes you be a Volunteer!

Author Unknown

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF PAMPA, TEXAS, INC.

Club Business Meeting

April 9, 2019

Minutes

THE POWER OF BOLD

The Altrusa International of Pampa, Texas, Inc. was called to order at 12:21 pm, on April 9, 2019, at The Pampa Country Club by Shawna Elliott, President. Members recited the Altrusa Grace and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Shawna Elliott welcomed all members.

Guests: our guest today was Karla Kotara

Illness report: N/A

Our Accent today was given by Myrna Orr on Altrusa Ideas - taken out of the Altrusa Encyclopedia. It was stated that with these ideas we are improving ourselves and in turn improve Altrusa and our Country.

Club Minutes: minutes from the meeting on March 12, 2019 were accepted as presented.

The Treasurer's Report: shows a balance of \$2644.66 as of March 31, 2019 and will be filed for audit.

Correspondence:

Received:

Brandon's Flower invoice

WOW Card from Wonderland park with group and summer rates

Sent:

Welcome letter was sent to Ann Franklin

Welcome letter to Rhonda Patterson – her initiation will be at our next Program meeting

BOARD ACTIONS

The Board approved membership for Rhonda Patterson

The Board approved Mary McDaniel to become an Emeritus Member

OLD BUSINESS:

Our Display Board for Conference is being worked on by Barb Hahn & Heidi Schwope

Need to get Service Hours turned into Barb Hahn

NEW BUSINESS:

Officers and committee chairs prepare annual reports

Add an Altrusan Month. Members initiated between April 1 and May 31 pay full-year dues good through June 1 of 2020

Conference Updates – Heidi
International Conference – if anyone is interested get in touch with Shawna

RECESS TO THE FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING 12:31 PM

The following announcements were made:

April 11 – Celebrate Altrusa Awareness day on Altrusa Birthday

April 16 – Chamber Quarterly Luncheon – Luke Legate/Texas Oil and Gas Association

April 22 – PISD Admin building at 6:45 pm – PISD Board to recognize Lunch W/Dignitaries

April 23 – Program Meeting – 6:00 pm at Pampa Country Club – **Incoming President's panning meeting**

April 26-28, 2019 – Altrusa District Nine Conference – Grapevine

April 30- Gal night/Borger bi-city meeting – 6:00 pm at Pampa Chamber of Commerce – more details to follow

May 7 Board meeting – noon at Chamber. Kim Lancaster will provide lunch

April Birthdays:

Terry Gamblin -11th, Leona Willis-15th, Maxine Watson-27th

Heidi passed the brag jar.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:21 pm with the Altrusa Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Crossman

Recording Secretary



PUBLICITY

It is important to publicize Altrusa in order to promote community awareness of our meetings, projects, etc. We are a community service club and depend on community support for our fund-raisers and other projects. If we plan to continue growing as a club, we must spotlight Altrusa as much as possible and as often as possible. We are fortunate to live in a small town that will welcome our club news for the local newspaper. Since our new club year began in June we have had 37 news stories and pictures published in the Pampa News.

Pat Johnson

Publicity Chair

District Nine Conference

Where to begin? The Sixty-Third Annual District Nine Conference has concluded and what a successful event it was! Our club had 12 members that attended and participated in a fun and eventful weekend. Altrusans across the state shared their treasures, talents and passion throughout the weekend. Our International President, Leanne Milligan was there to help cheer us on. There were training sessions and workshops that began on Friday afternoon and then later Friday things started off with Entering the World of Storybooks, Dancing and Music-For the Fun of it. Saturday morning began bright and early as most of us attended the Second Annual Foundation Breakfast. During the Annual Service Awards Luncheon we had the honor of hearing Brook B. Grona-Robb, Assistant District Attorney, Dallas Co., Tx speak about human trafficking locally as well in Texas. "The International Labour Organization estimates that there are 40.3 million victims of human trafficking globally.

After our luncheon our club was honored with several awards: We received first place in Club Communications Awards and Second Place in Letha H. Brown/Governor's Literary Awards for our Lunch with Dignitaries Program. ASTRA also received a few awards as well: First Place in ASTRA Service Awards-their work at the SILO with the Pam-pa ISD is outstanding. Also, they received honorable mention for their ASTRA Club Display Board. Our club has always been a leader and this year showed no difference. Keep up the great work, Ladies!

At the all conference workshop Saturday afternoon we had the honor of listening to Rebekah Charleston the Executive Director of Valiant Hearts, a consultant with the National Criminal Justice Training Center, mother, honors graduate student, and advocate for victims of human trafficking. Rebekah herself was a victim of human trafficking for ten years. "Human trafficking has never been more prevalent than now and it is taking place right beneath our noses in our communities." Rebekah Charleston

The Governor's Banquet was as always one of my highlights of the weekend. Seeing the amazing individuals who are all there to make a difference in their communities is a heart-warming and eye-opening experience. We watch as Beth Blair, Governor-Elect be sworn in as our new Governor and, also as an added treat our very own, Brenda Tucker was sworn in as the 2019-2021 District Nine Parliamentarian.

Coming up in Reno, Nevada is Altrusa International Convention. Please plan to attend District Conference in 2020 in Richardson, Texas on April 17-19, 20220.

Shawna Elliott, President



ASTRA EVENTS

By Chalenia Freeman



Congratulations Chalenia, ASTRA Chair! Pampa ASTRA won first place at conference for the ASTRA Service Award for their work on the “Silo” at the high school. Our club started the project at the high school several years ago and it was now in great need of cleaning and straightening clothing. The ASTRA students put in the hours to do just that. Many of the ASTRA students didn’t even know that the “Silo” was there. Thank you Chalenia!

Pampa ASTRA Club was the only club to enter a display board at conference.

Parliamentary Rules

If you are interested in a simple guide to parliamentary procedures, Altrusa has one for you.

A copy of Altrusa International’s Point of Order has been uploaded to our private Facebook page. The Point of Order is a unique, easy-to-use parliamentary procedure manual, specially designed for Altrusa International. It is designed for at-your-place convenience.

Altrusans celebrating their birthdays in the month of May:

- May 12th. Marion Stroup
- May 14th. Rochelle Lacy
- May 17th. Virginia Fessenden
- May 21st. Pat Johson

Altrusans celebrating their birthdays in the month of June:

- June 9th. Brenda Guess
- June 9th. Beth Lukner
- June 14th. Mendi Bonner



May's Program Meeting

....don't miss it!

President's Report by

Shawna Elliott
and

Installation of 2019-2020
Officers

&

Board of Directors

Calendar:

- May 7th. Board Meeting, 12:00 Pampa Chamber of Commerce
- May 14th. Business Meeting , 12:00 Pampa Country Club
- May 15th. International Day of Families
- May 27th. Memorial Day
- May 28th. Program Meeting, City of Pampa, 6:00 Pampa County Club

July 17 - 20, 2019 - International Convention - Reno, Nevada



The newsletter will be published monthly, distributed at the end of the month. Deadline for Submission to Altrusa Views is the Wednesday after our Program Meeting.

Submission should be sent to:

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