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**ON THE COVER:** Seniors Alexis Armstrong, Ally Duffey, Laura Compton, Katy Echols, Brittany Herrera, Leah Idris, Katie Latimer, Libby Longino, Sam Ramirez, Vanessa Trevino and Melanie Wortley posed for a picture before their last recital with Preston Center of Dance. The school is co-owned by Highland Park resident Janis Rosenthal and is situated in Park Cities at Preston Center. For story and additional photos, see Pages 12-14.

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## Park Cities Neighbors IN THE SPOTLIGHT

# Altrusa names locals to top posts

### STAFF REPORT

A local attorney was tapped as president and a Highland Park woman was named director of Altrusa International of Dallas when the service club met June 15 at Cooper's Aerobics Center.

Michelle May became the 69th president in the club's 78-year history. Former district governor Sue Powell performed the installation ceremony. Altrusa of Dallas began in 1928 when a group of enterprising young career women joined together to network with other similar women and perform community service.

Other officers installed include directors Anne Reed of Highland Park, Carolyn Swanson, Guadalupe Carvajal and Ellen Heffner. Officers elected are Sidelle Illion, president-elect; Laticia Stein, vice president; Carolyn Harper, secretary; Elnora Coffin, treasurer; Sandy May, assistant secretary; and Susie Stephenson, assistant treasurer. Phyllis Meyerson will continue to serve as immediate past president.

May will also serve as president of the club's nonprofit foundation. The Altrusa Dallas Foundation was formed in honor of former club president Ruth W. Behrens, who was murdered in her home by an intruder in 1972.

In the upcoming year, the club will continue its award-winning efforts with City Park Elementary School, with its Altrusa Store incentive project, in which the children redeem tickets earned for good behavior. The tickets can be spent in the store on school supplies, gift items and toys. Also, Altrusa Dallas sponsors Social Skills Saturday in the late spring, where the club treats fifth- and sixth-graders to a sit-down, catered meal with etiquette lessons and motivational speakers.

The club also plans to continue working with Vogel Alcove, Letot Center, SPCA, Visiting Nurse Association and Our Friends Place.

The club will add new projects with Scottish Rite Hospital and Juliette Fowler Home. The club will hold a social mixer between the clients of Refugee Services of Texas and the residents of the Juliette Fowler Home, giving the peo-



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE MAY

**HAIL TO THE CHIEF:** Club president Michelle May is installed by Sue Powell, past district governor of Altrusa.



**PROUD MOM:** Club president Michelle May receives her president's pin from her mom, Sandy May, also a club member.

ple new to America an opportunity to practice conversational English.

"Literacy is a large focus of Altrusa's efforts internationally," said Frances Maloney, retired justice of the Dallas Court of Appeals and new chairwoman of the club's service committee. "The Dallas Club wants to emphasize literacy in our community by helping new refugees learn English to increase their ability to gain employment. We are looking forward to the new partnership with Juliette Fowler Home and continuing our work with Refugee Services of North Texas."

"We are looking forward to working with the Juliette Fowler Home, as past international president and Altrusa Dallas club member Nina Fay Callhoun

resided at the home prior to her passing," said Powell.

During the summer and early fall, Altrusa Dallas will kick start a new service project D.U.N.K. — Dallas Uniforms for Needy Kids — collecting new and gently used clothing items to help underprivileged children meet the requirements of the Dallas ISD uniform policy. Crest Auto Group will co-partner the project with the club. K104, a Dallas hip-hop station, has also signed on to sponsor the uniform project.

May's theme for the year is Altrusa: The Power of One.

"To me, this symbolizes the heart of what Altrusa is — the power of one person to make a difference in the life of another person," she said.