



Assistance League® Tulsa

MISSION : Assistance League® volunteers transforming the lives of children and adults through community programs.

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Members Hear About Community and Volunteering



Rodger Randle, former mayor of Tulsa and AL Tulsa Advisory Council member, spoke at the February luncheon on community and volunteering. He told about his upbringing, and how his personal well-being was tied to his success in the community. Some highlights of his talk:

- When oil was found in Glenpool, Tulsa prospered from it.
- Personal recognition doesn't come from wealth, it comes from generosity.
- Tulsa is committed to the arts.
- Being in community lifts us up.
- Assistance League makes Tulsa better by our contributions.

Clifton Taulbert, also an Advisory Council member, shared stories of his upbringing, and talked about the importance of volunteering. Here are highlights from his talk:

- Community and volunteering are driven by unselfishness.
- Volunteerism defines us, sets us apart.
- It's not about what we have, it's about what we do.
- Volunteering is inside us; we have to find the key.
- It is a life-long process to come together to solve problems.



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**Our Values at Work—
Accountability**

In this issue we will focus on our value “Accountability—being fiscally responsible to our donors and our community.” What does it mean to be accountable? Many of the articles in this issue will address this. Value. Being accountable builds trust, and for us to be trusted by those we serve and the community, we must be diligent in all we do.

Next issue: our final value “Leadership—demonstrating professionalism that is visionary and ethical.”



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GREAT chapter and I am so proud to be your president.

Accountability

This month the focus of the newsletter is on our value of accountability. As president, I am accountable to many. First and foremost, I am accountable to the AL Tulsa membership by making certain that our finances are in order and we are complying with our bylaws. You will be happy to know that your board is very active, responsive and consider the membership in every decision they make.

We are accountable to our donors and grantees. The Resource Development Committee is actively seeking new grants, completing the letter campaign, and thanking those who have donated to ALTulsa.

We are accountable to the school districts and students we serve. We have surveyed our Operation School Bell® schools and are listening to what they want. We have completed the national 3 question survey of our OSB program and will be sending the results to national very soon.

The Betty Bradstreet Program is running smoothly. They could use more members to visit the classrooms. Marva Carnahan will give a report when all awards have been distributed.

Most importantly we are accountable to the Zarrow Foundation who paved the way for us to be in this wonderful building.

When I accepted the role of President, I had no idea that I would be a building manager. When Sharon Atcheson passed the gavel to me, she should have given me a hard hat as well. Every day is something new. Last Friday, I was getting ready to leave the office when the window washers showed up. Then AirCo came to take a tour of the third floor to identify where the air filters needed to be replaced. Someone needs to be there to let the construction and technicians in. Marianne Pickering and I are usually in the office each day 10-3. Without Marianne I would not be able to do all the things that need to be done. Did I mention that we are still trying to sell our old building on 11th Street? Ginny Greek, Deloris Taylor, Sharon Atcheson and I have met with our real estate agent and we are asking her to be more

aggressive in marketing our property. Please continue to tell your friends that the building is for sale. It never ends.

Our first third floor tenant, *Hearts For Hearing*, moves in on March 18th. The AL Tulsa Building will be closed that day because there will be moving trucks and staff moving into their offices. *NewView* will move after them; the date to be determined. So here is another accountability—this time to our 3rd floor tenants. Let's welcome them to our building. We still need to determine where all of us will park!

What can I say about Bargains? What an operation. From the donations area, the pricing area and the store, it is a busy place. Linda Atwater and all of the volunteers are to be congratulated on a job well done. We are accountable to our Bargains shoppers who leave with a smile, saying, "I'll be back."

Accountability surrounds me in a variety of ways. My door and ears are always open to you. It is never a dull day at Assistance League. But, I love it and thank you for electing me.

Third Floor Update

We will have new neighbors in late March! The construction is coming along quickly. Construction deliveries may be directed to the south construction entrance (middle door), if you happen to encounter a delivery truck. You are welcome to take a visit to the 3rd floor at your convenience. The two non-profits, *New View OK and Hearts for Hearing*, will significantly increase the traffic to our building. You will see some minor signage changes. We will move the "Bargains" sign to the east above the Bargains windows and place "Assistance League Building" over the front door. I know you will like it!

-Julie Guy

Donations

Art and Carmen Baum
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Please consider leaving a gift to Operation School Bell®
in your estate plans. You'll help ensure that our
program's good work lives on.



Connect 2019—our National Conference next September in Las Vegas, September 4-7, at the MGM Grand.

- Engaging national and local speakers providing ideas to apply in your chapters, communities and your personal development.
- Interactive sessions that will give you big, bold ideas to increase your chapter's impact in the community you serve.
- High energy networking events as well as receptions and special events.

Watch for details about registration and workshops!

***“Not everything that happens in Vegas,
stays in Vegas!”***





Lisa Shotts, from Gaining Ground, spoke at the February luncheon. The goal for Gaining Ground is to collect 25,000 books to help children improve their reading. Our chapter's project during Action Week was to help them "Stuff the Bus" with books or financial donations.



AL Tulsa members donated 88 new children's books, and \$430 toward purchasing books to Gaining Ground literacy program. Bargains Thrift Shop celebrated literacy by offering a free book to customers.



Above: President Priscilla Harris, Kirby Mackenzie, and Lisa Shotts "stuff the bus" with book donations.

Right: Lisa Shotts shows the donations.



STRATEGIES

Philanthropic Programs

- Measure and evaluate the outcomes of philanthropic programs
- Develop and use philanthropic program outcome data for marketing and fund development

Membership Growth

- Develop a comprehensive database of member interests & skills
- Develop a mentor plan to retain and grow membership
- Continue to update and refine orientation and training for new members

Fund Development

- Continue to develop and train grant writing team
- Continue to maintain and increase income from Bargains
- Maintain and expand comprehensive Marketing & Communications plan
- Meet Capital Campaign goal

Overarching Strategies

- Increase external visibility & internal communication
- Provide financial & human resources to ensure success
- Update bylaws
- Use best practices
- Live core values



President Priscilla Harris and Linda Atwater, chairman of Bargains, participated in the Good News Summit in Tulsa. The event brought together numerous local organizations to share information. AL Tulsa was well represented, and the booth looked fantastic!



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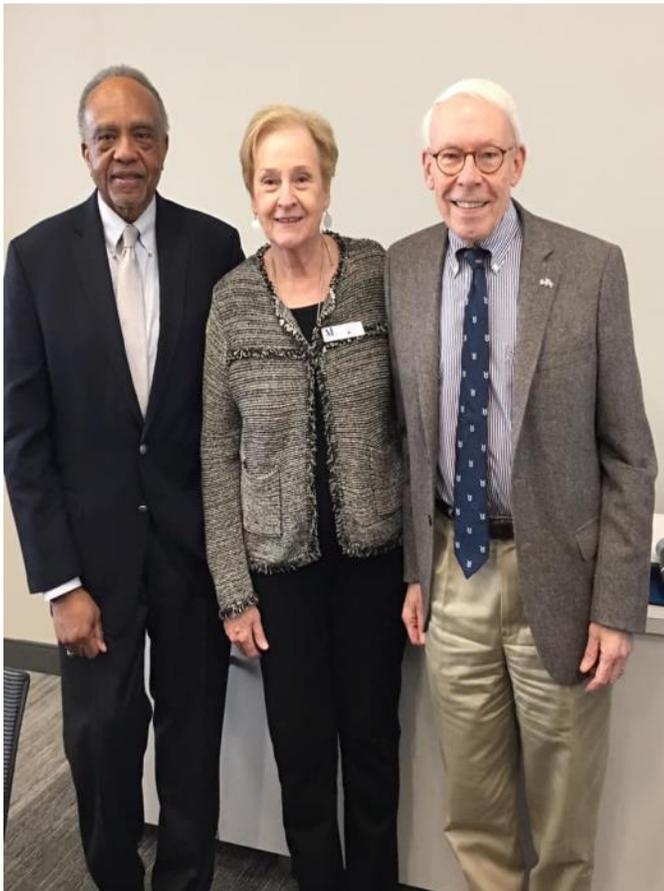
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Clifton Taulbert, President Priscilla Harris and Rodger Randle.

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Mission

Assistance League® volunteers transforming the lives of children and adults through community programs.

Vision

Essential needs are met in our community and families flourish.

Values

Commitment - showing compassion for all

Accountability - being fiscally responsible to our donors and our community

Leadership - demonstrating professionalism that is visionary and ethical

Respect - appreciating and considering others

Self-esteem - enhancing success in the people we serve