



April Meeting

Details: Wednesday, April 16, 6:00 p.m., Celebration Hall, \$14.00

Menu: Beef Sienna or Roasted chicken with walnut basil sauce

ALL Reservations:

Contact Barb (814-238-8882 or brk@psu.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 12 if you want to come.

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A Message from the President

Happy Spring to everyone. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate soon and it will feel like spring. That darn groundhog was right when he predicted six more weeks of winter type weather. But the six weeks is up so it's time for the sun and warm weather to appear. Aside from that, I want to thank everyone who participated in Mystery Night. It was a fun night with a great movie. The food was good, the dessert was excellent and for those who could not attend, you missed a great evening. My hat's off to the committee and dedicated workers who pulled it together.

I also want to remind everyone that at the April program we will be discussing our roadmap for the future. Gini Tucker and Tammy Gentzel will be leading the discussion and it will be an interactive session. If you are interested in shaping our future projects, please be there.

And please, if you can, bring some small chocolate bars (Snickers, Milky Way, etc) to the meeting to put in the "Chocolate & Champagne" basket to be raffled at conference. And I am still accepting items relevant to Central PA for the second raffle basket for conference.

I hope to see you at the meeting.

Truly yours,

Becky

Becky Schrope



Please send your committee report or other news to Celeste at cmo118@psu.edu for inclusion the newsletter.

Business Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2008

Positive Notes

Nancy: has had a wonderful conversation with a new florist in town about supporting Altrusa events; He has contributed a sculpture of a "chocolate bunny" for the top of our conference chocolate basket.

Theresa: announced that Calvary Baptist Church will be implementing a CityServe project in which they suspend Sunday services in lieu of service to those in need. She encouraged referrals to the project and handed out sign up sheets.

Amy Miller: has moved. Her new address is 431 Airport Road. Her younger sister is expecting twins!

Jennifer: had one of her pastel paintings juried into the Art Alliance 40th anniversary show. She won honorable mention. Her husband has agreed to be auctioned off for 8 hours of handy man service during the Mystery Night silent auction.

Pam Ruest: happy to be elected; happy to say thank you to all of us for our help; saw Marla and now she can see again.

Business meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes

Approved as submitted. Moved by Phyllis Corman, seconded by Cindy Butler.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account Balance: \$3,127

Savings Account Balance: \$6,765

Less Expenses: (\$754)

Balance: \$9,515

Will be willing to bill for dues next month, giving members option to pay across two months. Dues for current members: \$105.

Correspondence:

None.

Committee Reports:

Communications:

No Report. Request for volunteers to assist in writing monthly "Busy Bee," column which will focus on an Altrusa member.

Finance:

Jill won the 50\50 raffle and donated her winnings back to the club's scholarship fund.

Service:

- **Library clean up** was last Saturday. Only three members came. PLEASE, we are a service organization and this is one of our few hands-on projects. MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

- **Spring Fling:** Many spots still open. Please sign up!

Park Forest Day Nursery: keep up the good work. Next month, please bring sox and undies for boys and girls ages 2 to 5.

International Relations:

No Report

Old Business:

Election of Officers:

Norma Keller moved that nominations be closed. Theresa McElwain seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Phyllis Corman moved the Secretary record the slate be being unanimous. The motion carried.

Phyllis Corman move the slate be elected. Louis Hess seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

Reminder that committee budgets are due on May 1.

Grants Committee announced that one application has already been received. Jill Lillie volunteered to chair this year's committee. Ellie Beaver, Ginny Mulhatten and Cindy Butler volunteered to serve on the committee.

Announcements:

Norma Keller: thanked in advance for your support for Spring Fling. Big Brother Big Sister taken considerable funding cuts in last few months, so event all that more important. Please help with success by passing out cards for distribution.

Phyllis Corman: Sandi Craig may be Governor Elect after conference. In 2010 she will be installed as Governor. Proposes club consider putting in a bid to have conference here in 2010. Mildred Meder pointed out that Blair County has already submitted bid for 2010 and encouraged that Centre County work in conjunction with them.

Becky: Brian Murphy from the Spikes proposing Altrusa at a game. She will meet with him and let us know exactly what is involved.

Respectfully Submitted, Tammy Gentzel Recording Secretary



This column is an expansion of our Positive Notes so that we can learn a bit more about the good things going on in the lives of Altrusans.

By Amy Miller

This month I get to toot my own horn and offer a challenge to our club members. About a week after I had written and submitted last month's column about "**Ugly Quilts**" and "**My Brother's Keeper Quilt Group**" I received a phone call from Flo Wheatley – the group's founder. She was pleased that I had written an article about **My Brother's Keeper** and my mom's church group and asked me to send a copy of the article to them because they archive them. We talked about the amazing work that this organization does and how many small groups participate to help the homeless. I told her a bit more about our Altrusa club and how we were looking for new service projects and that something like this may be right up our alley. Flo is a lovely woman and I was glad she had called me. When we got off the phone, I sent her my column along with a copy of the club newsletter in which it was published. I also shared my column with my mom and her church group who were also flattered to be recognized by our club.

Who would have thought that my little column inspired by the great work my mom's church groups does, would reach so many people. However it gets even better. Every September, the Wheatley's and the rest of the "**My Brother's Keeper Quilt Group**" hold a "Thank You" Picnic for the different groups who make the "Ugly Quilts" or donate materials. Earlier in the year they send out a newsletter with updates about **My Brother's Keeper Quilt Group** and information about the picnic to people and groups around the country. This year they would like to include my article as part of the invitations. Very cool and exciting.

So now comes the challenge. This is a very worthwhile service project and a small group can make several of the Ugly Quilts in a short time. In fact in 3 months –only working on Fridays the ladies at my mom's church in Beach Lake, PA made 290 quilts for the homeless. So Ladies lets start our own group and make these quilts or at least start collecting material so another group can make some. I know we all must have old blankets, sheets, curtains or other materials that could be put to use. Check your closets, hope chests, attics etc and lets get to work on this. This could be a great monthly or even quarterly hands on service project for our members and a good way to help on a broad scale. I've included the instructions from the web site to give people an idea of just how easy a project this is.

Park Forest Day Nursery items: This month, please bring sox and undies for boys and girls ages 2 to 5.



Birthdays



APRIL

10 Mildred Meder
11 Altrusa International
12 Ahmed Banya
22 Tammy Gentzel
23 Pat Hawbaker
25 Pam Ruest
30 Tillie Convery

MAY

2 Jana King
4 Susan Hoover
15 Ann Walker
24: Cynthia Thackston

Calendar Reminders

- April 10-12—YSB Spring Fling
- April 16—Meeting, Celebration Hall
- April 24-27—District Two Conference

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