



# Altrusa Action

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF CENTRE COUNTY, PA  
APRIL 2011

**Dinner:** Wednesday, March  
20th, 6:00, Celebration Hall  
**Menu:** Chef's Choice  
**Program:** "Preparing for Add  
An Altrusan Month," hosted  
by the Communications  
Committee  
**Reservations:** Please call  
Phyllis at 355-5477 or email  
to [cormanpj@aol.com](mailto:cormanpj@aol.com) by  
the evening of Sunday,  
April 17<sup>th</sup>.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Altrusans:

Happy birthday to Altrusa! This month we are 94 years young! It is a good time to reflect on our club, our district and international. On a club level we just finished up with Spring Fling. Thanks to all the members who helped sort, stack, and arrange women's clothing. Our club will also be doing another Easter Egg Hunt with the children from Park Forest Day Nursery. As part of this event we want to give each child (31) a book to take home, either new or used. Please bring an age-appropriate book to the Monday meeting to donate to the cause. April brings the opportunity to help clean Walnut Springs Park. Look for signup sheets at the dinner meeting or contact Megan Evans if you can help.

The District Conference is a month away. It will be held in Hagerstown Maryland on May 12-15th. Come for the weekend or for a day! We want the Centre County Club to "Grow in Altrusa" and show our pride by having the most attendees. You will have the opportunity to hear Donna Johnson, the International President. We will be participating in a District Service Project called "The Born Learning Trail." The learning trail project is a series of interactive outdoor activities for parents and young children. The trail consists of colorful signs for activities that capture games which help boost children's literacy skills while also encouraging families to get moving together. District is asking each club to bring books (age birth to 5 years) which will help enhance the concept of nature, exercise and environment- all part of this initiative. So I am asking you to also bring those books to the April dinner meeting.

Finally let's look at the upcoming International Convention in Rapid City SD. We need two delegates to represent our club at International. If you would be interested be aware that our club helps offset some of the cost for the delegates. I believe we have budgeted \$360 per delegate toward expenses for International Convention. Please consider becoming a delegate. We will vote on this at the April dinner meeting.

Warmly,

*Jill*

**Remember to bring the following items to this dinner meeting:**

**\*Books appropriate for preschool children that we can pass out at the Easter Egg hunt.**

**[CORRECTION: Bring to the Monday meeting, or get to Jill before Wednesday.]**

**\*Books for children age birth to age 5 years that enhance the concept of nature, exercise and environment. We will take these to Conference to be part of the District Service Project.**

**\*Your checkbook. It is time to pay your annual dues.**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Communications** – Tammy and Ginny M., Co-chairs

We are in the final stages of updating the Centre County Club web page. We must update the 5 Alive tab and re-word our support for UNICEF under the Service tab and the page will be complete. Because we have struggle to find a member willing to update the page on a regular basis, we have opted to keep the page simple and to the point with as few references as possible to time sensitive issues. Our newsletter archive is posted and provides current and potential members with a wealth of information about the club.

We are in the final stages of updating the Centre County Club brochure, as well. It will be printed and ready for circulation in time for the Laga Handbag Sale scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend.

Finally, over the next several weeks, Tammy G. will begin sending out your yearbook information, ask you to review it and respond with your approval for printing. If you would like a picture of you or representation of a hobby or interest included, we will ask that you forward that electronically with your edits for your page information. Please remember that the picture or listing of your hobby or interest is information provided so that new members can begin to get to know you better.

**Finance** – Phyllis, Chair

Please see the Proposed Budget for the Club for 2011-2012 elsewhere in the newsletter. The Board has recommended the approval of the

budget. The Club will be asked to vote on the budget at the meeting. Questions in the meantime may be addressed to the Treasurer.

**International Relations** – Norma and Ahmed, Co-chairs  
No report

**Membership** – Sally, Chair

We have two prospective members being recommended by the board and being submitted to membership for approval: Amy Caputo and Monica Wagner. Please make a point to get to know them and make them feel welcome.

**Service** – Megan, Chair

The park clean-up will be rescheduled for another date due to the Easter holiday. I would like to have more members participate in this event. Please check your schedules and let me know what would be a good day.

Banning dirty books is scheduled for Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, but again, due to the holiday we will not be cleaning this month. We are also considering some options for increasing participation in this project. Stay tuned!!!

**Business Meeting Minutes March 16, 2011**

**Guests:** Al Jones: Centre County Community Foundation

**Accent:** presented by Phyllis C: Giving us a couple reminders:

- 1: for committee chairs to get their budget items to the treasurer
- 2: the year is coming to an end and May it will be time for Dues

**Positive Notes:**

**Sandi C:** Sara K was an Altrusan who passed away last week and will be missed

**Phyllis C:** went to Sara K's viewing and was reminded how much a part Altrusa was in her life

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**Lynn:** son Max made the honor roll, husband is now able to drive since his accident

**Nancy:** happy to not be in Japan

**Micki P:** won a beautiful flower arrangement from the home show last week

**Approval of Minutes from the Feb Business Meeting:** Sandi moves that they be approved, Sally seconds. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** End Checking Balance: \$1885.71, Savings: \$4997.00, Allocations: \$1605.00, Five Alive Funding: \$2500. Total: \$2771.

The board approved a motion that we transfer \$100 designated to the foundation endowment fund to the foundation emergency relief fund.  
Report will be filed for Audit

**Correspondence:** no report

**Communications:** no report

**Finance:** committees need to submit the amounts they need for next year's budget by the end of the month. Any members who join now would be approved for the next year

**Membership:** board approved Katie S for membership in Altrusa . Amy K and Monica (guests of Megan) are interested in joining. We will be having initiation in May

**Service:** Banning Dirty Books will be at on Sat 9 am at Bellefonte Library. Bring cloths and buckets. Spring Fling: unpacking and sorting are March 31 and April 1. We still need people to sign up. Norma gave her materials to do display for conference. We are thinking of donating children's books to Park Forest Day Nursery during the Easter egg hunt. If you have some bring them to the next meeting

**International Relations:** we got thank-you letters from the deaf boys in Nicaragua that we have been sponsoring to go to school.

**Old Business:**

**Nominations:**

**The nominations are:**

**President: Gini T**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Megan**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Brenda**

**Treasurer: Phyllis**

**Recording Secretary: Amy**

**Corresponding Secretary: Tammy**

**Directors: Lynn M, Lisa B**

There were No nominations from the floor. Nancy moves that nominations be closed. June seconded. Motion passes Nancy makes the motion that the secretary cast a unanimous ballet for the proposed slate of officers. Sandi seconded. Motion passes

**Reminder: please turn in your volunteer hours for Altrusa Business, Service and non Altrusa volunteering. These are very important for club recognition.**

**Conference:** We pay for 2 delegates to go to conference, Theresa moves that Brenda and Gini T will be delegates, June seconded. Motion passed. We also need to create a display that highlights one of our service projects. Megan and Norma will be working on it.

**New Business:**

**Joining the Centre County Council of Human Services:** The board discussed this idea at the last meeting and thought it would be a good fit for us. We would get good recognition with other community agencies. Would cost about \$60. Nancy makes a motion that we join, Sally seconds. Motion passes. Jill will fill out the application. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month. We would like someone to regularly

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attend. Please let Jill know. Nancy and Sally offered to help.

**Meal Cost:** we had a committee that investigated other cheaper places to go. We ended up choosing Hoag's with a lighter and cheaper menu. It would now cost members \$14 instead of \$18. The board approved the choice and information was in the newsletter.

**Announcements:**

Sally has tickets for a pancake and sausage breakfast for Kiwanis. March 26 from 8-2. She is giving them out to anyone who wants one.

There is a Bill Coleman photography sale on April 8-10 that benefits United Way at Holiday Inn on Waddle Rd in State College.

**Adjournment:** 7:00

**Program:** Foundations aren't just lingerie

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**April 2011**

- 6 5:45 Board Meeting
- 11 ALTRUSA'S 94<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY
- 20 6:00 Dinner Meeting (Communications)  
Program: **Preparing for Add-an-Altrusan Month**

**May 2011**

- 4 5:45 Board Meeting
- 12 District Two Conference, May 12-15, Hagerstown MD
- 18 6:00 Dinner Meeting (Membership)  
Program: **Installation and Initiation**

**Mark Your Calendar:**

***The 52nd International Convention will be held July 22-25th in Rapid City, SD. Put that on your calendar now before it fills up and plan on***

***attending if you can; it's a real opportunity! "Using the theme Leaders Among Us and under the watchful eyes of some of this country's most distinguished former leaders we will unveil Altrusa's new image."***

**BIRTHDAYS**

**April**

- 5: Deb Seaward
- 10: Mildred Meder
- 11: **Altrusa International**
- 12: Ahmed Banyan
- 22: Tammy Gentzel
- 25: Pam Ruest

**May**

NONE – maybe we should recruit some members with May birthdays!

**Reminder:** Please turn in your volunteer hours. The volunteer time should be broken down into volunteer hours for other organizations; volunteer hours for Altrusa service projects; and hours for Altrusa business. You do not need to fill out a form; simply submit your time to Barb. Thank you.

**VOUCHER**

Altrusa International of Centre County,  
Inc.  
Monthly Voucher

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Month of \_\_\_\_\_ 2010/2011

- Dinner @ \$14.00.....\_\_\_\_\_
- Wine @ \$4.00/glass.....\_\_\_\_\_
- Dues (\$5.00 Minimum).....\_\_\_\_\_
- Scholarship Donation.....\_\_\_\_\_
- Habitat for Humanity Donation.....\_\_\_\_\_
- Other Service Project Donations ..\_\_\_\_\_
- Other Payments.....\_\_\_\_\_
- Total check/cash.....\_\_\_\_\_

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**Altrusa International of Centre County  
Proposed Budget - DRAFT 1  
June 2011 - May 2012**

***Operations Budget***

**REVENUE**

**2011-2012**

**FUNDRAISING**

	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
International Membership Dues (32 @ 55) **	\$1,760.00
District Membership Dues (32 @ 20) **	\$640.00
Local Club Dues (32 @ 25)	\$800.00
New Member Dues (5 @ 85) Local Waived **	\$425.00
New Member Processing Fee (5 @ 10)	\$50.00
Interest	\$10.00
Meals (\$14 x 20 members x 12 meetings) **	\$3,360.00
Wine (\$4 x 5 x 12 meetings) **	\$240.00
Scholarships/Donations	\$200.00
Happy Notes	\$50.00
Habitat for Humanity Donations	\$30.00
<b><i>CARRY OVER FROM RESERVES</i></b>	<b><u>\$1,966.00</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,531.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

Brochures	\$350.00
Centre County Foundation Start Up Fees	\$500.00
District Conference Fee	\$15.00
District Dues (37 x \$20) **	\$740.00
District Travel (2 delegates or \$185 ea)	\$370.00
Initiation/Installation	\$25.00
International Club Fee	\$20.00
International Dues (37 x \$55) **	\$2,035.00
International Processing Fees (New Members)	\$50.00
International Travel* - (registration fee for 2) *	\$360.00
Meals/Wine **	\$3,600.00
Membership Development	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$50.00
New Member Kits (5)	\$105.00
New President's Pin *	\$70.00
PO Box Rental	\$44.00
Postage	\$25.00
President's Library Gift *	\$50.00
Small Games of Chance License	\$100.00
Speaker's Dinners (8 guests)	\$112.00
Website	\$100.00
Yearbook Printing	\$200.00
*Bi-annual budget item	

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\*\* Offset Income and Expense

**Total** **\$9,021.00**

***Projects Budget:***

(Funded by Fundraisers or Savings Withdrawal)

**Service Committee**

Books for Babies \$600.00

Miscellaneous Projects \$500.00

**International Relations Committee**

Nicaraguan Boys Support \$500.00

PFMS Bear Team - UNICEF \$250.00

UNA/USA Membership \$40.00

UNA/USA Dinner & International Student \$110.00

Miscellaneous \$100.00

**International Foundation**

Club 21 \$210.00

Endowment Fund \$100.00

Disaster Relief \$100.00

**Sub-Total** **\$2,510.00**

**Five Alive Fund**

**Emergency Funding - Local Non-Profits \*\*\*** **\$2,500.00**

**Total** **\$5,010.00**

Established Funding From Savings\*\*\*

**TOTAL UNFUNDED EXPENSES** **\$11,531.00**

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**THE BUSY BEE** By Amy R. Miller

On April 2, 2011, several Centre County Altrusans got together to help with the Annual Spring Fling. The Spring Fling is basically a big rummage sale and is held in the Agricultural Arena on the Penn State campus. Proceeds from the Spring Fling benefit the Centre County Youth Service Bureau's Big Brother/Big Sister Program. Refreshments are provided by Penn State's Dairy Science Club.



**Phyllis, Amy, Mickey, and Sally at the sale**

A few days before the event, volunteers from the Youth Service Bureau and other community groups get together in the Ag Arena to sort through and price the donated items. Items donated to the sale include furniture, electronics, books and CDs, household items such as dishes and linens, children's toys and clothes, Christmas decorations, luggage and shoes, framed pictures and men's and women's clothing.

The sale officially runs from 8am to 2pm, but people can get in the doors for an early bird special at 7:30 if they are willing to donate an extra \$5 to the YSB. And the crowds do come looking for bargains. Some head straight to the furniture and electronics while others wait to get the bags of clothes for \$5 or \$10. Many new, with tags still on, and gently used items can be found. Some people know just what they want, make their purchases and leave, while others spend the whole time searching through piles and coming out with hidden treasures.

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Throughout the event, an MC who works for the Youth Service Bureau travels between departments drawing attention to great finds and creating interest in the sale. Bargains are announced and people are reminded that each dollar they spend supports a great cause. Everyone is also reminded to have their items bagged and tagged in each section so that they can easily pay for their prizes as they head out the door.

Altrusa's role in the sale is to run the women's clothing department. Each year we organize the clothes and help the shoppers find great things for themselves and for people they know. We encourage people to fill bags and help them choose items that really work for them. We encourage people to have fun and shop around and our volunteers often do the same. Sometimes our volunteers walk out with two or three bags of our own treasures.



The women's clothing section and June, Phyllis and Sally ready to bag and tag

When the sale is over, volunteers gather the remaining items in boxes and bags to give to the Salvation Army or to keep for the next year. After hours and days of set-up, most of the clean-up is completed in less than an hour. And if at the end of the day, everyone had a good time and got some deals (which we all did) then the day was a success and we look forward to next year and doing it all again!



Sally folding and Amy shopping

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