



Altrusa Action

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF CENTRE COUNTY, PA
AUGUST 2010

Dinner: Wednesday, August 18, 6:00, Celebration Hall
Menu: Barbequed Chicken and Ribs
Program: Our Annual Picnic hosted by All Members
Reservations: **Please call** to make a reservation –Call Barb (238-8882) or email her at bkfoxbark69@gmail.com by the evening of Sunday, August 15th.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When is the last time you have looked at Altrusa International's website? Have you ever? Take some time to periodically pull up that website (www.altrusa.com) to see what is going on nationally and with other chapters. It will inspire you to see the community projects being done by other clubs. This website is also a great resource for members and also for committee chairs.

On another note, unfortunately yet again this year, I am going to miss the August picnic. While I am looking forward to my beach vacation, I am also sad to miss this fun event. It is one of the few times that we can just socialize without any agenda. Phyllis agreed to be MC for the games. Celebration Hall is supplying delicious picnic food. It will be a time to kick back, relax and have a few laughs together. **Remember to call in your dinner reservation to either Barb Kautz or Phyllis Corman. There are no standing reservations.**

On the heels of a very laid-back August will be a very busy Fall. Our club agreed to support the Community Education pasta fundraiser again this year and we hope to contribute more than last year. This year our members may be called on to donate a few hours on a Saturday evening or Sunday in September to help package the raviolis. A trip to the UN is being planned in lieu of a district workshop in October. And we are looking to participate in a Make A Difference Day project this year in October along with participating in the Entrepreneurial Women's Expo.

So, enjoy the last month of summer and take time to recharge your batteries. I hope to see you in the Fall with new ideas and renewed energy and enthusiasm for our club.

Yours in Altrusa,

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications – Tammy and Ginny M., Co-chairs
No report

Finance – Phyllis, Chair
No report

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

Membership – Sally, Chair
No report

Service – Gini, Chair
Banning Dirty Books: Will resume in September. The morning will always be the Saturday after the business meeting. Get them rags ready!

Business Meeting Minutes July 21, 2010

Guests: none

Accent: presented by Megan E: reviewed Altrusa mission and vision, Jill L: August 12 is International Youth Day. Theme is dialogue and understanding

Positive Notes:

Becky S: National Conference of Ministers voted to allow ordained ministers to be gay. They are also going to be more HIV aware and are looking at civil marriages. Her 3 yr old granddaughter was here from San Diego and was excited because it was hotter here than in California at that time.

Sandi C: She just got back from San Diego. She went to the zoo and her grandchildren won awards in a hula-hoop contest.

Theresa M: Her granddaughters were in the paper Monday enjoying the municipal band concert.

Brenda R: Her family had a wonderful time in

England. Her 16 year old son was able to drink and loved it. They really did not fight and had a great trip

Micki P: She just got back from her high school reunion. There was only one other person from 1942 graduating class but there were other classes there also and she saw many people she knew.

Jill L: She recently joined the Jade family CSA (Cooperative sustainable agriculture) and is loving the new veggies she is getting.

Approval of minutes from May Business Meeting: Theresa moves to approve. Mildred seconded. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report: as of end of June we have \$6783.76 and report is filed for audit

Correspondence: none

Communications: We would like a new picture of you or of something you are really interested in to help us recognize you for the yearbook. You can send it by email and it can be clip art etc. If we do not get something from you, the committee will select something for you.

Christmas party: the entertainment will be each committee performing some type of skit or fun activity that lasts 5 minutes.

From International as part of communications: In our marketing we are going to start using the international logo and themes: Leaders and service. They are choosing this for consistency. Our mission will be literacy and that will be made clear. This will all be released at the conference in July next year.

Finance: Phyllis hopes to have the small game of chance license and our Laga raffle tickets ready for everyone by the August meeting.

Membership: There are forms on the tables to give to new potential members. The picnic will be here at Celebration Hall. We will have BBQ chicken and ribs. There will be games and guests are welcome. Please let Barb know if you are

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coming and bringing someone. Standing reservations do not apply.

Service: We are NOT going to start banning dirty books again until September. It will begin the Saturday after the September business meeting. The A Make a Difference Day planning committee - Ginny M, Louise H, and Norma K - proposes that we do an actual event on that day (Sat Oct 23) relating to literacy but we need commitment from members to do this. After discussion, we have commitment from members for the committee to go ahead with it. Ginny M will be in touch with members with more details.

International Relations: no report

Old Business:

Executive Women's Expo: We can have a booth that day (October 6th) but need someone to man it that will promote Altrusa and sell handbags. Megan E, Brenda R and June K are interested.

Picnic: We will invite the Blair County club to join us.

New Business: none

Adjournment: 7:25

Program: Hands on Service Project.

Respectfully submitted, Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2010

- 4 5:45 Board Meeting
12 International Youth Day (UN)
18 6:00 Picnic (Membership)

September 2010

- 1 5:45 Board Meeting
8 World Literacy Day (UN)
15 6:00 Dinner Meeting (Membership)
Program: "Orientation"
21 International Day of Peace (UN)

BIRTHDAYS

August

- 11: Theresa McElwain
14: Ellie Beaver
15: Becky Schrope
17: Ginny Mulhatten
20: Micki Pharo

September

- 4: Vicki Wedler Herrle
15: Cathy Bowen
18: Brenda Ruby
23: Louise Hess

IF IT SAYS LAGA LAGA LAGA ON THE LABEL LABEL LABEL...

Just a reminder, our club has voted to sell raffle tickets as our next fundraiser. Daily drawings will be held each day in November for various Laga handbags or wallets. Tickets are \$10 each, and each person who buys a raffle ticket will have 30 chances to win something from Laga. Each member is expected to sell a minimum of 5 tickets and hopefully more. It is up to each of us to tell the Laga story so people understand that each handbag sold brings a better life to someone in Sumatra.

VOUCHER

Altrusa International, Inc. of Centre County, Inc. Monthly Voucher

Member's Name _____
Month of _____ 2009/2010

- Dinner @ \$17.00.....
Wine @ \$4.00/glass.....
Dues (\$5.00 Minimum).....
Scholarship Donation.....
Habitat for Humanity Donation
Other Service Project Donations ..
Other Payments.....
Total check/cash.....

“MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY” October 23, 2010

For the tenth year in a row, Altrusa is launching an effort to combat illiteracy through Make A Difference Day on **October 23, 2010**. Since we are an International organization we can impact millions of people all over the world. Make A Difference Day is a unique way to help others. Let's show the world how Altrusans shine by making a difference on **October 23, 2010**. Through our combined efforts we have the power to combat illiteracy from city to city, state to state and country to country. Although we are separated by many miles, we are always united in service.

For the last fifteen years, *USA Weekend Magazine* and its partners have sponsored Make A Difference Day as an annual event. Make A Difference Day is a day for members to continue to do good things for others. Let's show the world that Altrusa International, Inc. is on board with making a difference.

We have selected Global Connections' Women's Intercultural Book Group Program as a project to support in its efforts to enhance the literacy skills of the spouses of international students and workers in our community. It is also an opportunity for us to learn about one another, share culture and be in conversation with the members. To this end, we are planning a tea on the afternoon of Saturday Oct. 23 and will continue to plan additional activities.

The Coordinator of the program, Barb Ballenger has suggested that possibilities would be a discussion of books people are currently reading, favorite authors, or a discussion of one particular book that is highly pertinent to Centre County. We are open to other suggestions from members as well.

We would like to be able to present the participants with books for their use so will be asking you to make a commitment to purchase some materials yet to be determined. We ask that you mark your calendar and save some time on that day to participate in this event.

We will keep you informed of plans as they develop but just wanted everyone to aware of our progress to date.

Thanks in advance.

Ginny M., Norma K. & Louise H.

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UNITED NATIONS DAY FOCUS - 2010

Slavery is not legal anywhere in the world – and yet it happens everywhere. An estimated 27 million people are living in slavery right now. Modern-day slavery is usually referred to as Human Trafficking. It is the acquisition of people by improper means such as force, fraud, or coercion, with the aim of exploiting them. Human trafficking is a crime that strips people of their rights, ruins their dreams, and robs them of their dignity. Approximately 700,000 children and adult victims are trafficked every year – and no country is immune from this global problem.

The United Nations combats human trafficking through its web of agencies, programs and protective treaties or conventions. The Centre County Chapter of the United Nations Association (CC-UNA) is working closely with representatives to its Council of Organizations to learn more about this problem and identify how we might have a tangible impact on Human Trafficking, much as UNA and the Council did last year, through the Solar Box Cooker campaign, which helped Darfuri women living in the refugee camps of Chad. **The United Nations Day Celebration Dinner, to be held at the Ramada Inn on October 24, will feature distinguished speaker Dr. Mary Burke, of Carlow University in Pittsburgh, an expert on human trafficking. If you have questions, please talk with Norma Keller, Mildred Meder, Louise Hess or Phyllis Corman, Altrusa’s representatives on the UNA Council of Organizations.**

Altrusa International Highlight

For more, go to the website at www.altrusa.com

Altrusa International, Inc. currently has **363** clubs in **10** countries with a grand total of **9,968** members. Listed below is a summary categorizing each District's total membership. These figures are also available on our website to assist you with your yearbook.

District	Number of Clubs	Active Members	Life Members	Emeritus Members	Life Members with no Club Affiliation	Affiliate Members	Total
One	19	461	1	5	0	0	467
Two	18	385	1	11	0	0	397
Three	30	897	1	27	0	4	929
Four	23	528	1	16	0	0	545
Five	28	690	1	45	1	1	738
Six	39	988	1	69	2	0	1,060
Seven	30	798	0	40	0	0	838
Eight	25	735	0	39	0	2	776
Nine	33	973	1	46	0	2	1,022
Ten	16	483	0	19	0	19	521
Eleven	21	527	0	16	0	3	546
Twelve	26	738	1	35	0	1	775
Fourteen	24	611	0	36	0	0	647
Fifteen	22	555	0	24	0	4	583
Clubs-At-Large	9	116	1	5	0	2	124
Totals	363	9,485	9	433	3	38	9,968

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