



Altrusa Action

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

Dinner: Wednesday, Dec. 21st, 6:00,
Celebration Hall
Menu: Holiday feast: Prime rib,
turkey, potatoes/gravy, mixed
vegetables, salad, whoopee pies
Program: "Altrusa Wonderland,"
hosted by the Communications
Committee
Reservations: Please call Phyllis at
355-5477 or email to
cormanpj@aol.com by Sunday,
Dec 18th. **NO STANDING
RESERVATIONS!**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings All:

It's hard to comprehend that we're at the end of another year! When I was in my 20s my dad told me the older you get, the longer the days get and the shorter years get. Well, I must be getting pretty old because 2011 feels like a flash. I know for some in our club this year has brought some truly difficult times. My hope is that throughout it all you have felt the love and support of your sister Altrusans. And for the rest of us who have had the usual "ups and downs of life" sort of year, I trust we all have at some time or another turned to someone(s) in our club to help get us through. Having such a loving network with whom to share "the good, the bad, and the ugly" days, truly is a gift to be thankful for. And the wonderful thing is that it is a gift that only grows bigger and better with every day. So as we look to 2012, my wish for everyone is a year of having nothing to share but wonderful and happy things!

Looking back to November there are a couple of major events that occurred. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to bring guests to the business meeting. What a great turnout and thanks to Norma for providing a fantastic program. The other event was the Laga Sale. I want to thank Phyllis, Sindy, Lisa and Jill for working at Mt Nittany Middle School, and Brenda, Amy, June, Lynn, Megan and Micki for working at South Hills. You contributed your time and effort to benefit all of us in the club and for that we thank you.

Looking to December, remember to contact Phyllis if you are going to the holiday party. I've been assured there will be wonderful entertainment and a good time to be had by all. Come get crazy with the rest of us!

And finally, as the month goes on, don't forget to stop periodically and enjoy the spirit!

Gini

PS. For those who noticed, I have sent an e-mail to International to alert them to the fact that they didn't list us among the clubs having submitted a Make a Difference Day project.

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**REMINDERS-REMINDERS-
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- Don't forget to call Phyllis and tell her you're coming to the Holiday Party! There are no standing reservations for this one, folks!
- We will be collecting for the Ethel Beaver Fund at the December dinner.
- No Book Club meeting until January – Happy Holidays! In January we will be discussing “Eat, Pray, Love” after the business meeting. All are welcome!
- January's program will be Project Runway, Altrusa Style hosted by the Membership Committee. You won't want to miss it!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications – Tammy, Chair

Come one, come all for a night of fun and good cheer at Celebration Hall. The December business meeting will be replaced by our traditional holiday feast: Prime rib, turkey, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, salad, whoopee pies, and wine. Cost will be \$28 per person. Reservations will be required. Feel free to bring family and friends!

Finance – Phyllis, Chair

No report

International Relations – Norma and

Ahmed, Co-chairs

No report

Membership – Jill and Sally, Co-chairs

The next membership meeting will be Wednesday morning the 21st of December at 7:30am at The Waffle Shop. If you cannot make that meeting, we will plan to meet again before the January dinner meeting. Watch your email.

Service – Megan, Chair

No report

**Altrusa Business Meeting Minutes November
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Guests:

Justine: brought by Tammy G, works at WRC
Bonnie: brought by Tammy G, new exec director of CHC
Jan: Jill and Brenda's sister, retired Special Education teacher
Bonnie D: brought by Nancy D, retired nurse, Red Cross
Linda: brought by Nancy D, therapeutic support staff
Ashley: brought by Amy M, works for PSU libraries
Campbell: brought by Norma K, our guest speaker
Nona: brought by Sally R, from AAUW and LCC
Dawn: brought by Sally R, LCC, eye care
Louanna: brought by Sally R, LCC, CATA and food bank

Accent: presented by Gini T, talking about Altrusa, who we are and what we do.

Positive Notes:

Amy M: very proud to report that the University Libraries United Way committee raised \$700 at the book sale

Sandi C: conference will be in Norfolk in April, fee will be same as last year, 7 hrs away – hoping people will come in April

Approval of October Business Meeting Minutes:

Tammy moves to approve, Brenda seconded. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: printed in newsletter, nothing to add. Report will be filed for audit

Correspondence: letter from CYS in Centre County reminding us to donate to the Ethel Beaver fund. We collect for this at the holiday meeting so please come

Communications: none

Finance: printed in newsletter, nothing to add

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Membership: printed in newsletter, nothing to add

Service: printed in newsletter, nothing to add

International Relations; printed in newsletter, nothing to add

Old Business:

Laga Hand Bag Sale: sales are happening this Saturday. Please remember to go if you signed up. The fairs open at 9 am. Please remind people about the sale. Funds go towards our annual fund raising campaign.

Announcements:

Aids Project is having Taste of the Town on December 4th- please contact the Aids project if you would like to go.

Bellefonte Victorian Christmas: the town is beautiful and there is a choir concert on Sunday Evening.

Hadasah: having a food fair December 8th – please come if you want some good food.

United Way fund raising events are listed on a flier at the tables. Please show your support.

Nittany Valley Orchestra: having their children’s concert this weekend, children’s tickets are free if accompanied by an adult.

DISTINGUISHED CLUB AWARD: we received one of these for the 2010/2011 year

Adjournment: 7:20

Program: Campbell Plowden

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary

~COMING ATTRACTIONS ~

**CENTRE COUNTY ALTRUSA CLUB PROGRAM
FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2011**

Join us for Project Runway, Altrusa Style! You won’t want to miss this one!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2012

- 4 5:45 Board Meeting
- 18 6:00 Dinner Meeting (Membership)
Program: **Project Runway, Altrusa Style**
- 27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day (UN)

February 2012

- 1 5:45 Board Meeting
- 15 6:00 Dinner Meeting (Service)
Program: **Service From The Heart**
- 20 World Day of Social Justice (UN)

Book Club... Rules!



BOOK IT.....ALTRUSA!



Our book of the month (well, two months) is "Eat, Pray, Love" and we will meet after the January dinner meeting to discuss it. Any member is welcome to attend. Join us at Olde New York. Last month's discussion was thought-provoking as we talked about "Still Alice," written from the point of view of a woman with Alzheimer’s.

BIRTHDAYS

December

- 3: Jill Lillie
- 11: Ginny Eisenstein

January

- 2: Sally Rothwell

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

“ I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.”

~ Rosa Parks ~

FOUNDATION: Club 21

The name **Club 21** was chosen to emphasize the Foundation's commitment to being involved in a major international health concern into the 21st century. **Club 21** is unique in that contributors are a part of a "club," with a membership and their own pin. Through an annual contribution of \$21 (US) or more, you can become a part of the foundation's effort to support children infected with HIV and AIDS.

HIV and AIDS are global epidemics affecting people in all countries and from all walks of life, but it is the innocent children who bear the brunt of this disease. **Club 21** is the opportunity to extend your hand to these children and their families.

As a member of **Club 21** you will receive the special gold and white **Club 21 Pin**, signifying your participation in a program that every Altrusan will be proud of. **Club 21** – a way for you to make a difference.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Altrusa Projects from Around the World: THAILAND

The Ashburton, South Island, New Zealand Altrusa club has been supporting Burmese migrants in Thailand since 2008, when it first helped with finance for drugs for a mobile medical clinic. The contact was established when a New Zealand woman spoke to the club about her work in Thailand with migrants. More recently she has been working with the Burmese Migrant Workers Education Committee and the club has been supporting its work by paying the rental on land for one of the schools.

Together with financial support, Altrusa members collected toys, picture books, and clothing and have knitted over 80 beanies for babies, as well as making baby wraps. Currently, the Burmese Migrant Workers Education Committee is educating approximately 10,000 children in northern Thailand and within Burma in more than 50 schools. As well, it oversees 12 boarding houses.

Altrusa International of Ashburton is delighted to have received a grant of \$1000 US from the Altrusa International Foundation to help this project. The money will be used to help complete a new building for a school catering for Burmese migrant children. We are so pleased to be able to help make these children's lives a little better through this Foundation grant!

VOUCHER

Altrusa International of Centre County, Inc.
Monthly Voucher

Member's Name _____

Month of _____ 2011/2012

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	_____



THE BUSY BEE By Amy R. Miller

LAGA BAG SALES

On Saturday November 19, several Centre County Altrusans braved the craft fair crowds at Mount Nittany Middle School and South Hills Business School to sell Laga bags as part of our annual fund raising efforts.

Set up began on Friday evening with the actual events running from 9 am to 3 or 4 on the day. People came from all over the county to shop for the holidays and to look at our bags.



June ready for action

We proudly shared the story of the Tsunami Survivors from Sumatra and all the amazing work they do with the treadle sewing machines. We took cash, check or credit cards and explained how the sale benefitted Centre County as well.



Brenda showing Micki how to take credit card orders

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We donned our bright pink shirts, modeled the bags and talked about their durability and did some shopping of our own. I purchased the small blue purse you see me holding below.



Megan and Amy model the bags

While the holiday music played, we sold lots of wallets and check book covers and gave a few purses happy new homes. Overall we raised \$392.72 for our club and much-needed funds for the women in Sumatra. Thanks to all who helped, but especially to Jill and Brenda for making it all happen. *[Editor's note: Amy was there all day, too! Thanks, Amy!]*



Jill at Mt Nittany

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