



Altrusa Action

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

Dinner: Wednesday, February
16th, 6:00, Celebration Hall

Menu: Chicken Parmesan with
penne and fettuccine with
marinara and vodka sauce

Program: **Dr. Audrey Maretzki:**
"A Personal Perspective on UN
Millennium Development Goal #6
(Achieving Gender Equity) in
Sub-Saharan Africa" hosted by the
International Committee

Reservations: Please call Phyllis
at 355-5477 or email to
cormanpj@aol.com by the
evening of Sunday, February
13th.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Altrusans:



Happy Valentine's Day!

We all have an amazing opportunity to meet the International President, Donna Johnson, at the District Conference in Hagerstown MD. You should have received information about the Call to Conference from May 12th through 15th via a recent email. For those who have never attended conference I would tell you now is the time! We send two official delegates and each of those delegates will get \$175 to offset conference costs. The full conference fee is \$185 plus the cost of the hotel. I will be asking at the next dinner meeting who plans on attending conference. If you would like to go but are worried about costs, consider going as an official delegate. This means you will be representing our club as a voting member during the district business meetings and will be expected to bring back a report to our club. Even if you can only attend one day it is worth the effort. Let's see if we can have more conference attendees than any other club! We can all grow in Altrusa!

On another note our nominating committee has been busy coming up with a slate of officers for next year. I will announce the slate at February's dinner meeting. Be aware that nominations will be accepted from the floor in March and then we will vote.

If you read the District email you will know that our Governor is encouraging all members to bring in one new member by the end of this fiscal year. Bring a friend, acquaintance, neighbor or co-worker to the next dinner meeting. If we don't ask, we will never know if they might be interested in joining the sisterhood and brotherhood of Altrusa.

In Love and Service-

Jill

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications – Tammy and Ginny M., Co-chairs

We are working on the final layout for new brochures and hope to have them printed and ready for distribution by late March. We are also working on updating the web site. Due to both technical difficulties and a lack of oversight on our part, it is out of date. We are in desperate need of someone who would be willing to keep it current. The responsibility would involve looking at it once a month and forwarding appropriate updates (most of which would be published in our newsletter) to our webmaster. Please let Ginny or Tammy know if you are willing to take on this responsibility.

Finance – Phyllis, Chair

No report

International Relations – Norma and Ahmed, Co-chairs

The International Relations Committee has been busy fulfilling its 2010-2011 commitments. Our Club has just sent a check for \$500 to continue to meet the educational needs of three boys in Nicaragua who are deaf and unable to attend regular public schools because of their special needs. At the February 16 meeting, our Committee will see photos, review report cards and hear the words of these boys as they thank our Club for its important support of their education over the past three years. In addition, we were successful in sending a Moneygram for \$200 to Sierra Leone to support the work of a women's group in Sierra Leone as they grow their tie-dying business. We supported this same group in 2009. The International Relations Committee will once again submit an application to be considered for the Nina Faye Calhoun Award. Many of you will remember that we received first place recognition for our Club's work during the 2009-2010 year and with the submission of a current award application, we will proudly submit our Club's accomplishments for the 2010-2011 year.

Membership – Sally, Chair

No report

Service – Megan, Chair

Park Forest Day Nursery needs disposable vinyl gloves (the cheap kind), and gummi bear vitamins (the cheap ones).

Remember to Ban Dirty Books at the Centre County Library in Bellefonte on Saturday, February 19th, starting at 9AM.

We are also gearing up for our Spring Service Projects which include our Park Partnership Clean-up & Spring Fling Rummage Sale. More info to come about those events!

Business Meeting Minutes January 19, 2011

Guests: Karen: development director for State College School district, brought by Marla

Accent: reminder that May 12-15 is the District conference in Hagerstown Maryland. Please mark your calendars.

Positive Notes:

Nancy D: thinks it's great that we are having a state dinner for leaders in China

Phyllis C: very glad to see Sindi, Charlotte, Nancy and Marla here tonight. Some of them have not been here for a while

Mildred M: hosted a tea for international students which was very well attended and very enjoyable, but she now realizes that international students really don't eat sweets. She had lots of leftovers and had a tea for her neighbors as well.

Sally R: Green Hills had its State Inspection last week and did better than last year, did very well

Approval of Minutes from the November

Business Meeting: Theresa moves that they be approved, Pam seconds. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The comparison of the budget and where we are now was published in the newsletter for members to review. We are doing quite well. We netted \$1400 from the Laga Raffle, Jill has also raised about \$700 at various small sales she has had. We would like to say Thank you to Jill for all of your hard work. We collected \$340 for Ethel Beaver. We currently have \$3071 in checking but the bills for printing

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and some pins have not been paid. We also have \$4996 in savings. After our outstanding bills we have approximately \$7000 in our accounts. Phyllis, with the approval of the finance committee and at the request of the communications committee makes a motion to approve expenditure of \$175 to update brochures, seconded by Pam. Motion passed. Phyllis moves that Altrusa International of Centre County recommends to the members to form a foundation under the umbrella of the Altrusa International foundation. Sandi seconded. A foundation is basically a vehicle to help us support our fund raising efforts. We will need to have by-laws, a separate board and articles of confederation. Altrusa International has guidelines to help us and make sure we have done everything we need to. Initial cost would be \$500. Motion passed unanimously. Phyllis, with the approval of the board, makes a motion to create Five Alive Funding – short term emergency grants for non-profit agencies of up to \$500 and earmark \$2500 from our club to support this. Tammy Seconded. It would allow us to easily handle emergency needs and we could run it out of our foundation once it is established. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: Thank you from YSB and State College area school district and Ethel Beaver fund for our support. Also a reminder from Center County Parks and Recreation that they would like our help again

Communications: no report other than we will be producing new brochures using the international templates.

Finance: no report

Membership: we had some potential members, but thinks that people are not doing it because of the cost of the meals

Service: Banning Dirty Books will be at on Sat 9 am at Bellefonte Library. Bring cloths and buckets

International Relations: none

Old Business:

Reminder: please turn in your volunteer hours for Altrusa Business, Service and non

Altrusa volunteering. These are very important for club recognition.

Conference: we need volunteers to help design the program. We will be putting them together at April dinner meeting.

New Business:

Meal Cost: it has been brought to our attention that the cost of meals is keeping people from attending. We would like to get club feedback on this.

After a lengthy discussion about how cost seems high and may be discouraging new members from joining, we assigned a committee to explore other dinner options and report back.

Tammy, Gini T, Sally, and Nancy are the committee and will explore options by the next dinner meeting.

Announcements:

Deb Seaward from South Hills Business School is holding financial planning and retirement planning classes, the end of January and early February

Adjournment: 7:30

Program: Goals and Elevators

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary

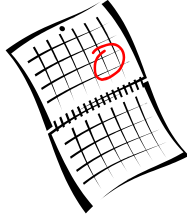
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 2011

- 2 5:45 Board Meeting
- 16 6:00 Dinner Meeting (International)
Program: **Dr. Audrey Maretzki:**
"A Personal Perspective on UN Millennium Development Goal #6 (Achieving Gender Equity) in Sub-Saharan Africa"
- 20 World Day of Social Justice (UN)

March 2011

- 2 5:45 Board Meeting
- 8 International Women’s Day (UN)
- 15 International Day of Families (UN)
- 16 6:00 Dinner Meeting (Finance)
Program: **Foundations Aren’t Just Lingerie**



Mark Your Calendar:

The District Conference will be May 12-15th in Hagerstown, MD. Put that on your calendar now before it fills up and plan on attending. It is a weekend not to be missed!

BIRTHDAYS

February

- 8: Sandi Craig
- 20: Linda Mason

March

- 8: Ann McGlaughlin
- 25: Sara Krumrine

Reminder: Please turn in your volunteer hours to Barb Kautz. 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.

February Program:

"A Personal Perspective on UN Millennium Development Goal # 6: Achieving Gender Equality, in Sub-Saharan Africa"

In her presentation, Audrey Maretzki, emeritus professor of Food Science and Nutrition at Penn State, will reflect on behaviors she has observed over the course of two decades that stand in the way of achieving gender equality in the African communities in which she has worked. These issues include a lack of trust among women, the gendered roles of rural women, the special problems of "settlement areas" (tribal lands once occupied by colonials), female

avoidance of new technologies, ageism in traditional cultures and issues associated with post-primary schooling for girls.

Special Recognition

Good news for our Club member Ahmed Banya.....In December Ahmed received his Masters Degree from Penn State's School of International Affairs and recently received the prestigious Lamarr Kopp Graduate Student International Award for 2011. But here is what is most important.....just recently Ahmed and Amminata became the very proud parents of a precious baby boy, Adamellis, who arrived at 7.5 pounds. The Banya family is happy, healthy and delighted with the growth in their family.



VOUCHER

Altrusa International of Centre County,
Inc.
Monthly Voucher

Member's Name _____
 Month of _____ 2010/2011

Dinner @ \$18.00.....
 Wine @ \$4.00/glass.....
 Dues (\$5.00 Minimum).....
 Scholarship Donation.....
 Habitat for Humanity Donation

Other Service Project Donations ..
 Other Payments

Total check/cash.....

United Nations Association Program at Penn State

On Wednesday evening, February 23 at 7 pm, the Centre County United Nations Association will offer a timely program entitled: "Protect, Respect and Remedy: The United Nations, Corporate Responsibility and Human Rights," presented by Professor Larry Cata Backer of Penn State's School of International Affairs. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Norma Keller at nrmkeller@gmail.com



When: Tuesday 8 March 2011

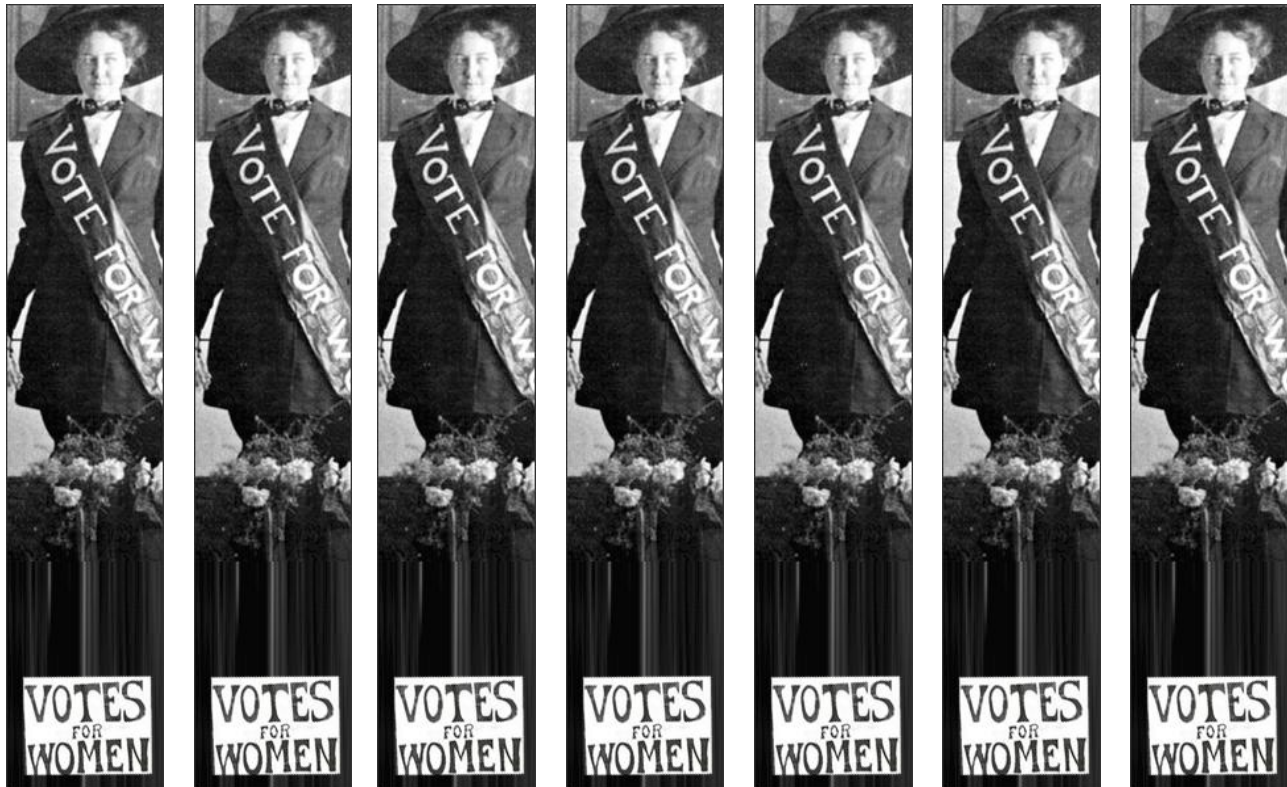
Where: Everywhere

What: International Women's Day (8 March) is a global day celebrating the economic, political and social achievements of women past, present and future. In some places like China, Russia, Vietnam and Bulgaria, International Women's Day is a national holiday.

Why: Suffragettes campaigned for women's right to vote. The word 'Suffragette' is derived from the word "suffrage" meaning the right to vote. International Women's Day honors the work of the Suffragettes, celebrates women's success, and reminds of inequities still to be redressed.

International Women's Day has been observed since in the early 1900's, a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies.

The first International Women's Day event was run in 1911. IWD is now an official holiday in China, Armenia, Russia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Vietnam. In the U.S., March is Women's History Month. 2011 is the Global Centenary Year, so make a difference, think globally and act locally!! Make everyday International Women's Day. Do your bit to ensure that the future for girls is bright, equal, safe and rewarding.



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