



Altrusa Action

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

Dinner: Wednesday, January 19th, 6:00, Celebration Hall
Menu: Crab-stuffed Flounder or Pork with Tart Cherry Demi glacé
Program: **CHANGE:** "A mid-term look at our goals, and Elevator Speeches"
Reservations: Please call Phyllis at 355-5477 or email to cormanpj@aol.com by the evening of Sunday, January 16th.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Altrusans:

Happy New Year! Amazingly, a new decade has arrived. My fervent hope is that it will be better than the last decade. I see many people and organizations still struggling with today's economy. And it appears that recovery is going to be slow. Despite the economy (or maybe because of the economy) I see a bright future for our club. We have such a dedicated group of women and men who are willing to help. It truly makes me proud to call myself an Altrusan.

Speaking of economics, we have some important financial matters to discuss at the January meeting. First is the cost of our meals at Celebration Hall. While I think the meals have been very good and basically worth the cost, there is a growing concern that we are losing members because of this cost in addition to the dues. We welcome your feedback and will look at options. Second, the board discussed the funding and procedure of our grants to non-profits. We are recommending that we set aside \$2500; that we award no more than \$500 for each request; the request must be from an organization; and there must be a critical need. We will list it on our website as "Ask about our Five Alive Funding" and have them contact Tammy Gentzel. Last but not least, our club needs to vote on establishing a non-profit foundation under the umbrella of the national foundation.

December's dinner meeting was tons of fun. We have a lot of IDOL wannabes in our club!! It was exciting to see what each committee came up with. We are a creative bunch! January's meeting should be fun too, in a different way. I hope to see you all then and remember, if you can't attend, please give me your input on the cost of dinner.

Warmly,
Jill

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications – Tammy and Ginny M., Co-chairs

Working on production of a new brochure -- same or similar content but designed with Altrusa International, Inc. branding. Happy New Year!

Finance – Phyllis, Chair

Please take a look at the Mid-Term Budget Report elsewhere in the newsletter. Any questions will be discussed at the meeting.

International Relations – Norma and Ahmed, Co-chairs

No report

Membership – Sally, Chair

No report

Service – Gini, Chair

Remember to Ban Dirty Books at the Centre County Library in Bellefonte on Saturday, January 22nd, starting at 9AM.

No Business Meeting Minutes December 1, 2010 – Just a lot of holiday fun!

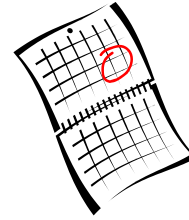
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2011

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| 5 | 5:45 | Board Meeting |
| 19 | 6:00 | Dinner Meeting (Membership)
Program: Membership Games |
| 27 | | International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (UN) |

February 2011

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| 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) |



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

January

2: Sally Rothwell

February

8: Sandi Craig

20: Linda Mason

January Program - A Change of Plans

We are going to take a midterm look at our annual goals to see how we are doing and what we still need to accomplish. We are also going to have each member come up with a 30 second "elevator speech". This is a 30 second infomercial about you and your job. Essentially it should be a clear and concise job/company description that can be used as an introduction when you have limited time (elevator ride) Everyone should have a polished elevator speech ready for those quick introductions at a cocktail party, business meeting, or conference.

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.

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DISTRICT NEWS:

The next District Conference in 2011 is being hosted by past governors. Each club has a different responsibility. Our club is responsible for the printed program. At the January meeting I will be asking for three or four volunteers to produce the program. Typically the program includes a list of past governors, conference rules, and the agenda. It could be as much as 30 pages, front and back, and we will need approximately 100 copies. The board thought that the April dinner meeting would be a great time to assemble everything. Please consider stepping forward to help with this important project in January. If you are unable to attend the January dinner meeting but want to help, contact Jill at hmbird@comcast.net.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

Leaders Among Us – Join Us for the 2011 Altrusa International Convention

Date: July 22-25, 2011
Site: Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center
2111 N. LaCrosse Street
Rapid City, South Dakota 57701
(605) 343-8550
Registration: \$340 (Includes four days and four meals.)
Daily Rate: \$55 (Partial registration, exclusive of meals.)
Room Rate: \$109 Single or Double \$139 Suite
(All rooms are subject to applicable 8.5% sales tax and \$2 per night city occupancy tax. Rates are guaranteed until July 1, 2011.)

Friday - July 22, 2011

8:30am-5:00pm Registration & Credentials
10:00am-2:00pm Governors Council & Luncheon
10:00am-11:00am Workshop by Keynote Speaker
11:00am-12Noon Club Strategic Planning: A Model That Really Works
12:00 Noon-1:30pm Past International Presidents' Luncheon
12:30pm-1:30pm First Timers' Meeting
11:00am-2:00pm Foundation Board of Trustee's Meeting
2:15pm-3:15pm Convention Briefing on BRR
3:30pm-4:30pm Convention Briefing Association Finances
4:30pm-5:30pm Workshop by Keynote Speaker
6:30pm-7:30pm International Reception
7:30pm-10:30pm Opening Banquet

Saturday - July 23, 2011

7:00am-8:00am Registration & Credentials
8:00am-12:00 Noon First Business Meeting
12:45pm-1:45pm Registration & Credentials
12:15pm-1:30pm Past District Governors' Luncheon

12:45pm-1:30pm Online Chat Room Group Meeting
1:45pm-2:45pm Miles Media Presentation
3:00pm-6:00pm Rebranding Workshops

Sunday - July 24, 2011

7:30am-8:45am Registration & Credentials
8:00am-8:30am Inspiration & Memorial Service
8:45am-10:30am Second Business Meeting
10:45am-11:45am Elections
11:45am-1:45pm Awards Luncheon
12:00 Noon-3:00pm Elections' Committee Meeting
2:00pm-3:00pm Presentation of 2011-2013 Biennium Program
3:15pm-4:15pm Workshops
5:00pm Optional Event

Monday - July 25, 2011

8:00am-9:30am Foundation Breakfast
10:00am-11:15am Third Business Meeting
11:00am-2:00pm Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting & Orientation
11:30am12:30pm Workshop - Cracking the Motivation Code
1:00pm-2:00pm All Convention Session - Secrets of a Personality Profiler
2:15pm-3:15pm Workshops
2:15pm-3:15pm Long Range Planning Committee
3:30pm-5:30pm Leadership Exchange
6:30pm-7:30pm Installation Banquet Reception
7:30pm-10:00pm Installation Banquet

Tuesday - July 26, 2011

7:30am-12:00 Noon Board of Directors' Meeting/Orientation

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

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A MID-TERM LOOK AT THE BUDGET

Altrusa International of Centre County			
Approved Budget			
June 2010 - May 2011			
Budget Comparison for June 2010 thru December 2010			
REVENUE	2010-2011	Total Dec 2010	
Fundraiser - Laga Bag Raffle	\$ -	\$ 2,360.00	
Fundraiser - Laga Bag Sales	\$ -	\$ 679.74	
Interest	\$ 20.00	\$ 2.14	10.7%
Meals (\$17 x 24 members x 11 meetings) **	\$ 4,488.00	\$ 2,489.00	55.5%
Wine **	\$ 350.00	\$ 188.00	53.7%
Membership Dues (35 members @ \$100)	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 649.00	18.5%
New Members Dues (5 @ 85)	\$ 425.00	\$ 200.00	47.1%
Make a Difference Day Donations	\$ -	\$ 187.00	
Scholarship/Donations	\$ 200.00	\$ 58.00	29.0%
Happy Notes	\$ 75.00	\$ 30.00	40.0%
PFMS Black Bear Team - UNICEF		\$ 354.74	
SCASD Continuing Ed - Pasta Sale	\$ -	\$ 3,525.00	
Habitat for Humanity Donations	\$ 50.00	\$ 3.00	6.0%
Carry Over from Reserve	\$ 536.00		0.0%
Total	\$ 9,108.00	\$ 10,725.62	117.8%
EXPENSES			
District Conference Fee	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	100.0%
District Dues (40 x \$20)	\$ 700.00	\$ 685.00	97.9%
District Travel (2 delegates or \$175 ea)	\$ 350.00		0.0%
Initiation/Installation	\$ 25.00		0.0%
International Club Fee	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	100.0%
International Dues (40 x \$55)	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 1,885.00	85.7%
International Processing Fee	\$ 50.00	\$ 20.00	40.0%
International Travel* - (registration fee for 2) *	\$ 360.00		0.0%
Meals/Wine **	\$ 4,838.00	\$ 2,637.13	54.5%
Membership Development	\$ 50.00		0.0%
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00		0.0%
New Member Kits	\$ 190.00		0.0%
New President's Pin *	\$ 125.00		0.0%
PO Box Rental	\$ 45.00	\$ 44.00	97.8%
Postage	\$ 50.00		0.0%
President's Library Gift *	\$ -		
Small Games of Chance License	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	100.0%
Speaker's Dinners (8 guests)	\$ 136.00		0.0%
UNA/USA Membership	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	100.0%
Website	\$ 100.00		0.0%
Yearbook Printing	\$ 200.00		0.0%
Fundraising Costs		\$ 1,047.15	
SCASD Continuing Ed - Pasta Sale- Cost		\$ 1,634.00	

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SCASD - Foundation Contribution		\$ 1,891.00	
*Bi-annual budget item			
** Offset Income and Expense			
Total	\$ 9,644.00	\$ 9,421.88	97.7%
Projects Budget:			
(Funded by Fundraisers or Savings Withdrawal)			
Books for Babies	\$ 600.00		0.0%
International Foundation Donation*	\$ 310.00		0.0%
International Committee	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 510.00	46.4%
Miscellaneous Projects	\$ 500.00	\$ 385.00	77.0%
Non-Budgeted - Unicef		\$ 354.74	
Non-Budgeted - Make a Difference Day		\$ 190.00	
Total	\$ 2,510.00	\$ 1,439.74	57.4%
*Includes Club 21 Club Donation			

Bring your comments, questions and insights to the meeting for discussion.

Quote Of The Month:

One thing life has taught me: if you are interested, you never have to look for new interests. They come to you. When you are genuinely interested in one thing, it will always lead to something else.

Eleanor Roosevelt



What Is...

Altrusa Foundation Lamplighters

Lamplighters are Altrusans who have contributed \$500(US) or more to the International Foundation in a twelve month period. Contributions can be made in one's own name or on behalf of someone else. Lamplighters receive a special Lamplighter Pin/Pendant. With each additional donation of \$500(US), in succeeding years a diamond chip is added to the Lamplighter Pin/Pendant.

Lamplighters are recognized in Altrusa publication and in the Foundation's Annual report and at the Foundation Luncheon held at each Altrusa International Convention.

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