



Altrusa Action

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

Dinner: Wednesday, July 20th,
6:00, Celebration Hall
Menu: Chef's Choice
Program: "Hands-On Project –
Arms For Peace" hosted by
the Service Committee
Reservations: Please call
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the evening of Sunday, July
17th.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have never regretted missing an Altrusa business meeting as much as I did this past one. While my training program in Chicago was great and the people were extremely interesting, in no way could they possibly make up for missing the time with all of you! In fact, I was so disappointed about it that I just had to spend all of Wednesday night shopping.... I want to thank Jill again for running the meeting "one more time." Additionally, I want to thank Megan and Brenda for conducting a great committee planning session. I know it was great because the outcome of the committee efforts—both in terms of objectives set and business meeting programs planned—is great. There's a reason why we always win an award at Conference for our program planning, it's the effort of everyone working together. Actually our process of conducting all program planning in one night was put forth as a "best practice" that other clubs might want to imitate. (I was shocked to learn that many clubs do not finish their annual planning until November or December.) Thanks to everyone who participated in the June meeting!

Now that we're into July I know we all turn to summer pastimes—vacations, family outings, outdoor activities, sun worshipping (which in our area actually means hoping for sun), and picnics. With all of these things going on, it's sometimes more difficult to make it to business meetings. However, I hope everyone makes an extra special effort because the July and August meetings are going to be both rewarding and enjoyable. Each will begin with the opportunity to gain from the satisfaction of helping deserving people through a service project and end with plenty of time to catch up with each other, enjoy each other's company and simply have fun together! What could possibly be better than that? So, I hope to see all of us at Celebration Hall on July 20.

Unfortunately Sandi, Phyllis and Amy will not be among us as they will be driving to Baltimore to catch an early plane out Thursday morning to the International Convention in South Dakota. So we'll wish them well now. Brenda flies out of State College Thursday morning, so we'll be able to give her a send-off in person Wednesday night. We know both our delegates will vote for Phyllis becoming a member of the international nominating committee. Beyond that, we hope you all have a great time, learn a lot, and remember absolutely everything because we'll be expecting a good report when you get back!

See you soon,
Gini

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications – Tammy, Chair
No report

Finance – Phyllis, Chair
Since I won't be at the meeting please see the attached Treasurer Report for June.

International Relations – Norma and Ahmed, Co-chairs

Membership – Sally, Chair
Katie Smith has joined Altrusa and she will be initiated in July (she is on vacation this June).

Service – Megan, Chair
For our August picnic meeting, we are having a service night by giving the Centre County Library in Bellefonte a good cleaning from 5:30 on, followed by a picnic at Phyllis's house, catered by Jim's (chef's salad and hoagies)!

Business Meeting Minutes June 15, 2011

Guests: none

Accent: presented by Brenda. Altrusa trivia

Positive Notes:

June K : would like to thank Jill for all the hard work she does with the Laga bags.

Sandi C: drove to Harrisburg and installed their officers and 3 new members last week.

Brenda R : has come up with a new form to help us keep track of our volunteer hours. She will have them at each meeting, and you can track the volunteer hours since the last meeting you attended

Lynn M: her daughter graduated from 8th grade, son Max had high honors in 9th grade, husband had major surgery and is doing well

Pam R: Her secretary's daughter was valedictorian of Bald Eagle High School. She will be going to Penn State. Pam attended the ceremony and is very proud.

Approval of May Business Meeting

Minutes: Megan moves to approve, Brenda seconded. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: Checking Balance: 1735.06, Savings: 4999.44, We have some outstanding obligations: Becky and Jill's president books, money for convention delegates. Five Alive Funding: 2000. Total: 3739.50.

Phyllis moves that since Becky S is not going to convention that we divide the money for the delegates between Brenda and Amy. Pam seconds, Motion passes
Report will be filed for Audit

Correspondence: none

Communications: none

Finance: 3 members resigned: Ginny M, Charlotte Z, Cathy B. We also took in 2 new members at our May meeting and will be taking in 1 more in July. We have 33 active members, 2 emeritus members and 1 life member.

Membership: Sally is resigning as chair of the membership committee but will stay to help and may continue to co-chair the committee.

Service: next month's meeting will be a hands-on project. Watch for details. August meeting will be meeting and cleaning the Bellefonte Library and then having a catered picnic at Phyllis's house. Wine will be furnished. You have to clean to get wine.

International Relations: UNA's council of organizations has begun its meetings. This

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year's focus is water. They will develop a project that reflects that.

Old Business:

Laga Hand Bag Sale: sale went very well. We raised over \$500 despite it being hot, a holiday and not a lot of business after 2 pm.

New Business:

Evolving to Prominence:

This is our theme for the next 2 years. We will not be doing a lot with things until we get the rebranding information during Convention. Phyllis is our Rebranding Ambassador. The logo will be changing but we don't know how. An effort will be made to have all clubs look the same. Our goals, which we came up at the strategic planning meeting were written out in the Newsletter

Announcements:

Kiwanis is selling blueberries. \$25 for 10 pounds. Pick up is July 7th

Adjournment: 7:10

Program: Program Planning

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2011

3	5:45	Board Meeting
12		International Youth Day (UN)
17	6:00	Library cleaning/Picnic in Bellefonte (Board of Directors)

September 2011

7	5:45	Board Meeting
8		World Literacy Day
21	6:00	Dinner Meeting (Finance) Program: Altrusa Rebranding Report

Mark Your Calendar:

The Area I Workshop, "Seeds of Change," will be held Saturday, October 22 in the Capitol at Harrisburg, jointly hosted by the Harrisburg and Reading-Berks clubs. The Workshop will focus on our rebranding initiative. Scheduled activities are from 11AM-4PM, followed by a fun activity. Lunch will be provided.



BIRTHDAYS

July

7: Lisa Bierlein
11: Phyllis Corman
16: Helen Bell
27: Norma Keller
31: Marla Moon

August

11: Theresa McElwain
14: Ellie Beaver
15: Becky Schrope
20: Micki Pharo

ALTRUSA ACCENT:

Did everyone wear a party hat on June 24th? That was the 60th anniversary of our Club's organization. It was formally chartered on November 17th, 1951 as "Altrusa Club of State College."

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 _____

DISTRICT TWO SERVICE BULLETIN

Everyone should have received the District Service Bulletin, sent out by Tammy. If you haven't already, take time to read the wonderful articles; it is a nice recap of the District Conference and is brimming with information on upcoming events.



ALTRUSA PLEDGE

I pledge loyalty to the ideals of Altrusa and its endeavors for the welfare of mankind, and shall ever strive to see clearly, judge fairly, and in all my dealings faithfully observe Altrusa's motto of Patriotism, Efficiency, Service.

ATTENDANCE: Why/Why not?

In order to better anticipate our members' needs, we are conducting a survey concerning attendance. We hope to get 100% participation so we can learn more about ourselves. This will be discussed at the meeting, but of course we REALLY need to hear from those that aren't there! There will be a follow-up by email; please respond and help us grow.

Please answer the following questions, ranking from #1 as the most important, likely, etc. then #2 as the second most important, until all are ranked.

If you miss an Altrusa business meeting is it most likely because (please rank)

- Of a work conflict _____ (rank)
- Of a personal commitment _____ (rank)
- Of illness _____ (rank)
- I didn't feel like attending _____ (rank)
- I wasn't interested in the program _____ (rank)
- I wasn't interested in the agenda _____ (rank)
- Other _____ (rank)

Are you more likely to make an extra effort to attend an Altrusa business meeting if:

- I am responsible for making a report _____ (rank)
- I find the program interesting _____ (rank)
- I am responsible for mentoring a new member _____ (rank)
- I didn't have to work that day _____ (rank)
- I have an assigned job _____ (rank)
- I know there is important business _____ (rank)
- I know I will be able to socialize with members _____ (rank)
- Other _____ (rank)

I prefer business meetings when the program:

- Is an outside speaker _____ (rank)
- Allows us to spend the evening interacting _____ (rank)
- Is a service project _____ (rank)
- Includes a small service project _____ (rank)
- Other _____ (rank)

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**Altrusa International, Inc. of
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Treasurer Report - June 2011**

	6/1/2011	Deposit	*		\$ 928.72	\$ 1,735.32	Dues & Conference Laga Sales
	6/21/2011	Deposit	*		\$ 907.58	\$ 2,642.90	June Dinners, Dues, Laga Sales (Mem.Day)
540	6/21/2011	Moerschbacher Enterprises	*	\$ 254.40		\$ 2,388.50	Invoice #25230
	6/30/2011	Deposit	*		\$ 0.24	\$ 2,388.74	Interest @ .10%

Bank Reconciliation:

Bank Balance 6/30/11	\$2,563.74
All Deposits Recorded - None to Add	\$ -
Available Funds	\$2,563.74
Less Outstanding	
Check:	534 \$ 175.00
Ending Checking Balance	\$2,388.74
Add Savings	\$5,001.11
Total Available Funds	\$7,389.85
Less Allocated Funds	\$ 995.00
Less Five Alive Fund	\$2,000.00
Net Funds	\$4,394.85

Outstanding Obligations:

Becky's President Book	\$ 50.00
Jill's President Book	\$ 50.00
New Brochures	\$ 175.00
International Convention Delegates	\$ 720.00
Total Allocated Fund	\$ 995.00
Five Alive Fund Balance	\$2,000.00
No Transactions in June 2011	

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