



Altrusa Action

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

Dinner: Wednesday, July 21,
6:00, Celebration Hall
Menu: Beef or Chicken
Fajitas
Program: The July program
is "Altrusans Labor"
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,
July 18th.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's official! Our 2010-2011 goals are now set. Thanks for everyone's input at the last dinner meeting. It went a little longer than usual but we accomplished a lot. Using the District Goals as our guide we came up with four broad club goals for the upcoming year. They are:

- 1) Increase Community Service
- 2) Expand Networking and Camaraderie
- 3) Encourage Leadership Development
- 4) Facilitate Fiscal Fitness

Those broad goals were broken down even further as follows:

Increase Community Service:

Tie in with Make a Difference Day
Proactively look at award requirements at the beginning of the year to form committee framework
Develop some service projects that can be done as part of our business meeting

Expand Networking and Camaraderie:

- Look to community partnerships
- Increase membership buy-in and participation
- E-mail reminders of coming attractions before each business meeting or project
- Offer more social opportunities such as attending plays together
- Attend CBICC functions (after-hours) as a group
- Encourage members to think of us as a professional support group

Encourage Leadership Development:

Learn by exposure-increase attendance at workshops and conference
Raise funds to offset cost of registration for all members to conference
Assign responsibility to each member and mentor them
Have a leadership development committee

Facilitate Fiscal Responsibility:

Increase and retain membership
Form a club foundation

Looking forward to seeing you all at the July dinner meeting. We will be working on a project but will also have time to socialize.

Warmly,

JILL

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications – Tammy and Ginny M., Co-chairs

The Communications Committee met on Tuesday, July 6. We are finalizing production of the yearbook. Please be advised that if we haven't received a picture of you OR a graphic or brief description of one of your interests, we will select one for you for publication. The photo and/or area of interest is a good way for new members (and current ones!) to get to know each other, so please help us describe you well! You need not submit yours electronically -- if you have something you want published, we have the capability of scanning it into our file. All we need is the hard copy! If you would like us to find a graphic or photo that is representative of your area of interest, we would be happy to do that, too! Please E-mail to gentzel.tammy@gmail.com OR mail it to her home address (the address is in your yearbook) OR give it to a member of the communications committee the next time you see them.

We have also begun planning for the Holiday Party. We have decided that we will ask each committee to entertain the whole group for 5 minutes. The entertainment can be of the committee's choice and need not be a theme related to Altrusa, but should be a theme related to the holidays. Poetry reading, singing, skits, and miming all come to mind. The communications committee members plan on getting together in October, over a Margarita (or two), to work out the details of our entertainment.

Finance – Phyllis, Chair
No report

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

Membership – Sally, Chair
No report

Service – Gini, Chair

July Business Meeting: Join us for some fun doing a hands-on project. We don't expect the project to take too long. So for all who are interested in some informal interaction, we will disband to the Old New York Deli across Rte 26 in the Giant shopping center. Come and have fun!

Banning Dirty Books: starts up again on July 24th at the Bellefonte library, 9:00 AM. We will clean each month the Saturday morning after the business meeting. Join us for some laughs and a good lunch afterwards...with lots more laughs.

Committee Goals: Included in this newsletter is the list of meeting topics and committee goals for 2010/11. Not all of the lists of members are complete. If you are not on a list, please let Gini (v2f@psu.edu) know which committee you wish to be on and I will get you added. As in the past, for those who do not have a special desire, we will assign you to a committee according to need.

Business Meeting Minutes June 16, 2010

Guests: none

Accent: presented by Gini T: reviewed goals from last year.

1. Strengthen and increase our membership by a minimum of 5 new members. Actively look for and recruit a Middle School teacher.
2. Find a signature service event and make it interactive.
3. Build and develop a signature fund raising event (we hope to make this the Laga handbag sale).
4. Stimulate participation by having more hands-on activities.

Positive Notes:

Brenda R: looking forward to taking her two boys to England next week.

Sandi C : wants to acknowledge Tammy G's efforts on the DSB and also her roving reporter Amy M for her articles.

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Theresa M : was in NC for change of command ceremony for Marine Corp unit that her nephew is part of. It was a great trip.

Ginny E: North Atherton farmers' market 10 - 2 on Saturdays in Home Depot parking lot.

Linda M: as of yesterday she is on vacation for 5 weeks.

Pam R: AAUW newsletter highlighted Micki P for 50 years with them.

Jill L: oldest son Mitch has taken job teaching English on a Russian Island from September to May.

Approval of minutes from May Business

Meeting: Motion to approve as corrected by Phyllis. Pam seconded. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report: 32 members renewed. Three resignations this year : Jennifer S, Brenda G, Cheryl B. Current balance is \$6404.6. Report filed audit.

Correspondence: Clearwater Conservancy Newsletter.

Communications: No new business since the newsletter. Just a reminder: we need a picture of you or something you are really interested in to help us recognize you for the yearbook. You can send it by email.

Finance: Committee proposes Laga bag raffle fund raiser. Propose that tickets be sold at \$10 each. Each member will be asked to sell 10 tickets. Raffle will be held in November. After discussion, the proposal passed unanimously.

Membership: Lisa B. has been approved for membership by board and will be initiated in October. The committee will be having a meeting before the July business meeting to talk about orientation.

Service: We are going to start banning dirty books again. We will start July 24th, the Saturday after the business meeting in July. A Make a Difference Day planning committee has been formed: Ginny M, Louise H, and Norma K.

International Relations: no report

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Adjournment: 7:15pm

Program: Strategic Planning

*Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Miller
Recording Secretary*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2010

7	5:45	Board Meeting
21	6:00	Dinner Meeting (All Members) Program: "Altrusans Labor"

August 2010

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

BIRTHDAYS

July

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

August

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

Altrusa Celebrates August!

.....in Celebration Hall, of course. Our summer picnic will be held indoors this year at Celebration Hall on August 18th at 6pm. The board has some fun activities planned and you won't need to worry about wilting in the heat! We will be in air conditioned comfort and we are pretty sure there won't be any ants. Plan on coming to enjoy some barbequed chicken and ribs and other picnic food. (Cost will be the same as any other business dinner meeting.)



A Tale Of Two Kitties

I am still trying to find a home for the two cats. The owner said they have to go together since they have been together since birth. The cats are seven years old declawed, neutered, and in very good health. Please call me if you would like to adopt 404-1605. The owner is in fear of falling since they walk in front of her and she has just had a hip replacement.

Thanks,
Sindy



LAGA SALES

Our club has voted to sell raffle tickets as our next fundraiser. Daily drawing winners will win various Laga handbags or wallets. The drawings will be held each day in November. The tickets and giveaway calendar should be ready for the August dinner meeting. Tickets will be \$10 each. 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 you to tell the Laga story so people understand that each handbag sold brings a better life to someone in Sumatra.

We also hope to participate in the **EWE (Entrepreneurial Women's Expo) on October 6th** and need someone(s) to sell handbags and raffle tickets during the day at our booth. Contact Jill or any board member if you are available to help on Wednesday October 6th. This could be a great networking opportunity for someone, as well as a chance for leadership development.



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.....

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ALTRUSA of CENTRE COUNTY—COMMITTEE GOALS 2010/11

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE:

Program: October: Human Trafficking (Norma will contact individual)
March: Project in the Philippines or the Congo

Goals:

1. Have a table at the UN Dinner
2. sponsor international students at the UN Dinner
3. Observe monthly meetings (UN/USA dinners or Altrusa?)
4. Support projects in Sierra Leone and South America (Nicaragua)
5. Please refer to notes from Norma
6. Encourage Altrusans to attend School of International Affairs' Colloquium/Colloquia. Knowledge gained will be shared with the club.

Members:

Committee Meeting Time: TBD

Norma – co-chair

Ahmed – co-chair

Louise, Sindy, June, Pam, Charlotte

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE:

Accent and Program: December: Accent – Having a Grand Ole Time in Altrusa; Program – Holiday Party: Entertainment and Fun!

April: Accent – Add an Altrusan; Program – Share An Altrusa Moment

Goals:

1. Participation
 - a. Email\Call all members regarding "Coming Attractions." Person responsible, Tammy.
 - b. Create interest in and excitement about both of our programs such that 75% of active members attend.
 - c. Network with members such that 75% submit pictures or graphic interest about themselves for the yearbook.
2. Leadership\Networking\Membership:
 - a. Recruit two new members and mentor them into immediate involvement via the Communications Committee.
 - b. Make certain that 10 out of 12 of the published newsletter include Altrusa news from both the District and International levels.
 - c. Support the Laga raffle by:
 - i. Coordinating print and media outreach and advertising.
 - ii. Encouraging members who are uncomfortable with "sales" by providing tips on selling in the newsletter.

Members:

Committee Meeting Time: 5th Tuesday of the month,
5:30 at Perkins

Tammy – co-chair

Ginny M. – co-chair

Amy, Barb, Micki, Theresa, Brenda R.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Program: February: Foundations aren't Just Lingerie

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May: Installation of Officers and Initiate New Members

Goals:

1. Coordinate successful fundraiser, i.e. Laga Bag Drawing, to support community projects
2. Conduct additional fundraiser for promoting leadership development and networking opportunities, i.e. conference attendance
3. Promote networking with other local organizations, i.e. Soroptomists, CBICC
4. Create a Foundation for Altrusa International of Centre County by next fiscal year

Members:

Phyllis – chair
Marla, Mildred, Becky, Deb

Committee Meeting Time: Thursday

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Program: September: Orientation
January: Membership Games

Goals:

1. Increase membership by 5 or more
2. Retain members (send e-mails)
3. Membership attendance with Phyllis

Members:

Sally – chair
Vicky, Sandi, Linda, Nancy, Ellie, Cathy, Karen

Monthly committee meeting: 30 minutes prior to
monthly business meeting

SERVICE COMMITTEE:

Program: November: Centre County Library System (Green accent)
July: Hands-on Project

Goals:

1. Get more hands-on work for each business meeting—figure out how to bubble ideas up from the membership
2. Join CVIM in prescription bottle recycling program
3. Investigate Altrusans manning phones for WPSU telethon
4. Announce opportunities for Altrusans to volunteer if interested as individual
5. Park Forest Day Nursery—monthly donations, Easter Egg Hunt
6. Banning Dirty Books –Saturday morning after business meeting
7. Park clean-up—fall and spring
8. Spring Fling woman’s department
9. Pasta Sale with SCASD Continuing Ed
10. Habitat for Humanity

Members:

Gini – chair
Ginny E., Megan

Committee meeting time: 2nd Tuesday of month, noon
at Pump Station



THE BUSY BEE By Amy R. Miller

The Year in Photo Review

June and July are times for reviewing things that we did the last year and for looking ahead to the new year. Over the last year our club was very busy. Here are some photos highlighting some of those special events:



Megan E and Tammy, Jill and Amy selling Laga bags



Sindy, Phyllis, Brenda and Jill making Christmas Cards



In addition we helped with a Pasta Sale for the State College Area School District, helped clean Walnut Springs Park and the Bellefonte Library, stuffed and hid Easter Eggs for Children at Park Forest Day Nursery, organized and staffed the Women's Clothing Department at the YSB Spring Fling, provided several solar cookers for women in Darfur and the Congo, and helped some boys get the education they needed in Nicaragua.

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Filling bags with school supplies for needy children and Mamie L Bass Visiting



District Conference and Sandi becoming Governor



All in all a great year and we all should be proud of what we do as Altrusans, both in the club and in the community.

Altrusa International Highlight

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

International Altrusan

The International Altrusan (previously called the Accent) is the premiere publication of Altrusa International.

Along with information useful to the members and clubs of Altrusa, The International Altrusan contains articles of general interest about various issues and causes and the many community projects sponsored by Altrusa.

Please read our internet edition of **The International Altrusan** to learn more about Altrusa.

Altrusa District Two Highlight

For more, go to the website at <http://altrusadistricttwo.homestead.com>

**DISTRICT TWO STRATEGIC PLAN
2008-2010 BIENNIUM**

MISSION: District Two of Altrusa International, Inc. recognizes the need to inspire and assist local clubs in the attainment of Local, District, and International goals in the field of service. We realize the responsibility to provide leadership and a resource plan to encourage the support and practice of the Principles of Altrusa.

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ALL OVER THE WORLD***

