



# Altrusa Action

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF CENTRE COUNTY, PA  
JUNE 2007

**Dinner Meeting:** Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., Celebration Hall, \$14.00  
**Menu:** The buffet will be a Salad Bar  
**Program:** Initiation of new members; Committee planning for the year.  
**Reservations:** Please call to make a reservation or to cancel a standing reservation. Call Barb (238-8882) or email her ([brk@psu.edu](mailto:brk@psu.edu)) by the evening of Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Hello, Fellow Altrusans,

It is with excitement and humility that I write my first message to you as your club president. The fact that you elected me as the leader of this very prestigious organization gives me the incentive to do as great a job as possible, and assist in moving this club forward with your help. At the board meeting last night we continued the process of what goals we met in the past two years, as Tammy had eloquently written in the May newsletter – what work we need to continue and expand upon, and setting additional goals. It was stimulating and exciting, to say the least. We went over the allotted time and I was not even “boored” as I did not provide any snacks for such a long meeting. Next time I promise to remember the snacks.

I will cover some of these exciting goals at the June meeting so we can plan our committee work and programs around them. Also, they will be published in the July newsletter for further perusal.

I am so inspired to continue and broaden the excellent service work we do, to develop even stronger ties with members and to get Altrusa even more visible in the community. The Board is comprised of wonderful women, some old-timers and some newer members, but boy, does it ever appear that we are going to “geI”! So roll up your sleeves, apply some elbow grease and get ready for some rockin’ good times. I hope to see you at the June meeting, and if not, in July.

*Becky*

## ***JUNE PROGRAM***

Traditionally, at the June meeting we form memberships of our four major committees for the coming year: Communications, Finance, Membership, and Service, plus International Relations. At this meeting, each committee decides the focus of its work for the next year.

The plan is for continuing members, who are not in leadership roles on their current committees, to consider changing to new ones, to learn more about the club's activities and work, and to get better acquainted with other members.

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New members can find out what the committees do, and join a committee where they have an interest, but are required to serve their first year on the committee to which their sponsor belongs. (Yes, you may serve on more than one committee).

At this June meeting we will have the pleasure of initiating two new members, so be sure to come to welcome them, and join one or more committees to help plan for the upcoming and exciting new year.

## ***2007 GRANT AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS***

On behalf of the grant committee, June Krumrine will present the list of committee recommendations to be voted on at the June meeting. They are as follows:

The AIDS Project	\$1,100.00
Clearwater Conservancy	500.00
Youth Service Bureau	1,000.00
Pa Centre Orchestra	1,000.00
Centre LifeLink	1,000.00

## ***COMMITTEES***

*Communications* – Tammy G., Ginny M., Co-chairs



The Committee met on May 29. We welcomed two new members (and would love to have a photographer join us -- any photo-graphers out there?), Amy M. and Celeste O.

We reviewed our newsletter and discussed ways to increase its usefulness for both members and the general public. Amy M. agreed to begin writing a "Busy Bee" column in late summer that will expand on one or two of the "positive notes" shared with members from the last meeting. Tammy G. will ask Alice F. if she would be willing to do an in-depth article on each service project we complete throughout the year. We will "lift" the in-depth article and monthly environmental column, along with other relevant "public" information, to share in a different publication that we distribute to the public at large. Celeste O. has agreed to give editing the newsletter a shot, and she will meet with Tammy G. and Barb K. to discuss the layout, etc.

We also reviewed our brochure. Celeste O. pointed out that if one of the main purposes of producing the brochure is the recruitment of new members, we should include information about how to contact us to join. We will update that information, include a bit more about local projects, and update our pictures for the next publication.

We agreed on assignments for publication of the yearbook in August. **Members, please note that you will be hearing from us soon about the accuracy of your yearbook page.** We would greatly appreciate it if you would respond to our request for approval and/or update of your page in a timely manner.

Finally, we discussed strategies for increasing public awareness of our work. These strategies will include submission of club business and accomplishments to local print media on a regular basis. Tammy G. will take on this task.

***International Relations*** – Jill, Chair

**SLUNA SUPPLIES**

We continue to solicit embroidery thread, material, embroidery hoops and embroidery needles to send to the UNA in Sierra Leone (SLUNA). Keep it coming! A box will be at each of the dinner meetings for dropping off any items. If you do not see the box, contact either Jill L. or Sindy B.



We are in the process of obtaining a quote on the cost of shipping off our first package. Should you have an "in" with any International organization such as CARE or World Vision, or perhaps an international church organization, we could use your help. Our thought is that it might be less expensive if we could piggy-back off an existing organization for shipments to Sierra Leone.

**ENTHUSIASM NEEDED**

Bring your ideas for the International Relations Committee to the June dinner meeting! Not currently a committee member? No problem! We would love to have you join us. Any project ideas will be considered.

The next International Relations Committee meeting will be held Sunday evening, July 1st at 7 pm at Wegman's.

**RETURN TRIP**

We will try again....  
Mark your calendars now for the 2008 U.N. bus trip to be held Saturday April 12th. More details to follow later this year.

***Membership*** – Gini, Chair

At the June Business Meeting we will initiate two new members into Altrusa of Centre County! They are Sally R. and Amy D. Thanks to Cindy T. and Nancy D. for recruiting them! I hope everyone will make an effort to attend, to welcome our new members.

Looking ahead to August, our picnic this year will be held at Vicki's new home. We have decided to return to the process of having the meal catered, so we will all need to follow the process of responding to Barb regarding reservations. AND, start searching your home for good silent auction items. The money we collect here is used to support our fall "recruitment" dessert reception.

Finally, keep your eyes and mind open for potential future Altrusans!

***ALTRUSA ACCENT***

**Principle Ten**

*Altrusa is democratic; it knows no class, no favorites, but is founded upon merit alone.*

*Mamie L. Bass*

Webster's defines merit as "reward or punishment due; the qualities or actions that constitute the basis of one's deserts; a praiseworthy quality; character or conduct deserving reward, honor or esteem."

Altrusa Clubs had a chance to showcase their Service Projects at District Conference. A sampling:

- Martinsville/Henry County, VA received a \$1,000 grant from Altrusa International Foundation, obtained a challenge grant, and are about to use the funds for the Henry County Sheriff's Office to buy two thermal imaging cameras.

- The New York City service project is “Hour Children,” that provides services to children and families of women who are or were incarcerated in NY State correctional facilities. “Hour Children” manages the Taconic Correctional Facility’s nursery that houses between 10 and 20 mothers and babies. It also maintains a home for children born in prison whose mothers do not want to put them up for adoption. It also provides a ten-week parenting class for mothers, as well as other services.
- Altrusa International Inc. of Pittsburgh supplies books for the permanent library and bedside reading program at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. And Altrusa International Inc. of Washington, D.C. has established a partnership with Stoddard Baptist Nursing Home where they host a monthly Bingo activity. They also conduct a FREE Market for the residents to choose what they would like to have. It is like Christmas in May for the residents.

All worthy of merit!!

Locally, President Tammy’s newsletter message noted many actions that have had merit in our Club this year:

- Worked to build a culture of amity, participation and long-term commitment;
- Worked to stimulate participation in the Club;
- Worked to foster and maintain partnerships with other organizations;
- Worked to increase community visibility and awareness; and
- Worked to provide meaningful, valuable service to the Centre County community.

These have been accomplished by the actions of the Board and Officers, the committees, and the members. You are each to be congratulated on an impressive Club year.

## ***FINANCIAL STATEMENT***

May 07

Nittany Bank – Checking	\$10,911.84
Nittany Bank – Savings	<u>5,379.26</u>
Beginning of Month	\$16,291.10

### **Receipts:**

Operating Projects	\$2,125.03
	<u>396.55</u>
Total Deposit	\$2,521.58

### **Expenses:**

Operating Projects	\$1,677.00
	<u>29.67</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,706.67

End of Balance \$17,106.01

Nittany Bank – Checking	\$ 4,717.20
Nittany Bank – Savings	<u>12,388.81</u>
End of Month	\$17,106.01

### **Reduced by:**

Altrusa – Endowment	\$100.00
ASTRA Award	50.00
District Two – Travel	160.00
Misc. – copies	1.41
P.O. Box Rental Fee	40.00
Treasurer’s postage	<u>9.22</u>
Outstanding checks	\$360.63

Actual Balance \$4,356.57

### **Projects:**

Books for Babies	\$ 0.00
Make a Difference Day	60.02
Membership (auction)	532.49
Leadership – Scholarship	580.50
Membership – Scholarship	119.95
UNICEF	<u>484.08</u>

Total Actual Funds \$1,777.04

Operating Reserve \$ 509.53  
Dues 2,070.00

\$4,356.57

Mystery Night 2006 (for 2007 Distrib.)	\$ 4,677.03
Mystery Night 2007 (for 2008 Distrib.)	7,211.78
Mystery Night Expenses 2008	500.00
	<u>\$12,388.81</u>

## ***VOLUNTEER HOURS***

April & May, 2007

The following volunteer hours have been reported for the past two months:

Altrusa Service:	23.00
Altrusa Business:	291.50
Non-Altrusa Service:	<u>156.75</u>
for a total of	471.25 hours

Except for Altrusa Business (each of those having a May dinner reservation were given 2 hours for the club meeting), there were only 6 Altrusans reporting – we certainly gave more than that!!!

Since the official club year starts in June, each subsequent report will be for the 3-month periods June-August, September-November, etc. PLEASE TURN IN YOUR HOURS! We all do so much volunteering that we really need to get credit for those hours for our club. Call or email Barb:

238-8882 or [brk@psu.edu](mailto:brk@psu.edu). Thanks.

## ***BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES***

5/16/07



Meeting was called to order by Tammy G., President.

Following the Altrusa Grace, guest and former member Roberta S. was introduced. Wendy D. from Lock Haven University was also introduced.

**Altrusa Accent:** Sandi C. presented the Accent based on Principle 10.

**Positive Notes:** Vicki W. announced the birth of a new grandson. Jill L. was pleased that our two members, Pam R. and Ann M., were successful in the primary election, and that her youngest son graduated. Susan H. reported her daughter is going to Scotland to study and has been nominated for a Fulbright Scholarship. Sandi C. has purchased the books “Children of Pride” that were referred to by Audrey Braver in her report on the U.N. given at Conference. Members may borrow them if they wish. Amy M. reported she has secured a new job. Janice K. is looking for volunteers for Special Olympics, especially for softball which she coordinates. Gini T. announced she made her first full round at Curves, only ironed a part of her shirt for work today (ask her about this), and received her first call from eHarmony.com. Barbara K. thanked everyone for the cards, letters, and calls during her recent illness.

Tammy G. announced her pride in the Club for being presented the following awards at Conference:



***Letha H. Brown Literacy Award*** – Third Place; ***the Ann Ayer Yearbook Award*** – Second Place; ***Irene Mardis Newsletter Award*** – First Place; ***Eleanor Pederson Award for Membership Growth*** – First Place; ***Edith B. Nelson Environmental Award*** – Third Place; ***Betty Swartz Presidential Excellence Award*** was presented to Tammy G.; ***Patricia Woodward Conference Attendance Award*** – First Place; ***Mary S. Resh Program Planning Award*** – Second Place; ***Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award*** – First Place.

Tammy announced that our Club has received the *Distinguished Club Award* from Altrusa International, and presented each member with a copy of this Award. She also gave the Awards to the various members who were instrumental in the Club receiving the awards.

**Special Presentation:** Tammy G. introduced Wendy D. from Lock Haven University, who made a special presentation regarding FLS International at Lock Haven University. She explained the program calendar and explained that if any families and/or individuals connected with Altrusa were willing to host one or more international students, they could earn \$100 per week per student and in turn a contribution of \$100 would be made to the Club. A sign-up sheet was passed for anyone interested. Wendy thanked the members for their interest in the program.

Tammy then announced that at last month's meeting, Sandi C., Sindy B., and Barbara K. were elected as delegates to the International Convention. However, Barbara is unable to attend the Convention. Tammy asked if any other members were planning on attending beside Sandi and Sindy. Since there were none, it was determined by consensus that the club would only have two delegates. It was noted that Mildred M. and Phyllis C. would also be attending, but are already eligible to vote because of being Past District Governor and Past International President, respectively.

**Approval of minutes:** Minutes were approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** None.

**Correspondence:** Thank you note from Norma K. of the Centre County Youth Service Bureau for the Club's continued support of their Spring Fling. Request from the Girl Scouts for support, on which no action was taken.

**Communications Committee:** No report.

**Finance Committee:** No report. 50-50 Drawing was won by Amy M.

**International Relations Committee:** No report.

**Membership Committee:** No report.

**Service Committee:** No report.

**Old Business:** Phyllis C. reviewed the motion that remained on the table to adopt the proposed combination of and additions to Policies #5 & 7 regarding Distribution of Proceeds from Club's Fundraiser(s). She notified the members that the proposal has been revised to better clarify the Service Project Funds. The motion was approved. The BRR Committee moved changes to Policy 8: Fundraising to change the date of the balloted vote from April to June, and Policy 12: Dinner Meetings to eliminate the luncheon meetings. The Motions were approved. The approved changes will be printed in the next newsletter.

**New Business:** Conference Report: Phyllis C. reported a very interesting and entertaining District Two Conference. She noted that the members would be especially proud of the hidden talents of the Centre County Bag Lady Kazoo Band, and shared pictures with the members. Also of note was the elegant sleeping attire worn by Sindy B., Becky S. and herself to the official elections held very early on Saturday morning. The Conference was a great success for all in attendance, and the Parkersburg Altrusa members were great hosts.

Becky S. presented thank-you gifts to Tammy G. for her two years of dedicated service as President of our Altrusa Club. The gifts were appropriately purchased to reflect Tammy's interests, including a rose bush, good scotch, Gardner's candy, and a memory book signed with good wishes from the members.

**Program: Installation of Officers**

The Installation of officers was conducted by Vicki W. Each officer was presented a yellow rose upon her installation.



Following the installation, our new President, Becky S., asked if there was any additional business. There being none, she declared meeting adjourned.

Sindy B., Acting Secretary (the last time)  
Phyllis C., Stenographer

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***THE NEW BOARD***

June 2007 – May 2008

President	Becky S.
First Vice President	Jill L.
Second Vice President	Gini T.
Recording Secretary	Tammy G.
Corresp. Secretary	Tillie C.
Treasurer	Doris C.
Directors (2006-2008)	Sindy B. Charlotte Z.
Directors (2007-2009)	Mildred M. Amy M.
Immediate Past Pres.	Tammy G.

***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

**June**

- 5 Board Meeting
- 20 Dinner Meeting (All Members)  
Program: *Initiation of New Members;  
Committee Planning for 2007-2008  
Year*
- 24 **56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Club's  
Organization**

**July**

- 3 Board Meeting
- 13-16 **International Convention, Orlando,  
FL**
- 18 Dinner Meeting (All Members)  
Program: *Program Planning for 2007-  
2008 Year*

***BIRTHDAYS***

**June**

- 9: Nancy D.
- 17: Marisa F.
- 22: Meredith W.
- 28: Lynn M.

**July**

- 2: Alice F.
- 5: Linda L.
- 11: Phyllis C.
- 16: Helen B.
- 27: Norma K.
- 31: Marla M.



**Have a Very Happy One!!**

# *ALTRUSA ACTION:*

*June, 2007*

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***HAPPY SUMMER!!***



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