



# Altrusa Action

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF CENTRE COUNTY, PA  
JUNE 2008

Dinner Meeting: Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m., Celebration Hall, **\$16.00**

Menu: The buffet will be Barbecue Brisket & Barbecue Chicken

Program: 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

It's so nice to finally see more than one nice day in a row. As I am writing this article prior to the board meeting, I will let you know what I've been doing since the last membership meeting. Was it only a week ago?

My one and a half year old granddaughter from California has been visiting, and that has been so much fun!

And I completed the annual Club Activity Report, so perhaps we will win a Distinguished Club Award. Doing that report made me realize that our club has truly done some amazing things this past year, and it appears we are going to carry on with being "amazing" this next year.

The Board has almost been filled, with one more appointment needed. I plan on meeting with someone this next week to discuss that appointment. And Gini Tucker will be the new Service Committee chair. I want to convey my Thank You to Gini for taking on this position. I hope to see you at the June meeting.

Your President,

BECKY SCHROPE

## NOTE REGARDING DINNER RESERVATIONS

You're welcome to attend any dinner meeting and skip the dinner for various reasons (menu choices, food allergies, can't arrive until late, can't afford the \$16 that month, etc.). If you have a standing reservation and don't want to have the meal, please let Barb know the Sunday before the meeting so you won't be charged.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

No report

**Finance** – Phyllis, Chair

See Financial Statement below

**Grant Committee** – Jill, Chair

The grant committee has reviewed all grant applications. We received about double the number of applications as last year. The board has endorsed the committee recommendations and now this will be voted on by membership at the next dinner meeting. The grant committee is recommending the following disbursement of funds:

- Youth Services Bureau – \$1,665 for equipment and tournament fees for 15 youth for a martial arts program
- Women's Resource Center in collaboration with other entities – \$800 toward a Centre County Child Access Center
- SC Community Theatre – \$700 to sponsor two youth interns and two apprentices
- Clearwater Conservancy – \$500 for adopting two classrooms to go to Millbrook Marsh
- Helping Hands – \$300 to go toward brochures and supplies for community outreach
- Tides – \$350 to pay for pizza party once per month for grieving children
- Hope For Kids – \$600 to go toward playground equipment for Kidz Rainbow Center, a new therapeutic day care

**International Relations** – Sindy and Charlotte, Co-chairs {Jill reporting}

- Please continue to save embroidery supplies to send to Sierra Leone. The donation box will be at the next dinner meeting for drop-offs.
- Also Becky Schrope will be presenting the Park Forest Middle School Bear Team on June 17th with a plaque and certificate from UNICEF for being a top money raiser in Trick or Treat for UNICEF.

**Membership** – Gini, Immediate Past Chair

We have one applicant for membership in Altrusa Centre County. If you have any

questions please contact Gini at [v2f@psu.edu](mailto:v2f@psu.edu) or 466-3167.

**Dawn Rodgers**

Retired

Worked as manager and owner in the retail industry

Sponsors: Amy Debach and Ginny Mulhatten

**Service** – Gini, Chair {Phyllis reporting}

- We are looking for a DVD player for Park Forest Day Nursery. If you should have one you could donate, please contact Phyllis Corman. No other items need to be brought for PFDN during the summer as they are not in session.
- We will still be doing the library each third Saturday of the month during the summer. Hope more people will be able to come.

## JULY BOARD MEETING

The July Board meeting will be strategic planning, and all members are invited to attend. Strategic Planning will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be held at the Centre County United Way office.



## UNA/USA PUBLIC MEETING

Millennium Goal #6 is to Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and other diseases. The Centre County chapter of the UNA/USA will hold a public meeting addressing this issue. Our guest speaker will be Collins Airhienbua.

WHEN: Sunday, June 24 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

WHERE: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Centre County, 780 Waupelani Drive, State College

This should be a most interesting meeting. Be sure to put it on your calendar.

Mildred

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**June 2008**

Checking Account	\$ 3,760.14
Savings	<u>12,538.21</u>
Nittany Bank Total	\$16,298.35
Plus: Deposit	
Less: Outstanding Checks	
Community Help Center	\$154.57
Avant Garden	15.00
Moerschbacher	<u>430.68</u>
	\$600.25
Check Book	\$ 3,159.89
Savings	<u>12,538.21</u>
Total	\$15,698.10
Savings	\$12,538.21
Less: 08-09 Projects	-1,610.00
09 Mystery Night	-500.00
09 Grants	<u>-5,484.40</u>
Available 08 Grants	\$ 4,943.81

**ALTRUSA BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

May 21, 2008

**Guests:**

- Molly Ketrick:** (brought by Jennifer Shuey): Director of the Millbrook Marsh
- Holly Frickman:** (brought by Jennifer Shuey): also with Millbrook Marsh
- Janet Croyle:** Cynthia Thackston's Mom

**Positive Notes:**

- **Ginny Eisenstein:** The Boalsburg Farmers Market is officially open so please go. It is at the Military Museum and is open 2-5 pm on Tuesday afternoons.
- **Amy Debach:** Her brother just graduated with degrees in Nuclear and Mechanical Engineering. She is very proud of him but is sad because now he is in Schenectady New York working for a Submarine place.
- **Phyllis Corman:** She has gone 39 days without a cigarette ☺
- **Norma Keller:** She is pleased to report that her friend **Louise Hess**, who had both her knees operated on 1 year ago, is now a line dancing queen ☺

- **Mildred Meder:** She now has room in her basement because she sent 700 books to the Altrusa club in Enterprise, Alabama for a program there.
- **Vicki Wedler:** On January 14 she got a new hip and now she feels like a 23 year old. She is also happy because on May 20 as she was walking through her kitchen, living room, and hallway she kept hearing squeaking and didn't know what it was. She finally realized that it was her new hip that was squeaking. Today and at the meeting she is not squeaking. ☺ Vicki also reports that her niece Heidi Bumbarger is in Fiddler on the Roof at Our Lady of Victory on May 22.
- **Lynn Myers:** She is happy to report that **Tammy Gentzel** took all of the Metal Shelves she mentioned a few meetings ago and she didn't have to throw any of them away. Also her oldest son, whose goal in life is to join the Cirque de Soliel, got accepted at a camp in Canada where he will be doing something similar this summer.

**Altrusa Accent:** Presented by Gini Tucker to tie in with the installation of officers and road map to the future – the evening program:

**Responsibilities of Membership**

- 9: Be supportive of club officers and committee chairs so they can fulfill their required assignments.
- 10: Be aware of club progress toward its goals and be ready to join in whatever action is needed at each stage of the way.

**April Business Meeting Minutes** stand approved as circulated.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- There is currently \$700 in the checking account. There is \$12,000 in savings from Mystery night for this year and last year. The funds we raised last year are about to be dispersed to the grant recipients.
- 18 members paid their dues at tonight's meeting. Thank you. Doris has sent email reminders to members who have yet to pay. Please pay dues soon so this can be taken care of before the books are transferred to the new treasurer.
- Only 1 proposal for a budget for next year has been received (from the Communications Committee). Please get these in so that a budget

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can be presented to the board and approved before the next fiscal year.

**Correspondence: None**

**Committee Reports:**

**Communications Committee:** The committee is proud to report that it has recruited **Amy Debach** to be the official photographer for our club. They would also like to announce that **Barb Kautz** has once again agreed to be Newsletter editor, especially since she is no longer doing the DSB. With a change of editors, there is also a change in the deadline for submissions for publication in the newsletter. Items need to be sent to Barb by the Sunday before the board meeting. For the June newsletter the deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>. For July the deadline will be June 29<sup>th</sup>. The Yearbook has a list of the dates for the board meetings you can check, and Barb will send out reminders of the deadline.

Becky thanked the Communications Committee for their efforts with the Yearbook. It always looks great.

**Finance Committee:** The 50/50 was \$8, won by **Nancy Desmond**.

**Membership Committee:** We now have 1 application for membership – yay! – but we would like more.

**Service Committee:** Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> was library cleaning day. Unfortunately, **Phyllis Corman and Sindi Butler** were the only 2 who went. Please remember that the *cleaning is set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month*. There was no reminder in the last newsletter and they apologize for that, but please mark your calendars and come if you can.

Also we are done with the monthly collection of items for Park Forest Day Nursery for the summer, but they would still like a few items if we can help: Old Etch-A-Sketches – the ones with the knobs – to help teach the children dexterity. Also a DVD player, since almost all the children's videos are now only on DVD.

**International Relations Committee:** We met but have no report. However, Sindi Butler announced that our club took first place for the **Nina Fay Calhoun** award at Conference for our work with Sierra Leone. We were also recognized by International for this project. Becky added that this is no easy feat, and extended her congratulations.

**Grants Committee:** We have received 9 applications for grants. The committee is meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> to review them and make recommendations.

**Old Business**

**Area I Workshop:** Our club will be hosting the Workshop. It is currently scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> with a backup date of October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our original plan was to hold the workshop at the Mt Nittany Winery. However at conference, several clubs got together and decided to make it like a mini conference. Area I, which includes our club, Harrisburg, Reading/Berks County, and Rochester, New York will be there. Area III, which includes New York City and Bergen County, New Jersey never holds workshops, but they would like to combine with us and come here. Area II, which includes Blair County, Parkersburg WV, Pittsburgh and McKeesport, have also decided to join us.

Phyllis Corman will chair the workshop, and will ask members to help when there is an official agenda. We are thinking about a panel of people who work in Nonprofit agencies and how they work.

With the large number of possible attendees now there is a snag. The room at the Mt Nittany Winery only holds 35 people, and might not meet our needs. We are asking for any members who are also members of the Elks club or similar organizations to see if they may have a room we can use for the conference in the morning and then have lunch and wine tasting at the Winery in the afternoon. Let Phyllis know if you can help.

**District Two Conference:** Overall it was very nice. Richmond did a great job. The Parliamentary Procedure was excellent, thanks to **Virginia Eisenstein**, District Two Parliamentarian. It went well and the budget passed. Our club won several awards:

- **Nina Fay Calhoun International Relations Award: 1<sup>st</sup> place**
- **Mary S. Resh Program Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> place**
- **Ann Ayer District Two Yearbook Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> place**
- **Irene Mardis District Two Newsletter Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> place**
- **Mildred Meder won the Governor's Wealth of Knowledge Award**

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- **Barb Kautz** won a monetary award for her work on the **District Service Bulletin**.
- Our baskets looked lovely, thanks to **Amy Debach**. Both were raffled off because they were so nice. Each basket raised \$44 for International. All together \$1644 was raised for the International Foundation.

Other awards:

- The **Mamie L. Bass Community Service Award** went to Martinsville/ Henry County
- Richmond won the **Betty S. Brooks/Letha H. Brown Literacy Award**
- Nine clubs received the **Presidential Excellence Award** (including Centre County)
- Reading got the **Phyllis J. Corman Astra Award** (our club sponsors this one)

In general those who went to Conference enjoyed it. There were good programs for membership growth and service. There were three key speakers: One talked about Domestic Violence – what it is and what to do about it. One dealt with Homelessness which, though there is some here, is a much bigger problem for some of the clubs in bigger cities; the third talked about retention and how you keep kids in school.

They looked at how all these elements tie together. Phyllis has information and is planning on using some of it for the workshop in October.

There also was a presentation by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Governor Linda Dorr, who talked about how members are the anchors for the organization. It was very good; we have it on DVD and will probably use it as a program in a future meeting.

Next year's conference will be in Reading. They want lots of us to attend (since it is closer) so that we can win an award for attendance, and network to meet other Altrusans.

Announcements:

Nancy Desmond is willing to contribute money towards the purchase of Etch-A-Sketches for Park Forest Day Nursery. She hopes others will also.

Adjournment: 7:20 pm

**PROGRAMS:** Installation of Officers & Road Map of the Future.



**2008-2009 BUDGET**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Auction.....	\$ 300.00
Interest .....	30.00
Meals.....	5,700.00
Membership Dues (55 members @ \$100).....	5,500.00
Miscellaneous .....	100.00
Raffle – 50/50.....	150.00
Scholarship/Donations .....	150.00
Carry-over from Reserve.....	<u>1,068.00</u>
Total	\$12,998.00

<b>Expenses</b>	
Brochures .....	\$ 350.00
District ASTRA Award.....	50.00
District Conference Fee.....	15.00
District Dues (55 x \$20).....	1,100.00
District Travel (3 delegates at \$195 ea).....	585.00
Initiation/Installation.....	50.00
International Club Fee.....	20.00
International Dues (55 x \$55).....	3,025.00
International Processing Fee.....	50.00
International Travel*-(registration fee for 3)*	495.00
Meals.....	5,700.00
Membership Development .....	150.00
Miscellaneous .....	50.00
New Member Kits.....	190.00
New President's Pin*.....	100.00
Outgoing Governor's Gift* .....	10.00
PO Box Rental.....	40.00
Postage .....	125.00
President's Library Gift*.....	50.00
Speaker's Dinners – 8 guests.....	128.00
Treasurer's Postage.....	25.00
UNA/USA Membership.....	40.00
Web Site.....	100.00
Yearbook Printing.....	<u>550.00</u>
Total	\$12,998.00

\* Bi-annual budget item

<b>Projects:</b>	
Books for Babies.....	\$ 600.00
Foundation Donation.....	100.00
International Committee.....	500.00
International Endowment Fund .....	100.00
Miscellaneous Projects.....	<u>310.00</u>
Total	\$1,610.00

### ***ROAD TO THE FUTURE***

At the May business meeting, we took the next steps in Altrusa Centre County's "Road to the Future" process to identify the causes/initiatives we want to support.

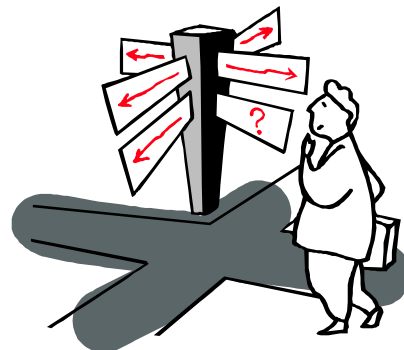
Our first step was to ask each member to complete a Volunteer Interest Form to indicate the types of activities she/he would like to perform. A copy of the two-page form is included on pages 7 and 8. Please complete it and send it to Gini Tucker ([v2f@psu.edu](mailto:v2f@psu.edu) or 1145 Karen St, Boalsburg 16827). If it is more convenient, bring it with you to the June business meeting. When a need for a certain activity arises, these sheets will be used to identify which members have indicated an interest in performing that activity.

The second step of the evening was to work on the four initiatives we previously identified as those we want to support. After soliciting volunteers to "lead" each of the four initiatives, we broke out into project teams with folks self-selecting an initiative of interest. Each group then worked on defining the project and developing action plans.

The role of the "leader" in each initiative is to ensure the work is organized and completed. Joining a team means you want to be a part of the development and defining of the initiative. This in no way obligates you to participate in the activity when it occurs. Also, regardless of which group you work on, you will be able to participate in any or all of the activities.

We realize you may not have been able to attend the May meeting. Therefore, each initiative is listed below along with the name and contact information for the team leader. Please choose the initiative that interests you most and contact the leader to let her know you're joining the team.

1. *Hospitality Committee* — a "connections" network across our club  
Mildred Meder: [mlmeder@comcast.net](mailto:mlmeder@comcast.net)  
– 238-7779
2. *Habitat for Humanity*—housewarming parties for new home owners  
Sandi Craig: [SLC8LCSW@hotmail.com](mailto:SLC8LCSW@hotmail.com)  
– 238-1624
3. *Millbrook Marsh*—activities to support the educational efforts, etc. (Super thanks to Jennifer for bringing folks from Millbrook Marsh to help in the planning!)  
Jennifer Shuey:  
[jennifer@clearwaterconservancy.org](mailto:jennifer@clearwaterconservancy.org) – 359-3364
4. *Sponsor Efforts of Existing Non-profits* — solicit proposals from organizations for ways in which we might assist them. We have decided to begin by requesting project proposals from our membership. If you are in a position of responsibility for a non-profit, please see the application form on page 9.  
Gini Tucker: [v2f@psu.edu](mailto:v2f@psu.edu) – 466-3167



## Altrusa International, Inc. of Centre County Volunteer Interest Form (2 pages)

To best meet your expectations and fully utilize the talents and time you wish to give to volunteering, we need some information. Please complete this survey so that we can identify and match your interests and needs with projects that Altrusa might undertake. We recognize that schedules vary, but please fill out your availability to the best of your ability. Return to Gini Tucker [v2f@psu.edu](mailto:v2f@psu.edu) or 1145 Karen St, Boalsburg 16827.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all the times of the day that you are available to volunteer:

- Early mornings  Mid-day  Afternoons  Early evening   
Any time during the day

Check each day of the week that you are available to volunteer:

- Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday   
Saturday  Sunday

How many hours per month would you like to volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

Check any of the following talents, skills, abilities you have that you'd like to share or use during your volunteer experience (check all that apply):

Tutoring	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mentoring	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organizing information	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organizing people	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greeting patients and visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Serving Food or beverages	<input type="checkbox"/>
Directing patients and visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using a computer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using a cash register or making change	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Writing an article	
Getting materials ready for mailing	
Reading to someone	
Delivering materials	
Gardening	
Taking a resident on an outing	
Planning a celebration event	
Filing papers or information	
Teaching a skill or craft	
Phoning people to confirm an appointment	
Serving on an advisory board	
Serving in a leadership position such as on a board of directors or as a committee chair	
Helping someone else learn to use a computer	
Taking photographs	
Helping someone with a hobby or project	
Playing cards/games	
Transportation needs of those who cannot transport themselves	
Entertaining/performing - such as providing music	
Scheduling people for volunteer assignments	
Decorating for an event or seasonal display such as Christmas	
Visiting and having a conversation	
Setting up or cleaning up in conjunction with a special event	
Bringing visitors to see patients/residents at a facility	
Making tray favors (hospitals / nursing homes)	
Sewing or making items such as lap blankets, bibs, etc.	
Crafting items such as angels, ornaments, etc.	
Others (please list):	

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**ALTRUSA CENTRE COUNTY**

***APPLICATION by CENTRE COUNTY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
for ALTRUSA MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE***

One of the initiatives Altrusa Centre County has adopted is to support the work of existing non-profit organizations. The organizing team for this effort has decided to restrict first year applications to non-profit groups **represented by members of our club**. If you have a leadership position (job or board member) in a non-profit with the ability to ensure the delivery of a project, we welcome your requests.

The projects can be group or individual, one-time or longer-term, and open to whatever need you may have. Some examples are office help answering phones and filing, throwing a party for kids at the Bellefonte Youth Center, and projects similar to those we are undertaking for Habitat and Millbrook Marsh.

What we need is a description of the project, the amount of time required and when, and the number of people you feel you would need. Feel free to submit more than one project. Please direct questions and completed applications to Gini Tucker ([v2f@psu.edu](mailto:v2f@psu.edu)), phone: 466-3167.

Your name as the person responsible for the project: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of project (one-time, repeating involvement for X weeks): \_\_\_\_\_

When the support is needed (time of year, days of the week, time of day) and for how long (4 hours, 2 hours/week): \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated number of people needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of the project: \_\_\_\_\_

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### June

- 4 Board Meeting
- 18 Dinner Meeting (All Members)  
Committee Organization/Planning
- 24 **57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Club's  
Organization**

### July

- 1 Board Meeting
- 16 Dinner Meeting (All Members)  
Program Planning

## BIRTHDAYS

### June

9: Nancy D.  
17: Marisa  
22: Meredith  
28: Lynn

### July

2: Alice  
5: Linda  
11: Phyllis  
16: Helen  
27: Norma  
31: Marla

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO ALL !!

***GET READY FOR  
THE NEW CLUB YEAR!***

