



# Altrusa Action

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

**Dinner:** Wednesday, March  
16th, 6:00, Celebration Hall  
**Menu:** Breakfast Deluxe Combo  
**Program:** "Foundations Aren't  
Just Lingerie," hosted by  
the Finance Committee  
**Reservations:** Please call  
Phyllis at 355-5477 or email  
to [cormanpj@aol.com](mailto:cormanpj@aol.com) by  
the evening of Sunday,  
March 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Altrusans:



Think Spring!

I was just thinking that I could mention the word "Spring" until I looked outside and see that it is snowing heavily! Still, it is just around the corner. I know we are all ready for warm sunshine and green leaves. We are, however, very fortunate, despite this snowy day that we are in a safe place. Please keep your sisters in Christchurch, New Zealand in your prayers as they struggle to find news about loved ones still missing and rebuild. I understand from International that all of the club members themselves are safe but possibly not all of their family members. So, please keep them in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

On a lighter note, I am quite pleased and proud to announce that one of our own Altrusans will be given the Spirit of Internationalization award this month. Norma Keller is being recognized for her work with the international community, not just as co-chair of the International Relations committee but also for her work and dedication to the UNA. Please join me in extending congratulations to Norma for this honor. A breakfast will be held March 15th at the Nittany Lion Inn where the award will be presented.

Also on a "light" note is the board's approval of our new menu at Celebration Hall. We had asked them for help in lowering our menu costs so that we can attract younger members. I am very pleased to report that as of next month we will enjoy a lighter meal. It will be a rotation (Chef's Choice) of a baked potato bar with salad and light dessert; baked ziti with salad and light dessert; soup and salad with light dessert; and premade sandwich with mac and cheese and light dessert. The cost will only be \$14. So if you know of anyone in the past that dropped out or declined membership due to costs, please reconnect with them. We are very appreciative of Hoag's catering in working with us.

Your President,  
**Jill**



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Communications** – Tammy and Ginny M., Co-chairs  
No report

**Finance** – Phyllis, Chair  
No report

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

**Membership** – Sally, Chair  
The board has approved Katie Smith's application for membership. Welcome, Katie!

**Service** – Megan, Chair  
We need any type of uncooked beans for Park Forest Day Nursery.  
Remember to Ban Dirty Books at the Centre County Library in Bellefonte on Saturday, March 19th, starting at 9AM. Bring a bucket, rag and a feather duster. We only had 3 members attend last month. Let's try to double that this month!  
I will have the Spring Fling Sign-Up sheets and hopefully an update from the YSB with more details about the sale.

### **Business Meeting Minutes February 16, 2011**

#### **Guests:**

**Monica:** 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Easterly parkway brought by Megan

**Amy:** works at PSU Alumni association brought by Megan

**Brianna:** volunteer at Aids project, brought by Becky

**Katie:** grad student in international affairs brought by Sandi

**Dr Audrey Maretski :** our guest speaker, brought by Norma

**Accent:** presented by Norma, talking about Altrusa and UN and the status of women in the UN.

#### **Positive Notes:**

**Sandi C:** for Tammy G who in spite of being sick, did a bang up job on the DSB

**Phyllis C:** talked to Mildred today and Dave is

not doing great. Keep them in your prayers. Barb K is back home but is also not feeling quite up to snuff. Susan H a former member who had broken her wrist last year, broke her ankle this year and has 4 pins. Please send them cards and keep them in your thoughts.

**Brenda R:** for the weather.

**Gini T:** got a new dishwasher today, has not had one since October.

**Micki P:** having part of her house redone. It will be finished tomorrow. Her son sent an Auburn football with all the players autograph's on it

**Jill:** thrilled that youngest son Rob brought her a dozen roses for Valentine's Day

#### **Approval of Minutes from the January**

**Business Meeting:** Phyllis suggested some wording for the minutes because we have to send to international for the foundation. Theresa moves that they be approved with the corrections, June seconds. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** We have covered a lot of our outstanding bills. However there was an increase in the cost of books for babies  
End Checking account balance: 3087.04,  
Savings :4996.15 we set aside 2500 for Five Alive fund so total funds available are 3711.60  
Report will be filed for Audit

**Correspondence:** no report

**Communications:** no report other than we will be producing new brochures using the international templates. We hope to have it done by the end of March. We also need to fix the Web Site and also hope to have that done by the end of March

**Finance:** no report

**Membership:** Katie S (Sandi's guest tonight) is applying for membership in Altrusa and will be the liaison for the International Student group at Penn State who are very interested in service projects.

**Service:** Banning Dirty Books will be at on Sat 9 am at Bellefonte Library. Bring cloths and buckets. Bring dried beans for Park Forest Day Nursery next month. Spring Fling : unpacking and sorting are March 31 and April 1. Sale is

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April 2. They will be checking into our partnership with the Park/ Rec

**International Relations:** we got thank you letters from the deaf boys in Nicaragua that we have been sponsoring to go to school.

**Old Business:**

**Nominating Committee: (Becky, Louise, Ellie) for 2011-2013**

**The nominations are:**

**President: Gini T**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Megan**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Brenda**

**Treasurer: Phyllis**

**Recording Secretary: Amy**

**Corresponding Secretary: Tammy**

**Directors: Lynn M, Lisa B**

There were no nominations from the floor, but you still have a month to make a nomination.

**Reminder: please turn in your volunteer hours for Altrusa Business, Service and non Altrusa volunteering. These are very important for club recognition.**

**Conference:** We pay for 2 delegates to go to conference, Theresa moves that Brenda and Gini T will be delegates, June seconded. Motion passed. We also need to create a display that highlights one of our service projects. Megan and Norma will be working on it.

**New Business:**

**Leadership development programming:**

Community Diversity Group: focus is education and diversity in the community. They are organizing a workshop for March 22 and we would like to get a group together to attend

**Meal Cost:** it has been brought to our attention that the cost of meals is keeping people from attending. We would like to get club feedback on this. After a lengthy discussion about how cost seems high and may be discouraging new members from joining, we assigned a committee to explore other dinner options and report back. Tammy, Gini T, Sally, and Nancy are the committee and will explore options by the next dinner meeting.

**Announcements:**

Megan has 3 tickets for the Nittany Valley Symphony for this Saturday, \$12 each. Sandi is going and wants others to go...

CitiServe is April 16 and 17 – please encourage friends and neighbors to submit projects

Deb Seaward from South Hills Business School is holding financial planning and retirement planning classes, the end of January and early February

**Adjournment:** 7:30

**Program:** Audrey Maretzki

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**March 2011**

- 2 5:45 Board Meeting
- 8 International Women’s Day (UN)
- 15 International Day of Families (UN)
- 16 6:00 Dinner Meeting (Finance)  
Program: **Foundations Aren’t Just Lingerie**

**April 2011**

- 6 5:45 Board Meeting
- 11 ALTRUSA’S 94<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY
- 20 6:00 Dinner Meeting (Communications)  
Program: **Preparing for Add-an-Altrusan Month**

**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! Including...***

# Altrusa Golf Tournament

... A Golf Outing that that is Fit to a "tee"

... And will Fit You Like a Glove

**Sponsored by Altrusa District Two**

\*\*\*\*\* Details \*\*\*\*\*

- May 13, Starting at 2:30PM
- 9 Hole Event
- 2 Person, best ball scramble
- Beaver Creek Club 9535 MaplevilleRd, Hagerstown, MD 21740 Phone: 301-733-5152 www.beavercreekcc.com
- \$50 per person—includes golf, cart, and goodie bag (\* See Below)

To Register: Send Name, Address, Phone, and E-Mail along with handicap or 18 hole average to:

Maria L. Moon, O.D., F.A.A.O

NittanyEye Association

428 WindmereDr.

State College, PA 16901

814-234-2015

**Plan to have lots of fun—we guarantee a great event!**

**\* Proceeds will go to Camp Safe Haven for children with HIV/AIDS**



## BIRTHDAYS

### March

8: Ann McGlaughlin

25: Sara Krumrine

### April

5: Deb Seaward

10: Mildred Meder

11: **Altrusa International**

12: Ahmed Banyan

22: Tammy Gentzel

25: Pam Ruest

**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.**

### *In Memoriam*

*With sadness we report that our Emeritus member Sara Krumrine recently passed away. Sara loved Altrusa and it was even mentioned in her obituary. Join us in remembering Sara Krumrine.*

## 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..... \_\_\_\_\_



**THE BUSY BEE** By Amy R. Miller

The month of March has been designated as National Crafting Month. There are many Altrusans, including myself, who craft on a regular basis. There are also many Centre County Altrusans who are either directly involved with the United Way or are part of community agencies which are supported by or help support the United Way. This article focuses on an event close to my heart that supports both my love of crafting and the United Way.

For the past year, I have been the co-chair of the United Way Committee for the Penn State University Libraries. As part of our fundraising campaign each year, the library holds an Arts and Craft sale. During this sale, we sell craft supplies such as fabric, beads, craft books, yarn, paint, and plants. We also offer items that library staff have made including: knit or crocheted blankets, scarves, hats, mittens and stuffed animals; handmade jewelry; quilts; purses or bags; framed photographs; and woodwork. The sales are usually a big success and attract people from all around the community. All proceeds from the sale benefit the Centre County United Way.

Our summer craft sale this year will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11-4 in the Pattee and Paterno Library's Mann Assembly Room. In an effort to make the sale appeal to even more community members, we have engaged our crafters in several group projects. We currently have groups of library employees from across the state working together to make a patchwork quilt and several patchwork square blankets. These items are going to be Penn State blue and white and contain paw prints and other PSU logos.



**Crochet squares made by library staff**

In addition to these projects, members of the United Way committee taught a beading class during the Library's Discovery Day on March 4<sup>th</sup>. During this class, we helped people learn how to make a beaded bracelet which they could donate to the sale or purchase for a small donation to the United Way. The class sparked enough interest in beaded jewelry that we plan on offering more classes to staff at future events.



**Beaded bracelets made by library staff**

If you would like to learn more about beading, or about the craft sale, contact me at [arm107@psu.edu](mailto:arm107@psu.edu). I'd be happy to share my handouts from the class or give some tips on making beaded jewelry.

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