



Altrusa Action

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

Dinner: Wednesday,
November 17th, 6:00,
Celebration Hall
Menu: Chicken Bruschetta or
Beef Tips with Noodles
Program: "Centre County
Library System," hosted
by the Service Committee
Reservations: Please call to
make a reservation –Call
Barb (238-8882) or email
her at
bkfoxbark69@gmail.com
by the evening of Sunday,
November 14th.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October has come and gone but what a month. The first ever Make A Difference Day tea with international students involved in the Global Connections reading program was a tremendous success. While many members participated, kudos to Norma Keller, Ginny Mulhatten, and Louise Hess for organizing it and for a job well done. I understand that at least one attendee is interested in joining Altrusa as a result of the tea. The following evening was the UNA dinner and Altrusa was well-represented with at least a half dozen members attending. A few members attended the district workshop, a trip to the UN in NYC. And of course, the Community Education pasta fundraiser has come and gone.

Thanks to all members who helped out in some way -- either by constructing boxes, packing pasta or by taking a turn on distribution day. Their sales were down but spirits were high. And speaking of fundraisers, our first ever Laga handbag raffle raised about \$1400 for the club. We will announce the winners and distribute the winning items at the November dinner meeting. What an amazing month with an amazing group of women!

Since we are about six months into our program year it is worth reminding you to continue to fill out the form with your service hours and hand them in to your committee chair. A blank form is attached for your use. Remember that the breakdown of service hours is as follows:

- 1) Community service: service hours toward planning and implementation of service projects, fundraising for projects, ASTRA and New Club Building projects.
- 2) Member service: hours donated by members for newsletter production, workshop/conference/convention attendance.
- 3) Volunteer hours: hours donated by members to non-Altrusa organizations such as volunteer boards, hospitals, non-profit organizations.

I have no doubt that the total of those service hours will astound us at the end of the year. Thanks to each and every one of you for making a difference!

*Warmly,
Jill*

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications – Tammy and Ginny M., Co-chairs

A reminder to all committees that this year's holiday party entertainment will be a skit or performance planned and put on by the members of each committee. You should be meeting with your "creative hats on" to plan for this event!

Finance – Phyllis, Chair

No report

International Relations – Norma and Ahmed, Co-chairs

No report

Membership – Sally, Chair

No report

Service – Gini, Chair

Banning Dirty Books: We will be cleaning the Bellefonte Library on Saturday, November 20, 9AM-noon. Bring rags and a bucket and have fun!

Park Forest Day Nursery: We are collecting "Kleenex" this month. Please remember it has to be plain white, with no aloe or scent.

Business Meeting Minutes October 20, 2010

Guests:

Marsha : brought by Linda Mason

Donna: brought by Mildred M

Joelle, Molly, Haley; brought by Norma, Penn state Altoona students talking about a project to help children in Rwanda

Accent: presented by Norma K. talking about United Nations Day and about how Altrusa is doing great things to help increase awareness about human trafficking

Positive Notes:

June K: She has some green Zinnias from the governor's installation.

Megan E: There is a sale of Bill Coleman inventory photos on Sat and Sunday at Holiday Inn Express. 50% of the sale benefits the United Way

Ginny M: Her first great-grandson was born this month. He's in Texas and doing well. She missed the last dinner meeting because she was on her way to Bermuda. She and Don survived their first category 3 hurricane. There were 85 mi per hr winds with gusts of 100 mph. Over all it was a great learning experience for them.

Sandi C: She attended the fall workshop at UN. Audrey Braver gave tour. Only UN flag was flying. They got to see the General Assembly and all the displays that they had. She had a great time and a lot of fun with the Harrisburg club.

Phyllis C: Halloween is her mom's 92nd birthday. Please send cards to Bernice if you want. She would love it.

Approval of Minutes from the September Business Meeting: June moves that they be approved, Pam seconds. All voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report: combined total in checking and savings: \$7109.32 total, has a few outstanding things. We will be sending a \$50 donation to Centre County Library. Will be filed for audit.

Correspondence: none

Communications: Yearbook has arrived. Many people accepted it electronically which has cut costs. There will be a meeting the last week of November, everyone is welcome to attend.

Finance: none

Membership: none

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Service: We are not banning dirty books. Our guest next month will be Lisa Ericson from Centre County Library. We will be collecting for Park Forest Day Nursery again. Please bring unscented Kleenex.

International Relations: They are very happy to sponsor Make a Difference Day. They would also like to thank Phyllis, Louise and Mildred for their help with the program for UNA/USA dinner. We will also be giving \$100 to the Park Forest bear team for supporting UNICEF.

Old Business:

Laga Raffle tickets: proceeds needed to be turned in tonight. If you did not bring tickets or money please bring it to Jill before November 1. Phyllis can also come pick them up, please call her. We have lost our exclusivity for Laga bags. There is a woman in Bellefonte who is also selling them now. To make up for this, we want to try and get into as many craft and quilt shows as possible.

Make A Difference Day: Saturday, October 23 at 2 pm at Foxdale village. We are expecting 16 internationals and 15 Altrusans. Helen Bell will be attending and they may have Peg Sherman who helped found Centre County Chapter of UN. If you are coming to help set up, please be there at 1pm.

New Business:

Craft fairs: We are signed up to be at South Hills craft show on Nov 20th. We are also participating in Toftrees Fun Night on Nov 18th - please sign up to help if you can. YMCA is also doing a fundraiser for Peru which we may also be able to help out at. If we go, we would give up 10% of our proceeds to them and could count it as an international project

Claws for a Cause: Mildred makes a motion that we match the \$100 that the International committee is contributing to the Park Forest Bear Team. Sandi Seconded. This would be for a party for the kids who raise money. The

total amount Altrusa would contribute would be \$200. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: 7:30

Program: Initiation and Beza Kids

Respectfully submitted,
Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 2010

Laga Hand Bag Raffle!

- 3 5:45 Board Meeting
- 17 59th Anniversary of Club's Charter
- 17 6:00 Dinner Meeting (Service)
Program: **Centre County Library System** – Speaker: Melanie Philips
- 20 Laga Handbag Sale, South Hills Business School

December 2010

- 1 World AIDS Day (UN)
- 5:45 Board Meeting
- 10 Human Rights Day (UN)
- 15 6:00 Holiday Party (Communications)
Program: **A Plethora of Entertainment**

BIRTHDAYS

November

- 17: ***OUR CLUB***
- 23: Amy Miller
- 30: Gini Tucker

December

- 3: Jill Lillie
- 11: Ginny Eisenstein

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY 2010

To celebrate Make A Difference Day 2010, Altrusa International, Inc. of Centre County partnered with Global Connections, a local non-profit organization whose mission is to foster intercultural community

and understanding. Centre County Altrusans hosted a tea and book discussion for members of Global Connection's Women's Intercultural Book Groups Program. The event, which was held at Foxdale Village from 2-4 pm, provided international women with an opportunity to learn about Altrusa International, Inc and to talk together about their female heroes, or sheroes, both in the US and their native countries. The gathering, which included approximately 35 people, brought together women from China, Turkey, India and Iran and the US. The focus of the discussion was Eleanor Roosevelt, an American shero who was also an Altrusan and a representative to the UN.

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A great big THANK YOU to all for your support in helping this to be a worthwhile and successful project. Your contributions of time, resources and talent is greatly appreciated. Look for a few new faces at the Dinner meeting in November as some of the guests indicated an interest in continuing their involvement with Altrusa.

Team--- Norma, Louise and Ginny



CLAWS FOR A CAUSE.....

On behalf of Altrusa International of Centre County, Member Vicki Wedler presents a \$200 check towards Claws for a Cause, the Black Bear Team of Park Forest Middle School representative, Lynne Mona. As part of the students' effort to give back to the community, the students have undertaken a number of charitable causes including collecting for UNICEF.



VOUCHER

Altrusa International of Centre County,
Inc.
Monthly Voucher

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Member's Name _____
Month of _____ 2010/2011

Other Service Project Donations .. _____
Other Payments _____
Total check/cash _____

Dinner @ \$17.00 _____
Wine @ \$4.00/glass _____
Dues (\$5.00 Minimum) _____
Scholarship Donation _____
Habitat for Humanity Donation _____



THE BUSY BEE By Amy R. Miller

Make A Difference Day

On Saturday October 23, 2010 groups all over the nation performed community service projects in an effort to improve the lives of others. Their efforts were part of Make A Difference Day, an annual event sponsored by USA WEEKEND and HandsOn Network, a business unit of Points of Light Institute. Make A Difference Day, which marks its 20th anniversary this year, was designed to be the largest day of *national* community service.

Altrusa International, Inc, is an international service organization made up of professional women and men who are dedicated to community betterment. Altrusa International, Inc. has clubs throughout the US and in several foreign nations. The primary goals of Altrusans worldwide encompass volunteerism, service, literacy and the fight against AIDS. Since 1946, Altrusa International, Inc has been a nongovernmental organization with membership in the United Nations. For the past 10 years Altrusa clubs have been active participants in Make A Difference Day.

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In addition to making a difference in the international community, Altrusa International, Inc of Centre County will be presenting 3 copies of "Eleanor Roosevelt, A Life of Discovery" to the Centre

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County library during our November business meeting. To learn more about Altrusa, visit their website at <http://www.altrusa.com/> . To learn more about Global Connections, you can visit their office in 427 Boucke Building on the Penn State campus weekdays between 10:00am to 5:00pm. You can also visit their web site at <http://www.global.psu.edu/gc/> .

Memories of the Make A Difference Day Tea



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