



Altrusa Action

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

Dinner: Wednesday, Nov. 16th, 6:00,
Celebration Hall
Menu: Chef's Choice
Program: "Water Scarcity and
Conservation of the Amazon
Rainforest" – Hosted by the Int'l
Relations Committee
Reservations: Please call Phyllis at
355-5477 or email to
cormanpj@aol.com by the
evening of Sunday, Nov 13th.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pasta, pasta, pasta. I am happy to report that the SCASD Continuing Education Pasta Fundraiser netted just under \$3000 this year. Thanks to all of the Altrusans who volunteered time and effort—Marla, Megan, Mildred, and Tammy for spending numerous hours boxing ravioli; Jill and Phyllis (and Gini) for “braving the elements” to distribute the pasta, and Brenda for her efforts in constructing boxes. I am submitting this initiative to International as our 2011 “Make a Difference Day” service project.

We made a strong showing at the Area Workshop in Harrisburg, with 8 of us present—Amy M., Brenda, Gini, Jill, Mildred, Sandi, Sindy, and the star of the show, Phyllis. As District Rebranding Ambassador, Phyllis conducted a great workshop bringing everyone up to speed on Altrusa's rebranding efforts. Amy M. will report on the day at the business meeting.

Please make every effort to be at the upcoming business meeting. As you know the speaker will be Dr. Campbell Plowden talking about water issues and his work in the Amazon. He also will have Peruvian-made items for sale— a holiday shopping opportunity with a global impact... Additionally, as an outcome of the session Tammy led at the September meeting, we all decided inviting a guest this month to hear the speaker would be an excellent way to get others to experience us without having to “pre-sell” the idea of becoming a member. On top of that, thank you very much to the Membership Committee for mailing out over 50 letters, each followed up with a personal phone call, to potential future members. Given all of this, the more members at the dinner the better impression we will make on guests.

Finally, I want to call everyone's attention to the November issue of the International Altrusan article regarding gender violence and International President Dona Garretson's request that each Altrusan support the *16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence* campaign. As Dona says in her opening letter, “This is an international campaign that began in 1991...From November 25th, the International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women, to December 10th, International Human Rights Day, the campaign calls on individuals and groups around the world to take action to end all forms of violence against women and girls.” (continued...)

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Please go to <http://saynotoviolence.org/join-say-no/altrusa-international-inc-support-international-president-dona-m-garretson> and join the over 2 million people who have signed on to show support of this effort.

Thanks,

C3ini

REMINDERS-REMINDERS- REMINDERS

- Bring unscented baby wipes to the Business Meeting for the Park Forest Day Nursery
- Book Club is meeting after the Business Meeting to discuss "Still Alice"
- Laga Bag Sale is the Saturday before Thanksgiving (November 19)
- Bring a guest to the November meeting. And bring money to buy Peruvian gifts!
- December's meeting is a Holiday Feast – come and enjoy an Altrusa Wonderland December 21

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications – Tammy, Chair

The Holidays are almost upon us!!! Come one, come all for a night of fun and good cheer at Celebration Hall. The December business meeting will be replaced by our traditional holiday feast: Prime rib, turkey, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, salad, whoopee pies, and wine. Cost will be \$28 per person. Reservations will be required. Feel free to bring family and friends!

Finance – Phyllis, Chair

End checking balance is \$1,087.71, savings is \$5,003.63 for total available funds of \$6,091.34. Net funds after subtracting allocated funds and Five Alive Fund balance are \$3,816.34.

International Relations – Norma and Ahmed, Co-chairs

No report

Membership – Jill and Sally, Co-chairs

Since we are hoping to have a substantial number of guests and may need to play hostess, we will NOT try to meet before the dinner meeting this month. We will try to meet twice next month since we need to plan the January dinner meeting.

Service – Megan, Chair

-It is time once again to donate items to Park Forest Day Nursery! This month we are collecting baby wipes. NO lotions or scents - just good old wipes.

Altrusa Business Meeting Minutes October 19 2011

Guests: none

Accent: presented by Amy M (communications)
ALTRUSA AND MYSELF (A-3 in yearbook)

Altrusa offers the representative business and professional women of the community an opportunity to touch each other's lives and to be broadened by an interchange of interests, and by a sympathetic consideration of the viewpoints of others. Therefore, I shall try to exemplify Altrusa's ideal of fellowship, of service to other businesswomen, and of self-improvement.

I shall demand of myself a wholesome balance of work and play, a broad interpersonal attitude of mind in my relationship to others and a true loyalty to womanhood.

As an Altrusan, I shall endeavor to develop right attitudes toward work, toward people, toward life.

Positive Notes:

Sindy C: Phyllis received lifetime membership award for chamber of Bellefonte

Megan: her niece is in homecoming court

Brenda: Hockey is now and the team is wearing pink shirts for breast cancer awareness

Lynne: her children in 9th and 10th grade got their progress reports and are doing well. Her son in circus school performed in the New York Columbus day parade

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Approval of September Business Meeting

Minutes: Phyllis moves to approve, Pam seconded. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: checking 1582, savings 5002, We have some outstanding obligations: 275 for Becky and Jill's president books, 175 for new brochures Five Alive Funding: 2000. Total: 4310.
Report will be filed for audit

Correspondence: letter from Park Forest Day Nursery with financial report from last fiscal year. They are doing very well and ended in the positive last year. Altrusa is listed among the donors.

Communications: none

Finance: no report

Membership: they had a meeting. They are going to try really hard to get new faces at the November meeting and are challenging all of us to bring someone to the November meeting.

Service: Pasta sale: please help they need people for the day of pickups. Megan will send out another email. There was an article written by Donna in the Saturday CDT
We are back on track with the Park Forest Day Nursery

International Relations

Campbell Plouden will be talking about the Peruvian rain forest and water scarcity and selling products at the next dinner meeting. There was an article in the newsletter

Old Business:

Attendance report: Brenda reported the results of this survey: asked why we miss meeting; work, personal conflicts or illness are the main reasons we miss. People come because they are presenting, like the speakers or projects and socializing

Area Workshop: 8 of us are planning to go, we will carpool. We need to be there at 10:45 at the back of the capital. Workshop is from 11-4. Commonwealth Avenue behind the capital there is a fountain in the back that we will meet at.

Altrusa book club first meeting is tonight at old New York, we have 5 members, more are welcome to join

New Business:

Laga Hand Bag Sale: a sign-up sheet went around for volunteers. We will be having 2 sales on November 19th. Please help if you can. This is Altrusa's biggest fund raiser of the year.

Announcements:

Gini would like to blow Phyllis' horn for winning the chamber of Bellefonte lifetime award
Pam would like to blow Megan's horn for being on the radio at 6:30 in the morning on the United Way Day of Caring and she sounded wonderful.

Adjournment: 7:00

Program: Developing our Network

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary

~COMING ATTRACTIONS ~

**CENTRE COUNTY ALTRUSA CLUB PROGRAM
FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2011**

The Holidays are almost upon us!!! Come one, come all for a night of fun and good cheer at Celebration Hall. The December business meeting will be replaced by our traditional holiday feast: **Prime rib, turkey, potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, salad, whoopee pies, and wine.** Cost will be \$28 per person. Reservations will be required. Feel free to bring family and friends!

Be a Friend-Bring a Friend

Our membership drive is in full swing and we are depending on each member to invite someone to the November dinner meeting. Make sure you contact Phyllis with all dinner reservations for guests. **Make your reservations by noon on Monday, November 14th.** If you are unable to bring a guest, please go out of your way to welcome any new faces you see at dinner that night. The membership committee will be actively welcoming invitees but depending on numbers, they may need every attending member to help out.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

		December 2011
1		World AIDS Day (UN)
7	5:45	Board Meeting
10		Human Rights Day (UN)
21	6:00	Holiday Party (Communications) Program: <i>Altrusa Wonderland Holiday Party</i>
		January 2012
4	5:45	Board Meeting
18	6:00	Dinner Meeting (Membership) Program: <i>Project Runway, Altrusa Style</i>
27		International Holocaust Remembrance Day (UN)

LAGA SALE – SAVE THE DATE!

We could still use some help on November 19th for our TWO sales that we will be participating in. Help is needed at South Hills Business School in the afternoon between noon and 4:30. Also help is needed at that location on Friday the 18th between 4:30 and 6:00pm for set up.

Help is needed at the CEA One Stop Holiday Shopping at Mt Nittany Middle School in the morning between 8am and noon. Please sign up at the dinner meeting or contact Jill at hmmbird@comcast.net or call 574-3120.



Book Club... Rules!



BOOK IT.....ALTRUSA!



Our book of the month is "Still Alice" and we will meet after the November dinner meeting to discuss it. Any member is welcome to attend. Join us at Olde New York. Last month's discussion was thought-provoking as we analyzed "The Help" but also brought lots of laughs. Try it!

BIRTHDAYS

November

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

December

- 3: Jill Lillie
- 11: Ginny Eisenstein



QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

~ Margaret Mead~

FOUNDATION FACTS

Since its beginning, the Foundation has provided bold leadership with over 10,000 women earning graduate degrees and beginning successful professional and business careers through its two (2) original programs of assistance, the Grants-in-Aid Program and the Founders Fund Vocational Aid Program.

In 1977, Altrusa became the first volunteer service group to adopt literacy as the focus of its community activities. In response, the Altrusa International Foundation incorporated "Action for Literacy" into its philanthropic focus and established the ABC Literacy Grants program. The Foundation has supported the efforts of countless local literacy councils and programs through its literacy awards.

Today, the Foundation faces new challenges. Responding to the rapidly changing needs of communities, the Foundation has adjusted its focus, enabling it to support new areas of service while maintaining its traditional commitments to vocational services and literacy programs.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Altrusa International, Inc. is firmly committed to the ‘Say NO...UNiTE to End Violence Campaign Against Women.’ According to Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations, “My ‘Unite to End Violence against Women’

campaign sparked a global movement to address this pandemic. The social mobilization platform ‘Say NO- UNiTE’ carries this movement forward by raising awareness and striving to inspire people to work for a world free of violence against women and girls. Together, we can reach this goal, which will benefit individuals and societies, creating a better future for all.”

VOUCHER

Altrusa International of Centre County,
Inc.
Monthly Voucher

Member's Name _____

Month of _____ 2011/2012

Dinner @ \$14.00 _____
Wine @ \$4.00/glass..... _____
Dues (\$5.00 Minimum)..... _____
Scholarship Donation..... _____
Habitat for Humanity Donation..... _____
Other Service Project Donations _____
Other Payments _____
Total check/cash _____

Shop Altrusa!

On the following page is an order form for Altrusa merchandise. International would like us to order as a club rather than individually; see what interests you and we can put an order in. There are product pictures and more information online.

Altrusa Merchandise District/Club Order Form***Shipping is included in the prices below.******Orders are pre-paid.**

Seasonal				
Item	Price	Quantity	Sub-Total	Total
Ornament (box included)	\$13			
Holiday Cards (10 cards with envelopes	\$20			
Gift Bags (medium, 10" x 5" x 13") (pkg. of 10)	\$40			
Gift Bags (large, 16" x 6" x 12") (pkg. of 10)	\$45			
Convention Charm #1 (Kansas City '79)*	\$20			
Convention Charm #2 (Vancouver '81)	\$15			
Convention Charm #3 (Atlanta '83)	\$15			
Convention Charm #4 (Boston '85)	\$15			
Convention Charm #5 (Palm Desert '87)	\$15			
Convention Charm #6 (Dublin '89)*	\$20			
Convention Charm #7 (Christchurch '95)	\$15			
Convention Charm #8 (Albuquerque '97)*	\$15			
Convention Charm #9 (Orlando '07)*	\$20			
Convention Charm #10 (Rapid City)	\$15			
Biennium Charm #1 (Human Needs '79-'81)*	\$20			
Biennium Charm #2 (Network for Commitment '83-'85)	\$15			
Biennium Charm #3 (Unity through Service '85-'87)*	\$20			
Biennium Charm #4 (Embrace the World '87-'89)*	\$20			
Biennium Charm #5 (Grow in Service Together '91-'93)	\$15			
Biennium Charm #6 (Service is Love in any Language '93-'95)	\$15			
Sub-Total/Total				

Promotional				
Item	Price	Quantity	Sub-Total	Total
Altrusa Lapel Pins	\$10			
Polo Shirts (minimum order of 10)	\$25			
Ink Pens (bag of 50)	\$80			
Rubber Wristbands (bag of 25)	\$40			
Coffee Mugs (dozen)	\$72			
Travel Mugs (6)	\$78			
Tote Bags (dozen)	\$72			
Luggage Tags (dozen)	\$72			
Sub-Total/Total				

Printing				
Item	Price	Quantity	Sub-Total	Total
Letterhead (General) per 100	\$25			
Envelopes (General) per 50	\$25			
Brochures (General) per 100	\$25			
Rack Cards	Free download			
Note Cards with Envelopes per 50	\$25			
Sub-Total/Total				
TOTAL				

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**Altrusa International, Inc. of Centre County
Treasurer's Report – November 2011**

544	9/27/2011	Postmaster	\$ 46.00		\$1,641.67	Postmaster – PO Box Rent
	9/30/2011	Deposit		\$ 0.14	\$1,641.81	Interest @ .10%
545	10/4/2011	Moerschbacher Enterprises	\$ 280.00		\$1,361.81	Invoice #25771
546	10/4/2011	Centre County UNA	\$ 110.00		\$1,251.81	UNA Dinner 2 Res.1Studen
547	10/4/2011	BWF/UNA-USA	\$ 40.00		\$1,211.81	Annual Membership
	10/5/2011	Deposit		\$371.00	\$1,582.81	Aug&Sept Dinners; Dues, e
548	10/5/2011	PFMS – Bear Team	\$ 250.00		\$1,332.81	Middle School Support for I
549	10/6/2011	Phyllis Corman	\$ 285.60		\$1,047.21	Reimbursement for Pres. P
	10/20/2011	Deposit		\$294.00	\$1,341.21	Oct Dinners, Dues, etc.
550	11/2/2011	Moerschbacher Enterprises	\$ 253.50		\$1,087.71	Invoice #25965

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Balance 9/30/11

Add Deposits	10/5/2011	\$ 371.00
	10/20/2011	\$ 294.00

Available Funds

Less Outstanding Checks	544	\$46.00
	545	\$280.00
	546	\$110.00
	547	\$40.00
	548	\$250.00
	549	\$285.60
	550	\$253.50

Total Outstanding Checks \$1,265.10

End Checking Balance \$1,087.71

Add Savings \$5,003.63

Total Available Funds \$6,091.34

Less Allocated Funds \$ 275.00

Less Five Alive Fund Balance \$ 2,000.00

Net Funds \$ 3,816.34

Outstanding Obligations

\$1,687.81	Two President's Books	\$100.00
	New Brochures	\$175.00
\$ 665.00	Total Allocated Funds	\$275.00

\$2,352.81

Five Alive Fund Balance \$ 2,000.00

No transactions October



THE BUSY BEE By Amy R. Miller

OCTOBER 22, 2011 – AREA 1 WORKSHOP, HARRISBURG PA



Everyone but Sandi – did she take the picture??



Workshop attendees at their tables



Phyllis sets us all straight!

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SCENES FROM THE CAPITAL

As part of the Area workshop on October 22, we were given a tour of the Capitol Building. Here are a few of the pics I took of this beautiful and historic building. Enjoy !!



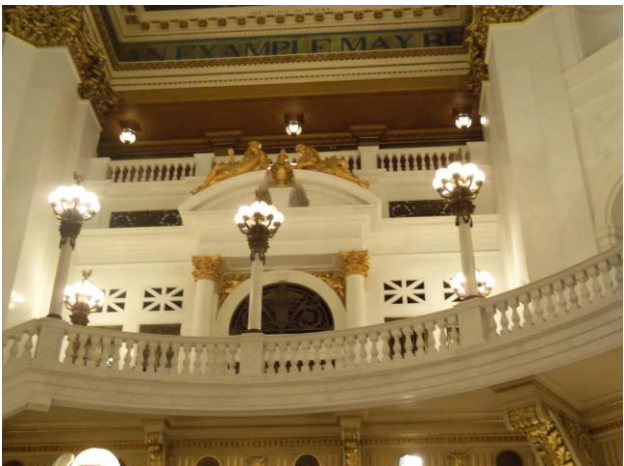
Outside the Capitol



The Fountain was pink for Breast Cancer Awareness



The inside of the dome



Some of the amazing gold work in the Rotunda

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