



October Meeting

Details:

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 6:00 p.m.,
Celebration Hall, \$14.00

Menu:

Roast turkey, top round of beef

Reservations:

Contact Barb (814-238-8882 or
brk@psu.edu) by Sunday eve-
ning, Oct. 14 to make a reserva-
tion, or cancel a standing reser-
vation.

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A Message from the President

Hey!—that’s how you say “hi” in Delaware, which is where I am right now. Who would have guessed that it would be 90 degrees at the beach in mid-October? I am sure that fall really is just around the corner.

As Altrusans, we have an active month to kick off the fall season.

Remember to attend our Business meeting on Oct. 16 as we welcome our esteemed District Two Governor Silvia Silverman. She is a dynamic woman and a devoted Altrusan. Let’s show

off the unique and creative group that makes up our chapter!

Also, don't forget to join us at the UNA/USA dinner on Oct. 28 as we welcome Audrey Braver. Her talks are always insightful and interesting, and I am sure she will be excited to see such a dedicated following of Altrusans. (See page 6 for the details.)

Looking forward to seeing you.

Yours in service,

Becky Schroppe

President

Calendar Reminders

- **Oct. 17—Business Meeting.** Bring washable markers to support Park Forest Day Care (Service Committee report, pg. 2)
- **Oct. 20—Make a Difference Day—CC Historical Museum & Library** (Service Committee Report, pg 2)
- **Oct. 20—Craft Night**
- **Oct. 24- New Member Reception**
- **Oct 25- Trick or Treat for Unicef** (Contact Jill Lillie.)
- **Oct 25- Claws for a Cause** (Contact Tammy Gentzel.)
- **Oct. 28- United Nations Day Celebration Dinner** (contact Mildred Meder, see page 6 for details.)
- **Nov. 10—Area 1 Workshop** (Co-hosted by the Harrisburg & Reading clubs. More details to come.)
- **April 12, 2008—Bus trip to UN.**

Committee Reports

Committee work is the core of the Centre County Altrusa Club. Each member should actively participate on at least one of the following committees: Communications, Grants, Service, Membership, Finance, or International Relations. The committees below submitted a report this month:

Membership Committee Report

Still working on plans for **October Tea Scheduled for October 24**. To date, we haven't received ANY recommendations for new members.

Please forward your thoughts, with contact information, to **Gini Tucker**, V2F@psu.edu or 466-3167. We realize retention has been an issue and are working on a proposal to be presented to the Board.

Submitted by: **Tammy Gentzel, Ginny Mulhatten**—
Communications Committee Co-Chairs

Service Committee Report

Make a Difference Day will be celebrated by the Altrusa Club of Centre County on October 20, 2007. In recognition of the day, we will be assisting the Centre County Historical Museum and Library by doing a hands-on project of dusting and cleaning the bookshelves in the Library. Altrusans are to meet at the library on Allegheny Street at 9:15 a.m.

Bring your buckets, cleaning rags, cleaner, and feather dusters!!! We just need your elbow grease!! Twelve Altrusans already signed up at the last meeting and you will be able to add your name to the work force at the next meeting.

The schedule for the day will be to clean in the morning and with enough workers we should be able to complete the task by noon. Those who wish to stay after our work is done will go to the Diamond Deli in beautiful downtown Bellefonte for lunch, and then we will be taken on a guided tour of the Museum in the afternoon.

Service Committee Report (cont.)

This year we will also be supporting the Park Forest Day Care by bring designated art supplies to meetings. The items such as washable markers, scotch tape, glue sticks, play dough, etc. will be donated to the Day Care to assist in working with the children.

Watch the newsletter for the "Item of the Month". **In October, we are asking members to donate "washable" markers.** So when you go to the store over this month, pick up a pack or two to assist this worthwhile agency!!

Service Committee members will meet regularly at 5:30 prior to our dinner meetings. However, this month, we will meet after the dinner meeting due to the Governor's visit. Please plan to stay for a few minutes after the meeting.

Submitted by **Phyllis Corman**, Service Committee, Co-Chair

Finance Report (as of 09/30/07)

Checking Account	\$2,169.33
Savings	\$7,929.50
Nittany Bank Total	\$10,098.83
Plus: Deposit	\$1,056.00
Less: Outstanding Checks	\$1,135.25
Moerschbacher	\$713.70
Benjamin's Catering	\$404.56
Kathy Mowery	\$16.99
Check Book	\$2,090.08
Savings	\$7,929.50
Total	\$10,019.58
Savings	\$7,929.50
Less: Service Projects	-\$1,555.00
Claws for Cause	-\$500.00
Mystery Night 2008	-\$500.00
	\$5,374.50

Business Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2007

Altrusa Accent:

Responsibilities of Membership—A member who freely shares knowledge, experience, and talent in Altrusa finds the dimensions of life richly expanded. The rewards of Altrusa membership are derived from the open acceptance and practice of the following member responsibilities.

The first of Altrusa's Responsibilities of Membership is that each member expect the most from membership by making a firm commitment to it.

Minutes: Moved to accept as presented by Barb Kautz, second by June Krumrine. Accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Still waiting for funds from August picnic. July check to Hoag's catering hasn't cleared. A trace has been put on it.

Correspondence:

- ♦ Thank you from Clearwater Conservancy and the AIDS Project for Mystery Night Grant award.
- ♦ Invitation from Sight Loss Support Group to attend 25th anniversary celebration October 18, at Toftrees.

Communications: New yearbook fillers are out. Please pick yours out. We had some production problems, so if your picture is missing we apologize and will do better next year.

Finance Committee:

- ♦ Several members have not paid their dues. Please, those who haven't paid, do so. Your dues are necessary for the club to meet budget!

- ♦ 50\50 raffle was won by Mildred Meder. Centerpieces were won by Becky, Mildred, Micky, Terri, and Phyllis.

Membership Committee: Annual Recruitment reception, October 24, Vicki's House. Please submit ideas for recruitment to Gini Tucker at V2F@psu.edu. If you are stuck for new member contacts, please see Nancy Desmond who has compiled a list of graduates from Leadership Centre County. If you know someone on the list, please contact them and invite them to the event (and of course let Gini know you have done so).

Service:

- ♦ Oct. 4 Centre County United Way Day of Caring, Clean Up Walnut Spring Park. Contact Ann McGlaughlin (Editor's note: Clean up was cancelled, please join us for Make a Difference Day, details below.)
- ♦ **Make A Difference Day:** Scheduled for October 27, but that's a PSU home football weekend. So, our "make up" date, **October 20th**, Centre County Library, to help clean the library shelves.
- ♦ **Claws for a Cause** hands on service scheduled for Thursday, **October 25**. **Altrusa is still looking for sites for those students who will perform service in groups of eight to ten with adult supervision.** Please contact Tammy Gentzel at Tam-gentzel2@cs.com or 814-272-1542 if you are a member of an organization or know of one that could use some free and enthusiastic help! In the past, groups have, to name a few, painted, cleaned, posted flyers, read to children, worked with animals at PAWS, sorted garbage at the Recycling Center and priced furniture at Centre Peace.
- ♦ Jill Lillie coordinating **Trick or Treat for UNICEF**. on **Oct 25**. Phyllis is speaking to the school.
- ♦ UNICEF from year's past: **Lynn Myers has Pocket displays that were used at UNICEF card sale sites that she would appreciate a member or members**

International Committee:

- ◆ A hand out was placed at each table regarding International Literacy Day. The centerpiece at each table focused on literacy.
- ◆ The committee has decided that rather than creating a whole new effort to address international needs in Centre County, they will look at becoming more involved in UNA\USA Council of Organizations and\or Global Connections.

Positive Notes (Getting to Know Each Other):

- ◆ **Micki Pharo** is a 50-year member of the AAUW AND she today's date (Sept. 19) coincides with her 49th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Micki!
- ◆ **Doris Conner's** daughter is in kindergarten and doing very well. Her 7-year wedding anniversary was celebrated on Saturday.
- ◆ **Norma Keller** reported **Louise Hess** has had her second successful knee replacement surgery and is at home recuperating.
- ◆ **Barb Kautz** reported that **Roberta Strebel** (former Altrusa member) has been named Executive Director of Nittany Valley Symphony.
- ◆ **Phyllis Corman** reported that she and **Sindy Butler** are going to Hilton Head in a day and a half for a solid round of golf!
- ◆ **Becky Schrope's** 11-month-old granddaughter is walking and making her parents crazy (Becky is enjoying the "payback" time).



Announcements and Dates

- ◆ **September 21st**—International Peace Day
- ◆ **Monday, October 24**—Craft Night
- ◆ **Sunday, October 28**—UNA\USA Dinner.

Mildred: Altrusa's representative to the UN, Audrey Braver, attends briefings at the UN three mornings a week and will speak about her experiences as a non-governmental organization (NGO) representative and the UN Millennium Goal of combating HIV\AIDS, Malaria, and other infectious diseases.

- ◆ Audrey reports that there is a free women's self defense clinic being held at Victory Sports starting **October 1**, Monday and Friday, 6:30 to 7:30 for eight weeks.

Program: Global Connection—Eva Letwin, Programs Coordinator and Polly Dunn, President of the Board and Coordinator of the International Friendship Program.

Minutes submitted by Tammy Gentzel.

Please note a change of e-mail address for Ellie Beaver.

E-mail should now be sent to eandjbeaver@atlanticbb.net.



Board Meeting Minutes September 4, 2007

Present: Becky Schrope, Jill Lillie, Mildred Meder, Charlotte Zmyslo, Phyllis Corman, Sindy Butler, Amy Miller, Tillie Convery, Gini Tucker

Treasurer's Report: none

Approval of August board Meeting Minutes: The minutes were approved with no corrections.

Correspondence: There were two letters: The first, addressed to Becky, was a thank-you from the Clearwater Conservatory for the grant. The second letter was a thank you to Phyllis Corman and the Service Committee from the Second Mile for their help with lunches.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Reported that we made \$252 at the silent auction.

Membership: Reported that they are disappointed about the picnic. They felt that it was poorly attended and that because of the way the tables were arranged that there were many small groups and not much general interaction. They also felt that the food was sub par and that the pot lucks in the past were better. In general they felt that the event did not encourage members both long time and newer to come back. They would like to come up with ways to make it better and will take their concerns back to the committee chair for discussion.

October 24th will be a reception for new members. They are going to use the \$252 from the silent auction to provide the food.

Concerns were raised about keeping members and gaining new ones. At the monthly dinner meetings we really are not given a lot of time to get to know one another and they feel that new members might not feel comfortable or make connections. They want the board to address this and try to work on this. They feel that having the buffet dinner has helped because people will talk in

line. Positive Notes are also a good thing because they help us to learn about what is going on in members' lives. Craft nights are also good. The next Craft Night will be **October 22nd**.

Things to consider are: Should we have some kind of icebreaker activities before our program starts? Tables are set for 6. Should we give each table a question to ask and find out about each other? Do we want to have a question that people ask each other while they are standing in the buffet line? Members are also encouraged to linger after the dinner meetings and talk to new members to get them involved.

Service Committee: Day of Caring (Oct 4th): The Park Forest Bear Team needs us to provide sites for them to do work. There will be about 120 kids and they will be in groups of 8-12, preferably 8. The sites should be downtown and close together because of transportation needs. Tammy Gentzel is willing to be the point person on this because she has done it before and also because she has connections.

October 25th is the Trick or Treat for Unicef. Jill Lillie is willing to help with this. They want the school to do a service project and also would like someone from Altrusa to speak to the whole school about service. Recommended that Phyllis Corman as the chair of the Service Committee should do this.

To reward the students for their work, they throw a party and have T-Shirts made. Last year it cost them \$2000. We would like to contribute something to them as a thank-you for their hard work. The board needs to decide how much we would like to contribute. They do not believe that we budgeted anything. We could take some from the Mystery Night Dispersal. The policy does not state specifically making contributions for this event. Becky will check past minutes to clarify this. It was noted that 20% of the Mystery Night proceeds are set aside for ongoing projects. club membership.

Board Meeting Minutes (cont)

Service Committee: (cont.) After much discussion, the board is recommending that we donate \$400 towards the party and that we would also like to give a couple of gift certificates as prizes. We will pass a hat at the September dinner meeting to try to raise \$100 for the gift certificates and will make up the balance from Mystery Night money if we need to.

International Relations: There was no committee meeting. They did meet with the folks from Global Connections on a Saturday at Perkins, but there was only 1 Altrusan there who was not a committee member. There is going to be a brown bag lunch in Boucke Building on September 14th to try again.

They also have received a letter from Sierra Leone thanking us for what we have sent already and to keep sending hairdressing, tailoring, and sewing machine supplies to them.

Old Business: We still have not found a co-chair for the membership committee. Tammy Gentzel is filling in for now. They have asked Karen Mrsa but she can't due to other commitments. Joyce Keough is another possibility that has been mentioned, but as of now the search for a co-chair continues.

New Business

Announcements: September 21st is the International Day of Peace. Everyone is reminded to have a moment of silence at noon

From October 28th -30th there will be several things related to UNA-USA going on. Audrey Braver will be here and we would like as many board members as possible to go to the dinner with her and other UNA-USA members from Centre County Organizations on **October 29th**. The dinner will be at Duffy's Tavern around 6pm. Audrey will talk to us about what she does while she is at the UN 3 days a week.

There is also a United Nations Day Celebration Dinner

on October 28th. Audrey Braver will be speaking about MDG # 6 which is infectious diseases including Malaria. Last year we sponsored a student (Ahmed) to go to the dinner and would like to do so again. The cost is \$30. Becky said there is money in the budget for this. Tillie made the motion to send a student. Charlotte seconded it.

We are going to have the January Board meeting will be the 8th rather than the 1st because of the Holiday.

The District Service Bulletin will be going out soon. We are going to include Mystery Night, Claws for a Cause and UNA-USA. Other things should be submitted to Becky by September 16.

Adjournment: 6:40 pm

Minutes submitted by Becky Schrope.

Special Date of Note:

Submitted by Mildred Medar

On Sunday, October 28th our very own UN Representative, Audrey Braver, will be in Centre County to speak at the UNA/USA of Centre County United Nations Day dinner. Not only is Altrusa International Inc. a Non Government Organization UN member, but our chapter is a member of the local UNA/USA chapter.

The dinner will be held at the Ramada Inn with a social hour from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$30.00. For reservation information call Mildred Meder.

This year, we are exploring Millennium Goal #6: Combating HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases. The evening should be interesting as well as entertaining.

Birthdays



OCTOBER

- 3 Jean Gerber
- 7 Charlotte Zmyslo
- 8 Barbara Kautz
- 12 Karen Mrsa
- 14 Cheryl Bohn
- 20 June Krumrine
- 21 Sindy Butler

NOVEMBER

- 2 Roberta Strebel
- 8 Pam Francis
- 9 Karen Blair
- 17 ****OUR CLUB****
- 23 Amy Miller
- 30 Gini Tucker



Busy Bee

This column is an expansion of our Positive Notes so that we can learn a bit more about the good things going on in the lives of Altrusans.

Since August was the picnic we did not have positive notes for the last newsletter. I thought I would take this opportunity to reflect on some of the things I have seen since I became a member in January. As a new member, I am still learning exactly what we do and who all of you are. Each month I am amazed to learn about all the different activities that members are involved in and the all the different roles that each one of us plays. It is truly amazing to sit in a room with you and feel the energy and hear about your latest projects.

To me, being a busy bee comes naturally. I always try to help whenever and wherever I can. From what I have seen, being busy bees and helping in the community is part of what makes Altrusans great. Take for example all the things that are going on with Altrusa in the month of October. We are encouraging community service in our youth with the Claws for a Cause campaign. We are continuing to help people overseas by taking donations for Sierra Leone. We are making crafts for the holidays. We are helping to clean and organize at the Bellefonte Library on Make a Difference Day. We are participating in the UNA/ USA dinner and welcoming our UN representative Audrey Braver to our community. We are also encouraging new people to become part of Altrusa. **WOW**, we should all be proud of the great things we are doing with Altrusa. Not to mention all the things that we do every day in our jobs, with our families, or just for fun. Now that's what I call being busy bees. Take this time to congratulate yourselves for all the great things you do, and keep on buzzing.

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