



# Altrusa Action

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

**Dinner:** Wednesday, October 20, 6:00, Celebration Hall  
**Menu:** Roast Turkey or Smoked Ham  
**Program:** **CHANGE:** "Beza Kids," hosted by the Int'l Relations Committee  
**Reservations:** Please call to make a reservation –Call Barb (238-8882) or email her at [bkfoxbark69@gmail.com](mailto:bkfoxbark69@gmail.com) by the evening of Sunday, October 17th.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Altrusans-

October is a challenge. While I love the fall leaves and brisk autumn air, October never fails to feel like the busiest month of the year. So what does October hold for our club?

This year the District One Workshop is a trip to the United Nations. On October 16<sup>th</sup> a small number of club members are traveling to NYC to see the UN and mingle with other clubs. Additionally, club members have been busy helping out with both assembling boxes and packaging pasta for the pasta sale benefiting Community Education. Remember that sale is coming up October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our club is involved with Make A Difference Day this year on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The International Relations Committee took the lead and our project is a tea at Foxdale Village for incoming members of the international community who participate in Global Connections reading group. We will present a book about Eleanor Roosevelt to each international in attendance. Club members will have a chance to welcome and chat with new international students and spouses. Contact Norma Keller, Ginny Mulhatten or Louise Hess if you are able to attend. I believe donations are still being accepted to pay for the books.

The next evening, Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup> is the UN-UNA dinner at the Ramada Inn celebrating United Nations Day. The keynote speaker for this event is Dr. Mary Burke, founder of the "Project to End Human Trafficking". The dinner starts at 5:30. Learn how each one of us can make a difference.

Each member should be selling raffle tickets for the Laga handbag raffle. Every member was given 10 tickets to sell. **Remember that we need to sell as many tickets as possible to be able to fund ongoing and new projects.** Think co-workers, fellow sports Moms, church groups, and family members. I have more tickets if anyone needs them. All tickets and proceeds should be turned in at the October dinner meeting OR you are responsible for getting that money and ticket stubs to me before the end of October. The drawing begins on November 1<sup>st</sup> so we must have everything turned in before then.

I missed all of you in September but I absolutely fell in love with Alaska! I hope to see you at the October dinner meeting or at one of the many activities we have scheduled in October. It IS a busy month!

Warmly,  
Jill

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

The 2010-2011 yearbook will be available for pick up at the business meeting on October 20. If you will not be at the meeting and another member could pick yours up and deliver it to you, please arrange for that to happen!

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

The International Relations Committee is delighted to host the upcoming "Make a Difference Day" event, being held in the Meeting Room of Foxdale Village on Saturday, October 23 from 2 to 4 pm. A number of Altrusans have signed up to attend this activity but we surely have room for more. Internationals referred by Global Connections are looking forward to the program presented by Altrusans and as part of Make a Difference Day, each of them will each receive a remarkable and inspiring book on the life of Eleanor Roosevelt.

In a recent meeting, members of the International Relations Committee decided to allocate their funds in the following way: 1) \$500 for the tuition of 3 Nicaraguan boy, making it possible for them to attend a school for the deaf; 2) \$200 to support the ti-dying business of women in Sierra Leone; 3) \$60 to support the attendance of two international students at the UN Day dinner celebration; 4) \$50 to address food needs of victims of human trafficking served by the Pittsburgh-based "Project to End Human Trafficking;" Up to \$75 to the expense associated with holding "Make a Difference Day," and \$ 100 to the support the outstanding work of the Bear Team of Park Forest Middle School; these funds will make it possible for them to have a skating party following their track or treat activities for UNICEF. A very small amount

of remaining dollars will be allocated later in the fiscal year.

**Membership** – Sally, Chair

No report

**Service** – Gini, Chair

No report

### **Business Meeting Minutes September 15, 2010**

**Guests: Denise B.** – Community Action in Bellefonte, brought by Sandi C  
**Donna R and Bill K.** – here to talk about pasta sale

**Accent:** none

#### **Positive Notes:**

**Louise H:** has an incredibly beautiful great-grandson who is 3 weeks old. She has pics of herself holding him. Born on his older brother's birthday. His older brother is ten.

**Pam R:** had someone trying to break into her house this am. Called 911 who was wonderful and calmed her down. Police were there in 2 seconds. She was pleased great response and they got the person who was a lost drunken student.

**Ginny E:** trip to UN on the 16<sup>th</sup> seems to be coming together and please come.

**Brenda R:** State High hockey season has begun. She has raffle tickets to support a team bus for away games. Tickets are expensive but there are good prizes.

**Jill L:** She recently joined the Jade family CSA (Cooperative sustainable agriculture) and is loving the new veggies she is getting.

#### **Approval of minutes from July Business Meeting:**

Phyllis moves to approve. Mildred seconded. All voted in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** as of end of August we have 1944.74.in checking and 4994.81 in

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savings. We also have our Laga bag tickets to sell. If we sell them all we could net \$2000 for Altrusa.

**Correspondence:** none

**Communications:** we do not have a yearbook to distribute but has sent out a Pdf version. Let Tammy know if you need a printed copy.

**Finance:** no report

**Membership:** we are having orientation tonight and initiation in October.

**Service:** there will be info about service projects in the newsletter, even if we aren't doing them as a club. There is a pen pal project and a mural on Allen Street that they need help painting. Info will be sent via email. Cleaning dirty books on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> at Centre County Library in Bellefonte starting at 9 am. Bring your own buckets and rags.

**International Relations:** met at 5:30 tonight. They are looking at allocation of funds for this year. They would like to continue supporting the boys in Nicaragua; want to allocate 200 for Sierra Leone. Their committee is underwriting the make a difference day project. It should cost \$75 for tea, drinks, etc. They also want to support two students to go to UNA/USA dinner on Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. Also want \$50 to go to a project in Pittsburgh and may take the rest for Unicef. They have had numerous emails about earthquake in Christ church, no Altrusa tragedies, but we may want to see if Altrusa International will do something to help there.

**Old Business:**

**Laga raffle ticket:** bring stubs and proceeds to October meeting or get in touch with Phyllis.

**Make a difference day:** we are working with global connections to distribute a book to incoming students. We are going to have a welcoming tea on October 23 from 2-4 at Foxdale Village. Our book is Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery. Eleanor Roosevelt was an Altrusan. We are hoping to get donations from the club to cover the cost of the books. We are

looking for volunteers to come. Please sign up and they will contact members via email.

**Pasta Sale:** supports the community education literacy endowment for the State College Area School District. There will be other times to volunteer other than the day of the sales. They need people to help package the pasta, to call people the night before the orders are ready and to help with the distribution.

**New Business:**

**Area 1 workshop:** since Altrusa is a nongovernmental organization in the UN, we decided to have our workshop at the UN with the New York club providing activities. We are sponsoring a bus trip from Centre County to the UN where we will have lunch and a tour and then have dinner with the New York and New Jersey clubs. Fee for tour is \$16, fee for bus is \$55. We need members to attend and also members to provide housing for people from other clubs for the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Blow Someone's Horn:** Brenda's birthday is Saturday and she will be 50

**Adjournment:** 7:30

**Program:** Orientation by membership.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**October 2010**

6	5:45	Board Meeting
16		U.N. Trip
16		World Food Day
20	6:00	Dinner Meeting (International Relations) Program: CHANGE: "Beza Kids"
23		Make A Difference Day
24		United Nations Day
	5:30	UNA/USA Dinner, Ramada Inn Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mary Burke, "Human Rights and Responsibility: The Issue of Modern Slavery"

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28 Literacy Fundraiser—Pasta Pick Up  
11am—6pm Boalsburg Military  
Museum

**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**

20 Laga Handbag Sale, South Hills  
Business School

founded organization is dedicated to educating 800 orphaned children in Rwanda. The Penn State students will tell the story of the kids, how they got personally involved, and their plans to make a difference in the lives of the 800 “beza” (beautiful) children. They are very excited to have this opportunity to meet with Altrusans.



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY TEA  
OCTOBER 23, 2010  
FOXDALE VILLAGE  
2:00PM**

The planning for our Make a Difference Day Tea continues and to date we have 15 Book Club respondents and 13 Altrusans that will be participating. Copies of “**Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery**” have been ordered and book plates have been printed. (Ginny’s learning curve has another blip on it). We have collected \$130 to cover the costs of materials but could use a bit more if anyone feels so inclined. You can send your contribution by mail to:

Phyllis Corman  
2189 Zion Road  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

...or bring to the dinner meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Program for the afternoon will be as follows:

- OPENING WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
- TEA & TREATS
- ALTRUSA – WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO
- LITERACY PROJECTS
- INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
- GLOBAL CONNECTIONS PROGRAMS
- INTERCULTURAL WOMEN’S BOOK GROUP
- “ELEANOR ROOSEVELT – AN AMERICAN SHERO”
- “SHEROES FROM AROUND THE WORLD”
- PRESENTATION OF BOOKS

**BIRTHDAYS**

**October**

7: Charlotte Zmyslo  
8: Barbara Kautz  
12: Karen Mrsa  
20: June Krumrine  
21: Sindy Butler

**November**

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

**CHANGE\_CHANGE\_CHANGE\_CHANGE**

**OCTOBER DINNER PROGRAM.....**

As you know, Dr. Lee Ann De Reus was scheduled to provide an update on her summer work in the Democratic Republic of Congo; however, she has been asked to make a special presentation at an international meeting being held in Harlem this coming week and cannot be with us. However, with her help, we have developed an outstanding alternative program.

Our October program will be presented by Mary Leverknight, Haylee Passmore and Jo Elle Reilly, three Penn State Altoona students who co-founded a non-profit organization called “Beza Kids.” This newly

We hope to have the names of the participants later this week and are still in need of someone to print the name tags (Let's not challenge Ginny too much). Ginny has the paper if anyone will come forward and volunteer to print the names.

The Altrusans who have volunteered to participate are M. Meder, J. Krumrine, M. Evans, B. Ruby, G. Tucker, S. Craig, A. Miller, & B. Kautz. Hopefully A. Banya, P. Corman, P. Ruest, & T. McElwain will also be able to join Team Norma, Louise and Ginny. Thanks to all of you for your contribution of time and resources.

Team NLG will be meeting prior to the Dinner meeting and will have more details to announce at that time.



## Laga Handbags – News



First of all, I need to share the unhappy news that we are no longer the exclusive Laga carrier in Centre County. Louise van Broekhuizen had agreed to allow us exclusive rights to be the only Laga Handbag consultant in the area. Unfortunately she recently appointed someone in Bellefonte without realizing it was in Centre County. When I called her she apologized up and down but there is no way to change it now- the cat is out of the bag. So, this may or may not have some impact on our sales. Most craft or quilt shows invite return vendors first before opening it up to new vendors. My thought is that we need to get our name in first for as many shows as possible. Please let me know of any upcoming shows you are aware of. The other consultant has already committed to the Childbirth Education Holiday Show and she was apparently at Aaronsburg Fall Festival. That said, we have a show at South Hills Business School on **Saturday November 20th from 9am to 4pm**. This holiday show should be a great venue for us. I will be passing around a signup sheet at the October dinner meeting to help out and take on a 2-hour shift. Times will be Friday evening 4-6pm (setup); Saturday 9am to 11am; 11am to 1pm; 1pm to 3pm; and 3pm to 5pm (teardown). Please contact Jill (hmmbird@comcast.net or 574-3120) if you can help but won't be attending the October dinner meeting.

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### VOUCHER

Altrusa International of Centre County,  
Inc.  
Monthly Voucher

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Month of \_\_\_\_\_ 2010/2011

Dinner @ \$17.00.....  
Wine @ \$4.00/glass.....  
Dues (\$5.00 Minimum).....  
Scholarship Donation.....  
Habitat for Humanity Donation ....  
Other Service Project Donations ..  
Other Payments.....  
Total check/cash.....

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