



# Altrusa Action

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

**Dinner:** Wednesday, Oct. 19th,  
6:00, Celebration Hall  
**Menu:** Chef's Choice  
**Program:** "Developing Our  
Network" - Hosted by the  
Communications Committee  
**Reservations:** Please call Phyllis  
at 355-5477 or email to  
[cormanpj@aol.com](mailto:cormanpj@aol.com) by the  
evening of Sunday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Okay, fellow Altrusans, here's the scoop. I am towards the tail end of my first full day on my trip to national parks. I currently, actually, am sitting in Rapid City, SD! I always had a tendency to arrive late for important events. However, while I am late for the international convention, I can not find any remnants of the "What happens in Rapid City, stays in Rapid City" occurrences.... Guess you're all safe.....

I do not know what it says about me that while I am looking at Mt. Rushmore I suddenly remember I forgot to write this piece, but I will take it as a display of the positive role you play in my life. Okay, that probably sounds sappy but what can I say.....besides, because of where I am this is going to be short!

Most importantly, let's remember how eventful October is for us and be sure to mark our calendars. First is the Area Workshop in Harrisburg on October 22. The UNA/USA dinner on October 23 and the Pasta sale on October 27 (plus the other times Megan has announced). The more people we get involved in each of these the more fun we will have, so join us!

Keeping to my promise of this being short, I'm going to sign off. Wish you all were here with me!

See you at the business meeting!

Gini

P.S. Yes, I realize when Jill was travelling she sent a picture for the column but I am not yet technologically advanced enough to be able to do that.....

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### REMINDERS-REMINDERS- REMINDERS

- Bring boxes of facial tissues to the Business Meeting
- If you haven't already, sign up to help with the Pasta Sale
- Area I Workshop October 22
- UNA Dinner October 23
- Book Club is meeting after the Business Meeting
- Laga Bag Sale is the Saturday before Thanksgiving (November 19)
- Bring a guest to the November meeting. And bring money to buy Peruvian gifts!

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **Communications** – Tammy, Chair

No report

#### **Finance** – Phyllis, Chair

No report

#### **International Relations** – Norma and

Ahmed, Co-chairs

No report

#### **Membership** – Jill and Sally, Co-chairs

The membership committee will meet Wednesday October 19th at 7:30am at the Waffle Shop on West College Avenue.

#### **Service** – Megan, Chair

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

#### **Altrusa Business Meeting Minutes September 22, 2011**

**Guests:** none

**Accent:** presented by Phyllis: The Area 1 workshop will be held in Harrisburg on October

22. We need to be there by 10:45 am. We will be talking about rebranding and getting a tour of the Capitol Building. Cost will be \$20 and will include lunch. Email invites have been sent to our president and will be forwarded to the club. Money will be due October 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Positive Notes:**

**Norma K:** gets to see Barb K at Foxdale all the time. She is happy to see how well she looks.

**Sandi C:** congratulating Phyllis for her Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award that she won at Convention

**Phyllis C:** wants to say thank you to everyone for their kind words in the application for the Humanitarian award and for spreading the word about Altrusa. She is grateful for our love and support

**Micki P:** she and Larry celebrated their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on Monday

**Sally R:** hired 8 new employees and her chickens are laying eggs

**June K:** finally found someone to cane 2 chairs for her

**Vicki W:** is realizing that Marcellus Shale has good loan programs to help people out

**Gini T:** last Monday she had her official retirement party. They invited some of the old timers so it was a great reunion and a lot of fun.

#### **Approval of July Business Meeting Minutes:**

Brenda moves to approve, June seconded. Motion passed

**Treasurer's Report:** We have some outstanding obligations: Becky and Jill's president books, Five Alive Funding: 2000. Total: 4413.45. Report will be filed for audit

**Correspondence:** We had 3 items: post office box fee, a membership renewal for UNA and a newsletter from CVIM

**Communications:** yearbook was sent out by email to everyone

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**Finance:** no report

**Membership:** they had a meeting. One idea is to take the community achievers from the paper and send them a recognition/ congratulations email. We also want to reconnect with women who dropped out of Altrusa over the last few years. Bring them to the November Dinner Meeting.

**Service:** Pasta sale is happening from now until October 20. When we get details about volunteering to help pack/ hand out the pasta, an email will be sent to members. We are back on track with the Park Forest Day Nursery

**International Relations:** they are gearing up for UNA USA dinner on OCT 23. The focus is safe drinking water. There will be a great speaker and there will be some good events. We did not have the resources to do a literacy project for make a difference day this year. This is October 22—the same day as the workshop. We had a great one last year. Please keep your thinking caps on for next year.

**Old Business:**

**Convention report:** overall it was awesome. There were some changes to the bylaws – including eliminating the classes and genders. They had some great workshops and Phyllis receiving her award was great

**New Business:**

**Fall Workshop:** this is being held in Harrisburg on October 22. (see Accent)

**Laga Hand Bag Sale:** a signup sheet went around for volunteers. We will be having 2 sales on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Book club:** we want to start a book club. Meetings will be after the business meeting from roughly 8:30-9:30. We need to read the

book and be prepared to discuss it by the next meeting. The Help will be our first book.

**Announcements:**

Sally is volunteering with UNICEF. Jill also got the package of UNICEF materials for Park Forest Middle School. We would like to continue to support their project.

**Adjournment:** 7:25

**Program:** Honoring Barb Kautz and talking about Rebranding

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amy R. Miller, Recording Secretary

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**~COMING ATTRACTIONS ~**

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**CENTRE COUNTY ALTRUSA CLUB PROGRAM  
FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

**“WATER SCARCITY AND CONSERVATION  
OF THE AMAZON RAINFORESTS”**

The International Relations Committee is pleased to present an outstanding program at our Wednesday, November 16, dinner meeting. Our Speaker will be Dr. Campbell Plowden, President of the Center for Amazon Community Ecology. Dr. Plowden has worked for the conservation of the Amazon and other tropical rainforests for twenty years with organizations such as Greenpeace, the Humane Society of the US and Amazon Watch, to promote forest conservation and sustainable development of water use in the Amazon Basin.

Dr. Plowden will display amazing crafts made in the Peruvian villages where he works, and these crafts will be available for purchase at our Altrusa meeting. The sale of these crafts is a major factor in his program to help the Peruvians conserve their forests by generating alternative sources of income. **ENJOY DOING SOME HOLIDAY SHOPPING AND HELP PERUVIANS SAVE THEIR RAINFORESTS.**

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Dr. Plowden was the guest speaker at the Centre County UN Association Fall Social in September and received outstanding review from those in attendance. The IR Committee looks forward to your joining us on Wednesday, November 16.

Norma Keller  
International Relations Committee



**UN DAY DINNER "JUST AROUND THE CORNER"**

All Altrusa International of Centre County members are invited to attend the 2011 United Nations Day dinner celebration on Sunday, October 23 at the Ramada Inn. This year's dinner program focuses on global water scarcity and lack of safe drinking water. At 5:30 the event will begin by showcasing the work of local groups assisting communities both at home and around the globe as they face critical water issues. This social time will be followed by a special presentation of "AnDa Union: Music of Mongolia."

The dinner speaker, Dr. Rick Schuhmann, Director of the Walter L. Robb Engineering Leadership Development at Penn State, will speak on "Are Water Wars Inevitable?" Dr. Schuhmann will explore how climate change may affect global fresh water resources, and

the possible conflicts that may arise, as a result.

To address the critical need for safe drinking water, I am delighted to let you know that our Centre County Altrusa Club has just purchased a Q-Drum for Kenya and 2 large drinking bottles for families on the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico. These are two of the four water projects identified by the UNA Council of Organizations. More information on the water projects is available at the UNA website: [www.unacentrecountypa.org](http://www.unacentrecountypa.org)

In addition, our Club is sponsoring the attendance of an international student at the UN Day celebration.

To be part of this very special evening, mail a check for \$30 payable to Centre County UNA to Treasurer Norma Keller, 178 Beasons Rd., Tyrone, PA 16686.

Norma Keller, International Relations Committee



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**November 2011**

- 2 5:45 Board Meeting
- 16 6:00 Dinner Meeting (Int'l Relations)  
Program: **Addressing International Water Crisis in Amazon Basin** with Dr. Campbell Plowden
- 17 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Club's Charter
- 19 Laga Handbag Sales/Fundraiser

**December 2011**

- 1 World AIDS Day (UN)
- 7 5:45 Board Meeting
- 10 Human Rights Day (UN)
- 21 6:00 Holiday Party (Communications)  
Program: **Altrusa Wonderland Holiday Party**

**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 October dinner meeting or contact Jill at hmmbird@comcast.net or call 574-3120.



**Book Club... Rules!**



BOOK IT.....ALTRUSA!



The new Altrusa book club is off and running. The first book we are reading is "The Help." Interested in joining? It is not too late. We meet immediately after our monthly dinner meeting to discuss the book of the month. As a member you will get the chance to choose a book, either fiction or non-fiction, and lead a discussion. There are multiple websites that offer book club choices with discussion questions, so there is no pressure. Please contact Jill at hmmbird@comcast.net if you would like to join us.

**BIRTHDAYS**

**October**

- 8: Barbara Kautz, Emeritus
- 12: Karen Mrsa
- 20: June Krumrine
- 21: Sindy Butler

**November**

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

***THANK YOU to everyone who filled out an Attendance Survey! I will share results at the Business Meeting.***

**VOUCHER**

Altrusa International of Centre County,  
Inc.  
Monthly Voucher

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Month of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011/2012

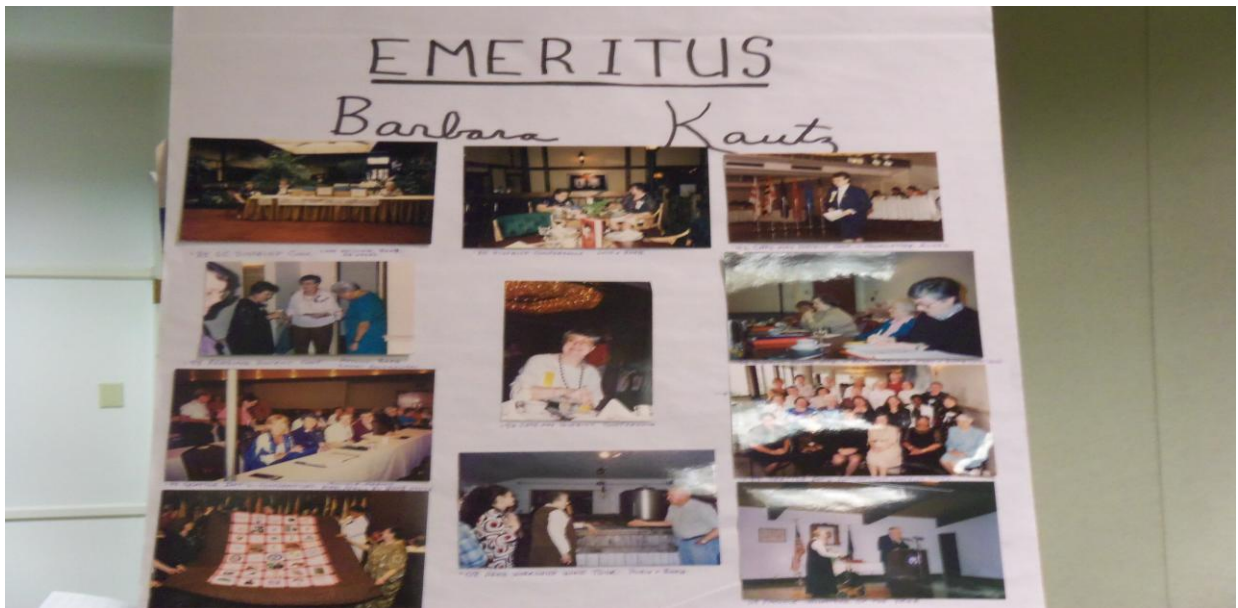
- Dinner @ \$14.00 ..... \_\_\_\_\_
- Wine @ \$4.00/glass..... \_\_\_\_\_
- Dues (\$5.00 Minimum)..... \_\_\_\_\_
- Scholarship Donation..... \_\_\_\_\_
- Habitat for Humanity Donation..... \_\_\_\_\_
- Other Service Project Donations ..... \_\_\_\_\_
- Other Payments ..... \_\_\_\_\_
- Total check/cash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



THE BUSY BEE By Amy R. Miller

## HONORING BARB KAUTZ

Earlier this year, Barb Kautz asked to become an emeritus member of our club. Her request was granted and we invited her to join us at our September business meeting to say thank you and recognize her many contributions to our club.



A collage showing Barb's many roles as an Altrusan

Barb became a Centre County Altrusan in January of 1981. Her sponsor was Nancy Musser. Barb has been a long-standing member of the communications committee. Her pride and joy was being editor of our club newsletter. She always did an outstanding job and won several awards for her work. As a newer member of the communications committee and a newsletter contributor, I often turned to Barb to make sure that I had names, events and phrasing correct. Thanks to Barb, I will always know that I should be writing: Altrusa International, Inc of Centre County, not Altrusa of Centre County.

Barb served as our Club President from 1987-1989. She has attended numerous Conferences, Conventions and workshops and has contributed to our club, and our district in more ways than I can even mention in this article. She is one of the keepers of our club history and if you ask her about our clubs policies, traditions or procedures, she knows them all and will gladly tell you.

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**Barb, Micki P, and Marla M**

More recently, many of us know and remember her as the collector and keeper of the nametags. At conclusion of each business meeting Barb would ask for name tags and then approach those of us who were too busy socializing to turn them in. She has influenced us all and our club and community would not be what it is today without her wonderful spirit and contributions. She continues to be the editor of the newsletter for FoxDale Village and was recently named their volunteer of the year. Thank you Barb for everything you have done and still do. We are grateful and blessed to have you as an emeritus member of our club.



**Barb, Phyllis C, and Sandi C**

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