



# Altrusa Action

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

**Dinner:** Wednesday, Sept. 21st,  
6:00, Celebration Hall  
**Menu:** Chef's Choice  
**Program:** "Altrusa Rebranding  
Project" – District Brand  
Ambassador Phyllis  
**Reservations:** Please call Phyllis  
at 355-5477 or email to  
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evening of Sunday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>.

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As I sit down to write this message, I have just learned of Dave Meder's passing. As a founding member of Altrusa International of Blair County, Dave was an avid Altrusan, contributing a lot of time and effort to both club and district initiatives and governance. Our thoughts and love go out to Mildred.

I am now sitting here trying to determine how one "segues" from the previous paragraph to matters of the day. Since I never can remember how to spell segue I had to look it up in Merriam-Webster and found that indeed it is not the correct word for my intention here. It means to "proceed to what follows without pause". There is no way to think of Dave, and Mildred, without taking time to pause. However to move on....

Considering Altrusa's dedication to literacy, it is key for us to note that Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> is Literacy Day. Keep your eyes posted for a special message from Jill....

As we watch the summer wane and the skies get dark earlier, be not dismayed for we have some good things to look forward to. Phyllis Corman is going to tell us all about the Altrusa rebranding efforts at the September business meeting. We're lucky that Phyllis is the Rebranding Ambassador for our district enabling us to hear the details before other clubs, thereby possibly getting a jump on them in terms of initiating changes. While the rebranding includes letterhead and taglines, the effort goes well beyond that to address some of the core issues facing all of the clubs—how to succinctly describe Altrusa's efforts to others, enhancing club visibility in the community, and how to attract a new generation of membership, to name a few. The emphasis of the rebranding initiative will be clarity, flexibility, and inclusion, all with the intention to grow the organization. And in my perspective, help us in "Evolving to Prominence"—the vision of Altrusa of Centre County for the next two years. I find this to be an extremely exciting time to be an Altrusan. Our club future is ours to create. So let's all make our best effort to attend the September business meeting—both to give Phyllis a large audience and to jump start our thinking for the future.

For additional excitement mark your calendars for the Area Workshop in Harrisburg on October 22, the UNA/USA dinner on October 23, the Pasta Fundraiser for State College Continuing Ed on October 27, and Laga Handbag sales on November 19. All important events for us and a great opportunity to spend social time together.

See you September 21<sup>st</sup>!!

Gini

## 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 met for breakfast at the Waffle Shop before the last dinner meeting. We will alternate meeting times. One month we will meet at 5:15 pm., right before the monthly dinner meeting at Celebration Hall and the next monthly meeting will be at 7:30am at The Waffle Shop on College Ave. and Blue Course Drive on that same third Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be at 5:15 pm before the September dinner meeting. Bring a list of Community Achievers that have been acknowledged in the CDT plus anyone else you think might be interested in joining Altrusa. Also if you have some old Altrusa yearbooks, please bring them along too.

**Service** – Megan, Chair  
-It is time once again to donate items to Park Forest Day Nursery! This month we are collecting tissues. NO lotions or scents - just good old tissues.  
-This year's Pasta Fund Raiser is set for Thursday October 27 from 11am-6pm at the Mount Nittany Middle School Parking Lot. Deadline to order is October 20, 2011. Megan will have sign-up sheets for various taks prior to the sale.  
-Stay tuned for more information on our park partner clean up day this fall!  
- After the amazing job we did cleaning the Bellefonte Library the service committee has decided to make this a twice a year group project. Megan will be looking into other ways to serve the library throughout the year.

### Altrusa Business Meeting Minutes August 17, 2011

No minutes, annual picnic!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October 2011

|    |      |                                                                           |
|----|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5  | 5:45 | Board Meeting                                                             |
| 16 |      | World Food Day                                                            |
| 19 | 6:00 | Dinner Meeting (Communications)<br>Program: <b>Developing Our Network</b> |
| 22 |      | Area I Workshop, Harrisburg<br>Make A Difference Day                      |
| 23 | 5:30 | UNA/USA Dinner – “Water Wars”                                             |
| 24 |      | United Nations Day                                                        |
| 27 |      | Pasta Fundraiser                                                          |

### November 2011

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

## LAGA SALE – SAVE THE DATE!

We are going to sell Laga handbags on **Saturday November 19th** at two different craft fairs to raise money to fund our Five Alive Project. We will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the next meeting but look at your calendars now and save the date! We will need lots of help to handle both commitments.



## **Mark Your Calendar:**

The Area I Workshop, “Seeds of Change,” will be held **Saturday, October 22** in the Capitol at Harrisburg, jointly hosted by the Harrisburg and Reading-Berks clubs. The Workshop will focus on our rebranding initiative. Scheduled activities are from 11AM-4PM, followed by a private tour of the Capitol. Lunch will be provided.

**BIRTHDAYS**

**September**

- 4: Vicki Wedler Herrle
- 18: Brenda Ruby
- 23: Louise Hess

**October**

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

**IN MEMORIAM:**

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Mildred Meder and her family on the loss of her husband and valued Altrusan, Dave Meder.



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 ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Altrusa Book Club... Rules!**

BOOK IT.....ALTRUSA!

We are starting an Altrusa Book Club in honor of Literacy Day! Interested?

**Altrusa Book Club Rules:**

We will read and review/discuss one book per month. Both fiction and non-fiction books are acceptable. The book choice will rotate among members with everyone entitled to veto power. If a book is vetoed by two or more members then an alternate must be presented by the member whose turn it is to choose (come prepared with 2 choices). For our first meeting, everyone should come with two book choices so we can decide on our first book. Then it will go alphabetically by first name.

We will decide on an ongoing meeting date and time at our first meeting. The chosen book must be available in paperback or there must be enough hardback copies in the library for all members to check out. The person choosing the book of the month will also be expected to lead the discussion and come up with questions about it. Jill is asking for permission to hold meetings at her office at The Village at Penn State since it is an apartment. Time commitment should be one to two hours.

ANY ALTRUSAN interested in starting a book club should stay after the normal September dinner meeting. Bring your calendars so we can decide on a standing meeting day and time. And bring some ideas for our first book! If you are unable to make the September dinner meeting but are interested in being a part of the book club, then e-mail Jill at hmmbird@comcast.net and advise of a time(s) that might work for you. I am thinking that possibly the second Wednesday of the month from 6-8pm. might work OR we can try to meet after the dinner meeting each month.

And finally, another picture from Convention...



Phyllis realizing she won the Humanitarian Award

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