

# ALTRUSA



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## July 2007

*“The Future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams” Eleanor Roosevelt”*



### President’s Corner:

What happens when you put hundreds of Altrusans from all over the world together into one banquet hall at Disney World? Nothing less than Magic! And it was a very magical and successful International Convention on the weekend of July 13-16.

I want to thank members of the Orlando-Winter Park Altrusa club for their tireless efforts in working long, hard hours to make the convention a big success. Special thanks go out to Carol Denton, our International liaison, who got the information from International on what needed to be done, and saw to it that everything worked smoothly from that level. Another bunch of special thanks goes out to Betsy Sushinsky, who worked the convention at our club and district level to see to it that we had enough volunteers to get the job done. Both these ladies worked long hours. When there was a problem, they were the ones to ask.

Also, many thanks to all of our club volunteers who made sure that our guests got what they needed and handed out plenty of Orlando-Winter Park hospitality. These people are:

Nancy Barnette-Rapport, Barbara Brown, Lida Coffman, Toni Dedik, Tammy Douglass, Leslie Dubow, Carol Halliburton, Anita Hope, Roberta

Klusmeier, Maryanne Kravitz, Helen Mize, Ann Prince, Carol Thomas, Pat Tobin, Mary Trier and Linda Wright.

If I forgot anyone, I apologize. It took a lot of volunteers, and you all went that extra mile to make the convention a huge success. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Looking forward, our new International president for the next two years is Zaida Perez-Medez, from San Sebastian, Puerto Rico. Here are some of her goals for the new biennium:

### MEMBERSHIP GOALS

- Everyone sponsor one new member
- Create a climate of success within your club
- Encourage male membership
- Encourage your club to remain at or above charter strength
- Make growth your No. 1 goal

### SERVICE GOALS

- Use both written and electronic communication
- Encourage and celebrate awards

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Celebrate Make a Difference Day  
Participate in service projects  
Encourage Literacy  
Put together an ABC book box for your community

### COMMUNICATIONS

Maximize use of new technologies for your club communications  
Use workshop templates  
Update your media guide and marketing materials  
All Altrusans should adopt a “communications” lifestyle.

### UNITED NATIONS

Contribute to the alleviation of suffering  
Demonstrate your commitment to the global community

As we move forward this year, let’s plan to keep these goals in mind. See you all at the next meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>!

Your President,

Allie Myers

### **District Three News:**

The newly elected governor for District Three is Linda Robison. Linda will serve as governor for the biennium of 2007-2009. All new district governors choose a theme for their term of service, and Linda has chosen for her theme the slogan “Hands Up With Altrusiasm.” Altrusiasm means that we as Altrusans should show enthusiasm in whatever we do. The hands up part is a request by Lida that we give a hands up to women in need.

It has been expressed in the media that 38% of working people (mostly women) are living below the poverty level. We need to help out women who are honestly trying to make it by giving them a hands up. Governor Linda has asked that we seek out women who need help, give them a hands up, and then report it to her at [gove3linda@windstream.net](mailto:gove3linda@windstream.net). She will report our club’s progress in the District Service Bulletin.

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A few ideas for helping women in need are: do they need an education? Are they literate? Do they need health insurance? Do they need transportation? Are they in a location that is dangerous and need to find a safer home or need repairs to their current home? Do they need child care? Do they need nutritional training in order to be more healthy?

As we think about our projects this coming year, let’s try to see if we can provide a hands up to someone in need. Any ideas are appreciated. Please contact President Allie Myers if you know of someone who can use our help.



### **News from International Convention:**

Our convention was a great success thanks to all the hard work of our club members. Those of you who volunteered your labor and often expenses to serve in a support capacity are greatly appreciated. We have received compliments that it was the best run of any previous convention. You are a great team and kept us informed if a change was required. You are all great Altrusans.

Carol Denton  
Convention Chairman  
Orlando – Winter Park Host Committee

The 2007 International Convention is now a fond memory, but what a wonderful Altrusa experience it was. We will be reminiscing about it for years. I can't thank the Host Committee enough for everything they did to make the convention a success. You got up before dawn, many of you battled Orlando traffic twice a day; and all of you did a fabulous job of providing a warm Orlando-Winter Park welcome to our guests, as well as carrying out your assigned duties with patience and a smile. A very special thanks to Jack Myers who did a fabulous job with the "flag project", and to all the volunteers from District Three whose help was greatly appreciated.

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Betsy Sushinsky  
Convention Volunteer Chair

#### International Convention Service Project:

The International Convention Service project this year was A Gift for Teaching. A Gift for Teaching is a free store where teachers can shop for supplies for their classrooms. Many of the items go to underprivileged school children in the Orlando area. Convention attendees brought in school supplies and clothing for the cause. When a representative came to pick up the supplies, he brought a PT Cruiser, and we filled the car. There was barely room for him to drive!



We also received over \$750 in monetary donations, making the International service project a big success.

#### Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park News:

*July* was an extremely busy time for our club as we played host to the Altrusa International Convention. As a new Altrusan, I was excited to have the opportunity to volunteer at the convention and see some of the activities firsthand. I had the privilege of assisting Dr. Michael Shoulders, the speaker at the All Convention Session on Saturday. Dr. Shoulders is a dynamic and energetic speaker as anyone who attended the session would attest to. His topic, "Reading is Magic," had a direct correlation to a theme that is close to our hearts – literacy. One of the most startling statistics that Dr. Shoulders mentioned was that children from working families have between 1,000 and 1,700 hours of contact with not only books but magazines

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and newspapers in the five years before they start school; whereas, children from families on welfare have only 25 hours in that same five-year period. How sad! That really underscores the importance of the work Altrusa does in fighting illiteracy.

Dr. Shoulders graciously spent time after the session to meet and greet convention attendees. He brought with him some of the books he has contributed to the States Series published by Sleeping Bear Press. Of course, being from Clarksville, TN, his favorite is V is for Volunteer.



Although I was only at the convention for one day, I was extremely impressed by the amount of preparation and organization that went into putting on such an event. Our hats should go off to Carol Denton, Allie Myers and all the members of our club who volunteered their time to make the convention the success that it was.

#### August Birthdays:



Linda Blake	5
Terry Pass	16
Mary Trier	25
Margot Perez-Rios	29

#### Calendar of Upcoming Events:



**August 1, 2007-** Altrusa General Meeting at Gentry's Restaurant, 4120 S. Orange Ave, just south of Michigan – 6:00 pm.

Accessible by taking the Michigan exit off of I-4, go east to Orange Ave. and turn right. For more specific directions please call the restaurant at 407 856-5188.

**August 27, 2007-** Altrusa Board Meeting, at Attorney's Dean, Ringers, Morgan & Lawton office, 201 East Pine Street, Suite 1200 – 6:00 pm.

### Spotlight on a New Altrusan:



Anne Allocco Prince grew up in Holmdel, New Jersey where her Italian family owned and operated a 50-acre produce farm. They raised eggplant, peppers and those yummy New Jersey tomatoes.

In her early 20's Anne visited Orlando on vacation. Two weeks after returning home, she quit her job, moved out of her apartment, and came to Orlando permanently. She and her husband, Jim, have been married 30 years. They weren't blessed with children but consider their precious dogs family. Several years ago, they became involved with Canine Companions For Independence and are currently training their sixth lab-retriever mix for the organization.

Anne considers herself a late bloomer. In her 40's

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she decided to go back to school and enrolled at Valencia Community College and later earned her degree in Business Management from The University of Phoenix. She's been employed as the Firm Administrator at Resource Consulting Group, a financial planning and investment planning business, for six years. She also enjoys working as a part-time consultant for Kara Vita Skin Care.

To relax, Anne enjoys outdoor activities, especially playing with her dogs, golfing and going to the beach. Steven King is her favorite author. She is excited about being an Altrusan and has already jumped right in by volunteering to chair the Vocational Services Committee this year. Anne was a valuable member of the International Convention Host Committee.

Please welcome Anne and let her know you're happy she's your Altrusa sister.

### Committee Reports:



#### Literacy Committee:

No report this month. Remember to set aside October 27 so we can all participate in Make a Difference Day.



#### Community Services:

No report this month but Committee Chair Tammy Douglass would like everyone to mark their calendars for the Stein Mart Shopping Event / Fundraiser on Sunday, November 18. See you there!



### **Vocational Services:**

No report this month. However, Committee Chair Ann Prince promises a new look for the Tea for Twenty event in February. We're all looking forward to finding out what the dramatic changes will be.

### **Minutes for July General Meeting:**

Because of the Altrusa International Convention, there was no July General Meeting.

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