

ALTRUSA



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"The Future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" Eleanor Roosevelt"



President's Corner:

Greetings to all:

As we begin to wrap up our fiscal year, we can take a look back and see what a successful year it was. Looking back over our calendar reminds me of all the great events we held.

We started out with our school supply drive for A Gift for Teaching. Thanks to Roberta Klusmeier and the other members of the Literacy committee for soliciting and collecting the supplies we all donated.

Many thanks go to Tammy Douglass, Linda Blake and all the members of the Community Services committee for another great Stein Mart Event this past fall.

The Make a Difference Day at Great Oaks Village was a big success this year. Thanks go to Martha Kirby and the Literacy committee members, along with their great mentor, Roberta, for working so hard to get the job done.

And who could forget the BETA/STEPS party which is always a fun event and put on for such a worthy cause. Everyone had a great time, and so many members worked to put on a delightful party. Thanks go out to all of you for donating toiletries, and special thanks go to Toni Dedik for getting the donations together and handing out the gifts.

Pat Tobin and the members of the Vocational Services hosted a wonderful tea this spring which raised money for HOSA. Everyone had a lovely time, and it was for such a good cause.

These are some of our major events, but we did so much more. We handed out stuffed animals to the children at the WRCC and took them toiletries. We visited the Children's Advocacy Center and donated bags we decorated to them. We are collecting prom items for the PACE Center for Girls. We spruced up the train station grounds, laid mulch at the WRCC, and we sent four packages to our service men and women over in Iraq. We also celebrated the International Day of Peace by obtaining a proclamation signed by Orange County Mayor Rich Crotty.

In addition, we handed out Art scholarships to local students and celebrated Altrusa's 90th birthday by honoring two new "All Stars".

I had a good, strong board of officers helping me plan, organize and get things moving in order to help make this year a success. I want to thank them, along with all of our committee chairs and mentors for their hard work.

If I left out anything, I apologize. I think we had a great year, and I thank each and every member for their participation.

This is who we are and what we do. I am proud to be part of Altrusa International of Orlando/Winter Park!

Your President,
Allie Myers

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Calendar of Upcoming Events:

April 26-28, 2007- 54th Altrusa District Three Conference, Paramount Plaza Hotel in Gainesville FL.

May 2, 2007- Altrusa General Meeting at Gentry's Restaurant 4120 S. Orange Ave, just south of Michigan. 6pm.
 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.

May , 2007- Altrusa Board Meeting, at Attorney’s Dean, Ringers, Morgan & Lawton office, 201 East Pine Street, Suite 1200. 6pm.

May Birthdays



Jean Campbell	23
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Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park News:

April's meeting was enjoyed by all at the restaurant Gentry’s located on S. Orange Avenue in Orlando. There isn’t a more fitting way to celebrate Altrusa’s birthday than by recognizing our very special “*Altrusa All Stars*”. Allie described the contributions of long-term members: Florence Lamborn Johnson and Betsy Sushinsky. In honor of this special occasion, Linda Wright also assembled scrapbooks for each of our All Stars that featured pictures from previous club events. The hair and clothing styles may have changed through the years but their spirit of dedication and service persists.



President Allie Myers presenting gifts to Betsy Sushinsky and Florence Lamborn Johnson

Florence Lamborn Johnson was one of the 39 charter members of the Altrusa Club of Winter Park. She served as president from 1973-1974 and is credited with the success of the International Interpreters Booklet, first published in 1969. This project originated through the Mid-Florida Council for International Visitors of which Florence was also a member. Florence is fluent in Danish, French, German, Norwegian, Spanish, and Swedish. Altrusa advertised for volunteers who could speak different languages, and who would be willing to assist visitors from other countries. Altrusa hosted teas for the interpreters that were often held at Florence’s home. In 1974, the Altrusa Club of Winter Park received a Service Award of \$1,000 from Walt Disney World for the International Interpreters Booklet.

Florence is a fascinating lady. She was a journalist, a foreign correspondent, a war correspondent in Korea and a co-owner of the Winter Park Herald.

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She and her husband collected, translated and indexed for historical purposes the lost papers of Saint Barthelemy, a former Swedish colony in the Caribbean. They were honored with the Swedish Order of Wasa for their efforts. Florence has written an autobiography entitled "One Life—the Autobiography of Florence Lamborn Johnson." Florence continues her association with Altrusa as an emeritus member.

Betsy Sushinsky has been a member of the Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park club for approximately 26 years. During that time she has held every office and chaired every committee - multiple times. She served as newsletter editor for several years when it was called "Trusa Topics" prior to its current electronic format. Betsy has represented the club at the Metro Bench committee meetings, and at Orange and Osceola County Commission Meetings when needed. One of the most memorable Altrusa moments for her was the initial club association with STEPS. This began in response to an article in the Sentinel about the Temporary Living Center founded by a local woman who took women into her home who were coming out of rehab and detox. The Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park club formed a bond with the Center that continues today as the STEPS program. Betsy was president of the club the year we received the top award at the District Conference for this project. Betsy worked for 22 years in the airline industry and later in guest services for Vistana Resort. She has put her service skills to great use for Altrusa and is an incredible asset to our organization.



Sponsor Pat Tobin pinning new members Helen Mize and Ann Prince.

In closing of our general meeting we were delighted to witness the initiation of two new members Ann Prince and Helen Mize, who are sponsored by Pat Tobin.

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Altrusan Club Committee's:

May is the month of forming new committee's and their committee chairs. Our committees are Literacy, Vocational and Community Service.

2007 District Three Conference:

The conference will be held April 26-28 at the Paramount Hotel in Gainesville, Florida. The following members will be attending the conference: President Allie Myers, Vice President Martha Kirby, Judy Nelson, Carol Denton, Betsy Sushinsky, Carol Halliburton, Linda Blake, Roberta Klusmeier and Carol Thomas.

2007 Altrusa International Convention:



Altrusa International Convention Committee:

International Convention to be held here in Orlando from July 13-16 at the Disney Contemporary Hotel. Carol Denton passed out sign up sheets for members to volunteer their time and talents during the convention. If you would like to donate time during the convention contact Carol Denton directly. Betsy Sushinsky is chairing the expeditor's for the convention. Please contact her directly for volunteering as an expeditor.

Spotlight on an Altrusan:

ARLENE SHAW

Arlene is a central Illinois native, Springfield to be exact. She and her husband George have been married 33 years and are blessed with three children and five grandchildren.

Arlene has been involved with the Princess House organization for five years as a unit organizer. She says the freedom to work a schedule that suites her needs is the best part of working for Princess House, as well as meeting and getting to know interesting people. She is definitely a people person. In fact it is thanks to Princess House that she learned about

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Altrusa. She met Carol Thomas at a party and they became friends. Carol kept talking about Altrusa and Arlene became interested. She has been a member since November and is looking forward to getting more involved in the club activities and projects.

The Girl Scouts have played a very important role in Arlene's life. As a girl she was involved with all aspects of the Girl Scouts. When her two daughters became involved in scouting she served in numerous leadership roles. At one time she operated a Girl Scout day camp in the downtown Orlando area, and spent five years as a unit organizer developing new scout troops in local elementary schools.

Scrap booking is Arlene's passion. It is definitely her creative outlet, and her family loves to review the scrapbooks that so lovingly display the family history.

Reading is also something she enjoys, especially Sue Grafton mystery novels.

Arlene is thrilled that her husband George is doing so well following cancer surgery in January and says he's getting better and better every day.

Minutes for April General Meeting:

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF ORLANDO-
WINTER PARK
GENERAL MEETING
April 04, 2006
Gentry's Restaurant, 4120 So. Orange Ave.,
Orlando, FL 32806

CALL TO ORDER: President Allie Myers called the General Meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Blake, Sharon Blake, Linda Bond, Barbara Brown, Toni Dedik, Carol Denton, Jennifer Franklin, Carol Halliburton, Martha Kirby, Roberta Klusmeier, Cheryl Malloy, Danielle Merket, Allie Myers, Nancy Rapport, Arlene Shaw, Betsy Sushinsky, Carol Thomas, Patricia Tobin, Peggy Wolford, and Linda Wright.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Maureen Bergondy-Wilhelm, Debbie Berry, Jean Campbell, Mary Kay

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Chester, Lida Coffman, Kathy Chonody, Lisa Daniels-Wentz, Diane DeWolf, Tammy Douglass, Sandy Drake-Caldwell, Leslie Dubow, Liz Finley, Chris Gennaro, Diane Goigel, Anita Hope, Judy Nelson, Terry Pass, Carol Phifer, Barbara Radosky, Margot Perez-Rios, Mary Trier, Connie Washam, BJ Watson, and Suzanne Weinstein.

GUESTS: Ann Prince (awaiting initiation) and Helen Mize (awaiting initiation) sponsored by Pat Tobin; June Campbell (1st visit) sponsored by Carol Denton; Wendy Jones (1st visit) sponsored by Jennifer Franklin; Emeritus member, Florence Lamborn Johnson.

MINUTES: Minutes from the March General Meeting appeared in the Newsletter. There were no additions or corrections voiced and the minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Linda Wright reported that the Project Account balance was \$3,671.09 and the Operating Account balance was \$12,273.53.

ALTRUSA ACCENT: File cards were placed on the tables prior to the meeting and members who found a card were asked to read the brief descriptions about the Altrusa logo, Altrusa encyclopedia, Lamplighter Program, ASTRA clubs, and the Altrusa International Foundation. Each participant received a gift bag for their assistance.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Allie Myers circulated sympathy cards for members to sign for Marguerite Branch, District III Foundation Treasurer, as well for Vivian Najim, past International President (1985-1987).
- Allie Myers announced that PACE was going to have a donor appreciation luncheon on May 1st and asked for volunteers to attend. She will send out an email with specific details.
- Carol Halliburton said that she would coordinate getting tickets to the Shriner's Circus for anyone who is interested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Allie Myers explained that Committee activities for this year were complete, but that everyone should be thinking about forming new Committees for next year. We'll discuss this further at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Betsy Sushinsky reported that the clean up of the train station went very well and she thanked participants for their help.
- Allie Myers said that Toni Dedik and Linda Wright had scouted the Mark St. Flea Market as a potential place for our Garage Sale, but the traffic was not as heavy as they had hoped. Allie will do one more trip to the location but suggested we look for alternates. Carol Thomas will be coordinating the Garage Sale and hopes to hold it some time in May provided a suitable location can be found.
- Carol Denton provided an update on the International Convention that will be held in Orlando at the Disney Contemporary Hotel 7/13-7/16. Approximately 800 delegates are expected and our club is providing free labor to assist the proceedings. Carol circulated a sign up sheet for those interested and will follow up with an email. She described the type of workers needed, as follows:
 - Registration
 - Greeters
 - Altrusa Store
 - Manning for the Club exhibit area
 - Expeditors (pass out and collect evaluation forms for business sessions; bring microphones to delegates; and act as message runners)
 - Coordinate tickets for banquets and meal functions
 - Set up and move flags and stands (26 countries represented)

Carol Thomas demonstrated the visors that have been selected so our Expeditors and Club Members can be recognized by the delegates. They have a built-in battery that lights up the front visor area.

- Allie Myers mentioned that the District Conference will be held on April 26-28th in Gainesville. Betsy Sushinsky and Allie will be attending as delegates, with Carol Denton and Martha Kirby as alternates.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Linda Wright announced that outgoing District

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- Linda Wright also mentioned that she needs more recipes for the cookbook fundraiser we are assembling to sell at the Convention. Linda will send out an email as a reminder with the hopes of having enough recipes by the end of this month to start production.
- Allie Myers said that she has been unable to locate the club banner. This will be needed for the Parade of Clubs at the Convention. It was used at the Tea last year, but has not been seen since. Pat Tobin volunteered to call Diane Goigel and Kathy Chonody to see if they have it. In case a new banner needs to be acquired, Toni Dedik made a motion to buy a replacement banner that was seconded by Arlene Shaw, and unanimously approved.
- Allie Myers asked for impressions about Gentry's Restaurant for future meetings. The consensus was that this was a good location. Pat Tobin introduced Jeremy, Gentry's host, who promised to relay compliments to the chef and wait staff. Linda Wright explained that the dinner fee for the evening had been increased to \$20 and that everyone got a ticket to the 50/50 drawing. After some discussion, Nancy Rapport made a motion to increase our dinner fee to \$20 with any extra going to the 50/50 fund. This motion was seconded by Peggy Wolford and unanimously approved.

PROGRAM:

- Altrusa Birthday Party
- Recognition of Altrusa All Stars, Florence Lamborn Johnson and Betsy Sushinsky
- Initiation of Ann Prince and Helen Mize

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, 05/02/07, at 6:00 pm location TBD.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to conduct Allie Myers adjourned the General Meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Malloy
Recording Secretary

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