

ALTRUSA



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July 2008

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

President’s Corner:



Dear Altrusans,

The Altrusa Social on July 12th was a bowling blast. Members, spouses, children and guests cheered and laughed as we all showed off our unique bowling techniques. The rainy afternoon and change of venue didn’t dampen the spirits of our bowlers who helped raise \$60.70 in donations and gutter ball fees. It was a great afternoon of fun and laughter.

Please support the Ten Thousand Villages School Kit drive by bringing the requested items to our general meeting on August 6th or by making a donation. The Literacy Committee is helping to sponsor this drive that will benefit children around the world.

The Literacy Committee is also seeking volunteers to help A Gift for Teaching celebrate their 10-year anniversary at a special event that will be held at the Amway Arena on August 7th. Thank you goes to Linda Wright for organizing both of these activities.

Our very own Candy Dawson will soon be heading off to walk in the Chicago Breast

Cancer 3-Day. Candy will be walking 60 miles on August 8th-10th. She will proudly wear a T-shirt saying “Altrusans for the Cure.” We are proud of her and her commitment to such an important cause.

Our Altrusans are involved in so many causes and unselfishly donate their time. I am proud to be associated with such dedicated women and continue to be inspired by your devotion and caring. You prove that we can help to reshape our community and our world through our actions.

Best to all,

Lida Coffman
President

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District Three News:



Altrusa clubs are divided into Districts. Orlando-Winter Park is in District Three which includes clubs in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina.

District Three has a publication called the "DSB"- District Service Bulletin which is distributed by email four times a year. The summer DSB will be sent out the last day of July. The Bulletin will be emailed to all club members shortly after that date. You can also read the current DSB on the District Three website at www.districtthree.org.

Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park News:

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The best laid plans can be made but who could predict the weather!

Arriving at Firkin-Kegler Family Entertainment Center, I found Altrusans and friends. With no open lanes available, a phone call was made to Boardwalk Bowling. Good news -- there were lanes available; so off the group went. Lida Coffman, Nancy Rapport and I stayed for any late comers and soon we were all at Boardwalk Lanes where the real fun began. Teams were established, and soon it was evident who were the pros and the gutter ball experts (I was at the top of the list).



Team 1 consisted of: Leslie Dubow, Tammy Douglas, (guests of Leslie's) Rosemary, Jeanine and Pat.

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Team 2 consisted of: Pat Tobin, Lola Youngblood, Candy Dawson, Greg Dawson and son Chris Dawson.



Team 3 consisted of: Linda Wright, Lisa

Derryberry, Rob Derryberry and Leslie's additional guest, Doyle (his wife Pat was on Team 1).

Team 4 consisted of: Lida Coffman, Brian Coffman and Carol Thomas.



Our honorary cheerleaders were Cheryl Malloy and Linda Wright's husband Don.

Soon the gutter ball jar began getting filled with quarters and dollar bills. Everyone seemed to be having such a wonderful time and we all agreed that a social event needs to become a quarterly event rather than only once a year.

After two hours and a couple of games per team later, we were all exhausted and the fund raising jar held a grand total of \$60.70. Not too shabby for a rainy Saturday afternoon.

A special note of the day was our Altrusan, Candy Dawson, came with her lovely pink T-shirt which

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states, "Altrusa for the Cure." She asked that anyone who is a survivor or knows of someone who is a survivor to write a message on the T-shirt to make it extra special for the walk. It was a very moving gesture on her part.

Pictures can speak volumes, so enjoy the photo gallery and plan to join us for the next social. Suggestions will be welcome; just contact our Prez.

By Carol Thomas

What's Ahead* at the August General Meeting



The club will vote on the Foundation Disbursement Recommendation proposed by the Finance Committee. The proposal will cover funds raised in the fiscal year, June 1st, 2007 – May 31st, 2008.

Please bring the requested items for the Ten Thousand Villages School Kit Drive.

Community Service Guest Speaker – Glenn Beard of Fitness Together.*

*This is a listing of key items identified at the time of this newsletter publication. A complete agenda will be distributed prior to the August meeting.

Do You Know???

◆The Altrusa International of Orlando-Winter Park Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3), not-for-profit corporation. Monies generated from our various fundraising activities are deposited into the Foundation account during the fiscal year.

At the end of the fiscal year, the Finance Committee recommends to the club a disbursement of all non-restricted funds to organizations/causes from the Foundation

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account. The proposal is based on recommendations from the membership and the committees. The club membership reviews the recommendations of the Finance Committee, makes any changes they deem appropriate and votes on a final disbursement of funds. The funds must be distributed as approved in the fiscal year noted.

◆Ten Thousand Villages in Winter Park is a fair trade retailer of artisan-crafted home decor, personal accessories and gift items from across the globe. Featuring products from more than 130 artisan groups in some 36 countries, they are part of a network of more than 145 retail outlets throughout the United States selling Ten Thousand Villages products.

As one of the world's oldest and largest fair trade organizations, Ten Thousand Villages has spent more than 60 years cultivating trading relationships in which artisans receive a fair price for their work and consumers have access to distinctive handcrafted items. They seek to establish long-term buying relationships in places where skilled artisans are under- or unemployed, and in which they lack other opportunities for income.

Ten Thousand Villages co-hosts Shopping Benefits in their store throughout the year. Local nonprofit organizations can book a shopping event, and a percentage of that day or evening's proceeds will be donated to that nonprofit's cause. The more friends, family and colleagues the partner nonprofit brings in (which in turn translates into greater sales), the greater their share of the proceeds.

Ten Thousand Villages is located at 346 Park Avenue North, Winter Park, FL 32789.

Ten Thousand Villages Project

Altrusa has an opportunity in August to promote literacy globally and locally. Here's how you can help:

OUR AUGUST DINNER MEETING AUGUST 6TH

Ten Thousand Villages is putting together school kits which are sent to children in places such as Afghanistan, Bosnia, Haiti, Honduras, Iraq, Liberia, Nicaragua, North Korea, Russia, Serbia, and Ukraine, as well as to poorly funded schools in Canada and the United States. They are distributed through the Mennonite Central Committee. The kits are very simple with four items:



- A spiral or perforated notebook (8"x 10.5" and 70-80 sheets)
- Unsharpened pencils
- Package of 12 colored pencils
- Large pencil erasers

So here's how you can help! You can:

- Make as many kits as you would like with the above four items (Wells Fargo will be donating a ruler for each kit) OR
- Bring a supply of one or more of the four items for the kit, OR
- Make a donation and we will purchase the items for the kit.

We need to deliver the kits to Ten Thousand Villages by **August 15th**. Let's see how many kits we can put together for these children!

Linda Wright

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A GIFT FOR TEACHING NEEDS OUR HELP

Celebrating Ten Years!

It's Our Birthday, but the Surprises are for You.

Join us at the Amway Arena on August 7 from 10 AM to Noon to celebrate the 10th birthday of **A Gift For Teaching** to see you thank you for your devoted work in educating and inspiring children.

With Guest Speaker **Ron Clark**



Share with Ron Clark a man of national teaching expertise and author of the bestselling book, *The 28 Habits of Highly Effective Teachers*, who will share his expertise and inspiration with you and your students.

Live Entertainment | Huge Prize Give-aways | Local & National Speakers

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS! A Gift For Teaching Since 1988

For more details and to learn more, visit us at teaching.org or www.giftforteaching.org

A Gift for Teaching is celebrating 10 years, and "Pencil Boy" and all his helpers are throwing a **Super Surprise Party for Teachers** on August 7th from 10 AM to 12 Noon at the Amway Arena. The keynote speaker is Ron Clark, and

there will be live entertainment and GRAND prizes.

As you can imagine, they need help to put on this wonderful party, and help is what we Altrusans are great at providing. They need 120 volunteers to help between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM to fill positions in the following areas:

- Three VIP volunteers –
 - Book sales and signing with the keynote speaker
 - Greeters for the Donor entrance
 - Lead volunteers to oversee 8 categories of volunteers
- There are five other volunteer positions as follows:
 - Teacher greeters
 - Raffle table assistants
 - Ushers
 - Parking attendants
 - Supply drive leaders.

If you think you can help, contact Linda Wright (lwright@cfl.rr.com) no later than August 1st who will contact Tara Luby, Volunteer Manager, to tell her how many Orlando – Winter Park Altrusans will be able to lend a hand on August 7th.

GETTING TO KNOW THE NEW CLUB BOARD



SHARON BLAKE

Recording Secretary

Sharon is from the the Baltimore, MD area. She and her husband, Jim, have been married 40 years. They celebrated their April anniversary in June with a wonderful trip to France. Visiting Versailles was definitely a highlight of the trip. Jim served 27 years in the U.S. Army and the family, that included two daughters, moved 15 times during those years.. After all that moving around, the couple has been happy to call Orlando home since 1995.

Sharon has worked in the field of human resources for 23 years. She earned her Masters in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix - Orlando and is currently the Director of Human Resources for Enterprise Florida, an arm of the Florida Department of Economic Development that facilitates bringing high paying jobs into the state.

Sharon enjoys playing golf and if the weather permits, tries to play twice a week in the summer; after work with a group of ladies, and on Sunday with Jim. Reading is another way Sharon spends her leisure time. Some of her favorite authors are: James Patterson, Nora Roberts and Scott Turlow. When she can,

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Sharon travels to Virginia to visit her precious granddaughter, Isabella, who is two and a half.

Volunteering is something Sharon has done all her life, especially as a military wife. She was looking for community service opportunities here in Orlando when she met Carol Denton and was invited to attend an Altrusa meeting. Altrusa was just what she was looking for. Sharon has been an active member since 2004. For the past two years she has also served on the Board of B.E.T.A. Sharon is happy to be serving on the club Board as Recording Secretary and looks forward to participating in the projects and activities that are planned for the coming year.

Betsy Sushinsky

MEMBER BIO



Tammy Douglass is the President/Chief Operating Officer of Tammy Douglass & Associates, a consulting agency for credit unions, banks and businesses. She has over 20 years experience in credit union senior management, insurance, sales and business development. Primary areas of focus include financial education programs and employee benefits (group and individual life, health, Aflac, etc). Tammy's previous experience includes over 16 years at Fairwinds Credit Union as the president of the insurance and investment subsidiary. She has served on both state and national boards in the credit union industry.

Tammy holds an undergraduate BS degree in Supervision from Purdue University. She earned her Certified Credit Union Executive designation in 1998. In addition, she is a licensed insurance agent in the state of Florida for both property and casualty and life and health, and holds her Accredited Advisor in Insurance designation.

In her personal life, Tammy enjoys spending time with her two teenage boys, Zachary and Jeremy. As a single mom, she juggles her work, her boys and her parents for whom she is primary caregiver. Tammy loves to cook and loves to learn how to make new cuisines. She is not dating anyone at the present time but is open to meeting her “potential new boyfriend” if any of you have any nice friends!

One thing you might not know is that Tammy is a published poet and enjoys writing. She will also be getting certified to become a yoga instructor when one of her best friends opens a new studio here in Orlando within the next year (of course, all Altrusans will get an invitation for a free class!). Tammy has been a member of Altrusa for six years (I think) and has thoroughly enjoyed meeting and becoming friends with such a wonderful group of ladies.

THANK YOU FROM CANDY



I cannot wait to proudly wear my "Altrusans for the Cure" t-shirt with the names written on the back while I'm walking for the cure in Chicago. I am sure that I will get questions about "Altrusans" and I am looking forward to telling everyone who we are.

The "we" part makes me so happy that I am involved in this great organization and to be associated with such caring and committed women. Your generous donations will do much toward the prevention and cure of breast cancer and I hope to do you proud in my attempt at making all 60 miles under my

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own steam. I'll let you know ;)

Pat's Aurastella Fundraiser netted \$190 which stunned and awed me AND put me to the required goal of \$2,200! Amazing!!

I'm excited to represent each and every one of you as well as Altrusans everywhere.

WOW!

With love and appreciation,
~Candy

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http://08.the3day.org/site/TR/Walk/ChicagoEvent?px=2189936&pg=personal&fr_id=1160&et=6Y8GVIX5YQ3DBYyuSeTf9A..&s_tafId=70628

August Birthdays:

Linda Blake	8
Lisa Derryberry	12
Mildred Fernandez	24
Mary Trier	25
Margot Perez-Rios	29

Calendar of Upcoming Events



August 6, 2008

General Meeting – Steak and Ale, 640 S. Orlando Ave., Maitland – 6:30 PM

August 25, 2008

Altrusa Board Meeting - Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd., Cypress Room – 6:00 pm.

Committee Reports:

LITERACY COMMITTEE:



Chair: Linda Wright

Don't forget to bring your supplies for the Ten Thousand Villages project to the August meeting.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE:



Chair: Special Someone Needed!

Be sure to join us at the August General Meeting to hear Glenn Beard of Fitness Together who will be our speaker.

VOCATIONAL SERVICES COMMITTEE:



Chair: Linda Bond

Listen for our plans for 2008-2009 at the August meeting or check next month's newsletter.

Minutes for July General Meeting:

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF ORLANDO-WINTER PARK

June 12, 2008

In lieu of a General Meeting, members, families and friends gathered for some bowling fun and socializing at the Firkin-Kegler Family Entertainment Center.

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