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



President’s Corner:

Dear Altrusans:

One definition of the word **SERVICE** is work done for the benefit of others. When I stop and look at the rapidly growing area we live in, I can see an almost countless number of opportunities for Altrusans to help our community.

Right now our committees are forming, and we are looking forward to ways we can contribute. While we continue to support organizations we have helped in the past, this is also a good time to take a look at new groups who might need our help. Doing this gives us a better vision of our community’s needs and helps us grow as a club.

I had the opportunity to go to the PACE Center for Girls on June 13 and talk to students there about my career. There were 40 high-school aged girls at the center that day eager to ask questions about what kinds of jobs will be out there for them when they graduate. It was a chance to let them see a few possibilities beyond what they might have imagined. If you have an hour to spare on a Tuesday or Thursday morning during the summer, I would encourage you to contact the center and volunteer your time to show these girls what other career possibilities are out there.

We are also making plans as a club to go to the Orlando Train Station this month and help plant shrubs and clean up the grounds there. Our help, along with volunteers from Keep Orlando Beautiful, gives Orlando a good Image for incoming visitors to see.

The Literacy Committee is starting to solicit donations to help *A Gift for Teaching* stock up on school supplies. This organization provides a “store” where teachers can shop for classroom supplies without using their out-of-pocket money. This project has been a big success for our club in the past.

We currently are 45 members strong, and we are all coming up with ideas to provide service to our community and its people who need it.

It looks like we are off to a good start, and the opportunities are endless!

Your President,

Allie Myers

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Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park News:

June's meeting was our first meeting for the 2006-2007 Altrusan year. With our newly elected President Allie Myers. We enjoyed welcoming new member Suzanne Godfrey to our Club, sponsored by our one and only shining star recruiter Carol Denton.

We also celebrated our member Betsy Sushinsky in recognition of 25 years as an Altrusan.

We are extremely honored to have her as a member of our Altrusan sisterhood.

A committee reported on the best choice of restaurant to hold future general meetings would be the restaurant Louie and Marie's, a wonderful Italian restaurant located



further east on Colonial Drive. The last event of the evening was the Committee break out session in which members present broke formed groups to discuss who would be the committee chair and begin calendar planning for the upcoming year.

Altrusan's Beautification Project at Orlando's Amtrak Train Station:

The weather was threatening, yet a group of 6 Altrusan and family members accomplished a great deal in 3 hours. The station had been well over-due for the TLC of gardening. Thank you Altrusan's for your contribution of time and energy to this project.



President Allie Myers, husband Jack and Anita Hope At the Orlando Train Station's parking lot flower bed.

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Allie and Jack at 2nd Front Parking Lot's Flower bed




Cheryl Malloy & Ricky Thomas at the Back Flower bed of the station.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

- June 26, 2006-** Altrusa Board Meeting cancelled for this month.
- July 22, 2006-** Altrusa Summer Party, from 10am – 4pm, at Sandy Caldwell's "Sandy Bottom Resort"- 113 Bream St., Haynes City, FL. on Lake Hatchenhaw.
- July 24, 2006-** Altrusa Board Meeting at Attorney's Dean, Ringers, Morgan & Lawton office, 201 East Pine Street, Suite 1200. 6pm.

July Birthdays:



Diane Goigel 25

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Committee Reports:



Literacy Committee: The Literacy Committee is starting its 1st project for the new Altrusa year. **A Gift for Teaching** needs donations of school supplies. The most needed items are paper, pencils, glue, and crayons, although notebooks, backpacks, pens, scissors, and any other school supplies are also welcome. Please spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers (if you're allowed). Feel free to use the handy flyer we have attached. You may bring your donations to the July social and/or the August and September meetings and our committee will make sure they are delivered. Monetary donations are also welcome in lieu of supplies. Checks may be made out directly to **A Gift for Teaching** or to Altrusa, Inc. (with **A Gift for Teaching** in the memo section). Thanks, as always, for your support of this very worthy organization.

Committee Mentor- Roberta Klusmeier, Members: Martha Kirby, Jean Campbell, Suzanne Godfrey, Maureen Bergondy-Wilhelm, Kathy Chonody, Lisa Daniels Wentz, Danielle Merket, Peggy Wolford, Sandy Caldwell. and Committee Chair: Leah Treppel



Community Services: Committee Mentor-Linda Blake, Members: Debbie Berry, Sharon Blake, Toni Dedik, Tammy Douglass, Jennifer Blake Franklin, Chris Gennaro, Carol Halliburton, Cheryl Malloy, Carol Phifer, Barbara Radosky, Nancy Barnett-Rapport, Betsy Sushinsky, Connie Washam and Linda Wright.

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Vocational Services: Committee Chair, Pat Tobin has confirmed a return visit by Ms. Judy Conlin from the FL Dept of Education in Tallahassee as the guest speaker on the subject of H.O.S.A. for September's meeting.

Committee Mentor- Mary Trier, Members: Linda Bond, Barbara Brown, Mary Kay Chester, Leslie Dubow, Diane Goigel, Anita Hope, Kim Strome, Carol Thomas, BJ Watson, Suzanne Weinstein, Lida Coffman and Pat Tobin- Committee Chair.



Convention Committee: Allie Myers relayed that goodie bags will need to be put together by District Three Clubs. It isn't too early to start collecting items for the bags. The number of bags will probably be around 400. Members: Allie Myers, Carol Denton, Roberta Klusmeier and Carol Thomas.

New Member Spotlight:

Suzanne Godfrey

Suzanne, our newest member, learned about Altrusa by spotting one of our advertising benches at a bus stop on Alafaya Trail near Research Parkway. After that, she met Carol Denton, and the rest is history. Suzanne says that she has always wanted to do more with regard to the community, but she never really knew how to go about it. Thanks, Carol, for showing her the way!

Suzanne has been married to her husband, Jim, for 23 years. Jim is a retired Lieutenant Colonel, and is currently a consultant for the National Guard Bureau at PEO STRI in Research

Park. Suzanne has worked for the Army since 1989. Right now, she works for the Army's Research Development and Engineering Command out of Aberdeen, Maryland. Her office is called the Simulation and Training Technology Center (STTC), and it is located across the street from Jim's office.

"I currently have about 17 jobs in one" she said. Her nickname at work is "Slash", because she is an Executive Assistant/Command Security Manager/Protocol Officer/Safety Officer (slash/slash/slash, etc.). Adding to the list, she and Jim have just started their own business called JSG & Associates, LLC, a small Disabled Veteran-Owned business that they are looking forward to developing and growing together.

The couple has five children. Jim brought to their marriage four children, and they had a son a year later. Their oldest child is Jimmy, age 35, who is a Major in the Army and is stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas. He is married to Leslie. He has already been to Iraq, and is planning on going back next year sometime.

The next child is a daughter, Nicole, who is 31 and works as a medical assistant in Lees Summit, MO. She is married to Lynn, and they have two boys.

Dennis, 25 is married to Lisa and they are living in Hawaii. They are expecting their first child in September (a boy). Dennis returned from Afghanistan last year and left the Army, but he joined the National Guard in Hawaii. He is also working in construction.

Deirdre, 23, is next. She is married to Aaron, and they have one daughter named Alana. They live in Kansas City. Deirdre is a Special Education Teacher's Assistant.

Their youngest son, Sean, is 21 and will be starting his final year in the United States Military Academy, West Point, in the fall. Next year he will be commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army. He hasn't decided if he wants to fly helicopters or become an infantryman. His latest hobby is jumping out of airplanes on weekends.

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"I love talking about my husband and children", Suzanne said. She is the youngest of eight children herself. She was born and raised in Peoria, IL and has lived in 15 homes and 8 states since she and Jim got married. They have been in Orlando since 1999. "I love Florida" she said.

Suzanne and Jim live in the UCF area and are in the process of doing lots of remodeling, so this keeps them busy. When she can find the time, Suzanne pursues the hobbies of gardening, needlepoint, reading and swimming.

She and Jim also love to travel. They are getting ready for a road trip to Ft. Riley, Kansas and Kansas City to see their children and grandchildren in July. "We sometimes like to get off the highway and drive via the smaller roads to get a flavor of the cities we are traveling through", she said. The couple also plans a trip to Albuquerque in September, and a cruise to St. Thomas in October.

One other interesting fact about Suzanne: She has just lost 25 pounds! She feels great about that.

Suzanne, Congratulations and Welcome!

Minutes from Junes Meeting:

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF ORLANDO-
WINTER PARK
GENERAL MEETING
June 07, 2006
Steak and Ale, Orlando, FL

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, , Jean Campbell, , Liddy Coffman, Jennifer Franklin, Chris Gennaro, Anita Hope, Martha Kirby, Roberta Klusmeier, Cheryl Malloy, Allie Myers, Terry Pass, Betsy Sushinsky, Carol Thomas, Patricia Tobin, Leah Treppel, and Linda Wright.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Adams, Maureen Bergondy-Wilhelm , Debbie Berry, Mary Kay Chester, Kathy Chonody, Lisa Daniels-Wentz, Diane DeWolf, Toni Dedik, Carol Denton, Tammy Douglass, Sandy Drake-Caldwell, Leslie Dubow, Liz Finley, Diane Goigel, Carol Halliburton, Danielle Merket, Judy Nelson, Barbara

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Radosky, Margot Perez-Rios, Carol Phifer, Nancy Rapport, Mary Trier, Connie Washam, BJ Watson, Suzanne Weinstein, and Peggy Wolford.

GUESTS: Arlene Shaw (4th visit) sponsored by Carol Thomas and Suzanne Godfrey (initiate) sponsored by Carol Denton.

MINUTES: There were no revisions or corrections to the minutes from the May 2006 General Meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Linda Wright reported that the Project Account currently has a balance of \$3,776.31, and the Operating Account currently has a balance of \$9,467.30. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Disbursal of Foundation Funds. Betsy Sushinsky provided a handout that summarized the Altrusa Foundation Budget. The ending balance showed \$2,836.62 plus an additional \$500.00 specifically earmarked for Keep Orlando Beautiful. These funds represent original seed money plus interest. Included in the report was an accounting of funds raised during the previous year and anticipated disbursements to selected charitable organizations.

After discussion, Pat Tobin made a motion to accept the Foundation Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Linda Blake and approved unanimously by those present.

Betsy Sushinsky also explained that 4 board members were resigning their positions to either assume other positions within the club or moving from the area. Replacements had been found for these positions, including Barbara Brown, Linda Blake, Roberta Klusmeier and Anita Hope. Leah Treppel made a motion to accept the replacement board members. The motion was seconded by Martha Kirby and approved unanimously by those present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Thank you from Carol Denton for honoring her as an "Altrusa All Star".
- Advertisement from the Florida Bar Speakers Association. This may be a potential source of a speaker for one of our meetings.
- Thank you from Robin Hall for her warm welcome at last month's meeting.
- Letter from Rollins College with an update about one of our Eleanor J. Matthews scholarship recipients.

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- Letter from Norma Teuton about District III new club building activities. They have targeted the Villages and Tallahassee as potential candidates for Altrusa club development.
- Letter from District III about the call for nominations for Governor-Elect, Vice-Governor, Treasurer, and three Directors for District Office 2007-2009. Details about the nominating procedures and qualifications are outlined within the letter. Please contact Allie Myers for a copy/additional information.
- Letter with pictures from Rosemary Watson about her visit to Nepal to deliver the books provided by our club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Betsy Sushinsky reported that although not all dues have been received for the new year, it appears that our total membership numbers have stayed even over the last year at about 50 members.

No other committee reports were provided.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **July Social.** Allie Myers said that there was nothing further to report since Peggy Wolford was out of the country. A notice will be sent out once a specific date has been arranged.
- **Meeting Locations.** Linda Blake reported that the committee had visited a number of places. The Orlando Chamber at City Hall was an option but would require arranging a caterer. Houlihan's didn't have a room that would suit our requirements. Olive Garden was not interested in hosting a meeting that would tie up resources for 2 hours. The most promising location was Louie and Marie's on East Colonial. They had recently remodeled and have a separate room that could accommodate approximately 60 people. We would need to guarantee at least 20-25 people to get the room and they were willing to stay within our price range of \$13-14 per meal. After general discussion and agreement that this option was suitable, Linda said she would contact the manager this next week and make plans for the August meeting.
- **Train Station Request.** Carol Thomas paid a visit to the Train Station and discussed the requested plantings. The flower beds (2 in the front of the building and 1 in the rear) need weeding and the desire is to have perennial flowering bushes and plants as opposed to the annuals we have done in the past. Carol will work with the Train Station on a date and send out an email.
- **Convention.** Allie Myers said that we are waiting

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for further guidance from International with regard to our responsibilities. Information from the Pittsburg club has been promised that can be used as a guideline for planning purposes. Some initial requirements include flag poles and stands, goodie bags, and court reporter services. Our current understanding is that this is a District wide effort so we should be able to enlist other District III clubs to help.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- In celebration of 25 years of service to Altrusa, a special recognition award was presented to Betsy Sushinsky. Many thanks for your tireless efforts on behalf of Altrusa. You are truly an inspiration to us!
- Special thanks were also expressed to our out-going President, Anita Hope for her leadership over the past year.

INITIATION: Betsy Sushinsky led the initiation ceremony for Suzanne Godfrey who was sponsored by Carol Denton.

PROGRAM: In lieu of a formal program for this month, the newly formed committees were given time to meet, elect a chairperson, select dates for speakers to support the General Meeting schedule, and initiate plans for fund raising activities for the coming year. Allie Myers provided a list of members assigned to each committee with contact information. Out-going committee chairs will serve as mentors to the new chairs and share lessons-learned.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: No formal meeting will be scheduled for July. A social is planned to be held at Peggy Wolford's house with specifics TBD.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to conduct Allie Myers adjourned the General Meeting at 7:40 pm and the membership broke into their respective committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Malloy
Recording Secretary

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July Summer Party Flyer:**2006 Annual Altrusan Summer Party**

at

"Sandy Bottom Resort"

near Haynes City on Lake Hatchenhaw east of U.S. 27.

Sat. Jul. 22nd 10am ~ 4pm

Please contact Sandy Caldwell and chat with Sandy as to what dish (that will serve 5)
813-752-2523 sandydcalldwell@verizon.net

address: 113 Bream St. Haynes City FL

**Directions:**

I- 4 West to US 27 South. Follow 27 south till you pass Hoppy's Marina,
look for a big Peterbilt sign at Kokomo St. and turn left. Follow Kokomo east,
you will go thru the stop sign at State Road #17. Travel about 6 miles and turn right on Tyner
(look for a brick wall as a indicator you are coming to Tyner)
Turn right onto Tyner a few miles till it ends and turn left at the lake.
Travel approximately 5 miles to Bream St. and make a left. The house is on the right (113).

They have a pontoon boat and there is a boat ramp
available if anyone wanted to bring their boat.
She recommends no jet skis or water skiing because there are a lot of gators in the lake.

Literacy Committee Gift for Teaching Flyer:



Altrusa Orlando & A Gift for Teaching

Support your Local Schools!

Altrusa is collecting donations for

"A Gift for Teaching".

Please donate paper, crayons, glue,
notebooks, pencils, pens, etc. or

\$5.00 here.

Receipt available upon request.



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