

ALTRUSA



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KEYNOTES

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



President’s Corner:

Hello everyone!

Greetings, and welcome to a new fiscal year!

We have already gotten off to a good start. Our committees have been formed, the chairs have been assigned, and we are starting to fill in our calendar of activities for the year. Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to hold an office and/or chair a committee. I hope it will prove to be a rewarding experience for you. Please remember that all activities are club activities, even though they are sponsored by a committee. Being the great Altrusans that we are, I am confident that we will all pitch in to make our projects successful for Altrusa of Orlando-Winter Park.

Speaking of the new fiscal year and our upcoming responsibilities, we have two important events coming up. The first is the International Convention coming up in July. This is a great opportunity to attend an international convention, since we will be hosting it here in Orlando. Ladies, we don’t have too far to travel to get to this one! It’s a great chance to see what goes on in Altrusa at an international level. My personal thanks to all of you, including some of our District Three members, who have volunteered to help make the convention a success.

The second important event is our 60th anniversary. We need to get plans underway to celebrate the Orlando-Winter Park club’s being in existence for 60 years. Please get with me on your ideas for a celebration. We should be proud of our long history.

We have a lot of fun and excitement ahead of us this year, so let’s get started!

Your President,
Allie Myers

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Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park News:

June’s meeting was one that was opened by our President Allie Myers with a long list of important items on the agenda including our breaking into the three committee groups to discuss our plans as committee’s for the coming year. Committee Chairs were decided and the months in which the committee’s will be hosting were decided as well.

July is such a busy month with the Altrusa International, Inc. Convention held at Disney’s Contemporary Resort, July 12- 16, 2007. Due to our heavy participation at the convention there will not be a July Social event.

As a special note: Please remember to support the community service project thru contributions of school supplies to the Altrusa International Convention for A Gift for Teaching, in July.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:



June , 2007- There will be no Altrusa Board Meeting this month.

June 27, 2007 – Altrusa International Convention Meeting of Volunteer's. at Steak and Ale restaurant located on 17-92, Maitland.
6:30pm.

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

Altrusan Accent

STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL CLUB PROJECT OR The Eight "ATES"

Taken from a workshop at the 2007 District Three Conference presented by Marge Baker of the Gainesville Florida Altrusa club.

1. INVESTIGATE: Do some research- Survey your club's interests. Address community needs- Select a project members can get excited about.
2. CREATE / INITIATE: Take an idea and develop it into a project-Formulate a plan of action.
3. EDUCATE / RELATE: Have a clear message about your project and it's purpose- share that with your club members and with the community.
4. NEGOTIATE / SUPPLICATE: Reduce overhead to maximize outcome. Get as much donated as possible.
5. DELEGATE / PARTICIPATE: Get everyone in the club involved- Develop a variety of jobs. Promote community participation.
6. MOTIVATE / COMMUNICATE: The absolute key to a successful project. Keep the club members informed and enthusiastic- Get the word out to the community.
7. THE DATE: All the preparations have paid off- don't just work together, have fun together.
8. CELEBRATE / APPRECIATE / EVALUATE: Tabulate results- thank everyone involved, make suggestions for improvements.

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Committee Reports:



Literacy Committee:

Committee Chair: Martha Kirby

The Literacy Committee had a great first meeting in June after the regular meeting at Gentry's. There's a lot of enthusiasm in the group this year. Literacy will be hosting the September and April meetings. We're not ready to share yet but we have a lot of good ideas and plans, involving AGFT, Adult Literacy League, and the school system, to generate interest and involvement in increasing literacy. Keep your calendars clear for Make A Difference Day on October 27th!



Community Services:

Committee Chair: Tammy Douglass

The Stein Mart shopping event/fundraiser will be on Sunday, November 18. Marie Johnson with Stein Mart will be organizing the first planning meeting soon.



Vocational Services:

Committee Chair: Ann Prince

The Vocational Services committee will be hosting the months of November and February (the month of tea) and has already started planning a really dramatic change to this coming fund raising event of the Tea for Twenty. More bits of information will be forth coming in future newsletters.

3 July's Birthdays



Dianne Goigel

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Featured Altrusan of the Month:

MEET NEW MEMBER HELEN MIZE

Helen was born in Portsmouth Virginia, and as a member of a U.S. Navy family she called many places home during her childhood. The beautiful city of Columbus, Georgia is where she lived for the longest period.

Twelve years ago she and her daughter Kelly moved to Orlando to start a new life. About that time Trixie the family springer spaniel, retriever mix joined the family. Kelly is now a sophomore at the University of West Florida in Pensacola so Helen is getting used to it being just she and Trixie most of the time.

Helen is making the most of this new time in her life. Her job as a Specialist Advisor for Resource Consulting Group is challenging. When she can she loves to be outdoors gardening, going to the beach, taking interesting day trips and doing photography. Spending time with family is also important. She recently spent a week in Georgia visiting family and attending a family reunion.

After being a single mom for quite a while she feels this is her time to spread her wings and experience new things. Altrusa is becoming a part of this new chapter in her life. The club's involvement with the Displaced Homemakers program was important since Helen had been in that situation herself a few years back. The camaraderie and friendliness of our members also drew her to Altrusa along with the important community projects the club supports. No grass is being allowed to grow under her feet; she's already accepted the role of co-chair of the Vocational Services Committee along with her friend Ann who is the chairman.

We are happy and honored to have Helen as a sister Altrusan

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Minutes for June General Meeting

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF ORLANDO-
WINTER PARK

GENERAL MEETING

June 06, 2007

Gentry's Restaurant
Orlando, FL

CALL TO ORDER: President Allie Myers called the General Meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sharon Blake, Linda Bond, Barbara Brown, Jean Campbell, Toni Dedik, Carol Denton, Diane DeWolf, Tammy Douglass, Carol Halliburton, Anita Hope, Martha Kirby, Roberta Klusmeier, Helen Mize, Allie Myers, Ann Prince, Carol Thomas, Mary Trier, Connie Washam and Linda Wright.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Debbie Berry, Maureen Bergondy-Wilhelm, Linda Blake, Mary Kay Chester, Kathy Chonody, Liddy Coffman, Lisa Daniels-Wentz, Sandy Caldwell, Leslie Dubow, Jennifer Franklin, Liz Finley, Chris Gennaro, Diane Goigel, Cheryl Malloy, Sue Maston, Danielle Merket, Judy Nelson, Terry Pass, Margot Perez-Rios, Carol Phifer, Barbara Radosky, Nancy Rapport, Arlene Shaw, Betsy Sushinsky, Patricia Tobin, Suzanne Weinstein and Peggy Wolford.

GUESTS: Maryann Kravitz, (3rd Visit), sponsored by Carol Denton. Michelle Jones (3rd Visit), sponsored by Barbara Brown.

MINUTES: The minutes from the last month's General Meeting were approved as submitted in the May 2007 newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Linda Wright made the following report:

- The Project Account currently has a balance of \$3,680.79
- The Operating Account currently had a balance of \$11,803.53.
- Distribution of the club's "Register Report", 06/01/2006 – 05/31/2007 and the "Proposed Budget Operating Account, 2007 – 2008" was

distributed and reviewed.

- The “Proposed Budget Operating Account, 2007” was approved by the body as submitted.
- Any member wishing to receive a copy of the Proposed Budget Operating Account, 2007-2008 can via email, contact Linda Wright.
- The evening’s “50-50” raffle made \$37.00. Mary Trier won the funds this evening.
- Any questions or to see further information, please contact Linda Wright.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Allie Myers reported receipt of the following communications.

- Card from Judy Nelson thanking our club for sponsoring her to go to the District Three Conference earlier this year.
- Newsletter from Seniors First.
- Card announcing Ocala’s 30th Anniversary as a club.
- A card about “Michelee Puppets” that will be in the Orlando area on October 13, 2007. Those interested in further information should contact Linda Bond, Chair of the Club Scrapbook.
- Notice for the Center for Independent Living’s 2nd Annual Event.
- Thank you card for the donation to the Howard Phillips Children and Family Services.
- Thank you card from Cindy Schad, District Three Governor, thanking our club for their “warm hospitality” while she visited our area.
- Card from Winter Park Public Library.
- Card from Orange County Youth and Family Services.
- Information about the upcoming PACE Fund Raising Luncheon.
- Thank you card from Susy Meir, Atlanta Georgia Altrusa Club member.
- Gloria Boone, Altrusa District Three Club member is looking for a roommate for the International Conference in July 2007. Contact Allie Myers for information on how to contact Gloria.
- Thank you card from the Center for Independent Living.

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MEMBERSHIP INSTALLATION: There were no new members installed into the club at this meeting. The next scheduled installation will be at the August General Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: No committees reported at this meeting. As the president adjourned the meeting, members broke up into groups to form new committees for 2007 – 2008. Each committee elected a chairperson. If you are not aware of the committee that you have been assigned to, please check the April and June newsletters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Garage Sale – Carol Thomas requested that each club member hold on to their donated items for the garage sale – do not bring them to meetings for her to store. There is a possibility that it will be held at the Elks Club on Howell Branch Road--Possibly in the fall (October or November) when it is much cooler. All items left over will be donated to charity. Date and time is yet to be determined - more details to follow at a later date.
- Archives – Anita Hope offered to use her home as a meeting place to review archives that the club would like to keep and items that will be discarded. Date and time to be announced at a later date.
- International Convention – Anita Hope motioned to increase the budgeted amount to pay for our club’s delegates and alternates to be increased by \$1,000.00. Carol Halliburton seconded. The motion was approved.
- Cookbook Update – Anita Hope, Carol Thomas and Linda Wright reported that they have had a good response from the members and are currently still working on it for publication at the International Convention. “Dining in Paradise” was the name chosen for our cookbook. Carol reported that desserts and drink recipes are still needed. Those who have recipes to submit please send to Linda Wright, Lwright@cfl.rr.com.
- Club Banner – Roberta Klusmeier motioned that we order our new club banner from Doc Morgan; the cost would be approximately \$87.50. Carol Denton seconded. The motion was approved.

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- July General Meeting – Allie Myers reported that the board had decided not to hold a July General Meeting in lieu of the International Convention being held in July. She also reported, and it was unanimously agreed, that there would not be a June Board Meeting. Instead, on Wednesday, 06/27/07, there will be a meeting at Steak and Ale, 17-92 in Maitland at 6:30 pm, to further discuss and finalize preparations for the International Conference. Each member is to buy his or her own dinner. Roberta Klusmeier volunteered to call for reservations, if you are interested in attending, please contact Roberta at gators1307@aol.com.

NEW BUSINESS

- Toni Dedik motioned that we purchase items for a get-well basket for Cheryl Malloy, who recently has had surgery. Jean Campbell seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Toni will deliver the basket to Cheryl.
- Newsletter – Carol Thomas, who has been doing the monthly newsletter, has requested that someone take over the responsibility. Maryanne Kravitz, soon to be a new member, volunteered to assume this responsibility. Carol will assist Maryanne in the transition.
- Installation of New Officers – Allie Myers reported that the same members have volunteered for another year. The only exception will be Jean, see below. Installation will be held at the August General Meeting.
- Sunshine Club – Jean Campbell volunteered to assume the responsibility as the new Corresponding Secretary. All present were in agreement. Jean will be sending out cards for birthdays, bereavement and get-well situations. *Any information on these subjects, please contact Jean at campbell1253@bellsouth.net.*

FOUNDATION REPORT: Anita Hope, Treasurer, reported that she has almost completed the balancing of the Foundation account. She has notified Fairwinds Credit Union that there has been an officer change in the Treasurer position from Kathy Chonody to Anita Hope. The Foundation will be holding a June meeting to discuss their new budget for the year.

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, 08/01/07, at 6:00 pm at Gentry's in Orlando.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to conduct, Allie Myers, President, adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Jean Campbell
Past Recording Secretary
For Cheryl Malloy, Recording Secretary

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