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



President's Corner:

Hello Everyone,

Soon we will be rid of all the cold weather and experiencing warmer days—and with spring comes some exciting events:

It will be time to look at our slate of officers for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008. If you have been considering holding a club officer position, now is the time to speak up. Please let me, or any of our board members (Martha Kirby, Cheryl Malloy, Anita Hope, Pat Tobin, Toni Dedik, and Linda Wright) know what position you might be interested in. If you are not clear on what our officers do, please don't be afraid to ask. Descriptions of the various offices are also listed in your Altrusa Encyclopedia. Perhaps you might want to shadow one of the officers and learn what they do so you have a better understanding of the job at hand. The vitality of our club depends upon our future leaders.

It's also time to sign up for the District Three conference which will be held this year in Gainesville, Florida from April 26 through April 28, 2007. Since Gainesville is only a couple of hours up the road, this is an excellent opportunity to go and see what the District conferences are all about. It's a chance to re-energize and see what goes on outside of our club. There are seminars, celebrations, and opportunities to meet other Altrusans in our district. If you have never experienced a conference outside of the one we held here in Orlando, I urge you to go

and see how others do it. I guarantee you will learn something.

In addition, don't forget our March meeting. This meeting is devoted to the Eleanor J. Matthews art scholarships. I always find it exciting to see aspiring artists display their work and talk about their future plans. It's very rewarding to know that the Orlando-Winter Park Altrusans can help make their future brighter.

We will also have a special guest at this meeting—Governor Cindy Schad, our District governor, will be attending to speak to us. If you haven't met her, prepare to be pleasantly surprised. She is both a warm and energetic person, and a wonderful person to get to know. Don't miss this great opportunity to come and meet her.

In closing, I would like to say, see you at District Conference, see you at our next meeting, and hopefully see you as an officer in the upcoming years!

Your President,
Allie Myers

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Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park News:

March's meeting was filled with new and exciting events. First our meeting was held at the Elks Lodge located off Howell Branch Road courtesy of an Altrusan Peggy Welford who along with her husband are members. After introductions by our President Allie Myers and dinner was completed our Altrusan Roberta Klusmeier served as the program host for the 25th Annual Recognition of the Eleanor J. Mathews Art Scholars. She provided a brief history of Eleanor's life and her affiliation with the Orlando – Winter Park Altrusa club that has acted as administrator for the Eleanor J. Mathews Scholarship Fund since its inception. Roberta then introduced a special guest for the evening, Linda Kimball a friend and co-worker of Eleanor's when she served as the staff artist at the natural history museum of Central Florida. Linda brought several samples of Eleanor's art work that illustrated her variety of interests and zest for life. Linda graciously donated a beautiful floral painting of Eleanor's to the club that will be cherished for years to come.

Roberta then introduced each of the faculty members and recipients of the Eleanor J. Mathews awards. The 2006-2007 Eleanor J. Mathews Art Scholarship Award recipients include:

Faculty Member/School	Award Recipient
Jay Spalding, Instructor of Art Seminole Community College	Roberto Lugo
Carla Poindexter, Associate Professor University of Central Florida	Ryan Nicholas
Andrew Downey, Instructor of Art Valencia Community College	Brandi Lawhorn
Dana Hargrove, Assistant Professor Rollins College	Hannah Walsh

Each of the award winners brought samples of their work and provided a description of how the pieces were created. The samples illustrated the unique and versatile talents of the students in painting, sketching, sculpting, acid etching, and mixed media. Each student also shared their plans for the future and expressed gratitude for the Eleanor J. Mathews scholarship award.

Special Guest Speaker:

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Governor Cindy Shad started her address with a thank you and compliments to the Orlando – Winter Park club for their continued dedication and service. A few highlights from her presentation follow.

- Governor Cindy led us in a game that tested our knowledge about the Altrusa organization. She reminded us that the web site was a terrific source of information (www.altrusa.com and www.districtthree.org , as well as our local chapter www.altrusa-orlando.org) to keep us all better informed. For example, do you know what each letter in ALTRUSA stands for?
- She challenged members to think outside the box, perhaps establish a cluster club with an alternate meeting time and day that might be better for those who can't make a meeting on the first Wednesday of every month. By assigning someone to act as liaison between the cluster club and the General Meetings, the two venues can stay connected.
- Governor Cindy mentioned that Conference was coming up next month and that Gainesville was a short drive away. She encouraged everyone to participate and said there would be a few surprises we shouldn't miss.
- Also, since Orlando is the site of the International Conference, she asked for ways the District could assist. Carol Denton mentioned that there would be 4 or 5 meal functions (e.g., Fun night, Opening Ceremonies, Awards, Installation) that need to be coordinated. Themes and decorations would be required for each event and attendance could be from 200-500 people. There was a general discussion about favors and center pieces which would apparently be quite expensive if furnished by Disney. Governor Cindy suggested that we need to come up with some themes and prototypes, etc. that could be discussed at the Conference. That would then give District and the clubs time to budget to support Convention events. Governor Cindy also indicated that District would be happy to help with the Luau. In addition, the opening ceremony would also require the services of a pianist. Governor Cindy provided a couple of names for Carol to contact.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

March 26, 2007 – Altrusa Board Meeting, at Attorney’s Dean, Ringers, Morgan & Lawton office, 201 East Pine Street, Suite 1200. 6pm.

April 4, 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.

April 23, 2007- Altrusa Board Meeting, at Attorney’s Dean, Ringers, Morgan & Lawton office, 201 East Pine Street, Suite 1200. 6pm.

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

April Birthdays



Linda Wright	6
Leslie Dubow	10
Danielle Merket	15



Last Chance for PACE Prom Donations:

It’s still not too late to bring in any donations for the girls attending Prom at the PACE Center. Gowns, or accessories will be delivered by President Allie Myers after the general meeting. Last year we really made a difference in this special occasion for the girls attending PACE. Let’s make this year just as wonderful.

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Committee’s:



Altrusa International Convention Committee:

International Convention to be held here in Orlando from July 13-16 at the Disney Contemporary Hotel. Carol Denton mentioned that there would be 4 or 5 meal functions (e.g., Fun night, Opening Ceremonies, Awards, Installation) that need to be coordinated. Themes and decorations would be required for each event and attendance could be from 200-500 people.

This information was discussed at the General Meeting with Governor Cindy Shad and much discussion of sharing with other clubs within the District in making this all complete will be brought up at the conference in April.

2007 District Three Conference:

Registration for the 2007 District Three Conference is under way. The conference will be held April 26-28 at the Paramount Hotel in Gainesville, Florida. The registration fee will be \$180.00, which includes a fun night. Clubs will receive a \$25.00 reward for each new member who registers for the conference, so all of you new members come to the conference and help out your club. For all others, Gainesville is only a couple of hours up the road, so this one will be easy to attend. If you have never been to a District Conference, it is an invaluable chance to learn more about Altrusa and a good chance to meet other Altrusans in our District.

Minutes for March General Meeting:

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF ORLANDO-WINTER PARK
 GENERAL MEETING
 March 07, 2006
 Elks Lodge, 4755 Howell Branch Road, Winter Park, FL 32792

CALL TO ORDER: President Allie Myers called the General Meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Blake, Linda Bond, Barbara Brown, Mary Kay Chester, Lida Coffman, Toni Dedik, Carol Denton, Jennifer Franklin, Carol Halliburton, Roberta Klusmeier, Cheryl Malloy, Allie Myers, Judy Nelson, Betsy Sushinsky, Carol Thomas, Patricia Tobin, Peggy Wolford, and Linda Wright.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Maureen Bergondy-Wilhelm, Debbie Berry, Sharon Blake, Jean Campbell, Kathy Chonody, Lisa Daniels-Wentz, Diane DeWolf, Tammy Douglass, Sandy Drake-Caldwell, Leslie Dubow, Liz Finley, Chris Gennaro, Diane Goigel, Anita Hope, Martha Kirby, Danielle Merket, Terry Pass, Carol Phifer, Barbara Radosky, Nancy Rapport, Margot Perez-Rios, Arlene Shaw, Mary Trier, Connie Washam, BJ Watson, and Suzanne Weinstein.

GUESTS: Ann Prince (3rd visit) and Helen Mize (3rd visit) sponsored by Pat Tobin; Maryann Kravitz (2nd visit) sponsored by Carol Denton; Michelle Jones (1st visit) sponsored by Barbara Brown; Governor Cindy Shad; Emeritus member, Florence Lamborn Johnson; Linda Kimball, friend and co-worker of Eleanor J. Mathews; and our program guests from Seminole Community College: Jay Spaulding, Roberto Lugo, and friend; from UCF: Carla Poindexter, Ryan Nicholas, and friend; from Valencia Community College: Andrew Downey, Brandi Lawhorn, and friend; from Rollins: Dana Hargrove, Hannah Walsh, and family.

PROGRAM: 25th Annual Recognition of the Eleanor J. Mathews Art Scholars

MINUTES: Minutes from the February 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 \$3,770.15 and the Operating Account balance was \$12,423.56.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Season's greetings card from the New Zealand club
- A thank you from Maureen Bergondy for club support during recent family loss
- Email about donations to a memorial to the ASTRA students lost or injured in the recent tornado in Alabama. Governor Cindy commented that the District has had several inquiries on the same topic. She offered to research and suggested a collaborative donation may be more appropriate.
- Email from Governor Cindy with information about sending condolences to Norma Jean Najim, past president of Live Oak chapter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Due to the lengthy program scheduled and the special address given by Governor Cindy Shad, committee reports were not presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Pat Tobin announced that the Tea for Twenty event held in

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February raised over \$2,300.00. Everyone agreed that the event was a huge success and Allie Myers extended thanks to all those who participated and contributed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pat Tobin said that she had received an inquiry from Judy Conlin, State Superintendent for the Florida Educational System and HOSA advocate, looking for judges for a HOSA competition to be held in Daytona Beach April 12-15. Many of the judging categories are associated with the medical profession, but there are some more general categories, like public speaking, for which judges are needed as well. Please contact Pat if you are interested or know of someone else who may want to participate.
- Allie Myers mentioned that Linda Wright and Toni Dedik will be checking out the Mark Street Senior Center next weekend to see if this is a suitable site for our Garage Sale. After discussion, it was decided that we should organize the Garage Sale for early April. Carol Thomas previously volunteered to coordinate the effort.
- Linda Wright reported that she had toured the Train Station and the plantings previously installed were doing well. Some light weeding and more mulch is all that is needed at this time. Betsy Sushinsky volunteered to make arrangements with the Train Station for a suitable date and will send out an email.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Governor Cindy Shad, District III

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, 04/04/07, at 6:00 pm location TBD.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to conduct Allie Myers adjourned the General Meeting at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Malloy
Recording Secretary

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