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



President’s Corner:

Dear Altrusans:

So many exciting events have happened in April and May that it’s hard to know where to begin. I think I’ll start with the District Three Conference held in Spartanburg, South Carolina, April 27-29:

I had the privilege of attending the conference with Judy Myers-Nelson and Carol Denton. The Spartanburg club members were wonderful hosts, and we all had a good time.

Our club received the following honors:

- Ernestine Milner Program Excellence Award—2nd place
- Scrapbook recognition for excellent chronological documentation
- Recognition for Outstanding Community Service

Congratulations! It’s great to see our club get recognition for all our hard work throughout the year!

I want to thank you for the opportunity to help lead Altrusa International of Orlando-Winter Park during

this next year, and with such an experienced and helpful board, I know I will have plenty of excellent guidance. Please remember that we are here to serve you. Let us know if you have any questions or issues. Together we can continue to provide great service to our community.

And last but not least:

As we move into our new fiscal year, hopefully everyone has remembered to pay their membership dues (due May 31st) so we are ready to start organizing new committees and start getting our plans in place for another year of fun, hard work, camaraderie, and new opportunities to serve our community.

See you at our planning meeting in June!

Your President,

Allie Myers

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Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park News:

Mays meeting was opened by our Altrusan Past-President Pat Tobin, filling in for President Anita Hope who had to go out of town last minute and unable to attend. The main event of the evening was the Installation of the new club officers for 2006 – 2007. Pat Tobin presided during the installation of new officers for 2006-2007 that include the following:

President	Allie Myers
Vice-President	Martha Kirby
Treasurer	Kathy Chonody
Recording Secretary	Cheryl Malloy
Director	Anita Hope
Director	Toni Dedik
Director	Pat Tobin
Director	Linda Wright

Pat’s address focused on the roles and responsibilities of each position and the type of “hands” each officer contributes to the success of the club.

Special Thanks from District Three Conference Community Project:

Thanks to all of you who brought in socks, pillow cases, wash cloths, and toiletries for the District Three service project. Once again, we filled a small suitcase full of items for a good cause.

Your donations helped the Spartanburg, SC club fill bags to give to needy seniors through their Mobile Meals project. Altrusans attending the conference got a chance to help fill the bags, and this was done in a very short amount of time. Once again, it proves that many hands can get the job done in a fast and efficient manner.

President
Allie Myers

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

- May 22, 2006-** Altrusa Board Meeting at Attorney’s Dean, Ringers, Morgan & Lawton office, 201 East Pine Street, Suite 1200. 6pm.
- June 7, 2006-** Altrusa General Meeting at Steak and Ale Restaurant, S. Semoran Blvd. at 6 pm. Planning Meeting for the Altrusa Year.

Committee Reports:



Literacy Committee: Carol Thomas mentioned that she received an invitation from the Gift for Teaching and Gift for Music organizations about an event they were holding the 05/04/06. Carol read the invitation and then circulated it around the room.



Community Services: Linda Blake expressed thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the committee projects during the previous year.



Vocational Services: Allie Myers said that PACE had their Prom last Friday evening but that she did not have any news to report. Allie did mention that cash donations from the membership were used for purchasing decorations. She hopes to have some pictures to share at the next meeting. Any of the dresses and accessories that were not selected by the PACE girls were then delivered to Colonial H.S.



Convention Committee: Allie Myers said that a number of members had signed up to support the 2007 Altrusa International Convention that will be held in Orlando, but no specific requirements had been received yet. An initial planning session for the committee will be conducted during the June General Meeting.

June Birthdays:



Roberta Klusmeier	8
Leah Treppel	26
Jennifer Franklin	28

International Altrusa News:

Here’s what Rosemary Watson of one of the New Zealand Clubs in District Fifteen had to say (dated May 21, 2006):

Hi Allie

Thank you very much for the books. They arrived at the hotel in Kathmandu while I was there. What lovely books you sent. As I was not able to travel to Saunta myself—just off the current route that we had planned to trek, I arranged with Peregrine Adventures for the books to be taken by porters to Saunta after the monsoon season after September. I took off trekking in the Annapurna area for 6 days and then near Everest for another 9 days and when I returned to Kathmandu found that the people who had booked the camping trip had withdrawn and. The books that had been sent from New Zealand were in Kathmandu and I split them in half—half to wait to go the the Saunta school and half we took on

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our trek to Annapurna area. The ones we took were given to a Secondary school in Birethanti and two primary schools in Kimche. Unfortunately the children were busy with exams that week so we could not go into the classrooms. They then were due a week’s holiday before their New Year before returning to school when they move up a class if work is satisfactory.

I have attached some photos taken in March/April this year. District Fifteen and my club had given me money for the Saunta School and this will be put to maintenance by replacing blackboards and repairing seats and benches.



Peregrine have been very helpful in assisting managing the work and payment to the Saunta School and have promises when this is done that they would take photos for me.



Apart from the joy of helping assisting with materials for education, giving balloons to the children on the trek, I had a wonderful time meandering through the countryside amongst some of the most spectacular scenery in the world and meeting some wonderful Nepali people. It is hard to believe it is all over, but I have great memories.

Kind Regards,

Rosemary

Minutes from Mays Meeting:

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF ORLANDO-
WINTER PARK
GENERAL MEETING
May 03, 2006
Steak and Ale, Orlando, FL

CALL TO ORDER: Pat Tobin filled in for President Anita Hope who was on travel and called the General Meeting to order at 6:15 pm. As a part of her opening remarks Pat noted the absence of a few members due to recent surgery, business travel commitments, including the recent departure of Judy Nelson and Sue Maston who have moved from the area. In addition, Pat wanted to recognize and commend Carol Thomas on the last month's exceptional newsletter.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Linda Blake, Linda Bond, Barbara Brown, Mary Kay Chester, Liddy Coffman, Toni Dedik, Carol Denton, Tammy Douglass, Jennifer Franklin, Diane Goigel, Martha Kirby, Cheryl Malloy, Allie Myers, Barbara Radosky, Carol Thomas, Patricia Tobin, Mary Trier, Peggy Wolford, and Linda Wright.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Adams, Maureen Bergondy-Wilhelm, Debbie Berry, Linda Blake, Sharon Blake, Jean Campbell, Lisa Daniels-Wentz, Diane DeWolf, Sandy Drake-Caldwell, Kathy Chonody, Leslie Dubow, Liz Finley, Chris Gennaro, Carol Halliburton, Anita Hope, Roberta Klusmeier, Danielle Merket, Judy Nelson, Terry Pass, Margot Perez-Rios, Carol Phifer, Nancy Rapport, Betsy Sushinsky, Leah Treppel, Jane Van Bemden, Connie Washam, BJ Watson, and Suzanne Weinstein.

GUESTS: Arlene Shaw (3rd visit) sponsored by Carol Thomas; Cricket Hill (1st visit) sponsored by Linda Blake; and Betsy Holl (1st visit) sponsored by Pat Tobin.

MINUTES: Pat Tobin asked if there were any corrections needed to the minutes from April 2006 General Meeting. A spelling error was noted, as well as the need to add Linda Wright's name to the list of Directors. With no further revisions offered, the minutes were then approved as corrected.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: Linda Wright reported that the Project Account currently has a balance of \$3,766.73, and the Operating Account currently has a balance of \$10,003.32. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Activity Reports.** Pat Tobin reminded everyone that Club Activity Reports needed to be returned to Anita Hope as soon as possible so that she could send a report to District by May 31st. An email had been sent out earlier in the week with a format for tracking/recording hours. Carol Thomas said that the yearbook that was sent via email in February contains a calendar of previous club events that can be used as a reference.
- **Annual Dues.** Linda Wright said that membership dues for 2006-2007 were payable by the end of the month.
- **Conference.** Allie Myers circulated a few pictures from District Conference that she attended along with Carol Denton and Judy Nelson. Allie said that our Club took 2nd place for program excellence, received recognition for outstanding community service, as well as recognition for an outstanding scrapbook. On behalf of the club, Pat Tobin added a special thank you to those members who represented the club at the conference and to all who contributed to winning the awards.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Committee Planning.** Pat Tobin explained that the General Meeting in June would be a planning meeting for committees. Allie Myers said that assignments to committees will be finalized in June. Out-going Committee Chairs were encouraged to finish their reports to pass along lessons-learned and advice to the incoming chairs.
- **July Social.** Pat Tobin requested volunteers to act as hostess for the annual July Social meeting that had been held at Judy Nelson's the last few years. Peggy Wolford volunteered and will check her calendar for a suitable date.
- **Meeting Locations.** Pat Tobin mentioned that Steak and Ale would be closing soon due to road expansion work. Volunteers were

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requested to form a committee to search for a new meeting location. Tammy Douglass, Linda Blake, Diane Goigel, and Peggy Wolford volunteered.

- **Board Meeting Suggestions.** At Monday evening's Board Meeting a number of suggestions were made to improve club events, including the following:
 - Each committee will be responsible for providing greeters to welcome guests and ensure that everyone has name tags. Another suggestion was to collect 50 cents from members who forgot to wear their club name tags. Betsy Sushinsky can order replacement name tags if needed for \$7.00.
 - Better promotion of this year's SteinMart function is important since Linda Blake said that only two organizations have been invited to participate. Community Service will need to focus on early advertising to ensure a good turn out.
 - The holiday party in December will be a shared responsibility by all committees. Toni Dedik clarified that although Community Service will lead the planning for the event, all members should be encouraged to participate.
 - Committee Chairs are compiling "lessons learned" reports using a format provided by Anita Hope. This will assist the in-coming chairs to assume leadership roles for the committees. Carol Thomas mentioned that the award entry information would also be helpful and Allie Myers indicated that she had the information and evaluation sheets from last year's award process.
- **Train Station Request.** Communication had been received from the Train Station about assisting with plantings for two large planters that have been installed. Linda Wright said that money had been budgeted to support this project. After discussion, Carol Thomas agreed to contact the Train Station and assess what would be needed. She will provide a report at the next General Meeting. Linda Wright amended an initial motion to use up to the \$250 that had been earmarked for the Train Station beautification project. Linda Bond seconded the motion.

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, 06/07/06, at 6:00 pm at Steak and Ale, located on the corner of 436 and SR 50.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to conduct Pat Tobin adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Malloy
Recording Secretary

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