

# ALTRUSA



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## February 2006

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



### President's Corner:

Dear Altrusan Sisters:

As I write this I am concerned about news I heard about my brother this past week. He is 3 years younger than me and they have discovered a tumor at the base of his brain. That portion of the brain controls all speech, bodily functions, etc. I am going to miss our annual tea because I will be in South Florida by his side as he faces this life-threatening operation. I share this with you to remind us all to say "I love you" to those in your life. We rush around and think we have forever to let those people we really care about how much they mean to us. As February is Valentine's month, please take time to share your love with others. There is no limit to our loving capacity and we always receive more in return than we give. Thanks for being my sisters and I will see you in March at our meeting!

Love,  
 Anita Hope  
 President

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### Calendar of Upcoming Events:

**February 26, 2006-** Vocational Services fundraising event Tea for Twenty at Fairwinds Credit Union, Community Room, 3075 N. Alafaya Trail 2pm to 4pm.

**March 1, 2006-** Altrusa General Meeting at Steak and Ale Restaurant, S. Semoran Blvd. at 6 pm. Art Scholarship recipients program

**March 27, 2006-** Altrusa Board Meeting at Attorney's Dean, Ringers, Morgan & Lawton office, 201 East Pine Street, Suite 1200. 6pm.

### March Birthdays:



Cheryl Malloy	3
Carol Denton	5

## Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park News:

*Feb.*'s meeting was held at the Steak and Ale Restaurant with a group of approximately 22 members present. The Vocational Services Committee's Guest Speaker Judy Conlin, Supervisor of Health Science Education for the state of Florida spoke of one organization, The program for Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) in which one of our Orlando- Winter Park's Altrusan's Etta McCulloch, was instrumental in founding and sustaining the organization in Florida with Judy.



**Supervisor of Health Science Education Judy Conlin with Altrusa President Anita Hope**

HOSA, which she described as clubs that are run entirely by students, help students to learn academic and leadership skills needed to be successful health care workers. Contributions from organizations like Altrusa make it possible to offer scholarships to students. Our contributions continue to keep the support and inspiration alive as our Emeritus member Etta McCulloch who pioneered the efforts would want us to. After our general meeting agenda was completed by our President Anita Hope, and a nominating committee was voted into place we finished out the evening with a fundraising event by our Literacy Committee of a bottle auction. Wrapped packages that contained a surprise bottle inside were auctioned off by those present at the meeting. Happy to report a total of \$70 was collected by the auction. The vocational services committee was very pleased to have collected items for creating Tea to GO gift baskets they will offer for sale at the Tea for Twenty, that will be held at the Fairwinds Credit Union's Community Room on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

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### W.R.C.C. Environmental Project:

The winter clean up of the court yard at the Women's Residence Counseling Center (WRCC) was a huge success. March will be the month for the Spring plantings, in which plants from the yards of Altrusan members will be brought in to give the court yard color for Spring and new life.



**Cheryl Malloy, Roberta Klusmeier, Anita Hope, Betsy Shuzinsky (Allies husband Jack, out of view) Working hard preparing the courtyard for spring planting.**

### Committee Reports:



#### Literacy Committee -

The literacy committee organized a clean up and restocking of books for the library of the Women's Residence Counseling Center, (WRCC) on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Donations of many boxes of books along with 2 book cases, a small table with chairs were brought into the library to brighten and reorganize both the children's reading area and the women's library. Members spent the morning tossing the worn out books, and making the entire library a fresh new look. Plans are to bring in lap tops to the library in March to complete the project.



Anita Hope, Martha Kirby, Jane Van Bemdon, Roberta Klusmeier, Maureen Burgondy, Maureen's daughter Abigail, Allie and Jack Myers, Betsy Sushinsky, Cheryl Malloy in the library of WRCC



### Community Services -

No new activities by the committee to report.



### Vocational Services –

Lisa Wentz announced the Annual *Tea for Twenty* will offer Tea to Go Baskets to help in raising funds for the event. Items were brought to the meeting for the committee to put such baskets together. Tickets were available to pick up at the meeting, and sign up sheets were passed around for those interested in sponsoring tables and bringing refreshments for the Tea.

### Altrusa Accent:

Are you an active member?

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The kind that would be missed,  
Or are you contented  
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meeting?  
And mingle with the flock,  
Or do you stay at home  
And criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part?  
To help the work along  
Or are you satisfied to be  
The kind who "just belongs"?

Do you ever work on committees?  
To see there is no trick,  
Or leave the work to just a few  
And talk about the clique?

Do you come to the meetings often?  
And help with hand and heart,  
Don't be just a member  
But take an active part.

Think this over seriously  
You know right from wrong,  
Are you an active member?  
Or do you just belong?

Anonymous

### Minutes from February Meeting:

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF ORLANDO-  
WINTER PARK  
GENERAL MEETING  
February 01, 2006  
Steak and Ale, Orlando, FL

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Anita Hope called General Meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Debbie Berry, Maureen Bergondy-Wilhelm, Linda Bond, Barbara Brown, Jean Campbell, Lisa Daniels-Wentz, Toni Dedik, Carol Denton, Leslie Dubow, Carol Halliburton, Anita Hope, Martha Kirby, Roberta Klusmeier, Cheryl Malloy, Allie Myers, Betsy Sushinsky, Carol Thomas, Mary Trier, Jane Van

Bemden, Connie Washam, and Linda Wright.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Doug Adams, Sharon Blake, Linda Blake, Mary Kay Chester, Kathy Chonody, Diane DeWolf, Sandy Drake-Caldwell, Tammy Douglass, Jennifer Franklin, Liz Finley, Chris Gennaro, Diane Goigel, Sue Maston, Danielle Merket, Judy Nelson, Terry Pass, Margot Perez-Rios, Carol Phifer, Barbara Radosky, Nancy Rapport, Patricia Tobin, Leah Treppel, BJ Watson, Suzanne Weinstein, and Peggy Wolford.

**GUESTS:** Liddy Coffman, sponsored by Patricia Tobin (awaiting initiation); Diane Moss (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting) and Suzanne Godfrey (3<sup>rd</sup> meeting) sponsored by Carol Denton.

**PROGRAM:** To accommodate our guest speaker, the February program was presented prior to the regular business discussion. Carol Halliburton introduced Judy Conlin, Supervisor of Health Science Education for the state of Florida who oversees over 100 programs in middle and high schools, career and technical centers, and community colleges. Judy is an accomplished public servant holding an RN, as well as Master's degrees in Education and Administration. She is a prolific writer with over 60 published professional articles and assorted stories, including a romance novel. One of her most significant contributions to the advancement of Health Science Education has been the incorporation of national foundation skills into a required core curricula complimented by a state test item bank.

The program for Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) falls under Judy's auspices. Our chapter supports this organization through donations to the HOSA Foundation scholarship fund. Etta McCulloch, who will be honored at our April meeting, was instrumental in founding and sustaining the organization in Florida. Judy provided information packages about HOSA which she described as clubs that are run entirely by students. These clubs help students to learn academic and leadership skills needed to be successful health care workers. Numerous local, state, and national competitions are held during the year and Florida always performs extremely well. Judy thanked the Chapter for its continued support

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for scholarships to assist HOSA students to realize their career aspirations in health services.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Linda Wright reported that the Project Account currently has a balance of \$3,833.12, and the Operating Account currently has a balance of \$9,205.26.

Anita Hope mentioned that Linda Wright had also sent out an email that summarized the proposed Budget Operating Account for 2005-2006. Since there were no additional comments about the email, Allie Myers made a motion to approve the 2005-2006 Operating Budget which was seconded by Linda Bond. The motion was approved unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**MEMBERSHIP INITIATIONS:** None.

**ALTRUSA ACCENT:** Betsy Sushinsky provided a reminder about Altrusa publications at the local, district, and international levels that will keep us better informed about the organization. Of special interest was the picture on the back of the International newsletter that shows Orlando as the site of the 2007 Altrusa International Conference.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Services: Anita Hope reported that Linda Blake could not attend this evening due to work obligations. No report was furnished, but the primary fund raising activities sponsored by the committee have been completed.

### Vocational Services:

- Tea for \$20 – Lisa Daniels-Wentz reported progress on the event that is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Fairwinds Credit Union Community Room. Fliers and guidelines for adopting a table were distributed. In addition, sign-up sheets for refreshments, tickets, and "Tea to Go" baskets were circulated. Tickets

were available for purchase at the meeting, by contacting any of the committee members, and at Tea\_4\_Twenty@yahoo.com website. Mary Trier thanked all those who had brought donations for making “Tea to Go” baskets and mentioned that the baskets can be used to cover a variety of occasions.

- Operation Prom Dress – Members are requested to bring their laundered cocktail/party dresses, accessories, and formal wear to the March and April General Meetings. Lisa Daniels-Wentz indicated that she had been in touch with Charity Frankouski from PACE who has expressed an interest in formal attire for the girls associated with the program.

#### Literacy Committee:

- Women’s Residence Counseling Center (WRCC) – Allie Myers thanked everyone who participated in the Saturday clean up at WRCC. She said that the amount of children’s books collected was astounding. In addition, there were so many helpers that we were able to restock and freshen up the children’s library area with new bookshelves and a small table and chairs, as well as complete the garden area clean up within a couple of hours.
- Allie Myers also mentioned that Rose Mary Watson is planning a trip to Katmandu, Nepal. Allie sorted through some of the children’s library books donated to WRCC and has put a package together to send to Rose Mary to support this literacy outreach.
- Carol Thomas then conducted a Bottle Auction fundraiser where members bid on wrapped packages containing an assortment of bottled products. Despite the unknown contents, the competition was fierce. The auction proved to be very entertaining with some members getting a good bargain while others were not as fortunate. All tolled the auction raised \$70.

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**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Jean Campbell mentioned that her office was upgrading computers and that a number of laptops with Windows 97/98 were available free of charge. Anita Hope said that WRCC may be interested and she will inquire with their management.
- Anita Hope then brought up the need to establish a Nominating Committee as soon as possible since our by-laws require that a slate of nominees be presented 30 days prior to the March election. To expedite the process, a description of the roles and responsibilities of the Nominating Committee was printed on the reverse side of the meeting agenda. Following a discussion, Mary Trier, Pat Tobin, and Jane Van Bemden were nominated. Carol Denton made a motion to close nominations with these three names. The motion received a second from Barbara Brown and was unanimously approved.
- Anita Hope announced that an invitation to the Tea will be extended to our Tampa sister club, as well as to the Lake County Altrusa club.
- In addition, Anita Hope said that the District Conference would be held in Spartanburg, S.C. on April 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>. She anticipates that a letter will be arriving soon with details, but wanted each of us to be thinking about attending. She described the experience as very rewarding and provides a better appreciation for the reach of Altrusa.
- Anita Hope also mentioned that she has extended an invitation to Robin Hall to attend our April Altrusa Birthday meeting.
- Roberta Klusmeier reminded everyone that she is collecting old cell phones and chargers.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** Wednesday,

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03/01/06, 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; the President adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Malloy  
Interim Recording Secretary

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**Tea for Twenty Flyer:**

*Please join  
Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park Chapter  
at its annual  
Tea for Twenty  
(\$20.00)*

*February 26, 2006  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Fairwinds Credit Union  
3075 N. Alafaya Trail  
Orlando, Florida*

*New this year: Tea-to-Go  
Just \$12.00 purchases  
a lovely tea to go package. A great option for  
any special occasion!*

*To purchase tickets or order a Tea-to-go gift,  
email: [Tea\\_4\\_Twenty@yahoo.com](mailto:Tea_4_Twenty@yahoo.com)  
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