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



President's Corner:

Dear Altrusan Sisters:

What a great team we are! In just one week, the ladies of Altrusa International, Orlando-Winter Park cleaned up a garden for WRCC, gathered new library books and decorative items and placed them in the library at the WRCC. That wasn't all - the committees each completed ALL of the information and compiled it into reports to send to our District Three representative.

These are ladies who work, are raising families and are generally involved in their church as well. They say if you want something done, ask a busy person. That is certainly true in Altrusa!

I would like to send a big THANKS to all of you for all your hard work and commitment! You are a wonderful team and I am extremely proud to be a member of your team.

I look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow night!

Sincerely,

Anita Hope
President

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Calendar of Upcoming Events:

January 7, 2006- Altrusa Award Planning Meeting. Anita Hopes residence, 10 am.

January 23, 2006- Altrusa Board Meeting held at Attorneys Office, Dean, Ringers, Morgan & Lawton, 201 East Pine Street, Ste 1200, 6pm.

January 27, 2006- Literacy project at WRCC Women's Residence Counseling Center was to clean and restock the library, and the environmental project of cleaning up their court yard at the WRCC at the same time. Located at 595 Hillcrest Dr. beginning 10:00 am.

February 1, 2005- Altrusa General Meeting at Steak and Ale Restaurant, S. Semoran Blvd. At 6 pm.

February 20, 2005- Altrusa Board Meeting at Steak and Ale Restaurant, corner of Semoran Blvd. And E. Colonial Drive, 6pm.
Celebrating Altrusa's Birthday,

Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park News:

Jan.'s meeting was held at the Steak and Ale Restaurant for the first time. We found the restaurant to be very accommodating to our holding our meeting and dinner in one of their rooms. We had as our guest speaker Charity Fraunkowski of PACE, Practical Academic Cultural Education. PACE provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy. At the end of the meeting our literacy member



Allie Myers presented Charity with a check of \$300.00 for purchasing book cases for the library that the center is building at their new location. In visiting PACE, we realized this was a way our club members could help in fulfilling a need they had. We presented Charity with 34 journals and pens for the girls to enjoy. President Anita Hope asked each of the committee's for reports.

B.E.T.A. Christmas Party:

B.E.T.A.s Christmas party was a great afternoon spent with the young mother's and their children by 10 members of Altrusa. The Community Service Committee planned a Pizza party and cookies to be enjoyed while decorating the Christmas tree that the committee donated to B.E.T.A. house along with a check to B.E.T.A. of \$200.00.



Our Altusa Elves at B.E.T.A. House

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BETA Mothers and children at BETA House

S.T.E.P.S. Christmas Party was delayed until December 18th due to one of their ladies coming down with Chicken Pox, so the facility was quarantined until the week before Christmas. Linda Blake, Carol Thomas and Roberta Klusmeier went to the Center and had a very heart warming welcome by the women. Cookies were brought and gifts were given to all the women present. A very humorous and personal rendition of the 12 days of Christmas was sung by the ladies to the members of the staff mainly the councilors. The women were very open to share their feelings of why they were there, and how the center has helped them to get on the right path. We all enjoyed the love and bond that we all shared that evening. Linda ended the evening by presenting a check of \$200.00 to Ann Marie Karyianes-Dixon, the Director at S.T.E.P.S. Merry Christmas to both B.E.T.A. and S.T.E.P.S.

February Birthdays:



BJ Watson	1
Barbara Radosky	14
Patricia Tobin	24
Toni Dedik	25
Kathy Chonody	28

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Committee Reports:



Literacy Committee -

The Literacy Committee was very pleased with the success of the Yard Sale in raising \$300.00 for PACE Center for Girls, towards purchasing of book cases for the centers library. Plans were underway for the next project which was to bring books and clean out the library of the WRCC, Women's Residence Counseling Center. In visiting the center our Allie Myers noticed their court yard had been neglected for quite a while. An opportunity to combine our project with an environmental project came to mind. An all out request of anyone interested in participating in the environmental project was welcome to come and bring their gardening tools to pull weeds, trim plants and trees getting the court yard ready for spring planting. The numbers of participants in either effort or items was astounding. Books were to be collected and brought to the WRCC on January 27th.



Community Services -

Committee Chair Linda Blake nine other Altrusan members had a wonderful afternoon with the young mothers and children of BETA House. The STEPS party had to be delayed due to Chicken Pox outbreak. Linda Blake along with two members, enjoyed an evening with the ladies of STEPS just one week before Christmas.

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Vocational Services -

Mary Trier announced the Annual Tea For Twenty was to be held at Fairwinds Credit Union's Community Room on February 26th. Tickets will be available to purchase. If you would like to sponsor a table, please be in contact with either Mary or Lisa Wentz (formerly Daniels). They are asking for any items to be used to create Tea Gifts to Go. Baskets, cups, saucers, mugs, silver spoons, lace, doilies, any additional items that would dress up a gift basket, please bring to February's meeting.

International Altrusan News:

Altrusa International adopted for membership goals:

Increase membership by 20%

Increase total clubs to 450

Support partnership with New Club Building and Membership Development

Increase communications between Local, District and International

Clubs-at-Large implement a one-for-one challenge

Decrease under charter strength clubs

Encourage Past Presidents Council in all clubs

Encourage generationalizing clubs

By

Linda J. Nichols

International President

Minutes from November Meeting:

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF ORLANDO-
WINTER PARK

GENERAL MEETING

January 04, 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, Sharon Blake, Linda Bond, Lisa Daniels-Wentz, Toni Dedik, Carol Denton, Tammy Douglass, Diane Goigel, Carol Halliburton, Anita Hope, Martha Kirby, Roberta Klusmeier, Cheryl Malloy, Danielle

Merket, Allie Myers, Judy Nelson, Carol Phifer, Betsy Sushinsky, Carol Thomas, Patricia Tobin, Mary Trier, Connie Washam, BJ Watson, and Linda Wright.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Doug Adams, Maureen Bergondy-Wilhelm, Linda Blake, Barbara Brown, Jean Campbell, Mary Kay Chester, Kathy Chonody, Leslie Dubow, Diane DeWolf, Sandy Drake-Caldwell, Jennifer Franklin, Liz Finley, Chris Gennaro, Sue Maston, Terry Pass, Margot Perez-Rios, Barbara Radosky, Nancy Rapport, Leah Treppel, Jane Van Bemden, Suzanne Weinstein, and Peggy Wolford.

GUESTS: Liddy Coffman, sponsored by Patricia Tobin (awaiting initiation) and Suzanne Godfrey, sponsored by Carol Denton (2nd meeting).

MINUTES: There were no revisions or corrections to the minutes from the November 2005 General Meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Linda Wright reported that the Project Account currently has a balance of \$3,588.73, and the Operating Account currently has a balance of \$9,184.78. Linda also had copies of the club's 'Monthly Cash Flow available.

COMMUNICATIONS: There were several letters and cards received that Anita circulated around the room including:

- Annual Report that was provided to Linda Wright
- Gift receipt from UCF for the art scholarship
- Christmas Card from the Gift for Teaching
- Solicitation from Seniors First
- Note from Robin Hall who would like to attend one of our meetings in the spring. After some discussion, the February Tea and the April Birthday Party were selected as potential options.

MEMBERSHIP INITIATION (S): None.

ALTRUSA ACCENT: Betsy Sushinsky provided a recipe for the New Year.

PROGRAM: Allie Myers introduced Charity Frankowski from PACE Center for Girls who

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provided a history and description of the program.

- PACE is a prevention/intervention program that provides education and counseling services to troubled girls and young women ages 12-18 before they end up in juvenile delinquency facilities
- The program was started 20 years ago in Jacksonville and now includes 19 centers across Florida
- The centers don't provide housing. They operate like a regular school and attendance is voluntary. All the teachers are certified and the educational part of the program is geared toward bringing students back to a level equivalent to their peers so they can re-join public high school. Students stay in the program for 1 to 1½ years and counseling services extend another 3 years to help with the transition back to regular public school.
- PACE has a 94% success rate!
- The Orlando Center is located near Baldwin Park and currently serves 55 students. Since its inception, the PACE organization has provided services to approximately 12,000 girls and young women.
- The program is funded by the Department of Education and the Department of Justice, but looks to the community to meet shortfalls.

Allie thanked Charity for speaking to the club and presented her with a check for some much needed bookcases, as well as 36 journals for the girls to record their thoughts and feelings while attending PACE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Services:

- SteinMart – Diane Goigel reported that the proceeds from the event were \$2,033.48. Anita said that she heard numerous comments that Altrusa's tables for raffle items and appetizers were by far the best and she thanked the committee for their hard work in making the event a success.
- The BETA/STEPS Christmas party had to be held on two separate dates due to the measles quarantine at STEPS. Martha Kirby, Carol Thomas, and Roberta Klusmeier described the events

that featured decorating Christmas trees, distributing gift bags, indulging in homemade cookies, and sharing the warmth of the season.

Vocational Services:

- Tea for \$20 – Mary Tier reported that the committee was preparing for the event that is scheduled for February 26th from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Fairwinds Credit Union Community Room. Fliers were distributed. Tickets are available from Betsy Sushinsky.
- Operation Prom Dress – Distribution details are still being worked out, but members are requested to bring their laundered dresses and formal wear to the March General Meeting. Charity indicated that this project may be of interest to PACE since some of their girls are in need of formal attire.
- Dress for Success – Toni Dedik reported that Dress for Success is not accepting clothing donations because of the limited space at their facility. However, cosmetics and smaller items are always appreciated. They are looking for a larger location, but are also facing problems because of a recent vacancy in leadership.

Literacy Committee:

- Yard Sale – Carol Thomas reported that the one-day yard sale raised over \$300.00. She thanked all who worked and donated items.
- Women's Residence Counseling Center (WRCC) – Allie Myers has been in touch with WRCC whose library area is in need of repair. This center helps families who are transitioning from the Coalition for the Homeless to living on their own. The library is modest and the books are dated. Copies of self-help books, Spanish/English dictionaries, and children's books would be welcome. Allie and her husband are donating a book shelf. Allie asked if any members would be willing to put in a few hours on a Saturday to clean up the library,

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sort out damaged books, and fix up the children's area in particular. Tentative dates were discussed and Carol Thomas will follow-up with an email with specifics.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Anita mentioned that she is still seeking a replacement as Recording Secretary since Jean Campbell resigned in November.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Allie Myers presented another opportunity to assist WRCC that would qualify as an Environmental/ Beautification Project. She brought pictures of a small garden area between buildings at the facility that has fallen into disrepair. It needs to be weeded along with the addition of some new plantings and woodchips. A motion and second were made to support the project. Those who visit WRCC later this month to fix up the library will assess the work needed in the garden and provide a cost estimate at the next meeting. The motion will be amended with the cost estimate and put to a vote at the next meeting.
- Anita Hope announced that a meeting of the Committee chairs and the board will be held Saturday, 01/07/06, at her house to prepare award documentation for club projects from this past year.
- Anita Hope also mentioned that "Add an Altrusan" was celebrated last February. The purpose of this event was to encourage each member to help bring in new members into the club and match the goals set by International. It was agreed that the April Altrusa Birthday meeting would probably be the most appropriate time. A motion and second were made to hold the "Add an Altrusan" in conjunction with the April General Meeting. This motion was then approved by the membership.

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: Wednesday, 02/01/06, 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 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Malloy
Interim Recording Secretary

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