

# ALTRUSA



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## March 2006

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



### President's Corner:

Happy Birthday Altrusans:

We are 89 years old on April 11th. The first Altrusa club was founded on April 11, 1917 in Nashville, Tennessee. It became a national organization on August 21 of the same year.

We founded our first international club in Mexico in 1935 and have continued to expand since that time.

As Altrusans, we aspire to provide assistance to those less fortunate than ourselves in our community, be it a local community or within the world. We are comprised of woman and men of all ages who believe that we are placed on this earth with certain gifts and a responsibility to help others when they cannot help themselves.

The Altrusa sisterhood is more than a group of people devoted to helping within their community. We are true sisters and brothers who share each others dreams, tears and challenges. In this hectic society we live in, Altrusans have a warm camaraderie within ourselves that supports us in time of sadness and joy.

Altrusans come from all walks of life and backgrounds - what we share is a love of our fellowman and a desire to be the best we can be.

As we celebrate our birthday, let's remember the pioneering ladies that created our club, Mamie Bass, Eleanor Roosevelt and the many other unsung heroines who are only known by their families and friends.

We are free to make choices today because of the ladies who preceded us.

Our vow should be to pass the torch and to help the young folks following us remember the most important parts of life and the joy of sharing your life with others.

With love,

Your President,

Anita Hope

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### Calendar of Upcoming Events:

**March 25, 2006-** Altrusa's Environmental Projects, Spring Planting at the WRCC, starting at 10am.

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

**April 5, 2006-** Altrusa General Meeting at Steak and Ale Restaurant, S. Semoran Blvd. at 6 pm. Celebrating The Birthday of Altrusa. Special Guest, Robin Hall, Rep. District 3.

**Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park News:**

*March's* program was opened by our Altrusan Roberta Klusmeier by providing a description of the Eleanor J. Mathews Art Scholarship Fund which is administered by our club. Ms. Mathews was a former member whose will established an annual bequest to art students of Central Florida educational institutions. The grants are awarded by the art faculty and administration of the individual institutions as they see fit. Roberta introduced the faculty members and the 2005-2006 Eleanor J. Mathews Art Scholarship Award recipients. Each faculty member then spoke about the selection process at their institution and highlighted the special talents of the award winner. Each of the student recipients then described the art pieces they had brought for illustration. The 2005-2006 Eleanor J. Mathews Art Scholarship Award recipients include:

College/University	Faculty Member	Recipient
Seminole Community College	Jay Spalding, Instructor of Art	Gabriel Isaac
University of Central Florida	Carla Poindexter, Assoc. Professor	Sarah Alderman
Valencia Community College	Andrew Downey, Instructor of Art	Monica Linden
Rollins College	Dana Hargrove, Assist. Professor	Meghan Medina

**Tea for Twenty:**



**Vocational Committee Chair Mary Trier and BJ Watson At their Sponsored Table "All About Purple".**

The Vocational Services Tea for Twenty fund raising event was a very successful Sunday

afternoon of ladies enjoying a spot of tea, delicious desserts, an entertaining conversation with Queen Elizabeth I (by historian actor, Judy Scherer). Tables were set in a variety of themes from Spring Garden to Pink Flamingo's. Gift baskets to go where an additional means of raising funds this year. A special announcement for those that would like to see the Queen



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and other members of the historical Players Group they will be performing at the Fringe Festival this year. We were very pleased to have two members from our sister club in Tampa to join in our Tea as well. A special thank you for their traveling so far to join us on our special Tea for Twenty.

**W.R.C.C. Environmental Project:**

Altrusan's came on Saturday morning, March 25<sup>th</sup>. To bring plants to bring color and life to the courtyard at the WRCC. In one hour the Courtyard



was transformed to a beautiful area with plants and a rock pathway that was truly a project of joy and comfort to the

women and children at the residence.

**WRCC Courtyard with new plantings.**



**Altrusan Spring Planting Crew**  
**Carol Thomas, Anita Hope, Allie Myers, Mary Trier**  
**Linda Bond, Pat Tobin, Leslie DuBow and Cheryl Malloy**  
 (kneeling in front)

**Nominee of Officers Report:**

President: Allie Myers

Vice President: Martha Kirby

Treasurer: Kathy Chonody

Recording Secretary: Cheryl Malloy

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#### April Birthdays:



Linda Wright	6
Leslie DuBow	10
Danielle Merket	15

#### Minutes from March Meeting:

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF ORLANDO-  
WINTER PARK  
GENERAL MEETING  
March 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, Linda Blake, Linda Bond, Barbara Brown, Lisa Daniels-Wentz, Toni Dedik, Carol Denton, Chris Gennaro, Carol Halliburton, Jennifer Franklin, Anita Hope, Martha Kirby, Roberta Klusmeier, Cheryl Malloy, Danielle Merket, Allie Myers, Betsy Sushinsky, Carol Thomas, Patricia Tobin, Jane Van Bemden, Connie Washam, and Linda Wright.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Doug Adams, Maureen Bergondy-Wilhelm, Sharon Blake, Jean Campbell, Mary Kay Chester, Kathy Chonody, Diane DeWolf, Sandy Drake-Caldwell, Tammy Douglass, Leslie Dubow, Liz Finley, Diane Goigel, Sue Maston, Judy Nelson, Terry Pass, Margot Perez-Rios, Carol Phifer, Barbara Radosky, Nancy Rapport, Leah Treppel, Mary Trier, BJ Watson, Suzanne Weinstein, and Peggy Wolford.

**GUESTS:** Arlene Shaw (1<sup>st</sup> visit) sponsored by Carol Thomas. Guests associated with the Eleanor J. Mathews Art Scholarship: Jay Spalding and Gabriel Isaac; Carla Poindexter, Sarah Alderman, her mother and fiancé; Andrew Downey, Monica Linden and friend; Dana Hargrove, Meghan Medina and her parents.

**MINUTES:** There were no revisions or corrections

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to the minutes from the February 2006 General Meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Linda Wright reported that the Project Account currently has a balance of \$3,837.68, and the Operating Account currently has a balance of \$9,423.49. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

- Anita Hope announced that she had received a letter from International that included an award pin recognizing Diane DeWolf for bringing a new member into Altrusa International. Martha Kirby accepted the award on behalf of Diane who was not present.
- Anita Hope also explained that a communication had been received from Club Runner that offers on-line services and benefits that may be of interest. This info will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP INITIATIONS:** Betsy Sushinsky will make arrangements for an initiation ceremony next month for Liddy Coffman who is sponsored by Pat Tobin and Suzanne Godfrey who is sponsored by Carol Denton.

**ALTRUSA ACCENT:** Anita Hope decided that we would omit the Altrusa Accent due to the lengthy program.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Services: Linda Blake said that there was nothing new to report since the primary fund raising activities sponsored by the committee have already been completed.

#### Vocational Services:

- Tea for \$20 – Lisa Daniels-Wentz thanked everyone who helped to make the Tea a huge success. She said that they were close to their goal but still had some "Tea to Go" baskets left. Lisa invited everyone to look over the baskets after the meeting.
- Operation Prom Dress – Lisa also mentioned that donations of laundered cocktail/party dresses, accessories, and formal wear were being accepted through the month of April.

Members can bring donations to the April meeting or drop-off contributions at Studio V (Barbara Brown) or Curves (Linda Blake and Jennifer Franklin). Lisa also indicated that she had been in touch with Charity Frankouski from PACE to arrange times for the girls to select from the clothing collected.

Literacy Committee:

- Women’s Residence Counseling Center (WRCC) – Allie Myers said that a date needs to be set for returning to the WRCC to complete planting the garden area. After discussion March 25<sup>th</sup> was decided upon. In addition, the donation of laptop computers and perhaps a fax machine needs to be coordinated. Allie will contact Laura to discuss the equipment and arrange a time convenient for WRCC.

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Jane Van Bemden provided a report from the Nominating Committee. She announced the slate of officers for this next year that includes:

President	Allie Myers
Vice-President	Martha Kirby
Treasurer	Kathy Chonody
Recording Secretary	Cheryl Malloy

Anita Hope requested additional nominations from the floor. With none offered, she closed the nominations and requested a motion for approval. Connie Washam made a motion to accept the slate of officers as proposed. The motion was seconded by Carol Halliburton and approved unanimously by the members present. Anita added congratulations and explained that Allie and her team would next be working toward electing Committee Chairs.

- Anita Hope also mentioned that the club has budgeted to send three delegates to the District Conference in Spartanburg, S.C. on April 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>. Anita explained that this

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was a good opportunity to meet and mingle with other Altrusans. Plus with the International Conference scheduled to be in Orlando next year, this experience may be helpful since our club will be called on for assistance. Anita has decided to drive and asked anyone interested to call.

- Carol Halliburton said that a friend of hers has inquired about assistance for an organization that works with orphanages in Russia. Details are available at [www.projectanna.org](http://www.projectanna.org). This may be something that our club would like to pursue further. Anita Hope added that one goal of Altrusa is to push beyond our local boundaries and make a global connection. This might be a good opportunity to contact the Russian Altrusa chapters to see how we could assist.
- Carol Halliburton also mentioned that the Lynx Bus and “Keep Orlando Beautiful” program were unveiling a new program to adopt a bus stop. Carol asked anyone interested in attending the event on March 21<sup>st</sup> to contact her for more information.
- Anita Hope reminded all about the recent passing of Betty Singhaus. In Betty’s memory, the Board approved a contribution of \$25 to the District Foundation. Linda Wright also said that a donation box was available for anyone who wanted to make an additional contribution.
- Anita Hope reiterated that next month we would be celebrating Altrusa’s Birthday. Dr. Robin Hall from District would be visiting and we will also be initiating two new members.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** Wednesday, 04/05/06, 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 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Malloy  
Interim Recording Secretary

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