

# ALTRUSA



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## May 2007

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



### President’s Corner:

Hello everyone!

It’s June again, and time to get geared up for another fiscal year. Now is the time to start forming committees, assigning committee chairs, and start coming up with some wonderful programs and projects for our new year.

When thinking about upcoming projects, here are some helpful tips I got from a workshop at the District Three Conference:

Step 1: **INVESTIGATE**—Let’s look around for a need in our community and what we can do to fulfill that need. Survey our club’s interests, and select a project that our members will get excited about.

Step 2: **CREATE/INITIATE**—Come up with some creative ways to handle the project. Take the idea and develop it into a project. Formulate a plan of action.

Step 3: **EDUCATE/RELATE**—Have a clear message about our project and its purpose. Share this with club members and the community.

Step 4: **NEGOTIATE/SUPPLICATE**—Reduce overhead to maximize the outcome. Get as much donated as possible. Use connections.

Step 5: **DELEGATE/PARTICIPATE**—Each member of a committee should be responsible for

some part of the overall project and the committee chair should be able to call upon them to do their part. No one can do a project alone. It takes a team. Also promote community involvement.

Step 6: **MOTIVATE/COMMUNICATE**—This is the absolute key to a successful project. Keep club members informed and enthusiastic. Get the word out to the community.

Step 7: **THE DATE**—This is when all the preparations pay off. Don’t just work together—Have fun together.

Step 8: **CELEBRATE/APPRECIATE/EVALUATE**—Tabulate the results. Thank everyone involved. Make suggestions for improvement.

Happy New (fiscal) Year! Let’s have a great one!

Your President,

Allie Myers

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**Altrusa Orlando-Winter Park News:**

*May's* meeting was once again held at Gentry's located on S. Orange Avenue in Orlando. Due to a family emergency our President Allie Myers was covered by our Past President Pat Tobin. After another wonderfully delicious dinner the program began with Pat Tobin introducing our special guest, Greg Dawson who is currently the consumer columnist for the Orlando Sentinel. His column, titled "The Last Resort" demonstrates his wry sense of humor that makes even the most mundane consumer woes fun to read. Greg has honed his writing skills for the past forty years writing for seven newspapers in six states covering everything from sports to editorials, features, government, local and state, television, and now consumer affairs. For the past two months Greg has been on sabbatical from the newspaper while finishing a book about his mother's escape from the holocaust in the Ukraine. Through an improbable chain of circumstances and adventures, Zhanna (Greg's mom) and her sister, Frina, concealed their Jewish identifies and survived the war by performing in an orchestra entertaining the enemy - the Nazis. Greg's book, aptly entitled, "Hiding in the Spotlight", was the topic for the evening's presentation.


Greg read a few passages from the book and also passed around a photo album of family members. Greg's wife, Candy, has also contributed to the project serving as proof-reader, critic, and inspiration, as well as traveling with Greg to the Ukraine to research his mother's story. The following excerpt is taken from an article Greg wrote about their visit:

"On a flawless late-summer day in eastern Ukraine that mimicked the nation's flag of sky blue over harvest gold, I stood at the top of a hill and stared into the grassy ravine where Nazis dumped the corpses of my Jewish grandparents and great-grandparents. This is where my mother, Zhanna, was supposed to die, in this ditch, with her sister, Frina. Miraculously, they escaped this killing field called Drobitsky Yar, used their wits and musical talent to survive the Holocaust, and came to America."

**Greg Dawson, Greg's wife Candy and Pat Tobin**

This book is obviously a labor of love and a tribute to the strength of the human spirit. Although Greg said he didn't start out as a writer, he believes it is vital to chronicle our history. He challenged us to look at our own lives and our families and capture important events as a part of our legacy for future generations.


**Calendar of Upcoming Events:**



**June 6, 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.

**June 25, 2007-** Altrusa Board Meeting, at Attorney's Dean, Ringers, Morgan & Lawton office, 201 East Pine Street, Suite 1200. 6pm.

**June Birthdays**



Lida Coffman	6
Roberta Klusmeier	8
Jennifer Franklin	28

**Committee Reports:****Literacy Committee:*****Members***

Roberta Klusmeier  
 Cheryl Malloy  
 Carol Phifer  
 Betsy Sushinsky  
 Martha Kirby  
 Toni Dedik  
 Kathy Chonody  
 Leslie Dubow  
 Chris Gennaro  
 Diane Goigel  
 Danielle Merket  
 Barbara Radosky  
 Jennifer Franklin

**Community Services:*****Members***

Sharon Blake  
 Nancy Barnette-Rapport  
 Anita Hope  
 Linda Wright  
 Maureen Bergondy-Wilhelm  
 Debby Berry  
 Barbara Brown  
 Sandy Caldwell  
 Jean Campbell  
 Lisa Daniel-Wentz  
 Carol Denton  
 Tammy Douglass  
 Carol Halliburton  
 Jennifer Franklin

**KEYNOTES****Vocational Services:*****Members***

Pat Tobin  
 Ann Prince  
 Helen Mize  
 Connie Washam  
 Linda Bond  
 Lida Coffman  
 Mary Kay Chester  
 Linda Blake  
 Carol Thomas  
 Terry Pass  
 Mary Trier  
 Peggy Wolford

**Convention Committee:*****"Count down to Convention"***

Altrusa International convention

July 12 - 16 2007.

Contemporary Resort - Disney World

**Question #1:**

If you volunteer to help do you need to register and pay for that day? NO, you only need to pay for any meal activity, for instance if you are an expeditor on Saturday and would like to attend the Aloha show at the Polynesian Hotel you would need to pay for the ticket to attend the dinner show.

**Question #2:**

What exactly is our club required to do for the convention? Carol Denton is the Convention representative and she has already completed many of the tasks requested by International. I will not elaborate but it had to do with flag stands, court reporters, etc.

Our club is responsible for obtaining volunteers for various areas; expeditors, flag movers, greeters, registration desk, convention office and the Altrusa store. Two months ago I sent out a spread sheet asking you to sign up; many of you did. Thank you very much. I will be reminding and confirming your commitments as we get closer to the date. For those who haven't, we still need volunteers. At conference we asked our sister clubs from District Three to help, but your participation would be greatly appreciated. Email or call me and let me know what days and times you are available.

Our club needs at least 2 people Fri. Sat. & Sun of the convention to receive and box up the donations that will be coming in for "A Gift For Teaching" Roberta has confirmed that AGFT will provide boxes and also come pick up the donations at the end of the convention.

Your help is also needed one evening, probably Wed. Jul 11th to stuff goodie bags. This activity will take place at the Contemporary Hotel. Since we are expecting a lot of attendees there will be a lot of bags to stuff. Time and location will be advised asap.

Please let me know if you have further questions. We look forward to your participation and to having a fabulously successful International Convention here in Orlando.

### Minutes for May General Meeting

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF ORLANDO-  
WINTER PARK  
GENERAL MEETING  
May 02, 2006  
Gentry's Restaurant, 4120 So. Orange Ave.,  
Orlando, FL 32806

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pat Tobin, who was filling in for President Allie Myers, called the General Meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Linda Blake, Sharon Blake, Barbara Brown, Mary Kay Chester, Lida Coffman, Toni Dedik, Carol Halliburton, Martha Kirby, Roberta Klusmeier, Cheryl Malloy, Helen Mize, Ann Prince, Nancy Rapport, Betsy

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Sushinsky, Carol Thomas, Patricia Tobin, Connie Washam, and Linda Wright.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Maureen Bergondy-Wilhelm, Debbie Berry, Linda Bond, Jean Campbell, Kathy Chonody, Lisa Daniels-Wentz, Carol Denton, Diane DeWolf, Tammy Douglass, Sandy Drake-Caldwell, Leslie Dubow, Liz Finley, Jennifer Franklin, Chris Gennaro, Diane Goigel, Anita Hope, Danielle Merket, Allie Myers, Judy Nelson, Terry Pass, Carol Phifer, Barbara Radosky, Margot Perez-Rios, Arlene Shaw, Mary Trier, Suzanne Weinstein, and Peggy Wolford.

**GUESTS:** Michelle Jones (2<sup>nd</sup> visit) sponsored by Barbara Brown; Guest Speaker, Greg Dawson and his wife, Candy.

### PROGRAM:

Greg Dawson, a columnist for the Orlando Sentinel, spoke about the book he is currently writing, "Hiding in the Spotlight". In this book, Greg chronicles his mother's survival and escape from the Ukraine during the Nazi occupation in WWII.

**MINUTES:** Minutes from the April 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 \$3,676.13, and the Operating Account balance at \$11,687.95. At last month's meeting the 50-50 raffle earned \$25.00. Linda also announced that Club Dues (\$95.00) needed to be sent to her as soon as possible since she needed to report payments to District by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

- A request for donations from the Center for Independent Living who build wheelchair ramps throughout the Central Florida area.
- A newsletter from Goodwill.
- A newsletter from the Adult Literacy League.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Betsy Sushinsky said that she had Committee sign up sheets for this next year. She

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encouraged everyone to sign up or send an email of their preference ASAP.

- Pat Tobin reported that since the Mark St. Flea Market did not have sufficient traffic to make it a viable option for the Garage Sale, the Elks Club had been suggested as a better prospect. The Elks Club parking lot had been previously used and appears to be more centrally located. Carol Thomas will be coordinating the Garage Sale and will contact Peggy Wolford about arrangements with the Elks. There was also some discussion about perhaps moving this activity to the fall when the weather is a little cooler, but this is dependent on the facility schedule.
- Pat Tobin deferred a discussion about the District Conference until the next meeting when Allie Myers will be present.
- Linda Wright announced that she had recipes for the cookbook from about 12 members so far. This next month she and Anita Hope will begin putting the cookbook together in order to have it ready for sale at the Convention. Linda requested additional recipes be sent to fill out the pages and offer a wider representation of the club members.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Pat Tobin mentioned that our annual summer outing may conflict with preparations for the Convention. After discussion, Nancy Rapport made a motion that we forego our summer outing for this year. The motion was seconded by Linda Blake and unanimously approved by the members present.
- Pat Tobin reminded everyone that Skin Cancer Awareness Day was the following week and urged everyone to get a checkup.
- Martha Kirby said that someone in her Church had recently moved and left a substantial credit with a local bookstore. This might be of interest to the Literacy Committee for purchase of books for Great Oaks Village or one of the other organizations supported by club activities.
- Linda Wright presided over the 50/50 drawing and announced that \$17 had been collected for the fund.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** Wednesday, 06/06/07, at 6:00 pm at Gentry's Restaurant, 4120

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**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to conduct Pat Tobin adjourned the General Meeting at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Malloy  
Recording Secretary

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