

# THE DELTRUSAN

Altrusa International of Delta, Colorado

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## The President's Message



**T**he culmination of our years' work has just come to fruition as we have given eleven scholarships to deserving individuals wishing to continue their education. It is very gratifying to see these students reach out and better themselves with our help. I have been told that Altrusa is "the gold standard" when it comes to service in Delta County and I really believe it. I am amazed as I watch our members step up to the plate and willingly give of their time, talents, and finances to the greater cause.

Our mission statement reads, "The mission of Altrusa International, Inc. of Delta is to be leaders in service; addressing the needs of our community and Delta County. We strive to be a positive influence by supporting projects that enable the greatest number of people to better themselves by improving their self-esteem through continuing education. We strive to build camaraderie among fellow Altrusans as we work to make our community a better place for all of us to live."

I feel we accomplish this very well as we work together, serve others and become friends. I trust we will continue to strive for these high ideals as we continue our service in this wonderful organization this coming year. I'm looking forward to a great project at the dinner we provide for the kick off of Deltarado Days on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Merna Ray,  
President

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## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

### **Altrusa International of Delta awards scholarships to deserving students.**

Seven \$1000 scholarships were awarded to adults who have been out of high school for five or more years. This year's non-traditional adult scholarship winners are: Ilea Kelly, Joshua Skolnekovich, Joseph Siennicki, Tina Walker, Debra Arterburn, Jessica Jarrard, and Sheridan Booth.

Four ASTRA students won \$500 scholarships: Baylee

Laufer, Dustin Ownbey, Abigail Unruh, and Megan Wick. Dustin Ownbey also won a \$2000 scholarship from Altrusa International.

Monies for scholarships are raised at the Sugar Plum Festival held each November at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center.



Back row l to r: Joseph Siennicki, Dustin Ownbey, Debra Arterburn

Front row: Karen Unruh (standing in for her daughter, Abigail), Megan Wick



Pictured left to right : Renee Traczyk, DOS Counselor, Willyn Web, Jo Ann Di Bitonto, DOS Principal, Delaine Hudson

### **Delta Opportunity School Wins \$25,00 Grant From State Farm Insurance For "Food For Thought"**

ASTRA leaders Renee Traczyk and Jo Ann Di Bitonto congratulate Delta Opportunity School administrators Willyn Web and Delaine Hudson for winning a \$25,000 grant from State Farm Insurance. The money will be used for Food For Thought.

Food For Thought is one of many service projects the DOS students participate in. They pack bags of food for more than 180 needy kids.

Ms. Web thanked Altrusa for helping the school win this grant.

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## ACCENT:

-Jo Rosenquist

### Remember me?

I'm the one you asked to become a member.

I'm the one who paid dues to become a member, and stood up in front of all of you and promised to be a good member.

I'm the one who has come to every meeting since that time, but no one paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly to some other members, but they all had their "buddies" to talk with and sit next to.

I sat down along with some unfamiliar faces several times, but they didn't pay much attention to me. I hoped very much that somebody would ask me to take charge of the last fund-raising project, but no one asked. I wanted very much to do the job, but no one saw my hand when I volunteered.

I missed my first meeting since becoming a member when my husband was sick. I could not make it, but no one asked me at the next meeting where I was. Gosh, I guess it didn't matter very much to the others whether I was there or not.

The next meeting, I decided to stay home and watch a good program on TV. The following meeting, I attended. No one asked where I was the week before. You might say I am a nice person, love my family, hold a responsible job, and serve my community. You know who else I am? I'm the one who never came back.

It amuses me when I think back on how the president and several members were discussing why the Club was losing members. It amuses me that they spent so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time. All they needed to do was to make me feel wanted, needed, and welcome.

**I'm the one who never came back.**

## CONGRATULATIONS, THELMA!

The Delta Chamber of Commerce has named Thelma Starner Deltarado Days Grand Marshall, and no one deserves the honor more. Thelma is one of the most active volunteers in our community. Altrusa is just one of the many organizations this busy lady is involved in; she is a past president and current member of the Delta Area Chamber of Commerce, chaired the Club 20 board, is a founding board member of the Western Colorado Community



Foundation. She served on the board of Delta County Memorial Hospital and is now a DCMH Foundation board member. She was one of the founding board members of Delta Area Development, Inc. She works on the City of Delta's budget task force, and also serves on the board of Wells Fargo Bank.

In her "spare time" Thelma runs an active cattle ranch and volunteers extensively with her church.

What will she be doing to celebrate her position as Grand Marshall? Volunteering of course! She will be helping her fellow Altrusans prepare & serve the Deltarado Days BBQ.

Thelma will lead the procession in Saturday's parade (July 19th, at 9a.m.). Be sure and wave when you see her!

## Community Needs:

The Delta Food Pantry is in need of **CANNED FRUIT**  
Please bring what you can to our next meeting

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- **The Board** meets on the first Wednesday of the month, Noon, at the Delta Housing Authority
- **Membership Committee** meets Tuesday before Board, Noon, Delta Housing Authority
- **Service Committee** meets the Monday before board at 5:15 at the Thompson Manor meeting room
- **Finance Committee** meets Thursday before Board, 5:30, Columbine Mall
- **Communications Committee** has an e meeting the last week of each month

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## MEMBER PROFILE

### Dorothy Dunfelder

-By Jackie Schoonover

Dorothy Tracy was born on the Camp Stool cattle ranch in Maher, Colorado. She lived and grew up there with her parents and brother George.

One of her fondest childhood memories was of "Big Boy", an orphaned fawn which her father brought home. She had a playhouse in the yard and her folks set up a cot in it so that she could stay with Big Boy while he was nursed to grow up to be a beautiful buck. She remembers that he would "scratch" on the door with his hoof when he wanted in and out and it was not unusual for him to join her folks and their friends when they were playing cards. He would even come to school and scratch on the door, the teacher would let him in and he would head directly to Dorothy or her brother George's desk. All the kids were excited when Big Boy would come to visit.



Big Boy was taken to the Delta Zoo, once he got older and a little too feisty to come to school anymore!

As a shining example of the pioneer spirit of the west, Dorothy said some of her most satisfying memories are of the summers spent in Cow Camp with her mother, father, and brother. No television, no radio, just the family, the gorgeous views, and the cows. It allowed them to become a very close family and learn to appreciate everything around them.

In 1951 Dorothy married Bruce Collins, also of Maher. Dorothy cooked for hunting camp on the Collins family property for 5 years, which she enjoyed very much. There was a gas stove for cooking, but all the food had to be kept in coolers in ice as there was no electricity to the camp. The fall scenery was magnificent and made the early mornings and "back to nature" atmosphere worth every minute.

Dorothy and Bruce made a home in Maher until 1966, when Bruce died suddenly. Dorothy gathered up her two young daughters, Jenie, (now of Houston, Texas) and Dana, (now of Delta, Colorado) and moved to Gunnison to complete her college education. She had earlier studied to be a dietician, but changed her major to Elementary Education, in anticipation of finding a job that would fit her new lifestyle and family situation.



In 1978 Dorothy married Jack Dunfelder and moved to Delta. After a year she was able to transfer her teaching career to the Delta Schools and continued to teach after she and Jack purchased the Coffee Pot and Captain's Lounge restaurant, which they owned and ran for 19 years. She enjoyed the restaurant and felt the employees and themselves were one great big family. She remembers fun times at her house on A street with pool parties and some of the younger employees jumping from the roof into the pool.

Dorothy's maternal grandmother played a huge role in creating the wonderful hostess we all know today. She was an elegant lady and always taught Dorothy the "proper" way to entertain. She learned well.

Dorothy not only is one of Altrusa's most active members, she is also very active in the Friends of the Delta Library, PEO, ESA and keeping up and helping out her many friends and her brother George.

Dorothy loves to garden, and just like her beautiful flower beds, she brings color and beauty to all our lives, and like the rocks she loves to find and drag home, she is a solid foundation for her friends and family.



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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Service:

June 30, 7 members present

- **NEW BUSINESS:**
- Deltarado Days Posters- 2x3 foam board, use push pins to attach posters to poles at Cleland Park.
- Senior Project discussion about serving a meal, soup and sandwiches to Thompson Manor clients, during the winter and at the end of the month, possibly on a Monday or Tuesday. Pole membership
- Literacy Grant, Donna Aragon sends a big thank you for funding her grant request.
- **TASK FORCE CHAIR REPORTS:**
- **Food Pantry-** Karen they need canned fruit
- **Baby First Books-** Crystal will hold off taking books to the Hospital tip next month, still have copies and no storage available.
- **DOC-** Cindy will wait until new budget is available.
- **We Care Bags-** Mary took a batch of them to the Food Pantry, giving out bags with their groceries, need extra soaps.
- **Abraham Connection-** Renee will contact Darla and request the same day each month.
- **MEETINGS:** Our next meeting will be August 4,

### Communications:

E meeting ; 17 members participated

Task Force Reports:

**Deltarado tickets** - Cindy: The ticket was completed & given to Finance

**Deltarado Ad** - Jonni: The ad will run in the DCI 7/9 & 7/16.

**Deltarado ticket give-away** - Kami: The ticket giveaway will start July 1, every person who "likes" our page from July 1-15 will be entered into a drawing to win a free ticket. I'll draw on the 15<sup>th</sup> and alert the winners to pick up their ticket at the Chamber.

**Prospective Member Cards** - Cindy: We will print 1000 cards.

**Newsletter** - Cindy: Thank you, Jackie Schoonover for the member profile on Vivian, great job!

**Facebook** - Kami: Next week I will ask those who already like us to share our page.

**Web site** - Jackie: The web site has been up-dated to include new officers, current newsletter added, & catching up on others. I have things to send to our International Webmaster

**Program speaker for July:** Justin Clifton, Delta City Manager

**New Business:** Budget reviewed & prepared for budget committee

### Membership:

- Marilyn Smith will give report on Club 21, will update Club 21 membership list
- Jo Rosenquist will talk to Realtor Board and the Chamber about getting rack cards to new residents
- Gens Cooper will add birth year to member application. It will not be published
- Dianne Sales will have color pictures in the membership book. Members can send photos to Dianne for their page

### Finance:

- Everything is ready for Deltarado Days
- Sponsorship letters have been sent for SPF
- Vendor letters to go out soon

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## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of Business meeting June 11, 2014      Call to Order: 12:00   Collect   Pledge

**Introduction of Guests:** Cecilia Spangler & Paul Gomes   **Members:** 24

**Sign-up Sheets:** Food Pantry and Deltarado Days Dinner in Cleland Park. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

**Minutes** were approved as corrected.   **Correspondence:** Thank you from Hope West and two from Scholarship recipients.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lisa Tafoya reported that the balance in the operating account was \$4,933.27 and the Service account has \$5,053.00. Lisa also said that she had 61 paid members and a method for us to keep our service hours.

**Accent:** Jo Rosenquist read a letter concerning members.

**Board Action:** The board presented a motion that we give away on Facebook four tickets for the Deltarado Barbeque. It was seconded by Daphne Harding and after discussion was passed.

### Committee Reports:

**ASTRA:** no report

**Communications:** Kammi reported that they had an E-meeting. Discussed using Facebook to help market Altrusa and asked for ideas. Task force duties were assigned. Prospective member cards discussed.

**Finance:** Elaine said that there were sign-up sheets for Deltarado Days Barbeque going around and everyone should sign up. She also mentioned that Sugar Plum will be November 14-15 this year and the theme is "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." The committee will meet at 104 Meeker, Monday, June 30, noon.

**Foundation:** Will meet in July after the Budget Committee's report.

**Membership:** Jo reported that the committee had assigned task chairs and Marilyn Smith would be reporting on Club 21. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 1, at the Delta Housing Authority office. New member pages were on the treasure's desk.

**Rusty Gavel:** Demeris talked about applying for a Wells Fargo Grant for \$1500 that would cover the cost of GED, and Cosmetology and Mechanical kits. Each would get \$150 for a total of ten.

**Service:** Renee requested the need for volunteers work on the book distribution. they had also talked about the Paltrusian Project. Jo said that there were two persons being served and an E-blast might be sent to see if there is any more interest.

**Unfinished Business:** JoAnn thanked the Altrusans that helped with the DOS graduation and said that twenty had graduated and ten of those had sent thank you notes for pictures, cake and punch at the graduation provided by Altrusans. The next program meeting will be the introduction of the scholarship recipients.

**New Business:** Merna has filled out the Club Report and asks everyone to keep track of our hours. Dorothy Dunfelder brought up the fact that the Friends of the Library wants to do the Book sale at the Sugar Plum. It was decided that this needs to go to the Board for discussion.

**Onions and Orchids** were shared.

**Drawing:** Jonni Kendrick won the drawing of \$10.50 and donated it to the Food Pantry.

**Benediction:**                      **Adjourn: 12:50**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Business Meeting July 9
- Deltarado Days BBQ July 17
- Program Meeting July 23
- Margarita Party, Dorthory Dunfelder's home July 30, 5:30
- Business Meeting Aug 13
- Program Meeting Aug 27