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From The President



Dear Altrusans,

What a wonderful event the Sugar Plum Festival was! There was nothing but praise about this event.

The beautiful and unique tables, the delicious meal, the decorations and the fashion show were outstanding. Everyone should be very proud of what we accomplished.

I am and have always been a very proud member of Altrusa and know the funds raised from this project will be very wisely used to support our community through scholarships and other worthy projects.

I sincerely hope that the letter I wrote personally and presented to the finance committee was not taken in a mal-intended manner. It was given so as to share concerns of members regarding the cost of the event and buying a ticket and not having a seat. This letter was to present those concerns.

I regret that some took it personally and were hurt by this letter and my profound apologies again if I offended anyone. It is my feeling that everyone's concerns should matter whether it be one person or seven.

On a happier note, a special presentation of an award, two plaques, and check for \$75.00 to our ASTRA Club of Delta from Altrusa International, Inc. took place on December 5th. This presentation was because of their hard work with the Dolphin House. It was such a delight to see our young people being honored. They placed second overall in the Service category at the International level.

We are all very proud of their outstanding work at the Dolphin House and their hard work in raising funds for all their projects! Congratulations to such a wonderful group of young individuals and to their sponsors, Amanda Twamley and Laura Pulliam.

Rene'e Eaton, President

May your Holidays be filled with many blessings and much joy!

Dear Fellow Altrusans,

I hope you were as proud to be an Altrusan as I was at the recent Sugar Plum Festival. I even had a lady I didn't know stop me on the street to thank us for the event and to praise Altrusa for what a wonderful job we do! However, it has come up that some members are distressed by the cost of sugar Plum Festival and about seating arrangements when we are required to buy a ticket.

We each need to remember that our Standing Rules #13 (which we all voted on) states that when a fundraising event is held all members will be billed for the price of one ticket. So for Sugar Plum Festival that means a Friday night ticket currently at \$10 and a luncheon ticket currently at \$25. The rules do not state you are guaranteed a seat. That is how it works for our other fundraising events, but sugar Plum is quite different. As a result of everyone's very hard work, we have created a "monster." **Sugar Plum luncheon is a sold-out event every year!** We have also maxed out our capacity for the Rec center. We can not seat any more people due to the size of the facility.

If it is important to you that you be seated for the luncheon or that you purchase a ticket for a friend or relative to be seated, there are two ways to accomplish this:

- 1) Sign up to set and hostess a table—the perk that comes with is job is you decide how many tickets you want to sell yourself, so you can assign seats at your table. Or,
- 2) Be-friend a hostess and get your ticket directly from that hostess for an assigned seat

You must make your decision right after sign-ups and ticket sales begin as we sell out very quickly. We set 45 tables with 390 seats and we have never been able to accomplish this with all Altrusan hostesses. We must rely on non-Altrusan help. So, there is ample opportunity for each of you to set a table if you desire.

It should also be quite apparent that if you are not hosting a table, you are needed to be a part of the kitchen/serving staff. The only exception to this might be for those who are involved with the fashion show. However, four of the hostesses this year were also involved with the fashion show.

I sincerely hope that we can put aside all ruffled feelings and be proud of what **we** have accomplished for our community. After all, that's what it is really all about!

Sincerely,

Barbara Bullard
Linda Sorenson
Willa Sorenson
Jo Ann Anderson
Amanda Twamley

Alice M. Penick
Thelma Starnier
Dorothy Dunfelder
Cindy Lonis

ASTRA

We would like to first thank all of the Altrusans who yet again demonstrated their support of our club by attending the reception at Dolphin House. It was a nice event with our families, members of the Dolphin House board of directors, and those great Altrusans who support us so well.

Also, thank you to Miss Dorothy who did such a great job of providing punch and cookies for everyone at the reception. Altrusa members helped and provided cookies for her, but she did a lot of work to put it all together and we really appreciate all that she did for us.

The reception was a good event. Mr. Mangum read a letter of recognition for our winning the Second Place Service Award that was written by international president Linda Nichols. He also read a letter from the international treasurer, Dona Garretson which was full of praise for our club and its work with Dolphin House. Miss Dorothy presented our club with a cool plaque from international, and Mrs. Eaton presented us with a check for \$75. from the international foundation. And then, Sheriff Waterman who is a member of the board of directors for Dolphin House presented us with a plaque for all of our work there. It was a fun evening where our club received a lot of cool things.



Other things we have going on..... Our bake sale went very well. Thanks to the help from the Altrusans who donated baked goods we raised \$435. !! We weren't glad when one of the managers at City Market told us that our setting up in the foyer would be in their way so we had to go outside. But, we know that we have other options here in Delta, so we'll still do a bake sale in the future, just not where we're going to be "in the way."

Serving at the Sugar Plum Festival was fun for all of us. We like being able to be a part of your functions and being able to help out wherever we can.

We have decided that the money we raised at the bake sale we will donate to the Pregnancy Resource Center and we will also adopt a family for Christmas. We will provide the family with a big meal as well as gifts for the family members.

At our meeting on November 27th Janice Schaublin of the Pregnancy Res. Ctr. gave a program on the many different things that the PRC provides for the community.

Upcoming events for our club include shopping for our adopted family, our Christmas party which we are going to have in Grand Junction at the climbing gym at Grand Rock Adventures, and then we will be lighting 1,000 luminaries at Mesa View Mortuary for their special Christmas memorial service.

We hope that you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Add-an-Altrusan Event

Wednesday, January 24, 2007

5:30 PM – social hour

6:00 PM – dinner

@ The Elks Lodge

It will be like a program meeting, only at night!!

Bring prospective members to introduce them to Altrusa and all that we do. Be sure to be there yourself for a “refresher” in all that we do.

There will be prizes, fun, information and most importantly, CAKE!!

Prizes will be given away from tickets drawn, so you will want to earn lots of tickets. Tickets will be given for:

Attending

Being with your sponsor (1 ticket for each sponsor you have with you – each sponsor will also get a ticket)

Bringing a guest (1 ticket for each guest in attendance – a ticket to the guest also.)

Other wild and crazy reasons.....

The Elks Lodge will be providing dinner so the cost of the meal will be the regular meeting/lunch price of \$5.50 a meal, meaning punch tickets can be used. As at regular meetings the meal fee for prospective members may be paid by the guest or by the member who invites them.

Informative invitations are available, just contact Jan (4-5500/234-7141) or Amanda (4-0251) if you need any.

See you on January 24th..... **AT NIGHT!!**

Hosted by the Membership Committee

Reminder:

The annual Altrusa Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 13, at 5:30 at Kim Guthrie-Burch's house (941 Cypress Wood Lane, Delta) The cost will be \$10.00 per person. An ornament exchange will be after Dinner. Please call Nancy Stevens at 872-3771 if you have not signed up, but are planning to attend. We hope to see everyone there!

Coming Events

May 3-5, 2007 - All Aboard Altrusans! You are invited to join other Altrusans from District Ten at the annual Conference, held at the Marriott Hotel in Ogden, Utah.

July 13-16, 2007 - The Altrusa International Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida at Disney's Contemporary Resort!

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to ring bells for the Holidays. You would be asked to ring for a two hour shift and would be paired with someone. If you are interested, please call Rene'e at 874-4785 to get on the list. Great opportunity for service hours! Thank you for being a Delta Altrusan!

December Food Pantry workers

December 4 - Kelly, Jordan
December 7 - Kelly, Jordan
December 11 - Renee
December 14 - Janet, Judy A
December 18 - JoAnn A & Renee
December 21 - Pam J, Lita
December 28 - Claudia & Lita



Check the Altrusa International of Delta's website for lots more information about club activities:

www.altrusainternationalofdelta.com

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