

The Deltrusan

Altrusa International of Delta, Colorado

“Leading to a Better Community”

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Birthdays!

○ Amanda Twamley	4/1
○ Vicki Ripp	4/3
○ Jonni Kendrick	4/13
○ Thelma Starner	4/14
○ Ann Eddins	4/19
○ Dorothy Dunfelder	4/29
○ Janet Burgess	5/4
○ Pam Johse	5/9
○ Regina Hines	5/11
○ Angela Ownbey	5/12

The President’s Message



Spring is in the air. We are changing our clocks, renewing our memberships, and registering for Conference. It is indeed a busy time.

I want to remind all of you that a portion of your conference registration will be refunded to you, upon proof of payment, by our treasurer. The board had the forethought to generously set aside a substantial amount to make this happen.

I have my gardening gloves and hat ready for the Friday night Botanical Garden event. My guest room is filling up with your generous donations for the auction, for drawing prizes, and ‘Hands on Project’ donations. Please continue to bring any of those items to the April meetings. Our Club is in charge of credentials, so if you are going to the conference, please sign up with Vicki Ripp, Service Chair, to help with the registration table on one of the days. I am looking forward to hearing about what exciting things other Clubs are doing, sharing some fun moments, and getting to know fellow Altrusans.

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ACCENT: The Budget

-Karen Basher, Communications Committee

Soon, the new Chairmen and their committees will get together to come up with budgets for the up-coming fiscal year.

Two budgets will be worked on:

1. Service Budget –

Income consists of all money received thru fundraisers and donations such as: Sugar Plum Festival and the Deltarado kick-off dinner.

All earnings in this category go back into the community, such as: Food Pantry, baby's first books, scholarships, etc.

2. Operation Budget –

Income comes from all money raised inside the Club: 'Onions and Orchards', 'Miss Piggy', and tickets sold at meetings.

Expenses include anything the Club needs to operate: accounting, newsletter, membership socials, etc.

The
Delta
Food Pantry
Is in need of
Canned
Fruit

Please bring what you can to the next meeting

DISTRICT TEN CONFERENCE REMINDERS:

Conference is May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at the Clarion Hotel in Grand Junction. A Friday Fun Night **Garden Party** will take place at the Western Botanical Gardens. Wear your favorite gardening hat and gloves.

- Funds have been set aside to help defray the cost of attending conference, give a copy of your paid registration form to Lisa Tafoya for reimbursement. The amount of reimbursement will depend on the number of attendees we have.
- Your help is needed at Conference to staff the registration desk, please see Vicki Ripp to volunteer.
- 'Hands on Project' donations needed: school supplies, socks, underwear, hoodies, backpacks, gift cards, and full or travel sized bath items. Bring them to our April meetings.
- Locally made products such as specialty foods and bath items are needed for our Door Prize Basket.

ALL I EVER REALLY NEEDED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN

The following is an excerpt from the poem brought to us by District Ten Governor, Judy Stubbs, it bears repeating:

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at the nursery school.

These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush.

Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some, and think some, and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon. When you go into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.

Be aware of wonder.

-Robert Faughum



March 31, 5:15 8 members present

We helped today at the Vo-Tech Career Day. Next year we do not need to take any food or drink and just have 4 people on two shifts to help facilitate. There could have been better organization and advertising, which, hopefully, will improve next year.

TASK FORCE REPORTS:

1. **Abraham Connection Meals** –our last day will be 4/23. We will assess need for pantry items i.e. coffee, filters, etc. at the beginning of next year. We Care Bags were provided.
2. Karen B. – **Food Pantry** – Canned fruit is always needed as well as the 5 item shelves.
3. Cindy L. – **Dept. of Corrections**. – no report, as no return calls from the librarian. This project may be placed on hiatus for the next budget cycle.
4. **TCRC** – With \$175 left in the budget, Jo purchased ½ each gift cards from City Market and Walmart...
5. **We Care Bags** – Mary Dow-reported bags were taken to Abraham Connection and Food Pantry. In addition, there are about 100 for donation to the District Ten Service Project at Conference.
6. **Wells Fargo Bench and Kiosk** – Cindy H. reported Paul Gromes will attend out meeting on 4/9 and present check. She will have a sign-up sheet for sprucing up Kiosk in May and order other benches from Swede Carlson.
7. **Outreach Project or Paltrusan Project** – Merna has really enjoyed her Paltrusan.
8. **Books** Jeannie reported she submitted the Letha Brown Award and after sorting books at the storage shed delivered 97 Children’s Books to Families Plus, 50 Children’s Books to TCRC, 62 mixed books to the Food Pantry, 50 mixed books to the Library, 56 Children’s books to BELA and 20 adult books to the Abraham Connection. That’s a LOT of BOOKS!!
9. **DOS** – ASTRA meetings are sporadic, but ongoing. Twenty will graduate on May 22nd. Joanne has this well in hand, but will need some help.
10. **Scholarships** – News articles and applications have been distributed.
11. **Coloring Books & Baby First Books** –_Crystal reported Baby First Books have arrived and her supply is tighter giving 30 per month to the hospital.

GRANT REQUESTS:

Delta County Economic Development membership was discussed. The Committee recommends an investment of \$250 (non-voting status) become a budgeted annual expense from the Service Account.

The 2014 Health Careers Institute (hosted by DCED) was discussed. The Committee recommends a \$200 donation to be used as scholarships for one student from each of the Delta County High Schools be funded in this year’s Projects Presented.

Merna brought information on a program “Empowering Dads” which she encountered at the Home & Garden Show. We will pass to Communications for a possible program and she will contact them to go on the website and fill out a grant request for specific funding needs.

OTHER BUSINESS: The E-Waste Recycling MADD Event was submitted for the Mamie L. Bass Award, Jen Hanson Award and the Nancy Taylor Environmental Award to District Ten.

MEETINGS: Our Next Meeting will be **May 5th** at **5:15pm** at Thompson Manor.

Business Meeting Minutes

Date: March 12, 2014 Call to Order: 12:00

Members: 31 Guests: 4

Correspondence: Thank You card from HopeWest.

Treasurer's Report: Operating - \$2,438.98 Foundation - \$17,827.39

Accent: Karen Basher reported on our budget. The new chairs and their committees will be getting together to come up with their budget for the upcoming year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ASTRA – One of the students that Willyn Webb brought reported that her Astra club had been doing various games at the Bella School. They had plans to go skiing one day. They were also doing various contests, boys against girls within the club, as a fundraiser for Food For Thought. Nancy Hovde and Tanya Simler have volunteered as Astra Leaders for the Cedaredge Club.

Finance – Barbara Bullard reported that Ruby's Floral donated \$150 to the club for help with Valentine's Day and that Delta Doves donated \$25.00 to us. She also reported that the Delta Doves fundraiser was a very nice luncheon and she had great help putting it all together. She had Thank You bags to give out to each of those that helped.

Foundation, Communications, Membership, – Nothing to report.

Rusty Gavels – Jo Rosenquist reported that the assignments for awards need to be sent into Altrusa International.

Service: Vicki Ripp reported that the money budgeted for the kiosk needs to be completed. Vicki Ripp made a motion to use the money budgeted for the kiosk project be completed, seconded by Rene'e Eaton. Motion carried. Vicki Ripp also reported that a Career Day will be held at the Vo-Tech on March 31st and asked for our help. Vicki made a motion for our club to help with a Career Day at the Vo-Tech on the 31st; to help with manning the event and refreshments, seconded by Marilyn Smith. Motion carried. Jeanie Brown reported that she needs help sorting books. Marilyn Smith reported that she still needs volunteers of at least 5 to help with scholarships. Dorothy Dunfelder reported that she had spoken with the manager at City Market. City Market has a new value card program, each member needs to enroll.

Old Business – Merna Ray reported on the slate of new officers for the upcoming year: President: Merna Ray, First Vice President: Ann Eddins, Second Vice President: Barbara Breitnauer, Treasurer: Lisa Tafoya, Treasurer elect: Jackie Allinson, Secretary: Helen Jurca. Vicki Ripp made a motion to accept the officers listed, seconded by Thelma Starner. Motion carried.

New Business – Demeris York announced the delegates attending the National Conference in Grand Junction in May: Merna Ray, Barbara Breitnauer, Lisa Tafoya & Rene'e Eaton and alternates being Dianne Sales, Karen Basher, Linda Sorenson & Nancy Stevens. Linda Sorenson made a motion to accept the delegates and the alternates as listed, seconded by Cindy Loonis. Motion carried.

Reminders and Announcements: Next Program meeting will be March 26th. Guest speakers will be District Governor, Judy Stubbs and Director of Delta County Economic Development. All board members are reminded to be at the meeting at 11:00 to spend time with and ask any questions for Judy Stubbs. Please bring items for the Hands on Project. **Drawing:** Karen Basher gave \$13.50 she won to the Dog Shelter.

Onions and Orchids were shared **Benediction**

Adjourn 1:00

Program Meeting Minutes

Date: February 26, 2014 Call to Order: 12:00

Members: 30 and 4 guests

Judy Stubbs congratulated our club on being the largest in District 10. She loves the projects we have been doing and wants us to keep up the good work! She wanted to remind us about conference being in Grand Junction the first weekend of May and that the theme is "Club Building". She also stated that the club in Albuquerque has disbanded.

PROGRAM: Presented by Sara Carlquist, Director of DCED (Delta County Economic Development). She reviewed where their support comes from, current projects, how important agriculture is to our community, the coal industry and benefits of being a member. She discussed the 2014 Health Careers Institute which will be held from June 1st-June 7th at the Vo-Tech which will encourage high school students from Western Colorado pursuing a career in health sciences to attend and hopefully come back to serve as healthcare professionals. DCED currently works with Dr. Deutchman a professor at CU Medical School who is trying to get medical students to shadow physicians in Delta County. She also discussed how important the expansion of broadband in our county is for future economic development. She talked about the 4th Annual Western Slope Soil Health Conference and that approximately 200 people attended it. She asked our club to consider being a member of DCED and not only the importance of being an investor, but the benefits as well.

Reminders: Vicki Ripp reminded the members that this is the last week to sign up for a value card with City Market. Jo Rosenquist reminded us that all awards need to be in by April 1st. Registration for Conference is due and needs to be sent in individually. For partial reimbursement, accepted registration needs to be given to Lisa Tafoya. Donations are still needed for Hands on Project and for door prizes at conference.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ❖ Apr 9th Business Meeting
- ❖ Apr 23rd Program Meeting
- ❖ May 1st, 2nd, 3rd
District Conference, GJ Clarion Hotel
- ❖ May 14th Business Meeting
- ❖ May 28th Installation, Yvonne Rowland's home, 5:30pm

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