

THE DELTRUSAN

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From The President



Thank You to Nancy Stevens and the membership committee for the special surprise of being serenaded on Valentine Day. I know it was appreciated by all.

Several members helped with taking orders, arranging and delivering many roses for Valentine's Day at Ruby's Floral. Barbara of Ruby's shares with Altrusa by giving a donation back to the club.

The nominating committee is to present the new Board of Directors nominee's at the program meeting. So be aware that elections will be in March.

It does not seem to have been that long ago that I began my term as President. It has been very rewarding and I could not have ever accomplished it without the Board of Directors and all of you. I have learned so much and I want to **THANK** all of you for the opportunity to serve as your President.

Membership committee will be initiating new members soon, how exciting. They will find the rewards that we have all shared through our service to our community.

The service committee has been busy with our Literacy Projects as well as all the other projects we are working with. Lots of books have been delivered to all the public libraries and the school libraries as well as many other entities that promote Literacy.

The Delta Doves luncheon will be March 3, 2007 at Lutheran Church on Pioneer Rd, tickets are available for \$15.00 from Judy Ashby for anyone wanting to attend.

We will soon be looking forward to the Spring Home Tour on April 22, 2007. Please be prepared to help being a hostess.

It has been a very busy year for all of you in helping to promote Altrusa's goals for our service to our community.

Rene'e Eaton
President

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

www.altrusainternationalofdelta.com

Service Hours

If you have not reported service hours for the year or the past month, please contact Lita as soon as possible. These hours are compiled and sometimes submitted as part of our awards applications for several categories. Often, we must report how many members worked and how many hours they volunteered.

Some of you have not reported for Deltarado Days or the Sugar Plum Festival at this time. Also, while some hours have been counted for book deliveries, etc., many more still need to be accounted.

Send your hours to Lita at: litasweitzer@msn.com

Coming Events

April 22, 2007 - The annual Home Tour, sponsored by Altrusa Int'l of Delta. Service committee will be developing work lists and other assignments - please sign up to help!

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. The theme will be *All Aboard*, and the Ogden club is working hard to find outstanding local speakers. Plan to attend!

June - Deltarado Days - get ready for some cookin!

July 13-16, 2007 - The Altrusa International Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida at Disney's Contemporary Resort! Please let Rene'e know if you are interested in attending.

ASTRA

We held our election at the January meeting and installed the new officers on February 26th. Our new officers are:

President; Megan Lane
Vice President; Deidra Tyner
Secretary; Breanna Kendrick
Treasurer; Ben Twamley.

In January we collected items that went to Jamaica with two of our members. We also donated \$250.00 to Jamaica Outreach which was used to purchase paint and electrical supplies for the project that was completed during the week of February 5th.

Our March meetings will be Mondays, March 12th and 26th at 5 PM at DHS.

The Service committee is requesting your help for the Delta Opportunity School. We are asking for snacks such as small juices, granola bars, crackers, etc. for the high school students who attend the alternative education program. You may bring donations to the program meeting. Thank you!

Scholarship Application forms are now available at all the Delta County libraries. Scholarship are for non-traditional students. In 2005 and 2006, we were able to give \$14,000 in scholarships (seven @ \$1000 each year) to residents of Delta County. Scholarship applications are reviewed in April and decisions announced in May.

The February Program will be presented by the Hospital Foundation - "Why a Foundation?" Join fellow Altrusans on February 28th for this informative program!

Feb/March Food Pantry workers

Thur 1st: Jackie, Demeris
Mon 5th: Lucky, Fran
Thur 8th: Renee, _____
Mon 12th: Fran, _____
Thur 15th: Vivian, _____
Mon 19th: JoAnn A, Fran
Thur 22nd: _____, _____
Mon 26th: _____, _____
Thur 29th: _____, _____

There is still time to sign up to help with the Food Pantry in March—contact Lita!

Finance Committee meets the first Monday of the month at 11 am at the Delta library community room.

Service Committee meetings are the 4th Wednesday immediately after the program meeting.

Membership Committee meets the Tuesday before the Board meeting at noon, C & J's Restaurant.

Communications Committee as needed.

WHAT IS CLUB 21??

The name **Club 21** was chosen to emphasize the Foundation's commitment to being involved in a major international health concern into the 21st century. **Club 21** is unique in that contributors are a part of a "club," with a membership and their own pin. Through an annual contribution of \$21 (US) or more, you can become a part of the foundation's effort to support children infected with HIV and AIDS. HIV and AIDS are global epidemics affecting people in all countries and from all walks of life, but it is the innocent children who bear the brunt of this disease. **Club 21** is the opportunity to extend your hand to these children and their families.

As a member of **Club 21** you will receive the special gold and white **Club 21 Pin**, signifying your participation in a program that every Altrusan will be proud of. **Club 21** – a way for you to make a difference.

(Information provided through Altrusa International Website: www.altrusa.com)

Altrusa International, Inc. of Delta, Colorado
Business Meeting
February 14, 2006

Call to order: 12:15 PM by President Renee' Eaton

Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

Members present: 23 **ASTRA:** Treasurer Ben Twamley **Guests:** Stella Delgado and Pam Bliss with Kim Guthrie- Burch, Crystal Hanson with Jeanie Brown, Debbie McCarty and Janna Schakelaar with Liz Quintana

Minutes of previous meeting: Approved with corrections

Correspondence: Jeanie Brown read a thank you note from Delta Opportunity School for books, a thank you note from Delta Barracuda Swim Team for a cash donation, an invitation from the City of Delta for tours of Devil's Thumb Golf Course, a letter from Governor Margaret Goodhue regarding International By-laws, a copy of a letter from Renee' Eaton to the Elks Club supporting an elevator for the building, requests for donations from Olathe High School and Delta High School for Grad. Night parties, and an informational notice about registration for the Home and Garden Show.

Treasurer's report & bills: Willa Sorensen gave out copies of the budget report for June 2006 through January 2007. She distributed notices of unpaid dues to the members. Bills have been presented to her and will be paid.

Committee reports:

Finance: Linda Sorenson reported that the Home Tour was discussed at the last committee meeting. The subdivision where Becky Tallent lives is being considered. The Garden Center has volunteered to be the home base where tickets will be sold and maps given out. The date for the Home Tour is Sunday, April 22, 2007.

Service: Holly Burton reported the following to be dispensed under Projects Presented: All American Family - \$200, Partners - \$200, House of Promise - \$250, Elks Elevator Project - \$250, YSAP Coalition - \$100.

Line Items to be dispensed are: ASTRA - \$400, Delta Doves - \$100, Wildlife Project - \$200, Food Pantry - \$100, Delta Corrections Center - \$210. Jeanie Brown delivered 50 children's books, 36 cassette tapes, and shipping envelopes to DCC for the Read to a Child program and a box of books for the library. Out of the Library New Projects fund \$200-\$250 will be dispensed for new audio-books for the Delta Library.

Five boxes of books, 3 from MPIBA and 2 from Friends of the Library used book sale, were given to Delta Opportunity School. A Foundation grant application may be submitted in March for funds for DOS.

The applications for scholarships are printed and in packets to be delivered to the county libraries. Holly asked for help in delivering the packets. She will run the press release in about two weeks.

Dorothy Dunfelder has the sign up sheet for the Delta Doves luncheon.

Holly asked for volunteers for the Food Pantry.

Melissa with Hospice asked if Altrusa would help with providing meals occasionally for patients. Dorothy suggested that Meals on Wheels might be used for that need. Lita will talk with Melissa about that possibility and report back.

Dorothy reminded the members that the meal for the Delta Doves luncheon will be prepared at the Lutheran Church on March 2nd at 8 AM and on the morning of the luncheon, March 3rd. Linda Sorenson volunteered to be in charge of the servers. Judy Ashby has luncheon tickets for \$15 for those who wish to attend the luncheon.

Jeanie Brown explained that Delta Opportunity School is the alternative high school for the district and shared some of the needs including books, snacks and improvement of the building. The committee is considering DOS for a New Literacy Project.

Membership: Nancy Stevens expressed gratitude for all the help with Add an Altrusan Day which was very successful. Twenty eight members and seventeen guests attended. Some are present today.

Communications: No report

Foundation: No Report

ASTRA: Treasurer Ben Twamley reported that they are in the process of electing new officers.

Unfinished Business: Renee' shared that a picture of the ASTRA Club of Delta is in the latest International Altrusan recognizing their ASTRA Award and that Altrusa Club of Delta is listed in the Distinguished Club Awards.

Renee' asked who would be attending Conference. Renee' asked for nominations for delegates and alternates.

The following were elected by acclamation: Delegates: Linda Sorenson, Doreen Grett, Renee' Eaton, and Nancy Stevens. Alternates: Dorothy Dunfelder, Thelma Starner, and Vicki Ripp

Jo Gore gave the following By-laws committee report: The committee carefully considered any revisions that might be made to the recently approved By-laws. The committee recommends that no additions or corrections be made at this time. No suggestions were given to the committee so no action was taken.

New Business: None

Announcements: Callie from Colorado Rural Health Center of Denver contacted Renee' about purchasing 50 to 100 tickets for the Deltarado Days Kickoff Dinner. Their conference is to be held at that time. Renee' will be informed of the exact count. She will discuss this with the Finance committee.

Nancy has applications for new membership for those wishing to apply at this time.

Linda Sorenson thanked the membership on behalf of Gary Armour, Director of YSAP Coalition, for the \$100 donation.

Onions and Orchids were shared.

Drawing: Dorothy Dunfelder won \$14.50.

Adjournment: 1 PM

Jeanie Brown, Secretary

Approved _____

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