

# THE DELTRUSAN

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## From The President



Dear Altrusa members:

Hope your holidays were very special and the New Year brings prosperity and joy! It is hard to believe that I am on the downside of my term as President. It has been very rewarding and a confidence builder.

Wow, you would think we would want to rest for awhile after our major fund raiser of the "Sugar Plum Festival," but our striving to better serve our community doesn't stop there.

Finance committee is busy planning the "Spring Home Tour." Please, let the committee know of any homes that would like to share for this beautiful event.

Service committee never ceases to amaze me with all the wonderful worthwhile projects that come forward for us to help with. I really believe that the projects that we have started and the ongoing projects are so worthwhile in helping our community. They are well worth sending in for awards.

Membership is busy finding ways to recruit new members, but most importantly retaining our current members. Please give them and suggestions to improve our commitment to our goals.

Communication committee has accomplished better communication of our projects and news from our club through e-mails, calls, cards and the newsletter. We are all better informed of all the happenings of our club as well as District and International.

*"We can never accomplish our goals without each other."*  
Rene'e Eaton, President

*Almost, but not too late to attend the*

## *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.

**Call Amanda TODAY 874-0251 to RSVP**

**Hosted by the Membership Committee**

# ASTRA

We had a busy December. We went to Grand Rock Adventures in Grand Junction and then had lunch at Red Robin for lunch as our Christmas party. We decided that instead of giving each other gifts we would give needed items to the Pregnancy Resource Center.

On December 20<sup>th</sup> we met Mrs. Schaublin at the PRC to give her the baby items we had purchased for the center as well as a monetary donation from the proceeds from our bake sale. We then headed over to see our good friends Mr. & Mrs. Penick at Mesa View Mortuary to light luminaries for their special memorial service. It was really cold, but 12 of us managed to get 1,000 luminaries lit in just about 20 minutes time. (*Whoever said that the cold slows things down has never seen ASTRA members on a mission to light candles in the cold...J*)

We had a meeting on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and decided to collect needed items for Jamaica Outreach. We have two members and their family going on the trip in February who will personally deliver the items we collect. We will be collecting band-aids, gauze, cough/cold meds, toothpaste, and boys thin black socks.

Our next meeting in Monday, January 22 at 5 PM at the high school at which time we will be electing our officers for the new year.

## Club Member Notes

Merna Ray is back at Delta Hospital with complications from hip surgery. Drop her a card or call her if you can!

**Standing Rules of the Altrusa International of Delta**  
#5. The Club will pay registration fees for delegates to District Conference and International Convention. Travel expenses and registration fees for delegates and alternate delegates will be proportionally reimbursed, as funds are available.  
#13. When fund raising project are held, either service or internal by Altrusa International of Delta, all members shall be assessed a pre-determined fee, which is recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the membership. This fee shall be established for each project. For fund raising projects that include ticket sales, the amount shall be one ticket and shall be billed to each member by the Treasurer.

### Jan/Feb Food Pantry workers

Jan 25: Pam J & Ann  
29th Dorothy & Alice  
Feb 1 Renee & ...  
5th Dorothy & Lucky  
8th Lita & ...  
12th Vanessa & Thelma  
15th Janet & Lita  
19th .....  
22nd Liz & Amanda  
26th .....

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

**Finance committee** meets the first Monday of the month at 11 am at the Delta library community room. We will be discussing our Spring Fund Raiser, *The Delta Home and Garden Tour*. We have received some great ideas from membership and welcome more. We hope to put a new twist on this special event.

We are also asking for delivery teams and hands on volunteers for the annual Ruby's Floral Valentine's Day extravaganza, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

**See you Monday, February 5, 2007 11 am**  
Barbara Bullard

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

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

[www.altrusainternationalofdelta.com](http://www.altrusainternationalofdelta.com)

## 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!

Altrusa International of Delta  
Business Meeting  
Elks Club  
January 10, 2007

**Call to Order:** 12:06 PM by President Renee' Eaton

**Collect and Pledge of Allegiance** were recited.

**Members:** 27, ASTRA member Ben Twamley **Guests:** Stella Delgado with Kim Guthrie Burch, Linda Phillips with Cindy Lonis

**Minutes:** Approved with one correction

**Treasurer's Report:** Willa Sorensen reported that the bank is having a problem with their server provider and, therefore, the operating account report is not available. She hopes to have a complete financial report by next month

Vicki Ripp reported that the sales tax for the Sugar Plum Festival was paid by the Treasurer.

There were no bills presented.

**Correspondence:** Jeanie Brown read the following: a card of appreciation for care and support from Hilltop, a local non-profit organization; a thank you note from Jennifer Abila; a thank you letter from Hospice for SPF books and a \$250 donation; an invitation to a Kick-Off Event for Relay for Life on Jan. 23 at 6 PM at Heddles Rec Center; a letter from the Delta City Council declining a club request for a discount of charges for rent of the Rec Center for the SPF. Renee' shared that a letter of thanks for SPF books had been received from Ida Bender, District Vice-Governor.

**Accent:** Lita Sweitzer explained the Service committee's general responsibilities.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** The City of Delta declined a request for a discount of charges for rent of the Rec Center for the SPF. However, a \$500.00 grant was awarded from Walmart.

**Service:** Lita Sweitzer reported that the Food Pantry calendar and the Service Hours sheet are being passed around. Volunteers are needed for February for the Food Pantry. Kelly Harrison and Lita will take food brought today to the Food Pantry.

Alowetta Terrien will deliver a box of MPIBA books to Crawford schools. A check for \$250 and MPIBA books were delivered to Hospice. SPF books and a paper cutter were given to the Delta Library. Forty-four MPIBA books and a \$100 donation were given to Angels Watching Over You, an organization that helps during the Christmas season.

Dorothy Dunfelder received a request from the Delta Doves asking the club to prepare the food and serve at the annual Delta Doves Spring Luncheon which is to be held on March 3 at the Lutheran Church. The luncheon is their major fund raiser. **Vicki Ripp moved that Altrusa Club prepare the food and serve at the Delta Doves Spring Luncheon on March 3. Doreen gave the second and the motion passed.** A sign up sheet will be passed around.

The Service committee will meet at 4:30 PM at the Elks on Wed., Jan. 24.

**Membership:** Nancy Stevens is passing around a card to sign for Merna Ray who had surgery yesterday.

Nancy announced that the new co-chair of her committee is Kim Guthrie-Burch.

Amanda Twamley reminded the membership that Add an Altrusan Day is at the Elks Club on January 24 at 5:30 PM. There will not be a program meeting at noon that day. Dinner will be served at 6 PM and will be the regular cost of \$5.50. Meal tickets may be used for members and guests. The event will be an informational meeting for guests as well as a refresher course for members. Tickets will be given during the evening and prizes awarded for such things as bringing a guest and being present as sponsors with recruited members. Guests should be introduced with their classification. There will be a welcome by the president, a brief history of Altrusa, and brief descriptions by the chairs of committee work. Members should RSVP to Amanda by Monday, Jan. 22 and include the number of guests they are bringing.

**Foundation:** Vicki sent the annual Foundation report to International at the end of the year. The report included a list of the officers and how the club makes and spends money.

**ASTRA:** Ben Twamley, treasurer of ASTRA, reported that the club members went to Grand Junction on Dec. 16 to the Grand Rock Adventures for their Christmas activity.

On Dec. 20 members went to the Pregnancy Resource Center and gave a donation from proceeds of the bake sale as well as baby items that had been collected.

That evening ASTRA members lighted 1000 luminaries at Mesa View Mortuary and Cemetery. Donations of money and collected needed items will be given to Jamaica Outreach. Ben will let the Altrusa Club know what items are needed. The next meeting will be on Jan. 22 at Delta High School. New officers will be elected.

**Communications:** Jackie Schoonover gave out copies of the Dec. business meeting minutes. A list of needed food pantry items is on the back.

**Unfinished Business:** Renee' called for the nominating committee to begin the process of getting nominations to fill the 2007-2008 Board of Directors positions.

**New Business:** Members should tell Renee' if they are interested in attending Conference which will be held May 3-5 in Ogden, Utah, and if they would serve as delegates and alternates.

Renee' called for the By-Laws committee to meet and consider any changes to the By-Laws or Standing Rules that need to be made, and then report to the Board.

**Announcements:** None

**Onions and Orchids** were shared.

**Drawing:** \$13 won by Alowetta Terrien

**Adjournment:** 12:37 PM

Submitted by Jeanie Brown, Secretary

**Date of Approval** \_\_\_\_\_

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