

# THE DELTRUSAN

January-February 2008

Vol. 3 No. 1

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dearest Altrusans;

The Groundhog saw it's shadow! I am getting cabin fever for sure.

Many thanks to the Membership committee for such a fun "Add An Altrusan" evening. It is always such great fun and fellowship.

We need to start preparing our awards criteria. And nominating committee needs to report on the officers for the 2008-2009 year coming up. Be sure to record your service hours.

See you all soon.  
Hugs  
Linda

**Meeting Reminders**  
**Business Meeting—**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 13th**  
**Noon**  
**Program Meeting—**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 27th**

## From the Membership Committee

A heartfelt THANK YOU to the following members who donated wonderful gifts which were given away at the Add-An-Altrusan Program on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.....

Oil change from Hellman Motors

– Liz Quintana

10% off services (3) L&B Vacuum Services and a Cookbook

– Holly Burton

2 bottles of wine ~ D&B Liquors

– Pam Johse

John Deere calendars (2) and pens ~ Delta Implement

– David Mangum

Small stuffed teddy bear, calendars, and pens ~ Bank of the West

– Debbie McCarty

2 Coffee mugs and goodies ~ Hellman Motors

– Nicole Vinson

Panoramic Print of Pleasure Park – thirteeners.com

– Kim Burch of ReMax Today

Caps and polo shirts and other small items ~ Delta Timber

– Linda Sorensen

Calculators and pocket knife ~ Leading Edge Properties

– Jan Pappas

Bags for giving ~ Tara's of Delta

– Laura Tarr-Culver

Bottle of local wine

– from Ann Eddins

"Surprise" gift

– Dorothy Dunfelder

## ***Food Pantry News***

Fran Deaver is leaving Delta and moving to Grand Junction, and Kelly Harrison is taking over the responsibility of the food pantry.

We will be serving the pantry on Thursdays, and volunteers are needed for March 6th, March 20th and March 27th. Please contact Kelly if you can help!

Also, staples are needed for the pantry—please bring these items to the next meeting. This includes flour, sugar, jiffy mixes, peanut butter, fruit, soup and cereal.

**Thanks to all who made our Add-An-Altrusan a Success!  
Welcome to new prospective members!**

**New and used books are needed for the ER lending library at DCMH. Please bring books to the business meeting and Demeris will deliver them.**

Funds/Services Request form is available at Ruby's Floral or through Holly. The form is also on the Club's website, as is the Scholarship Application and the Impact letter.

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

Thanks from the Partners organization for the donation from Altrusans. The \$100 donation was used to allow 60 children to participate in a day of bowling and lunch at the Valley Lanes in Delta. Altrusa even had a team on hand!

## **Coming Events**

Valentines Day—Feb. 14th

Barb at Ruby's Floral can use help in delivery on that day and she very generously gives Altrusa money for doing this task. If you can help, please call ASAP!

Our **Home Tour** is **April 20** and it will be starting at the Garden Center (the same as last year). Sign up sheets will be distributed at our March Business Meeting, for home hostesses and other tasks. Tickets are \$10 each.

Delta Doves luncheon—March 8th  
If you can help, see Dorothy Dunfelder.

Reminder from the Treasurer:

--- anyone who has not yet paid for a Sugar Plum ticket please turn in at the next Business Meeting

--- anyone who has not yet paid their dues also needs to remit payment no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Did you know???**

Altrusans are helping to transport a patient to and from the San Juan Center for chemo treatment.

A wonderful fundraiser was held for Laura Tarr, as a result of a house fire. Thanks to all who helped!

Many ASTRA students will be traveling to Jamaica for a trip to help children at the Children's Homes there—they will be leaving February 15th.



There is SO much going on with Altrusa's future by means of ASTRA.....

The eight members of the Delta club who will be going to Jamaica from February 15 to February 24 are packed and anxious to go. On Super Bowl Sunday those who were available met at Pam and Ed Bliss's home to pack up 26, 50-pound suitcases of supplies -- first-aid items, books, school supplies, underwear for 100 boys (that's A LOT of Hanes!!!) books, shirts, pants, shoes, books, t-shirts, towels, shorts, books, kitchen utensils, and books! They are ready to go down and build a library for the boys at Swift-Purscell Home for Boys! There is a lot planned for their week there. It will be exciting to hear all about their experiences when they return. - At the beginning of March the club will be working on plans for an event to end the year and recognize the seniors among the group.

The two groups -- morning and afternoon- at the Delta Opportunity School were Chartered on Wednesday, February 6. The officers for both groups were installed right after the initiation of the charter members. The Charter Ceremony was graced by the presence of several Altrusa members including our President who did the actual initiation of the

Charter members. The two groups are presently working on making Valentines which they will give out to the residents of Willow Tree as well as to elementary school students at both Lincoln and Garnet Mesa. They have projects planned for later in the spring to entertain the preschoolers who are just across the courtyard. The afternoon group is looking to participate in the *Run The Republic* through the American Lung Association of Colorado who sponsors their Not-On-Tobacco program -- a way to give back to those who are giving to them. Look for a sponsor sheet at the February business meeting.

Cedaredge High School will be holding its Charter Ceremony on Monday, February 11 at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria. They will be chartering 8 members. Altrusa members from the local, district, and international levels have responded to their invitations and plan to attend this exciting event. ALL Altrusans are invited and encouraged to attend to meet these bright, friendly and caring young adults. -- The club has given \$100. to Humanitarian Efforts in Bangladesh. This is a portion of the \$203. they raised at their bake sale on December 22! They are also looking into a way to help the local fire department have on hand supplies/needs for families in need between the time of a tragedy with their home and when Red Cross/ Salvation Army is there to assist, as well as a couple of other community betterment projects.

Stay tuned..... they all are busy groups with LOTS planned and going on.....




**Delta County Abstract Company**

537 MAIN STREET  
P. O. BOX 287  
DELTA, COLORADO 81414

Phone: 970 874-6785  
Fax: 970 874-8479  
E-mail: rjdrac@hotmail.com

Rene'e M. Eaton  
Refinance Specialist  
Policy Officer



Equal Housing Lender  
Member of Delta County Abstract Title  
Business Company and Their  
Wife-Landmark Company

**District Ten Conference**  
**May 1-3, 2008**  
**Clovis, New Mexico**  
**Mark Your Calendars Today!**



**L&B Vacuum Service**  
**Sales, Parts and Service**

Repairing ALL makes and models of vacuum & floor care machines!

687 1800 Dr. • Delta  
**(970) 874-6105**

M, W, F 9-5  
Tue, Thur 1-5



**MVR Ranch**

Michael L. Ripp  
Vicki S. Ripp  
REGISTERED BLACK ANGUS CATTLE

(970) 874-5127  
(970) 874-3161 (fax)  
e-mail: mvrripp@aol.com

P.O. Box 54  
Delta, CO 81416

**Altrusa International, Inc. of Delta, Colorado**  
**Business Meeting at the Elks**  
**January 9, 2007**

**Call to order:** 12:08p.m by Linda Sorenson- President **The Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.**

Members: 26 Guests: 4 - Willa Sorenson brought three guests Janet Stewart, her sister, and neighbors, Sue Montague, and Donna Loman. Helen Jurca brought Daphne Harding.

**Minutes of previous meeting were approved** after a motion was made by Thelma Starner and a second by Nancy Stevens.

**Correspondence:** Demeris

Teen challenge newsletter and 2008 calendar received

A thank you from Alice Penick after her surgery.

Vanessa Rueckert, resignation letter.

Many thank yous from DOS students for the books they received at Christmas

Christmas card from All American FAMILIES PLUS

email from Carol Chapola., President of the Grand Junction Club thanking us for attending their Silpada party.

**Treasurer's report:** November Operations account balance was \$2,628.25 and November Service account was \$17,561.61. December operating account \$2,835.68 and Service account \$21,096.71. Please review the rest of the budget and call her with any questions. Judy asked the membership to look at the Sugar Plum information. The income from the event was \$17,605.03. There are still some members who have not paid for their tickets. Please see Judy about that. All bills of \$8,094.18 are paid as far as she knows. If you have something outstanding please let her know. She passed out new membership cards.

Committee reports:

**Finance:** Thelma Starner

Membership was thanked for turning in SPF surveys.

The Home Tour is scheduled April 20, 2008. Marie and Henry Hymel's home will be on the tour. If you know of other homes that could be shown on the tour, please contact someone on Finance. Members involved with real estate will be helpful in this endeavor.

**Membership:** Kim Guthrie-Burch

The groups met January 8, 2008. A thank you was extended to Nancy Stevens for her work on the Christmas party. Vicki and Helen will have a system to mix up seating at future meetings.

Amanda announced that sign ups were going around for a count for the meal at the Elks for Add an Altrusan night January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30p.m. There will be no Program meeting during the day. There will be a refresher on Altrusa, and along with the meal cake will be served. An email has been sent reminding members that promo items are needed for prizes that night.

**Service:** Holly Burton

**Delta Doves** is requesting Altrusans to help serve at their major fund raiser, Saturday March 8, 2008 at Redeemer Lutheran Church. The Doves will supply the food, set up, and decorate. The fundraiser is to raise money so women can get early detection mammograms. Nancy Stevens made a motion to help with then event with a second by Dorothy Dunfelder which passed.. Sign ups will be at the February Business meeting.

**Food Pantry** –Fran is leaving and moving to GJ. She handled the Monday food pantry duties. Someone is needed to step up and take over the sign up, as well as reminder calls and be the liaison between Sandy Dombrowski and Altrusa. Kelly Harrison and Linda Sorenson will do the coordinating for the original Altrusa assigned day, Thursday. The Monday issue has been tabled until after the 1/30/08 Service meeting. Someone is needed for Monday 1/17/08. Please contact Kelly. Also, Marie is signed up for 1/24 and since it is her first time at the pantry,

Linda Sorenson will assist her.

The forty late books from Scholastic for the SPF did not arrive. Amanda will contact Scholastic about the 40 books for \$49. These have been earmarked to be donated to the Swift-Purcell Home for Boy's library. Delta ASTRA kids are earning money for their February trip to Jamaica when they will help build the library.

A correction needs to be made concerning the DOS students dinner and concert event. Bob and Jeanie Brown acquired 30 tickets from the Community Concert Board so the students could attend the Community Concert Series. Fifteen students from the DOS had a good time going to the concert and out to dinner at the Fireside with the Browns. THE DOS ASTRA students made Christmas cards to give to Willow Tree Center residents plus they sang carols and visited with them. DOS students helped the special needs students at Lincoln Elementary make popcorn to sell at recesses. The Special Education Students made over \$500 toward the purchase of playground equipment. Willyn Webb said the Gold Club eligible students gave out hot chocolate at the Parade of lights.

On December 13, 2007 the Service committee received a last minute request from Willyn Webb for \$80-\$100 for "Life Skill" books to be given to

*Minutes continued on page 5*

*Minutes continued from page 4*

DOS students as Christmas gifts. After polling Service Committee members and Board members, it was concluded that we would contribute \$100 towards the books, and individual Altrusans pitched in and supported the project also. Willyn also met at Demeris' house to select some Scholastic books to give as gifts. Jeanie Brown delivered the check to Willyn Webb 12/19/07.

Also, at the Dec. 12 Business meeting, the board asked the membership to vote on supporting a request from Partners for their 1/26/08 bowling fundraiser. Membership approved. Judy will issue them a check today, and Linda will deliver it and give them a copy of our format for future requests.

Books from the SPF tables were presented to the library after the Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> business meeting. The photo appeared in the Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the DCI.

Cedaredge ASTRA Club had a bake sale 12/22/07. Thanks go out to Thelma and Dianne for their presence at the bake sales.

The next meeting of Service will be 1/30/08 at the First Colorado National Bank at 1p.m.

**Communication:** Dianne Sales

The December Deltrusan is out. Photos from the Christmas Party/Ornament Exchange turned out great; hope to have them for all to see at Jan 23rd's evening Program Meeting. A few are in the Deltrusan. We are hoping Sugar Plum photos can be presented as a slide show at the January Add-An-Altrusan meeting. For those of you planning to sponsor a new member, there are a few 'Accents' in December's Deltrusan that were taken from our encyclopedia that sheds light on Altrusa, so giving a copy of the newsletter to your prospective members may be helpful. Our webpage at [altrusaninternationalofdelta.com](http://altrusaninternationalofdelta.com) can also give them an idea of who we are and what we do. Through The Deltrusan Newsletter, we have tried to recap each month, so as to paint a pretty good picture of our energy flow, fun and Altruistic approach to our community. The webpage says the program meeting is Jan. 22. It should read Jan. 23.

Laura Culver-Tarr says thank you for all of the prayers, assistance and offers of assistance. She and her family are staying with her folks and are doing well and will continue to stay there until she builds her house after the fire. She doesn't need a lot except for a few things for the kids. Funds are set up. See announcements below for more information. Please let Vicki Ripp know of any TLCs for the calling tree. The next Communications meeting will be announced soon and will focus on archiving. Dianne was approached by Gateway Youth & Family Services regarding working with Altrusa on projects. They were directed to our website for information

**ASTRA:** Amanda Twamley

Thank you notes for the books DOS students received as gifts were passed around. Willyn has created a newsletter and it, too was sent around the tables. Sign up for DOS email on the letter and you will get it in the future.

Delta ASTRA did luminaries at Mesa View Mortuary. The Jamaica trip is being finalized. Students are using money raised to purchase book for the library project. They also will accept donations of books for age 6-18. Call ASTRA kids or Amanda to have books picked up. Thirteen people are going on the trip. There are 8 teens, and 5 adults. Medical supplies are needed. Packing will be done on 2/3/08. Pam Bliss is leaving 2/9/08 with the larger group leaving on 2/15/08.

Cedaredge Bake sale was 12/22. Amanda did not have the total from that sale. Dianne and Thelma helped Amanda supervise members. Money they raise is planned to be used for the Purchase a Heifer Program.

**Announcements:** An announcement was made that Francie Smiles, Resource Coordinator of the San Juan Cancer Center in Montrose was requesting help from Altrusa for two ladies who needed 5-6 weeks of cancer therapy and had no transportation. Bosom Buddies will pay for 5 taxi rides, the charge is \$48 one way for the taxi. A sign up sheet was passed around to sign up to help drive these people

Laura Tarr Culver's had a house fire. Everyone is fine. A benefit fundraiser for the family will be held Sat., Feb. 2, at 7-10pm. at the Delta Elks Building. There will be entertainment and an opportunity to donate to the family. There is a basket at Tara's where you may also donate.

**Onions and Orchids:** were shared.

**Drawing:** \$\_\_\_ winner: Money was donated to Lara Tarr-Culver

**Benediction** was recited.

**Adjourn:** p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 1:15p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

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



This Letter was sent to all prospective members—it is printed here for your information.

Dear Prospective Member,

Thank you so much for attending our Add an Altrusan event in January indicating your interest in becoming an Altrusan. With so much information being shared, I felt this letter would be beneficial to you as you weigh your decision.

Our Delta club meets on the second and fourth Wednesday s of the month at 12:00 Noon in the Elk's Lodge dining room. They serve a delicious lunch with salad bar for \$6.50. Our fiscal year is June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. The dues schedule for the ensuing term is as follows:

Altrusa International, Inc.	\$65.00
One time initiation fee	30.00
District Ten	20.00
Delta Club	<u>15.00</u>
New member total	\$130.00

Renewing members will be paying \$100.00 dues for the 2008-2009 year and the dues may be paid in monthly or quarterly installments. We collect dues in advance & invest the money wisely until the checks are sent to International and District Ten.

In addition to these dues, members purchase one ticket to each of our annual fundraisers, whether they can attend or not. These normally include our Deltarado Days Kickoff Barbecue - \$8.00; Sugar Plum Festival in November - \$25.00 and a home tour in April - \$10.00.

Because our membership provides the foundation of our "operating budget," we are able to invest almost all the money we earn in the remarkable service projects that make Delta County a better place to live and learn.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 874-2560.

In Altrusa friendship,  
Kim Guthrie-Burch, Chairman  
Membership Committee

### Thanks to our Newsletter Sponsors

**JATS LAND & CATTLE**  
*Thelma B. Starner*

13583 F Road      Bus 970/874-3242  
P.O. Box 43      Fax 970/874-8260  
Delta, CO 81416      Cell 970/250-8569

 **Airport Realty, Inc.**

*Alice E. Jones*  
Broker Associate

970-874-3263      Fax: 970-874-0655  
1195 US Hwy 50      Hm: 970-874-9803  
Delta, CO 81416       acjreal@juno.com

 **Graphic Styles®**

- HAIRSTYLE IMAGES
- PERSONAL GRAPHICS
- JEWELRY PHOTOGRAPHY
- CONSTRUCTION IMAGING
- CUSTOM IMAGE MANIPULATION

**Call Holly For Appointment**  
**(970) 874-6105 • Delta, CO**

**DELTA COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY**

JACKIE L. SCHOONOVER  
MANAGER

(970) 874-4785      537 MAIN ST.  
FAX 874-8479      DELTA, COLORADO 81416

Altrusa International of Delta  
PO Box 648  
Delta, co 81416

---

## Altrusa Collect

Our Heavenly Father,  
Surrounded by blessings,  
May we learn to bless;  
Reaping the fruits of patriotism,  
May we love our country more;  
Members of a worldwide community,  
May we cherish our neighbors everywhere;  
Grateful to Thee,  
May we show our gratitude by efficiency and service.



In use since 1949, the Altrusa International insignia consists of three concentric circles. The outer ring bears the name "Altrusa International, Inc." In the second circle is Altrusa's motto, "Patriotism, Efficiency, Service." The center shows a polar view of the world, symbolizing Altrusa's international interests.

## Altrusa Benediction

May we go forth with high ideals  
To greet our fellow men;  
Be true to all Altrusa aims,  
Until we meet again.

The name "Altrusa" was coined from ALTR for *altruism* and USA for *United States* - possibly because of high-running World War I patriotism. Mamie L. Bass, Altrusa's first national president, was enchanted with the name for its "devotion to the interest of others" concept.

*From the Altrusa Tradition*