

# The Deltrusan

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Altrusa International of Delta

2009

## President's Message



Dear Fellow Altrusans~

January is gone already.... How did that happen??

Even though none of our meetings were held at their "regular" time in January, everyone seemed to keep up the pace and attend the morning Business Meeting and then the evening Program Meeting. An early morning meeting in January isn't necessarily an easy thing to get up and get going for (it's still dark when you head out the door...) but it's really great to get to see faces that you don't usually get to see at noon-time meetings.

Our different committees are doing their things – which is why we Altrusans get so much done. **Dianne Sales** of the Communications Committee is doing such a fabulous job with the newsletter here. It's really our best link for those who cannot attend all of our meetings. The calling tree and email "blasting" part of the committee is the other element that keeps folks in the loop. They also have some great programs lined out for the next couple of months where we'll get to learn more about what's going on in our community.

Service Committee has so many great projects it's tending.... Gateway, DOS, Food Pantry, We Care Bags, and very soon the Scholarship Task Force will be in full force, and so much more. They cover what we truly are all about. ~ They are working up a competition between service organizations to have a Canned Food Drive during March to help out the Food Pantry...Stay tuned for more info...

We have one more fundraiser to go this Altrusa year – the Home Tour. I know that the Finance Committee is making plans for it and it's going to be fabulous this year.... They've already put in their order for a calm day – NO wind!!

And then in January it was the Membership Committee's turn to shine again as task force leader, **Kacy Stillings**, put in so much effort, time and hard work to organize a fun-filled night at the Add-An-Altrusan Program. We had 6 potential new members as guests in attendance. Kacy garnered quite a variety of fun goodies that were given away to ticket holders, and of course the best part – yummy cake for dessert! As always, the program proved informative to potential members, new members, and even to our "seasoned" members. A big **Thank You** to those members who provided gifts for the program: **Liz Quintana of Hellman Motors, David Mangum of Delta Implement, Jennifer Abila of Wells Fargo Bank, Nina Crozier of Nina Suzanne's, Jessica Shaffer of Alpine Bank, Pam Johse of D & B Liquors, Kacy Stillings of The Delta Bank, Rene'e Eaton, and Debby McCarty of Bank of the West** – plus there were a few other wonderful gifts that were provided that night, and even though the giver's name was not taken, their thoughtfulness is appreciated!

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work and will give us a slate of nominees at the Business Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much to all who are stepping up and taking on a responsibility within the club. That's what separates being an Altrusan from "just a volunteer" – taking part in the whole organization.

And just to keep you reminded.... District Ten Conference is coming up in May. It will be April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and May 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be in Albuquerque, NM, where Ida Bender, who visited us in September, will be installed as the new Governor for the District. It is always a really fun time where we learn so much about how to be even better Altrusans. Members from all over the district (Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico) are there sharing ideas of ways to make our communities even better. Plus, the road trip to and from conference is always an experience!! Oh so much going on in Altrusa, and Oh So much to make you proud to be an Altrusan !! See you at the meetings: February 11 – Business Meeting 12 noon @ the Elks, and February 25 – Program Meeting 12 noon @ the Elks.

~ In Altrusa Service~ *Amanda* ~ ☺



- \* The last batch of Coupons for Education were given to the Vision School Program.
- \* Jessica and Amanda reported on December activities and service projects for the three ASTRA clubs. January happenings planned include a News Years Party at Amanda's (combined with work on Curtis's Cases project), coat check for the Hospital Foundation Fund Raiser, and making valentines. Delta ASTRA voted to give \$150.00 towards bringing "The Unstoppable You" program to Delta High School.
- \* Doreen reported on Gateway; Altrusa will be helping with "sprucing up" two rooms to be used as the library and visitation rooms. Pillows, throws, and bean bags chairs are needed, and anyone wanting to help can contact Doreen.
- \* Possible future service projects being looked into include the House of Promise "transition homes" and the adult literacy program.
- \* Amanda and Lynn presented information on "The Unstoppable You" motivational speaker, Craig Conrad, coming to Delta High School on February 9. Linda Sorenson moved to give \$250 (amended to \$300 after discussion) towards this event. The motion was seconded by Rene Eaton and passed by unanimous vote.

**Rusty Gavel:** Linda -- will be meeting at Thelma's next week.

**Other Business:** Vicki shared information from Altrusa International that Delta was not selected for grant monies at this time; we can reapply in March.

**Reminders:** Add-An-Altrusan Program, Wed., Jan. 28, 5:30 p.m., at the Elks  
THE UNSTOPPABLE YOU, Craig Conrad, DHS, Mon, Feb. 9

**Onions and Orchids were shared.**

**Drawing:** \$12.00 to Kelly Harrison

**Benediction**

**Adjourn:** 8:05

Submitted by Secretary Crystal Hansen

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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January was a much-needed slow month for the ASTRA kids, although we did still put in some quality service hours. Four kids helped out with the Delta Memorial Hospital Foundation fundraiser.

**ASTRA**

They helped check coats for the event and brought in over \$100! We also had our New Year's party, which was a great time - with a purpose! We packed up approximately 15 of Curtis's Cases with blankets, toiletries, toys, books and other great stuff - all to go to help kids who come through social services.

message from **Jessica Shaffer**

# Food Pantry

message from **Kelly Harrison**

needed: small boxes of sugar (1 lb boxes or bags)  
and small bags of flour (1 or 2 lbs)

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...excerpt from Kelly's 1/24<sup>th</sup> communique

Here's a little information that a few have inquired about. (St. Michael's Church) is only open from 10am until 3pm Mon through Fri, so those are the hours that anyone would be able to go and stock shelves. Evenings are not a possibility. The actual food pantry is open for the families to pick up their groceries from 12(noon) until 12:30pm. These families must register with another volunteer by 11:30am of the day that they are picking up food. If they have not registered, we will not have their name on the list that is given to us, and we must inform them that they can come back the next business day. We usually start the process of preparing for the list of families at about 11:30 and finish replenishing that which was given out by 12:45pm unless we get lots of families and then it's usually around 1:00. So with that being said, we would have access to the pantry anytime from 10 until 2:30 Mon through Fri to stock the shelves. The handing out of the groceries will remain between noon and 12:30.

...new message from Kelly

The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to stock the shelves so the bag fillers will have groceries to fill the bags with. I know there will be bags because we will be purchasing as many as \$350 worth at Sam's Club this week. This volunteer will not be through Altrusa, however any time you choose to volunteer will count toward community service hours. They are also short on Mondays, so if anyone would like to fill in on a Monday or two, feel free. January seemed a fair month with a total of 22 families on Thursday only. Wow, the need is still there!!

Thanks for all of you for all of your help!!! Until next month...take care and God bless,

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## The Food Pantry Drive Competition...

...is getting organized and should be real fun. We will be inviting all the service organizations, churches, the police department, social services, etc. to participate with us. We will keep you up to date as more info flows. **This will begin on March 1 and go through the entire month of March**, ending on March 31st. Let's not let anyone beat us in our own game, so save all of the donations you have and bring them in March!!! 'Where' ...is still being worked out! ... Kelly

## Welcome Newest Members initiated at the January 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting



**Elaine Martinez** (She's the one glowing in the center below.)  
(with her sponsors Kim Guthrie-Burch and Phyllis Goad)



**Roxanne Summers** (though not present... was initiated by proxy)  
Roxanne is sponsored by Phyllis Goad and David Mangum.



# District Ten Conference

Colorado Utah New Mexico

As mentioned in the President's message, mark your calendar for this year's opportunity to experience the comraderie of a fun-filled professional conference in which Altrusans come together to learn new and innovative ways to serve our communities. There is a lot of brainstorming, and a lot of fun! Be a part of it this year! This conference is for 'everyone' who wishes to attend. Our club encourages all to go, but especially if you are thinking of becoming an officer, either now or in the future, there are things at Conference geared to help guide you in Altrusa's leadership roles. Watch for more details about Conference, the cost of registration, where to stay, how to get there, etc. Check out the web.

# Altrusa International of Delta's ... January 28<sup>th</sup> Program Meeting

## Add-An-Altrusan Night!

As we do every January, we as a club, and as individuals, invited prospective members to share an evening with us. This is an Altrusa tradition and it takes place in our sister clubs at this time as well. We invite professional women and men to learn who we are and what we do in our communities. They learn that Altrusa International is an association of professional women and men who volunteer energy and expertise for projects dedicated to the betterment of our communities. We espouse volunteerism. We promote literacy, patriotism, and service ...and we have fun doing it!



**Looking Ahead...**

**February Program Speaker  
will be**

**Tom Mingen  
Administrator**

**DCMH**



# Meetings/Events/Dates to Remember :

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>    **THE UNSTOPPABLE YOU, Craig Conrad    DHS gym**

Wednesday, February 11th - Business Meeting 12:00 Noon at the Elks

Wednesday, February 25th - Program Meeting 12:00 Noon at the Elks

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Board Members Meeting

April 29<sup>th</sup>...Road Trip!

April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and May 2<sup>nd</sup> *District Ten Conference - Albuquerque, New Mexico*

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