

The President's Message

Greetings from your newest President!



It's an election year so we're all probably going to get pretty tired of hearing campaign rhetoric. But I wanted to start off our new Altrusa year with the Altrusan version of a campaign slogan and a reminder of our mission as we move forward. Our rebranding directives were **CLARITY, INCLUSION** and **FLEXIBILITY**.

CLARITY-I'm asking all of you to help me be clear as we move forward this year; if you don't understand something or need more information, please ask. Please don't be shy; chances are, if you have a question, someone else is wondering the same thing. I may not have the answers, but we have lots of members who can help us figure things out. Let's try to eliminate the post-meeting conversations that "muddy the waters" and can lead to a lack of clarity. As we move toward clarity, it also means not being offended if someone questions you about what you are saying or doing; questions are a request for information, not a judgment or condemnation. If we can accept the vision of the whole club and make it our own, we can truly achieve the clarity of mission that will move our club forward successfully.

INCLUSION-Please remember your obligations as sponsors to see that our new members are included and get the opportunity to be involved in committee work. Working together on our projects is what keeps our club vital and our membership strong and engaged. We all like to feel needed. Talk yourself into spending time with members you don't yet know very well. Every member has something valuable to share with our club. We are a wonderful, diverse group of strong-willed women; it's what makes us successful. We will all benefit by learning more about and from each other.

FLEXIBILITY-Some of my least favorite expressions in the world are "we've always done it that way", "we tried that before" and "it's not my job". While all may often be true, I'm asking you all to be open and flexible about sometimes doing things differently and taking on roles you may not have had in the past. Sometimes with new members, new ideas and new energies things that didn't work in the past can work now. We need to encourage new ideas and support new leadership among our members. (continued on Page 2)

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Installation of Officers

Altrusa International of Delta had their Annual Installation Meeting on May 23rd at the home of Yvonne Rowland. Outgoing directors included President Nancy Hovde, Vice President Jo Rosenquist, Treasurer Cindy Lonis, Secretary Debbie Atchley, and Correspondence Secretary Melvia Thebus. President Nancy Hovde gifted outgoing board members with pots of flowers, which included solar highlights, assembled by our local Ace Hardware because her board went above and beyond, lighting up her life through their efficiency and service. Incoming Officers are President Jo Rosenquist, Vice President Demeris York, Treasurer Mary Dow, and Secretary Daphne Harding. The incoming board presented outgoing President Nancy Hovde with pottery from local Biggen's Pottery. (continued on Page 2)



June Birthdays!

- Jessica Shaffer - June 4
- Phyllis Goad - June 5
- Tonia Thomas - June 10
- Barbara Bullard - June 14
- Janet Stewart - June 19
- Lucinda Stanley - June 25
- Kim Doughty - June 29
- Barb Benson - June 30

The President's Message (continued)

Sometimes taking on a different role in the same fundraiser can dramatically change your experience of it and bring about new ideas. All I ask is that you be willing to try something new!

As I take on my new role in Altrusa, I'm bound to get a few things wrong, but please know that I will always move forward with the best interest of our club in mind. If I had an "Altrusa office door" it would always be open! I'm relying on all of you to share your ideas and wisdom to make this coming year ROCK!!

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Installation of Officers (continued)



Committee Chairs include: Merna Ray, Membership Chair; Crystal Hansen, Service Chair; Karen Basher, Communications Chair; Amanda Twamley, Finance Chair; Vicki Ripp, Foundation Chair. Jo is looking forward to working with this energetic group in accomplishing their goals for the next year.

ASTRA News

All of the ASTRA Clubs ended the school year with lots of energy and enthusiasm. At their end of year meetings both the Cedaredge High School and Delta ASTRA clubs each voted in new officers and initiated new members. Delta initiated 6 new members - Taeler Monroe, Victoria Coonce, Haley Donathan, Kasha Culver, and Julie Cassel, and then installed their new officers for the 2011-2012 year. Their new officers are: president; Lucero Chavez, vice-president; Haley Donathan, secretary; Shannon Foley, and treasurer; Kayla Culp.

The Cedaredge High School ASTRA Club initiated three new members - Xander Camp, Jacob Robb, Logan Cronebaugh then installed their officers for next year. Their new officers are: president; Jessica Chevalier (stepping up from VP), vice-president; Jacob Robb, secretary; Xander Camp, treasurer; David White.

Before ending the school year the Delta ASTRA Club joined with the Delta Key Club to help the Food Pantry with the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive sponsored by the US Postal Service. The members of these two organizations helped offload, sort, and store over 3,000 pounds of donated food items.

The DOS ASTRA Club finished out the school year with a benefit Fashion Show showing off fashions donated from Beauty and the Bling to raise money for their Food For Thought project. ASTRA members helped organize the models as well as organize and serve the lunch that was provided.

At the busiest time of the school year, on a Friday afternoon, the CHS and Delta ASTRA Clubs joined forces to sort through all of the childrens' (continued on Page 4)



Monthly Business Meeting, May 9, 2012 Elks Lodge

Call to Order: by Pres. Nancy Hovde at 12:00pm

The Collect and the Pledge were recited.

Members: 32 Guests: 7

Minutes: Approved

Correspondence: Was read

Accent: Linda Sorenson gave a report on Earth Day and announced May 15th is International Day of Families.

Treasurer's Report:

Operating - \$4,608.22

Foundation - \$17,622.06

Membership Initiation: Cindy Hansen, Sunny Howland, Lucinda Stanley, Janice Jones and Nancy Holmes were initiated. Welcome to our club!

COMMITTEE REPORTS :

Communications - No report

Finance - Working on Deltarado Days Barbeque. Gave out "cake pops" to everyone. What a nice treat!

Membership - Modeled the new Altrusa shirts that are now available to buy online. Won an award at District Conference (\$100) for bringing in the most new members to our club in the year 2011-2012. GREAT JOB!! Gave out pins to the following sponsors for the number of people they have sponsored:

Liz Quintana - 4, Linda Sorenson - 4, Amanda Twamley - 2; Ann Eddins - 2; Thelma Starner - 2

Explained the changes in dues again to clear-up any confusion anyone may have had about the changes.

Next meeting is June 5th at noon at the Housing Authority.

Service - Lisa Pinel did an excellent job coordinating food and volunteers for the Delta-Montrose Technical College's College Days. Rene'e Eaton and Crystal Hansen are reviewing the grant request application online. Five members cleaned the Wells Fargo Kiosk glass on the outside. More cleaning will take place at a future date. Demeris York explained how the scholarship recipients are chosen. The Non-traditional scholarships of \$1000 each went to Eliza Galvin, Beri Blair, Tamara Anderson, Melanie Sanchez, Pamela Bean, Daniel Neil, and Lori McDermith. The ASTRA scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to Jordan King, Courtney Anderson, Ashley Church, and Kyla Ownbey. Kyla Ownbey also won the Altrusa International scholarship of \$2000. Delta Opportunity School's graduation is being held May 21, 2012. A few more volunteers are needed to help with pictures. *(continued on Page 4)*

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Condiments such as Ketchup, Mustard, Spices, Salad Dressings, Salt and Pepper

In Addition:

Gravy Mixes, Coffee, Teas



If you are interested in making a tax deductible contribution to Altrusa in memory of David Mangum, we will use those funds to establish a memorial to honor him. Checks can be made to: Altrusa Intl. Foundation of Delta, PO Box 648, Delta, CO 81416

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

July 19th - Deltarado Day

**November 17th
Sugar Plum**

**December 12
Christmas Party**

Monthly Business Meeting Continued:

Next meeting is June 4th at 5:30 at Thompson Manor.

ASTRA -

DOS: Having a fashion show Mon. May 14th at noon. All are welcome.

DELTA: Installed their new officers at their "end of the year" meeting. Also, helping to box books and helping with "Stamp Out Hunger" project.

CEDAREEDGE: Having their "end of year" meeting May 10th at 6:00pm. Also, helping to box books and with the "Stamp Out Hunger" project.

Rusty Gavel: no report

Foundation: The ASTRA Club of DOS is eligible for a grant thru Hellman Ford for their "Food for Thought" program. Vicki Ripp made a motion to allow the ASTRA Club of DOS to use Altrusa International of Delta Foundation's name and 5013c status to apply for a grant to help fund their "Food for Thought" project. It was seconded by Merna Ray. It was voted on and approved.

Rebranding: Go to website altrusa.org. Has lots of information on it, including how to buy new logo items.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Reports were given from those attending the District Ten Conference. Many awards were given out. Daphne Harding received an award for the newsletter (way to go Daphne!!) and Membership received a \$100 award for initiating 10 new members for the year 2011-2012(super job!!). Linda Sorenson gave a cute report on "Resolutions of Conference". Sounds like all had a wonderful time. Some people at conference donated to Delta Altrusa Club in David Mangum's honor, as did many in the community. Vicki Ripp is making tax receipts to be enclosed with the thank-you notes that will be sent out to those who donated. Thelma Starner gave a short talk honoring David Mangum.

Onions and Orchids were shared.

Drawing: \$16.00 went to Willa Sorenson. She donated it back to Altrusa in David Mangum's honor.

Benediction

Adjourn: 1:13pm

Submitted by Secretary Debbie Atchley

Board

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Committee Meetings

The Board meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Noon at the First Methodist Church Board Room.

Service Committee meets on the Monday prior to the Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Thompson Manor Meeting Room.

Finance Committee meets on the Monday prior to the Board meeting at Noon at the Colorado National Bank.

Membership Committee has been meeting the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting at Noon at the Delta Housing Authority office. **However, the June meeting will be Noon, at the Delta County Library to accommodate more committee members.**

New Committee Members

Please try very hard to make the Committee meetings in June and July as new leadership gets under way, new budgets are established, new task forces are assigned and committees lay out their strategy for the coming year.

This is your opportunity to help shape the way Altrusa supports our community. Please let your voice be heard.

ASTRA (continued)



Books that Altrusa gave to Jamaica Outreach as part of the 20,000# of Books to be dispersed by our club. Approximately 600 pounds of books were donated to Jamaica Outreach and were taken down by a group of youth at the end of May. The books will go to the library at Mason Hall Primary School which was built by the CHS and Delta ASTRA Members who went to Jamaica in February 2011 for that purpose.

Summer plans for the clubs are to help with the Delta Library's birthday celebration, help Altrusa at the Deltarado Days cookout, get together for a social event with the different clubs, and to work at the Food Pantry to see just what happens to the donated food items once sorted, etc.

Membership Committee Report

5 new members were initiated at the May Business Meeting. They included: Cindy Hansen, Sunny Howland, Lucinda Stanley, Janice Jones and Nancy Holmes. The Committee will be planning four exciting events throughout the next year to include: The Four Club Social in September; the Christmas Party in December; the Add an Altrusan in January and the Installation Dinner in May. We look forward to hosting these events that will encourage fellowship and fun. *Merna Ray, Committee Chair*

Service Committee Report

The Service Committee met and discussed the Huge Book Project (see Vicki's report below); as well as creating a Task Force Chair for the Wells Fargo Kiosk. This person would organize the cleanup, check on possibilities for refurbishing the benches, replacing the plexiglass, general upkeep of the Kiosk, etc. For new business A grant request from Willyn Webb was presented for the DOS Food For Thought Program. Various ways were discussed on how we might help with this program such as a food drive for specific items needed, collecting backpacks, etc. Barbara Breitnauer volunteered to be the Task Chair and will contact Willyn for details and bring ack ideas to the Service Committee's next meeting for consideration.

Various days and times were considered for the monthly Service Committee meeting in an attempt to accommodate most of our Task Force Chairs to attend. The consensus was to hold the meetings on the LAST Monday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at Thompson Manor. Task Force Chair positions were reviewed for the 2012-13 year and a full list will be sent out shortly. The budget for the coming year was discussed and will be presented to the Treasurer at the next Board meeting. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for June 25th at 6:15 p.m. at Thompson Manor. *Crystal Hansen, Committee Chair*

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee met and worked on the budget proposal for the coming year as well as on the details for the Deltarado Days. In addition to Set Up and Clean Up, there are many other areas that need volunteers to assist in Deltarado Days. If you love to cook, 6 to 9 volunteers are needed to cook the pork roasts (recipe will be provided); ice, paper products, etc.etc. Promises to be a fun and exciting event. Sign up sheets will be at the next meeting or please contact Amanda Twamley for more details and she'll put you on the list. *Amanda Twamley, Committee Chair*

News From our Foundation Chair, Vicki Ripp

The DOS ASTRA obtained our approval to utilize our 501 (c3) status to apply for a grant through Toyota for their Food for Thought Program. Willyn Webb is handling this process with Hellman Toyota.

We've been receiving monies for the David Mangum Memorial and the Task Force is working with the Mangum family to formulate a plan for the funds received. For those who have donated, Vicki will have tax slips at the next Altrusa meeting.

The Book Project is underway with a Task Force Committee identified. The goal is to find boxes suitable for packing the books; set up a sorting schedule with captains twice a week where volunteers can chose which times work best for them to work a couple of hours. Our new President is working on the recipient side of this project.

**Only those who
will risk going
too far can
possibly find out
how far one can
go.**

Volunteers Needed!

The Service Committee is looking for someone to be the Task Force Chair for the Wells Fargo Kiosk Project. Please contact Crystal Hansen, Service Committee Chair for details!

All Altrusa members are asked to be part of Deltarado Days event in various areas such as: Food; Paper Products; Ice; Set Up and Clean Up. Please contact Amanda Twamley for details and volunteer!!

Member Happenings

Gena Cooper has stepped up to the plate to take over Melvia Thebus' position as the Vice Chair of Membership. Melvia has moved out of the area and we thank Gena for volunteering and we're excited about her continued involvement and commitment to our Club!



The Deltrusan

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National Happenings

Altrusa International recently hired Dr. Harriet Lewis as its Executive Director.

Dr. Lewis has 20 years of experience working in both the private and nonprofit sectors. Prior to her appointment at Altrusa International, she provided market research consulting to economic development and tourism organizations. She has been an executive in organizations serving urban youth in alternative school settings, survivors of domestic violence in shelter, refugees seeking a new life in the United States, and entrepreneurs accessing business support from their local chamber of commerce.

Altrusa International, founded in 1917 is a global service organization whose membership leads to better communities through literacy campaigns, disaster relief, and many other service projects. While headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, Altrusans proudly gave over a million volunteer hours last year around the world, through clubs in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, England, Bermuda, Ireland, India, Scotland, New Zealand and Russia.



**DOS ASTRA FASHION
SHOW**



**ASTRA STAMPING OUT
HUNGER**