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Altrusa Spring Home and Garden Tour

*Sunday, April 22, 2007
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.*

Starting at The Garden Center (1970 S. Main), Altrusans will be selling tickets and handing out maps of the homes available.



Tour tickets cost \$10 each and members need to volunteer to host at a home for at least one two-hour shift.

Remember: each member is required to purchase one ticket and all members are needed to help with selling tickets for the Tour - this is one of our best fundraisers!



See Barbara Bullard
for more information!

From The President



Our new officers have been elected for the 2007-2008 term of office. It just does not seem it is that time of year, but with Spring approaching it is time for some new ideas and leadership.

I commend all those individuals who have accepted a position on the Board of Directors. It is a very worthwhile experience and any member would benefit being an officer. You all have talents to share in our community projects, so think about using some of those special talents to become a Board Member.

District Conference to be held in Ogden, Utah is the first weekend in May. This is such a wonderful avenue to learn more about Altrusa, and to make new friends and renew old friendships. Consider attending a conference to help you in your development as an Altrusan.

The Home Tour will be April 22, 2007 and you are all needed to help being hostesses, so sign up, this is a fun project and you have the opportunity to see all the homes on display.

We will soon be welcoming eight new prospective members, please make them feel welcome and help them with any questions they may have about Altrusa and our commitment to the Community.

Rene'e Eaton
President

ASTRA

We've had a busy start to the year with sports and school stuff. We have elected our new officers, but haven't had the chance to install them yet. Once each officer is installed, we'll give a report on that.

At our meeting this past Monday we learned specifics about the tornado that was in the news about 2 weeks ago that hit a high school in Alabama. The exact location of the high school was Enterprise, Alabama. Altrusa's immediate past international president, Judy Atkinson, lives in Enterprise. Also, the high school that was hit by the tornado has an ASTRA Club.

One of the students who was injured is an ASTRA member – she has a broken back. Also, one of the students who was killed is brother to an ASTRA member who graduated last May. So this tornado has “touched” ASTRA in a few different ways.

The last report that we had said that the high school is trying to find a new location to be able to finish out the school year.

We discussed different ways we could possibly help the students and ASTRA Club at this high school. We will be getting more information as to what we could do, and then figure out how to go about it.

We hold our meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 26 at 5:30 at the DHS library.

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New Officers Elected For 2007-2008

Altrusa International of Delta is proud to announce your new officers for next year! Thank you to each member who stepped forward and took the responsibility of service "to the next level!"

President - Linda Sorensen
1st Vice President - Amanda Twamley
2nd Vice President - Doreen Greet
Secretary - Demeris York
Treasurer - Judy Weiszbrod
Service Chair - Holly Burton
Finance Chair - Thelma Starner
Communications Chair - Dianne Sales
Membership Chair - Kim Guthrie-Burch

These members were elected by you, and now let's all get behind them and help with another successful year of service in our community!

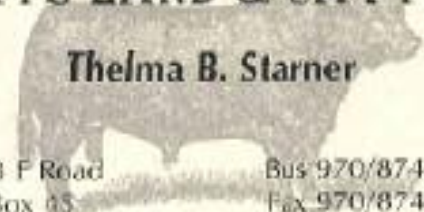
Books, Books, Everywhere and we're giving them away!

Two more boxes of books have been delivered to the Delta Opportunity School, and to the Dept. of Corrections.

Sagebrush Books has donated two boxes of books to Altrusa, and we will be sorting and delivering them to senior centers, Hospice and others.

Thanks to our Newsletter Sponsors!

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Upcoming Program Meetings

Be sure to attend the business and program meetings for the next couple of months - we have a great lineup!

March 28th - Bob McGarvin
April 11th - Business Meeting
April 25th - Jamaica Outreach (our own ASTRA and members, Amanda Twamley and Pam Bliss)
May 9th - Business Meeting
May 23rd - Installation of Officers

Service Hours

We appreciate everyone who is taking the time to fill in service hours, either at the meeting or by email. If you were at the last meeting, please check your papers to see if you took the Service Hours sheet by mistake - if you have it, please return to Lita as soon as possible, as she is completing the Awards nomination for our Club.

If you have not reported service hours for the year or the past month, please contact Lita as soon as possible.

Send your hours to Lita at:

litasweitzer@msn.com

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Altrusa International, Inc. of Delta, Colorado
Business Meeting at the Elks Club
March 14, 2007

Call to order: 12:07 PM by Renee Eaton, President

The Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

Members: 26 **ASTRA:** Treasurer Ben Twamley **Guests:** Pam Bliss, Crystal Hansen, Stella Delgado, Helen Jurca, Linda Phillips, Kacy Stillings, and Kathy Welt who is a guest of Vanessa Rueckert.

Minutes of previous meeting: Approved with the corrected spelling of Crystal Hansen's name.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Bills to be presented: None

Correspondence: Thank you notes from Merna Ray and Alice Penick, a thank you letter from the Delta Doves, a letter from Delta Barracuda Swim Team requesting a donation, a letter of gratitude and information from Diane Reese of the Colorado State Library.

Presentation of Award: Renee Eaton presented an hour glass charm from International and Delta Altrusa Club to Fran Deaver for sponsoring a new member.

Committee Reports

Service: Lita Sweitzer reported that Delta Public Library received 205 books. Thirty more books will be donated to Delta Corrections Center. Cedaredge Elementary is accepting forty-three books. Lita will check with the Grand Junction and Palisade Altrusa Clubs to see if books could be distributed through them. Renee and Jackie Schoonover delivered eight boxes of books to the Academy of Applied Learning. Demeris York will take books to the VA Hospital. Members may inform Lita of other places that might need books. The books are from the Mountain Plains Booksellers.

At the Board meeting, Dianne Sales presented an opportunity to assist the Adolescence Substance Abuse Project. The Board recommended that ASAP be accepted as a project. Dianne has sewn privacy curtains for the meeting place. More will be done as the needs are known.

The service hours sheet is being passed around. Members may also email hours to Lita.

Lita is preparing a club activity report. She and Demeris are working on the Letha Brown and Mamie L. Bass service awards. Members who have given time distributing books must record their hours as they are an important part of the applications. Delta Doves and Ruby's hours are service hours and should be recorded.

Membership: Nancy Stevens distributed an information sheet about new member applicants. The information is to be reviewed by members. Members may call Nancy within a few days if there are questions. The applicants are: Crystal Hansen, Kacy Stillings, Debbie McCarty, Pam Bliss, Stella Delgado, Helen Jurca, Linda Phillips, and Suzanne Bobo. The new members will be initiated at the next program meeting. An orientation luncheon for new member applicants and their sponsors will be held next Wednesday, March 21, at the Fireside Restaurant at 11:45 AM.

Nancy prepared three yearbooks to be sent to International for judging Jackie will mail the yearbooks.

Updates that have not been picked up were given out to members for distribution.

Foundation: No report

Finance: Barbara Bullard reported on the Home and Garden Tour which will be held on Sunday, April 22, from 1PM to 5PM. The Garden Center at 1970 S. Main will be the base for buying tickets and picking up maps.

The Bistro may offer food and drink for sale to the ticket holders.

Landscapers are being recruited to participate in the day's activities. They will be asked to prepare a port folio at the home shown with the homeowner's permission, or at the Garden Center with permission.

A small advertising fee and a \$10 vender fee will be charged. The landscapers are invited to be present at the home if they wish. Howard Garland of Expressed Naturally has confirmed with an offer to pay the \$10 vender fee plus a \$50 donation for advertising. Members may contact Barbara if they have a landscaper in mind who might want to participate.

Task Force Chairs and Vice-Chairs have been appointed as follows: Chair Barbara Bullard, Vice-Chair Thelma Starner, responsible for disclaimers, insurance, centerpieces and other details. Garden Center: Chair Linda Sorenson, Vice-Chair Thelma Starner. Homes: Chair Judy Ashby, Vice-Chair Dorothy Dunfelder, helper Cindy Lonis and the committee as needed. Landscapers: Chair Barbara Bullard, Vice-Chair JoAnn Anderson.

The Communications committee is working on the publicity with PSAs, the marquee and brochures.

Thelma and Ann Eddins are working on signage. The tour ticket will cost \$10. Members need to sign up as hostesses to work two hour shifts. Each member is required to buy one ticket.

Communications: Jackie Schoonover reported that they will work closely with the Finance committee on the Home and Garden Tour. The program for March will be speaker, Bob McGarvin. In April we will hear about the Jamaican Outreach trip. In May, there will be installation of officers.

ASTRA: Treasurer Ben Twamley reported that the club has been busy with school and sports activities. Officers have been elected. At the last meeting, ASTRA members learned of the impact of the Alabama tornado on ASTRA members and others in that area.

Unfinished Business: The Board recommended that the ASAP be accepted as a New Project.

Linda Sorensen presented the nominations for officers for 2007-2008: President - Linda Sorensen, First Vice-President - Amanda Twamley, Second Vice-President - Doreen Grett, Secretary - Demeris York, Treasurer - Judy Weiszbrod, Service Chair - Holly Burton, Finance Chair - Thelma Starner, Communications - Dianne Sales, Membership Chair - Kim Guthrie-Burch, ASTRA Chair - Amanda Twamley, Immediate Past President - Rene'e Eaton. There is no nomination for the position of Treasurer-Elect. Linda asked for other nominations from the floor. There were none. **Vicki Ripp moved that the nominations cease, the ballot be closed, and that the nominees be elected as presented by acclamation. The second was given by Nancy Stevens. A vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Announcements: Rene'e asked if any other members want to go to Conference. Governor Goodhue has asked our club to run the bookstore. Rene'e asked Thelma to bring her a box of cookbooks to deliver for the bookstore.

Lita has printed photos that can be used for the poster contest.

Rene'e reported that donations can be given at Wells Fargo Bank for the family of Lance Corporal Bryan Chambers for their travel expenses.

Onions and Orchids were shared.

Drawing: Winner-Linda Sorenson of \$12.50.

Benediction recited.

Adjournment: 1:56 PM

Jeanie Brown, Secretary

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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. 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.

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.

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

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

www.altrusainternationalofdelta.com

Our Committee Meetings!

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.