

# THE DELTRUSAN

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## 2008 Altrusa Home Tour

The Annual Home Tour is set!

Sunday, April 20th, 2008

Six homes in the Delta Area

Tours start at The Garden Center, where refreshments will be served

Tickets \$10 each



Two of  
the six  
homes on  
the Tour  
in 2008



Each year, Altrusa hosts are stationed at each of the homes on the Tour. These hosts serve as greeters to the visitors, give information regarding the unique features of the homes, and serve as a gentle form of security for the homeowners.

Each member should be selling tickets to this fundraiser, and purchase one of their own. Please take a moment to sign up as a host for the event and get tickets, either at the meeting or by calling Judy Weiszbrod, Treasurer.

There are still eight hostesses needed to cover the two, two-hour tours of the six homes included on the tour. There are three host/hostesses still needed for the 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. tour and five needed for the 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. tour. Those of you who have not yet signed up to hostess, please do so. Just reply by e-mail or call Kathy Welt (874-4358 or 270-9461) to sign-up now. We need your help!

Ladies that have already signed up for the 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. tour are:

Crystal Hansen	Pam Bliss
Kelly Harrison	Alowetta Terrien
Merna Ray	Ann Eddins
Linda Sorenson	Vicki Ripp
Renee' Eaton	Liz Quintana
Jessica Voivedich	Jan Pappas
Daphne Harding	1. ???
Helen Jurca	2. ???
Jackie Schoonover	3. ???

Ladies/gent that have already signed up for the 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. tour are:

David Mangum	Peggy Bellmire
Kacy Stillings	Phyllis Goad
Dianne Sales	Debbie McCarty
Janet Burgess	1. ???
Jo Ann Dibitonto	2. ???
Billie Kiger	3. ???
Linda Sorenson	4. ???
Laura Tarr	5. ???
Ruth Ward	
Dorothy Dunfelder	

*Please Respond Soon!*

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dearest Altrusans;

Time flies when you're having fun! The Home Tour preparations are underway. Let's get out there and sell some tickets.

Thanks to all who have worked long hard hours on getting the award entries done and into district. I know it was a big project.

I don't know about you but I am so looking forward to going to Conference. It is such a fun event and a time to relax and fellowship with other Altrusans. Let me know if you need a registration form.

In Altrusa Love;  
Linda

## ALTRUSA SCHOLARSHIP Application Deadline April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Altrusa of Delta is accepting Applications for the Annual Adult Scholarship Program. Applications are available at Delta Montrose Technical College, at our local libraries, and can be downloaded from this website (see tab).

Application deadline is April 22. Recipients will be announced by May 22 with funds distributed in August. For further scholarship info, use the e-mail link under Scholarship tab to contact Altrusa's Service Chairman.

## Communications Committee Report

We are happy to announce that on behalf of our Club, we have submitted three samples of our Deltrusan Newsletter as well as our Webpage Information to District Ten for consideration of the District's Communication Award. Please check out our club's website at [altrusainternationalofdelta.com](http://altrusainternationalofdelta.com) ...and prepare to be impressed ...both with our club's activity and with our website presentation itself. As Chairman, kudos are in order for Lita Sweitzer & Jackie Schoonover for the website, and Alowetta Terrien who publishes our Deltrusan. It was a privilege to send our items in. Our club activity is an amazing thing and our committee's presentation of that activity is terrific. Great job to my committee! It was a privilege to be able to submit our work for this award. We will let you know of the outcome of this award competition as soon as we hear the results.  
Dianne Sales/Chair

## Service Committee Report

Your service committee is hard at work! Here are just a few highlights to be looking for:

Delta Opportunity School - Altrusans will be furnishing refreshments for the graduation of these students, to be held on Friday, May 16th, 7 pm. We need veggie trays/cheese/cracker/cookies to be donated by members. Service also will provide a cake and punch for the celebration.

Remember to complete your service hours in the book at each meeting. Make sure you record hours after the orange line on your page.

Graduation charter ASTRA members will each receive a \$25 gift from the Club.

Scholarship applications are available at the Libraries and on the web.

Next meeting - Tuesday, April 29th, 4:00 pm at First Colorado National Bank



Thanks to Dorothy Dunfelder and all the Altrusans who helped with the March luncheon for the Delta Doves. There were 112 people served by 16 Altrusans!

Thanks to all Altrusans who provided food and served at The Big Read event at the Library. It was appreciated greatly!



# ASTRA

The two groups – morning and afternoon- at the Delta Opportunity School have been working hard at a few different things. With a few minor glitches the yard sale did happen on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. How much was raised to support John White going to Juarez, Mexico to help build homes for two families is yet to be determined, but every little bit helps. Thank you to those Altrusans who supported this effort by either donating items, money, time and/or patronizing their yard sale.

The also put in community service learning time through the American Lung Association's "Kick Butt on Tobacco" day on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The students spent most of the day in front of Wal-Mart handing out "Addicted to Life" wrist bands, stickers, and candy all with anti-smoking slogans. Joe Chemo (Joe Camel's alter-ego) was even there to show the negative side of smoking. The next big project for the two groups is to put together a Treasure Hunt for the preschool students in the BELA program next door to them at the school. ~ DOS holds their ASTRA meetings every Wednesday at 10:30 – 11:00 and 1:30 – 2:00. Feel free to join us for a meeting anytime.

Cedaredge High School's Pet Food and Supply drive went very well. The students gathered lots of food, blankets, toys, grooming tools and even a couple of pet crates for the Cedaredge Animal Shelter. The shelter was very appreciative of the donated items.

On April 24<sup>th</sup> they will be holding their "Spring Fling Kinda' Thing" to encourage new members to join their club. The members will be offered gifts/prizes for bringing guests, knowing about ASTRA and Altrusa, sharing info about projects completed as well as other reasons. The graduating seniors will be recognized at this event, also. The idea is to show just how much fun it is to help out one's community by being a part of ASTRA. CHS ASTRA meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 11:45 – 12:30 in the guidance office. Would love to see some Altrusans there for the ASTRA members to get to know.

The March program that the Delta ASTRA members did on their trip to Jamaica was well received. The group had a good time sharing their experiences. They held a "wrap up" gathering on March 30<sup>th</sup> where everyone shared their pictures and memories. All the adults and the children agree that the trip was truly life changing.

Their "A Spring Fling Kinda' Thing" to which each member is encouraged to bring a friend, and each senior will get recognized for their work in the club as well as how they are moving onward, will be held at 3 PM on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the home of one of the members. This four year old club has 3 charter members who are graduating this year and will be recognized at this event.

Delta ASTRA holds its meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays in the DHS library at 6:00 – 7:00. Come on in and be a part our meetings.

We are looking for items to give away for prizes/gifts at the "Spring Flings." If anyone has anything such as water bottles, lanyards, cool pens, caps, t-shirts and things like that, to donate to ASTRA, please contact Amanda.



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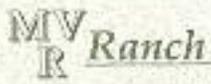


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**Altrusa International, Inc. of Delta, Colorado**  
**Business Meeting**  
**March 12, 2008**

**Call to order:** at 12:05 p.m. by President Linda Sorenson. The Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were recited. **Members:** 29 **Guests:** Carol Chapola and Nora Daly with Kelly; Ruth Ward with Linda S.; Angela Ownbey with Dorothy; John White from DOS with Jeanie.

**Minutes of previous** meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter.

**Correspondence:** Invitations from the Chamber of Commerce for Business After Hours and the North Fork Bluegrass Festival; a newsletter from All American Families Plus; and an announcement of the Montrose Altrusa Spring Luncheon--contact Yvonne Rowland for more information about the luncheon.

**Treasurer's report:** Judy reported the current balances of the operating and service accounts and reminded members we each are responsible for purchasing one ticket to the Home Tour event. She urged members to pay their annual dues (\$100) promptly, but absolutely no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Committee reports:**

**Communications:**

Chair Dianne Sales urged members to read the newsletter. Lita is handling the Big Read reception; a sign up sheet was passed around. Alowetta asked members to let her know if they were not receiving the newsletter via email or regular mail.

**Finance:**

Chair Thelma Starner reported that the committee met March 3<sup>rd</sup> and finalized details of the Home Tour on Sunday April 20th. Task Force chairs were assigned. Contact Amanda if you know of houses to put on the tour; Kathy Welt to sign up as host for a house on the tour. The committee has purchased additional chafing dishes, cork lined serving trays, and a coffee cambro to use at our events.

**Membership:**

Vice-Chair David Mangum announced that information sheets on prospective members Debbie Curtis and Angela Ownbey were passed around. The venue for our May 2008 installation ceremony has not been confirmed.

**Service:**

Chair Holly Burton said the DOS graduation ceremony will be Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>; Altrusans will provide refreshments. Photos will be taken by Dianne and Amanda at a rehearsal on Thurs. May 15<sup>th</sup>. Eight charter members of Delta ASTRA are graduating this year; the committee approved giving them each a \$25 gift certificate. Next year there will be four scholarships for graduating ASTRA members. She reminded members to please record service hours. Scholarship applications have been delivered to the DMTC and the five local libraries; the application is also available on the website. An article about the scholarships will appear in the DCI. Food Pantry: sign up sheet for April was passed around; contact Kelly to sign up and for information about what items they need. Members were asked to donate paper bags to use for bagging FP items. Baby First: Janet has ordered books. The new sign is up at the ER lending library. Marie and Henry Hymel will deliver books in April. TCRC: Renee purchased 12 sets of sheets for the beds at TCRC. The Board recommended a motion to approve \$750 for the Delta library's Big Read project; Vicki seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Lita is coordinating the reception on Wed 26<sup>th</sup> for author Sandra Dallas. Awards applications: a draft has been sent to Renee for review, Holly will continue editing.

**ASTRA:**

The Delta group will present the program on March 26<sup>th</sup> detailing their trip to Jamaica to work with the Outreach project.

The DOS group raised nearly \$100 for the lung cancer society of Colorado. On two Fridays--March 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>--they will have yard sales from 8:00-4:00; drop off items for the sale at the DOS school (school days 8:00-4:00). Monies

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raised will be for building homes in Mexico. Guest John White explained he is one member who is raising money so he can travel to Mexico April 13-19<sup>th</sup> to participate in Casas de Christos, building homes for people. The Delta Christian Church is a partner in this project.

The Cedaredge group's charter ceremony went well and was well attended by Altrusa dignitaries. They will do a pet food drive Mar 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for the Friends of the Cedaredge Animal Shelter.

**Unfinished business:**

There was discussion of the delegates for conference and who planned to attend. Linda S will follow-up to determine the number we are allowed. Officers will be the first choice for delegates, general members will be alternates if apace allows.

**New Business:**

Jeanie presented the Nominating Committee report. The slate of officers for 2008-09 is:

Amanda Twamley President,  
Doreen Grett 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President,  
Jessica Voiveditch 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President,  
Cindy Lonis Treasurer,  
Thelma Starner Treasurer-elect,  
Crystal Hansen Secretary,  
Janet Burgess Foundation Representative  
Linda Sorenson Past President  
Dorothy Dunfelder Finance chair  
Vicki Ripp Service chair  
David Mangum Member ship chair  
Alowetta Terrien Communications chair.

Nancy S. moved that nominations cease, Vivian seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Vicki made a motion that the slate be accepted unanimously, Judy seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

**Announcements:**

Dorothy reported the Delta Doves luncheon on March 8<sup>th</sup> went well. 112 were served (including Altrusans); the silent auction did very well. Linda S. has three magnetic name badges available for \$18.50 each. Guest Carol Chapola (who is with the Grand Junction Altrusa club) presented a gift certificate from Bed, Bath & Beyond to Laura Tarr-Culver.

**Onions and Orchids** were shared. Drawing: \$17, winner: guest John White.  
Benediction was recited.

Adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lita Sweitzer, acting secretary



**New Member Installation**  
Altrusa International of Delta  
Initiated two new members in March.  
We welcome  
Rachel Ward and Angela Ownby



# ASTRA and JAMAICA - A Great Fit!

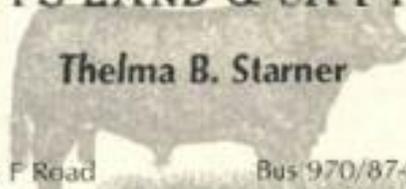


Our March Program was a special treat when our own ASTRA students shared their experiences of their work trip to Jamaica. Each student gave an overview of the specific experience they most enjoyed, and shared pictures through posters they constructed after their trip.



These students were greatly impacted by the trip, and hope to return to Jamaica again soon. Friendships with children at the orphanages will long be remembered and cherished!



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### **Food Pantry News**

The Pantry is in need of peanut butter, tomatoes, regular soup, dry milk, cereal, bottled juices, canned fruit and vegetable juices, jiffy mix, ramen noodles, pasta, and rice. Flour and baking powder will no longer be given in the food packages.

Please let Kelly Harrison know if you can work on an Thursdays at the Food Pantry.

April 10 - Jeannie B and Dorothy D

April 17 - Vivian G and Lucky C

April 24 - Renee E and the Hymels

Sign up for May at the meeting please!

**Save those brown paper bags and bring them in to the meetings or the Food Pantry!**

## **Upcoming Events**

April 9th - Regular Business meeting

April 23 - April's program will be Nick Garver, from the Gateway Youth and Family Services.

May 14 - Regular Business meeting

May 28 - Installation Dinner at Yvonne Rowland's house., cocktails at 5:30 pm

Please plan to attend all these informative meetings

## **Awards Submitted**



Altrusa Int'l of Delta has recently submitted for the following Awards:

Service Committee

-Nina Fay Calhoun ... Altrusa's support for ASTRA's Jamaica Project (International award)

-Letha H. Brown ... Read for Life Project

-Mamie L. Bass ... Delta Opportunity School/Make A Difference Day

Communications Committee

-Newsletter/WebPage (District Ten Award)

-WebPage

Membership Committee

-Yearbook