

The President's Message



Summer School!

What in the world is she talking about now? Well, how many of you know the Altrusa "Elevator Speech"? If you don't, this summer is a great time to learn it so that as we move fully into our year of service you can share the common vision of Altrusa.

Here it is the message we are all supposed to be able to share about Altrusa:

WHO IS ALTRUSA?

"Altrusa is an international non-profit organization, making our local communities better through leadership, partnership and service. We are civic-minded people who strive to create better communities worldwide."

WHAT DOES ALTRUSA DO?

"Giving over 1 million volunteer hours annually, across 12 countries, our focus is Literacy, with general service areas in HIV/AIDS and Disaster Relief. Additionally, individual clubs meet a wide variety of local needs."

Now, that sounds like us doesn't it? Part of the re-branding effort to create a more vital, current, relevant organization, is for us all to share a common vision. You don't have to know these quotes verbatim, but it would benefit us as a club if we could internalize their content and apply it to our work and our conversations with others about who we are and what we do.

Thank you for all you do!

Jo Rosenquist, President



DISTRICT TEN CLUB VISIT

Our visit from the District Ten representative is scheduled for the Program meeting, September 26th. We are very fortunate that the District Ten Governor is our very own Donna Herman from Montrose. So we get to have the Governor perform our club visit. This visit is our opportunity to talk with our representative about what's new and headed our way, to ask questions about how other clubs may be doing things, generally receive a little TA-Technical Assistance. Club visits are the most important direct service link between the District and the individual Altrusa clubs. Please try to join us for this meeting so you have the opportunity to meet our District Ten Governor and learn the latest and greatest in Altrusa.

Governor Herman will meet with the Delta Altrusa Board at 11:30 prior to the Program meeting.

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August Birthdays!

Cindy Lonis - August 9

Jeanie Brown - August 11

Jo Rosenquist - August 30

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Lisa Wilcox, with The Pediatric Associates, wanted to extend a big thank you to all you generous Altrusans who donated items to help with their July 27 school supplies drive. We delivered six boxes of supplies including notebooks, paper, pens, scissors, colored pencils, crayons, and lots of other good "school stuff"! These supplies were given out in conjunction with the end-of-summer vaccination event to help out local families.

Service Committee Report

Fourteen Service Committee members met on July 30, 2012, at Thompson Manor. Vicki gave an update on the Book Project. A few boxes of books will be designated for the Swaziland project. The bulk of the books will be contributed to the Books For Africa organization out of Georgia. The task force group will continue to work out the details. -- Barbara presented ideas for the DOS Food For Thought project. It was decided to hold a committee competition/challenge to collect food items for the program. The list of needed items will be available soon, and the challenge will run through the August and September meetings. The winning committee will be featured in our newsletter and a DCI article, bringing attention to community service through working together. -- Marilyn Smith agreed to be task chairman for the DMTC College Days project in May. We still need a person to accept the DOS vice-chair position and to work with JoAnn DiBitonto (Task Chairperson). This involves helping with Delta Opportunity School's graduations and ASTRA program. -- A thank-you was extended to all Altrusans who donated items for The Pediatric Associates school supply drive. Six boxes of supplies were delivered for their event. -- Demeris and Crystal will be making some calls to fill the Service Vice-Chair position. -- The next Service Committee meeting will be Monday, August 27, 6:15 at Thompson Manor.

Submitted by: Crystal Hansen, Chair

DELTARADO DAY!



Deltarado Day was well attended and our volunteers came through in grand style, hosting delicious beef briskets, pulled pork, our signature beans, cole slaw and cakes galore, all cooked and baked by our talented members! ASTRA volunteers served almost 20 gallons of tea and lemonade. We thank the Elks for the ice as well as Teri Stephenson & Lisa Tafoya for the great table decorations - over the top! Over 330 tickets were sold at this event. This year's crowd seemed to come through at a steadier pace and not all back up at the same time. Initial financials look like we surpassed our goal. Thank you all for a job well done (again!)

Submitted by: Jo Rosenquist

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**August 29th -
Four Club Social
November 17th -
Sugar Plum
December 12th -
Christmas Party**

Monthly Business Meeting, June 13, 2012 Elks Lodge

Date: July 11, 2012

Call to Order: 12:00

The Collect and the Pledge were recited.

Members 34 **Guests:** Nancy Hutto and Charla Colson

Minutes: Approved as presented

Correspondence: Palisade Altrusa - With Sympathy for David; Dolphin House - thank you; Lynn Shirk - thank you; Families Plus - thank you; House of Promise - thank you

Treasurer's Report: Operating - \$2,425.13 Foundation - \$18,176.52

Accent: Karen Basher spoke about Altrusa joined the UN in 1946 as a participating member.

Board Action: Jody Roeber was approved by the board to become a member.

The board approved the Operating and Foundation Budgets

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASTRA - Both Delta and Cedaredge will be helping with Deltarado Day Barbecue. CHS will be involved with golf tournament in Cedaredge. Marilyn Smith will help with the DOS ASTRA program.

Finance - All the details for the barbecue have been taken arranged. Two more members were needed for clean-up. Altrusans were to wear aprons and white shirts.

Membership - Charla Colson and Jody Roeber initiation will be on August 8th. The Four Club Social will be at Thelma's house on August 29 at 5:30. Diane need the updates for the club membership book. Next meeting will be at the bank at noon on July 31.

Service - Crystal said that \$250 was given to Food for Thought and a challenge between committees would be used to help with their food drive. The committee has received a request for the High Interest/Low Readability Program. A list for school supplies will be sent before the Program meeting. Renee will be in charge of the Kiosk and was asking for suggestions about the benches. The next meeting will be on July 30 at Thompson Manor at 6:15.

Rusty Gavel: Next meeting will be at CB's July 25.

Foundation: Vicki Ripp stated that Gena Cooper will be on the Foundation Board since Billie Kiger has resigned. They would meet after the meeting on July 23. They would be meeting to determine how to best use the \$4600 given in David Mangum's name.

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Membership Committee Report

We have three prospective members who will be initiated on August 22nd. They are Charla Colson, Jody Roeber and Regina Hines. We are looking forward to getting to know them as we serve and have fun together.

Our Four Club Social is on August 29th at Thelma Starner's at 5:30. It is a pot luck. Hope you can all come as it is a fun time and we get to know other members from around the area.

We have a new plan for getting prospective members acquainted with our Altrusa club. It is "**Introduction to Altrusa of Delta**". We will be presenting information to prospective members before we take their names to the Membership Committee and the Board.

Submitted by: Merna Ray, Chair

The David Mangum Memorial Four Club Social

August 29th

**at
Thelma Starner's
home.**

Social time 5:30

Dinner 6:00

13583 F Road, Delta



Chairs: Helen Jurca and Thelma Starner

Monthly Business Meeting Continued:

Vicki reported that the workers on the HUGE BOOK PROJECT had completed 135 boxes and that there had been a change in plans and the details were still to be worked out.

Vicki presented the 2012-2013 proposed Foundation Budget. It was moved by Nancy Steven and seconded by Gina Cooper to approve the Foundation Budget. The motion passed. Vicki presented the 2012-2013 proposed Operation Budget. It was moved by Nancy Stevens and seconded by Renee' Eaton to approve the Operating Budget. The motion passed.

New Business: Jackie said that the 77th Annual Deltarado Parade will include a float celebrating those who were instrumental in getting the All American City Reward in 1992.

Reminders and Announcements: Members need to keep track of the time they work for Deltarado Days and that includes travel time.

Onions and Orchids were shared.

Drawing: \$18.00 went to Janet Burgess.

Benediction

Adjourn: 12:55

Submitted by Secretary: Daphne Harding

DOS HELPER NEEDED

We have an opening for an interested Altrusa member to serve as a helper for Delta Opportunity School task chairperson, JoAnn DiBitonto. This position would involve being trained and available to help out as needed with the graduations and with the DOS ASTRA group. You do not have to be a member of the Service Committee to serve in this position. Please let Crystal Hansen know if you are interested.

CLUB 21

It was July, 1997, and Camp Safe Haven, an extraordinary camp program to benefit children with HIV/AIDS, was introduced to Altrusans at the International Convention. Safe Haven Camps are supported by charitable gifts and an entire staff of professionals and volunteers, who donate their time and services. They are free of charge to the children. The Safe Haven Project, Inc., which started in Massachusetts, now reaches out around the world to provide educational services and support for children and their families infected with this deadly disease.

Through the generosity of Altrusans, the International Foundation annually supports the Safe Haven Project through its Club 21 Program. Club 21 funds a portion of the cost of the camps. This past year \$10,000 was donated for the Safe Haven Camps. The Club 21 Program also supports the Ghana Health and Education Initiative, and Camp Warren Lyrch, sponsored by the Bleeding Disorders Alliance Illinois. For more information about Club 21, please visit www.altrusa.org. (Foundation/Programs).

Altrusa International of Delta, CO is proud to support this great program and we currently have 10 members who have active as Club 21 Members. Please go to the Altrusa International website shown above to join if you want to be a sponsor of this outstanding project. You will receive a Club 21 pin for your name badge once you pay your membership fees to Club 21. If you have not paid your Club 21 fees for this year, please do so as soon as possible.

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. **Sept. 5th**

Service Committee meets the last Monday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the Thompson Manor Meeting Room. **August 27th**

Finance Committee meets on the Monday prior to the Board meeting at Noon at the Colorado First Bank. **August 27th**

Membership Committee has been meeting the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting at Noon at the Library. **Sept. 4th**

Important Dates:

February 20th World Day of Social Justice

March 8th International Woman's Day

April 7th World Health Day

May 15th International Day of Families

August 12th International Youth Day

September 8th International Literacy Day

September 21st International Day of Peace

October 16th World Food Day
October 24th United Nations Day

November 25th International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

December 10th Human Rights Day

Finance Committee Meeting Held Monday, July 30, 2012

21 were in attendance at the last Finance Meeting.

Discussion on the Deltarado Days Kickoff BBQ - WRAP UP

Food quantity was discussed, with plenty of food left over. Recommended to cut some of the food for next year. Thelma, Cindy, Dorothy, Jonni, Amanda and Vivian did an fabulous job in cooking and coordinating the food this year.

ASTRA assisted with the drinks.

Jonnie reported that the Car Show was smaller this year.

Recommendations for next year included:

- Having a person in charge of lining out servers - for both serving and refilling
- Volunteers for Clean Up - Kitchen AND facility/pavilion
- Someone to announce who we are, what we do, and an appreciation for the support
- Change time frame to 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

It was also brought up that there still is confusion over the change in dues and whether or not members are allowed partake in the meal if they have done work for the fundraiser. Cindy asked that the discussion end and the issue be taken to the board.

Old Business:

Table cloths to purchase - *Cindy* has purchased (6)

SPF wine glasses - *Dorothy* - showed new option-discussion of where to put SPF

Trays to purchase - *Jonni* - 2 new purchased

City Market Cards - *Dorothy* - will continue - email blast to be sent to be sure she has info

New Business:

Sugar Plum Festival

Dish sets from Barb Yant - tabled for next meeting

Next Meeting: Monday, August 27 @ the bank, 12:00 noon

Future Meeting Dates for this Year: Monday, October 1; Monday, October 22; Monday, November 5; Monday, November 26

Submitted by: *Amanda Twamley, Finance Chair*

CITY MARKET VALUE CARD

For those who have not signed up for their City Market (King Soopers) Value Card, Dorothy Dunfelder will be bringing by a list of members yet to be on the program at the next meeting. For those not signed up yet, you can chose the charity/cause that you would like to receive the value (*a small percentage of dollars spent goes to the chosen charity/cause*) such as Altrusa and City Market will pay Altrusa (or the charity of your choice) quarterly. Our Club has been receiving approx. \$90.00 per quarter from City Market. Another way to contribute to the Altrusa cause and not cost our members a dime! *Dorothy, sign me up!*

SERVICE HOURS BOOK

As a reminder, everything you do for Altrusa counts for working as a volunteer, including meetings, both club and committee meetings. All the time you spend doing anything for the club counts, travel time, the time you spend to shop for the food you prepare, the prep and cook time, serving/working an event, it all counts. Also, other charitable events are included! We will be circulating the book at the next meetings, so please be sure to log in your hours.

Helen Jursa would like all Altrusans to let her know if there are any members needing assistance so we can show our concern with cards and our support.



*Wishing
Linda Sorenson a speedy
recovery!!*

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A CALL FOR HELP! FOOD PANTRY IN DIRE NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!

Dear board members, One of our recent volunteers for helping at the food pantry died on Wednesday morning. Two more very experienced ones have recently resigned due to age and health reasons. Others have moved from the area. This depletion has hit us hard and all at once. We need new volunteers desperately. Sandy told Camilla and I earlier this week that if we didn't get new volunteers ASAP we will have to cut our services to 3 days a week until things get better. We need people for both jobs: #1 Check in persons. (This is for 1 Hr. from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for checking persons identities and last time in for service.) #2 is food dispensing and restocking persons. (This is also for 1 Hr. for 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. each week day and requires at least two persons each day. Altrusa handles #2 on Thursdays each week and has been doing a great job).

Camilla, Sandy, and myself each reviewed the Community Work Contract program sponsored by Delta County and determined that it just wasn't a good fit for our program. Too bad! Too bad because there has been no let up in the requests for food and all have been obvious in their need for support. Please if you have any person in mind that might want to volunteer have them contact either Sandy, 874-5662 or Camilla, 874-7845.

As ever,
Marvin

From the Food Pantry

Food Items Are Always Appreciated!

Submitted by: Karen Basher