

The President's Message

Building a "Vital" Club



If you look up the word "vital" in the dictionary you'll see it's used a couple of different ways: (1) necessary to life, necessary for existence and also (2) **having remarkable energy, liveliness, or force.** It's the second meaning I'm looking at right now. I think it's a great description of what our Delta Altrusa club is and how we want it to be.

When I look at the people in our club right now, I see an amazing group of talented people who know how and want to share that talent. We have folks with a broad variety of skills. It's always amazing to me when we come up against something we need or want to do, that we always seem to have someone in our club who can and will take it on. I've talked to people from other Altrusa Clubs that just don't have that same positive, let's-work-together feeling I get from all of you. You all inspire me to want to do my best for the club, to take on just a little bit more, to make a difference in my community. Who said "peer pressure" is a bad thing. I think it just depends on your peers and you all are the best!

As we look ahead to our **Add 'n Altrusan** event, let's think about who we know that is energetic, lively and a force to get things done. Those are the people we want to invite to join us at our event to learn more about Altrusa. I deeply believe you can get a lot accomplished and still have a lot of fun doing it. Let's look for more people who feel the same way about getting things done. I'll bet each of us knows at least one person who would not only make a great addition to our club, but that would also really enjoy the work and camaraderie. And let's make this another big recruiting year for our club.

Jo Rosenquist, President

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WISHING EVERYONE A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!



FOOD PANTRY

The Delta Food Pantry Needs:

Canned Fruit

**Please Bring the Cans to our
Wednesday Meeting**

Thank You!

Karen

January Birthdays!

Mary Dow - 4th

Daphne Harding -4th

Mary Tyler - 21st

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ORNAMENT EXCHANGE



Being my first Ornament Exchange Party, it was amazing to watch these sweet, youthful souls become lionesses and charge! On with the competition for the best ornament and may Dorothy win! (She really wanted that sled ornament and she got it thru determination, strategy and stealth moves!)
Lucinda, Editor

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**LOST RING AT OUR SUGAR PLUM EVENT!
CONTACT SUNNY HOWLAND TO CLAIM!**

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Who wants to attend the District Conference in Roswell, New Mexico May 2-4, 2013 and Who is interested in being a delegate to the District Conference?

CALL TO ACTION:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDED

for next year's officers as we need that slate to be voted on at the March business meeting

Monthly Business Meeting

Elks Lodge
December 12, 2012

Call to Order: 12:00

Collect

Pledge

Introduction of Guests: None

Members: 25

Changes/Additions to Agenda: None

Sign Up Sheets: Food Pantry, Bell Ringing for Friday, Dec. 14, Abraham Connection.

Minutes of Business Meeting - Approved as presented.

Correspondence: Thank you - Ralph and Pat Magnum and Thank you - Debbie Atchley.

Treasurer's Report: Operations - \$1,548.22 and Foundation - 25,764.75

Accent: Karen Basher reported that what is an accent covers news, events, history and highlights of things to come.

Committee Reports:

ASTRA: Amanda Twamley reminded everyone that the "Seats and Feets" party will be at her house this Sunday, December 16, between 2 and 4. The bake sale netted \$320. Cedaredge and Delta helped at the Taylor Funeral Home lighting luminaries and eight ASTRA members helped with bell ringing and Walmart. They have twice cooked for the Abraham Connection. The next advisors meeting will be January 4 at the Dog House. JoAnne needs help with the DOS graduation including set-up and group photos. DOS meets after school.

Communications: Karen Basher stated that Jackie, Lisa and Dianne were working on a new power point. Lucinda was helping with pictures. Lucinda has made a really nice rack card. The web site is still making progress.

Membership: Merna reminded everyone that our Christmas Party was tonight. We were having initiation today for Rene'e Traczyk and Elaine Lange. Helen and Daphne are working on new ribbons for our pins. Nancy needs red and green table clothes for tonight. Next meeting will be on January 8, and the library at noon. Ann state that ADD-AN-ALTRUSAN will be on Jan 23 at the hospital. Invitations are available and the committee is asking for prize donations. Please sign up so the committee know who is coming. There will be no program meeting during the day.

Service: They will meet on January 7 at 5:30. Vicki discussed that the Foundations was being audited and the board will have to work on a conflict of interest policy.

Initiation: Rene'e Traczyk was initiated and Elaine Lange was re-instated.

New Business: Delta High School presented a Certificate of Appreciation in honor of David Magnum to our club. There are new pages for the front of our membership books and new persons pages so please make sure to get them.

Reminders: Don't forget to sign up to ring bells.

Onions and Orchids were shared.

Drawing: Dorothy won the drawing. She gave the \$10 to the ASTRA "Seats and Feets" party.

Adjourned: 12:53.

Submitted by: Daphne Harding, Secretary



A Tribute to Jo Gore
Merna Ray presented Jo Gore with the first Emeritus Status Certificate. Jo has been a Charter Member since 1985

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Laura Tarr
Charter Member



Laura is a Charter Member (since 1985) and has been hosting the fashion shows since it's inception, 25 plus years ago. She opened Tara's and will be celebrating their 30th year in business which is located on Main Street in Delta, featuring beautiful women's clothing which many of our Altrusans proudly wear. Laura has served on every committee and loves all aspects of Altrusa.

Laura has two girls ages 16 and 13 and will be MARRIED to Bill Morse on February 13th!

Congratulations, Laura, we all wish you the best.

Board &

Committee Meetings

The Board meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Noon at the First Methodist Church Board Room. **Feb. 6th**

Service Committee meets the last Monday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the Thompson Manor Meeting Room. **January 29th**

Finance Committee meets on the Monday prior to the Board meeting at Noon at the Colorado First Bank. **Jan. 28th Time & Pace TBD**

Membership Committee has been meeting the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting at Noon at the Library. **Feb. 5th**

ADD AN ALTRUSAN ANNUAL DINNER EVENT!

The Add an Altrusan event is being held this year on Wednesday, January 23rd at the Grand Mesa Center & Infusion Education Center at 1501 E 3rd St Delta (same place as the Christmas Party was held). There is a 5:30 p.m. Social Hour with Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Soup, bread, cake, tea, coffee and punch will be provided. This is an annual event where Altrusans are encouraged invite people that may be interested in Altrusa for a fun evening and to learn more about Altrusa. We have invitations available for you to give to the people you would like to invite and will have them available at the Altrusa meeting on Wednesday, January 9th.

We need the following from our members:

- Sign up if you plan to attend and how many guests you plan to bring (so we know how many to plan for dinner)
- Sign up from members for donations (prizes) that will be given out that night

Please contact Ann Eddins at aeddins.2010@gmail.com or Sunny Howland sunny@prospace.biz for invitations, to sign up for the evening or donations.

Let's make this another great event!

Submitted by: Ann Eddins and Sunny Howland



Pictured: Vicki Ripp, Rene'e Trayczyk, Thelma Starner, Elaine Lang, Phyllis Goad & Linda Sorenson

NEW MEMBERS!

Rene'e Trayczyk was reinstated into Altrusa with Elaine Lang being initiated into the Club.

Welcome Ladies!