

The President's Message



Spring has sprung.....well, almost.

March is such a busy month:

-March 10th we set our clocks ahead one hour

-March 13th we elect new officers for 2013-2014

-March 17th is St. Patrick's Day so you better wear your green or somebody may sneak up and pinch you

-March 24th is Palm Sunday and March 31st is Easter

Wow, that's a lot in one month don't you think? That won't, however, keep me from urging you all to consider adding something else to your schedules....how about a spring trip to Roswell, NM to attend the District Conference? Our District conference is really an active one and so much goes on there. It's fun to meet folks from different clubs and see how they do business. I always learn something new about and for, Altrusa. So go if you can go, touch base with Demeris York as she is sort of heading up the wagon train that's going down south May 4th & 5th. But, if that trip is out of the question for you, start now by setting aside the first week end in May of 2014 for next year's conference. District Conference 2014 will be held in Grand Junction and we want the Delta Club to have a really strong presence at that conference. For new, or old members, that have never been to a conference, please make the time if at all possible. Everyone should have at least one conference experience under their belt and it doesn't get much closer than Grand Junction. Even though I won't be your President then, I will be ever so proud to have you all there representing our club!

As ever, thank you for all you do!

Jo Rosenquist, President

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PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY ALTRUSA OF DELTA

Delta Doves just held their annual luncheon that many of our Altrusa Members prepared and served the food. It was a great success with over 150 people attending the luncheon/fashion show. Proceeds pay for women's mammograms.

The Abraham Connection had as of January 31st handled 208 bed nights with 7 to 10 guests per night and served over 30 meals per night. Altrusa Members volunteer to work shifts every week.

The Delta Food Pantry has been manned by many of our Altrusa Members serving Delta County residents. They are in need of margarine, mayonnaise, ketchup and other condiments.

Many Thanks to Our Altrusa Members for Their Time, Commitment & Service!

New Member Luncheon

Wednesday

April 17th at Noon

Held at:

Thompson Manor

Mark Your Calendars!

March Birthdays!

Helen Jurca – 3rd

Janice Jones – 9th

Karen Basher – 15th

Lucky Cox - 16th

Yvonne Rowland - 19th

Bobbie Miller – 29th

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Service Committee met on Monday, February 25, 2013. Teacher Appreciation Day will be on Thursday, April 11 at Delta Middle School. Janice Jones & Marilyn Smith are task chairs. We discussed the request from Delta County Libraries to help with the Summer Reading Program. Vicki made a motion to give \$2,000 for the purchase of books, \$1,000 from budget # 929 (Projects Presented) and \$1,000 from budget #923 (Literacy, New Projects). This is the same amount given by Altrusa last year. The motion was seconded and passed. The motion will be taken to the Board meeting, and if approved, on to the Business Meeting for member vote. The following budget items have been paid: \$100 to Partners, \$350 to Delta Food Pantry, and \$350 to Surface Creek Food Pantry. Vouchers for \$300 for the Elks Elevator and \$500 for Hospice will be submitted in March, and the annual donation will be sent to the Altrusa International Foundation. Karen reported that the Food Pantry is in need of stick margarine and assorted items for the "extras" shelves. Marilyn reported that no scholarship applications have been received yet. She will circulate a sign-up sheet for a scholarship selection committee. Vicki will schedule one more work day to finish up at the "book barn." Next Service Committee meeting will be Monday, March 25, at 5:30.

Submitted by Crystal Hansen, Service Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Membership Committee is looking forward to the "Evaluate Altrusa Luncheon" on April the 17th. The ten members who were initiated last year and their sponsors will participate in an informal discussion regarding their experience this first year. It is very helpful to all of us to chat about how Altrusa has been for them.

We are looking forward to and planning the installation dinner scheduled for May 22nd. It seems like the year has gone by so fast as we only have two more Membership Committee meetings in this Altrusa year!

We have heard many good things about the "Delta Doves" luncheon. Our Delta Altrusa provided about 150 meals with the proceeds going to help women to pay for their mammograms. We appreciate the hard work of all who participated, and especially to Dorothy Dunfleder and Elaine Lane. Elaine stepped up as a new member to chair this event.

So far eight members are planning to go to Conference in Roswell, NM.

Finally, we will have a memorial for two of our members who passed on this year, Janet Stewart and Alice Penick. We miss them greatly.

Submitted by: Merna Ray, Membership Chair

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Mark Your Calendars!
May 22nd
Installation Dinner
And
Celebration!

BUSINESS MEETING REPORT February 13, 2013 at the Elks Lodge

"We make our communities better through leadership, partnership and service."

Call to Order: 12:01; **Collect; Pledge**

Introduction of Guests: Jackie Allenson and Aliya Sorensen (Willa's Granddaughter)

Sign-up Sheets: *Delta Doves luncheon, Food Pantry* with Karen reporting that the pantry had served only 150 fewer people in 2012 than 2011, but that January 2013 had the highest amount served ever in 1 month and it is up forty percent in the last four years. Margarine sticks, salad dressing, ketchup (things for the side shelf) were needed. *Abraham Connection* with Jeanie Brown saying that in January they had served 208 with about 30 meals per night. Thanks to Helen, Renee' and Elaine for serving dinner this month.

Minutes approved as submitted.

Correspondence: Letter from Aliya Sorensen asking for help in fund raising for a trip to India. She was selling Tamales for \$24 a dozen.

Treasurer's Report: Mary reported that the balance in the operating account was \$879.38 and in the Service account \$24,836.72 and the First Colorado National Bank account was closed and that was added to the Service account making it \$25,319.80.

Accent: Jo spoke about the World Social Justice Day. It is hoped that there will be peace among nations and respect for gender, race, social status and disabilities.

Committee Reports:

ASTRA: DOS was meeting with Renee and JoAnne twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Cedaredge gathered 3 tons of food on Super bowl Sunday and gave 700 lbs to the Food Pantry. Delta will be manning the Food Pantry on the 12th of March. Both Cedaredge and Delta will be helping with the Dove's Luncheon and are also doing the coat check for the Hospital fund raiser.

Communications: Karen asked that the other committees should state what they want in the power point. They will meet on February 20, at C & J's at noon.

Finance: No report.

Foundation: No report.

Membership: Merna reported that the Add an Altrusan party was reviewed. The new members of Altrusa will be invited to a luncheon on April 17 at the Thompson Manor. The next party will be the Installation of Officers on May 22.

Rusty Gavels: All the award applications have been assigned.

Service: Held their meeting on January 28th. Janice Jones and Marylyn Smith will be in charge of the Teacher Appreciation Day. It will be held on April 11th at the Middle School. Delta County Library was given \$2000 last year. Each of the Food Pantries was given \$350. We will buy the brown paper bags also. Delta's Food Pantry needs canned fruit and soup. The next meeting will be February at 5:30.

Unfinished Business: Demeris reported the nominations for officers for next year. Nominations are President Demeris York, 1st VP Merna Ray, 2nd VP Cheryl Cumnock, Secretary Barb Breitnauer, Treasurer Cheryl Cumnock, Treasurer elect Lisa Tafoya, Service Committee Vicki Ripp and Renee Traczyk, Finance Barb Bullard and Elaine Lang, Membership Gina Cooper and Jo Rosenquist, Communications Teri Stephenson and Lucinda Stanley, Foundation Vicki Ripp.

Amanda nominated Nancy Stevens, Merna Ray, Cheryl Cumnock, and Demeris York to be delegates to the District Ten Conference in Roswell, NM on May 3-5, 2013. This was seconded by Bobby Miller. The motion passed. Amanda then nominated Thelma Starnier, Dorothy Dunfelder, Vicki Ripp and Kelly Harrison to be alternative delegates. The motion was seconded by Helen Jurca and the motion passed.

New Business: Ruby Floral asked for help on Valentines Day. Barbara Bullard pays Altrusa for the help.

Reminders: Cheryl and Mary have membership due forms ready for next year. There are new pages for the membership book available.

Onions and Orchids were shared.

Drawing: Cheryl Cumnock won the drawing and asked that her \$13 be given to the food pantry.

Adjourn: 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Daphne Harding



Alice May Penick

Delta County resident, Alice May Penick, passed away on Monday, February 25, 2013, at the Montrose Memorial Hospital. She was 63 years of age.

Alice May Faules was born to Thomas Dillard and Margaret Louise (Sharpe) Faules on September 10, 1949, in Sterling, Colorado. She spent her childhood and attended schools in Haxton and Fort Collins, Colorado. Alice graduated from Poudre High School in Ft. Collins with the class of 1967. She furthered her education at Metropolitan State College in Denver, receiving a nursing degree in 1970.

On June 13, 1970, Alice married Raymond Lyle Penick in Ft. Collins. Together they raised two boys, Mark and Jeff. The Penick's would have celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary this year.

Along side her husband Ray, Alice owned and operated Mesa View Mortuary and Cemetery until retiring in 2010. The Penick's resided in Grand Junction prior to moving to Delta. She enjoyed reading and serving her community through several organizations including:

Altrusa serving as a Charter Member in 1985 and as President in 1986~1987, PEO Chapter BK and the Delta County Memorial Hospital Foundation Board. She was also a faithful member and elder of the Delta Presbyterian Church of Delta. Alice was a former member of the Delta County Advisor Board for Hospice and Palliative Care of Western Colorado.

One of Alice's greatest accomplishments was starting the Hospice program in Grand Junction in the late 1970's. More importantly, Alice was a devoted wife and loving mother and grandmother.

Alice will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. Her spirit, courage and willingness to serve will never be forgotten.

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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. **April 3rd**

Service Committee meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Thompson Manor Meeting Room. **Mar. 25th**

Finance Committee meets on the Monday prior to the Board meeting at Noon at the Colorado First Bank. **April 1st**

Membership Committee has been meeting the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting at Noon at the Library. **April 2nd**

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Dona Garretson, President