

The President's Message



For some of our newer members this whole big hoopla about Sugar Plum Festival may hold a few questions. At the suggestion of your newsletter editor, I thought I would share a little about the event for the "newbies". If I get it wrong, the "veterans" will be able to clear it up.

Just to be clear, the Sugar Plum Festival really isn't about selling sugar plums. It is however, our biggest fund raiser and an event that requires all members to pitch in to get the work done. The event started off as a Saturday luncheon and fashion show with amazing tables set and decorated by hostesses (mostly Altrusa members) focused on whatever the theme was for that year and centered around a book. In addition, with literacy as our focus we have a book fair to sell books to raise additional revenue. We sell tickets to attend the Friday Vendor Appreciation Night and for the luncheon with the event held every year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

When it first started, it was held in the "cafetorium" at the high school, but the event was such a success that we needed a bigger venue. Several years ago, we started hosting the event at the Bill Hedges Rec Center to accommodate more guests and to expand our venue to raise more money. Not so very many years ago (it was suggested that adding a Friday night event offering the folks who couldn't get a ticket because the event was always sold out, the chance to view the beautifully decorated tables. Thus the Friday evening view-the-tables, shop at the vendor booths, buy-some-books-and-chances-on-prizes, and delicious hors d'oeuvres made by our own Altrusans event was born. Tickets for the luncheon (which includes Friday evening) are \$30 and for just Friday night \$10.

Putting the event together includes finding corporate sponsors, selecting a theme, finding hostesses for the tables, doing the decorations, setting up the fashion show, getting models, selecting a menu, cooking the food, serving the meal, preparing and serving the hors d'oeuvres, getting prizes for the drawings, obtaining all the books to be sold at the book fair, publicizing the event, generally staffing the event and of course the clean up and tear down. Probably many other things that escape my mind at the moment, but as you can see there's an opportunity for every member to do something to help their club.

So, members new and old, THANK YOU in advance for helping put together our biggest fundraiser and a wonderful community event!

Thank you for all you do!

Jo Rosenquist, President



Donna Herman, District Ten Governor, spoke at the September 26th Program Meeting enlightening us with the goals and achievements of our District. We also honored International Day of Peace with a delicious cake from Dorothy Dunfelder.

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October Birthdays!

<i>Debbie McCarty</i>	<i>October 5</i>
<i>Melvia Thebus</i>	<i>October 9</i>
<i>Cathy Parks</i>	<i>October 15</i>
<i>Merna Ray</i>	<i>October 17</i>
<i>Lisa Pinel</i>	<i>October 21</i>
<i>Shannon Mansker</i>	<i>October 23</i>
<i>Kacy Stillings</i>	<i>October 23</i>
<i>Vivian Gibson</i>	<i>October 25</i>
<i>Willa Sorensen</i>	<i>October 26</i>

Service Committee Report

The meeting was called to order at Thompson Manor at 6:15 pm by Vice Chair Vicki Ripp. Others present were: Demeris York, Lisa Pinel, Renee Eaton, Karen Basher, Mary Dow, Cindy Lonis, Cindy Hansen, Marilyn Smith, Barb Britanauer, Jeannie Brown, and Amanda Twamley. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Book Project Report: Committee met and will get a dumpster for elimination of unwanted books. Cindy will coordinate with Weatherport a date in mid October for transfer and palletizing and eventual shipping with the contractor from "Books for Africa".

Food for Thought Challenge: Looks like Service is the winner. Barb and Amanda will coordinate delivery of food and check with a photo op with DOS.

Abraham Connection: Jeannie Brown handed out brochures. Altrusa will be doing meals for the shelter on the 1st Thursday of each month November thru April. She will have a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

Mangum Fund: Demeris reported the monies will be given to the Delta Band and Choir to purchase music and band instrument repair and rental. The Choir will receive \$1716.00 and the band \$3432.00 She will present to School Board and Band and Choir later this month with publicity.

Book Fair: Lisa Pinel and her husband went to Denver and received about 50 boxes of books from Mtns. And Plains, transporting to our facility by U-Haul. A work day on 9/29 is scheduled for sorting and labeling. Expenses for the transport will come out of Service Line # 940. We will try and keep this avenue for books open and get a better start on it next year.

MADD Bela Project: Amanda reviewed the ideas for the booth on Oct 27th. We will have sign up sheets at the next meeting for various tasks to encourage 100% member participation in this project. A lot of supplies were donated by Walmart for the bags. Bookmarks will be made and snacks provided.

DOS – in session again and JoAnne will be in contact with Willyn Webb.

Kiosk at Wells Fargo – Renee will have a date and sign up sheet for a work day to refurbish and update the Kiosk. She will check on receipt of the Wells Fargo funds and put a budget together to ask the membership for additional funds from the Projects Presented Budget Line Item.

Next meeting will be October 29th at 6:15 pm.

Submitted by: Vicki Ripp, Vice-Chair Service Committee

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CLUB DATES:

**October 24th Tricia
Winslow from the
Juvenile Division**

**November 16th & 17th -
Sugar Plum Festival**

**December 12th -
Christmas Party**

Monthly Business Meeting, August 8th, 2012 Elks Lodge

Call To Order: 12:00 PM

Collect

Pledge

Introduction of Guests: Renee Traczyk, Mindy Heinicke, and Regina Hines **MEMBERS:** 36

Sign up Sheets-Sugar Plum committees, Food Pantry, Service Projects

Minutes of Business Meeting – Approve as presented or approve as amended/corrected

Correspondence: Families Plus - thank you, First Colorado National Bank - invitation, Helen Jurca & Daphne Harding - thank you for flowers, Tamara Anderson - thank you for scholarship.

Treasurer's Report: Foundation: \$14,323.57 Operating: \$2,684.53

Accent: Karen Basher talked about Women's Right to vote in 1921.

Board Action: Vicki Ripp presented the board action to the membership the practice of utilizing name badges with the new logo for new initiates. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

ASTRA: Amanda reported that Delta will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the library. Jeanie Brown was the guest speaker and talked about the Abraham Connection. The Cedaredge ASTRA will meet at the school on the first Thursday of each month starting on October 4. Renee Traczyk will help Joanne Di Bonito with the DOS ASTRA.

Communications: Communications met on September 5th and discussed photo releases, the newsletter, the calendar of upcoming events, e-blasts, advertising for the Sugar Plum, the web site, revised the "Sponsor letter" and their next meeting will be arranged for later.

Finance: Barbara discussed the up-coming Sugar Plum Festival to be held on November 16 and 17. Everyone was required to bring 100 hors d'oeuvres or pay \$30 to Nancy Stevens by October 24. She gave an over-view of the previous SPF functions for those who had not been a member before this year. There are 45 tables with 15 being round that seat ten and 30 tables that seat eight.

Foundation/Rebranding

Membership: Merna presented Regina Hines for initiation.

Rusty Gavel: Dorothy talked about all the activities that the Delta Public Library provides to the public and in connection to Literacy Day. The library activities include Club 4/5 teams, adult book club, English lessons, GED help, twelve computers, ten lap tops, weekly classes in computers, and drama classes for the young people.

Service: Crystal talked about Make a Difference Day to be held on Oct 27.

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Membership Committee Report

The Membership Committee and the Board have passed the new name tags and shirts and we are ready to go to the membership for a vote at the next Wednesday meeting. Becky Tallent will have the sign up sheets to order both of them. The board voted to help pay for approximately half the cost for the name tags. The cost to the members will be \$5.00 for one with a magnet and \$3.00 for one with a pin on the back. They will be white with the new logo and the name printed in black. The shirts are white with the new logo embroidered on them. They are a nice cool fabric. The shirt cost will be \$25.00. We will have samples available for members to look at and try on for size.

Our Committee is planning the Christmas party to be held on December 12th. Nancy Stevens and Kathy Parks are chairing that party. We will be having an ornament exchange so be looking for your ornament to bring for the exchange.

Lastly, Becky has 7 aprons if anyone needs one.

Submitted by: Merna Ray, Chair

Monthly Business Meeting Continued:

Jeanie Brown talked about the Abraham Connection. She asked that we sponsor a dinner once a month where three people will cook dinner at the Methodist Church. There was a motion that Altrusa provide one meal a month made by Crystal Henson and seconded by Dorothy Dunfelder. The motion passed. There currently is a food drive to provide food for Back Packs between committees. There will be a food drive between organizations that will begin in December or January to benefit the Food Pantry. The next meeting will be on September 26th at the Thompson Manor at 6:15.

Unfinished Business:

Reminder-Donna Herman will be here for the District Ten club visit 9/26/12

September 8th –World Literacy Day-Great Read

Sign-ups for Sugar Plum will be available at other meetings.

Onions & Orchids: There were many.

Drawing: Renee Eaton won and donated half of the \$14.50 to the Back Pack project and the other half to Service.

Benediction:

Adjourn: 12:50 pm

Submitted by Secretary: Daphne Harding

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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. **Nov. 7th**

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

Finance Committee meets on the Monday prior to the Board meeting at Noon at the Colorado First Bank. **Oct. 22nd, Nov. 5 & 26**

Membership Committee has been meeting the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting at Noon at the Library. **Nov. 6th**

CALL TO ACTION ALL FELLOW ALTRUSANS & ALTROUSERS!

We are FINALLY going to palletize the "Books for Africa" and we need YOUR help.

WHEN: Friday, October 12th

TIME: 8:00 am - until we done (+/- by noon or so)

Please come anytime in the am if only for 30-40 min.

WHERE: 3881 Old Wagon Road, Delta

We need a couple of flatbed trailers with side rails or an enclosed trailer with driver and truck. (Please let me know if you can help out this way ASAP)

We need workers to help sort the boxes of books to go on the trailers (hopefully, we will have a few strong kids from DOS to help) and load onto trailers, then unload at Weatherport.

We need drinks and snacks for all these workers!! Drinks mostly...water, etc.

I will have a sign up sheet at the meeting next week, but wanted to give all a heads up as there are about 200 boxes to move and we need to get it ALL done in ONE DAY!!

With Your Help, We Can Do This!

Thanks in advance! Vicki Ripp

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 Report

Attendees: Thelma Starner, Phyllis Goad, Dorothy Dunfelder, Debbie Atchley, Jonni Kendrick, Regina Hines, Cheryl Cumnock, Karen Benson, Liz Quintana, Willa Sorensen, Barbara Bullard

Sugar Plum Task Force Reports:

Friday Night sign up sheets have circulated and will be at the next two meetings. Those that have signed up to pay \$30 will be asked to get that to the treasurer or Nancy Stevens by October 24th. We still need Altrusans to sign up to help serve Friday night.

Tables: Liz Quintana and Karen Benson, We still have 14 tables open to set. They will be calling everyone to get them filled up. Tickets are ready and will be available at the October 10th business meeting. They are also taking names for the waiting list.

Food: Cindy Lonis has the committee signed up and ready to go.

Decorations: Lisa Tafoya and Teri Stephenson have some very wonderful colorful ideas for the Celebrating 75 Years of Dr. Seuss.

Vendors: Nancy Hovde no report

Book Fair: Lisa Pinel, was able to get 40/50 boxes of books donated from Mountains and Plains Booksellers Associations.

Community Partners: will Alpine Bank, \$1000, Hellman Motors \$250, Delta Bank \$250, Oxbow Mining \$250.

It was suggested that we ask the Show Choir to perform for a brief show possibly of Dr. Seuss movie tunes since we are donating David's memorial money to the high school music department.

Fashion Show: Laura from Tara's has agreed to do a fashion show with Thelma's help.

Next Meeting: Monday October 22, noon First State Bank.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!



PHYLLIS GOAD

Phyllis Goad is a Charter Member of Altrusa International of Delta which started with only 25 members in 1985. She worked for the US Government as a computer specialist in geological survey, oil shale and water resources for 29 years before retiring in 2007. Back in the early days, the members were very proud to be a community supporter even though the membership and budgets were much smaller. They initiated the Delta-rado Days dinner in the late '80s as well as many other smaller projects. Phyllis has held almost every officer position and has worked on most every committee with scholarships being one of her most thrilling and satisfying times to see who were honored scholarships. She has thoroughly enjoyed being a member of Altrusa for all these years. There's more to Phyllis' story and I encourage those of you who do not know our Charter members, ask them about their own story.

ASTRA NEWS

ASTRA Clubs are busy as ever. **Delta ASTRA Club** decided to help the Abraham Connection by providing all the necessary parts for one meal a month from November to April. They also were part of the school's club days for the new freshmen and shared all about how awesome it is to be a member of ASTRA. They all are excited for a fun year ahead of them with LOTS of great plans and ideas of what they want to accomplish for their community. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, October 9th at 6:00 PM in the Delta Library's Community Room.

CHS ASTRA's October meeting is Thursday, October 4th in the library at CHS at 6:00 PM. Mrs. Jeanie Brown will be their guest speaker telling them about the Abraham Connection. At their September meeting they discussed many different projects they'd like to complete this year including adopting a section of Highway 65 for litter clean up. An application has been sent in and will hopefully be approved. Marilyn Smith is the new advisor with CHS, and the kids are excited to have a new face of Altrusa amongst them.

DOS ASTRA is in a transition year with a new school curriculum this year which takes lots more classroom time, and gives less time for meeting. JoAnn DiBitonto and Wilynn Webb are working to figure out a good meeting time. Rene'e Traczyk will be helping JoAnn with ASTRA at DOS this year.

Submitted by: Amanda Twamley, Chair

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



In Honor of Celebrating 75 Years with Dr. Seuss! The Theme for this year's Sugar Plum Festival

Make A Difference Day

Make A Difference Day is Saturday, October 27th.

This year our project will be to support the **BELA** program at their **Open House** celebrating 20 years of the program. The event will be from **10 AM to 1 PM** at the Delta Performing Arts & Education Center on Grand Ave in Delta (the old Delta Middle School, and before that the old Delta High School) We will have a table set up where kids/attendees can put together a Goody Bag with a book mark they can decorate, a treat from Altrusa, and a fun item. We will be supporting the fabulous preschool program which has made a difference in so many lives for 20 years now.

The **goal of our Altrusa Club** is to support BELA with **100% participation** of our membership. With that in mind the tasks to carry out the project have been broken down to allow every member some way to be a part. To that end, if you did not get to sign up at the September 26 meeting to do any one of the following, please contact Amanda @ RockieTwamleys@aol.com with which task you'd be willing to take on. The small tasks are:

--> **Saturday, October 27 at BELA, 1/2 hour shifts** - from 9:30 to 12:30 starting with 9:30 - 10:00

--> **1 dozen treats** (Fruit Snacks, Snoopy Snacks, Fruit Roll-ups, etc. or individually wrapped cookies) .

--> **Stickers** - whatever you can donate... even the free stickers that come in the mail with Disney DVD information, or for High-Lights Magazine, etc.

--> **Markers or Crayons** - water-based markers would be best, but whatever, however many you would like to donate.

Stickers, markers, and treats can all be dropped off at Alpine Bank during regular business hours, or brought to the October 10th or October 24th meetings.

If you did not get to sign up to be part of the Task Force for this event, but would like to be a part of organizing everything before the 27th, please let Amanda know so you will get the information as it is shared with that group.

With this Make A Difference Day project, we WILL prove that MANY hands make light work.... and that 100% participation by our Altrusa Club is a piece of cake!!

Submitted by: Amanda Twamley, Chair

September 26th Program Meeting

Amanda showing a sample Goody Bag for the BELA project. The Program Meeting was well attended showing our support to Donna Herman, District 10 Governor, honoring International Day of Peace with an incredible cake provided by Dorothy Dunfelder. The Sugar Plum Festival theme for this year is "Celebrating 75 Years of Dr. Seuss". Creative ideas are flowing rapidly. Sign Up Sheets cluttered the tables as the members volunteered their time to making another successful event.



FOOD PANTRY NEWS!

Reminder there is a red folder in the desk with phone numbers of folks who can help if your partner does not show up for duty. Also, there is a phone in the Knights of Columbus room that can be used by dialing "9" first.

Please be sure to volunteer as your time is greatly appreciated by many!

BACK PACK COMPETITION IS HOT AND HEAVY!

Rene'e Eaton donated all the goodies at the last month's meeting with 1/2 for the Service and 1/2 for the Communication Committees.

Go Rene'e!