

The President's Message

BUCKLE UP!!



If you think we've already been a busy club this year, fasten your seat belt!

August 29 was the Four Club Social honoring David Mangum, our "favorite son". David did so much for our club, our District and the organization of Altrusa as a whole. He will be missed for many years to come. Thank you Thelma and Helen for heading up the event this year. It was a special treat to have our International President, Dona Garretson and our District Ten Governor, Donna Herman be able to join us for this event.

September 26th we are scheduled for our annual Club visit (well it's supposed to annual, sometimes it doesn't happen) from our District representative and we are fortunate this year to have the District Ten Governor, Donna Herman joining us to perform the club visit. Please try to make that meeting as it is our chance to find out the latest and greatest about what's happening in Altrusa. Bring your questions, if Donna doesn't have the answer, she will find out for you. She will have the "hot off the presses" info about rebranding, International Conference and everything else you might be curious about.

And then....the push begins for the Sugar Plum Festival. (We did vote to make that three words last year right? Sometimes it's hard to keep up.) All committees will be working hard to get the event publicized, decide on menus, get the cooks lined up, designate who's setting tables., come up with decorations, etc. etc. It's our biggest fund raiser of the year as you all know, so PLEASE, every member find some task that you are able to help with. We need each and every one of your to make this event a success. As always, it is the week end before Thanksgiving, November 16th and 17th. I'm sure you all will do an amazing job once again this year.

Thank you for all you do!

Jo Rosenquist, President

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Meet the Newest Altrusa Members!



Jody Roeber and Charla Colson were initiated into Altrusa International of Delta, on August 22nd. Sponsors are Thelma Starnier, Jo Rosenquist, Liz Quintana and Nancy Hovde.

September Birthdays!

Crystal Hansen	Sept. 2
Linda Phillips	Sept. 4
Jackie Schoonover	Sept. 7
Nancy Stevens	Sept. 8
Alice Penick	Sept. 10
Linda Sorenson	Sept. 20
Laura Tarr	Sept. 20
Jo Ann DiBitonto	Sept. 30

Service Committee Report

Service Committee met on August 27, 2012, with fourteen members in attendance. Much thanks to Vicki for filling the Vice-Chair for Service Committee position. Vicki will be contacting the Book Project core group to meet and formulate a plan for the next steps to be taken. Cindy H. will check further on the palletizing and shrink wrapping, as well as some 'muscle help' for carrying and loading the boxes.

Barb B. said the DOS Food For Thought challenge is off to a good start. Members are encouraged to bring their food items to the September meetings or to the committee meetings.

After some discussion it was decided to pursue initiating our Make A Difference Day Project in conjunction with the Delta County School District's 20 Year celebration of the BACKPACK PROGRAM on October 27. Marilyn will contact Lisa Mock to talk about possibilities and ideas of what we might do. We will present this project to membership at the September 12 meeting, and a committee will be formed to handle the details and engage membership participation.

Rene'e presented information about needs of the Abraham Connection Homeless Shelter. Service Committee will present the project to membership as a recommendation to handle meal preparation and serving one day each month for the six months, November – April. If approved by membership, a sign-up sheet will be circulated; two or three helpers are needed for each time. Jeanie B. can address details and answer questions.

Karen B. presented a plan to hold a food drive for the Food Pantry as a competition involving the various service groups in our county. Tentative plans would be to contact the other community clubs and groups in December, collect food supplies in January and February, completing the drive with the winning group announced in March. The winner would receive publicity in the local paper, and a monetary donation could be given to the Food Pantry in their organization's name. Along with this project, we could apply for either the Altrusa International Foundation Project Grant or Leadership Grant, applications are due March 15th. Altrusa and other service organizations are being polled for interest in a Delta entry-way sign listing the various Delta groups. More information will be presented when available.

The next Service Meeting is September 24, 6:15, Thompson Manor.

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FOUR CLUB SOCIAL DINNER PHOTOS



CLUB DATES:

Sept. 26th Governor Donna
Herman in celebration of In-
ternational Day of Peace

October 24th Tricia Winslow
from the Juvenile Division

November 17th -
Sugar Plum Festival

December 12th -
Christmas Party

Monthly Business Meeting, August 8th, 2012 Elks Lodge

Date: August 8, 2012; **Call to Order:** 12:00

The Collect and the Pledge were recited.

Members: 36 **Guests:** Charla Colson, Barbara Larkin, Jody Roeber, Sandy Thrasher, Amber (Dianne Sales daughter), Donna Herman, and Renee Traczyk.

Minutes: Approved as corrected

Correspondence: Families Plus - picnic invitation; Lori McDermith - thank you for the scholarship.

Additions to the Agenda: Donna Herman presented a check for \$355 in David's memory. Then she told the sad story about Nancy Taylor. Nancy Doer has the rental agreement ready for Sugar Plum.

Sign-up Sheets: Hour Book, Food Pantry, Four Club Social.

Treasurer's Report: Operating - \$2,566.63 Foundation - \$15,648.98

Accent: Karen Basher explained the "In-Kind Donation" voucher process. Reminding everyone to save their receipts, complete the voucher and although one doesn't get the money, they help our club.

Board Action: Regina Hines was approved by the board to become a member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASTRA: Delta will be helping with the Families Plus picnic. Cedaredge will help the golf tournament. Everything should be starting after Labor Day.

Communications: Sunny will be doing the E-blasts and Jessica Shaffer will be the back-up.

Finance: Barbara Bullard will be the new Finance chairperson and may have to change the time for meetings.

Membership: Charla Colson and Jody Roeber will be initiated on August 22nd. Regina Hines was approved for membership. 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. The committee discussed the new Introduction sheet that will handed to all guests wishing to become members. Also discussed was that all new members should attend the various committee meetings during their first year. Next meeting will be at the library at noon on September 3.

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 still needed a vice-chair person and someone to help JoAnne with DOS ASTRA. Marilyn Smith will be in charge of College Days. The next meeting will be on August 27th at Thompson Manor at 6:15.

Rusty Gavel: They met at CB's July 25 and discussed their goals for the year.

Foundation: Vicki Ripp stated that Gena Cooper will be on the Foundation Board and the new secretary. A task force committee is to determine the best use of the \$4600 given in David Mangum's memorable fund. Jeff Lane will not have to file a long form for taxes.

Unfinished Business: The Vicki reported that the workers on the HUGE BOOK PROJECT will send a few boxes to Swaziland and the remaining boxes will be sent to Books for Africa in the United States and it is thought that we will send 2 large bags of books to them at \$185/bag.

Hospice is asking for donations for their silent auction. Call Dianne Sales or Dorothy Dunfelder for donations.

Donna Garretson will be at the Four Club Social on August 29th. She is the Altrusa International president.

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Membership Committee Report

The Club initiated two new Altrusans; Jody Roeber and Charla Colson on August the 22nd. We are so happy to have these two lovely new members. Please extend your friendship to them. They will both be a huge asset to our club. We will also be initiating Regina Hines on September 12th and we are excited for all of you to get to know her better. She is the wife of Brent Hines and comes here from Texas.

We had a very successful Four Club Social at Thelma Starner's home with about 40 people attending. It was an honor to have David Mangum's brother and his wife, Ralph and Pat Mangum there as we remembered David and all the special and fun times we shared with him. Thanks to Thelma for opening up her home and hosting this event. We renewed our friendships with Altrusa members from Montrose, Grand Junction and Palisade. There was an abundance of good food and laughter.

The next Membership committee meeting will be Noon on Tuesday October 2nd at the Library.

Submitted by: Merna Ray, Chair

Monthly Business Meeting Continued:

New Business: Vicki reminded everyone to read the District Ten newsletter and print out some for those that don't have the internet. She also stated that we could for-go receiving \$100 from District Ten for re-branding. It was so moved by Linda Sorenson and seconded by Nancy Hovde. The motion carried.

Reminders and Announcements: Dorothy reminded members to sign-up for the City Market Value Card and to see her to sign-up. We receive about \$100 per quarter.

Please clean up your place settings.

Linda Sorenson and Willa Sorensen took flowers and a cake to

Onions and Orchids were shared.

Drawing: \$10.50 went to Helen Jurca and she donated it to the Animal Shelter.

Benediction; Adjourn: 12:55

Submitted by Secretary: Daphne Harding



FOUR CLUB SOCIAL SPECIAL GUESTS!

It's not every day, month, year or even a decade that a Club has the privilege of a visit from both the International President and their District Governor. On August 29th while honoring the memory of David Magnum with his family and with folks from the Grand Junction and Montrose Clubs, Both Dona Garretson (International President) and Donna Herman (District Ten Governor) shared their time, knowledge, support, vision and laughter

with our members. These two powerful women have been working diligently in visiting as many Clubs as possible to share the progress made by International and other Clubs as well as sharing their goals and visions for Altrusa. They are truly impressed by our Club members' efforts and accomplishments. We look forward to hearing more from District Ten Governor, Donna Herman at the September 26th Program Meeting. Please be sure to attend this upcoming meeting. Huge thanks also to Thelma for hosting this incredible Social. What an Evening!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Delta Opportunity School Food For Thought program has been serving students preschool through high school in the Delta schools for four years and Cedaredge Elementary for one and a half years. The 2011-2012 school year averaged 160 backpacks each week to support children whose families opted into the program due to a need for supplemental weekend food. Each backpack contains \$4 - \$5 worth of food, more for long weekends or holidays. Thank you Altrusans for participating in our "Committee Challenge" to gather food items for the backpacks. We are off to a great start and have another month to grow our pile of goods into a mountain! Remember to bring your donations to the September meetings or to your committee meetings. Here's the list of items needed for the Food For Thought program: oatmeal packets, granola bars, cereal bars, single serve cereal boxes, pop tarts, canned goods (spaghetti, raviolis, soups, chili, tuna, vegetables, fruits), ramen noodles, cup of noodles, peanut butter & jelly, peanut butter crackers, cheese & crackers, jello cups, applesauce cups, fruit cups, fruit roll-ups, microwave popcorn, small packs of cookies or animal crackers. Happy shopping and may the best (or biggest) committee win!

Submitted by: Crystal Hansen

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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. **Oct. 3rd**

Service Committee meets the last Monday of each month at 6:15 p.m. at the Thompson Manor Meeting Room. **Sept. 24th**

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

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

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

Finance Chair, Barbara Bullard will make an overview presentation at the Sept. 12th business meeting for the Sugar Plum Festival.

Sign up sheets will be circulated for committees.

All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting and commit your energies to this fun fundraising event.

Submitted by: Barbara Bullard, Chair

HISTORICAL TALK BY JIM WETZEL - AUGUST 22, 2012



Jim presented to the Club two powerful women in our local history:

LUCY (Redman) HILLMAN, born in 1881, came to Delta as a child and was educated in Delta schools. She served as Secretary- Treasurer of the Delta County Republican Central Committee for 16 years; was a National Committeewoman from Colorado from 1928 to the early 1940s; organized the National Federation of GOP Women; was GOP National Vice Chairwoman during the 1936 and 1940 elections and was Delta's Child Welfare Director before the advent of public welfare programs. She married John Hillman in 1899 who served as a

Colorado State Rep from 1924 to 1928, then a state Senator until 1932.

Lucy was once invited to dinner at the White House. During the serving of fried chicken, she was reluctant to pick up the chicken with her fingers until President Herbert Hoover told her (probably by his example) that it was okay. Lucy Hillman would not hesitate to tell anyone of her political connections.

In the days before median strips were placed down Main Street, Lucy would back out of her driveway and, regardless of the direction she was heading, would back clear across the street before turning. Traffic had to watch for her – not the other way around. On one occasion she was ticketed by a local state policeman, whereupon she promptly told him who she was and that she had “connections.” He gave her the ticket anyway, and he was subsequently transferred (*continued on Page 6*)

ASTRA NEWS

CHS and Delta ASTRA members helped with the Families Plus annual family cookout on the Friday before school started. ASTRA members helped organize tables and collected school supplies, as well as husked corn... and were a hand in any way they were needed. Ms. Marilyn was there and enjoyed the opportunity to work side-by-side with some of the CHS ASTRA members whom

she will get to know better as the year progresses and the club does more projects. Both CHS and Delta ASTRA Clubs will hold their first meeting of the school year during the week following Labor Day. DOS ASTRA will get a start to their year within the first few weeks of September.

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.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!



Vivian Gibson and Lucky Cox are both Charter Members of this great Club of ours that started in 1985.

Both have been actively involved with the Club since it's inception, involved in almost all committees and activities with Lucky a Past President from 1986 to 1987.

Their dedication to the Club for the past 27 years have helped build this Club, in reaching it's goals and they have never gotten tired of it, coming to all the luncheon meetings and events. They are both a true inspiration to all of us and are two very classy ladies that serve our Club and our Community with their hearts.

Thank you Ladies for all you have done and for all you continue to do!

Our new member Charla Colson is having some health issues please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Cards would be nice.

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RECAP OF HISTORICAL TALK BY JIM WETZEL (continued)

to another city. She did, indeed, have political clout! Lucy died in 1964 at the age of 83.

MARY ADELLE (Bradley) BLACHLY, was born to American missionary parents in 1854 in Bangkok, Siam. Her father, Dr. Dan Bradley, was a physician and missionary to the King of Siam and his family of many wives and children. Western medicine was virtually unknown in Siam, and Dr. Bradley would see about 100 patients a day in his small clinic. The King gave him five acres adjoining the palace, and built him a home out of teakwood.

Mary Adelle, or Dellie, as she was usually called, was raised in luxury, with servants provided by the King, to do all household chores. Dellie's mother, Sarah, was Dr. Bradley's second wife, his first wife, Emile having died of TB in 1845. Dr. Bradley had ten children, five by each wife. Both of Dr. Bradley's wives taught school in the king's palace – for a total of 21 years – followed by Anna Leonowens (*The King & I*), who taught for 6 years. Dellie would often play with Anna's son, Louis, in the palace school.

When Dellie was about 20, she went to America to attend college at Oberlin College in Ohio. It was her first time in America. In her second year at Oberlin, she was called to Kansas City, KS to help care for her Uncle, Eben Blachly (her mother's brother), who was quite ill. At about the same time, Eben's son, Andrew, was summoned from Monument, CO, however, Eben died before his arrival. Thereafter, Andrew met Dellie (they were first cousins) and they fell in love. Within weeks, they were married (in Missouri in 1877) and with Andrew's mother, they all returned to Andrew's home in Monument. Andrew was a drug and grocery merchant, and followed the D&RG railroad in its expansion from the Western Slope to Pueblo, Salida and Gunnison. In 1885, they moved to Delta County. At this time, Dellie and Andrew had 6 healthy boys. Andrew Trew Blachly was a bank cashier in the Farmer's & Merchants Bank in Delta when the McCarty gang chose his bank to rob in 1893. During that robbery, Andrew was shot and killed. By this time, the family consisted of 8 boys. Andrew's mother still lived with them. Dellie and her sons were dirt poor, and Dellie was left with mortgages to pay on two properties, as well. She sold the farm they were living on at the time of Andrew's death, and built a new home on the other 40 acre parcel. Today, Sloan Street cuts through the middle of this property, and the Blachly home still survives on this street.

All 8 Blachly children graduated from Delta schools. One died a year or two after graduation. The other 7 went on to graduate from college – not on a regular schedule. Often, it took two or three of the others to work in order to pay the tuition of the ones in college. Three of the boys even went on to earn graduate degrees. Dellie died in 1926. She had lived in Delta for 31 years.

2nd 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.

Food Items Are Always Appreciated!

Submitted by: Karen Basher