

# THE DELTRUSAN

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Whew!!

What a fabulous job all the committees did to pull the Sugar Plum Festival off again for another year. We all are such a supportive group pulling together for such an important fund raiser to help our community.

There was nothing but positive remarks, from not only the attendees, but the vendors and the book authors. Congrats!!!!

All your hard work showed in the beautiful decorations, the service provided and the fabulous menu and the fashion show.

Once again, "pat" yourselves on the back for an outstanding job! We all know how much hard work goes into preparing for such a large undertaking as this, but when all is said and done you all pull together to support our primary goal of giving back to our community, through scholarships, the sharing of books all in the name of literacy, on-hands projects such as the work for Make A Difference Day, the food pantry and so much, much more.

You became an Altrusan to help our community by helping to do on-hands work and also raise funds for all of our projects. Never forget your original goal to be an Altrusan, giving back to our community.

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Be thankful for all the family and friendships shared at this special time of the year.

Rene'e  
President

Another successful event!  
The numbers and reports  
are rolling in and we will  
soon know how much  
money was made to fund  
scholarships in Delta  
County!

Stay tuned to find out the  
latest!



Check the Altrusa International of Delta's website  
for lots more information about club activities:  
[www.altrusainternationalofdelta.com](http://www.altrusainternationalofdelta.com)

# Add-an-Altrusan Event

Wednesday, January 24, 2007

5:30 PM - social hour

6:00 PM - dinner

@ The Elks Lodge

It will be like a program meeting, only at night!!

Bring prospective members to introduce them to Altrusa and all that we do. Be sure to be there yourself for a "refresher" in all that we do.

There will be prizes, fun, information and most importantly, CAKE!!

Prizes will be given away from tickets drawn, so you will want to earn lots of tickets. Tickets will be given for:

Attending

Being with your sponsor (1 ticket for each sponsor you have with you - each sponsor will also get a ticket)

Bringing a guest (1 ticket for each guest in attendance - a ticket to the guest also.)

Other wild and crazy reasons.....

The Elks Lodge will be providing dinner so the cost of the meal will be the regular meeting/lunch price of \$5.50 a meal, meaning punch tickets can be used. As at regular meetings the meal fee for prospective members may be paid by the guest or by the member who invites them.

Informative invitations are available, just contact Jan (4-5500/234-7141) or Amanda (4-0251) if you need any.

See you on January 24<sup>th</sup>..... At NIGHT!!

Hosted by the Membership Committee

## Are you participating?

**Service committee** meets the 3rd Wednesday at noon at the chamber board room (3rd and main)

**Membership committee** meets the Tuesday before board meeting at noon at C and J's

**Finance committee** meets the Tuesday before board meeting at 11:00 am at the library, 6th and Palmer.

**Communications committee** meets when we have a good reason!

## ASTRA

November 2006



We are gearing up for a very busy time of year for us. We all have a lot going on at school, home and with ASTRA.

It only took almost 5 months, but we finally heard the decision on the ASTRA service award!! Back in May of this year we submitted a report of all of our work with the Dolphin House for the ASTRA service award. The last we knew, internationally there are over 60 ASTRA clubs eligible to submit service projects for the award. Of those 60 or so clubs, 14 of them submitted an entry for the service award. Of those who submitted, our club came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place! That means that we will be receiving a check for \$75 for our club as well as a plaque telling of our award. We will be having a reception at the Dolphin House for our club on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. All Altrusans are invited to come and see Dolphin House as well as visit with us about our work there.

Please don't forget that we have our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual bake sale all set for Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at City Market. Thank you in advance for your donations. We have decided to donate the money we raise to the Pregnancy Resource Center as well as to adopt a family for the holidays.

We also have the Sugar Plum Festival, as you all know, coming up. We'll be there checking coats, helping to serve the luncheon, helping Jamaica Outreach raise funds, as well as hosting 2 tables - one for our regulars, and one for our moms.

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at DHS in the library at 5:00 PM. If you know of any youth who would be interested in learning about ASTRA please tell them about this meeting.

## Special Invitation

You are Invited to attend a reception for  
ASTRA Club of Delta  
In honor of their receiving the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place ASTRA Service Award  
for 2005 - 2006  
for all of their work at Dolphin House

Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM  
Dolphin House - 35 S. Nevada, Montrose

Come and visit with the ASTRA members,  
see Dolphin House and learn how "kids  
are helping kids."



Congratulations to our ASTRA club for the outstanding job they have done.

We are very proud to announce they have received a service award from Altrusa International for their hard work for the Dolphin House project.

Please - as many of you that can join them in their celebration on December 5th (invitation above) come and share their much appreciated hard work. We are very proud of the great work they have done within their organization. What a wonderful bunch of young adults we have!

There will be a Service committee meeting immediately following the December 13th meeting - so plan to stay for a few minutes.



**Can you  
Make A  
Difference?**

Can you identify these workers? Check out the website to read about what these women were up to!

## Coming Events

Friday, December 1 - a float is planned for the Delta Parade of Lights. If you would like to help build and ride on the float, please contact Jackie Schoonover ASAP!

Wednesday, December 13 - Annual Altrusa Christmas Party at Kim Guthrie-Burch's house. The Menu is Chicken Alfredo and trimmings, including Pie!

Bring an ornament to exchange - more details will follow later!

May 3-5, 2007 - All Aboard Altrusans! You are invited to join other Altrusans from District Ten at the annual Conference, held at the Marriott Hotel in Ogden, Utah.

July 13-16, 2007 - The Altrusa International Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida at Disney's Contemporary Resort!

### December Food Pantry workers

December 4 - Kelly, Jordan  
December 7 - Kelly, Jordan  
December 11 - Renee  
December 14 - Janet, Judy A  
December 18 - JoAnn A &  
Renee  
December 21 - Pam J, Lita  
December 28 - Claudia & Lita



### Standing Rules of Altrusa International of Delta

15. Members who are hospitalized shall be sent flowers.
16. When there is a death in the immediate family of an Altrusan, flowers will be sent. A memorial donation made or meal prepared as the family wishes.
17. International, District and Club dues will be paid by May 31, before the new year begins, in order that the club treasurer can pay respective dues.
18. International, District and Club dues will be billed for the next year in January and are due and payable by May 31 the following year. It will be left to the discretion of the member on how to pay this amount, a little each month, quarterly or annually. Members will be billed on a monthly basis as a reminder.

Altrusa International, Inc. of Delta, Colorado  
Business Meeting  
Elks Club  
November 8, 2006

**Call to Order:** 12:15 PM by President Renee Eaton

**Collect and Pledge of Allegiance** were recited

**Members:** 37, ASTRA member Ethan Twamley

**Guest:** Shari DeLosReyes introduced by Kelly Harrison

**Minutes:** Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** Willa Sorensen reported that a preliminary report for the operating account prepared by Jeff Lane was given to the Board of Directors. The bank has not complied with getting out both the operating account and the service account early in the month so that a final report can be prepared. Since it is costly to prepare both preliminary and final reports, the final will be given at the next board meeting. Money is being collected for the Sugar Plum Festival. Members may see Willa if they have bills to be paid.

**Correspondence:** Jeanie Brown read the following: a letter of resignation from Nancy Wood; an invitation to the 2007 District Ten Conference at Ogden, Utah to be held May 3-5; a thank you letter from Debbie Mabry, Chair of Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. for a donation of \$100 to the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. Grants Fund.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Barbara Bullard will meet with those involved in planning for the SPF at Heddles Rec Center on Monday at 11 AM. She needs jelly roll pans for baking the chicken. Thelma Starner is doing the final count for luncheon tickets. Any hostesses who have extra seats at their tables should let Thelma know. Friday night tickets are still available. Call Barbara or Thelma with any questions.

**Service:** Lita Sweitzer needs more help for the Food Pantry on Mondays.

For Make a Difference Day on October 28, members worked at the Tri-County Resource Center painting and rearranging furniture in the facility, and cleaning up the yard and painting the benches. Lily and Rose donated a bookcase and a chest of drawers. Books were donated and placed in the bookcase. A photo poster for the SPF will be displayed. A report will be written up for an award and an article will be given to the DCI.

Posters displaying literacy projects have been done for the SPF. There will also be displays of books donated by Mountain Plains Booksellers. Some books will be available for purchase for a donation. Books are available for hostesses for their tables.

Donated books need to be delivered to elementary school libraries in Paonia, Hotchkiss, and Crawford. Penny Spika Rubala volunteered to deliver those with help. Presentations of the books will be done with photos taken.

Service hour sheets are going around and members are encouraged to record all hours given to Altrusa, including phone and email time and cooking.

Classroom books and donated library books have been delivered to Lincoln and Garnet Mesa Elementary Schools and presentation photos will be taken.

**Membership:** Nancy Stevens will need a Vice-Chair for her committee since Nancy Woods has resigned.

The Christmas party is at Kim Guthrie-Burch's home on December 13 at a time to be announced. Ornaments are to be brought for exchange. A sign up sheet will be passed around at a later meeting. Add an Altrusan Day is on January 24 at the Elks Club.

**Foundation Report:** None

**ASTRA Report:** Ethan Twamley reported that the Dolphin House project was submitted with a scrapbook of photos for the ASTRA Service Award. There are 60 ASTRA clubs internationally and 14 submitted projects for the award. The Delta ASTRA Club received the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award. The club will receive \$75 and a plaque. The ASTRA Bake Sale fund raiser will be on Wednesday, November 22 at City Market. A sign up sheet is being passed around. Baked items may be taken to Mr. Mangum's porch before 6 PM on Tuesday, Nov. 21, or must be taken to City Market by 8:30 AM on Wednesday. ASTRA members will help with the SPF by checking coats and serving lunch on Saturday, hosting two tables, and selling Jamaica Outreach items. The next meeting is at the Delta High School library on Nov. 13 at 6 PM.

**Communications:** Jackie Schoonover reported that advertisements are out for SPF and the newspapers are giving good coverage. Members should contact Dianne Sales if they have anything to add to her articles. Public Service Announcements are being given to radio stations. Members are asked to tell Jackie if they are not receiving information from the calling tree or emails. Highlights of the last business meeting were in the last newsletter. Members who want a complete copy should ask Jackie. Members who are interested in helping with a float for the Parade of Lights may notify Jackie. The theme is "Celebrate a Cowboy Christmas."

**Board Actions and Recommendations:** A \$75 reimbursement for gas was approved for Lita Sweitzer for her trip to Denver to pick up books. It is taken as a board expense from the operations account.

**Unfinished Business:** Dorothy Dunfelder needs help on Saturday morning, Nov. 18, at 8 AM, at the Presbyterian Church to prepare salads. Hor'dourves are to be at the Rec Center by 4 PM on Friday, Nov. 17. Renee' has reported the names of those elected for the Nominating Committee to Altrusa International and District.

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:** There will be a 5:30 PM meeting on Nov. 29 in the Conference Room of the Chamber of Commerce. Ideas and concerns may be put in a box for sharing and discussion. Members are urged to come and enjoy pizza.

**Onions and Orchids** were shared.

**Drawing:** Linda Sorenson won \$17.

**Adjournment:** 12:55 PM

Jeanie Brown, Recording Secretary

Date of Approval \_\_\_\_\_

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