

The Deltrusan

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Altrusa International of Delta

2008

President's Message



Dear Fellow Altrusans~

WOW!! What a month September proved to be.

Our official District Visit with Governor-Elect Ida Bender was an enjoyable time. She shared a lot about growing Altrusa and also gave to me to share with the membership a new tool that International is offering as an incentive to help grow our membership ... be sure to be at the membership meeting on the 8th to learn all about it.

The Communications Committee has been doing their job in such an efficient manner getting the club info out to each and every member. The phone calling tree, as well as the emailing "blasts" work great for this task. If you should happen to **not** be receiving either a phone call or an email with updates of what is up and coming, please be sure to contact Alowetta Terrien or her vice-chair, Lynn Shirk, so that the issue can be resolved.

Being a Service Organization, our Service Committee is always on the ball. They are presently working on the *Make a Difference Day* project which will be on Saturday, October 25th. This year the plan is to have a Mini Health Fair at the hospital where we will help facilitate the different tasks to be accomplished. Barbara Bullard is the Task Force leader for that project, so if you have any questions be sure to be at the business meeting on October 8th where info and sign-up sheets will be shared. Service also had an awesome showing from ALL members with the Food Pantry Contest. The winning committee gathered 716.75 pounds for the Food Pantry in food items and cash. Each member of that committee will be receiving a Friday Night ticket for the Sugar Plum Festival so that they can bring along a guest when they attend on Friday night. Be sure to be at the business meeting to see which committee that will be,

With a wonderful 4-Club Social held on the 24th, the Membership Committee yet again did a fantastic job, I heard, providing a wonderful setting for the 4 "local" clubs to gather, socialize and eat together. Our meeting attendance has been showing their efforts of working to keep each member aware of when they are missed at meetings and events.

And then there's the Finance Committee and all that they are doing to organize the *Sugar Plum Festival and Little Side Street Market*. The task forces have been broken down, each with a leader, so that this year will be our best SPF yet! If you have not been to a meeting to be able to sign up for a task force, let Dorothy know and she will be sure to help you get on a task force.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 8th at 7 AM – 8 AM** at Miller's Deitch Haus. We hope that this will help those of us who usually can't make a noon-time meeting be able to attend a business meeting.

And finally, on a personal note, I want to give a truly heartfelt thank you to my Altrusa Family for the many cards, notes, thoughts and prayers, and flowers shed upon my family during this time. It is hard to put into words the comfort gained from such thoughtfulness. Please know that we all greatly appreciate it. An EXTRA special Thank You to 2nd VP Jessica for helping me get info out to people, and to 1st VP Doreen for stepping up to preside over a meeting with absolutely NO preparation. Proof yet again, how amazing Altrusans really are.

~ In Altrusa Service,
Amanda ~ ☺



**Altrusa International of Delta
Business Meeting September 24, 2008**

Location: Elks Lodge

Call to Order: 12:00 by First Vice President, Doreen Grett

Collect & Pledge of Allegiance

Members: 33

Guests: 2

Jo Rosenquist, guest of Nancy Stevens
Phyllis Gurule, guest of Rene Eaton



Crystal Hansen, Secretary

Minutes: August 13, 2008 minutes were approved.

Correspondence: thanks yous from: Birdie Young (scholarship recipient), Dolphin House (for books), and Marion McKibben & Pearl the Labrador (for \$200 to help with program for Delta Correction Center)

Accent: Billie Kiger gave the Accent about the Club Board of Directors.

Treasurer's Report: by Cindy Lonis \$3,933.01 Operating Account Balance
 \$4,043.51 Foundation Account Balance
 \$5,183.33 in CD

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Communications: Alowetta encouraged anyone not getting their newsletter to let her know, and items for the newsletter should be sent to Dianne Sales.

Finance: Dorothy thanked Coleen Scheele for the donation of 2 tickets to the Suicide Prevention Fundraiser event which brought in \$150 for our Club. She noted that the Center for Performing Arts has two committee rooms available for meetings. SPF Food Committee has chosen the menu, and the First Baptist Church facility has been secured for food preparation and cooking. Sign up sheets were circulated for 8 Altrusan servers, Friday night helpers, cheesecake makers, book fair helpers, and 7 more members to set & decorate tables. Insurance has been applied for, and wine glasses have been ordered. Dorothy picked out several boxes of books from the recent Library Book Sale suitable for the Gateway project. Members are encouraged to look through the books and let Doreen know if you select one for your SPF table.

Membership: David reminded us of the Four-Club Social at his home tonight, 5:30.

Service: Doreen presented a motion from the Board requesting \$200 from Projects Presented/Literacy to purchase books for CASA (Voices for Children) from their "desired books list". Nancy Stevens seconded, and the motion passed. October 25 is Make A Difference Day, with Barb Bullard heading up the Task Force to work on this "Healthy Kids Health Fair". Lynn Shirk's son is planning to help the Gateway youth with the construction of book shelves as a part of his Eagle Scout project. Continue to collect the Coupons for Education, passing them on to Rene. The Food Pantry drive is going very well with at least 600 lbs. of food collected so far. Dianne reported that the Book Fair for the SPF will have a bistro style atmosphere with table & chairs. The committee has priced some books already, and plans to have at least four authors present. Jessica reported that all three ASTRA clubs are off to a good start. DOS ASTRA has participated in two service projects already and held elections. They have greatly appreciated the treats and snacks the Altrusa ladies have been providing in Jeanie's absence. Cedaredge ASTRA had 24 students at their first meeting, and club officers have been elected. Delta ASTRA had 10 members attend the first meeting; they will bring goods to participate in the Food Drive and will be helping with the SPF.

Unfinished Business: Nominating Committee will be meeting soon. Thelma has envelopes for any financial contributions towards the Food Pantry competition.

New Business: Kathy Welt mentioned the Paonia Library Fund Raiser (grape stomping competition) this Saturday. Let her know if you are interested in getting a team together.

Announcements: next Business Meeting, Oct. 8, 7:00 at the Deitch Haus.

Onions and Orchids were shared. Drawing: \$13.00 to Dorothy.

Benediction

Adjourn: 12:45

Submitted by Secretary Crystal Hansen

Approved _____ Date _____

ASTRA

DOS ASTRA - is off and running for the year. They held their elections for the two groups - morning and afternoon. They also have worked on 2 different projects. The first was painting over the tagging on the fence around the old football stadium at the bottom of 9th Street Hill, and the second was moving gravel around on the playground at their neighbor's, the BELA pre-school. They also have been working to get the roots and such out of the dirt that is right up next to the school so that weed fabric and then gravel, perhaps can do down there for a neater look. One ASTRA member is taking care of Jeanie's plants in the planters, watering them daily and working towards his ASTRA credit. They all really appreciate our snacks and treats we are bringing in Jeanie's absence.

At Cedaredge they held elections last Thursday with 24 students in attendance for the meeting. They elected by nomination, second and then ballot. It was a fun process for them all to experience. Their president is Taryn Fischer, vice president is Jheri Gates, treasurer is Anthony Marah, and secretary is Cori Ward. It's a good group of hard-working students who will get a lot done in their community. They know about Sugar Plum Festival and some are planning to be there to help serve and help out however needed. Their next meeting will be Thursday, October 9th, delayed a week due to homecoming.

Delta ASTRA met for their first meeting of the school year on September 8th and had 10 members in attendance, with 8 new members. They nominated new potential officers and will have a vote at their meeting on September 29th. Their first project was to help Altrusa collect food for the food pantry. (Credit goes to the Service committee, of course!) Looking forward, they will take on a project in October and will be continuing the tradition of helping out with the Sugar Plum Festival in November.

Jessica Shaffer



Food Pantry

Wow, what a month!!! The tally for September is a record for us so far, since we started keeping the tally anyway, and remembering also that it is just Thursdays, we served a *total of 27 families, to the tune of 121 people.*

Thank you so much for each of you, because without YOU it would not have been possible. You are an amazing bunch of individuals!!!!

Also would like to remind all of us that just because the September Committee Competition Food Drive is over does not mean we won't accept your donations!!! They are still in great need due to these big numbers of families, so they will still be accepted at the meetings. October is under way with the start of the 2nd with Becky T. and Doreen G. helping 2 families of 14 people. The schedule is full at this time with Jackie and Demeris for the 9th, Doreen G. and Nancy Hovde on the 16th, Sue M. and Pam J. for the 23rd, and Willa S. and Janet S. rapping it up for us on the 30th. Look forward to hearing from you for November. ...missing you all while in school.

...soon to be announced

...which Committee has won our Sept Competition. The prize: Friday tickets to the Sugar Plum Festival. Winning committee members brought the most food (by weight) in addition to cash donations (each \$1 counted as 1lb.



Kelly Harrison

Thanks to all who participated.



'Get to Know One Another' Corner

I became an Altrusan in April of 1993 having the pleasure of being sponsored by Thelma Starner & Alice Penick. We met in the banquet room of the Sundance in those days and must have been about 35 members strong. I was so impressed at how much business could be conducted in one short hour!

Late in 1994 I became the proud co-owner of the current Stockyards restaurant & wasn't able to attend the noon meetings for almost 3 years; however, did participate in all our major fundraisers. The club elected me to the treasurer's slot, finance committee chair and then to president in 2003. What fun it was, being Delta's first male president. I was elected to the District Ten board as a director in 2006 and then as treasurer in 2008. District service is a real joy and getting to visit the clubs in our District is so much fun. Give it some thought!

My greatest joy in being a Delta Altrusan is the tremendous amount of good we do & the large number of individuals who benefit from our corporate efforts. We are a great club with so much to be proud of!

David Mangum



I moved to Delta four years ago with my husband, John. We retired from our respective careers in education and the fire service in Douglas County, south of Denver. With my background as an educator and a degree in Literacy, they called it Reading when I graduated, the fit with Altrusa was perfect. I do some substitute teaching in the area. I love to share my God given gift of music by being involved with my church, the Valley Chorus and I do some solo work in the area. I am so fortunate to be affiliated with Altrusa.

Demeris York

ALERT!

URGENT Message - Please Read

Dear Altrusans:

There is an e-mail going around to all members asking them to send money to Malaysia to help Altrusa International, Inc. President Zaida Perez-Mendez return home. THIS E-MAIL IS NOT FROM HER!!!!!! We have spoken to President Zaida and she is fine and is at home in Puerto Rico. DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY!!!!!! If you have any questions, please contact Regina Baras, Executive Director at 312-427-4410 or at baras@altrusa.com.

**Sincerely,
Altrusa International, Inc.**

September 2008 Program Meeting
Visit from Governor-Elect, Ida Bender

Topic: Happenings in District Ten and Internationally

Honoring Our Charter Members & Celebrating **Altrusa Int'l. of Delta's 23rd Year!**



Charter Members: Judy Weiszbrod, Laura Tarr, Phyllis Goad, and Jo Gore receive honorable mention and recognition.

Ida Bender, Governor-Elect, came from Albuquerque, NM for this year's official **District Ten Visit**. She recognized the many accomplishments of Altrusa International of Delta as we celebrated our 23rd Year. Appreciation was extended to eight Charter Members: **Lucky Cox, Vivian Gibson, Liz Quintana, Alice Penick, Judy Weiszbrod, Laura Tarr, Phyllis Goad, and Jo Gore**. Four of these outstanding women were present and received special gifts to honor their commitment. Each were asked to share a memory of the "early years".

Ida extended invitation to the May 1 & 2 District Conference to be held in Albuquerque as well as encouraged attendance at the International Convention which is scheduled for August 7-10 in Indianapolis, IN.

Ida reported that criteria and information on the various awards will soon be available on computer cd. We are encouraged to apply for all applicable awards. Ida also encouraged us to utilize the International, District, and Local websites. She commended our Delta Altrusa organization for the membership growth and many fine accomplishments to our credit.

Thank you Ida for taking the time to attend our 23rd year's birthday luncheon, to speak as our Program presenter, and to honor with your insight and your praise.

Sugar Plum Festival

For all those of you who are new to the Sugar Plum Festival, you can look forward to an amazing event. Check out last month's Deltrusan to fill you in on how it all comes together.

For those of you who are doing a table, the Gateway Book List has been distributed to all members by Doreen Greff. Choose from this list a book title around which to build your table theme. Many of these titles 'may' be found in our supply of books, so check with Doreen before you purchase the title of your choice. The following are SOME of the titles we know are ALREADY CHOSEN so when you decide on your title, please let Doreen know of your choice as well.

Some of the Already Chosen Titles from the list: Horse Whisperer...101 Poems-Co...The Adventures of Huck Finn...Rebecca of Sunny Brook Farm...Indian In the Cupboard...My Curious Uncle Dudley...Ten Rings...The Cat Ate My Gym Suit...Protector of the Wilds...Animal Farm.

The following is a summary of how this project is shaping up.
Contact Barbara Bullard for final info as Saturday, October 25th
gets closer. Volunteers are needed.

Make-A-Difference Day



OCTOBER 25, 2008

**ALTRUSA will be sponsoring the HEALTHY KIDS! HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR
Held at Delta County Memorial Hospital's Grand Mesa Education Center
in the Craig Crest & Land's End Rooms from 10am to 3pm.**

Members are asked to sign up for a shift from 9-11:30 or 11:30 to 3 . We will also need to provide healthy give-away bagged snacks. Cheese and fruit, granola bars, low fat low sugar cookies. Apples have been donated, as well as pumpkins for painting. Altrusa has also purchased 50 health books.

Countywide schools, child care providers, pre-schools, the rec center, and the media are being contacted and will be provided with flyers for student packets and public information.

Sign up sheets will be available at the Business Meeting, Oct 8th,
or call Barbara at Ruby's Flowers at 874-7511 or at home, or Vicki at home.

IMMUNIZATIONS, FLU SHOTS
KIDS \$14.50 (by appt...call Glenda 874-2179) ADULTS \$25
INTERACTIVE, EDUCATIONAL BOOTHS
DENTAL HYGIENE
HEALTHY HEARTS
HEALTHY BONES
NUTRITION
HAND WASHING
TOBACCO FREE COALITION
PUMPKIN PAINTING
FACE PAINTING
Wii DANCE PAD, BOWLING, TENNIS

OUTDOOR FEATURES
SARA THE SAFETY-SAUR-US
AL, THE CROSSWALK SAFETY DOG
911 SIMULATOR
CAR SEAT AND SEAT BELT FITTING
DELTA PD, DELTA AMBULANCE, DELTA FIRE DEPT.

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ALTRUSA, MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Service Committee Meeting Info

TASK FORCES/PROJECTS: (Any member interested in helping at any time can contact Service Chair-Vicki Ripp)

VOICES FOR CHILDREN (CASA) ... membership approved \$200 to purchase books

Delta Opportunity School (DOS) ... ongoing

Scholarships ... ongoing Altrusa fundraising, i.e. Sugar Plum Festival this November 21st & 22nd

ASTRA ... Delta Club held installation and initiated 8-10 new members. .. will meet 1st Mon each month

DOS Astra - spread gravel at the neighboring Bella Preschool Playground, painted the fence at the old stadium

Cedaredge Astra - 1st mtg. had 24 kids and elected officers

ASTRA Scholarships - will formulate criteria in January

We Care Bags - need more items from our membership

Make a Difference Day - Healthy Kids Health Fair (See summary previous page)

Gateway Youth & Family Services - SPF table book lists being provided to our membership. Lynn Shirk's son hopes to help build Gateway's library book shelves for his Eagle Scout Project .

Baby First Books - 39-40 packets have been delivered each month since June with 25 being Spanish

TCRC - received blankets from Hospice to be used by clients relocating at TCRC

Coupons for Education- Renee Eaton - membership please save coupons

Department of Corrections - ongoing

Food Pantry - Kelly Harrison - Sept was Food Drive Month for Altrusa. Each committee competed to give the most.

Sugar Plum Book Fair - books sorted and priced... will have a Bistro with Coffee Shop and possibly four authors for the event

Coloring Books - ongoing



Meetings/Events/Dates to Remember:

BOARD Meeting	1st Wed was Oct 1st	Noon	...	at the Elks...Noon (Board Members)
Business Meeting	2nd Wed Oct. 8th	7:00-8:00 a.m.	...	at the Miller Deitch Haus (breakfast)
Program Meeting	4th Wed Oct. 22nd	Noon	...	at the Elks (lunch) Speaker: Steve Glammeyer Asst. City Manager, City of Delta
Make a Difference Day	Sat Oct 25th	10am – 3pm	...	CHILDREN'S HEALTH FAIR Delta County Memorial Hospital's Craig Crest & Land's End Rooms
Game Night for Altrusans	Wed Oct 29th	tba	...	tba Mark your calendars! More details coming.
Altrusans' Christmas Party	Wed Dec 10th	tba	...	tba
Committee Meetings:				
Communication	as needed before or after a Business or Program meeting ...tba...by Chair			
Finance	Mon before 1st Wed	... Noon	...1st Colorado National Bank	
Membership	Tues before 1st Wed	... Noon	...C & J's Restaurant	
Service	Mon before 1st Wed	... Noon	...location tba	
Subcommittee Mtgs:	...as delegated by Committees			

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Business Meeting is THIS Wed, October 8th
7 am in the MORNING
at the Miller Deitch Haus...