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You're participation is needed for Make A Difference Day

Saturday, 10/27/07

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please sign up to work at the
Delta Opportunity School yard at
822 Grand Ave.

We intend to spray weeds, put down landscaping fabric, gravel, install stepping stones and a bench. People are needed to help with the actual doing of the project, AND to bring and give out refreshments like water, lemonade, crackers, etc to the workers.



Let's show our commitment to improving the conditions at the DOS and encourage students to take pride in their school and improve their learning environment. Students are also asked to participate - wear your Altrusa shirts!

This project will be spotlighted on the back page of the DCI the following week along with many of our other projects, so please show your support and participate in whichever way you can.

Items we'll have:

- Gravel will arrive Friday night - courtesy of Thelma
- Landscaping cloth - courtesy of Doreen and/or Walmart
- Weed Spray - courtesy of Jeanie & Bob
- Wood Bench Supplies - courtesy of Linda & Eric
- A Bobcat to spread the rock - currently is under negotiation, but when complete will be courtesy of Amanda and Michael.

Items we'll need:

- Stepping Stones for path across gravel-We've asked Walmart, but may still need if they don't come thru.
- Volunteers to help or give moral support, fix boo-boo's, etc
- Water, Lemonade, Celery sticks, energy snacks etc.

C'mon, you're Altrusans, you know what to do to help!

Sign-up will be going around
at the Business Meeting, 10/10/07 and the Program Meeting 10/24/07.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Altrusans,

Being president is the easiest position in this Altrusa group. With the ready willingness of all members to do any task is phenomenal. I am so blessed to be a part of such a caring group. Thank you so very much for stepping up when I needed you most.

We are entering our busiest time of year, the Sugar Plum Festival and holidays, our time to shine once again. I am very excited and eager to get going on these events. The committees in charge have some new and fun ideas this year. It'll take all of us to get the job done and have a great time doing it.

A special thank you to Dorothy Dunfelder for hosting her annual Margarita Party. As usual the food was yummy and the margaritas plenty.

In Altrusa love,
Linda

Delta Opportunity School (DOS)

Our October program meeting will feature a program by Willynn and Hank to update us on the activities at DOS. Be sure to attend and sign up to help - Jeannie Brown has forms for volunteers.

This year, the Delta Opportunity School will not have any janitorial services and are asking Altrusans to help in areas such as cleaning, painting, and front yard care. Adult volunteers will assist the students at the school in this work.



New members were initiated into the Club by Governor Rhoda Struhs. If you have a prospective member, invite them to a meeting and contact Membership for more details on sponsorship.

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We're back at it, and in full swing. We have had a couple of meetings since school started and have a few things going on.

As for the Sugar Plum Festival, we will again be serving at that as well as checking coats Friday night and Saturday, if needed. We will be sponsoring a table again this year, for our "regulars." Our moms will be sponsoring a table as well, for themselves.

We plan to hold our 5th Annual Bake Sale this year on the day before Thanksgiving. After what we went through last year, we are looking into having the sale outside the entries to Wal-Mart. We have decided that the money that we earn will be split between Dolphin House and the purchase of supplies needed for the library project that some of our members will be doing in February for Jamaica Outreach. Our next report will have the specifics of where and time for the bake sale.

Our 8 members who are planning to go to Jamaica held a yard sale on Saturday, September 22. The plan had been to hold it Sunday, too, but rain changed those plans. Thanks to the many donations from Altrusa members, \$621.00 was made at the yard sale! That money was split by an hourly rate for each person who worked for the yard sale.

It's been exciting to see members being hired to earn money for their trip to Jamaica in February. It is good to see that they are *earning* their way. The names and numbers of the members who will be going are listed below. Most of these numbers are their own cell. phone numbers, so when calling you will be in direct contact with the member.

The club has resumed their regular schedule of meetings. They meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Their next scheduled meeting is October 8th at 6:30 at the DHS library. We are always happy to have new faces join our meetings.

Windows need washing? ☺ ☺

Leaves fallen and need raking?

Your yard need that last mowing for the season?

How about your garage... need cleaning?

Whatever your needs, we're happy to help out however we can. Just give us a call. We can call on our ASTRA friends, so no job is too big or too small.

Call Ethan – 874-0251 or

Morgan – 216-2123

Sugar Plum Festival Update From the FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jan Pappas has graciously stepped up to be Chair of the Decorations, since Doreen has had to step down due to health problems with her back.

- **We need EVERYONE** to sign up to make an hor d'oeuvre for Friday night. This is really where we make the extra for our FUNDRAISER and we need to support the vendors at our Artisans Market. Invite everyone you know and tell them about this fun night out from 6 till 9. Cost \$10 per person. Free hor d'oeuvres and cash bars. Viewing of the tables and live music.
 - Eight more 8' foot tables are needed - so please call or see Phyllis to sign up.
 - Invitations have been sent out to vendors from last year and we have several new ones who have contacted us for spaces.
 - We need at least two persons to volunteer to help Laura at Tara's to transport clothes and any other task necessary for the Fashion Show.
 - Tickets will be ready to pick up at the October business meeting. If you have a table, be sure to let Judy know if you want all the tickets for a table, because we already have a waiting list.
- ALL MEMBERS** are needed to help with this event. Please be involved!!

Altrusa International of Delta, Co.
September 12, 2007
Delta Elks Lodge

Amanda Twamley, Vice President called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were recited. There were three guests present: Allie Garnier, Marie Hymel and Peggy Bellmire.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

The correspondence received was thank you from the Family of Geratha Phippa (Phyllis Goad's Mother), a thank you from Fran Deaver and a thank you from Kay Alexander from the Dolphin House. Linda M. Hattel wrote a letter for a leave of absence. A letter from the Elks Club telling us that the price of lunch was going to be increased by \$1.00 to \$6.00. A motion was made by Vickie Ripp and seconded that the cost of the luncheon be raised to \$6.50 --- \$6.00 for the Elks and \$.50 for the internal fund raiser. Motion was passed.

Committee Reports:

Finance- Thelma The sign up sheet for tables for the SPF was passed around. If you have a dish that you think would be good and pretty for the SPF, please prepare it and bring it to Thelma's on September 19 for tasting. The time is 6:30 p.m. Nancy is in charge of the food for Friday night.

Service- Holly Holly has made up a backing for the pins. They are sterling silver and would be about \$20.00 with a portion got go to Altrusa. Surface Creek Food Bank needs a one time donation of \$300.00. The food bank has been very busy in the Cedaredge area and needs this extra help. A motion was made and seconded and passed. The clean up was done at the Delta Opportunity School. Gold Club could still use some more sponsors this Friday to take the students to the Pow Wow. World Literacy Day – pictures were taken at the Delta Opportunity School and the presentation of the check was given on that day. October 27 is Make A Difference Day. Volunteers are needed at Garnet Mesa for 3rd grade reading from 10 to 10:30.

Membership – Kim Guthrie-Burch – The applications for Marie Hymel and Allie Garnier were presented and info about them passed around. If you have any objections to these two people, please contact Kim.

Communications – Diane If you can't open the e-mail, please let Communications know. Pictures of the Dolphin House and Delta Opportunity School will or have been printed in the newsletter and also the Delta County Independent and the Mountain Valley Heartbeat. Scholarship forms and request for donations will be on the Altrusa website. The DCI is also printing where people can go to get the information. Hospice needs volunteers to set up the new Heirlooms for Hospice. Please contact Carlotta at the Hospice Office.

New Business – Amanda asked if there were any volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Ann Eddins volunteered. If you would like to serve, please contact Linda Sorenson.

Announcements: September 26 is the Official District Ten visit with the District Governor, Rhoda Struhs. If you need a book for you table for the SPF, please contact Lita.

Onions and Orchids were shared.

The drawing was held with Judy Weiszbrod being the winner.

The Benediction was recited and the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Nelda Barnes



District Ten Governor Rhoda Struhs visited our Club on September 26th - bringing greetings from the District Ten Board and other clubs.

In her report, Governor Struhs reviewed the International Convention and bylaws changes that were made at the convention. These changes include a dues increase of \$10 beginning in July 2008.

She also reported that all clubs in District Ten have been paired up in a Link-to-Link program, and our partner club is the Portales NM club. We will be reviewing and supporting one another's projects and activities throughout the year. For more information, be sure to read your District Ten Newsletter when it arrives!

Communications Committee -

The Communications Committee is in charge of the newsletter and updates on the website, among many other duties.

If you would like to see items in the newsletter, please send them to:
 alowetta@thinairmediasolutions.com or
 Call 921-3132

Updates to the web are made at a variety of times - Contact Lita for info updates

Dianne Sales is chair of the committee and is on top of all aspects of Communication, see her for other information!

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in great need of items of than the usual staples. These include juices, coffee, condiments, dressings, and baking items. If you can supply any of these, please bring to the next meeting.

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Altrusa Items are
Now stored at
Leading Edge Properties
Thanks to the
Paper Works for storing
Altrusa's belongings in the past!

Service Committee — Funds/Services Request form is available at Ruby's Floral or through Holly. The form is also on the Club's website, as is the Scholarship Application and the Impact letter.
www.altrusainternationalofdelta.com

Volunteers from the membership are needed to help deliver books two times per year to the DOC library. See Holly or anyone on the Service Committee for More information.

**Don't Forget!
Record your service hours in
the book at each meeting!
Also, sign ups are available
for Make A Difference Day
And
Sugar Plum Festival!**

Campbell's Labels for Education are still needed for elementary schools. These labels are used to get funds for a special need's playground and other projects.
Please turn your labels into
Service Committee.