

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi Ladies,

I hope that you are all staying warm and snug as it has been very cold. I am sure that all you skiers are happy with all the snow. If the wind just slows down a bit you can really enjoy it outside. I am hoping that my grandson can come up on his vacation and spend a couple of days so that he can enjoy Gunstock. He has been coming up here for years with his school doing night snowboarding and this being his last year in high school I am sure that he is going to want to get as much snowboarding in as possible. Next year he will be away in college and things change.

Everything is coming along with the Taste of the Lakes. The committees have been working on their assignments and Sue is feeling good about it.

I am hoping that we can have a good turn out for Spring Conference this year in Connecticut. All the information that you need is in the District Service Bulletin. Everyone should have received one by now and you will want to read it over carefully so that you know when you need to register by and if you would like to take part in any of the workshops. If this is your first time going to a Spring Conference you will want to go to the First Timer's Workshop at 11:00 a.m. on Friday Morning, April 27th. They also have some interesting speakers scheduled. And Saturday night is always fun. Hope to see you all there.

Just a reminder that the Meredith Birthday Party date has been changed to April 17th and the Carroll County Club has been invited to join us.

Shirley

IMPORTANT DATES

- Program Meeting- February 27th – Patrick's 5:30 p.m.
- Board Meeting – March 6th – Soda Shop 7:00 a.m.
- Business Meeting: - March 13th – BCNH 5:30 p.m.
- Program Meeting – March 27th – Patrick's 5:30 p.m.



**Altrusa of Laconia, NH
Business Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2007**

Shirley called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Amanda, Sue, Debbie, Laura, Val, Kathy, Brenda, Jean, Penny, Idelle, Carla, Sharon, Nancy, and Donna were in attendance.

Minutes from the January meeting were accepted.

Kathy presented the financial statement for January. Discussion regarding our benefits as members of the Chamber took place.

Penny presented correspondence, which included Taste responses and a thank you from LRGH for a donation for the new mammogram technology.

Amanda presented an ASTRA report – Amanda participated in a valentine making project with Natasha and four members. Natasha welcomed Amanda's participation. Amanda will be attending the next ASTRA meeting and hopes to recruit some of the members to participate in an Easter egg hunt for first graders at the elementary school that Amanda has committed to.

Sharon reported that there were 8 birthday celebrants and more than 50 residents in attendance at the birthday party at BCNH. Sharon was the only Altrusan present.

Sue reported that 18 restaurants have agreed to participate in the Taste. A meeting was held prior to tonight's business meeting and "everything is rolling along". Penny and Donna will have the Operations Sign Up Sheet at the program meeting.

GAA – Kathy reported that the committees met and the date is set for May 29th at LHS auditorium. The new name is "Girls Athletic Awards Evening" and letters will be sent home with the athletes explaining the new format hosted/ sponsored by Altrusa. The school declined our request to help with the refreshments. Altrusans will have a night of baking pre-prepared squares and cookies. In addition, 3 Sisters has offered to make two full sheet cakes for us for the event for \$80. Diane is preparing the program. No ads will be sold this year, as it is a transitional year with a very different format than in the past. (no banquet) The principal and athletic director will be notified that the trophy budget will be capped at \$525. Next GAA meeting to be held at 5:30 PM, April 12th at Eptam Plastics.

Literacy News – Six hundred books were donated to the Citizen for their Reading Fundraiser.

Meredith Birthday Party – PLEASE NOTE actual date is April 17th – Please update your calendars and note the change from our original posting. It will be held at Hart's and the Carroll County club has also been invited. Let's have strong attendance from our club!

Spring Conference in Ct – Our club voted to participate in the "Girl Scouts Beyond Bars" program fundraiser, this year's conference benefit. We will fill the supplied gift bag with items from a list for Donna, a 5 year old whose mother is currently incarcerated in CT. Diane and Shirley volunteered to shop for the items.

Shirley reminded the membership that the two delegates expenses are paid 100% by the club. The board also reminded that the first ten members who register will have their registration fee paid by the club.

Additionally, a meeting is being held at Hali's house Tuesday, February 20th, to write the award nomination submissions. Anyone with creative writing talent is encouraged to attend. Let's leave this year's conference with our bags as full of awards as they were last spring!!! Shirley asked for ideas for award submissions in addition to our MADD Prison literacy program submission.

Laura presented a request, Brenda motioned, Donna seconded, and the members voted "aye" that the club form a committee, who by way of an email, could quickly allocate funds on an as needed basis, to supply the Foster Parent Association with a gift donation for a child entering the foster system or exiting the system on their own due to their turning 18. For children entering the system it could be an item of their very own, representing some permanence in their life, such as a backpack or a book. Next, Laura presented, Nancy motioned, Sue seconded, and the members voted "aye" to allocate \$800 from the \$1300 balance in our TBD account for the committee.

Laura will be sending out information to members regarding the requirements of belonging to this committee, in the hopes of enlisting volunteers.

Nancy suggested that we schedule someone from this program as a program night speaker. Laura will follow up.

HAPPY DOLLARS –

Nancy announced that she has a new granddaughter. Mother and child are both doing fine.

Shirley announced that her first round of test results came back with no signs of cancer reoccurrence!

Donna announced that her good friend, Sharon Stewart, has been named NH Mother of the Year and will represent NH in Las Vegas in April for the national selection.

Shirley adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM .

Respectfully submitted by Donna M. Werda

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Altrusa Int'l of Laconia
 Financials
 January 2007
 Prepared By: Kathy Morin

Internal Funds (Operations)

Checking Account

Previous Balance	\$	4,963.31
Income		
Interest	\$	0.38
Member Meals	\$	256.00
Happy Dollars & Pin Fines		
Total Income	\$	256.38
Disbursements		
Patrick's Pub	\$	225.00
Total Disbursements	\$	225.00
Current Balance	\$	4,994.69

Savings Account

Previous Balance	\$	3,688.86
Income		
Interest	\$	1.57
Disbursements	\$	-
Current Balance	\$	3,690.43

Foundation Funds

Checking Account

Previous Balance	\$	4,209.12
Income		
Interest	\$	0.33
Donation - Employees of Laconia Electric	\$	320.00
Total Income	\$	320.33
Disbursements		
Total Disbursements	\$	-
Current Balance	\$	4,529.45



**CONGRATULATIONS
 Adrienne!**

ADRIENNE STEVENS, Director of Southern New Hampshire University's Laconia Center, receives the Jim Irwin Award for outstanding community service from last year's winner, Greg Dickinson, at the 88th annual Greater Laconia-Weirs Beach Chamber of Commerce dinner Thursday.

INSIDE ALTRUSA

Happy Birthday!

Shirley Mento February 2
Carla Peterson February 24

Food Drive Update from Sharon Shetler

Altrusa just received a letter from the Christ Life Food Pantry informing Altrusa of the upcoming Feinsein Food Drive, where during the months of March and April they collect food items and receive a share of one million dollars for food items received. Last year they received more than 6000 food items during those two months and received monies back from the Feinsein Fund. I am hoping that members will be thinking of donating food items during those months and I'll bring it up at the March business meeting. Any questions, just give me a call.



Keep this date open!

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