

ALTRUISTICALLY SPEAKING

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF LACONIA N. H.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi Ladies,

Well ladies here it is May, we got through the Taste of the Lakes very well and some of us went to Spring Conference. Those of us that went had a great time as usual. We came back with some great ideas that we will share with you throughout the coming year. One of the things that our club and almost every other club need to work on is getting our membership up. This is not something that is unique to Altrusa, but all organizations are having a problem getting new members. Volunteerism is down every where. One of the areas that the Connecticut Club has tapped into is the local teachers, both working and retired. It would be nice to have some teachers in our club that could help with our literacy projects. Lets all think about how we can contribute to our membership over the summer months.

We are all looking forward to some really nice weather so that we can get outside and plant our gardens. I know that I can't wait to get my hands dirty in my flower garden, I bought plants last week and they are sitting in my garage just waiting to jump outside. Yes summer is coming.

I am sorry that I was not able to be at the wine tasting that Penny and Gloria had planned. I am sure that you all had a good time and Penny promised me that she would have a glass of wine for me.

Thank you all.

Shirley



An Altrusa Minute...

Altrusa is an expression
Of the search for the best in character, in business,
And in citizenship.
~ Mamie L. Bass

Altrusa Int'l of Laconia
Business Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2007
SNHU, Gilford, NH

Shirley called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Amanda, Sue, Diane, Debbie, Elaine, Kathy, Hali, Brenda, Jean, Judy, Sharon, Idelle, Nancy, Linda, Doreen and Donna were in attendance. There were no guests this month.

Minutes from the March meeting were accepted.

Kathy presented the financial statement for April.

Shirley reported on the birthday honorees at BCNH this month.

Shirley also presented correspondence. We received a thank you note from the Girl Scout Troop in CT for the bag of items we donated at Spring Conference.

Laura reported that the next Foster Care meeting is tomorrow night in Meredith.

Kathy reported that "we are ready" for the GAA recognition evening. It is May 29th at LHS at 6:30 PM. Nancy agreed to make a special presentation to Coach Garside, the field hockey coach who is retiring after many, many years of coaching at LHS (who had also coached Nancy's daughters).

Sue requested that members email any suggestions for next year's Taste of the Lakes event to her. She would also like the committee chairs to send her an outline with timeline of their committee's responsibilities.

Program Committee –
May 15 is Wine-tasting Party at Hali's house. Penny needs a head count by this Friday. Brenda suggested additional finger foods be brought. Nancy suggested and there was a consensus that Penny be contacted to confirm what food items was planned.

June 26 at Castle in the Clouds – Cocktail Party from 5 to 8 with a cash bar and appetizers. Steve Patterson will be the entertainment. We will be installing two new officers and initiating 1 new mem-

ber. The scholarship recipients will be invited. Members plus one guest are complimentary also. Penny needs a head count by June 22. Everyone is directed to drive up the road marked carriage House and not the main tourist entrance.

The Yearbook Committee met last night. Forms were distributed at tonight's meeting for changes to be made for the new yearbook.

Spring Conference – was another good time and informative weekend! A slideshow of photos was presented, thanks to Jean and Laura. We received awards for 3rd place for attendance and 3rd place for our Mamie L Bass entry, which was for our GAA sponsorship.

International Conference - Shirley needs a delegate volunteer by May 1st.

Please give all of your saved wine bottle corks to Doreen ASAP.

Happy Dollar Announcements – Diane is moved into her new house!! Congratulations Diane!

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Donna M. Werda



**Altrusa International of Laconia
Financial Statement
April 2007**

Internal Funds (Operations)

Checking Account

Previous Balance	\$ 5,031.60
Income	
Interest	\$ 0.41
Member Meals	\$ -
Happy Dollars & Pin Fines	\$ 3.00
Member Taste Tickets	\$ 350.00
Dues	\$ 765.00
Name tags	\$ 8.00
Total Income	\$ 1,126.41
Disbursements	
Littletown Trophies	\$ 8.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 8.00
Current Balance	\$ 6,150.01

Savings Account

Previous Balance	\$ 3,693.42
Income	
Interest	\$ 1.57
Disbursements	\$ -
Current Balance	\$ 3,694.99

Foundation Funds

Checking Account

Previous Balance	\$ 16,464.96
Income	
Interest	\$ 1.20
Taste Ticket Sales	\$ 250.00
Contigiani's Catering	\$ 423.00
Total Income	\$ 674.20
Disbursements	
Clearview Realty	\$ 350.00
Taylor Rental	\$ 91.00
Taste Decorations/Programs	\$ 162.20
Spaulding Youth Center	\$ 500.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 1,103.20
Current Balance	\$ 16,035.96

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Morin
Treasurer

Cook's Corner.....



**GLAZED STRAWBERRY
PIE**

RECIPE INGREDIENTS

For the Crust:

- 1 cup lightly toasted walnuts
- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs (from about 8 whole crackers)
- 2 tablespoons (packed) golden brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons honey

For the Strawberries:

- 3 pounds strawberries, hulled, divided
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoon unsalted butter
- Whipped cream

FOR THE CRUST: Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Process walnuts, graham cracker crumbs, brown sugar and salt in food processor until walnuts are finely ground. Melt butter with honey in small pan. Pour butter mixture over crumbs and process until crumbs are moist. Press crumb mixture evenly over bottom and sides of 9-inch-diameter pie dish. Bake until just set and golden brown, about 10 minutes. Cool completely.

FOR THE STRAWBERRIES: Cut 2 pounds strawberries into quarters if large, or halves if small. Measure 1 1/2 cups quartered strawberries into bar blender. Place remaining quartered strawberries in large bowl. Add sugar, water and cornstarch to strawberries in blender; puree until smooth. Transfer puree to heavy medium saucepan. Stir over medium heat until mixture thickens and boils, about 8 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in lemon juice then butter, stirring until butter is incorporated. Pour glaze over quartered strawberries in bowl; fold gently to coat strawberries. Transfer strawberries to crust, mounding evenly in center.

Cut remaining 1 pound strawberries in half and arrange over top of pie. Refrigerate until set, about 3 hours.

DO-AHEAD TIP: Can be prepared 1 day ahead. Cover and keep refrigerated.

Cut pie into wedges and serve with whipped cream.



Altrusa Tidbits

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SUBJECT: CAREER EXCHANGE 2008

District Fifteen extends an invitation to Altrusans to participate in the Career Exchange program. The Career Exchange would be for the year 2008 when District Fifteen Conference is to be held in Rotorua, with the reciprocal visit to the District of the successful applicant in 2008.

The closing date for applications is 18th August 2007, and the successful applicant would be notified by mid October 2007.

*Application forms may also be downloaded from the District Fifteen Website:-
www.altrusa.org.nz*

Applications should be sent to -
Patricia O'Donnell
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Happy Birthday!

Jean Vaillancourt May 9th

Did you know.....
The month of May is:

**NATIONAL MILITARY
APPRECIATION MONTH**
**Thank a US Service man today
and show your appreciation!**



Altrusa At Work!

JOINT SERVICE PROJECT HONORING NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH!

The Altrusa International of Laconia and Altrusa International of Meredith New Hampshire clubs have joined together to begin an ongoing community service project assisting Foster Care children and families in Belknap County. Our first initiative was to present 10 Foster Care Packs to Belknap County's Foster/Adoptive Parent Association's President, Shawn Hamel. The packs contain comfort and personal items for children transitioning into foster care and encompass young school age children through high school. Our clubs will be working together over the coming months to increase the scope of this project.

Photo caption: Presenting the bags to Shawn are (from left to right): Jodi Wilson, Ceil Andrews, Shawn Hamel, Hilda Schmidt, Sue Clauson, Shirley Mento and Sharon Shetler.



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