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Monthly Newsletter



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

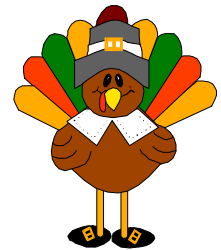
Hi Ladies,

Well here it is November and soon we will all be getting ready for Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a great time to be thankful for everything that we have. We are very fortunate to have a loving family, close friends, a warm home, food on the table and our health. There are many people around the world that do not have that to be thankful for, so it is a good time of the year just to reflect.

October was a busy month with Make a Difference Day and our Internal Auction. The committees worked very hard to make both of these events a great success and they deserve our thanks. Thank you very much for your hard work.

November is proving to be another busy month. We have the Craft Fair coming up on November 17th and the Holiday Parade on the 25th. Both of these are fund raisers and we are hoping that we can make some money on each of them. We know that these are hard times for many people in the work force with the price of gas escalating and Christmas coming on, but we are optimistic that we will do well.

Next month we will be having a visit from our District Governor, Terri Houston, and when she comes I hope that many of you will be able to attend and give her a warm reception. I am not sure yet if she will be coming to our business meeting or our Holiday Party. She had planned to come to our business meeting but the dates will be changing. I will keep you all posted.



Hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Shirley

Altrusa Thought For The Day

"In organizations, real power and energy is generated through relationships. The patterns of relationships and the capacities to form them are more important than tasks, functions, roles, and positions."

Margaret Wheatley
Leadership and the New Science

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Board Meeting December 4th 7am Soda Shoppe
Holiday Party December 11th 5:30 Nancy Leroy's



Altrusa Int'l of Laconia
Business Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2007
SNHU, Gilford, NH



Shirley called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The meeting was well attended by members. There were no guests in attendance. Judi Shaw was initiated into the club. Sue coordinated this special event. Laura sponsored Judi and pinned Judi during the ceremony.

Debbie motioned, Carla seconded, and an aye vote was cast to accept the meetings from the last business meeting. Kathy presented the financial reports for the month.

Shirley presented correspondence. We received a Thank You note from the Laconia Library for sponsoring the Summer Reading Program. We received a donation request from LRGH for the digital mammography machine. Debbie motioned, Doreen seconded, and an aye vote was cast in favor of donating \$250. We tabled a donation request from The Spaulding Youth Center until our springtime dispersment period. We received a certificate of appreciation for our involvement in the Adopt-A-Spot Program. We received two letters of introduction from new Chamber of Commerce members. Donna will follow up with Karen at Embroidery Plus regarding info to her about Altrusa of Laconia. Shirley reported that there were 10 birthdays celebrated at BCNH this month.

Laura presented info for the Foster Care Committee. The next meeting will be 11/15 at 5:30 PM at the Meredith Library. There was a review of assistance that was provided to a young pregnant woman, exiting the program and going on her own. If anyone has furniture to donate, please contact Laura or Sharon. Sharon had lists of gift items needed for older children in the program for holiday gift giving. Members who were interested in making personal donations were encouraged to take a copy of the list. Gifts should be brought to our Holiday Party on 12/11 in order for Laura and Sharon to deliver them to the program's coordinator.

Doreen presented that the cork wreaths are complete and ready for the craft fair. Large wreaths will be priced at \$35 and small ones at \$25. Sold wreaths will be "wrapped" in clear bags closed with Altrusa ties.

Shirley announced that this month's program meeting at Patrick's will include a guest speaker from Community Health and Hospice.

We had a nice article in the Citizen for our MADD project at the library. The Sun and Chamber newsletter also featured articles about it.

Jean was contacted by the Boys and Girls Club and is starting the process of becoming a board member for that organization. Jean is hoping for a potential link to form a viable ASTRA club. Debbie mentioned that Shaw's receipts earn 1% for the organization.

Diane reported that the Holiday Parade plans are coming together nicely, with a lot of interest and a variety of groups who will be participating. Diane reminded Kathy that we need a cert. of insurance for our involvement in the event. A sign-up sheet for volunteer workers was passed around. The next meeting of the Parade committee is tomorrow morning at Chamber headquarters.

This year's Holiday Party will be 12/11 at Nancy's house. A Yankee Swap (as done last year) is planned for all interested persons. Hec-

tor's will be catering dinner, which will be served at 6PM. Committee members are providing the desserts. Terri Houston will be attending. There will be no other general membership meeting in December.

Donna reported on the successful MADD project at Laconia Library, which was an event sponsored by the Literacy Committee. The Pleasant Street School first graders authored 3 books, and Altrusa printed copies for each child. Each story was read by an Altrusan, refreshments were served, books and crayons were distributed to the children in attendance. A nice number of children, parents, and teachers were present. Amanda coordinated with the school teachers and the children's librarian for this event. Donna also reported that Betty the Bookworm will be evolving during the next year, so members should be on the look out for this new member.

Kathy made a motion, Donna seconded, and an aye vote resulted to donate \$500 worth of gift certificates to Sue Noyes for her terrific job setting up our website. Kathy also reported that a \$120 donation was made to Making Strides against Breast Cancer (from last year's voided/uncashed check to Making Strides). Thanks to Debbie Cotton and Penny Francosi for helping to make this happen.

Several membership ideas, including passing out Altrusa business cards, were discussed.

Monday, 12/11 from 6 to 7:30 PM, ALtrusa members will be manning the phones at the WLNH Children's Auction. This block of time was provided to us by Eptam Plastics. A sign-up sheet was completed. The Laconia Library Holiday Party will be 12/13 at 3:30 PM. Members are invited to attend.

Amanda will confirm with Warren regarding the antique car show next summer.

District is looking to fill a board position. The eligibility requirement of the open position is that the candidate be a Past President from a club in the district. Hope presented a Happy Dollar along with the announcement that she will be a great grandmother in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 7PM.
Respectfully submitted by Donna Werda



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Altrusa Int'l of Laconia
 Financials
 October 2007
 Prepared by: Kathy Morin, Treasurer

Cook's Corner.....

Internal Funds (Operations)

Checking Account

Previous Balance	\$	3,381.04
Income		
Program Meal 9/07	\$	16.00
Auction Revenue	\$	778.00
Interest	\$	0.26
Program Meal	\$	216.00
Happy \$	\$	3.00
Pin Fines	\$	3.00
Total Income	\$	1,016.26

Disbursements

Total Disbursements	\$	-
Current Balance	\$	4,397.30

Savings Account

Previous Balance	\$	3,702.74
Income		
Interest	\$	1.52
Disbursements	\$	-
Current Balance	\$	3,702.74

Foundation Funds

Checking Account

Previous Balance	\$	4,439.96
Income		
Interest	\$	0.35
Total Income	\$	0.35
Disbursements		
Total Disbursements	\$	-
Current Balance	\$	4,440.31



INSIDE LACONIA ALTRUSA



Please join us.....
Annual Holiday Party
December 11th
Nancy LeRoy's house
Cocktails = 5:30 pm
Dinner to be served 6:00 pm

Happy Birthday!

Donna Werda November 21st



Thank you to all who participated
In this years Holiday Parade!
Special note of thanks
To member Diane Gaynor
For all her extra effort.
~The Membership

Traveling soon?

Check out the Altrusa Travel page at
<http://www.ytbtravel.com/altrusa>

In the News

District One held a one day workshop hosted by the Meredith Altrusa club in Meredith NH on Sat. November 3. There were approximately 55 Altrusa members from clubs all across the district in attendance including seven Laconia Altrusans.

The day started with an Altrusa 101 session where several of our District One officers presented information about what is happening in the district and what Altrusa has to offer it's members. There was also time given for any club to share upcoming events and ongoing fund-raising items for their local club.

The day continued with several different smaller workshops you could choose from and ended with a presentation on the FISH philosophy.

It was a great day and a wonderful chance to renew relationships with Altrusans from around the district.



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