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ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF LACONIA N. H.

September 2007

Monthly Newsletter

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi Ladies,

Well here we are in the middle of September and we are starting a new year of service work and fun with Altrusa. We had a very good business meeting on Tuesday night. It was good to see so many of our members able to make the first meeting. For those who were unable to make the meeting we really missed seeing you and hope to see you soon.

We passed out the Year Books for 2007-2008 and if anyone would like another one the cost is \$5.00. I would like you all to look and see what committees that you are on and make plans to get together to discuss what you are going to do this year. One of our goals is to increase membership so we are looking for ideas on how to do that.

Doreen and Jean are co-chairs for Fund Raising and Doreen has scheduled a meeting this coming Wednesday night to get together to start making the cork wreaths that she showed us last year. We will be having a table at the Belknap County Nursing Home in November. They have graciously offered us a table free.

Diane Gaynor has already started getting things ready for the Holiday Parade. Her husband is making food and freezing it for us. We should make him a member of Altrusa.

Carroll County has put together a catalog of gifts for sale as one of their fund raisers. I brought the catalog to the meeting. If anyone wishes to see it I would be happy to get together with you. All orders must be received by 11/15/07.

We discussed many things and you will see the meeting minutes.

Enjoy this beautiful weather and I will see you

Shirley



them all in

all soon.



IMPORTANT DATES!

- **Program Meeting** September 25th 5:30 p.m.
- **Board Meeting** October 2nd 7:00 a.m.
- **Breast Cancer Awareness Day**
October 6th 10-2pm Tanger Outlet
- **Business Meeting** October 9th 5:30 p.m. BCNH
- **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY** October 27th

**Altrusa Int'l of Laconia
Business Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2007**

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM.

Attended by: Shirley, Kathy, Amanda, Penny, Nancy, Doreen, Laura, Gloria, Linda, Judy, Idelle, Sue, Sharon, Jean, Diane, Brenda & Deb.

A moment of silence was observed to remember the victims of 9/11.

Guest Introductions: Laura introduced her guest, and mom, Judy Shaw.

Minutes of Last Business Meeting were accepted: Sue made the motion, Penny seconded, motion carried.

The Financial report was presented by Kathy.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jeff DeFrancisco of The Citizen wrote to ask if Altrusa would sponsor a classroom newspaper again this year. This will be presented at the Board Meeting.

Mary Garside sent a Thank You note for the recognition we gave her at the GAA Night.

Community Health & Hospice thanked us for our donation. The money will be used in the Young Family Program.

Scholarship Recipients sent thank you notes for our presentations. They enjoyed coming to our meeting at Castle In The Clouds.

Carroll County sent Shirley one of their catalogs and an order form. They are selling locally made items as a fundraiser. Anyone interested in seeing the catalog should contact Shirley.

Portland Club sent info on their fundraiser: Sat. 10/21, Bob Marley is performing. Cost is 17.50 per person.

Lakes Region General Hospital and Tanger Outlets is holding Breast Cancer Awareness Day on Saturday, 10/6. It will include mini massages and other things that appeal to women. Sue has thought about doing something similar as a way to promote Altrusa to local women, but she is unavailable on 10/6, so Shirley will check on the possibility of Altrusa taking part. Shirley will also attend the event for ideas.

District One Fall Seminar: Saturday, 11/3. More info to come.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Belknap County Nursing Home: 12 Birthdays this month.

Foster Care: Next meeting will be Wednesday 9/19, 5:30 PM at the Nursing Home. The committee is attempting to find a storage place so items for Young Adults setting up apartments can be collected until needed.

Program Committee: Our first Program meeting will be held at Patrick's on 9/25. Instead of a speaker, members will share stories of what they did this summer.

A motion was made by Brenda to raise the price of dinner at Patrick's to \$16.00 (\$15 going to Patrick's and \$1 going to the club). Penny seconded. Motion was past.

Holiday Parade/Hot dog sales: Diane and her husband, Lou, have already started planning food for the fundraiser. Diane feels the Downtown needs help-the area was not festive last year. She plans to attend a meeting they are having on 10/4, 7:00 PM, at the Belknap Mill. Everyone is invited to attend and provide feedback to the Main Street Committee.

Volunteers for the fundraiser are: Laura, Shirley, Amanda, Debby and Sue. If you would like to help, let Diane know.

International Convention in Florida: Penny gave a brief report and will be sending out a summary. A \$10.00 increase in dues was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Make a Difference Day is on 10/27/07. Shirley contacted Gail at the Laconia Library for ideas and Amanda may have some ideas.

Pin Fines: Amanda agreed to collect the pin fines and happy dollars when Elaine is unable to attend our meetings.

Craft Fair: The Nursing Home is holding their Craft Fair on 11/17/07, 9-3:00. The fee of \$20.00/table has been waived for us because we do so much for the residents.

Doreen and Jean are the committee chairs. They plan to work on cork wreaths soon and will e-mail a time and location for getting together.

Making Strides: Date of the walk is 10/14, but Altrusa voted at a previous meeting not to have a team this year. Penny is on a committee and working in the Survivor Tent. Shetler Photography will be taking pictures of survivors.

OLD BUSINESS

Library sponsorship: During the summer Amanda attended several programs at the Library and told us that the "Little Red Wagon", which Altrusa sponsored, was "very cute".

Public Relations: We continue to have problems with publication of our press releases in the Citizen. Nancy will contact John Howe or Mike Mortenson to see what can be done. Diane also has contacts that she works with during Bike Week. Jean will be the contact for future press releases.

Membership: We need to increase membership! Everyone was asked to think of ideas on how we can promote our club and find new members.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Diane has a Granddaughter on the way. The due date is 12/27.

Doreen's daughter is getting engaged.

Shirley's youngest grandson received a \$30,000 scholarship to Clark University in Worcester, MA.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

ALTRUSA HAPPENINGS

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ORLANDO, FLORIDA JULY 13-16, 2007

I had the pleasure to represent Altrusa of Laconia, Inc at the International Convention this year along with Adrienne Stevens. The program was full and there wasn't much time for site seeing at Disney World, but we all managed to get some in. The weather was HOT and we had a few heavy rains almost every day but just for a little while.

I arrived, got settled in my room and then wandered around the hotel to get my bearings. Friday evening was the opening ceremonies and they were lovely. Saturday, Sunday and Monday's business meetings brought about the following changes:

The proposed by law changes were passed with minimal debate.

The proposed increase in dues was passed. There will be a \$10 increase for 2008-2009.

Restructuring of the Board of Directors was passed, which means there will be no Second VP and only 4 Directors.

Budget: There was quite a long debate on this year's budget because the budget committee presented and unbalanced budget. After long discussions, suggestions, proposals etc. A motion was made that the budget be sent back to the committee for additional work and to return a balanced budget when session resumed. When session was called back to order, a revised and balanced budget was presented and adopted.

Election of officers was held and our own District One Sandy LaBonte was elected to the Nominating Committee. Congrats Sandy. Our new International President is Zaida Perez-Mendez and it promises to be a hopping good term. She is full of energy and likes to party too!!!

Sue Swanton and Christine Tuffnell did a wonderful presentation on their travels and experiences during Altrusa Exchange Program.

I attended the Embracing the Leader Within workshop and unfortunately wasn't able to attend any others.

The total number of attendees was 289 with voting privilege and 33 other attendees.

Altrusa is a wonderful organization and there should be more participation by all clubs, including ours, because the networking, ideas and friendship is priceless.

Thank you my Altrusa sisters for sending me I had a great time.
Thanks again,
Penny

Happy Birthday!

Terri Crane	Sept 6
Valerie Drouin	Sept 19
Nancy LeRoy	Sept 22
Pat Baldi	Sept 26
Judy Smith	Sept 28
Janet Littlefield	Sept 30



The picture above was taken at our June Meeting at the Castle in the Clouds. Left to right, Diane Gaynor, Altrusa Director, Scholarship recipients Danielle Pauquette, Dianne Zawacki, Ann Marie Gauthie & Shirley Mento, President of Altrusa of Laconia.

This year we were happy to be able to award five scholarships to women that were going on to higher education in their chosen careers. Three of them came to our program night at the Castle in the Clouds. It was a great evening for everyone that was there. We were given a private tour of the Castle and we enjoyed some fine food out on the patio of the Carriage House.

This evening was a thank you to all of our members also that have worked so hard during the course of the year to raise money for the many service projects that we help.

We also want to thank all of the people involved in the Taste of the Lakes Region that Altrusa sponsors in April, the Restaurants and also all the five hundred people that buy tickets to this event. It is because of all of you that we are able to give back to the communities that we all live in.

Thank You.



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