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Altrusa International Inc. of Laconia, New Hampshire, USA

President's Message

Dear Altrusa Sisters,

It gives me great pleasure to report we now have a full Board! Although for a while there it felt like "pulling teeth" to make it happen, with the cooperation of Nancy, Brenda and new director, dentist Dr. Lisa, the extractions from member to board positions were virtually painless. I look forward to tapping into the leadership skills of each of you to insure the success of our club in the future. As mentioned at the last business meeting, a new format for chairing committees is being established for the Taste and I would like to see that format copied for our regular committees. It's time to branch out ladies if you've been on the same committee/committees for a long time. Learn what your other sisters have been doing and, at the same time, give them an opportunity to walk in your shoes for a bit. In other words, step out of your comfort zone. Being in this position has put me outside of mine and it's not all that scary because of your support. That support is the glue that binds us and will keep us strong in our individual club endeavors when we venture into unfamiliar territory.

Diane

Club Motto:

Leaders in Service

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING

Cookbook Fundraiser, By Lisa Singh

Ladies, put on your Chef hats!

We are beginning to create our Altrusa cookbook and are currently collecting recipes from YOU!

Please email Diane your all-time favorite, crowd-pleaser recipes by [FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4th](#).

Remember to include:

- 1) Title of recipe
- 2) Ingredients and measurements
- 3) Directions
- 4) Number of servings (approx.)
- 5) A line or two about why this recipe is special to you or how it relates to the Lakes Region, etc.

With your help, this community fundraiser will be a huge success!

Upscale Resale Party, By Lisa Singh

This Internal fundraiser will be held in the Spring, so please start thinking about it as you clean out your closets!

You may have a seldom worn dress, a little-used handbag, or perhaps a scarf or costume jewelry that you no longer use. Please donate them for our "Upscale Resale Party".

Bring your unwanted (but GENTLY USED/ LIKE NEW) better ladies clothing and accessories to the next few Altrusa business meetings and events. This coming Spring, we will hold an "Upscale Resale Party" where we can shop all donated items, which will be sold at bargain prices. The money raised stays with the club for our internal funds and anything that isn't bought (or is not appropriate for the sale) will then be donated to a local community closet.

A great way to do some Spring Cleaning, boost our internal funds, help the community and have fun!"

Literacy Committee Report , By Judi Shaw

In December, Donna Werda brought to our attention that the NH Veterans home was in dire need of extra shelf space for their Library. Books were stacked almost 5 feet high on book shelves and piled along the floor in front of the shelves making it difficult, if not impossible, for residents confined to wheelchairs to gain access to most of the offerings. A meeting was held with administration and the facilities manager along with a representative from the prison industries division to design a workable solution which would provide additional shelving without diminishing existing wheelchair access. As a result, a plan was devised which would provide an additional 10 feet of 31 inch high bookshelves and a nine slot newspaper cabinet all custom made of solid oak with a 3 piece oak laminate countertop system for the very reasonable price of \$1,441.00, including delivery and setup. Stay tuned for before and after photos!

We continue to provide books to the birthing center as part of our reading from the cradle project.

Barbara, Sue and Judi are in the process of writing a grant application to get Betty's book published and in the hands of young readers.

Minutes of Business Meeting

Recorded by Maureen Sanborn, Recording Secretary

**Altrusa of Laconia, NH
Business Meeting
January 11.2011
St James Episcopal Church**

Present: Adrienne, Amanda, Barbara, Carla, Diane, Donna, Gloria, Jan, Jane, Judi, Laura, Lisa, Marcia, Maureen, Nancy, Penny, Sharon, Shirley, Sue, Tracie

Call to Order: 5:35 PM

Minutes of December 2010 Business Meeting: Motion to approve by Diane, Carla 2nd

Treasurer's Report: Accepted

Correspondence: Received yearly bill for Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce dues, as well as an invitation to attend their Annual Event. Discussion ensued; a motion that the club would pay for 2 members to attend was made by Donna, Nancy 2nd. After discussion, the motion was amended by Donna to send one club member. Laura 2nd. The club voted unanimously to accept.

Reports:

Literacy: The committee voted to proceed with the bookcase project for the Veterans Home. The birthing center at LRGH received 50 books this month; it is time to look for more books. The committee will have the book sale again this Spring, donations will be gladly accepted. Barbara was approached to donate funds for two homeless women to purchase books for classes; see under new business.

Fundraising: The Cookbook Committee met last week; Lisa asked the club to collect recipes for a prototype book, and give to the committee by 2/11. This project may expand to include recipes from local restaurants. Please furnish the following with the recipe: title, ingredients, directions, servings and any interesting background story. This may be used as both an external and internal project. Lisa also asked the club to begin searching for items to donate for the "gently used clothing" project in April. This will be an internal fundraiser. She volunteered to store items at her house.

Program: The January meeting will be held at the Boys and Girls Club at Our Lady of the Lakes Church. David Parker, Executive Director, will provide discussion and tour with dinner included for \$15. We may swap the February and March meetings, and April will be held at St James. Amanda is looking for ideas for our end of the year meeting, members were asked to contact her with suggestions.

Foster Care: Maureen will contact Sylvia D of the Meredith Club for information regarding any upcoming projects and the June Picnic. She will schedule a meeting for our club's committee.

Taste: Amanda brought Committee sheets; a few revisions have been made, and members have been contacted regarding the changes. A suggestion was made to have all committees use the following protocol: if you are vice chair this year, you will be chair next year, and then join a new committee to gain experience with all. Posters will be ready next week; will be updated as restaurants are added. Please see/contact Laura for tickets. We have the opportunity to advertise in the Chambers next edition of their Connect magazine; full page flyer is \$75, 1000 copies will need to be made. Judi motioned to accept; Sue 2nd. Discussion followed. Diane suggested a mass email to all on the Chambers mailing list; Amanda mentioned that it might limit the number of people who actually use the email. Members voted unanimously to accept the motion. Laura volunteered the paper, Amanda will print out flyers. Amanda gave a heads up to the Publicity Committee that the radio station offered to interview restaurant chefs weekly, or once daily one week to help with advertising for the Taste. The committee will discuss this.

New Business:

Diane would like to implement the new Taste Committees format for the club's general committees, also. Discussion followed. Barbara mentioned that all Chairs for the Taste Committees met last year as a group to discuss the event, and wondered if that will take place this year. Amanda will set a meeting and notify the Chairs of the date, time and location. Diane suggested changing the date for membership; last year's June date did not seem to be appropriate. Discussion followed; the date will be changed this year. Barbara was approached by Michael Brien to see if the club would donate funds for two homeless women that attend Lakes Region Community College. The money would be targeted for text books. Discussion followed; the club decided that it would be more appropriate for the women to apply for scholarship money this Spring. No Happy Dollars or Pin fines.

Install New Officers: Lisa Singh was installed a Director, and Nancy LeRoy was installed as Parliamentarian.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM



BIRTHDAY GIRLS

Shirley Mento
Annie Hodapp
Carla Peterson

February 2nd
February 8th
February 24th

Governor-Elect
Susannah Leslie
Has changed her email to:
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*Please remember that the
deadline for Newsletter
Information is the 25th of
each month!*

District One Information

From the District Service Bulletin:

CONFERENCE IS COMING!

WHEN: April 15 – 17, 2011

WHERE: The Radisson Hotel in Plymouth, MA
 Altrusa International Inc. of Plymouth County is planning a wonderful Conference! We invite everyone to come early and stay late! For the early arrivals on Thursday, April 14th there will be an event in the evening that will surely be unusual and very different! For all of the busy hands we will have a “hands-on” service project Friday afternoon and a great tour of the “famous” Church of the Pilgrimage right in the center of Plymouth! District is planning exciting workshops and a dynamic speaker on Saturday. Don’t forget the Installation on Saturday evening! Should be festive! More information will follow

For more information about District One, visit the website at www.district1.com.

International Information

2011 Altrusa International Convention

July 22-25, 2011

Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center
 2111 North LaCrosse Street
 Rapid City, South Dakota 57701
 (605) 343-8550

For more information check out the Altrusa International website at www.altrusa.com

Foundation Information

Through the **Foundation Grants Program**, the Foundation provides assistance to individuals and helps Altrusa clubs carry out the independent programs of community service with funds for vocational assistance; graduate school assistance to international students from developing countries; literacy projects; and community service projects sponsored by local Altrusa clubs.

Grants range from \$250 to \$2,000 based on need and funds available, and are subject to specific selection criteria.

If you would like to make a donation visit the website at:

www.altrusa.com/foundation

Dates To Remember

February 3, 2011	Board Meeting, 7:00 at The Soda Shoppe
February 8, 2011	Business Meeting, 5:30 at St. James Episcopal Church
February 22, 2011	Taste Meeting, 5:30 at St. James Episcopal Church (Brown bag dinner)
March 3, 2011	Board Meeting, 7:00 at The Soda Shoppe
March 8, 2011	Business Meeting, 5:30 at St. James Episcopal Church
March 15, 2010	Deadline for Grant Submission
April 2, 2011	Set-up for the Taste
April 3, 2011	Taste of the Lakes Fundraiser
April 15-17, 2011	Spring Conference, Radisson Hotel, Plymouth, MA
July 22-25, 2011	Int'l Convention, Rapid City, South Dakota
July 2013	Int'l Convention, New Zealand