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Altrusa International Inc. of Laconia, New Hampshire, USA

President's Message

Hello Ladies!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer enjoying the weather, bonding with children and grandchildren and finding time to relax in your busy schedules.

I feel the Club's empowerment since we tapered our criteria at the last meeting to help us better share the load and put renewed focus on Literacy. Altrusa International has made changes as well. For those who haven't yet checked out their website, here's an excerpt of the message from President Donna Garretson concerning new goals:

"We are experiencing exciting times as Altrusans. As we grow and thrive we'll take our collective energies, talents and dreams to the next level by embracing the new brand and employing new tools and tactics especially created for us. We want to be known in our community as THE CLUB to become an active part of because we fulfill the volunteering needs.

Our logo, word mark and positioning statement have been trademarked for the exclusive use of Altrusa. We can clearly position Altrusa as the organization that is truly Leading to a Better Community. This is our organization's statement that we can proudly use throughout the world. We will raise local awareness of Altrusa.

By engaging community leaders we demonstrate commitment to our communities and will be in a better position to identify new opportunities for community enrichment. "

I look forward to seeing you all soon so we can get started on our journey of enriching ourselves, our Club and the community.

Diane

Club Motto:

Leaders in Service

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING

Cookbook

The cookbook committee has been meeting throughout the summer. They need everyone's assistance. Each member should submit at least one recipe. Please ask family and friends too! But don't hesitate – the deadline is near!

LITERACY UPDATE

From Barbara DeAngelis



On the beautiful evening of July 16, Betty went to the Laconia Muskrats game. She joined other local mascots from Gunstock, the Red Sox, the Lobster Pound (and of course the Muskrat!) as a guest on a night when the Muskrats won 7-0 in an exciting game for those who watched. Twenty-eight (28) of our books BETTY THE BOOKWORM VISITS THE LIBRARY were handed out to young readers along with small packages of multi-colored gummy worms. Unfortunately Betty could not run in the "mascot race" because she does not have legs! It would have been a long and strenuous crawl. Thank you to Sue who coordinated this event for us.

On the very hot and humid day of July 23, the Lobster Pound parking lot at Weirs Beach was the setting for our second annual used book sale. We had tons of books! Braving the heat was coordinator Tracie Grant who did a wonderful job of organizing the event. It was felt by all Altrusans who helped out that the weather was a detrimental factor that day. \$115.25 in sales were reported. Unsold books are currently stored in Debbie Cotton's basement, awaiting plans for another used book sale which may be planned for the fall.

Convention 2011

Delegates Laura Cameron and Brenda Tillotson attended Altrusa's International Convention In South Dakota in July.



District 1
2011 Altrusa Convention - Rapid City, SD

Minutes of Business Meeting

Recorded by Maureen Sanborn, Recording Secretary

**Altrusa International of Laconia, Inc.
Business Meeting 6/14/11
Laconia Electric, Laconia, NH**

Present: Adrienne, Amanda, Barbara, Carla, Diane, Debbie, Gloria, Jane, Jean, Laura, Lisa, Marcia, Maureen, Nancy, Shirley, Sue, Tracie

Excused: Brenda

CALL TO ORDER: 5:40 PM

Minutes of May 2011 Business Meeting: Motion to approve made by Amanda, Carla 2nd.

Treasurer's Report: May 2011 statement was accepted by the club.

Clothing Drive: Leftover items (183) were given to More 2 Luv consignment store. The club will receive 50% commission on all items sold.

Correspondence: Two scholarship applications were received too late to be considered. Adrienne will send a letter to the applicants advising them of the status.

2011-2012 Proposed Budget: A negative \$1,713 budget was proposed by Laura for Internal Funds. This is due to the fact that 2 members will be attending the International Convention this year. The line item was taken out of the budget 4 years ago. A motion to take funds from the club's saving account to add to Internal Funds was made by Adrienne, and Nancy 2nd. The club voted to accept. A motion to then accept the amended budget of \$187 was made by Nancy, and Amanda 2nd. Funds from Piggy Sue (\$100) were added under Miscellaneous to complete the Total.

The Foundation Account had many highlighted areas to be discussed by the club; these were the items yet to be dispersed. A motion was made by Shirley, and 2nd by Debbie to apply an extra \$500 to the Dr. Alice Normandin and the Rose Emery scholarships since no applications were received for the Katherine Daigneault scholarship. It was then discovered that no line item was available for the Stevens/Normandin Scholarship; a motion was made by Adrienne to apply the \$1,000 designated for the Katherine Daigneault scholarship to the Stevens/Normandin Scholarship recipient. The motion was 2nd by Debbie, and approved by the club.

Laura informed the club she was notified by the Meredith club that Linda Deneau from DCYF is requesting funds to send a foster child to the WMCA this summer. The Meredith club is donating \$114 for one week of camp, and the club was asked to contribute. Laura proposed taking \$60 from the \$200 budgeted for 4-H Assoc. and \$60 from the \$200 budgeted for the Boys & Girls Club. This would allow \$140 to be disbursed to each of the organizations, and would allow for \$114 to be budgeted sending the foster child to the YMCA for one week. Barbara 2nd. Discussion followed, and the club approved the motion with Nancy abstaining. Sue recommended that the line item for Belknap County Nursing Home Birthday Party be earmarked in writing for entertainment.

Disbursements for Literacy included \$400 for three area libraries, and Laconia Adult Ed. Barbara made the motion to give each of the organizations an additional \$100 from the LRGH Book Project, as the committee will not be able to spend that amount before the end of June. Adrienne 2nd, and the club approved. This will bring the library totals to \$500 each (equal to last year) and the Laconia Adult Ed total to \$560. The remaining \$60 will be spent purchasing books for LRGH. Also, the \$200 allocated for the Holiday Parade will be added to miscellaneous expenses for total of \$300.

Nominations: Nancy reminded the club that the Board of Directors should be comprised of 1/3 new members, 1/3 old, and 1/3 returning. This is not the current situation. There will be no additions for next year, and we will have only one Director on the Board. Nancy made the motion that Brenda be appointed Assistant Treasurer next year; Laura 2nd.

Scholarships: The club received a total of 40 scholarships this year: 24 for the Dr. Alice Normandin (6 were deemed ineligible), 3 for the Katherine Daigneault (all of whom were deemed ineligible), 11 for the Rose Emory (2 were deemed ineligible), and 2 for the Stevens/ Normandin. Michelle LeBlanc from Lakes Region Community College is the recipient of the Dr. Alice Normandin Scholarship, Jennifer Bishop from Southern NH University is the recipient of the Rose Emory Scholarship, and Brenna Cass is the recipient of the Stevens/Normandin Scholarship. All three have been invited to the program meeting on 6/28.

Convention Nominees: Club members were asked to read all nominee biographies. A discussion was held regarding the nominees, and it was determined that Laura and Brenda will make the determinations and vote accordingly when they attend the conference this summer.

2013 & 2014 District Conferences: Diane asked all club members if our club might be interested in hosting one of these conferences; the club declined to do so at this time.

Program: Amanda informed the club that the program meeting will be a barbeque held at her home on 6/28. Scholarship recipients have been invited to attend. The fee is \$15 and will include all food, as well as soda, water and wine. Spouses are invited, also.

Membership: Two of the club members who gave letters of resignation to Diane are thinking of reconsidering their status. Diane will speak with them both in the near future, and will keep the club updated.

Yearbook: The club discussed the various committees that are contained in our yearbook. The following ideas were discussed: Adding Archives to the Public Relations Committee

- Adding Calling & Holiday Party Committees to Program Comm
- Keep Public Relations Committee
- Keep Newsletter, have Chairs send updates to Sue
- Keep Yearbook, Budget, Fundraising and Scholarship Comm's
- Keep Adopt A Spot Committee
- Keep Belknap County Nursing Home Committee
- Foster Care—keep as needed per request, with Meredith

Club members discussed the possibility of having MADD and Multicultural Committees become outreach committees, whereby the club will be able to have the discussion in the Fall of each year to see whether or not there is interest in these two projects. Many club members have been feeling overwhelmed with the many responsibilities this year, and would like to take time to rebrand. The Yearbook Committee will be in contact with club members to see where there interests lie.

New Business: The 2011/2012 Business Meetings will be held in the Elm Room at the Taylor Home in Laconia. The club discussed possible changes to the time. A motion was made by Carla to change the meeting time to 5:45 PM; Lisa 2nd.

The Cookbook Committee continues to accept recipes for publication, and will be contacting area restaurants to see if they would like to participate. They are looking at a November or December publication date.



BIRTHDAY GIRLS

11th Barbara DeAngelis
22nd Nancy LeRoy
22nd Maureen Sanborn

District One Information

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

International Information

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

Foundation Information

For information visit www.altrusa.com/foundation

*Please remember that the deadline for Newsletter Information is the 25th of each month!
Committee Chairs should be submitting a brief update on what their committee is doing.*

Dates To Remember

September	We all return renewed and rejuvenated!
Board Meeting	September 1 st , 7:00 AM at The Soda Shoppe
Business Meeting	September 13 th , 5:45 at the Taylor Home
Program Meeting	To be announced
April 2012	Spring Conference in Montpelier, VT (Hosted by the Barre, Vt. Club)
Fall 2011	The 2011 Fall Workshop will be hosted by Altrusa of Biddeford-Saco, ME. Details to be announced

Don't forget!!!!

**NEW LOCATION FOR BUSINESS MEETINGS:
Taylor Community
5:45 p.m. in the Elm Room**