



ALTRUZETTE

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC.
ANDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS, U.S.A.

June 2011

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 * NEXT PROGRAM MEETING *
 * June 23, 2011 *
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 * "Orientation" *
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 * Hosted by Membership Committee *
 * 6:30 pm at Palestine Senior Center *
 * —Magnolia Room *
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A WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

“The best service we can do for the needy and the unfortunate is to help them in such manner that their self-respect, their ability to help themselves, shall not be injured but augmented.”

- Calvin Coolidge

Hello Ladies:

Another year has come and gone and once again we embark on an exciting new one. This will be a big year for our club as we attempt to reestablish ourselves as an important part of the culture of Anderson County. I know our club can become a shining beacon of just what a service organization is all about.

As we begin this new year, I challenge each and every one of you to do your part to help exceed the goals I have set for our club this year.

Put on our tennis shoes to go the extra mile and spread the word of who we are to increase awareness in the community.

I challenge each and every one of you to tell everyone you know that Altrusa is here and we are here to stay! We have lots of great ideas of ways to help our community and to put our stamp on Anderson County.

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Word from the President continued from page 1

Put on our party shoes! Let's show everyone how much fun we have and increase membership.

Don't you all have fun and enjoy yourselves at our programs? I know I do. All of you know people who love to have fun too. I challenge each of you to bring one non-Altrusan friend to a meeting with you every month. Each guest will not become a member, but each guest *could* become one!

Put on your heels and get "pumped" up!! Get involved and inspire those around us to get involved!!

I'm sure many of you have ideas for great service projects or fundraisers. Don't ever hesitate to share these ideas with the rest of the club. Volunteer to take a leadership role in the club, whether it be as a board member, committee chair or just to take the lead role with one of our projects. Our projects cannot get done if no one leads. Stop letting the same handful of ladies have all the fun of leading these projects. Take a deep breath and take a step forward into a leadership role, I know I am glad I have!

Put on our work boots and work with other organizations in our area to improve our community with a county-wide service project.

A single ant can do so much work but an entire colony can move mountains! Our club already does so much good for Anderson County. Just think how much more we could do if we teamed up with other organizations in town.

These are **our** goals, and my challenge to you all.

With deepest appreciation,

Laure Bruner

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New Business:

At Conference, clubs were urged to update their Strategic Plan to correspond with those of District and International. Laure needs volunteers to assist her in bringing this up to date. Letha and Lois volunteered to help her. Members who have not done so need to turn in to Linda their hours records, since this needs to be mailed by her by May 15th.

Also needed are volunteers to work on the Mamie L. Bass and the Letha H. Brown awards. Since no one volunteered for these projects, Laure will do the Letha H. Brown award entry, but we will not do a Mamie L. Bass Service Award entry this year.

Christy needs assistance with the *Altruzette*. Lucy volunteered to help with that.

Laure will prepare the year books for the new year

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Letha King, Acting Secretary



2011-2012 Theme
“Altrusans—Wearing the Shoes of Success!”

2011-2012 Goals



1. Put on our TENNIS SHOES and Go The Extra Mile and Spread The Word of who we are to increase awareness in the community



2. Put on our PARTY SHOES!! Let’s show everyone how much fun we have and increase membership by at least 25%.



3. Put on your HEELS and get “PUMPED” up!! Get involved and inspire those around us to get involved!

4. Put on our WORK BOOTS and work with other organizations in our area to improve our community with a county-wide service project.



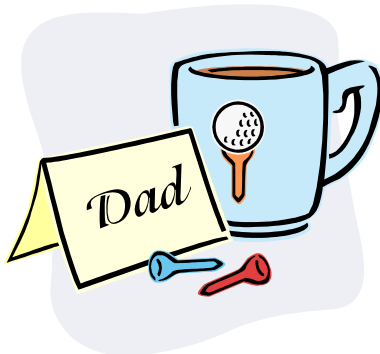
June Birthdays!!

June 2nd—Lucy Holt
June 20—Maxine Barnette

July Birthdays

June 12th —Billie Covey
July 24th—Letha King
July 30th—Elda Becker
July 31st—Lea Rosier

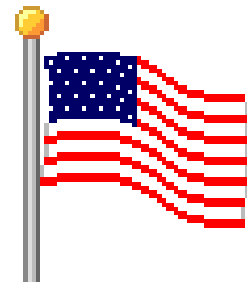
JUNE HOLIDAYS/OBSERVANCES & FUN FACTS



June 14—Flag Day

June 19—Father’s Day

June 21—Summer Begins



In June 1972, the first running shoes bearing the Nike “Swoosh” were introduced at the U.S. Track and Field Olympic Trials in Eugene Oregon. Nike continues to use the brand symbol to this day.



ALTRUSA CLUB OF ANDERSON COUNTY
TREASURER'S REPORT MAY, 2011

Checking

Ending Balance: April 30, 2011 5,476.73

DEPOSITS:

5/11 Patsy	38.00
5/11 Annette Stober	102.00
5/11 Billie (Dues)	92.00
5/11 Kim (Dues)	68.00
5/11 April (Dues)	92.00
5/11 W & M	<u>14.00</u>

Total Deposits for May, 2011 406.00
5,882.73

EXPENSES

Lois Durant (Reimb.-Conference)	511.38
Budgeted –Meals on Wheels	1,000.00
Literacy Council	400.00
Veterans Hospital Travel Fund	100.00
Crisis Center	250.00
Altrusa International, Inc. Annette's dues (\$55 + \$10)	65.00
Altrusa District Nine Annette's dues	13.00
Altrusa International, Inc. (14 x \$55 Dues; Convention fee \$30)	800.00
Altrusa, District Nine (14 x \$13 Dues)	<u>182.00</u>

Total Expenses for May (3,321.38)

Ending Balance: May 30, 2011 2,561.35

Savings

Ending Balance: Savings 1/31/11 4,648.28

Interest Earned 2.87

Balance Savings & Checking, May 30, 2011 7,212.50



MINUTES
ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF ANDERSON COUNTY
BUSINESS MEETING
May 12, 2011

Altrusa International of Anderson County held its regular business meeting on May 12, 2011, 12:00 Noon at the Senior Center. President Laure Bruner called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M. Others present were: Bonnie Oliver, Billie Covey, Lucy Holt, Patsy Bush, Kim Graham, Maxine Barnette, Lois Durant, Linda Taylor, Leigh Ann Murff, Lea Rosier and Letha King. Also welcomed as a new member was Annette Stober. Her sponsors are Lois and Laure. In the absence of Secretary Christy McKinley, Letha King acted as Secretary.

Accent was read by Bonnie; group recited the blessing in unison.

Minutes of the April 14 Business Meeting were printed in the *Altruzette*, a copy of which was handed to members present. Motion made by Letha and seconded by Maxine that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

A copy of the Treasurer's report for April was also printed in the *Altruzette*. Letha went over it in detail. It shows balances as follows:

Balance in checking account:	\$5,476.73
Balance in Savings Account:	<u>4,651.15</u>
Total	\$10,127.88

Lea MOVED the report be accepted as presented, subject to audit. Seconded by Maxine, the Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Letha read notes from Elda Becker and Charity Morgan (a scholarship recipient); Maxine read letter from Literacy Council for our contribution of \$400.00 to them; and Laure read letter from the chamber of commerce, stating that the FallFest will be held on Saturday, October 29. Laure has registered for us to be able to man a gate as a fundraiser.

Laure reported that Paula will not renew, and since she had been approved as 1st Year Director, someone else will need to fill that slot. Lucy and Lois had been suggested. Since Lucy will be doing other things, she suggested that Lois be appointed as 1st year director. Maxine MOVED that Lois fill this position; seconded by Lea, Motion carried.

Installation of officers will be held on Thursday, May 26th, 6:30 P.M., at the Senior Activity Center. All members are to bring a dish for the meal, and please let Lucy know if you will be coming and if you will have a guest. She also would like to know what dish you will bring.

Billie and Patsy updated the display board before it was carried to Conference and we won 2nd place on the board. Congratulations are in order for Billie and Patsy for a job well done. Laure reported that Billie has been doing the President's book for many years, and would like to hand this over to someone else beginning this next year. Annette agreed to serve as Chairman of this activity. Lea and Lucy will be working with her, and Patsy will be the official Club photographer.

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2011-2013 District Nine
Governor, LaVone Arthur

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC.
DISTRICT NINE
Leaders in Service
2011- 2013 Biennium Goals and Strategic Plan

Goals

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Increase member attendance at District Conference by 10% by 2013.
Create a process to develop and sustain strong leaders at the club and district levels.
Provide club presidents, treasurers and other officers the tools and training needed to be effective in the role.

SERVICE

Encourage clubs to have at least one major service project per year with at least 75% member participation.
Encourage clubs to participate in Make A Difference Day with literacy focused projects.
Increase number of clubs submitting entries for District awards by a total increase of 10% per year in 2012 and 2013.
Increase the number of ASTRA Clubs by 1 by 2013.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Increase the number of members by 10% by 2013.
Increase the number of members in the 25-50 age category by 10% by 2013.
Increase the number of clubs by 2 by 2013.
Decrease the number of under charter strength clubs by 2 by 2013.

MARKETING

Implement Marketing/Branding Plan consistent with International timeline.

ORGANIZATION

Maintain a balanced financial plan that supports the programs and services for our District Membership.
Encourage club strategic planning.

District News—in Sympathy

Ladies,
I am very sad to inform you that Rita Baker, President of Altrusa International, Inc. of Sherman, passed way Friday, June 3 after an unexpected illness. Some of you may have met Rita at District Conference. She attended the President’s Workshop with many of you. Bea Harmon, past president, will resume the office of president. The funeral services were Wednesday at 10 am at West Sherman Baptist Church 1830 W. Washington, Sherman, TX.
LaVone Arthur
Governor
District Nine, Altrusa International, Inc.
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ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF ANDERSON COUNTY
MINUTES - BOARD MEETING
June 2, 2011

Altrusa International of Anderson County held its regular Board of Directors Meeting, Thursday, June 2, 2011, 12:00 Noon., at the Senior Citizens Center. President Laure Bruner presided. Others present were Lois Durant, Linda Taylor, Christy McKinley, Kim Graham, and Lea Rosier.

Lois led in the Blessing. Christy did not bring the minutes from the February 17, 2011 combined board/business meeting so they were not read.

Unfinished Business:

President Laure still needs Linda's Bio, and Lea will double check hers.

Lois mentioned that the Club had in the past been awarded the Builder of Palestine Award by the Chamber of Commerce and that Altrusa was the only civic organization to be awarded that award and recommended that it be put into the article. She also recommended that past yearbooks, scrapbooks and past Club items be reviewed and possibly used for Orientation. President Laure advised Lois to bring that up with Leigh Ann Murff, Chair of the Membership Committee.

New Business

1. **Long Range Strategic Plan** - the Board reviewed the Long Range Strategic Plan. Christy recommended that as the Editor of the *Altruzette*, she be added as a responsible person wherever the *Altruzette* was mentioned. Lois MOVED that the Long Range Strategic Plan be approved (after the corrections outlined) and submitted to District Nine; Linda Seconded; Motion carried.

2. **Proposed Budget** - the proposed Budget was reviewed by Kim Graham. VA travel fund (\$100.00) was removed from the projected project expenses. Kim explained that some of the projected operating expenses were reduced/removed due to non-use. Kim will check with Letha on the whereabouts of the Chicken Spaghetti money (whether or not it is in savings or checking). Discussion as to whether Shirley's dues have been paid (Lois paid hers and donated her Club gift to Shirley). The May report shows 15 members dues paid and there should be 16. Kim will check on this with Letha. This must be corrected no later than June 15th. The ending carry-over balance should be "minus \$68.00". Lea MOVED that the Budget (subject to corrections) be presented to the Club; Linda SECONDED; Motion carried.

3. **Committees** - Lucy will remain Scholarship Chair. When it gets closer to time for the Scholarship Committee to prepare, she will take volunteers. Christy is moved from Membership to Communication. Lois recommended that she or another long-time Club member be added to Membership. Laure will revise the list and present it to the Club at the June Business Meeting.

4. **Service Project/Fund Raisers** - Laure passed out a list of fund-raising/service project ideas, and stated she is seeking Club member(s) that will pick one, take it and run with it. Lois and Lea will take 2 boxes of cookbooks to Convention. Christy will handle the Silent Auction items for the Chicken Spaghetti luncheon, although she might need assistance on the actual day depending on her work schedule. Lois recommended "Heels for Meals" - women wearing heels at an evening mixer, maybe working together with Meals on Wheels, prizes for flashiest heels, etc. Lois will put together a proposal and send it to Laure. Lois spoke with the Chamber of Commerce and asked them if those not picked before would go to the top of the next list. The Chamber said they had not yet decided on that.

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:03 P.M.

Christy McKinley, Secretary

PUBLICITY—MAY 26, 2011 OFFICER'S INSTALLATION
ALTRUSA CLUB OF ANDERSON COUNTY

The Altrusa Club of Anderson County held its installation of 2011-2012 officers on Thursday, May 26, 2011 at the Senior Activity building. Lucy Holt welcomed guests and members of the Club. Guests were Ken Bruner, Joe Durant, Robert and Ashton Taylor. In addition to the guests Club members present were Laure Bruner, Lois Durant, Linda Taylor, April Johnston, Bonnie Oliver, Christy McKinley, Kim Graham, Lea Rosier, Leigh Ann Murff, Patsy Bush, Maxine Barnette, Billie Covey, Ms. Holt and Letha King.

Billie Covey led the Club members in the Altrusa Blessing, after which dinner was served by Club members. The 2010-2011 officers were introduced. Officers were: President, Laure Bruner, Vice-President, April Johnston; Treasurer, Letha King; Secretary, Christy McKinley; Immediate Past President, Linda Taylor; 1st Year Director, Kim Graham; and 2nd Year Director, Lea Rosier. Appreciation was expressed for these officers.

President Bruner presented her message for the year. She pointed out the service projects with which the Club worked this past year. Some of the major projects were: Literacy and education; a total of three \$750 scholarships was given by the Club, plus a \$250 scholarship funded by Attorney Jim Parsons through the Altrusa Club; four large book boxes were made and distributed to various areas in the community in which books are donated and disbursed to school children. The club also works with the Meals on Wheels program, making a donation of \$1,000, plus five of the members physically worked with the organization for more than 300 hours. A \$400 donation was given to the local food bank; and individual members made donations of over \$450 to the local Back Pack for Kids program. Hands-on work was done by Club members with the Comforters, who put in about 25 hours tacking quilts. Member Shirley Williamson made and donated eight quilt tops to the Comforters. In addition a \$50 donation was given to them to be used as needed.

Altrusan of the Year was presented by President Bruner; however, this was a family affair. Member Linda Taylor and her husband Robert and granddaughter Ashton, were each given a plaque, as well as a gift, for their dedication and hard work for the benefit of the Club and the community. President Bruner also presented a gift to Linda for bringing to the Club the Outstanding Program of the Year, which was the Back Pack for Kids program.

Officers for the year 2011-2012 were installed by Ms. Holt. They were: President, Laure Bruner; Vice President, April Johnston; Treasurer, Kim Graham; Secretary, Christy McKinley; Immediate Past President, Linda Taylor; 1st Year Director, Lois Durant; 2nd Year Director, Lea Rosier. The President's theme for the new year is: *Altrusans – Wearing the Shoes of Success!* Her goals for the year: 1) Put on our tennis shoes to go the extra mile and spread the word of who we are to increase awareness in the community; 2) Put on our party shoes! Let's show everyone how much fun we have and increase membership by at least 25%; 3) Put on your heels and get "pumped" up!! Get involved and inspire those around us to get involved!!; and 4) Put on our work boots and work with other organizations in our area to improve our community with a county-wide service project.

Secretary Christy McKinley wrote a poem for the benefit of the Club members, based on the *Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe*.

The Altrusa Benediction was led by member Lea Rosier to close the meeting officers.



