

The Deltrusan

January

Altrusa International of Delta

2010



The President's Message



Club President

Doreen Grett

Fellow Altrusans,

While I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve as your President-in-Training at the last few meetings, I will be so happy to see our President back at her post as soon as she is able!

February is nominations time, so I would like everyone to think for a moment about how you will react if the nominating committee gives you a call this year. Yes, we are all very busy and being a board member means a little more work, an extra meeting each month, and probably a few more pain-in-the-rear moments than any of us would normally like. It also means that you get to provide a small sacrifice for great rewards and get to have a lot of fun along the way! For me, once I joined the board, I gained a true sense of the team effort the direction of Altrusa requires. Today I am proud of my part in helping to provide that direction. As an added bonus, the friendships that I have developed during my service on the board are invaluable to me. Prior to signing on to be 2nd Vice President, I thought I knew what it took to make Altrusa work as well as it does, but - let's be honest - until I accepted my board nomination, I never even had a clue.

We all work so hard for Altrusa, it is difficult for the nominating committee to ask anyone to work even harder. So my request is this - When you picture yourself saying "yes" to a board nomination, imagine not what you are giving up, but instead imagine what you are giving.

"Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think." - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Yours In Altrusa Love,

Jessica Shaffer, President-Elect

We all send our thoughts and prayers for Jess (Doreen's husband) to have a speedy recovery.



*May we go forth with high ideals
To greet our fellow men;
Be true to all Altrusa aims,
Until we meet again.*

Secretary's Report

Altrusa International of Delta Business Meeting

Location: Elks Lodge, Delta, CO

Date: January 13, 2010

Call to Order: By Vice President Jessica Shaffer 12:03 pm

Collect & Pledge of Allegiance

Members: 35

Guest(s): *Larry Baron guest of Kelly Harrison*

Club Secretary
Angela Ownbey



Accent: Lynn presented Altrusa membership recruitment guidelines which included steps for successful recruiting.

Minutes: Minutes from the December Business meeting were approved.

Correspondence: Jessica read a message letting members know that some may have received an email asking members to send money for past International President Perez-Mendez to get home from England. This was a hoax/scam.

She also read a letter from the Delta Doves asking for help with their annual luncheon. Vicki made a motion to provide and prepare the annual luncheon for the Delta Doves on March 6th. Seconded by Barbara, motion passed. Dorothy will head this up. Angela read: Thank yous from House of Promise, Phyllis Goad, Alice Penick, and Dolphin House, a letter of resignation from Pam Bliss, and an invitation to the Chamber Business of the Year Banquet.

Treasurer's Report: Thelma Service Account \$10,183.20 CD \$7,000.00 (6-mo @1.3%)
 Operating Account \$2,682.75 CD \$2,377.93

Thelma also recognized that \$1,000 grant was donated to Altrusa from Wal-Mart.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Daphne thanked all who worked on Sugar Plum Festival.

Service: Barb reported checks were given to Bella for \$1200 for the Dialogic Learning Program, \$400 to the Reading Club at DHS, and \$100 was given to the Speech pathologist at the hospital. There were nine graduates at DOS. There is still much need for Food Pantry items, Spanish coloring books, TCRC donations (toiletries and blankets), and We Care Bag items. They are starting work on scholarships. A 55 gallon barrel of coats were received from the bus barn for TCRC. They are looking for special projects or needs for funding.

Membership: Kacy reported on the Add-an-Altrusan event. It will be held at the hospital on January 27th at 5:30. The membership committee will be serving a soup dinner. The bowls will be included in the \$8 dinner cost. Members will pay at the door. There will be a brief description of the committees. All members are asked to bring at least one guest. They are also looking for donations of items for prizes at the event.

Communications: Lynn reported that the membership books were completed and would be handed out at the meeting. The upcoming programs will be the following: Jan. - Add-an-Altrusan, Feb. - Opportunity School, March - Recycling, April - Hospice (Bobby's Books).

ASTRA: Amanda reported that CHS did luminaries at Mesa View. They had their Christmas party and invited Delta to get to know each other better. Delta brought 59 pounds of food and Cedaredge brought 36 pounds for the food pantry challenge. DOS has been continuing their adopt a grandparent program and it may expand to work with those residents who are unable to leave their rooms. They continue helping the Food Pantry and are looking for a day, such as groundhog day, to do something with the Bella students.

Jessica reported that Delta had a Jamaica outreach program with Pam and Ed Bliss for parents and students interested in doing the February 2011 service trip. Nine students committed to the program. They will be starting fundraising to try to raise about \$1000 each. They participated in purchasing gifts for the Angel Tree, sold trees at Delta Hardware, and will help with the food pantry in February.

Rusty Gavels: Amanda reported that \$287 was made from the Pass it on Jewelry sale. She took jewelry for the DOS kids to pick something out to give away as Christmas gifts. The rest was given to Barb to sell. Award entries were discussed at their meeting. Jo was recognized for her great job of organizing and doing the entries for awards. Amanda discussed the different types of awards and what they are.

New Business: Jessica called for nominations for 2010-2011 nominating committee. Jessica, Kacey and Nancy Hovde were nominated. David moved to cease nominations, seconded by Linda. Nominations were voted upon and passed. A recommendation from the Board was brought to membership for a vote. It was moved that the membership be assessed an additional \$10.00 for 2010-2011 dues for the *Rebranding* effort for Altrusa International. Seconded by David. Discussion followed and motion passed. The \$10.00 would not be required to be paid at the same time as the dues but could be worked out with the treasurer. Demeris spoke about scholarships coming up. In January they will be putting out press releases. She found volunteers to distribute packets to local libraries.

Onions and Orchids were shared.

Drawing: \$17 to Ann donated to the club

Reminders: Program Meeting - January 27th, Add-an-Altrusan - 5:30 pm at the hospital oncology room.

Benediction

Submitted by Secretary Angela Ownbey



Astra

DOS ASTRA: We have continued with its Adopt-A-Grandparent project and members have made a few different visits with their grandparents. -- The Food For Thought is growing and expanding. At the beginning of the new year the program expanded to 50 backpacks between BELA, Lincoln Elementary, Garnet Mesa Elementary, Headstart, and Delta Middle School. -- The afternoon group is planning to do some projects as they have in past years, with the students of Lincoln Elementary's special needs class. -- ASTRA members helped the Toys for Kids program on December 18 with the collection of the toys as well as the sorting. Both groups continue their weekly support to Sandy at the Food Pantry restocking shelves.

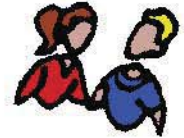
CHS ASTRA: We met at Mesa View Mortuary on December 17 to light the luminaries for their annual memorial service. It was a cold night, as it always is in mid-December, and despite the butane lighters not wanting to cooperate, the members got all 400+ lit and it was a beautiful site. They invited the Delta Club to a Christmas Party on the 22nd and all enjoyed a night of games, food, and gift giving. And..... **DELTA WON THE BRAGGING RIGHTS** of showing more support for their Food Pantry by bringing 59 pounds of canned goods to CHS's 36 pounds! Delta may have won the bragging rights, but the Delta Food Pantry and the Surface Creek Food Bank ended up the real winners. -- Now, back at it in January the club will be working on a project for February where they will be helping to teach young early elementary students about the benefits and joys of serving in the community. They will be assisting a pre-school class with a fundraiser they will be putting on to support one of their seriously ill classmates, and who knows just what other community projects they will all get into beyond the fundraiser. -- After the January 4th Jamaica Outreach meeting there are 5 kids from CHS planning to be a part of the February 2011 project trip.

DHS ASTRA Club

The DHS Astra club is excited and ready for 2010! We started off the year with a Jamaica Outreach organizational meeting. Ten kids committed to travel to Jamaica in February 2011. We also have several DHS Astra kids interested as well!!

Stay tuned for ways that you can help our future Altrusans earn the funds to make this life-changing journey!

Jessica M Shaffer



Marketing Fund to Support Altrusa's Future (from Altrusa International website)

From a tiny nut, mightly oaks grow!

With your support, our great organization will grow and be sustained for the future.

The website goes on to say that the budget was approved for a marketing and branding campaign for the organization, which is essential to Altrusa's existence in the future. The challenge is going out to every Altrusa member. They are asking for donations or pledges to the Marketing Fund.

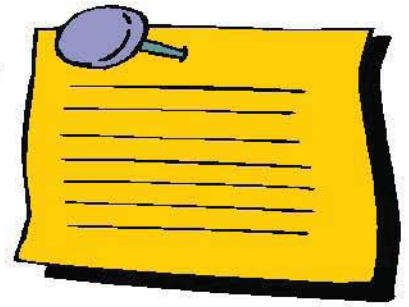
The members of Altrusa of Delta have voted to donate \$10.00 each for this important cause.

For more information or questions please go to the website or contact our District Representative Rene'e Eaton.

Thank you for your support for this important project!



Messages From The Committees.....



FINANCE COMMITTEE Helen Jurca - Finance Chairman

Co-chair Daphne Harding thanked all members for the successful Sugar Plum.

She has several unclaimed kitchen items...please call her if you are missing something.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE Lynn Shirk/Billie Kiger Chairman/Co Chair

The program meeting for January: *Add-An-Altrusan*. February's program meeting: DOS students on "Food for Thought" service project, March program meeting: Recycling program in Delta CO, April program meeting: Bobby's Books program.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE: Thelma Starner DUES....DUES.....DUES

Another reminder that you may pay your Membership dues in partial payments if you wish. Anytime you may pay half \$45.00 and then in May the balance of \$45.00. If you need to make other payment arrangements please contact Thelma. Also, a reminder that the members voted to pay \$10.00 towards the *New Rebranding* project that Altrusa International is doing.

MEMBERSHIP:

Add an Altrusan event is January 27th 2010. We all need to bring a guest! The event will be held at the hospital oncology room at 5:30pm. This event will be lots of fun....prizes and Cake!

SERVICE:

Rene'e sent this for the newsletter. Altrusa is: Always in Service, Aiming to meet our goals for our community, Attentive to the communities needs, Acting on service projects, Asking how we can serve, Accepting the challenge, Attending to our communities needs, Asking always how we can serve, Love of our community, Lust for serving, Looking out for our community, Living the life of giving, Listening to others needs.

The Rusty Gavels

Rusty Gavels Gavels is so very happy to report that the *Pass It On Jewelry Sale* made \$287 for our convention kitty.... That's a good portion of a registration fee. The leftover jewelry has been taken to Ruby's Floral to be sold for the Finance Committee for Valentine's Day, and such. Before it went to Ruby's the jewelry that was left after the Christmas party was taken to the DOS students so that they could pick items to give as Christmas gifts for mom, sister, auntie, grandma, and so on. They all really appreciated being able to have a gift to give mom, etc., all thanks to Altrusa.

We met on Tuesday, January 12 to discuss award entry ideas. We've come up with a good list and now just need to get the info together and start working on the entry forms. We are looking good for submitting an entry for almost every award. Something to keep in mind.... One of the awards, the Community Leadership Award, which is not due until May 2011, so we have time to think and come up with a great entry, which recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to their communities as volunteer leaders. The individual need not be an Altrusan!! So, if you know of a project that impacted our community and was started by a volunteer leader, let us know so we can work on the idea for an award entry.

Your Rusty Gavels are great resources for answers to many different questions.... Don't hesitate to ask any of us should you have any type of question in regards to Altrusa.

Your Rusty Gavels ~

Amanda Twamley, Linda Sorenson, Rene'e Eaton, Dorothy Dunfelder, Becky Tallent, David Mangum, Phyllis Goad, Nancy Stevens, Vicki Ripp, Judy Weiszbrod, Jackie Schoonover, Janet Burgess, Thelma Starner, Liz Quintana, Alice Penick, Lucky Cox



Pass It On Jewelry

Thanks for your support in this project. The jewelry will be located at Ruby's Floral shop. Please stop by the shop and do some shopping. This project will help send delegates to the

"International Convention in 2011".



Upcoming Events 2010



January 27th - Add an Altrusan Event

Bring a guest to this special program

5:30 pm at the hospital oncology room

February 3rd - Board Meeting at noon

Elks Lodge

February 9th - Business Meeting at noon

Elks Lodge

February 24 - Program Meeting

Happy Birthday



Doreen Grett - February 2nd

Daphne Harding - January 4th

Mary Tyler - January 21st

Kathy Welt - February 3rd

Debra Groda - February 6th

Elaine Martinez - February 25th

Ruth Ward - February 16th



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