

BRAZOS BYLINE



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF THE BRAZOS

February/March
2009

From the President....

Dates to Remember:

Feb. 4—Board meeting

Feb. 11— Business Meeting—Lake Brazos

Feb. 25—Program meeting, Lake Brazos

Mar. 4—Board Meeting

Mar. 11—Business Meeting—Lake Brazos

Mar. 25—Program Meeting—Lake Brazos

Altrusans had an enjoyable time and brought joy to nursing home residents on Valentines Day. We were also happy to add to our numbers. Billie Farley was initiated in February. Please remember that each of you has a coupon booklet and can earn points for activities that lead to new members.

Mid-year evaluations have been sent out to everyone and to date, only a few have been returned. If you have not yet returned yours, please turn it in as soon as possible.

During March, we will host a membership luncheon on March 25th. Names for guests should have been turned in to the membership committee for invitations to be sent out.

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Altrusa Birthdays

No Birthdays in February

Rose Youngblood—March 31



Communications Report

Reservations are needed by 5 p.m. the Friday before every meeting.
Contact Linda Cobbs.

Also remember, the Caritas “Food of the Month” for March is Jelly and Jam
(we are forgoing Peanut Butter in light of the Salmonella contamination).

Service Committee Report

The Nursing Home Bingo activity was enjoyed by all, and every one won a prize.

Service Project for March:

Ranch Visit for Rapoport Students.

March 25 and 26th.

Volunteers are needed

8:30—11:00 a.m. and 12:00—2:30 both days

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Members should remember to use their member coupon book to recruit and retain members.

The membership luncheon is March 25, 2009.





Betty Jean McLaughlin, formerly of Waco, passed away March 2, 2009. Funeral services were held in Waco on March 6, 2009 at Wilkerson Hatch Bailey Funeral Home.

Altrusa International of the Brazos

Mid-Year Evaluation

June 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008

Instructions: The Mid-Year Evaluation plays a central role in our evaluation of the current year and our review of the Long Term Strategic Plan. This evaluation is very important to our club. By being complete, honest and direct with your answers and comments you will enable the plans for the rest of the year to be done in a meaningful and realistic way. **The Mid-Year evaluation is to be completed and returned to Susan Wright no later than February 11, 2009.**

MEETINGS and ACTIVITIES

Business Meetings...

- 1) Overall, how would you rate the Business Meetings to date?
 Excellent Good Fair Poor N/A

Program Meetings...

- 2) Overall, how do you rate the following Program Meetings?

Month	Program	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	N/A
June 20, 2008	Dinner and Movie Night out					
July 24, 2008	Joint meeting with Waco Club Waco and Indian Chief Counsel site					
Aug. 27, 2008	Nancy Grayson - Rapoport Academy					
Sept. 24, 2008	Membership Luncheon Coupon Booklet					
Oct. 29, 2008	Orientation Luncheon Turkey Trot Planning					
Nov. 19, 2008	Steve Dietrich Waco Police Dept.					
Dec. 17, 2008	Christmas Party					

Membership Development & Training	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	N/A
Fund Raising – Turkey Trot, Pre-plan Bag stuffing event, November 18, 2008 Orientation Meeting September 24, 2008 (Membership Committee – Coupon Book)					
Post Turkey Trot – evaluation process that could be improved upon please make suggestions.					

Other Comments:

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COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS

Committees:

- 1) Has your committee met regularly this year? Yes No N/A
- 2) Do you feel you have been an active member on your committee? Yes No N/A

Overall, how do you rate the following Projects?

<u>Service Projects</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Rapoport Academy					
Compassion Ministries/Hope House					
Gospel Café					
Caritas					
A Storybook Christmas					
VA					

To date, you are participating in which Service Projects?

<u>Fundraising Projects</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Central Texas Turkey Trot					

<u>Membership</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Dinner and Movie night out					
Sisters Outstanding Socials					

<u>Communications</u>	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Yearbooks					
Newsletters					
Telephone/Email Chain					
Website					

Comments:

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GENERAL

What area(s) of the club causes you concern? What suggest do you have to make it better?

Have you ever attended a District workshop or conference?

How do you feel about our current meeting place?

Quality of food
Variety of menus
Price

Excellent Good Fair Poor N/A

Room

4) Do you prefer standard a set menu for each meeting (business, program, orientation) to be repeated each month?
What meal(s) do you suggest?

5) Do you prefer a variety of menus for each meeting, as we have now?

6) Would you like to change meeting places?

7) What other meeting places do you suggest?

8) What speakers/programs do you suggest for future meetings?

Other Suggestions:

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Altrusa International is an International association of professional women and men who volunteer their energies and expertise in projects dedicated to community betterment.

Meeting Information

Feb. 4—Board Meeting

Feb. 11—Business Meeting

Accent: Kathleen Morley

Friendship/Hospitality: Linda Howell

Menu: Charbroiled Chicken Salad.

**Feb. 25— Van Davis—
Women's Health**

Menu: Grilled Chopped Sirloin,
Mashed Potatoes

Accent: Linda Howell

Friendship/Hospitality: Lori Southern

Mar. 4—Board Meeting

Mar. 11—Business Meeting

Accent: Marilyn Goodman

Friendship/Hospitality: Susan Duecy

Menu: Baked Potato, Garden Salad, Cheesecake

Mar. 25—Membership Luncheon!

Accent: Bess Tucker

Friendship/Hospitality: Rose Youngblood

Menu: Chicken Strips, Baked Potato or Salad,

Don't forget!! If you are scheduled for the accent or Friendship/Hospitality and are unable to attend the meeting, make arrangements to trade with someone else.

Club meetings are held the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays of each month at 12:00 noon. The meetings are located at Lake Brazos Steakhouse, 1620 N. Lake Brazos Dr. Waco, Tx. For lunch reservations, please contact Linda Cobbs at 254/710-45438 by noon the Friday before each meeting.

Board Meetings are usually held the first Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon. The meetings are held on the 5th floor of the Clifton Robinson Tower.. All members are welcome to attend.

Other Meetings: Altrusa International Inc. of Waco meets 2nd, 4th, and 5th Thursdays at Hamilton House, 1521 Austin Ave. Waco, Tx. Dinner is at 6:00 and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. For reservations or more information, contact Helen Jones at 666-1207 or e-mail helenj@hotrr.com.