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Sisters in Service

Dates to Remember

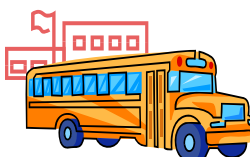
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- **August 23**—Noon—Program Meeting—Lake Brazos Steakhouse
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- **Sept 4** Labor Day
- **Sept 7**—Noon — Board Meeting — Beatnix Coffee House
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From the President- Sisters in Service

Fall is just around the corner, thank goodness. School starts in a week or so, imagine – where did the summer go?



Soon our service projects for the upcoming year will be in full swing. There are such great plans in the works. We have the ability to make a real difference in the lives of some very deserving children in the Waco area, at Rapoport Academy. Terry is working diligently coordinating each member's choice of service with the staff at the school. We will soon be able to start our work at the school! Something to look forward to!

Judie and the Ways and Means Committee are evaluating and planning our fund raising projects for 2006. She will have some news on the progress of the plans in very short order. So stay tuned for more details from Judie. Also, our Foundation recently received approval from International to become a part of the Altrusa International 501C3 tax exempt group. So all donations made to our Foundation are now tax deductible, as the IRS code allows.

As you are aware, we are open year round to new members. The Sunday Sundaes Social will be held on September 24, 2006. Now is the

time for us to begin to think about a friend to invite. This year Phyllis and Lori are preparing our own Brazos Club Initiation, to be used anytime during the year. Of course, we will still have our regular membership luncheon on October 25, 2006. So, invite your friends and prospective members to join us in September for a fun Sunday afternoon of eating ice cream and desserts!

Judie, Cindy and I are working on a new Club Brochure. The third draft is done. Hopefully we will have the brochure available for all of you at the next meeting. What a good tool to give to prospective members, to use in fund raising, and in an information packet.

Of course, Linda C. continues her Excellent work coordinating us all for each and every meeting. And, most importantly she stays in touch with our members who can not make a meeting. What a great, caring job she does!

Fall is in the air? Or, at least on our calendars, we are off to a good start.



ALTRUSA BIRTHDAYS

August 10—Aurora
 August 18—Marilyn
 August 24—Carol
 August 31—Susan



Sept. 9—Maggie
 Sept 11—Stephanie
 Sept 15—Lori
 Sept 30—Judie

Service Committee



Don't forget about POP for Caritas! That stands for Pounds o' Pasta and we already have a good start as many members brought their contributions to the August Business meeting.

We are working with Rapoport Academy on matching everyone up

with the service opportunities that they are interested in doing. The Rapoport staff are very busy right now with school starting, but we should have some specific details for everyone later this month. Also, for those of you who brought school supplies or contributed money toward them, we plan on delivering all of it to the school next week.



SIS Bits

ACCEPT DIFFERENCES Be KIND COUNT YOUR
 BLESSINGS DREAM EXPRESS THANKS FORGIVE
 GIVE FREELY HARM NO ONE IMAGINE MORE
 JETTISON ANGER KEEP CONFIDENCES
 LOVE TRULY MASTER SOMETHING
 NURTURE HOPE OPEN YOUR MIND
 PACK LIGHTLY QUELL RUMORS RECIPROCATE
 SEAK WISDOM TOUCH HEARTS
 UNDERSTAND VALUE TRUTH WIN GRACIOUSLY
 XERISCAPE YEARN FOR PEACE
 ZEALOUSLY SUPPORT A WORTHY CAUSE

Ways & Means Committee

Next meeting is on August 31. We are considering a lot of great suggestions, gathering info on how we can raise more funds to do more great things. Details to come after the meeting.



Membership Committee

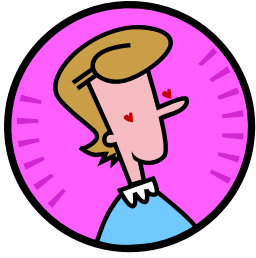


Be thinking about who you might want to invite to the Sunday Sundae Social scheduled for September 24. This is an opportunity to have prospective members meet Altrusans in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy yummy treats at the same time.

District News

Fall Leadership Event - Here is the initial information concerning the Fall Leadership Event. More information, plus the registration form will be in the September issue of the *News of Mighty Ninth*. The event will be held November 4, 2006 at the Fredonia Hotel in Nacogdoches. The theme is "Get Jazzed Up About Leadership". There is a free jazz concert on Friday night at the hotel for those who can come the night before the event. The workshop session on Saturday morning will be on how to get members to accept leadership positions. Whether you are in a small club or

large, this topic will be beneficial. After lunch, a Town Hall meeting to discuss questions concerning District or International. You won't want to miss this. However, if you are unable to come and your club has questions, send them to Kathy Folley by October 20. The registration fee is \$25 until October 20 or \$30 if postmarked after that date. The registration fee covers a continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Mark your calendars now ...this event is a great bonding opportunity/road trip. There's bound to be an outlet mall somewhere between your town and Nacogdoches?!?!? There will also be a service project in conjunction with this event. What more could you ask for? Ok, maybe a million dollars, but let's be realistic.



We know that Altrusa is a builder of women, but it is also true that Altrusa is a builder of leaders. We introduced our newest member, Altru-Sue, to the club on July 12th. Through the year, we are going to build her into a leader. Just like most of us when

we first became an Altrusan, she is not a “complete” Altrusan yet. She needs to learn more about Altrusa during the year and she also needs to start acquiring leadership skills. To facilitate her “development”, the Past President’s Council will help her as we go through the year.



Linda presented the first addition to Altru-Sue at the July 12th meeting—The face of Altru-Sue needs to reflect character and self-confidence as reflected in the story of Eleanor Roosevelt, former First Lady of the United States and a member of the Altrusa Club of New York. As a child Eleanor was rejected by her wealthy socialite family because she was not pretty. She was sent to school in England where an alert teacher

helped Eleanor develop her tremendous potential and to learn to think on her feet. While her husband was Governor of New York and then President of the United States, Eleanor honed her skills as a leader by working with Navy Relief and the Red Cross. Though she never possessed radiant beauty, Eleanor did become known as the “first lady of the world” in her continuing devotion to great causes including being chair of the United Nations Human Rights Commission.



Cindy presented the Eyes and Ears of Altru-Sue at the August 5, meeting

Spotting Good Leaders

- Focus on those who help others to excel. Keep your eye on those who are more concerned about the performance of the organization and less about who gets the credit for success; these are true team players.

Developing Positive Vision

- “A leader has the ability to see something before it exists.” Mosa Sono, Sr. Pastor, Grace Bible Church, South Africa
- Successful leaders—when visualizing themselves walking across a high wire—see themselves walking to the other side. Leaders who struggle usually have their focus on not falling off the rope!
- Those with positive vision can “see” the club reaching out in new service projects, fund raisers, and membership drives. They help those of us who may be teetering on the rope to “catch the vision.”

Building Trust

- Remember to think of what your mother said, “Look me straight in the eye, and say that.” Leaders who maintain positive eye contact engender trust by their colleagues, and trust is the foundation for all relationships—professional or personal.

Projecting Professionalism

- The Rule of 12 is one Altru-Sue will want to remember. First impressions are made by the top 12 inches of our body and the bottom 12 inches. Pearls . . . understated and always in style. Says, “I am confident and respect you.”

Listening—A Lost Art

- Sound pollution has driven us to tune out many of the every day noises we hear.
- How do we discern “sound pollution” from “meaningful communication?”
- Active listening takes work—we all know that. Yet, it is a good reminder that good leaders are good listeners.
- Perhaps “active listening” is the basis for “informed speaking.” Could that be the basis for our discerning “sound pollution” from “meaningful communication?” Altru-Sue, professional woman dedicated to service—she keeps an eye out for leaders and listens to how we can collectively make a difference in our community.

You can learn more about Altru-Sue on September 13th, November 8th, April 11th, and May 9th.

MINUTES—Altrusa International Inc., of the Brazos

Board Meeting —August 3, 2006

Kathleen My., President, called the board meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

Members in attendance were Terry, Kathleen My., Ovida, and Susan along with Parliamentarian Juanita and Ways and Means Co-Chair Judie . A quorum was not present. The absentee board members will be polled by phone and/or e-mail regarding any business voted upon herein.

The Altrusa Grace was recited.

Ovida, Recording Secretary, presented the July Board Minutes, which were accepted as presented.

In absence of the treasurer, there was no Financial Report.

Ovida reported there was no written correspondence to report but noted the e-mail about our member, Dot, that was sent out to the membership.

Judie, Ways and Means Committee Co-Chair, gave a report on the expo. She stated that an official name had been given to it - “Altrusa Community Expo” (i.e., ACE, short version in months to come) with sub-titles as the expo develops over the years, i.e., children, sports, etc. The expo is a two year plan. In the works for fundraising this year will be a festival or a golf tournament. Details are being worked out and final plans will be forthcoming.

Terry reported she still needed a few more service opportunities at Rapoport Academy sheets from our members. She and liaisons from Rapoport Academy will try to meet next week to review sheets and match up individuals, as needed. She also gave an updated report on Rapoport Academy in relation to TAKS scores, etc. and noted an article in today’s paper. Terry talked about the pasta pounding for Caritas as an ongoing project and pasta products could be brought at any time to her and she would deliver them to Caritas.

The Membership Committee reported receipt of a membership form from Crystal, who is our liaison at

Rapoport Academy. A lengthy discussion followed the submission of this membership application. The following motion was made by Susan and seconded by Terry :

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF CRYSTAL R.

There being no further business to discuss, the Board Meeting was adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

OVIDA ,Recording Secretary

ADDENDUM TO THE MINUTES:

The absent members of the Board of Directors, Janie , Phyllis , Lori, and Rose, were polled by e-mail on Monday, August 7, 2006.

The motion was made by Susan and seconded by Terry :

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, JANIE , PHYLLIS , LORI , AND ROSE APPROVES THE RECOMMENDATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF CRYSTAL R.



ALTRUSA CARES

In this space we send our thoughts & prayers to our fellow Altrusans

Rose for her Father-in-Law To-Be

BUSINESS MEETING—August 9, 2006

Kathleen My, President, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. with 15 members, one prospective member and one guest present.

Kathleen welcomed our guests, Leigh C., daughter of Altrusan Linda C. and Crystal R., prospective member.

The Brag Jar was opened with brags from Cindy, Juanita, Judie, Leigh, Kathleen Morley, Linda C., Maggie and Susan.

Linda C. lead us in the Grace and Pledge. She then gave her Accent on an article from *International Altrusa* (previously called the *Accent*) entitled “So Why Would Anyone Want to Read the 2005-2007 Bylaws and Policies”

Minutes of the last month’s Business Meeting were distributed, reviewed and accepted as presented. The minutes of the August Board Meeting were distributed also for informational purposes.

The Treasurer’s Report will be combined with September’s report as Treasurer Phyllis had been out of town and the report was not available.

The president then called for Committee Reports. Linda C., Communications Chair, reported on Dot and Rose. Cindy later gave an updated report on Rose’s future father-in-law.

Ovida, Secretary, read a letter from Debbie Mabry, Chair of Altrusa International Foundation, Inc., advising us that our 501 (c)(3) exemption status has been approved under the umbrella of the International Foundation.

Judie did not have anything else to report at this time for Ways and Means.

Membership had no further report at this time also.

Kathleen announced that the Publicity Committee was working on a brochure.

Terry reported she had contacted Nancy Grayson with Rapoport Academy and they were to try to meet to set up assignments and get started with our service project.

Judie reported on SOS trip to Women’s Vision Expo and a boat ride on their boat at the lake.

There was no old business.

Under new business, Kathleen said she had a message on her phone from Friends of MCC with a request for someone to speak at one of our upcoming meetings. She asked if someone knew about this group and it was decided that it would be political, i.e., upcoming bond election, and we do not participate in political issues.

Terry then presented Altru-Sue to the club for the next segment in this series of ‘body building’. Cindy of the Past Presidents Council added eyes and ears to Altru-Sue as she previously had received a face. She talked about eyes and how we develop positive vision, can use them to see other side, how eyes can be expressive and can build trust. She then talked about ears and the “Rule of 12”, meaning an individual notices first the top and bottom 12” of a person. She talked about the importance of listening and noted that good leaders are good listeners. She added pearls to Altru-Sue’s ears so she would be stylish and professional.

Carol’s number was pulled for Joker’s Wild but she did not win this time.

The meeting was closed with the Altrusa Benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

OVIDA , Recording Secretary

International News

The Altrusa International Foundation’s Club 21 program was established in 1997 to support children with HIV/AIDS. Club 21 gives Altrusans the opportunity to extend their hands to these children and their families. With an annual contribution of \$21 or more to the Altrusa International Foundation, you will become a member of Club 21. Club 21 has funded Safe Haven Camps for children with HIV/AIDS at no charge to them. See the International Altrusan for details.

ALTRUSA ACCENT

So Why Would Anyone Want To Read The 2005—2007 Bylaws and Policies?

Nancy Easum, Chair

Bylaws, Resolutions and Recommendations
(International Altrusan—July/August 2006)

You may think the International Bylaws and Policies are only good to read when suffering from insomnia and that you would never have a reason to refer to them. However, they are a wonderful reference tool and contain a wealth of information. For example, where can you find the criteria for the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award or the Mamie L. Bass Service Award? The judging criteria for those awards, the Letha H. Brown Literacy Award, and others are found in Policy 6: Awards.

How do I know how many delegates and alternates my club is allowed at District Conference? Check the District Bylaws, Article V: Delegates to Conference, in order to calculate the number of delegates and alternates awarded to your club. Every club in good standing is entitled to one delegate and one alternate for each twenty members. For each additional twenty members, or portion thereof, a club is entitled to an additional delegate and alternate. (Be sure to check your District Bylaws for the date used by the District Treasurer to calculate the number.)

How many members does my club need in order to be at charter strength? By checking Article IV: Members, Section 9, Charter Strength, you would learn that charter strength is twenty active members.

Alright, now I know my club needs twenty active members to be at charter strength, but what's an active member? Active member is defined in Article IV: Members, Section w, Active Members. Active members are those persons who are outstanding in their business or profession and who have been actively engaged in their profession or have been recognized for outstanding work within the community. Emeritus members are those who have been active members but are no longer able to actively contribute to their club. (See Article IV: Members, Section e, Emeritus Members.) Affiliate members are those who have been active members but who no longer live or work within the geographic area of a club or members of a club being developed. (See Article IV: Members, Section 4, Affiliate Members.)

As you can see from this brief review, the Bylaws and Policies are a valuable Altrusa tool containing the answers to many questions. The 2005-2007 Bylaws and Policies can be purchased by contacting the International Office. Every Altrusan should have a copy and refer to it when questions arise.

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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.



Club meetings are held the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays of each month at 12:00 noon. The meetings are located at the Lake Brazos Steakhouse, 1620 N. Lake Brazos Dr. in Waco. For lunch reservations, please contact Linda Cobbs (710-4538)

Board meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon. The meetings are located at the Beatnik's Coffee House at N. 19th & Lake Shore Drive. All members are welcome to attend.

Other Meetings—
Altrusa International, Inc. of Waco Meets 2nd, 4th, and 5th Thursdays at 7:00 pm Hamilton House, 1521 Austin

MEETING INFORMATION

August 3—Board Meeting—
Noon—Beatnix—Lake Shore Dr.

August 9—Business Meeting—
Noon—Lake Brazos Steakhouse
Leadership Development—
Cindy
Baked Potato & Salad
Accent—Linda C.
F & H—Susan

August 23—Program Meeting
Noon—Lake Brazos Steakhouse
Commun./Publicity & Media
Accent—Rose
F & H—Kathleen Mo.

August 30—Orientation Mtg.
Noon—Lake Brazos Steakhouse
Club Sandwich
Accent—Phyllis
F & H—Janie

Sept 7—Board Meeting—
Noon—Beatnix—Lake Shore Dr. .

Sept 13—Business Meeting—
Noon—Lake Brazos Steakhouse
Leadership Development—
Kathleen Mo.
Vegetable Plate
Accent—Susan
F & H—Ovida

Sept 24—Sunday Sundae Social



Sept 27—Program Meeting—
Noon—Lake Brazos Steakhouse
Publicity
Chicken Fried Steak Plate
Accent—Judie
F & H—Carol