

BRAZOS BYLINE

JULY/AUGUST

Sisters in Service

Dates to Remember

- **July 6**—Noon —
Board Meeting —
Beatnix Coffee House
- **July 12**—Noon—
Business Meeting—
Lake Brazos
Steakhouse
- **July 26**—Noon—
Program Meeting—
Lake Brazos
Steakhouse
- **August 3**—Noon—
Board Meeting—
Beatnix Coffee House
- **August 9**—Noon—
Business Meeting—
Lake Brazos
Steakhouse
- **August 23**—Noon—
Program Meeting—
Lake Brazos
Steakhouse
- **August 30**—Noon—
Orientation Meeting—
Lake Brazos
Steakhouse

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From the President- Sisters in Service

As we enter the heat of the summer in Texas, it seems the cool breezes of fall are a long way off. But, we all know it will not be long before we will be in full swing. School will start and our exciting plans with Rapoport Academy will begin. For those of us who attended the wonderful lunch and tour of the school, we better understand the needs of these children and school. There is almost no limit to the opportunities each of us has to make a difference in their young lives - everything from providing crayons and paper to actually "adopting" a child for the school year, and more - much more, including an Astra Club. These children are our future, and we Altrusa Sisters in Service have the ability to make a real impact at Rapoport. No wonder so many members are excited about this new service project! So don't forget to send your choices of service for Rapoport Academy to our Service Chair Terry, as soon as possible.

Of course, Julia our wonderful liaison with Hope House continues to do an amazing job keeping our apartment stocked and ready for its next tenants. So many of our members become involved with this worthwhile project by supplying small comforts to women and children who find themselves in desperate times. It is always exciting to hear that a family has successfully moved out to

start a new life, and that we need to restock the apartment.

And of course, remember the August dates for helping with Storybook Christmas. For more information about time, location and need please talk to Juanita.

Those of you who were not at the last Business Meeting missed a very enlightening, humorous, and valuable Leadership Training Event planned by the President's Council, introduced by Terry Lechler and magnificently executed by Linda Cobbs. Great joy!! Altrusue our leader in training now has a head, with other body parts being added as the year progresses. Be sure and be at the next Leadership Training Event when Cindy gives more form to our newest member. Such imagination, creativity and talent our Sisters have!

Altrusa of the Brazos
Sisters in Service -
meeting the challenges,
meeting the needs, hav-
ing fun and loving it!
Kathleen



ALTRUSA BIRTHDAYS

Kathleen MY.—July 5
Patty —July 9
Ovida — July 18
Penny —July 20
Dot — July 29



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



Service Committee

We have distributed a list of service opportunities for the Rapoport Academy that every member will need to complete. We will then take this list and work with the staff at the school so that we can get started in August.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: We will be collecting school supplies for Rapoport Academy. You may bring them to the meeting, or Judie has

offered to collect money from anyone who wants to donate and she will buy items in bulk from Sam's.

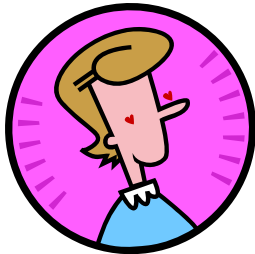
Our tenant at Hope House moved out and Julia, Kathleen Mo, Ovida and Terry met on Saturday afternoon to re-stock the apartment. We are still in need of dish towels, standard size pillow cases and a large trash can. See Julia if you have any of these items. A big thanks to Julia for doing all of the shopping!



Communications

Friendship & Hospitality have been combined this year. Responsibilities include: Meeting room set-up (tables, chairs, flag (in the closet) podium, name tags (in the drawer) etc. Serve as door greeter and liaison between members and restaurant serving staff to be sure that everyone has a seat, food, beverage

& silverware. Calls, sends cards or e-mails to club members who were absent from the meetings. Secretary should provide copy of sign-in sheet. Responsible for making sure everyone signs in & pays for meal. Collects & records Joker's Wild and Brag dollars for the treasurer. Responsible for securing replacement if unable to attend when assigned.



Important Update!!!

“Altru-Sue made her debut on July 12th. You will want to follow her leadership development throughout the year. Don't miss the August 9 meeting and watch her grow!”



ALTRUSA CARES

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

Dot for her speedy recovery
Ann for her husband's health
Rose for her sister
Susan for her step-dad

Local News

As a member of the District Membership Committee I will be working the Women's Visions Expo, scheduled for August 26, 2006 from 10 am to 6 pm, at Dallas Market Hall. The District Membership Development Committee is in charge of coordinating the event. Last year, Women's Visions Expo had over 12,000 people attend the 2-day event! See the event website at <http://www.adjuvantexpos.com/visions/index.html>.

SOS (Sister's Outstanding Socials):

I feel this would be an excellent SOS trip. I will be leaving Waco around 8 a.m. that Saturday morning and would love to take as many as possible with me! After enjoying the Expo, a little shopping or a good meal can be enjoyed. After all have signed up to go we can make the detail plans. I am even open to staying overnight, but driving back late is okay too. **Judie**

District News

NEWS FROM DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP

The Altrusa District Board has approved participation in Women's Visions Expo, scheduled for August 26 and 27, 2006 from 10 am to 6 pm each day, at Dallas Market Hall. The District Membership Development Committee is in charge of coordinating the event. Last year, Women's Visions Expo had over 12,000 people attend the 2-day event! See the event website at <http://www.adjuvantexpos.com/visions/index.html> . This is a GREAT marketing opportunity for Altrusa!

A commitment from each of the 4 largest clubs in the Dallas area to take charge of a 4-hour window during the event was made. We are asking that each club, during their window of time, provide people to man the booth, provide Altrusa-related handouts (candy, stickers, pens, or whatever your club does) and/or candy, and, if desired, handout club-specific information. Mostly we want the best Altrusa-talkers you've got to stand out there and be excited about spreading the word for Altrusa. We would also like for you to include your ASTRA club members in the event and provide information about your ASTRA clubs.

The district committee plans to provide the booth, a 6' table, an Altrusa tablecloth (from the Nacogdoches club), the

District banner, a blow up of the map of Texas showing all district clubs, the general Altrusa brochure from International, the District brochure with contact information for each club, and referral forms to record those interested in receiving additional information about Altrusa. We are also going to get electricity to the booth so we can have a small tv/vcr combo to show the international PSAs. And, we are thinking about providing a computer and monitor to show picture slideshows of Altrusa events.

We will also seek volunteers from other clubs in the area to fill in the gaps where needed. A few volunteers will be needed on Friday 8/25 in the afternoon and Sunday night 8/27 for set up and take down.

We are really excited about this opportunity to spread the word about Altrusa!

Michelle May & LaQuita Allen

Co-chairs, Membership Development Committee

Altrusa International, Inc. of District Nine

International News EXCERPT FROM INTERNATIONAL ALTRUSAN

BYLAWS, RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BRR!! What is that other than a description of the winter weather? BRR stands for Bylaws, Resolutions and Recommendations. So, what is a Bylaw? A Bylaw is the set of rules and regulations under which Altrusa operates. The International Bylaws can only be revised by a vote of the Convention body. In other words, the membership itself decides what the Bylaws should say. While Districts and Clubs can amend their own Bylaws, those amendments cannot contradict the provisions of the International Bylaws. Additionally, the Districts and Clubs should send their revisions to the International BRR Committee for approval. Items such as the different types of membership and the organization of the International Board are found here.

So, how does that differ from policy?? A Policy gives further detail about the implementation of the Bylaws and is voted upon by the International Board of Directors, not the membership itself. For example, the judging criteria for the Eleanor Roosevelt, Mamie L. Bass, Letha H. Brown and Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun Awards are found here. The

fiscal policies of the International organization as it pertains to Convention, International Board members, and Board meetings are also outlined in the International Policies.

What about Resolutions and Recommendations? These are items brought before the Club, District Conference, or International Convention and are considered by the voting body. A common type of Resolution is the courtesy Resolution often adopted at the end of Conference. This Resolution thanks the host club and others who have assisted with the Conference. The District BRR Committee helps with the drafting of this type of Resolution.

While Bylaws, Resolutions and Recommendations may sound scary, they simply help our organization operate effectively and efficiently. Don't be left out in the cold by BRR! Contact BRR Chair, Nancy Easum nancydogs3@msn.com or **Committee Members Marie Gavin, marie.gavin@worldnet.att.net or Connie McIntire, Connie.McIntire@vgbc.org with any questions.**

MINUTES—Altrusa International Inc., of the Brazos

Board Meeting—July 6, 2006

The Board Meeting was called to order by Kathleen Myers, President, at 12:06 p.m.

Members in attendance were Phyllis Blackwood, Kathleen Myers, Rose Oliveras, Lori Southern and Ovida Williams, which constituted a quorum.

The Altrusa Grace was recited.

Ovida Williams, Secretary, presented the June Board Minutes, which were accepted as presented.

Phyllis Blackwood, Treasurer, gave the Financial Report, which was approved as presented.

Under Communications, Ovida Williams read a note from Carolyn Rash, Governor of District Nine, thanking us for inviting her to participate in our 25th Birthday Anniversary and for the silver coins.

Rose Oliveras asked if we have a place or a way for prayer requests to be made, i.e., Rose's sister had a major health problem that she shared. It was decided that such requests would be e-mailed to members letting them know about the specific problem and/or request and that we would also start a new column in our newsletter titled "Altrusa Cares".

Kathleen reported that our web site and chat room had been 'secured'. She also reported on the password.

Under New Business, discussion followed on payment of member's dues due to illness or other mitigating circumstances that might arise. Discussion was also held regarding a prospective member associated with Rapoport Academy, our new service project area.

There being no further business, Kathleen made a motion to adjourn and Lori seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

OVIDA WILLIAMS
Recording Secretary

Foundation Board Meeting—July 6, 2006

The Foundation Board meeting was called to order at 12:27 p.m. by Kathleen Myers, President.

The minutes were accepted with noted corrections to wording on new budget line item, Friendship.

There were no new communications to report.

Under Old Business, Kathleen Myers reported that the 501 [c][3] status for Altrusa International of The Brazos had been submitted to Altrusa International, Inc. Also she mentioned the deadline to order a district pendant if anyone wanted to order from our club.

Under New Business, a discussion was held regarding submission of full financials for Business Meetings. It was agreed that a monthly report of financials would be submitted for our Business Meetings so that the membership could be fully informed.

The meeting was closed at 12:40 p.m. with the Altrusa Benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,

OVIDA WILLIAMS
Recording Secretary

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY



Storybook Christmas

Is sponsoring
Scholastic Book Fair at
Members Choice Credit Union
August 3-4-5th

Sign-up sheets for 2 hour shifts will be at the
June 28th and July 12th meeting.

If you have any questions, contact Juanita

BUSINESS MEETING—JULY 12, 2006

The Business Meeting was called to order by Kathleen Myers, President, at 12:04 p.m. with 16 members present.

Carol Leitzell led the Grace and Pledge. Carol present the Accent on Rapoport Academy - "Add New Dimension to Club" through Astra Club.

The minutes were presented and approved as written.

The Treasurer's Report was presented as printed and will be filed for audit.

Linda Cobbs, Communications Chair, reported on member Dot Hogan. Rose reported that her sister had a health concern. It was reported that we would start a column in our newsletter titled "Altrusa Cares" where names of members, family, friends could be listed and we can share our concerns and prayers with them.

Kathleen Myers reported that the Chat Room was up and running and that it is secure.

Membership is in the process of presenting a prospective member to the board.

Rose Oliveras, Publicity Chair, noted that this was new to her and she asked members for their help and feedback.

Terry reported for Service Committee that she had received only three responses from membership opportunity sheet for our service project at Rapoport Academy. She stressed that the members had several opportunities and needed to respond on this. Julia, our Altrusa representative with Hope House, reported that our tenant had moved out of the apartment. It was another success story. We needed to have the apartment restocked and set up by Monday. Julia reported what items were needed and an e-mail would also be sent out to members on this. It was agreed that members who could meet on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. to restock apartment.

Juanita Tompkins reported on Storybook Christmas in conjunction with Members Choice Credit Union. She passed out a sign-up sheet for times slots members could serve at a site to help the sister club in this project.

Under old business, Kathleen Morley passed out our new yearbooks to each member present.

Under new business, Linda Howell pointed out the plastic jug with lid tabs and asked members to keep soda/can lid tabs for a child at Rapoport who is taking chemo and these tabs are accepted as payment toward a chemo treatment.

Leadership Development was led by Terry Lechler who introduced 'Altru-Sue'. The Past President's Council will have a presentation in segments to build the body of 'Altru-Sue'.

Linda Cobbs presented the face. She talked about Eleanor Roosevelt who was rejected by family because she was "not pretty". But because of a teacher, she became aware of the assets she had to offer, learned about art and to think for herself. She went on to visit sailors and helped organize the Red Cross. She then met and married Theodore Roosevelt. She led causes to elevate women and minorities.

Joker's Wild was held with Aurora having the winning ticket but did not pick the joker.

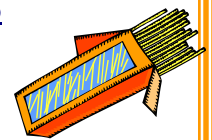
Carol led the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, OVIDA WILLIAMS

NEW

Pounding for Caritas

"Pounds o' Pasta or POP." This could be any kind of pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, or mac and cheese). **Bring to the August 9th meeting.** This will be cheap, go a long way, and would be easy to deliver to Caritas.



If you missed the June 28th meeting at the Rapoport Academy, you missed a delicious lunch, a delightful program and an exciting tour of the facility. Now we know why Terry & Judy have been so excited about starting this partnership with the Rapoport Academy. They are doing great things at this school and Altrusa can join in helping students achieve.

ALTRUSA ACCENT

Add a new dimension to your club: ASTRA

Every Altrusa club has the opportunity to organize and charter an Astra club. Astra offers Altrusans an ideal way to work directly with local young people and to teach the merits of volunteer service.

Astra is for young people ages 13 to 25. Your local secondary and high schools are logical places to contact to develop an Astra club. Most schools welcome organizations that will involve students in community affairs. In fact, many schools now require some form of community service work for graduation. The first step is to carefully review the Astra club manual. Then, meet with the school administrator or principal and discuss the purpose of an Astra club and its relationship to your Altrusa club. Two-year colleges and four-year colleges and universities are also ready-to-order sites for a new Astra club. An Astra club can be composed of young people from more than one school or from any area of the community.

An Astra club is organized the same way as an Altrusa club—elected officers, board of directors and committees—and is directed toward community service. A most important aspect

of Astra is leadership training and personal development, as the club will give its members the opportunity to plan, finance projects and work with others in the community and to make meaningful contributions to the area. The joy of working together and forming friendships is also a part of the Astra club program that will be important to the members.

Altrusa International recognizes that the Astra club program has been overlooked for far too long, and every effort will be made to encourage more Altrusa clubs to see the merit of this practical way to work with young people.

A “Directory of Astra Clubs” is now published annually. This is a useful tool for both Astra clubs and their sponsors in networking for service project ideas, fundraising plans and membership development. A new “Astra Supplies Catalog” is available and has been sent to all Astra club presidents and to their sponsoring Altrusa clubs, featuring a variety of items that will help give an Astra Club visibility.

Young people, everywhere, need the association with an organization like Altrusa. They do not need us to tell them what to do; they need us to help them find their own way and to learn by doing about the responsibilities and values that are so important to their own lives and their role in society.

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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

July 6—Board Meeting—Noon
Beatnix—Lake Shore Dr.

July 12—Business Meeting—
Noon—Lake Brazos Steakhouse
Leadership Development
Chef Salad
Accent—Carol
F & H—Kathleen Mo.

July 26—Program Meeting—
Noon—Lake Brazos Steakhouse
Finance/Ways & Means
Joyce Sims—”Words”
Hamburger & Fries
Accent—Phyllis
F & H—Ovida

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

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

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

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

NOTE: Members not able to fulfill their duties of *Accent*, *Friendship/Hospitality* are responsible for securing a replacement in advance of the meeting.