

# BRAZOS BYLINE

MAR/APRIL 2007

## Sisters in Service

### Dates to Remember

- **Mar 1**—Noon— Board Meeting—Beatnix Coffee House
- **Mar 8** — Women's Rights Day
- **Mar 14**—Noon— Business Meeting— Lake Brazos Steakhouse
- **Mar 28**—Noon—Program Meeting—Lake Brazos Steakhouse
- **Apr 5**—Noon — Board Meeting — Beatnix Coffee House
- **Apr 7** —World Health Day
- **Apr 11** —Altrusa Awareness Day—Observe Altrusa Birthday
- **Apr 11**—Noon—Business Meeting— Lake Brazos Steakhouse
- **Apr 15-21**-Volunteer Week
- **Apr 20-21**—District Nine Conference, Amarillo
- **Apr 25**—Noon—Program Meeting—Lake Brazos Steakhouse

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## From the President— Sisters in Service

### President's Message

The end of the year is approaching quickly. We have a new Board of Directors! Congratulations to each new officer and board member. It is a wonderful service you are taking on for the 2007-2008 year of Altrusa of the Brazos. I am certain that all of your fellow Altrusans will be available next year to help each of you in any way they can.

The last official job I will undertake as your President is to compile the President's Report and the Club Activity Report. After review by several Sisters in Service I will present these reports to District. All the Committee Chairs are requested to have your final reports to me no later than May 11, 2007. Due to the extraordinary commitment of Altrusa of the Brazos Sisters in Service this year, I am also planning on appointing a committee to review our Club projects and activities for submission to various District Awards. The club projects and activities will possibly be submitted to District for the Distinguished Club Award, the Mamie L. Bass Service Award, the Edith DeBusk President's Award, the Yearbook Competition, and the Newsletter Competition. After a final review by your current Board of Directors, I will send these submissions

to District. The deadlines for all of these submissions are May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. So, please don't be late turning in your reports to me. Should you have your report finished prior to the 11<sup>th</sup> please feel free to give it to me early. As we approach the end of May, time will be very short. The earlier you get your reports in the better. We want to make sure that all interested parties have time to look over the reports and submissions before sending them off.

Traditionally we have chosen an Outstanding New Member and an Outstanding "Seasoned" Member each year. This year is no exception. At the April and May Business Meetings I will be asking you to submit your vote for two members, one New and one Seasoned who you think should be especially honored by our club for their contribution to Altrusa of the Brazos this year.

At the Program Meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> the President's report will be given, new officers will be installed, and presentation of the Outstanding Members Awards will be made. The last meeting for this year on May 30<sup>th</sup> will be a time for fun and celebration – celebrating this year's work and commitment by each of you dedicated Sisters In Service. Kathleen Myers

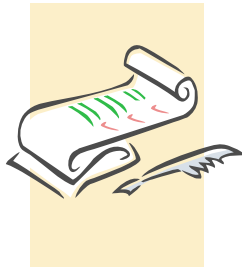
### Rapport Students Visit the Ranch

March 19—9:00-11:00-Pre-K to 1st: 12:00-2:00—2nd to 4th  
 March 20—9:00-1:00 5th to 7th (Includes Hot Dog lunch)  
 All are invited to come out and enjoy the fun (help out) if you can



## Service Committee

Julia is trying to get an April date confirmed for an "Appaloosa Day at the Gospel Cafe." Seven people have indicated that April 12th would be the best day, so we will let everyone know when we get confirmation.



Also, please remember that your service hours for the year will be due very soon. The service log on the website is very easy to use, so please take advantage of it.

## Membership Committee

No Report

## Ways & Means Committee

No Report

## Communications Committee

No Report

## Local News



Several Altrusans attended the Difference Maker Banquet at Floyd Casey Stadium on February 28<sup>th</sup> to honor Nancy Grayson as she received the 2006 Difference Maker Award in the category of education."



## ALTRUSA CARES

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

Kathleen My's daughter Ashley

Chandra's friend Kay whose father Don is struggling with cancer

## ALTRUSA BIRTHDAYS

March 29—Betty Mc.

March 31—Rose



April 14—Joyce Si.

April 24—Sandi

The following slate was elected at the March 14 meeting:

### 2007-2007 Board

President	Kathleen Mo.
1st Vice	Susan W.
Secretary	Cindy D.
Treasurer	Phyllis
Director	Rose
Director	Maggie
Director	Crystal
Past Pres.	Kathleen My.

## District News

### Conference Service Project

Each year the host club selects a conference Service Project. This year, the Conference Service Project will benefit the Eveline Rivers Christmas Project. Bringing joy and warmth to economically disadvantaged children has been the goal of this organization for the past 27 years. The Eveline Rivers Christmas Project is a yearlong work in progress, with volunteers working January through October receiving and organizing donated items and then distributing them beginning in September through the Christmas season. In 1979, the year the project started, 43 presents were distributed during Christmas. Last year over 7,000 needy children in the Amarillo and surrounding areas received Christmas gifts along with 2,689 winter coats.

With no paid staffers, this organization is run solely by community volunteers. Eveline Rivers has received numerous awards and accolades over the years and will be an inspiring addition to the 2007 District Conference as the keynote speaker. Her organization has been chosen to be the recipient of the 2007 Conference Service Project. With that in mind, District Nine members are asked to bring personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, soap, lotion, deodorant, shampoo, plus children's books to donate to this worthwhile organization. Monetary donations will also be collected to be used to purchase toys and other items. Also, during the All Service Workshop members will be cutting fleece and helping assemble blankets that are distributed during the Christmas season.

## International News

### **Call To The 50th International Convention – by 2005-2007 International President Linda Nichols**

It's time to get on board and celebrate at the 50th International Convention of Altrusa International, Inc. We will be recognizing your Districts and your Clubs! The 50th Altrusa International Convention in the home of District Three, Orlando, Florida will convene on Friday, July 13, 2007 and close on Monday, July 16, 2007. I, along with each member of District Three, invite all Altrusans worldwide, to come and be a part of this exciting time. The Convention headquarters will be the lovely Disney Contemporary Hotel in Orlando, Florida. We will again have a four-day Convention packed with interesting workshops, business meetings and all Convention Session, the Flag Ceremony, Awards Presentations and Installation Banquet. We are also

offering many exciting and interesting tours and much fun. Please see the preliminary schedule for details. International President-Elect Zaida Perez-Mendez and her 2007-2009 Team will present the traditional Program Presentation for the next Biennium. This is sure to be a highlight of the Convention. You can look forward to exciting workshops and programs presented by the incoming biennium team.

One of the benefits and responsibilities of membership is to attend the Altrusa International Convention. It is important for all of us to support the organization at the International level. Please join the Altrusans of District Three in Orlando as they proudly host your 50th Convention!

See International Altrusan- January/February 2007 for much more information and details.

**Altrusa International of The Brazos, Inc.**

**Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

March 1, 2007

The Board meeting was called to order by President Kathleen My. at 12:12 p.m. with the following members present: Phyllis, Terry L., Kathleen My., Rose, Lori, Ovida, and Susan W.

The Altrusa Grace was recited.

Minutes of the last meeting were not available and deferred until April.

Phyllis, Treasurer, gave the Financial Report. She noted we were still ahead on the meals line item. There being no further discussion, the report will be filed for audit.

Ovida noted she had not received any correspondence.

There were no reports from committees nor any old business to discuss.

Under New Business, Terry L. stated she would like to see all reports and award presentations proofed before going to District as they were a reflection of the club. It was decided that two members, Cindy and Susan W., would proof these materials before submitting to District.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

OVIDA

Recording Secretary

**Altrusa International, Inc. of The Brazos**

**Foundation Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

March 1, 2007

The Foundation Board Meeting was called to order at 12:24 p.m. by President Kathleen My..

The minutes were not available and deferred until the April meeting.

Terry L., Treasurer, gave the Financial Report. She also noted that the meals line item was ahead and the report included the International Grant. She also stated that grant requests should be in by the end of March to be considered for disbursement monies. She further stated that receipts for reimbursement should be turned in also. Financial commitments for calendar year need to be spent. We will also need to know for sure about our awards and grants as to total monies to commit. With no further discussion, the report will be filed for audit.

Kathleen had received some communication regarding a contribution from District Nine clubs for Linda Nichols, International President, in regard to the Lamplighter Award.

There being no Old Business, under New Business, further discussion was held regarding the Lamplighter Award and if our club wanted to contribute an amount to the award and how much we would contribute.

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF LORI AND SECONDED BY PHYLLIS, MOTION WAS MADE THAT (SET \$ AMOUNT) WOULD BE TAKEN FROM THE FOUNDATION BUDGET TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE LAMPLIGHTER AWARD FOR (NAME TO BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE), WITH SAID MOTION TO BE TAKEN TO MEMBERSHIP.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with the Benediction at 12:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

OVIDA

Recording Secretary

**Altrusa International, Inc. of The Brazos  
Business Meeting—Minutes-March 14, 2007**

The Business Meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by President Kathleen My. with 14 members and one guest.

Kathleen welcomed our guest, D'Lee G. There were no brags for the Brag Jar.

Susan W. led the members in the Altrusa Grace and the pledge of allegiance. Susan then gave her Accent on the International Conference that is going to be held in Orlando, Florida this year.

Minutes of last month's meeting were passed out to the members for review. Kathleen Mo. noted a change in the minutes under the Nominating Committee report. The minutes were then accepted with the noted change. There was no correspondence from the secretary.

Kathleen My. called for the Club Treasurer's Report. Terry L., in the absence of Treasurer Phyllis, referred to the report that had been passed out for review. Also, Terry L., Foundation Treasurer, noted that the Foundation report was available for review. There being no questions, the reports will be filed for audit.

Kathleen My. then called for the committee reports.

Linda C. did not have anything to report on communications. Ovida asked if she or anyone had heard from Juanita and Linda gave the latest information she had. Kathleen My. said she had a personal request in regard to her daughter, Ashley's, personal health problems and asked that she be put on our 'Altrusa Cares' list. Chandra noted a friend had lung cancer and Kathleen called for any other requests for our list.

Due to Spring Break and the absence of committee chairs, we did not have any reports from Finance-Ways and Means, Membership, Publicity and SOS.

Terry L., chair of Service Committee, noted that the results of the e-mailing regarding a work day at Gospel Café was April 12<sup>th</sup>. Julia was to call Gospel Café to confirm the date. Terry also reminded Altrusans to get their service hours in to her as the end of year report will be due and they are important. Kathleen also noted the upcoming visits by students from Rapoport Academy to her ranch on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. She noted they would have a hayride, feed baby calves, go to the lake for an ecology study, see baby potbellied pigs and be read too also. She had a cowboy coming to teach roping and they would do embryo transfer and learn

about pasture management. On Tuesday, the students would have a hot dog lunch, campfire and even cook smores. If any member could come help either day, that would be great - particularly on Tuesday for the hot dog cookout.

Under Old Business, the members received a report on the student who is critically ill, Christopher. Kathleen reported that he is out of treatment totally and at home but not doing well. Susan D. reported that she had a meeting with the family but nothing further to do at this time. Chandra mentioned about doing a video with music relating to Christopher's life. Everyone thought that was a great ideal, if they could obtain pictures and information regarding him and what his favorite song or what music he liked.

Under New Business, Kathleen My. on behalf of Cindy, who had lost her voice, presented the slate of officers and board members for 2007-2008.

President: Kathleen Mo.  
Vice President: Susan W.  
Treasurer: Phyllis  
Secretary: Cindy  
Directors: Rose, Maggie, Crystal  
Immediate Past President: Kathleen My.

With no nominations from the floor, Kathleen called for a vote by 'all in favor' with a show of hands. The vote was unanimous.

Ovida presented the following recommendation from the Board of Directors regarding the Lamplighter Award that is given to a significant Altrusan.

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The motion passed unanimously.

Aurora had the lucky ticket for Joker's Wild but did not win.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. with the Altrusa Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,  
OVIDA, Recording Secretary

**ALTRUSA ACCENT—**  
**YOU ARE PUBLIC RELATIONS-**  
 (Reprinted from International Altrusan—  
 January/February 2007)

Much has been written about the use and process of public relations: writing a newsletter to relay information to your club members; contacting the media, local newspapers, radio and television, to advertise the programs, fundraisers and activities of the club; opportunities and methods for getting your name and projects to the attention of the community. These are necessary and important.

Altrusans, however are also Public Relations. YOU are the best PUBLIC RELATIONS a club can have. Do you wear your pin at every Altrusa meeting and function? Do you wear your pin at work? (This is a very good way to solicit members.) Do you proudly display your membership certificate on the wall of your office? Do you talk with your friends and others you come in contact with regarding your club, your projects, and the contacts you have made? Presenting YOURSELF

is a great public relations tool. You, each and every Altrusa member are PUBLIC RELATIONS. What you say, what you do, and how you conduct yourself reflects on your individual club and on the Altrusa organization as a whole. BE PROUD TO BE AN ALTRUSAN. Wear your pin, talk up your projects and display Altrusa emblems! Make everyone aware of our great organization and the many worthwhile projects that benefit the community.

**QUESTION:** Did you know that the Communication Committee has posted a thorough Media Guide on the International website? It covers every topic you can imagine: Tips on Publishing a Newsletter, Photographs, News Media, Press Releases and Public Relations, Model Press Release for a Fund Raiser, How to develop a website, and Designing a club brochure.

Just go to the website: [www.altrusa.com](http://www.altrusa.com) and then click on committees, and then you can look for the Communications Committee, and the Media Guide has link there. Use it—that's what it's for. And please e-mail your ideas, comments and suggestions to [sheryl.borden@enmu.edu](mailto:sheryl.borden@enmu.edu)

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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**

<b>Mar 1—Board Meeting—Noon—</b> Beatnix— Lake Shore Dr	<b>April 5—Board Meeting—Noon—</b> Beatnix— Lake Shore Dr
<b>Mar 14—Business Meeting—Noon—</b> Lake Brazos Steakhouse —Election of Officers Grilled Chicken Sandwich <i>Accent—Susan W. F &amp; H—Linda H.</i>	<b>April 11—Business Meeting —Noon—</b> Lake Brazos Steakhouse —Baked Potato, Salad & Dessert <i>Accent—Ovida F&amp;H—Maggie</i>
<b>Mar 28—Program Meeting—Noon—</b> Lake Bra- zos Steakhouse —Publicity— Bring a New Member Chef Salad & Dessert <i>Accent—Kathleen Mo. F&amp;H—Judie R.</i>	<b>April 25—Program Meeting Noon—</b> Lake Brazos Steakhouse —Club Sandwich <b>Bring a New Member</b> <i>Accent—Kathleen Mo. F&amp;H—Rose</i>
<b>Mar 30-31—Planning Retreat</b>	