



The Altruist

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2/2/17

Dear Altrusans:

As you all know, I have been doing some well overdo cleaning. It is a chore I truly dislike, however while going through things you come across some treasures you have forgotten while becoming friends with the gentlemen at the recycling center. While sorting tons of paper I came across this gem. One that we all have in our manuals but pay little attention to once it has been read. So here it is for all of us to read again and remember.

ASPIRATIONS OF AN ALTRUSAN

Let me always be open minded, that I may recognize good for Altrusa wherever it may be.
 Let me be ready always to put aside my personal opinions for the greater good of the greater number.
 Let me see principles and not personalities, and discerning them, let me serve them wholeheartedly through every cloud of doubt and discouragement.

Let me have faith still that the voice of the majority is the voice of good, and let me lend myself sincerely to the working out of what the majority chooses. Knowing that the organization is but the individual multiplied by many and that the organization reflects not only the constructive good, but the mistaken ideas, the short-sightedness, the failures of the individual, let me still adhere to the will of the majority, knowing that time will reveal the better way and lead our footsteps aright if we tread with purer motive and unselfish hearts.

Let me be conscious of the shortcoming, the mistakes, the failures of myself and my associates only that I may learn to correct them, and let me rather see with uplifted face and stalwart soul the unblemished beauty, the high ideal of Altrusa, which exists upon the earth to uplift women to higher things, to make real in business and in our daily lives the things of the spirit.

Let me be patient in defeat and humble in success. Let me seek not for rewards, for appreciation, or even for understanding, but let me seek rather to do the work that

lies before me, and to find in the right doing of the work the joy and satisfaction that passes understanding, until

I, too, may say

“I KNOW WHAT PLEASURE IS, FOR I HAVE DONE GOOD WORK”.

Mamie L Bass

As I look back to last Sunday’s “Painting with a Twist”, I remember the diversity of all the paintings. Forty-two attendees with one instructor and a finished painting and we all came up with our idea of what we saw and heard and tried to imitate. None were exactly alike. It is marvelous of what the human eye and heart sees and the hands do. Artists we may not be, but we came together to a common cause, had fun and displayed our uniqueness. I spoke to a gentleman who in no way is associated with us and he marveled at what we had accomplished and our cause. He asked about Altrusa and what we were about. After I explained some of our works, he said “I am happy to have been a part of such a worthwhile cause. I will remember Altrusa and tell my friends.” Another said:” I learned to read in a library as my Mom was a librarian, I am so fortunate because of it, and hope every child has that opportunity. Thank your club for distributing books and giving everyone an opportunity.”

So, ladies, as unique as each of us may be, we make Altrusa what Altrusa is. We work, we play, we raise money and together we strive for a better community.

For all you are and all you give---Thank You!

Lucille

Service Hours as of February 3, 2017

Altrusa work	Altrusa Service	Community Service
14	59	78
YEAR TO DATE		
671	531.5	838.5

Smile a while: 😊

There was a computer dating back to Adam and Eve. It was an apple, and a very bad one at that. It only took one byte for everything to crash.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

There are no February birthdays among our members.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

No Bon Appetit nights in February

March 25, 2017

Bingo & Ice cream at Wardwell

April 11, 2017

Altrusa’s Birthday / Altrusa Awareness Day

April 16, 2017

Cooking & serving at Bon Appetit

April 28-30

Spring Conference in Mystic, Connecticut

Upcoming International Convention
July 21-24, 2017 - Nashville, Tennessee
100th Anniversary of Altrusa

November 4, 2017

District One Works

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 01/9/17

Leaders in Service: Nancy Phillips stated that Scholarship applications were going out to the schools this month.

Sandy Mckenny stated that our Relay for Life team is now registered to participate in the July event in Wells, Maine. Interested individuals may register online with the team Spirit of Hope.

Congratulations to Laura Cortright for becoming President of the Board of Directors for Bon Appetit.

Correspondence: We received a thank you note from the Salvation Army.

We also received 13 sympathy notes and several donations in memory of Linda Hennebury. At the time of this meeting \$1400 had been donated in her memory.

Secretary's report:

The Secretary's report was accepted as read. Moved by Rita Cote and seconded by Nancy Phillips.

Treasurer's report: Rita Cote reviewed the updated financial statement with the members.

Membership:

Chair, Ann Milliard, announced that Barbara Hood's pin had been returned to the club.

An application for membership from Ray Cadorette will be reviewed by the Board.

Finance:

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 12/31/2016

Chair Rita Cote reported that the committee discussed the donations received in memory of Linda Hennebury and how best to use to honor her memory. She reminded us that money from the public must be returned to the public. With consideration to Linda and what was important to her, the Committee considered that the NAP program was her pride and joy and recommends that for the donations. The thought was that we could continue the NAP program for a very long time with these funds. Discussion ensued

Laura Cortright suggested sharing the funds with the Scholarship funds.

We will be voting on this matter at the next meeting.

Community Services:

Chair, Laura Cortright announced that the date for our Wardwell Bingo & ice cream event is Marsh 25. Also, our cooking date for Bon Appetit will be April 26.

The committee is also gathering information regarding the 'couch surfing' program, and what best to offer in the bags we are making for My Sister's Keeper.

Saron Staz brought to our attention a new opportunity for us, the Tools for Schools program sponsored by the United Way. We would start in the Spring and coordinate with Ruth's Reusables to organize and provided school supplies to local educational facilities. No expense to the club would be incurred, they merely need assistance with organization.

Communications:

Chair, Sandy McKenney will be sending out a media alert regarding our scholarship and to promote Altrusa International's 100th anniversary.

Old Business:

Denise continues to collect used ink cartridges.
Lynn continues to collect reusable plastic bags.

New Business:

It is time for nominations to the **District** for Officers and Board. The following is a letter sent by Denise Doyon to Clubs in the district.

January 6th, 2017

Dear Club Presidents, Past Governors and Board Members of District ONE:

The District ONE Nominating Committee is seeking your help in creating a slate of officers and directors for the 2017-2019 biennium. Each Club in District ONE is entitled to submit the names of Altrusa members who may be considered for nomination to office by the Nominating Committee. You may submit more than one name for any office. The people that you propose do not have to be members of your Club, however, they must be members in good standing of an Altrusa Club in District ONE.

We ask that as you and the members of your Club consider your submissions, you keep in mind that service at the District level is an honor that carries responsibility. Members of the District Board are expected to attend Workshop and Conference, conduct Club visits, and generally tend to the business of the District. In addition to the responsibility, service on the District Board also provides an opportunity for personal growth, professional development and the creation of lasting friendships. We encourage you to contact potential nominees to gauge their interest/ability to be slated and to serve if elected.

In the next two attachments, you'll find a Nomination Form and job descriptions. Please complete the form and forward it to each member of the Nominating Committee electronically or send it via snail mail to me: Denise Doyon, at 26 Bayberry Road, Biddeford, ME 04005. Communicate in whichever manner is easiest for you. Your submission must be received no later than February 15, 2017. We thank you for your prompt attention to this request and look forward to receiving your submission. If you have any questions regarding the process, the forms, the eligibility requirements, etc., please feel free to contact any member of the nomination committee.

Sincerely,

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Rita Cote graciously said yes to being nominated as Treasurer.

Denise would be happy to pass on to any interested individual the job descriptions accompanying the available positions.

Nominations for Altrusa International Foundation's Community Leadership award are being called for. President Lucille Prescott will discuss with the Board.

GUESS WHO IT IS:

Last month's lovely little lady was Rita Cote. Can you guess who this is?



IN MEMORIUM

Any member who has ever attended District and/or International conferences will easily remember the beauty and grace of Dr. Alexinia Baldwin, past International President.



February 3, 1925 – January 21, 2017
Thank you Alexinia for your service to Altrusa, your community and our world.

100th Anniversary celebration update

Mel Cannella, chair of the ad hoc committee for this celebration states that we have settled on the following information and will be meeting again on Friday, February 10.

- Date - April 10
- Where – Wardwell
- Indulgences – Finger food & Cake

- Flowers – Balloons – favors
 - Invitations to be sent to all past members
 - Door prizes / Raffle
 - PowerPoint presentation
 - Media release
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Report of our dinner meeting on 1/23/17



Membership Committee Chair, Ann Milliard, introduced our speaker Mellissa Coreau, Enrollment Coordinator for York County Head Start program.

Head Start is defined as a program of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that provides comprehensive childhood education, health, nutrition and parent involvement services to low income children (ages 3 to 5) and their families. Early Headstart provides similar services for children ages 0 to 3. In our area, the Headstart programs are managed by York County Community Action. Headstart facilities are located in Biddeford, Buxton, Kittery, Lyman, No Berwick, Saco, Sanford and Waterboro.

Melissa said that there were 186 children presently enrolled in Head Start. Head Start is not just for the children, but also for the whole family and they encourage parent involvement and offer training opportunities as well as health and dental service. Early Head Start even offers prenatal education for expecting parents.

Melissa was a very interesting speaker and we enjoyed her presentation.

AN INVITATION FROM ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL

Altrusans Striking The Right Chords 2017 Convention



We're excited to invite you to join the International Board, Staff, and District Four Altrusans as we "Strike The Right Chords!" July 21-24, 2017 in Nashville, TN!

Registration is open
at <https://altrusa.webconnex.com/2017Convention>.

Registrations made now through June 14th will be at the regular rate of \$375. Late registrations, made June 15th or after, will be charged \$400. Single day registrations are available at \$85 per day, meals not included.

For those who are unable to register online, please complete the following form and mail it, along with a check, to the International Office at 1 N. LaSalle St, Suite 1955, Chicago, IL, 60602.

[Convention Registration Form](#) (English)

Hotel reservations for the Sheraton Music City Hotel can be made online through our group booking site, <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1611162566&key=2E9562E3>, available to use through June 23rd. To help you enjoy all that Nashville has to offer, group room rates are available from Saturday, July 16th through Thursday, July 27th.



CAN WE PAINT?. OH, BOY, CAN WE PAINT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

PAINTING WITH A TWIST

Painting With a Twist 1/29/17 was a great success! 13 Altrusans and about 10 Altrusan guests and members of the public joined for an afternoon of fun (and variable creativity) for a total of 42 paying participants. In addition to 1/2 of all the admission fees, Painting with a Twist raffled off a painting and donated those proceeds to us, for a **total check of \$ 783.00!** Good job everyone!



