



The Altruist

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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TOPSY/TURVY

Beginning January 2017, our 1st monthly meeting (2nd Monday), will be our business meeting held at the Wardwell.
 Our 2nd monthly meeting (4th Monday), will be our program meeting held at the Inn at Atlantic Heights.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE 12/27/16

Dear Altrusans:

It has been quite a busy six months! Amazing how much we have done since June. We’ve had two events at the Young School (book reading and RIF), had a music social at the Wardwell, rang the Salvation Army Bell, attempted to give away 700 books on two occasions, participated in the Kids gifting, donated \$235.00 in gift cards and innumerable personal hygiene and cosmetics to the Salvation Army.

We planned our last activity for 2016 to entertain the residents at Atlantic Heights, and we were pleasantly surprised. Marguerite limbered her fingers and Beverly and Judy exercised their vocal cords and the singing began. To our amazement Bea (Bernadette Stewart) a resident, offered to play a Christmas carol for us and continued to awe us throughout the remaining hour. Bea certainly could tickle the ivories on that piano. Ed Gardner another resident sang along throughout the evening and told me how much he was enjoying the evening which reminded him of years in

school. How he had missed the first six weeks of choir because of an illness but because he had a strong voice and good pitch was able to participate in the choir. He says to this day he cannot read a note but loves to sing and was really enjoying the evening. Those who attended were all having a good to time. Ladies, our good deed for Atlantic Heights turned out to be a gift to us. We were truly blessed.



On a sadder note, we lost two wonderful members: Barbara Hood and Linda Hennebury. Both ladies contributed a great deal to our club. Both had challenging illnesses and managed to give their all. They supported our causes financially and energetically despite their challenges. Their smiles, stories, and support of all our endeavors will be remembered for years to come.

In a few days, we will be bringing in the New Year and it will hopefully be a happy and healthy one for all of us. We will begin our new schedule of meetings with committee and business meetings on the second Monday, and meal and program meetings on the fourth Monday. I must say that I already feel less stressed by not writing the President's letter immediately after the fourth Monday's meeting; hoping that it is so with Judy our Editor and all those who submit articles for the newsletter.

To all members and their families, I hope your Christmas was Merry and Bright. A happy and healthy New Year to all of you.

Lucille

Service Hours as of December, 2016

Altrusa work	Altrusa Service	Community Service
91	103	131
YEAR TO DATE		
667.5	473.5	762.5



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Beverly Stoops, M.D., January 8-

Smile a While, from Denise

From the January issue of Better Homes and Gardens: January 9 we celebrate National Clean Off Your Desk Day by sorting stacks into three trays: to-do now, for later and to file. Then toss anything extra and wipe down the surface.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sunday, January 29, 2:00 pm
Painting with a Twist
fundraiser

January 30 and 31
Bon Appetit

April 11th
Altrusa's Birthday
Altrusa Awareness Day

April 28-30
Spring Conference in Mystic, Connecticut

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

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12/12/2016

Leaders in Service: None

Correspondence: None

Secretary's report:

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

Treasurer's report: None

Membership:

Chair, Ann Milliard, stated that the committee was preparing an orientation session for our newest members Mel Cannella and Lynn Steed. Our January speaker will be from Head Start. And, the committee is looking at 2 new members.

Finance:

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 12/31/2016

On the agenda for the Finance Committee meeting 1/9 and the immediately following Business meeting, will be 1) the handling of the memorial donations coming in, in memory of Linda Hennebury and also, 2) the January 29th fundraiser, Painting for a Purpose.

Painting for a Purpose will be in Saco, Sunday, January 29, 2-4pm. Entrance/painting fee will be \$35 per person and 50% of the proceeds will be returned to the 501(c)3 fund of our club. This event will be open to both Altrusans and to the public. Sign up early and recruit friends and family and neighbors. (There are some space limitations.) We had a

blast last year doing this, many of us deciding we weren't quite Rembrandts yet. Maybe this year.

Community Services:

Chair, Laura Cortright offered a grateful thanks to all members involved with the Joyful Harvest children's breakfast and shopping event. Sharon offered that they had served 230 people at breakfast and helped 187 kids to shop for their Moms and Dads. All was very much more organized and it went very well.

Mickey and Lucille went shopping for our Salvation Army project and made 22 bags of personal care items for their distribution as needed.

Communications: No report

Old Business: Rita distributed all our goodies bought from Close Buy and Genevieve.

Lynn still needs reusable plastic bags for the food pantry.

Don't forget your used ink cartridges for Denise.

GUESS WHO IT IS:

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



Great Person of the Year

President Lucille says "Do you get the *KENNEBUNK POST*? **Sharon Staz** was nominated for great person of the year because of her work as treasurer of the "MainStage Shakespeare". Congratulations Sharon. It's so nice to know that your hard work and dedication is appreciated.

Our Altrusa Club has lost two very significant members in the past year.

**We mourn the deaths of
Barbara Hood and Linda Hennebury.**

The death of a loved one can be like a wildfire. You don't know what parts of your life will turn to ashes and what parts will survive. Many may feel everything is lost, but just like fire flowers, God brings beautiful things from ashes. We will never forget the significance of those lost, but we must press forward to see how God will use the influence of their lives and deaths to make us stronger.

