



The Altruist

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 7/1/17

Dear Altrusans:

We have certainly had a busy year. We have worked diligently on all our tasks and have accomplished a great deal. We can now take a few weeks of R&R so that in August we will be refreshed to resume our committee and business meetings with a continued zest for the coming year.

All the committees have been exceptional this year as always. Your dedication has been impeccable. What an awesome sight to see four/six committees (I'm including the Scholarship Committee and Anniversary Committee), work together as one! Service: projects are outstanding and continue to challenge us to better our communities. Finances: fundraising at its finest continues to keep us solvent in innovative ways with signature events such as: yard sale, Painting with a Twist and a new one on the way. Membership: always putting their best foot out to enlist new members, three this year: Mel Cannella, Lynne Steed and Ray Cadorette, plus several possibilities on the horizon. Communications: Advertising as our club has never seen. Opportunities were seized and published. Scholarship: evaluating multiple applicants and awarding two scholarships to fine deserving young men. Anniversary Committee: gathering of past and present members of Altrusa for a wonderful get

together with refreshments in abundance. Thank you all for making Altrusa Biddeford-Saco and Altrusa International such a great organization. In the words of song writer Judy Cadorette "We're working well today; We're working well today". Today and always!

Hours of service have been wonderful over the year. A total 3,428.5 hours of service have been given in member hours, community service and volunteer hours.



Thank you!

Hoping to see all of you at Marguerite and Rita's on July 10th, (rain date: July 17) for fun and relaxation.

Sincerely,

Lucille

Service Hours as of April 31, 2017

Member Service/	Volunteer Service/	Community Service
32	165	185
	Year to date	
1199.5	920	1105



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Rita Cote 7/6

Phyllis McCullough 7/6

Phyllis Dunitz 7/26

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Bon Appetit
July 30, 31

Summer Social
July 10th
@ Marguerite and Rita's
any time after 3pm
dinner served at 6pm

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

November 4, 2017
District One Workshop

Secretary's Report

June 12, 2017 business meeting at Wardwell

President Lucille Prescott started the meeting at 7PM.
Service hours were then taken.

Correspondence -

No correspondence

Leaders in Service –

Phyllis Dunitz announced that her niece, Melodie Winawer has written a historical novel, *The Scribe of Siena*, which takes place in the 14th century. There will be a book signing and reading on July 8th at 5pm at the Bull Moose on Payne Road in Scarborough.

Melodie Winawer is a physician-scientist and Associate Professor of Neurology at Columbia University. A graduate of Yale University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Columbia University with degrees in biological psychology, medicine, and epidemiology, she has published forty-seven nonfiction articles and book chapters. She is fluent in Spanish and French, literate in Latin, and has a passable knowledge of Italian. Dr. Winawer lives with her spouse and their three young children in Brooklyn, New York.

Sharon Staz announces that Maine Stage Shakespeare is back again this summer and will offer two performances at Thornton Academy:

Friday, July 21 at 7pm:

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Helena loves Demetrius...who loves Hermia...who loves Lysander. For these four Athenian teens, love is far from a straight line. When they end up in the forest realm of the estranged King and Queen of the fairies (also the rehearsal spot for a crew of amateur actors) the result is a night of mischief, mayhem, magic – and one of Shakespeare's most hilarious comedies. Ranging from gut-busting slapstick to surprising tenderness and back again, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* reassures us that love works out in the end...even if we make asses of ourselves in the process.

Friday, August 11 at 7pm:

The Winter's Tale

Leontes, King of Sicilia, has a loving wife, a bright young son, and a happy kingdom, but despite it all, he falls prey to his own jealousy. When Leontes accuses his wife, Hermione, of being unfaithful, he sets into motion his own downfall. But from these grim origins, *The Winter's Tale* launches into one of Shakespeare's most unexpected works, featuring lovely shepherdesses, charming con-artists, and a bear. A whimsical fable with pleasures for optimists and pessimists alike, *The Winter's Tale* reminds us all that it's never too late for redemption.

Secretary – Judy Cadorette

Rita Cote moved to accept the Secretary’s report, and under discussion Marguerite Dow offered a typographical correction of the word “installation”. Ann Milliard seconded to accept as corrected. Passed.

Treasurer – Rita Cote

No treasurer’s report

Membership – Ann Milliard, Chair

Ann stated that the committee is considering two new members at this time.

Finance –Rita Cote

Rita presented her year-end report. A motion was made by Phyllis Dunitz to accept and seconded by Bev Stoops. She then offered a proposed budget for 2017-2018, and after review and discussion a motion was made by Sharon Staz and seconded by Marguerite Dow to accept. Both motions were passed unanimously.

Rita reminded members that payment of speaker’s fees should be processed through the club and not personally.

Service –Laura Cortright

Laura announced that we needed desserts for our Bon Appetit meal (which was served on Wednesday, June 14th). Laura’s sister will do some baking. At 1 pm Laura and Sharon will go in to do prep work for the meal which will be served at 4:45. Altrusans did all the cooking and served this meal buffet style, which seemed to go very well, according to all involved.



Laura then reminded members that RIF (Reading is Fun) book distribution would be held on Wednesday June 21 from 8am to 11:30am.

The committee discussed what to do with Books left over from Make A Difference day. It was decided to contact local school’s summer programs to see if they could use these books for their students. More information will follow.

Sharon Staz then discussed the United Way’s program “Tools for Schools”, which we have agreed to participate in. On 6/22, Altrusans met at Ruth’s Reusables and helped pack 500 back packs for this program.



Communications – Sandy McKenney

Nancy Phillips has submitted information to Mel Cannella about the scholarship winners, to be sent in to the newspapers.

A press release was sent in for the 100th anniversary celebration, and the next ones will promote the book distribution, Relay for Life and Yard Sale.

This month’s **PRESS RELEASE OF THE MONTH/MAYBE YEAR** is the following of our Nancy Phillips dressed as the Tin Man for Relay for Life of York County:



Sandy offered a big thanks to all the committee members.

Upcoming Events

July 10th – Altrusa Summer Social at Marguerite & Rita’s home. Come by any time after 3pm, dinner will be served at 6pm. Rain date is 7/17.

July 30, 31 – Bon Appetit

August 14th – Business meeting at the Wardwell.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed By-Laws Changes– Denise Doyon

Denise reviewed with us the proposed International By-Laws changes that will be discussed and voted on at Convention. Discussion ensued on a few items including Item 1701 allowing 2 members to serve on the International Board, as well as the proposal to have virtual clubs.

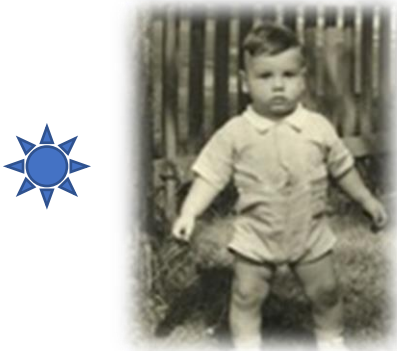
Old Business:

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

Phyllis Dunitz motioned to adjourn Marguerite Dow seconded. Motion passed without objection.

Respectfully Submitted
Judith Cadorette, Secretary

GUESS WHO THIS SWEET ALTRUAN IS?????????



Laugh a little: From Mel, here is a “LEXOPHILE”
When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.

NOTES FROM OUR June 26, 2017 DINNER MEETING:

Altrusans welcomed guests, Austin Dutremble, our second Scholarship winner, and his mother Ann.



Austin is a graduate of Biddeford High School and will be attending the University of New England, majoring in Medical Biology/Pre-Med. He graduated as one of the top ten students and was treasurer of the BHS Interact Club as well as has volunteered extensively in the community.

My Secretary notes say that Denise Doyon will be selling T-shirts and sweatshirts. Indeed, she sold one to Ray. However, I seem to be missing a crucial item of information. I don’t know where she will be selling them. At our meetings? At convention? On Main Street? Nevertheless, Bella Cowan motioned that the proceeds of this sale should be deposited in our operating account. Lynn Steed seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Inn at Atlantic Heights refunded \$75.00 of our meal payment because at this meal they could not provide us with real silverware and plates. The club graciously accepted the refund.

Our President Lucille led us in a review and lively discussion of our efforts through this business year.

1. **Book Giveaway for Make a Difference Day.** Are we in the right places? Should we continue? (We will discuss further at a future meeting.)
2. **Cooking dinner for Bon Appetit.** How do we think it went? All members agreed that it went very well. Did we cook too much? There were no complaints from the guests.
3. **Relay for Life.** Lucille and Sandy were very pleased to share with us that our team, Spirit of Hope, raised a total of \$5,050.00.
4. **Our NAP (newborn assistance program).** We still have funds available to continue this program. Presently waiting for the hospital to ask for some more bags. Filling of the bags will rotate through different committees through the year.
5. **My Sister's Keeper back packs.** We still have empty backpacks on hand to be filled in the future to benefit this worthwhile organization.

6. **Yard Sale.** Everyone agreed that this is a lot of work, but we have close to 100% member participation in this event and we raised more than \$2,000.00 this year. Our treasurer, Rita Cote, does not see changing it.
7. **Grade School Reading, RIF and Listening.** Everyone enjoys participation in this.
8. **Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Christmas time.** Yes
9. **Salvation Army Christmas gifting for children and families.** Yes
10. **Kids Christmas giving at 2nd Congregational Church.** Yes
11. **Any new ideas for fundraisers?**
 - A. We are planning a letter of solicitation to area businesses to not only ask for donations but also to "Re-introduce" Altrusa to the many new businesses that have come to the community.

B. Discussion regarding Planned Giving.

Let's close this newsletter with a couple photos from Relay for Life



LOVE THOSE RUBY RED SLIPPERS

