



The Altruist

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 6/2/17

Dear Altrusans:

Another year of Altrusa fundraising, projects, and activities begin.

June is a busy month as we complete some of our objectives and begin fundraising for the coming year. When I am asked, "What is Altrusa and what does it do?" I usually tell them that we are a community minded organization with a focus on literacy. Then launch into our many other community projects. At our recent book give away, several ladies asked the usual question and as I finished she said, "My you ladies don't stop much do you. I thought you just met a few times a month and that was it." I did say that we do meet twice a month but there are many diverse projects during most months and members are free to choose to participate in whatever suits them. Fortunately, the book I was holding had not only a book mark but also a trifold. I am in hopes that these two ladies will look us up. There is always an opportunity to speak of Altrusa and hopefully some will actually look us up and want to become involved. I certainly extend the invitation.

So as June begins a new year, our agenda is full. I have seen multiple yard sale announcements about town. The one at five points is quite impressive. Our

meal at Bon Appetit is next followed by Relay for Life and I am thinking possibly another day of RIF. I hope all of you have your running shoes on. We do have some respite coming however, JULY. July will be a meeting of rest and relaxation; a time to enjoy each other's company, a time to refresh, so that we can once again come together in August for the following months of service.

Lucille

ALTRUSA SERVICE HOUR DEFINITIONS

The International Board has approved continuation of the definitions for "Service Hours" as listed in the current Club Annual Report. An "action" is the key term to be applied to counting a service hour. In review:

MEMBER SERVICE HOURS: time spent on Club, District, or International operations, NOT including club meetings. Be sure to include activities such as production of newsletter or website, planning and execution of leadership/training workshops, serving as international representative at Conference, serving as delegate at conference/convention business meetings. etc.

OTHER VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS: time donated by members to non-Altrusa organizations such as volunteer boards, hospitals, non-profit organizations. Be sure to include other volunteer work, for example, in hospitals,

schools, libraries, not-for-profit organizations and activities such as mentoring, tutoring, etc.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS: service projects and activities sanctioned by Altrusa, as documented in a Club's minutes. (Includes time spent in planning, preparation, execution and evaluation of fundraisers and service projects. ASTRA and New Club Building are service projects. Operating and internal fundraisers used to fund the operating budget DO NOT qualify for service hours.)

Service Hours as of April 31, 2017

| Member Service/ | Volunteer Service/ | Community Service |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 182 | 95 | 34 |
| | Year to date | |
| 1167.5 | 920 | 959 |



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Lucille Prescott 6/2

Sarah Moore 6/30

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Bon Appetit
June 29, 30

June 14, 2017
Bon Appetit Meal

June 17, 2017
Relay for Life

June 22, 2017
Ruth's Reusables

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

November 4, 2017
District One Workshop

Secretary's Report

May, 2017- Wardwell

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

Correspondence -

Sharon Staz received a card from residents of Esther House. Another check (\$50.00) was received in honor/memory of Linda Hennebury. Total received so far is now \$1725.00.

Leaders in Service -

Martha Taylor announced there was a new show at Saco Museum, running from May 13 – August 27 called "Embellishments in Victorian fashion". A pamphlet and other info on the exhibit was circulated

Phyllis Dunitz shared that there is an upcoming open house at Atlantic Heights on May 12.

Phyllis also met someone who runs Southern Maine on Line Grocery store with delivery services- a new concept in grocery shopping.

The secretary report from the April newsletter was accepted with no changes, with motions from Nancy Phillips and Laura Cortright.

Treasurer's Report- Rita Cote

Rita asked that any bills anyone might have be turned in for reimbursement. She needs to structure a budget and asked all committee chairs to consider funds they may want to request.

A motion was made to designate money collected from internal raffles to fund speaker's fees in the future. Will no longer come out of the service Committee's budget. Motion by Rita and Marguerite passed unanimously.

Membership-DorothyWaleiko

Tonight a re-instillation of Officers will be performed. The membership sponsored program meeting for May will feature Drew Dumsch from the Ecology School. Reusable grocery bags are being sold at Hannaford in Saco. For every bag sold, \$1.00 goes to the Ecology School for the month of May. Martha Taylor has offered to pick them up for anyone wanting one.

Finance – Rita Cote

The sign-up sheet for the yard sale was passed around, with help especially needed for Friday night set-up and early Saturday afternoon closing time.

The sale of Rada Knives at conference made \$116.00 for the club, and the internal Rada sale made \$180.00

An idea was discussed to possibly do a donation request letter campaign to raise money for our projects. How to format the letter, what info to include, as well as what

businesses to target was discussed. A motion to approve was made by Rita and Laura and passed unanimously.

The Close Buy contract for this year's catalog sales needs to be signed by May 31. A motion was made by Rita and Denise to sign the contract and do another Close Buy fundraiser. Ensuing vote to accept the motion was unanimous.

And a few more dollars raised: This email is to notify you that Altrusa International Club of Biddeford-Saco (EIN: 95-4893864) has been issued a \$25.05 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between January 1 and March 31, 2017. The donation will be deposited to your organization's bank account on or before May 15, 2017. It may take several days for the donation to appear in the account.

Service – Laura Cortright

Laura passed around the volunteer sign-up sheet to serve, cook or provide food for the meal we are providing to patrons of Bon Appetit on June 14.

The May 20th book distribution will be held in Biddeford (Main St. near Elements and Hannaford) and Saco (In front of the Golden Rooster) from 10-12. Sign-up sheet for this event was also available.

June RIF program- date to be determined.

Sharon Staz spoke of the tools for school program. Collection sites have been established. 1300 bags are needed this year. All supplies go to Ruth's Reusable Resources, and on June 22nd all are invited to Ruth's Reusables for a tour and to help assemble 500 bags for a camp program.

Laura discussed the status of the NAP program, and suggested that every committee could take their turn having assembling NAP bags, every 3 months. Laura and Rita made a motion to accept this proposal and it was accepted unanimously.

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.

Scholarship – Nancy Phillips

Nancy announced it would be her last year as chair of this committee. The winners of this years scholarships was announced – the \$1000.00 scholarship is going to Gabriel Joseph Reed and the \$500.00 scholarship to Austin Dutremble. Scholarships will be presented at the June 26th meeting.

Upcoming Events

May 20th- book distribution

June 3 – Yard Sale

June 17- Relay for Life

June 21 & 24 – International Convention

June 22 – Ruth's Reusables

June 29, 30 BonAppetit

Convention Report – Denise Doyon

The venue location was great; the food, not so much! The slate of officers for district was announced. Featured speakers were author Wally Lamb and Deborah (?), a music teacher turned boat builder. The 2018 conference will be held in Portland.

Awards from conference to the club went to Ann Milliard, Judy Cadorette and Mickey Lamb for each sponsoring 2 new members.

Relay Update – Sandy McKenney

Our team is in 3rd place with over \$2000.00 raised so far. Sandy showed everyone the ruby red slippers to wear at Relay! (Wizard of Oz theme) Everyone was encouraged to get signed up and get donations in before the next all participant meeting on May24th.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 PM was made by Nancy and Bella.

Respectfully Submitted

Sandy McKenney

Back- up Secretary "Extraordinaire"

Old Business:

Denise continues to collect used ink cartridges.

Lynn continues to collect reusable plastic bags.

RELAY FOR LIFE: Our team leader, Sandy McKenney advises:

This year's Relay for Life will be held Saturday, June 17 at Wells high school track, from 1-9:30.

This year's theme is Wizard of Oz- "There's no place like Hope". Everyone is being encouraged to incorporate the theme into their site decorations, etc. Any ideas are welcome!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER RIGHT NOW.

To sign up for this year's event, please register www.relayforlife.org/yorkme.

Team name is Spirit of Hope. Or I can register you if you'd like- just let me know!

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



Drew presented an informative and educational overview of the history and workings of The Ecology School to the assembled members.

Some highlights: 1998 TES was founded, a year later residential programs began. 2004 Green office built featuring solar panels and gray water system. 2006 ABC's of Ecology – original curriculum guide published. 2010 Founding member of ELLMS a partnership of five educational centers in Maine to provide environmental education to all Maine students. Since 1998 The Ecology School has brought its message to over 150,000 students and teachers in Maine and New England through its various workshops, presentations, community outreach and residential programs. They look forward to many more years of fostering stewardship of the earth by teaching the science of ecology and the practice of sustainability.

NOTES FROM OUR MAY 22ND DINNER MEETING:

Altrusans welcomed several guests, including Guy Huntley and Dan Dunitz, as well as our speaker and our scholarship winner and his family.

From Martha Taylor:



From Nancy Phillips:

On Monday May 22nd, the Altrusa Club of Biddeford-Saco awarded the Linda Hennebury Memorial Scholarship to Mr. Gabriel Joseph Reed of Dayton in the amount of One Thousand Dollars. Gabriel is a 2017 graduate of Old Orchard Beach High School and will be attending the University of Maine at Farmington in September with a major in actuarial science. Son of Joseph Reed and Melinda Eldridge, Gabe has distinguished himself as Class President, Student Representative to the School Board, Yearbook Editor and the National Honor Society. An outstanding musician, he has also been the recipient of the Louis B. Armstrong Jazz Award and the Dartmouth Alumni Club Book Award. Additionally, Gabe has dedicated himself to over 270 volunteer hours at Seaside Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Portland and the French Daycare in South Portland.

The Membership Committee was pleased to introduce Drew Dumsch as our guest and speaker at the Monday May 22 meeting.

Drew is the co-founder and Executive Director of The Ecology School located in the Ferry Beach section of Saco, Maine.



IT WAS A GREAT YARD SALE

FROM SARAH MOORE:

YARD SALE 2017 SUCCESS!!!

More than \$2000 was raised at our annual yard sale Saturday June 3, at the JFK school. Close to 100% of the club participated! Many thanks to the volunteer muscle, including Morris Nadeau, Rick Millard, and Guy Huntley. **And** Jim and Jimmy Hennebury even delivered furniture several places, including a table and 4 chair set to a 2nd floor apartment. In addition to actual sales, Marguerite Desrochers was given the leftover stuffed animals to be reconditioned and distributed to various non-profits. General leftovers were quickly packed up and carted away by the folks working for the giant fall Alex Paul yard sale. **And** the shoes and pocketbooks will be distributed to 2 organizations who give non-profits cash, and then recondition the goods to send to needy places. We also set aside 4 totes of little objects to use at the Kid's Shopping Event in December, where kids get to pick out presents for the adults in their lives. **And** Laura's sister Grace and Nancy's sister Jackie both did yeoman's service. For the 4th year in a row, Sarah and Denise's neighbors, former antique store owners, Linda and KayLee helped out."

THANK YOU!!!!!!!

Another great effort by a great team!!!
Claudie

Great job everyone! Thanks to all for their contributions of time, effort and stuff. How do we manage to get all this stuff year after year? It's a wonder, amazing.
Lucille

We cleared a little over 2,000. on the yard sale. Not all change is counted but it will be a like over 2K. Great job!!!!

Rita

Great job by everyone and yes, I am sure everyone is very tired.

Marguerite

Congrats to everyone, great job! Martha

