

Altrusa Club of Laconia, NH

September 2018 Newsletter

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President's Message

It's time to start a new year in Altrusa. The program committee has worked hard over the summer to provide programs for next year and I believe they have some very interesting ones sooooo let's spread the word and invite our friends, neighbors, fellow workers and their friends to our Altrusa meetings!!! We will have a membership drive the first of the year so be thinking about people who might be interested in joining our Club of great women who are dedicated to service.

We will begin the year in September with Governor Ann Rash visiting our Club and recognizing Hope Makris for over 50 years of service to Altrusa a meeting you don't want to miss. I'm sure Governor Ann will have many words of wisdom for our Club and it is an opportunity for members to visit with her as well.

Summer has gone by very fast for sure but that didn't stop Club members to continue to do service and of course to gather for our annual picnic in North Sandwich which we all enjoyed. I will start my second year with new energy, new knees and new shoulders to come, oh dear how time flies and we do have to replace some parts!!! Enjoy your year to come and I look forward to working with everyone.

Adrienne Stevens President

> Club Motto: Leaders in Service

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarships

We awarded a \$1,000 Scholarship to Guadalupe DeLeon Garcia, of Laconia. Guadalupe received the Dr. Alice Normandin scholarship, for a Lakes Region woman pursuing a degree in the health field. Ms. Garcia is attending River Valley Community College in Claremont, NH and is studying to become a medical lab technician.



Literacy

During the Summer, committee members volunteered at the Laconia Public Library for two different events.



The First, held on July 26th, included the storytelling of Simon Brooks and Gail Drucker. After the storytelling each child received two free books. Although it was not sponsored by us, we had six committee members volunteer at the event.

The second, held on August 15th, was sponsored by our club and five members were in attendance. SCIENCE TELLERS was a wonderful program of Literacy promotion and science experiments being combined to wow the children in the audience.



Programs

The Program Committee met over the summer and, with member input, have come up with some educational and fun projects for the coming year.

In addition to planning programs for our regular meetings, the committee is working on a membership drive, which will be held October 9th, and our Tri-Club Birthday Party, planned for April 19th, 2019.

Make A Difference Day

This year, Make A Difference Day will be held on October 27th. Put your thinking caps on for a community project.

Fundraiser

The Club spent Sunday, July 15th, National Ice Cream Day, from 12 to 5 PM at The Happy Cow Ice Cream Shop in Laconia. Happy Cow owner Calise Houle generously agreed to share a portion of their profits with us to assist in funding our scholarship program. Each year, our club awards scholarships for deserving candidates in four categories: Healthcare, Business, Education, and Athletics.

This wonderful fundraising idea was the brainchild of Stephanie Gilbert. She approached Calise Houle with the idea and what a great idea it was! The club made \$500!



Photo of Altrusa International Laconia with the owner of Happy Cow Ice Cream, Calise Houle, which Amy Coveno of WMUR TV posted on her facebook page!



Don't ever question the value of volunteers. Noah's Arc was built by volunteers.

The Titanic was built by professionals.

Dave Gynn

Hope Makris will be recognized by Governor Ann Rash at our September 11th meeting.

Hope has served Altrusa for over 50 years!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE 2018-2019

All Meetings will be held at the Taylor Community, Woodside Building, at 5:30 PM on the second Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted.

September 11, 2018

Business Meeting/Program Meeting

October 9, 2018

Business Meeting/MEMBERSHIP DRIVE MTG.

November 13, 2018

Business Meeting/Program Meeting

December 11, 2018

Holiday Party at Hector's Fine Foods

January 15, 2019

Business Meeting/Program Meeting

February 12, 2019

Business Meeting/Program Meeting

March 12, 2019

Business Meeting Only/Prepare for Taste of The Lakes Region

April 9, 2019

Birthday Party Hosted by Laconia Place and time to be determined

May 14, 2019

Business Meeting/Program Meeting

June 11, 2019

Final year End Meeting Place to be determined

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, March 31, 2018

Taste of the Lakes Region

November 3, 2018

District One Fall Workshop Hosted by Biddeford-Saco Club Duffy's 168 Saco Ave. Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064

April 26-28, 2019

District One Conference Hosted by Central CT Club Red Lion Hotel 100 Berlin Road Cromwell, CT 06416 860-635-2000

July 21-24, 2019

International 56th Convention Reno, NV

District One Information

For information about District One, visit the website at

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