



Altrusa International of Plymouth County, Massachusetts, Inc.

The Cranberry Scoop

Altrusa is an international nonprofit organization, making our local communities better through leadership, partnership, and service.

August 2022

Motto:
"Leading to a Better Community"

2022- 23 Officers

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Susan Porazzo

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Jenn Belcher

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Jan Story

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Barbara Lancissi
Ann Jarvinen
Pat Monteith

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Dinner Meetings

1st Thursdays @ Adria's
6 P.M. open menu!

Business Meeting

3rd Wednesdays @ 6 P. M.
Location to be determined.

Communications Chairs,
Pat Monteith and Jenn Belcher

Newsletter editor,
Lucia Shannon

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello everyone!

Welcome to an exciting fall planned for Altrusa of Plymouth County. We've ended our summer planning sessions with lots of exciting ideas for service and fundraising. As a small group, we all need to pull together to make these events happen.

Our back-to-school drive for School on Wheels of MA is winding down. We have dozens of backpacks and lots of supplies to donate to their effort to improve the lives of homeless children in MA. Thanks to all who contributed and shared this service project with your networks.

Please do not forget our Fall Flower fundraiser. Jenn B has shared the link on our Facebook page, and I know we have received some orders. This is an environmentally friendly way to support our club and beautify your yards.

We will kick off this week with our monthly dinner meeting at Adria's. I hope to see all of you there. The District Service Bulletin will be making its way to all members, keep an eye out for information on Fall Workshop hosted by Greater Hartford club.

In service,

Sue

Celebrations, News, and Prayers

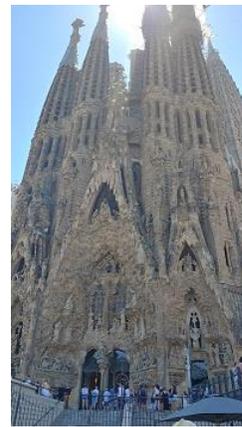
Joan Osborne and family welcomed their first grandson, Wesley John Quimby on August 1, 2022. He weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces. His three older sister love him as much as his grandparents! He has been named after his two great grandfathers from both his mother's and father's side.

We have just celebrated August birthdays for Sandra Drea , Pat Monteith, and Susan Porazzo. Ann Jarvinen's birthday will be coming up on September 7th.

Pat Monteith's student, Yvangi Jacques won gold for his physics project in the national ACT-SO competition. Pat, you do an amazing job of mentoring young people in the sciences, especially physics. Congratulations!



Jenn in Pamplona



Sagrada Familia, Barcelona

Cathedral - Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, Zaragoza



**Summer Planning Meetings
July 24 and August 21**

The Fall Flower Fundraiser continues until October 15. Use this website to order

<http://AltrusaPlymouthCTY.fpfundraising.com>.

Backpacks for School on Wheels visit

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2GS20JBV77YH1?ref_=wl_share. Choose Susan Porazzo's home address for shipping.

September 11, 10-noon Susannah, Jan and Lucia will collect tickets for the Tri Town Rotary at the Marshfield Fairgrounds. Noon to 2 P.M. Sandra Drea and Jenn Belcher will work the door. The Rotary is giving our club \$500 as our part in their fundraiser!

October 1, 9-1 P.M. We will run a yard sale on Susannah's front lawn.

The sweater drive will be a sweatshirt drive this year, Jenn Belcher has contacted Suzanne Giovanetti, Chief Executive Officer, Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless, Inc., 149 Bishops Highway, Kingston 02364, 774-283-1206. We are looking at Amazon WishList as well as considering public buildings where we can leave our white laundry baskets for collection.

Our annual STARR Christmas holiday service project for teens will continue this December. Lucia reached Laura Fournier, Program Director, Plymouth Emergency Residences, Plymouth, MA 02360, 508-224-6392 via email:lfournier@baystatecs.org.

Susannah Leslie reached out to Habitat for Humanity when she learned that they were busy building a house in Hingham. The club wanted to get involved with supplying sandwiches, cookies, beverages, essentially doing a lunch for the workers. Jenn Belcher learned that they had booked up help through this year, but March was open. Saturdays looked like our best for us to participate in supplying a meal for the workers, but a specific date has not been set.

Our literacy grant for 5th graders will be put on hold for this year due to lingering effects of covid on school organization. Up for discussion may be using the money to sponsor a dramatic presentation of a woman leader from history, including science.

Jenn Roffey suggested we hold a family movie night as a fundraiser. This morphed into a talent show, then possibly a Halloween costume and Karaoke competition with face painting and craft possibilities to be held in October on the 15th or 22nd. Location to be determined.

Jenn Belcher is looking into Prestige as one of the chain car wash businesses that might allow us to do a spring car wash fundraiser via a coupon book or some other electronic means.

Susan Porazzo will investigate Abington Public Library for our Wednesday business meetings.

Proposed Operating Budget, Jan Story, Treasurer

June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023

Operating
Budget

Income:

Proposed

Dues (net after Int'l & District) 17 Members @ \$10.00	100
Net Proceeds 50/50 Raffle to benefit speaker	50
Brown Bag Auction Work shop, Conference, Convention	50
Miscellaneous Income	100
Capital Balance drawdown	305
Dinner Reservations Avg. 10 @ \$25 x 10 meetings	0

total
605

Expenses:

Newsletter	0
Yearbook	0
Brochures & Post-a-Board	25
Miscellaneous Officer expense	50
New Member Expense	100
Hospitality Committee Expense	50
Miscellaneous	100
International Convention fee	30
District Conference Fee	25
Conference & Convention gift/auction items	75
Dinners for guest speakers (avg. 6 speakers)	150
Dinner Meeting expense (Avg. 10 @ \$25 x 10 meetings)	0

total 605

Social Justice Tween Book Club

August 13, 2022, the fourth and final meeting led by Professors Aminah Pilgrim and Willie Wilson discussed *The Only Road* and *A Good Kind of Trouble*. The last book follows the experience of a seventh-grade student, Shayla Willows, who keeps a low profile, describing herself as “allergic to trouble.” When a white police officer shoots a Black man in the back, and remains acquitted of homicide despite the video evidence, Shayla recognizes the importance of speaking up against what she believes is wrong. Her wearing an armband in protest goes against the newest school dress code, hence the title. The author, Lisa Moore Ramee, also uses humor, friendships with girls who are Japanese American and Puerto Rican, and romance to explore the complexities of growing up.

The Only Road by Alexandra Diaz describes the treacherous journey out of Guatemala undertaken by teen cousins, Jaime and Angela, who flee because a gang kills Angela’s brother. The story is harrowing and given the disturbing school shootings in Uvalde and massacre at a Buffalo supermarket, Professors Aminah Pilgrim and Willie Wilson were very careful in preparing the students to discuss this novel. They asked the students about their own experiences with bullies to access personal feelings. Sometimes the questions were shared with the adults in the room.

Although they did not participate in all the four sessions, we gave books and handouts to nineteen students. Eight parents, relatives, and guardians attended the program, some as active participants. Altrusans Jenn Belcher, Pat Monteith and Lucia Shannon who are both NAACP members too, participated, along with Leona Martin, Education Chair and Phyllis Ellis, NAACP President. Grady Moates assisted with technology. A total of nineteen children and fourteen adults participated, for a grand total of thirty-three people.

Professors Willie Wilson and Aminah Pilgrim.



The Social Justice Tween Book Club with family and friends.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dinner Meeting: September 1, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

Adria's, East Bridgewater, open menu

Business Meeting: September 21, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

Location to be determined

Yard Sale: October 1, 2022, 9 A.M. 1 P.M.

Susannah's Front Lawn, 671 Webster Street, Hanover

Fall Workshop: November 12, 2022

Cromwell, CT.