

Carroll County Chatter

President's Message September 2022

It was just a couple of months ago that I wrote my first message and wow has time flown since we installed a new board and officers. Much has happened this summer from Barnstormer's Theater to DCYF Summerfest. Gardens are oozing with wonderful produce and we saw some of the hottest days on record.

A few of our Altrusa sisters have had some medical challenges and I hope that recoveries are swift and with minimal pain. A quick note, text, or phone call or even a sharing of a meal can do wonders to lift spirits and are so appreciated. I have e mailed you all with contact info on these members.

Believe it or not it is time to start thinking about the fall, meeting together, and exploring ways to serve our communities. Our first meeting will be held at the Madison Library on September 6th at 5:30. I'll be there at 4:45 to set up and if you would like to socialize until the meeting starts that will be a fun way to catch up. We continue with the practice of bring your own food/beverage. September will be a regular business meeting but in October we will begin with having guest speakers as well as updates from committees. In October as well we will join our sister clubs Meredith and Laconia for our Tri Club party. We are hosting and save the date for October 18th @5:30 at River's Edge in Ossipee. Menu details costs, etc. will follow as soon as those details have been finalized.

Cheers! Beth

Board meeting dates

9/26, 10/24, 11/28, 12/27, 1/30, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/30

Club Meeting Dates:

9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 12/6, 1/3, (Zoom) 2/7 (Zoom), 3/7 zoom if if needed, 4/4, 5/2, 6/6



**Dates to
Remember**
*District One
Workshop-
Cromwell
Connecticut (Check
DSB to register)
End 68 Hours of
Hunger –
September 27,
10:00 a.m.
Tri-Club Party –
October 18, Rivers
Edge, Ossipee,
5:30*

District One News

District One Fall Workshop
Saturday, November 12th,
Cromwell, CT - Courtyard Marriott

- Who - Open to all members and guests
- What - One day workshop - concentration on membership
- Where - Cromwell, CT
- Cost - early bird registration \$55
- Included - lunch, workshops, interaction, networking

Carroll County Club members who attend will receive a partial reimbursement of their registration costs from their club. Come the night before and share time together,

Details and registration form will be in the September District Service Bulletin (DSB).

Keep an eye out for the email with the link to the issue. It comes from the International Altrusa office.

Board of Directors

The combined Board of Directors of the club and foundation held its first meeting of the 2022-2023 season at the Madison Library on Monday, August 29. They discussed the coming year and dates to remember, as well as new grants for which we will apply. Cathy B. presented the 2022-2023 club and foundation budgets, which will be submitted to the membership for approval. Items to be included on the agenda for the general club meeting on September 6 were discussed.

Board of Directors, 2022-2023

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Cindy Hyatt, Pat Kehoe, Nancy Spaulding, Barbara Kennett, Lorraine Streeter, Cathy Sholtanis, Jan Estes, Pat McCoy, Beth Dyson. Cathy Baybutt took the picture.

Fundraising at Tamworth Farmer's Market

We've set up our booth at the farmers market twice and are planning one more day. It's always fun because we get to catch up with what's going on, discuss Altrusa events and share time together. We'll be back at the market on Sept 17th. If you're unable to make the market but wish to purchase items, we will gladly save items and work out a way to connect. We've had fun with all the market bags, knitted items, hand towels, plus jams, jellies, pickles. We're always looking for new items to sell. We gave out a few children's books, so that always pleases us.



Pat McCoy, Cathy Baybutt, Beth Dyson, Nancy Spaulding

DCYF Summer Event

Despite the record-breaking heat on August 6, Altrusa and DCYF so-sponsored a successful event for foster children and their families. The fifteen children in attendance, plus ten foster parents, enjoyed crafts, and several lawn games like ladder ball and croquet. A highlight of the day was the facepainting by the talented Kate Johnson. The use of the building allowed for respite from the heat, as DCYF served a buffet of various sandwiches, chips, ice cream, and cold drinks, and Altrusa volunteers Pat and Cindy ran a snow cone machine. Many thanks to the nine DCYF volunteers, led by Meghan Rouleau, and especially to Altrusans Pat Kehoe, Cindy Hyatt, Beth Wheatley, Pat McCoy, Cathy Sholtanis, and Judy Workman, who made this all possible. A great time was had by all in attendance.

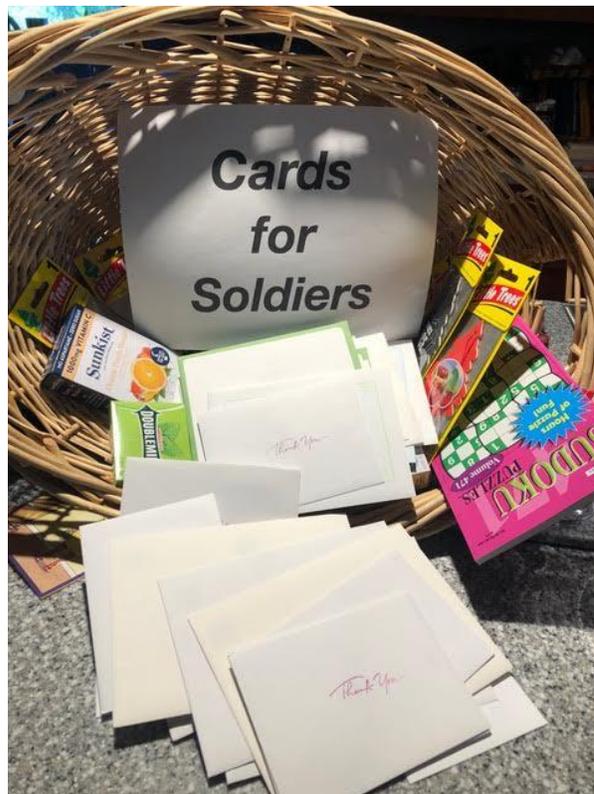


Pat Kehoe, Cindy Hyatt, and Pat McCoy help a little guest.

Cards for Soldiers – Cathy Baybutt

For the past several years our club has written thank you notes to be included with the Soldier Care Packages. This past August I received a notice from the Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Hingham, MA (Parent organization for the project), that Joy, the coordinator had to step back from the project because of serious health issues. I received a note that she is receiving good care and working towards recovery, but at this time the project will be suspended indefinitely. I would ask that our members include Joy and her family in their prayers and pray that her recovery goes well.

Looking forward perhaps we can find another organization (perhaps the local VFW) to support our veterans and soldiers. If any member has a connection or suggestion, please explore and bring details to the club. It can be just a one-time event... wouldn't it be nice to have something special to do for Veterans Day?



Community Service Committee

The Community Service Committee (Sue Battles, Cathy Baybutt, Cindy Hyatt, Pat Kehoe, Shawn Rogers, Cathy Sholtanis and Donna West) met on September 1 on Cathy S's patio. Our goals were to establish leadership for annual projects, discuss possible new projects, make recommendations to the membership, and plan for our contributions to the Business meetings. Annual projects: Each project will have a leader(s) responsible for recruiting a team to implement the project, seeing that the project gets accomplished, and keeping the membership informed.

- End 68 Hours of Hunger – Pat Kehoe Our commitment begins on the 4th Thursday
- DCYF Christmas Party - Cathy Sholtanis and Shawn Rogers

After discussion, we recommend hosting just one event in December each year barring any other unforeseeable circumstances

- Habitat For Humanity Women's Build – Sue Battles
- Starting Point/Grace House – Cathy Baybutt
- Pond Hockey – Pat Kehoe
- Apples at the Brown Church – Donna West

This occurs the week before the Fryeburg Fair. More information to follow

New Projects: From a list of ideas mostly generated at Spring Conference, the committee will present two to the Membership for final decision at the September meeting

- Vials of Life: These are magnetized vinyl pockets which contain information that would be valuable to a responder, care provider or family member in an emergency. Altrusa will purchase the pockets and distribute them through other community providers such as VNA, town nurses, hospice, senior centers, adult day care center, meals on wheels. Cost of vinyl pockets is \$1.99 each in quantities of 100-299 so the cost of the project is estimated at \$400. If approved, Cindy Hyatt will lead this project.
- Resource Library for Starting Point: Beth Wheatley Dyson has applied for a grant to cover most of the cost of meeting this Starting Point Wish List item. We would provide two book shelves and the books from the Starting Point list to fill them. This committee recommends this project regardless of the availability of grant funding. Estimated cost of this project is \$2500. If approved, Shawn Rogers will lead this project.

Other

- The Community Service part of the proposed Foundation budget was reviewed. If Vials of Life is approved, we request that \$400 line item be added for Vials of Life (\$300 to purchase folders, \$50 one time print set up fee, and \$50 for any associated costs such as shipping and distribution)
- Mandy McDonald from End 68 Hours of Hunger will be our speaker at the October meeting.



Sue Battles, Pat Kehoe, Cindy Hyatt, Shawn Flanagan Rogers, Cathy Sholtanis

Members' Summer Fun

In August Cindy Hyatt and Pat Kehoe planned an adventure that they had never done before. They took their kayaks to northern New Hampshire, New Stratford, to be exact, and departed on a three day/two night kayaking and camping trip on the Connecticut River. It was a maiden voyage, to be followed up by others, because we had a wonderful time. We were blessed with great weather and a safe and beautiful trip. We were able to camp on sandy areas right at the side of the river and found plenty of downed wood to have a fire each evening. We are looking for others to join us on our next trip so if you are interested, let us know.





Let Me Be Myself- The Life Story of Ann Frank

July 1 to October 31, 2022

Using large-size pictures, Let Me Be Myself shows the story of Anne Frank from her birth in 1929 to her death in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945. Panels also contain images and text about the world around Anne Frank, including the rise of Hitler, the persecution of the Jews, and the Second World War. While the Anne Frank Story is one that all ages should know, it is essential that young people are aware of her story because it speaks to so many societal issues that unfortunately remain pertinent today. With that in mind, Let Me Be Myself also is created to relate the stories of young people today. This exhibit is sponsored by the Anne Frank Center USA and was developed by the Anne Frank House.

While my daughter was visiting from Ohio this summer, we visited the Wright Museum located in Wolfeboro. I hadn't been there in many years. I was so impressed with the quality and detail of the displays. Three highlights for me were:

The interactive Time Tunnel which covers just the years of WWII. 1939-1945. The special exhibit was a wonderful reminder and reflection of the Life of Anne Frank. It was told in a different aspect as it included those people in her life, who they were and what happened to them. At the conclusion of the exhibit was another display of young people living today. Each person had a story to tell and they were learning to be themselves and really teaching us to understand and learn from those who are not just like us. I found it very thoughtful and worth the trip.

The third display was the one that connected Wolfeboro, NH, NH people and the NH companies and how they participated in supporting the war: from manufacturing, to Ambassadorship to Prisoner of War camps. It was very interesting. It certainly was a different time and I think we need to remind ourselves of how united we are able to be. Submitted by Cathy Baybutt

Squam Science Center - From Cathy Sholtanis

A few weeks ago, I accompanied my granddaughter and her five kids to the Squam Lake Science Center in Holderness. I had not been there in close to 20 years; the last time I was there, my granddaughter was little. I was amazed at how it had grown and improved. The children ranged in age from 2 to 15, but there were enough hands-on, climb-on, activities to keep the interest of all, from the youngest to the oldest. A highlight was the display of giant insects, scattered throughout the trail walk. I was able to get a pass from Cook Library, which provided a special rate of \$10 for four tickets. The littlest one was free, so I only paid full price for two tickets! It was so worthwhile, and despite the long ride from their home to New Hampshire, our seven-year-old asked if they could go again the next day!

