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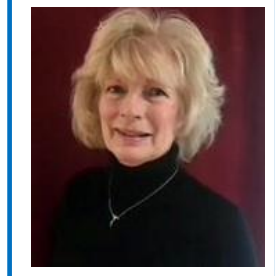
Meetings

2nd and 4th Wed.
Wadsworth Glen
starting at 6:30 pm.

Presidential Prose

“When we give our time as a volunteer, we become more grateful for what we have and are more empathetic towards those who do not have it.”

--Angela Lansbury



My dear Altrusa sisters,

I hope you all enjoy the 4th of July holiday and give thanks for the freedom our country affords us.

We have a wonderful opportunity to volunteer on August 17th by participating in the 11th Annual Proteins and Products for the Pantry. We partner with the Civitans, ADK and Soroptimists to collect food, personal products, and school supplies for the Amazing Grace Food Pantry in Middletown.

The pantry event is the perfect opportunity to drop off your Gift Card donations to the Raffle Committee. I am grateful to all our Club members who participate in the Annual Raffle which supports local Restaurants and Businesses. The money raised through the raffle funds all of our projects throughout the year.

All members' attendance and input is needed at our July Business Meeting on Wednesday July 10th, 6:30pm at Wadsworth Glen. We will be confirming our calendar of events and projects for the 2024-2025 Altrusa year. As a member of Altrusa of Central CT your support and empathy are most valued and appreciated.

With Thanks,

Lynne





- July 10: Business Meeting
Wadsworth Glen at 6:30pm
- Aug 14: Business Meeting
Wadsworth Glen at 6:30pm
- Aug 17: Proteins & Products for the Pantry
St. Pius X Church
310 Westfield Street
Middletown, CT 06416
8:00am – 12:00pm

Mark Your Calendar

District One Workshop
Nonantum in Kennebunk, ME
November 16, 2024

District One Conference
Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center
Southbridge, MA
May 2-5, 2025

International Convention
Quebec City July 2025

Birthday Wishes

- July 5 Virginia Townes
- July 9 Tiffany Shaffer
- July 21 Jennifer Kensel
- July 25 Ellen Paris



MEMBER MEETING

Breakfast

In September (details TBA) Manufacturing Breakfast sponsored by Pratt & Whitney at Sheraton Hartford South Hotel 100 Capital Blvd in Rocky Hill (7:00am -9:00am)

Events

Cromwell Farmers' Market Riverport Park at Frisbee Landing on 1 River Road in Cromwell, CT . On Fridays from 4:00- 7:00pm for June through September.

Business After Work

July 24 –Courtyard by Marriott 4 Sebethe Drive Cromwell 5:00pm-7pm

Altrusa Accent at Upcoming Meetings

- July 10 Tiffany Shafer
- August 14 Jamie Santaniello
- September 11 Virginia Townes
- October 9 Kathleen Didato
- November 13 Cathy Boone
- December 11 None- Holiday Party
- January 8 Kathy Burns
- February 12 Kimberly Cjaza
- March 12 Hilda Schmidt
- April 9 Liz Brantley
- May 14 Elsie Mathews

NOTE: If the scheduled member is unable to present, please create your accent and ask someone else to read it at the meeting or swap dates. 😊

Counting Crows... er, Cans!

Wowsa.... They generated a lot of empty bottles and cans at the TPC Tournament! When we arrived at the Fan Shop across from the TPC sign, it was looking to be a beautiful day. You could see many holes from that vantage point!

But alas, we were not there to watch golfers, or fans. We were volunteering to help Cans-4-A-Cause to sort and process ALL the bottles and cans generated by the fans.

We found Liz who had a driver ready to take us to Processing Central. We were located in the way back storage area, far from the beautiful greens. Mike Rowe from Dirty Jobs could have been doing a show there!! We found a pile of bags of bottles and cans for sorting. Luckily most recycle bags only had bottles and cans. But not everyone took note of which can was for garbage and which was for recycling!

We donned gloves (some used aprons) and dug into the pile. And we sorted ALL DAY. This being the last day of tournament, we were watching that pile knowing it had to be empty before we left. Luckily the new bags stopped coming, and we managed to leave the area in better condition than we found it.

Liz said throughout the whole tournament volunteers processed over 75,000 recyclables! Ralph and I, Liz, Hilda, Jamie and Joe, Kathleen and Bill, Cathy B, and Civitans-Pat, Charlie, Eddie and Paula did a lot of work that day. But we left knowing we had provided service to Cans-4-a-Cause and truly made a difference.

Linda Ring



. Bottles & Cans Project Photo Gallery

Thanks to [Altrusa International of Central Connecticut](#) and [Civitan Club of Middletown](#) for their help sorting cans and bottles at the Travelers Championship.



. 11th Annual Proteins and Products for the Pantry

Pack the Pick-Up. Please help us fill the shelves for
Amazing Grace Food Pantry
Altrusans, ADK, Civitans and Soroptimists are joining with our
community to collect food, personal products, school
supplies and monetary donations to fill the Pantry shelves.



Saturday, August 17, 2024

(rain or shine)

8 AM - 12 Noon

St. Pius X Church – Lower Parking Lot

310 Westfield St., Middletown, CT

In just a few short weeks, on Saturday, August 17th, 2024, Altrusa International of Central CT with fellow local service clubs will “Pack the Pickup with Proteins and Products for the Pantry”. The event will be held at St. Pius X Church lower parking lot rain or shine. 310 Westfield St., Middletown, CT from 8 AM to 12 noon. Members will be accepting, sorting, packing donations and thanking the public for their generosity. It’s not too early to watch the sale flyers for items – non-perishable food, hygiene products and school supplies.

Pat Jackowski

From Altrusa International

We're on the List... The updated list of Distinguished Clubs for 2023-2024 includes the Altrusa International of Central CT Club.

Each club scored at least a 65% of the possible points awarded for various questions on the Club Annual Report and maintains charter status. This list is also available on the Leadership page of the website.

Congratulations! We will be mailing pins soon. Clubs who have not previously been recognized as Distinguished Clubs will also receive a cord.

Thank you!

International Office Staff

Meeting Minutes from Club Business Meeting June 26, 2024

Business-New/Unfinished

- Wilma Hogan Enduring Community Project Award – Lynne H.
 - L. Havlicek shared that The Wilma B. Hogan Enduring Community Project Award was established in 2024 by the Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. in memory of Wilma B. Hogan, a member of Altrusa International of Tampa Bay, Florida, Inc. The Wilma B. Hogan Enduring Community Project Award is given biennially by the Foundation to recognize an Altrusa Club service project and its role in providing community service. Each club may submit one qualifying project. K. Didato made a motion to submit our senior poetry contest for the award. S-H. Schmidt. U-approved.
- Project Review – Lynne H.
 - L. Havlicek reviewed our current projects and adjusted as necessary with club input
- Cruise Night 2025 – Linda R.
 - L. Ring discussed submitting for a foundation grant to purchase 1000 children's books for cruise night in 2025.
- Traveler's Gold Tournament Bottle Collection – Liz B.
 - The Cans for a Cause board thanked Altrusans and Civitans that participated in the event. There were 8 Altrusans and 4 Civitans that participated on Sunday.
 - It is estimated that about 65,000 cans and bottles were collected during the tournament
 - Altrusa will receive a monetary donation to the foundation for their participation in the event that will be split with Civitans.
 - L. Brantley shared additionally Cans for a Cause will provide a donation to the Altrusa foundation this year
- Raffle 2024 – Jamie S.
 - J. Santaniello discussed our raffle rally. Last year we were able to raise over \$4000.00 for our foundation to support our projects throughout the year. She encouraged club members to patronize their favorite local establishments and offer to purchase a gift card and ask for the restaurant or business to match with a donation. We will be collecting gift cards and ask that they be turned into the raffle committee by the proteins for the pantry event. After all gift cards have been collected, we will apply for our raffle permit so we can begin selling tickets in October
- Proteins for the Pantry – Pat J.
 - P. Jackowski informed club members that she will need to borrow a pickup truck this year. C. Boone may be able to help and will investigate this. The event is scheduled for August 17th. More information and sign-up will be provided at next business meeting. P. Jackowski encouraged members to be looking out for sales now for food items, school supplies and diapers.

Jamie Santaniello, Co-Secretary

Presidents Council Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2024

1. In future the Council meeting dates will alternate between 3rd Monday and 2nd Thursday of the month to accommodate incoming President's schedules.
2. Motion made to accept the May meeting Minutes.
3. Motion made to continue meeting format of meeting business, President's problems and solutions roundtable, and guest speaker.
4. Governor Rita asked for input for topics and guest speakers.
5. District One Conference was critiqued. Ideas were exchanged to address future problems and solutions. Governor Rita asked Presidents to think about what District One can do to increase Conference participation. A Survey will be sent out in September.
6. Topics for future meetings such as grant and award writing, membership recruitment, fundraising, running a meeting, having fun at meetings, and language barrier for Quebec Club were suggested.

Lynne Havlicek, President

Reminder on navigating the web...

Where can you find more information about District One?

<https://districtone.altrusa.org/>

Where can you find more information about Altrusa International?

<https://www.altrusa.org/>

Altrusa International Survey

Altrusa is...

Altrusans!

We're looking to share on our social media accounts what Altrusa means to our members. Please complete the survey below to share what Altrusa is to you.

["Altrusa is..." Survey](#)

Altrusa International – Important Dates for Summer 2024

July 30	International Day of Friendship
August 12	International Youth Day

A Walking Tour and Grand Opening of Our Outdoor Museum

The Middlesex County Historical Society Invites You To Celebrate



Join us for the grand opening of our outdoor exhibits, drinks & delicious food

Thursday, August 1, 2024
5 - 7 PM

When: Thursday, August 1, 2024

Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Where: The General Mansfield House Garden (backyard),

151 Main Street, Middletown, CT

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

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