

# THE DELTRUSAN

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## It's Almost Here!

If you haven't got your ticket and table spot, it might be too late!

As usual, the "Event of the Year" is mostly sold out for Saturday's luncheon.

There are still plenty of tickets for Friday night and all members are reminded to be selling as many of these tickets as possible! These tickets are \$10 each, and provide an opportunity to view the tables, as well as purchase from the vendors.

If you signed up to help with appetizers, don't forget that you need to bring 100 finger food samples (no sweets please) and have them to the Rec Center by the afternoon of the 16th.

If you are decorating a table, the Rec Center will be available on Friday for this purpose. See Phyllis Goad for information regarding tables.

Please turn in your money for tickets to Judy Weiszbrod by Friday, November 9th. Each member is responsible for purchasing one \$25 ticket and one \$10 ticket for the event. Make sure all ticket stubs and money gets to Judy.

If you have unsold tickets, please get them to Judy ASAP. If you have questions, call Judy at 261-7791.

If you have any other questions, please call one of the Board members or Committee chairpersons.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dearest Altrusans;

Thank you to everyone who made Make-A-Difference-Day a huge success. We had such fun! It was great to have spouses of Altrusans show up to do some of the heavy work.

With the Sugar Plum Festival closing in on us rapidly, we need to concentrate on getting tickets sold for Friday night. As you all know this is our main event of the year. Let's set a new record for fund raising this year.

Remember those Altrusans who are ill in your prayers.

Hugs all around!  
In Altrusa Love  
Linda

### **SPECIAL NOTICE!**

There will be a regular Program Meeting in November, on the 28th at noon.

Please make a note on your calendar, as it does not appear in your yearbook!

Our Regular Business meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 14th at noon.

# Silent Auction Items

Part of the magic of Christmas is unwrapping an unknown gift! So, as part of the Silent Auction being held this year at Sugar plum Festival, Altrusans are creating a **HUGE GIFT BASKET**, full of stocking stuffers and specialty items that you would give to a friend. We are asking for everyone's participation for this. Bring your contribution to the basket, WRAPPED, to the Rec Center, on Friday, Nov. 16th. The basket, a few starter items, and the wrap and bow have already been donated, and it is a BIG Basket!! Here are a few suggestions to jumpstart your imagination:

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|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Burt's Bee's        | Kitchen Gadgets   | Spa Items           |
|                     | Pretty Jewelry    | Personal Care Items |
| Warm cuddle booties | Gloves            | Chocolates          |
| Gift Cards          | Special ornaments | Cards               |
| Small brain games   | Wine              | Coffee              |
| Cookies             | Stamps            | Accessories         |

In addition to the Gift Basket, there will be a beautiful braided rug from Lily and Rose, a \$25 Gift Certificate from Heirlooms for Hospice, and a table setting for eight. Be sure to tell your ticket holders of this special opportunity!



What an exciting fall it has been for ASTRA....

We resumed our regular schedule of meetings in September and October with our October program meeting bringing Mrs. Bullard in to teach us about ...”the proper etiquette of serving.... Present, and clear from the right...” and so on. We shall be in fine shape for the Sugar Plum Festival.

The ASTRA Club of Delta also decided which book it will present and use as its table theme this year. Of course, it's a children's book, and will be cute and fun. Our “regulars” have their tickets and are excited for the event.

The day before Thanksgiving is set for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bake Sale for ASTRA. We will again call on Altrusa members for donations for our sale. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meetings. We have decided that half of the funds we raise will go towards the library project for Jamaica Outreach in February. We will put the other half into a local project. This year the bake sale will be held outside the entrances to Wal-Mart. We will plan to be there from 8 AM until 2 PM, or until everything is gone. Having 2 separate entrances at which to sell our wonderful products should mean a faster sale. If you cannot make the November Altrusa Business meeting to sign up, yet would like to donate a baked item or two, we would be more than happy to accept your goody. You can either drop it off the day of the sale, before 9:00, **OR** at David's porch at 464 Howard Street in Delta on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Anything and everything is greatly appreciated.

The other big news with ASTRA is the desire of Cedaredge High School, and the Delta Opportunity School to start ASTRA Clubs at their own schools. The logistics for these potential clubs are in the works at the printing of the November newsletter, so watch and listen for the exciting events with these two possible clubs as well.



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# Add-an-Altrusan Event

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

5:30 PM – social hour

6:00 PM – dinner

@ The Elks Lodge

It will be like a program meeting, only **at night!!**

**THERE WILL NOT BE A NOONTIME MEETING THAT DAY!!**

Bring prospective members to introduce them to Altrusa and all that we do. Be sure to be there yourself for a “refresher” in all that we do.

There will be prizes, fun, information and most importantly, **CAKE!!**

Prizes will be given away from tickets drawn, so you will want to earn lots of tickets.

Tickets will be given for:

Attending

Being with your sponsor (1 ticket for each sponsor you have with you – each sponsor will also get a ticket)

Bringing a guest (1 ticket for each guest in attendance – a ticket to the guest also.)

For knowing your own classification

For knowing your guest's classification

Other wild and crazy reasons.....

The Elks Lodge will be providing dinner so the cost of the meal will be the regular meeting/lunch price of \$6.50 a meal, meaning punch tickets can be used. As at regular meetings the meal fee for prospective members may be paid by the guest or by the member who invites them.

Informative invitations are available, just contact Jan (874-5500/234-7141) or Amanda (874-0251) if you need any.

See you on January 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... **At NIGHT!!**

As at last year's event, we will be giving out prizes. If you have any promotional items for your own business which you would like to give to the “kitty” of prizes, please let Jan or Amanda know – they would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks !!

# Altrusans are making a difference



ABOUT 28 ALTRUSANS AND their parents, wives, siblings, AUSA leaders, DGS students and staff to complete a landscaping project at Delta Opportunity School Saturday, Oct. 27. The alternative high school is located in the old shop at the former Delta Middle High School. The school serves at-risk students in grades 9-12.

This article appeared in the Delta County Independent, **The Back Page**, on Wednesday, October 31. Thanks to all Altrusans who helped make this a success!

By Paul Sunderland

**M**ake a Difference Day on Saturday is heralded annually as a "day of doing good." Across the nation, more than three million Americans volunteered for Make A Difference Day, which is sponsored by USA Weekend Magazine in partnership with Pages of Light and Hands on Forward. In Delta, members of Altrus International joined forces with students from the Delta Opportunity School Saturday, Oct. 27, to complete a day of service that the school has an extremely hard-earned. Through a service learning program at the school, the high school students earn credit for being active in the community. Besides earning a possible 100 hours credit by working alongside the Altrusans, teaching lessons and helping out every one of them, the students also earn credit for their community service work.

"I have always been a volunteer in my life," said DGS teacher Wanda White. "With there are things to do here, and we want to be involved in those things in a service-oriented way."

These Altrusans were completely new to the Delta area, but they had a deep commitment to service and in community service. So with their own



DYLAN TUCKER FEELS THE same satisfaction in the Delta Opportunity School.

skills and time, they were able to help the school. Words were spread throughout as when volunteers arrived Saturday morning they could spend their time painting it all in place. Mark Wilby of Grand Junction Post-Dispatch provided the gloves, which was carried to the site in a truck provided by Theodor Starnitz. The landscape fabric, staples and posts were provided by Delta Hardware and UNC as a discount grant. Mike Trumbly of Rocky T Enterprises virtually swept up trees of service into the school and trees from their site into working workbenches. The young men showed dedication the look of gravel across the lot, and the Altrusans got a work spreading it over across the ground. Lyle Vanden offered hands-on help in planning the project, and provided many of the tools needed by the volunteers. As the morning wore on, volunteers passed the merchandise provided by Marc Hyland and Pam Jellat. Gothic Styles made temporary tables for the tables.

Some last steps, Altrusans have developed a special relationship with the students at Delta Opportunity School.

The partnership began when Altrusans from Denver called to volunteer what they believed to be a good idea. As the partnership unfolded and they learned more about Delta Opportunity School, the deeper the commitment a dedication at the school. The work began in the "heart" of Altrus, Altrus has donated books, school supplies and the materials, and provided \$150 for additional landscaping materials and DGS first graduation ceremony and reception. In celebration of World Literacy Day, donated by the United Nations, Altrus presented a 1970 truck at Delta Opportunity School.

This fall, completed at Delta Opportunity School has more than doubled. The school's 50 students are all individual, most have established long-term relationships.

"Many of these students are self-sufficient in their life circumstances that require flexibility, so the school uses alternative strategies to help each student become the best of work, family and community service. Altrusans are



NOLLY BURTON AND BOB and his wife Dawn were among the many generous area residents Delta Opportunity School, Delta County and the Delta County many have a sense of service and providing the site owner to Make A Difference Day.

put the work," said principal Matt McCollum.

Delta Opportunity School acknowledges the many one-on-one, small group and various modes of learning interaction in conjunction with work study and career learning opportunities," he said. "Making good choices, using independent, and getting involved in growth and improvement work, a structure that requires commitment and achievement in the DGS program for students with positive habits. Each and every DGS student can be proud that they are making the choice to continue working on their education and bettering themselves each day."

Altrusans have a passion for history and their community. The growing service organization is also involved in

• Read the Life, a program that provides books and monetary donations to help schools, the hospital and other organizations improve literacy within the community.

• Donate of the time and talent to

• Delta Food Pantry, annual by Altrusans that gives a week. Altrusans also collect and deliver supplies to the food pantry.

• Terra Challenge/Hours of Service in Globe, providing lunch, materials, books and clothing.

• The County Recreates Center program and landscaping to improve the interior and the exterior.

• Scholarship for adult learners.

• Outreach project with ASTREA, the senior service organization affiliated with Altrus International of Delta.

• Volunteerism at the Delta Deep landscape and the Hooper Lake.

• Home, Home, Forever, an event at Delta County for food, community service projects. The event will take place May 18 and 19 at Hill Institute Recreation Center.

From under the Porch of Light, by the kick-off dinner of Delta County, Altrusans are committed to making a difference in their community.

WILLING WORKERS LEVEL GRAVEL across Delta Opportunity School. "The school gives every child a chance to succeed," said the staff member who is in the room because the opportunity. Students had the opportunity to demonstrate their sense of responsibility while working on a volunteer project with the Altrusans, Bob Jellat and members of ASTREA.



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THE Delta Opportunity School staff and the public at Delta County Recreates Center and the Delta Food Pantry.



WICKI RIPP AND LINDA PHILLIPS provide a benefit made of gravel donated to Delta Opportunity School. The gravel was donated to ASTREA and the Delta County Recreates Center. The gravel was donated to ASTREA and the Delta County Recreates Center.

**Altrusa International, Inc. of Delta, Colorado**  
**Business Meeting                      October 10, 2007                      At Delta Elks**

Call to order: 12: 03 by Linda Sorenson, President    The Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.

**Members:** 37    **Guests:** 2 Henry Hymel guest of Marie Hymel and Billy Kiger a guest of JoAnn DiBitonto

**Minutes of previous meeting were approved** after a motion from Nancy Stevens and a second from Kathy Welt.

**Correspondence:** A thank you note from Jo Gore was shared. Students from the Delta Opportunity School sent a thank you about our financial support that allowing them to go to the Ouray Hot Springs Pool.

**Treasurer's report:** Judy reported the following bank balances: Operating - \$3075.78 and Service - \$10, 332.38. Several items had been deducted or credited to the wrong line item. Judy and Jeff Lane have made those corrections to the September report. Judy handed out bills to members who need to pay for Deltarado Days. Sugar Plum Festival tickets for Friday and Saturday were handed out along with table instructions.

**Committee Reports**

**Communications:** Dianne was not present so Alowetta gave the report.

Because email is so much cheaper the newsletter will go out that way. If you did not get your copy please see Alowetta, as a few emails did come back. The DCI will feature Make a Difference Day as its Back Page feature. Public Service Announcements will be in the paper for Sugar Plum Festival. Forty posters are available for people to put up at their businesses.

**Finance:** Thelma

Sugar Plum Festival - Doreen has stepped down due to back problems, but Jan Pappas has come forward for the Decorations task force. Nancy is handling the appetizers. Twenty-eight vendor invitations have gone out. There is still a need for seven 8 ft. tables. There will be a silent auction. Alice Penick is donating the table setting for it. Sandy Armor is shopping for the other items to complete the table setting. 425 meals are planned. Authors are being invited to the Book Fair. October 17 is the next Book Fair meeting. Alowetta is printing programs. Finance is scheduled to meet Oct. 15, October 29 and November 5.

**Membership:** Kim

Cindy and Nancy were thanked for the yearbook update.

The Christmas party will be at the Bistro at the Garden Center at 5:30p.m., on Wednesday, December 12, 2007 for members only. The cost is \$11/person. One must sign up and pay before the next November Business meeting.

Amanda and Jan need members to donate promotional items for the Add an Altrusan Program meeting in January.

**Service:** Holly

Two sign ups were passed around. The first sign up is for helping in some capacity for Make a Difference Day October 27, 2007. Some materials are still needed. The second one is to help on Friday night from 6-9p.m. and Saturday morning from 9-noon, at the SPF Book Fair.

The Make a Difference Day project at the Delta Opportunity School yard will be featured in the DCI on the Back Page on October 31st. Please wear your Altrusa blue shirt. Author Willyn Webb's note was shared. Two students at the school are helping to prepare the yard. Amanda and Michael have donated use of a bobcat. Three one-gallon pots from Dolphin House may be used as part of the design. ASTRA has been invited to help. Stepping-stones and 1500 square feet of weed barrier are needed. Wal-Mart has been asked to donate or discount the needed supplies. A fax was sent to comply with their 30 day written notice policy. As of this meeting they said they did not have the supplies.

Ace Hardware had the weed barrier for \$184. Home Depot and Lowes were contacted. Home Depot has stones for \$1.64 for a 12 "x12" stone in red. Brick ones are \$3.99 each and measure 16"x16". They had fabric similar to Ace. Olathe True Value was the cheapest for the fabric.

Dorothy has a half a roll of fabric to donate. Money can come out of Projects Presented.

The \$500 donated to the Delta Opportunity School has supported three outings for the students. We have received a thank you from them. Twelve Altrusa volunteers have stepped forward. They will probably be approved at the October 18th Delta School Board meeting.

We have been reminded to fill out the Service Hours book.

The Scholarship Task Force will be made up of Amanda, Marie and Holly.

The food pantry was in need of meat. Thelma donated 3 cows. Oxbow contributed a hog and a cow to three different food pantries in the area. Delta Food Pantry benefited from 1/3 of that meat.

Crystal has lots of coloring books. The board discussed other places she could distribute them. Dolphin House, area daycares, and Headstart's backpack program were identified.

Dorothy has donated a new box of books to the ER lending library.

To avoid the red tape at the DOC, supplies for Read to a Child are better than cash.

Labels for schools are being collected by Renee'.

Letters have been sent to authors inviting them to the Sugar Plum Festival. Some were returned as addresses have changed. One book that we can sell has been received from one author.

Two people are needed to help Laura from Tara's two days before the SPF.

A request by the Delta high school Booster Club for \$100-200 was declined since to fund Grad parties.

The next meeting is October 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at First Colorado National Bank.

**Foundation:** no report

**ASTRA:** They had a yard sale planned for October 22 and 23. Saturday was beautiful and they made \$621. The sale was cancelled on Sunday due to weather. The teens were paid and hourly rate based on how much time they worked. The DOS will start joining ASTRA at meetings. Willyn will bring kids to the next meeting on October 22. Amanda is working with a counselor at Cedaredge high school to start ASTRA. They met October 9. The preliminary meeting for the Club to begin is set for October 25.

**New business:** The 2008/09 Nominating Committee needs to be elected and needs to be voted on by membership. Amanda nominated Jeanie Brown, seconded by Kathy Welt. Amanda nominated Doreen Grett, seconded by Vicki Ripp. Phyllis Goad nominated Ann Eddins, and Demeris nominated Amanda Twamley seconded by Vicki Ripp. Vicki Ripp moved that nominations cease and that the nominating committee be named by acclamation. Merna Ray seconded this motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

**Announcements** were shared. Jan Pappas called the decorating committee together after the meeting.

**Onions and Orchids were shared.**

**Drawing:** Becky Brown won \$17 that was donated toward Make A Difference Day landscaping fabric

**Benediction was recited.**

**Adjourn: 12:49 p.m.**

**Date of Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Need Help??

The ASTRA members who are planning to go to Jamaica in February are still working hard to earn their money for the trip. Those who are planning to go and are still "for hire" are listed below and can be contacted directly at the numbers listed.

Stephanie Bear ~ 683-8006  
Jared Campbell ~ 275-3275  
Tina Doerer ~ 216-3348  
Robert Duran ~ 901-1702  
Breanna Kendrick ~ 275-8966  
Megan Lane ~ 261-3351  
Morgan Pulliam ~ 216-2123  
Ethan Twamley ~ 874-0251

District Ten Conference  
May 1-3, 2008  
Clovis, New Mexico  
Mark Your Calendars Today!

### Communications Committee -

The Communications Committee is in charge of the newsletter and updates on the website, among many other duties.

If you would like to see items in the newsletter, please send them to:

alowetta@thinairmediasolutions.com or  
Call 921-3132

Updates to the web are made at a variety of times, Contact Lita for info updates

Dianne Sales is chair of the committee and is on top of all aspects of Communication, see her for other information!

Windows need washing? ☺ ☺

Leaves fallen and need raking?

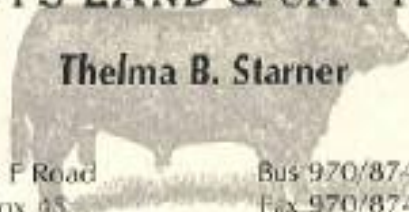
Your yard need that last mowing for the season?

How about your garage... need cleaning?

Whatever your needs, we're happy to help out however we can. Just give us a call. We can call on our ASTRA friends, so no job is too big or too small.

Call Ethan - 874-0251 or  
Morgan - 216-2123

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Altrusa Items are  
Now stored at  
Leading Edge Properties  
Thanks to the  
Paper Works for storing  
Altrusa's belongings in the past!

**Service Committee** — Funds/Services Request form is available at Ruby's Floral or through Holly. The form is also on the Club's website, as is the Scholarship Application and the Impact letter.  
[www.altrusainternationalofdelta.com](http://www.altrusainternationalofdelta.com)

**Volunteers from the membership are needed to help deliver books two times per year to the DOC library. See Holly or anyone on the Service Committee for More information.**

**Don't Forget!  
Record your service hours in  
the book at each meeting!  
Also, sign ups are available  
for Make A Difference Day  
And  
Sugar Plum Festival!**

**Campbell's Labels for Education** are still needed for elementary schools. These labels are used to get funds for a special need's playground and other projects.  
Please turn your labels into  
Service Committee.