

THE DELTRUSAN

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Välkommen

We are excited to have our District Ten Governor Margaret Goodhue and Vice-Governor Ida Bender with us at the Program meeting for September on the 20th. We look forward to hearing an inspired report from them!



MARGARITA PARTY!

Party Hearty at Dorothy's house tonight! September 20th is the annual Margarita Party, so join in the fun! See any of the Board members for more information!

Are you participating?

Service committee meets the 3rd Wednesday at noon at the chamber board room (3rd and main) (except September 20, 2006)

Membership committee meets the Tuesday before board meeting at noon at C and J's

Finance committee meets the Tuesday before board meeting at 11:00 a.m. at the library 6th and Palmer.

Communications committee meets when we have a good reason!



FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Finance Committee is in full gear planning for our grand Sugar Plum Festival.

They have a few new changes, which will be a real nice surprise to all that attend. Plan on enjoying the fun and excitement of our largest fund raiser.

The funds from this and the our other major fund raiser events event go towards the "NINE" scholarships that we give to worthy non-traditional recipients to further their education. One of the many community projects we support.

Service Committee has come up with grand new ideas to support our communities in the Literacy World. They are excited about helping supply books to the House of Promise, Hospital Book Cart Project, Libraries in all the schools and Baby First Books for the Hospital's Newborns. Our Literacy Projects for the "Read For Life" program is such a worthwhile endeavor. My hat is off to everyone for such wonderful ideas to help better serve those in need throughout. Look forward to a few more Hands On Projects in the near future.

Communication Committee is as always coming up with new ways to notify our membership and inform those whom have lost touch or are unable to attend meetings due to family and or work by letting them know what is happening through e-mails, calls, cards and the Newsletter.

Membership is striving to touch base with everyone to let them know they are a big part of our membership and worthwhile causes. They're concern for those whom we have not seen or heard from in awhile is always at the Top of the list. They are striving to hold our retention at a status quo as well as inform any new prospective members about Altrusa and our work in the Community.

Thank You all for your support of our Projects, you should all be very proud, I know I am.

Rene'e
President

Thank You

The Service Committee asked for your help in collecting books to take to the libraries in New Orleans, to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina last year.

Your generosity was great! We no longer need any books, we are at the limit of available transportation means.

THANK YOU for helping—your donations will make a BIG difference in Katrina's wake!



It is time to prepare for our biggest "fun"draiser of the Year!

**Save this Date!
November 17-18,
2006 and plan to
help with the an-
nual Sugar Plum
Festival!**

Don't have a place yet - never fear! There are lots of places to serve...just see Barbara Bullard, Alice Penick, Thelma Starnor or any of the Festival committee members.

Tickets for Friday night are separate this year, and available for \$10 per person. Each Altrusan is expected to purchase at least one (1) ticket, and sell as many as possible. Could you sell five? This will help make the evening successful! We also need 100 appetizers from each member, or a donation of \$20 to purchase food for the evening.

The Saturday event is outstanding and with a few surprises this year - more about that next month!

FOOD PANTRY CALENDAR

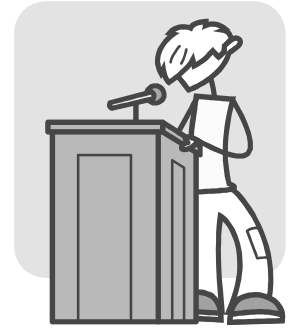
September 21 Willa

September 25 Lucky, Fran

REMEMBER: we need volunteers every Thursday and some Monday's to hand out food and stock shelves at the food pantry. Call Fran Deavers if you want to sign up and help.

ASTRA

September 2006



It's back to school and life is crazy for all of us. But, we're figuring out our schedules and all.

Our meeting on August 28th with Mrs. Vinson was cool. She taught us all about emergency car care – what to have in your car just in case of an emergency. She also taught us little maintenance tips such as how to check the oil and other fluids as well as how to check our tire pressure. Mrs. Vinson even had one of our members who didn't know how to check the air pressure get down and check the tire in the Mustang she had brought up for us to check out. We each received a goody bag with cool stuff in it as well as tips to read over and share with our parents.

Mrs. Bullard joined us at our meeting on September 11th and asked us to serve at the Sugar Plum Festival. The request has been put to our membership and we will get her an answer after our next meeting.

We've decided to host 2 tables at the Sugar Plum Festival. One will be for our regulars and another for more of our family members. We're working on themes and books.

We have a meeting on Monday, September 25th when Mrs. McCracken will be doing a program on county government and our responsibility.

*(Don't know about ASTRA?
Ask Amanda Twamley for details!)*

The 2007 Altrusa International Convention will be held in Orlando, Florida, July 13-16 at Disney's Contemporary Resort.

Altrusa International, Inc. of Delta, Colorado
Business Meeting at the Elks Club
September 13, 2006

Call to order: 12:08 PM by Reneé Eaton, President
The Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.
Members: 28 Astra: 1 Guests: 0
Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Willa Sorensen passed the financial report out for June through August, 2006, which was prepared by Jeff Lane, accountant. Service income for that period is \$2874.43. Net income in the service account is \$1726.72. A customary percentage of Deltarado Days income will be moved from the service account to the operating account. Willa received a credit from the etching company for an overcharge for goblets which will be put into the account. She will pay a bill from Paperworks.

Correspondence: Thank you notes were read: Jo Ann DiBitonto for calls, cards, visits, and flowers during her hospitalization; Kelly Harrison for her scholarship; Lincoln Elementary for the donation to their literacy program. Kelly received a thank you note from House of Promise for the opportunity to speak at a program meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Task Force Chairs reported for the Sugar Plum Festival which is November 17-18. Linda Sorensen is transforming old decorations into new and needs some help.

Willa said that 3000 hor'dourves are needed for the Friday night Artisans Market. For those who do not want to prepare hor'dourves themselves, the hospital has offered to order them. The cost would be \$25 for 100. Each member must let Linda Hattel know if he/she wants to pay the \$25 and order from the hospital or personally prepare the hor'dourves. They must be delivered to Heddles Rec Center by 4:30 PM on Friday.

Warming ovens are available, and there are no outlets at the serving table.

Two types of chocolate fountains will be used. There are sign up sheets going around for food, donations, decorating, serving and clean up. Every member should plan to help with clean up.

Judy Ashby, Book Fair Chair, said that the tag line for the Festival is "Read for Life." Lita is getting book donations from Denver at the International Book Trade Show. A list will be available from which hosts may choose books. Sagebrush Books and Hastings Books in Montrose are participating. Hastings is donating books. Two or three authors are coming and Sagebrush will be getting more. There will be posters to emphasize the Book Fair and bookmarks with information about the various authors and their works.

The music will be DJ style by Gary Cavalier.

There will be three bars.

Doreen and Linda Hattel are taking care of the vendors.

There will be three silent auction items: 1. Eugenia Bone, gourmet cook and writer, will cook and serve a dinner for four at the winner's house; 2. a set of china, flatware, decorations, and table cloth; 3. a decorated Christmas tree.

Another table setting will be raffled off.

Barbara Bullard and Dorothy Dunfelder are discussing the menu.

The tickets for Friday night are \$10 each, and each member is being given five tickets to sell. More are available.

Luncheon tickets for Saturday are \$25 and will be available at our next meeting.

Alice Penick needs four more tables. There will be no complimentary seating.

Guest favors will be the wine glasses.

Table hosts with round tables must provide table cloths. Those wanting to rent table cloths need to let the Finance Committee know before their next meeting on the first Monday of October.

Alowetta Terrien is doing all the printing for tickets, flyers, posters, menus, and programs.

Service: Lita Sweitzer is working on bookmarks which will be printed with "Read for Life," the Altrusa logo and a variety of other information such as the projects Altrusa does, quotes about literacy, and names of participating authors and the books they have written. The bookmarks will be handed out at the book tables and others will be donated to the libraries we serve.

Service hours are in three categories: 1. External: Altrusa projects done for the community such as the Sugar Plum Festival, 2. Internal: activity within the club such as the Four-Club Social, and 3. Other voluntary community service such as tutoring literacy students. Email service hours to Cathy Percefull.

There will be a brief committee meeting following the benediction today.

At 10:30 AM tomorrow books will be delivered to House of Promise. Let Lita know if you want to go.

Some members are taking books to a library at a Katrina disaster site. Talk to Demeris York who is collecting those or bring donated books next week to the meeting.

Lita will travel to Denver to pick up donated books at the International Book Trade Show.

Membership: Nancy Stevens reported that her committee has been asked by Margaret Goodhue, District Governor, to give her nominations for an emeritus award. The qualification is "active, but physically unable to attend meetings." Our club has no one with that status. Yearbooks should be undated by next week.

The application from Marla Hovak for membership will be processed in October.

The committee is working on membership retention and would welcome any ideas for something special that could be done.

There has been an interest expressed for a club in the North Fork area. Members who are interested in helping to start a new club should let René know.

Communications: None

Foundation: Vicki Ripp reported that the annual meeting was held and the Foundation budget was ratified with no changes. A resolution was made to increase the number of Foundation board members from three to five. Janet Burgess and Vivian Gibson are the additional members. It was recommended that the club treasurer be a signer on the Foundation Service Account. Willa and Jo Ann Anderson will set that up at the bank.

Current officers are Vicki Ripp, President; Jo Ann Anderson, Treasurer; and Judy Ashby, Secretary.

Astra: Ethan Twamley reported that the club met on August 28. Mrs. Vincent presented a program on emergency car care and maintenance. They were given goody bags and tips to remember and share with parents.

Barbara asked the club members to serve at the Sugar Plum luncheon. The request will be considered at the next meeting which will be on September 25 at 6 PM at Delta High School.

Astra will host two tables with one being for Astra families.

Accent: Linda Sorensen spoke on the meaning of the "Collect." The word refers to an opening prayer which collects all of the themes into one prayer.

Board Actions and Recommendations: In a previous meeting a motion had been made and tabled for the club to write a letter regarding the paintings in the auditorium of the Performing Arts Center. The Board of Directors felt that the issue should be considered a personal matter, not a club matter. A motion to rescind that motion was made by David Mangum with a second by Nancy Stevens. The motion passed. The Board recommended that each member be given five tickets to sell for the Friday night event of the Sugar Plum Festival.

Unfinished Business: The By Laws/Standing Rules committee is to meet after the business meeting for final review and approval.

New Business: Those who would seek nomination to a district office position, talk with David Mangum, Vicki Ripp, Liz Quintana, Judy Weizbrod, Alice Penick, or Lucky Cox.

Announcements: The Board of Directors will meet with District Governor Margaret Goodhue and Vice-Governor Ida Bender on September 20 at 11 AM at the Elks.

October is Foundations Grant month. Grants provide vocational assistance, scholarships, and financial support to individuals of Altrusa Clubs' community service projects.

Vicki said that \$100 will be donated from the club in October to The International Foundation.

Anyone interested in joining Toastmasters may contact Curielle Duffy or René.

Onions and Orchids were shared.

Drawing: Winner-Willa Sorensen for \$13.

Benediction recited.

Adjournment: 1:05 PM

Jeanie Brown, Secretary

Date of approval _____

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Have You Seen It Yet?

Altrusa Club of Delta has a new website,
designed just for club members. Check
it out at:



www.altrusainternationalofdelta.com

Put it in your Favorites List
and check for the latest Club News!

There is no Program meeting on
September 27th. Regular Business
meeting will be October 11th.

Want an inexpensive way to advertise your business to
other Altrusans. Buy a business card ad for the next news-
letter! For just \$2.50 your business card will appear here for
the October issue. See Alowetta or send your business card
by email to: alowetta@westernslopegeeks.com

Sugarplum Festival will be November
17-18. Have you signed up to decorate
a table? If not, see Alice Penick or call
her at 874-7835.

Other decorating and serving help will
be needed as the event nears, see Barb
Bullard for more information.

*September is National Literacy Month - this is a major
focus of our Club, as well as Altrusa International, Inc.*

2007 District Ten Conference
Ogden, Utah
May 4-5, 2007
Mark Your Calendar and Plan to
Attend!