

# THE CONNECTION

MARCH 28, 2010

## **CELEBRATE ALTRUSA...BY TELLING OUR STORY!**

Please plan on joining us for the 55th Annual District Twelve Conference

### **Early Birds Event**

*April 1st - the last day to reserve your place for a gala evening at the Grand Victorian, a dinner/theater house. If you need a registration form for this event, please go to the District Twelve Website. You can find the form on page 4 of the Call to Conference.*

**\*\*\*Conference registration fee increases on May 1st.**

### **Town Hall Meeting.**

Saturday afternoon during conference we will have a Town Hall Meeting. Your District Twelve Board members plus our International President will be there to answer your questions. We do realize that some of you who will not be able to attend conference this year do have concerns. If you send your questions to Governor Julie at [hysmith11@verizon.net](mailto:hysmith11@verizon.net) we will address your questions and then follow up with a report in the DSB. Remember, if you want your inquiries to remain confidential, please make that notation on your email, and we will not use your name or your club name.

### **Proposed BRR Changes**

Has your club reviewed the proposed BRR changes yet? Your delegates will be voting on these proposed changes at conference this year so now is the time to discuss how your club feels about the changes and instruct your delegates accordingly!

### **Fun Night at Conference**

*This year we will be going to the Wildlife Safari for our Fun Night event! Remember to bring a pair of comfortable shoes and and now is the time to wear that leopard skin shirt, or zebra striped pants you have hidden in the back of your closet! Just use your imagination as you dress to join us for a fun evening!*

*After touring the facilities, you will have an opportunity to sample a variety of local wines. If you wish, you may also purchase a favorite wine to take home to remind you of the great time you had on your Safari!*

### **The menu for Fun Night is**

Smoked meat plate with sliced beef  
brisket  
Moist pulled chicken  
BBQ beans  
Potato Salad  
Veggie tray with dip  
Dinner rolls  
Cookies  
Soft drinks, water or iced tea

***Just a reminder, if you have marked your registration form as needing a special meal due to a medical condition, that will be taken care of for this meal also.***

**\*\*\*Make your hotel reservations by April 28th in order to receive the Special Altrusa rates.**

**\*\*\*Have you sent your award applications in yet? Due 3/31/10**

### **Memorial Service**

It has been a tradition for as long as I can remember, that we honor our Altrusa members who are no longer with us. In order for us to do this, someone in your club needs to advise the District of those we have lost during the year. If you would send this information to Evelyne Hendrix at ghn300pa@comcast.net or Ilona Kerby at kerby1@kalama.com they will follow up and make sure all The Altrusans we have lost are remembered during the Memorial Service.

### **Bring a Children's Book**

Have you decided which children's book you will bring to conference yet? These books will be given to our Host Club, Roseburg for distribution in their local area. Now, if you just can't get **one more item in your suitcase, we will accept your cash donation!** There will be a basket in the Registration area for you to drop off your books or to make a cash donation which will be used to purchase children's books.

### **Sister Club**

Are you interested becoming active in the Sister Club Program? International is in the process of putting this information in a database so now is the time to get involved! You can let Governor Julie know of your interest and she will forward to our International Membership Development Chairperson, Pamela Nulley

### **Club 21**

Remember - at conference this year you will be able to pay your individual Club 21 dues (\$21.00) and your Club Level Club 21 Program dues (\$210.00). There will be a Club 21 table just prior to entering for lunch.

### **Bling Logowear**

Make sure you are wearing you Altrusa logo when you are out in public doing your Altrusa projects!

Several new items will be available this year. You can make your purchase either in the Altrusa Store at conference or you can pre-order items from Sherry Haveland.

Some of the new items available are

\*\*\*Christine Alexander navy blue sweatshirts with Swarovsky Crystals for \$45.00/each

\*\*\*Tote bags, black with Swarovsky Crystals for \$45.00/each

\*\*\*Christine Alexander 3/4 sleeve t-shirts, black with Swarovsky Crystals for \$35.00

\*\*\*Royal blue fleece vests for \$40.00/each are also available again this year.

If you go to the District Twelve website, under the Marketing tab, you will see photos of several of the items which are available right now for you to order! If you would like to pre-order items, please contact Sherry Haveland at s.haviland1@comcast.net

### **What is your Membership Goal?**

At the conference in Seaside last year, Governor Julie challenged each of you to set a membership goal for this biennium. Are you on target? Some clubs, like Salem are! Now is the time to Celebrate Altrusa by sharing your story with potential members. By sharing your Altrusa experiences, you are giving someone else the opportunity to belong to a fabulous, caring group of people who enjoy spending time together volunteering in their communities.. Wear your Altrusa pin and be ready to hand out your Altrusa business card and club flyer to everyone you know! "You never know from where that next great Altrusan will come".

\*\*\*Check out the International Website to our Nanaimo club on the cover page!