



President's message

July 2010

One day an elephant saw a hummingbird lying on its back with its tiny feet up in the air. "What are you doing?" asked the elephant. The hummingbird replied, "I heard that the sky might fall today, and so I am ready to help hold it up, should it fall." The elephant laughed cruelly. "Do you think," he said, "that those tiny feet could help hold up the sky?" The hummingbird kept his feet up in the air, intent on his purpose, as he replied, "Not alone. But each must do what he can. And this is what I can do."

~Chinese Parable

As I worked in the elephant ear wagon over the long weekend I was amazed by the enormity of the task at hand and was truly impressed by the speed and efficiency with which we did it. Selling thousands of elephant ears is a remarkable accomplishment and clearly cannot be done without many people each doing "what they can do." For over twenty years I've worked in the wagon over the 4th, and every year I leave the weekend with new friendships and a sore jaw from laughing. I love listening to the stories we all tell while working away, and to the appreciative comments from the customers. A huge thank you to Marian and her friend Dan Troxler, Sara and Harold Burt, Sue Kirk, Kathy and Louis Dema-

rest, all those who worked double shifts and filled in at the last minute, and to everyone else who contributed to our success this year. You are all awesome Altrusans, and I am proud to be one of you!

We have a packed month ahead of us! As you read this we will already have brought the wagon back to the lake for the first of the weekly Concerts at the Lake. Then on July 17th and 18th we have the STP, with Terry-Taylor not too far behind. We all need to pitch in when and where we can; every little bit you can do is appreciated. Remember; we have to make money to give money.

As busy as we are this month, I urge you to take some time out to enjoy yourselves. After all, it IS summer, the time for vacations, backyard barbeques, and just plain relaxing. I also want to encourage all of you to come to our July program meeting about Drug Endangered Children; I promise it will be an interesting and informative presentation.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"

~Helen Keller



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF LONGVIEW-KELSO June 10, 2010 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Judy Ainslie, Jeanette Almos, Charlotte Balint, Patricia Bosh, Marian Bradburn, Lois Brudi, Sara Burt, Janet Bushby, Beverly Coryell, Anne DeFrancisco, Charmaine Falsetto, Judy Flaskerud, Pat Gurrad, Ameer Hair, Mary Harding, Shirley Heitzmann, Cheryl Hendrickson, Marilee Hertig, Betty Houten, Arleen Hubble, Fran Kayser, Ilona Kerby, Judy Kirby, Sue Kirk, Joann Law, Nadine Ledford, Verona Lynam, Carol McNair, Nancy Russell, Carol Ryan, Judi Smith, Pat Stankevich, Sally St. Onge, Sandie St. Onge, Diane SueWing, Edith Uthmann, Pat Vining, June White, Goldie Worley and Ella Youmans. Guest: Deanna West.

CALL TO ORDER: President Joann Law called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. with the Altrusa Blessing and Flag Salute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Signups for Elephant Ear Wagon and STP were sent around. Pat Stankevich still has pecans for sale.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 13 Business Meeting were approved as corrected.

MOTIONS AND TREASURER'S REPORT: Anne DeFrancisco presented the Operations Budget for 2010-2011 as prepared by the Finance Committee, for approval from the general membership. Motion passed.

President Joann Law recessed the meeting at 12:15 p.m. to convene a Foundation Meeting.

A motion to elect the following 2010-2011 Foundation Board officers was approved:

President	Karen Dennis
Vice President	Joann Law
Secretary	Nadine Ledford
Treasurer	Pat Gurrad
Directors	Sue Kirk, Marian Bradburn, Pat Stankevich, Charlotte Grosz, Anne DeFrancisco, Marilee Hertig, Mary Jean Mason, Sara Burt, Judy Ainslee, and Judi Smith.

A motion with an amendment that reads "**Budget for foundation be amended that line 630a can only be expended if sufficient funds are raised (to the extent the funds are raised)**", for the 2010-2011 Budget be approved. Motion was approved as presented.

The Foundation Meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m. and the Business Meeting was reconvened.

VICE PRESIDENT: Pat Stankevich reminded members that if they need their health cards renewed they should come to the June Program Meeting on June 24. They are good for two years. July Program Meeting will feature Shannon Miller from Cowlitz Meth Action Team. Her topic will be Drug Endangered Children.

WAYS AND MEANS: Marian Bradburn's committee sent around signup sheets for Elephant Ear Wagon for GO-4th and for STP.

SERVICE: There will be a Committee Meeting June 17. A quorum will be needed. Judy Ainslie will handle recycling this year.

MEMBERSHIP: Judi Smith said there will be a Committee Meeting June 17.

SPECIAL PROJECT: No Report

BRR: No Report

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Arleen Hubble has submitted reports and pictures to the Daily News of this last May's Convention and Installation of Officers for Longview-Kelso Altrusa.

NEWSLETTER: Judy Kirby reported that the Conference News has been posted on the website. Anne DeFrancisco reminded everyone that the new Year Book will be out soon. If you want to change your picture or don't have one it needs to be done right away.

CORRESPONDENCE: Various Commercial Flyers

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Storage Cleanup Committee formed.

NEW BUSINESS: ASTRA Task Force formed.

Building of new club at Seaside Task Force formed

ANNOUNCEMENTS: June White is the new Time Keeper starting with June 2010.

BIRTHDAYS AND FUN FOR ALL: Shirley Heitzmann said this year members with birthdays for the month will receive a book mark and read a friendship comment. Members with birthdays for June were Carol McNair, Terry Barnes-Grambo, Mary Harding, Clara Renick, Pat Gurrad and Lois Brudi.

SHARING WITH FRIENDS: Pat Gurrad, Lois Brudi, Ilona Kerby, Jeanette Almos, Carol McNair, Judi Smith, Nadine Ledford, Judy Kirby and Diane SueWing.

ALTRUSUN OF THE MONTH: Fran Kayser. Also thank yous to Betty Houten, Patricia Bosh and Beverly Coryell.

After the Altrusa Benediction the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Ledford
Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY - (A very busy month)
Sign up for **Go 4th**
STP, Concerts at Lake and
Mountain Mania

AUGUST - (Another very
busy month!)
Sign up for the Terry-Taylor
wagon event!

SEPTEMBER

Retreat on the 11th at Lois
Brudi's lake house. Look for
more information soon.

OCTOBER

District Visitor and
Rest Stops

NOVEMBER
Turkey Day!



DECEMBER
Holiday Luncheon
Merry Christmas!



JANUARY 2011
Membership Event

FEBRUARY 2011
Celebration
Of Literacy!

MARCH 2011
Woman's Rights Day

APRIL 2011
Happy 94th Anniversary
Of Altrusa
Youth Awards Luncheon

MAY 2011
Conference! It's a blast!
Installation of officers.

JUNE 2011
Another new year, another
new president. Congratula-
tions Sue Kirk!

JULY

2-4 Go 4th at the Lake
8 Board Meeting CAP
8 Wagon Concert at the Lake
15 Business Meeting CAP
15 Wagon Concert at the Lake
17-18 STP at Riverside Park
22 Committee Meetings CAP
22 Wagon Concert at the Lake
24 Mountain Mania - Castle Rock
29 Program Meeting CAP - Drug Endangered Children
29 Wagon at the Lake

AUGUST

5 Board Meeting CAP
5 Wagon Concert at the Lake
7 Wagon Event Terry-Taylor
12 International Youth Day
12 Business Meeting CAP
12 Wagon Concert at the Lake
14 Wagon at Art Show in the Park
19 Committee Meetings CAP
19 Wagon Concert at the Lake
26 Program Meeting CAP

SEPTEMBER

2 Board Meeting CAP
8 World Literacy Day
9 Business Meeting CAP
11 Retreat at Lois Brudi's Lake Merwin home
15 International Day of Peace
16 Committee Meetings CAP
23 Program Meeting TBA
30 Fifth Thursday TBA

HIGHLIGHT OF SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP

Be sure and sign up for all our money raising events at any meeting prior to the event. A lot of helping hands are needed to pull off a successful event. Watch the newsletter for information about upcoming events.

These are busy months, please do your share. Remember,

Volunteers are not paid because they're worthless,
Volunteers are not paid because they're *priceless!*

[Sign up early and often when sign-up sheets are passed around.](#)

Your new Board



President



Joann Law

Past President



Karen Dennis

President Elect



Sue Kirk

Vice President



Pat Stankevich

Secretary



Nadine Ledford

Treasurer



Anne De Francisco



Asst. Treasurer

Pat Gurrad



Service Committee Charlotte Grosz



Membership

Judi Smith



Ways and Means

Marian Bradburn



2 year director

Mary Jean Mason



INSTALLATION MAY 27, 2010 ⁵



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

President Joann has appointed a new committee to take care of several different projects that are now overloading the Membership committee and have nothing to do with recruiting or retention of members. See page 10 in this newsletter which will describe the duties of this committee.

It was M/S/P that we accept the job description as corrected for the Hospitality Committee. Members appointed to this committee are:

Betty Houten, Chair
 Lois Brudi
 Karen Dennis
 Charlotte Balint
 Edith Uthmann

YEARBOOK!

We are getting close to closing out the yearbook and getting it printed. Any changes to your name, address, phone number, or if you don't have a picture to Anne yet, get it in this week end!

Ann DeFrancisco is once again doing a fantastic job on getting your information pulled together and the new yearbook for 2010-2011 should be in your hands by the first part of August.

2010 - 2011 Presidential Appointees

- All-For-Fun-
SHIRLEY HEITZMANN
- Awards -
SUE KIRK
GLENDA SCHUH
- BRR-
BETTY HOUTEN
- Communications-
JUDY KIRBY
- Conference / Convention-
LOIS BRUDI
- Finance-
ANNE DeFRANCISCO
PAT GURRAD
- Historians-
PATRICIA BOSH
BEVERLY CORYELL
- Hours Keeper-
JUNE WHITE
- Newsletter Editor-
JUDY KIRBY
- Parliamentarian-
ILONA KERBY
- Public Relations-
ARLEEN HUBBLE
- Special Projects-
BETTY HOUTEN VERONA LYNAM SUE KIRK
JANET BUSHBY KAREN DENNIS
- Year Book Editor-
ANNE DeFRANCISCO
JUDY KIRBY
- Celebration of Literacy-
ILONA KERBY
KAREN DENNIS
DIANE SUE WING
CINDY DONALDSON
NANCY RUSSELL
JOANN LAW
SANDIE ST. ONGE
- Retreat-Strategic Planning-
PAT STANKEVICH
SUE KIRK
- I Dit A Read-
GLENDA SCHUH
PATRICIA BOSH
KATHY DEMAREST
CHARLOTTE GROSZ
- Backpack Buddies-
CHARLOTTE GROSZ
CHARMAINE FALSETTO
PATRICIA BOSH
- Amity Foundation-China Orphanages-
PEGGY GURRAD
LOIS BRUDI

COMMITTEE REPORTS



SERVICE COMMITTEE

Charlotte Grosz

The Service Committee met on June 17, 2010 to discuss the goals and events for 2010-2011 Club year. The goals that were set are:

- Give most to local people and organizations
- Focus on projects to benefit women and children
- Give to poor and disadvantaged
- Give to international projects

Members of the committee were great to volunteer their time and talents to chair, and to help with our annual events and projects. Nadine Ledford offered to be the secretary, and to take minutes and disburse them. Celebration of Literacy will be chaired by Ilona Kerby, I Dit A Read by Glenda Schuh, Scholarships by Carol McNair, and we will ask Judy Flaskerud to again chair the "Ring the Bells for the Salvation Army" event. Karen Dennis will be in charge of the Past Presidents Holiday Luncheon. Pat Vining and Cheryl Hendrickson volunteered to serve on the Youth Awards committee, and we are still looking for a volunteer to chair this committee.

Working with the RIF program is again planned for the United Day of Caring in September, as is helping with Walk N Knock in December. There will be sign-up sheets going around later for these events. We will be working with President Joann Law on a project for Make A Difference Day in October. We also plan to continue to support the Backpack Buddies program throughout the year.

Judy Ainslie graciously volunteered to take care of our recycling program, and Marian Bradburn will be collecting the clean plastic containers for the Senior Meal Program at CAP.

The next committee meeting will be held on July 22nd, 2010, in the Altrusa room at CAP.



MEMBERSHIP

Judi Smith

Attendees: Joann Law, Anne DeFrancisco, Goldie Worley, Shirley Heitzmann, Betty Houten, Karen Dennis, Gwen Gross, and Judi Smith.

The committee met for the first time this year and reviewed committee responsibilities. We discussed our focus for the coming year. We agreed that our focus is on recruitment of new members and retention of current members.

The latest Altrusa 101 that had been held the evening before was discussed. It appears that 2 of the new invitees are interested in joining. Recruitment ideas adopted were:

The Altrusa flyer will be available at the elephant ear wagon for each event.

In addition to the new member sponsor, a mentor will be appointed for the new member in case the sponsor is not able to sit with the new member. This will help integrate the new member into the club.

The committee will notify the newsletter of all new members. In addition, it will notify the newsletter when Altrusa 101 activities will be held.

Retention ideas were:

The committee will send an encouraging reminder to members who have missed a few meetings to let them know they have been missed.

The committee will ask the board to approve a new hospitality committee that will handle the lunch ordering, set-up, collection of money, greeting and decorating. This committee will also be in charge of installation.

In January we will have a "Celebration of Members" which will be a social evening for our members. Guests will be welcome. It will be held in the Peardale recreation Room

COMMITTEE REPORTS



WAYS AND MEANS

Marian Bradburn

Well the 4th is over and we did well. We started getting the wagon ready on the Saturday prior when Sara and Harold Burt, Edith Uthmann, Marian Bradburn and Dan Troxler washed the outside of the wagon. Thursday morning it was moved to the lake by Carl's Towing. Harold Burt did the outside setup, then inside set up was completed by Edith Uthmann, Karen Dennis, Terry Barnes-Grambo, Joann Law and Marian Bradburn. It was ready to go for Friday morning.

The statistics of the three day event : 142 buckets of dough was used, 545 man hours to work, and a gross profit of \$24,255. Bills have not all been tallied and the bank has not confirmed the deposits.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made this all possible. Special thanks to Kathy and Louis Demarest, Sandie St Onge, Char Falsetto, and Dan Troxler who helped load everything into the wagon Sunday night for the early morning move out. Finishing up the clean up, at the storage, Monday morning were Kathy Demarest, Edith Uthmann, Sandie St Onge, Dan Troxler and Marian Bradburn. The wagon is ready for Thursday night, CONCERT AT THE LAKE.

Altrusa's upcoming events are for the next 7 Thursday's Concerts at the Lake, STP July 17 & 18, Mountain Mania at Castle Rock July 24th and Taylor-Terry August 7th. Volunteers are needed so please sign up to help.



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pat Stankevich

Our program on July 29 will be about drug abuse issues in this community and how it is affecting our children. The speakers will be Shannon Miller from the Cowlitz Meth Action Team and Corie Dow from CASA. Shannon is an inspiring and dynamic speaker who has presented a program for our club in the past and was one of our keynote speakers at District Conference when it was held in Kelso. She and Corie together will give us a program worth our time. See you there.

A REMINDER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

1. Reminder: All club-wide e-mails must go through Judy Kirby, who will check with Joann Law before sending.
2. A big thank you to the Storage Cleanup Committees: Inside: Lois Brudi, June White, Betty Houten, and Patricia Bosh. Outside: Sara Burt, Sue Kirk, and Arleen Hubble. Both areas look clean and organized. Yay!

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

WAYS AND MEANS

Marion Bradburn, chair
Jeanette Almos
Kathy Bates
Patricia Bosh
Lois Brudi
Sara Burt
Janet Bushby
Kathy Demarest
Margaret Dent
Bonnie Dunn
Terry Barnes Grambo
Arleen Hubble
Lois Huffman
Judy Kirby
Ramona Leber
Mary Jean Mason
Ashley Sauer
Clara Renick
Edith Uthmann

SERVICE

Charlotte Grosz, chair
Judy Ainslie
Charlotte Balint
Ruth Clark
Beverly Coryell
Charmaine Falsetto
Judy Flaskerud
Cheryl Hendrickson
Ilona Kerby
Sue Kirk
Dona Kondro
Nadine Ledford
Suzanne Martinsen
Carol McNair
Nancy Russell
Carol Ryan
Sally St. Onge
Glenda Schuh
Pat Stankevich
Diane SueWing
Pat Vining
June White
Ella Youmans

MEMBERSHIP

Judi Smith, Chair
Mark Bell
Jan Louise Clifford
Anne DeFrancisco
Cindy Donaldson
Gwyn Gross
Peggy Gurrad
Mary Harding
Shirley Heitzmann
Marilee Hertig
Betty Houten
Cindy Jones
Fran Kayser
Verona Lynam
Amee Hair
Vickie Rhodes
Diana Smith
Kathy Williamson
Goldie Worley
Sandie St. Onge



Spotlight on Ruth Clark

I grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I wanted to be a nurse when I grew up so when I went to college I received a BA from Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio and a Masters of Nursing from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. My husband, Marion, and I were stationed in England from 1951-53 while he was in the Air Force. When we returned to the States in '53, we moved to Longview where Marion started a urology practice. Dr. Marion is now retired. Marion and I raised 6 children. We have 15 grandchildren, 8 step grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

I served on the Kelso School Board from 1971 to 1993 and again from July '09 to Nov. '09. During that time I was a member of the Washington State School Directors Association. While a member of the WSSDA, I was on the board and in 1986-87 was the president.

For 13 years I chaired the Health Education Committee at LLC. During that time programs for Licensed Practical Nursing and Registered Nursing were established. I also worked for the Red Cross and did home nursing.

I chaired the development of Clearview Park for Altrusa. This park was the first park developed in partnership with Altrusa. In 1994 the park was renamed in honor of Victoria Freeman. Mrs. Freeman and the Women's Study Club paid for the land with a Sears and Roebuck Community Service Grant. Mrs. Freeman was a member of our Altrusa club.

In the distant past I served as 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and President of Altrusa. In the past I have been director and chairman of the various committees. I was chair for several years of the Youth Awards, recognizing students who have risen above "hard times" in their lives. I also have worked with Celebration of Literacy. Currently I am a member of the Service Committee. 9

I have so many memories I can't name just one ... "I've loved the followship".

The President, along with the BRR chair, Betty Houten, has appointed a new committee:

The new Hospitality Committee, is:
Betty Houten, Chair
Lois Brudi
Karen Dennis
Charlotte Balint
Edith Uthmann

JOB DESCRIPTION
OFFICE OF HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE
- July, 2010

TERM OF OFFICE: One year

The chairman is a non-voting member of the Board of Directors

1. The focus of the Hospitality Committee is to arrange for the meeting place, contact the facility if the meeting place or time will change and to keep members informed of menu choices and cost. They will also receive phone and/or email lunch reservations.
2. The committee will make sure the meeting room is prepared for each meeting, a cashier is available to receive lunch money and a member will be on hand to greet members and guests as they arrive.
3. This committee will chair, under the direction of the Incoming President, the Installation of Officers Event.
4. Perform other duties as requested by the President.

NEWS FLASH!!!

Due to the resignation of Julie Hysmith, the current Governor of District Twelve is our own Sara Burt. Though she's stepping in to this position a year early, we have no doubt the District will be in capable hands. **Congratulations Sara!!!**





My name is June White and I am your new Timekeeper for 2010-2011 for Altrusa International of Longview-Kelso.

I've never held this job before so it is a new learning experience for me. They say you are never too old to learn and at 73 I'm living proof of that because I'm still learning!

I had to learn to set up a Group listing; thank goodness Fran Kayser was willing to teach me how to do it! The data entry is time consuming and I just finished that tonight so I could send this message out since we have already completed one month of service and you need to know how to transmit your hours to me.

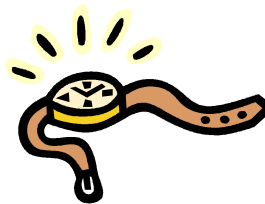
You may email your hours to me at june-bug98632@q.com. I need total Altrusa hours and total "other" hours. OR, you may mail your calendar from the Newsletter, with hours noted & your name at the top, to me. You will find my address in your yearbook.

OR, you may hand the calendar, filled out as noted above, to me at meetings. I usually, but not always, WEAR A HAT!

NOTE: It would be appreciated if you would submit your hours on a regular/timely basis, rather than store them up for several months!

Thank you!

June



Tired of wearing the same old watch while several stylish ones sit in the drawer with dead batteries? Well, your problem is

solved! And the solution supports a good cause! For a mere \$4 per watch Mark Bell will replace the battery and give the proceeds to Celebration of Literacy. Simply put your watches in a zip lock bag with your name and contact information, give them to Mark, she will return them in working order and you pay the money to Ilona or Diane Sue Wing so they can submit for COL. For those of us who have done this...it is a wonderful service and so easy to participate in the fund raiser.

ilona

Planting the seeds of change through literacy











The literacy gardeners are ready, willing and working hard to gather the tools necessary to create a fantastic garden of opportunity during the Celebration of Literacy Week 2011! With extra meetings planned and grant dollars targeted we have a great working committee dedicated to making our 10th anniversary memorable. Stay tuned for opportunities to participate as we sow the seeds of literacy community-wide.

Ilona Kerby
Master Gardener in training



YOUR NAME _____

JULY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BE SURE AND TURN IN YOUR HOURS TO JUNE WHITE Just put your name at the top, fill in your hours and turn it in to June.</p>				1	2 Go 4th at the Lake	3 Go 4th at the Lake
4 Go 4th at the Lake	5	6	7	8 Board Meeting CAP & Wagon Concert	9	10
11	12 Sue Kirk 	13 Goldie Worley 	14 Anne DeFrancisco 	15 Business Meeting CAP & Wagon Concert	16	17 STP at Riverside Park
18 STP at Riverside Park  Kathy Williamson	19	20  Ruth Clark  Bette Remmers	21	22 Committee Meetings CAP & Wagon Concert	23	24 Mountain Mania Castle Rock
25	26	27	28	29 Program Meeting CAP & Wagon Concert  Sally St. Onge	30 Ilona Kerby 	31