

THE CONNECTION

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Leadership Training Workshop

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Now is the time to make your leadership training workshop reservations! Sara Burt and Linda Lee are ready to help you get ready to start the upcoming year on a positive note. Sara and Linda have an information packed day - March 13th in Longview, WA at the CAP Building all planned. If you have any questions or need directions, please Contact Sara or Linda.

Call to Conference

Just a reminder that the Call to Conference is posted on the District website. As you requested, this publication is full of conference information - hopefully inspiring you to attend the 55th Annual Altrusa Conference!

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

Town Hall Meeting

On Saturday afternoon during conference we will be holding a Town Hall Meeting where your Board members and our International President will be responding to your questions and concerns. To get this off to a fast start, would you please send a list of your questions and concerns to Governor Julie at hysmith11@verizon.net. Possibly many of you have the same concerns so we can address these at the first part of the meeting and then proceed to 'live' questions. This is the time to have your concerns addressed - don't let it slip by! We will also follow up with a report of this meeting in the DSB directly after conference.

****Award Application Deadlines are fast approaching! If you have any questions concerning any of the awards, please check the Call to Conference for names and addresses on who to contact.**

Wildlife Safari

Our Conference Coordinator has come up with a fabulous added attraction for the planned Friday Fun Night. Since we are going on a "Wildlife Safari", lets add some more fun and wear something with a animal theme. It could be a t-shirt with an animal print on it, a jacket that looks like leopard skin or even jewelry depicting animals. Use your imagination! And don't forget to wear comfortable shoes!

*****The Early Bird Special will be at the Grand Victorian. Your registration for this is due by April 1st.**

Support the Host Club

The Seven Feathers Convention Center is a large facility with many meeting rooms to accommodate hundreds of conference attendees. Therefore, we do not need a "game" between events. But, as you know, the host club has always designated which projects are to receive the funds raised. This year, we are asking that you bring a children's book which will be given to the Roseburg Altrusa club for distribution during one of their many literacy projects. If your suitcase is just to full to fit a book in, we will accept cash at the reception desk which will be used to purchase books.

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

Come join us in Canyonville for the 55th Annual District Twelve Conference. We will be there to
CELEBRATE ALTRUSA...BY TELLING OUR STORY!

Big Changes! Big Advances!

The annual Club Activity Report and Distinguished Club Report (for 2009) provide a way to evaluate local, district and international progress and is an expectation of each club, according to Altrusa International, Inc. Bylaws and Policies. As you can read, the methodology has changed for reporting. Now, there are two forms to fill out, but I might add, they have been updated and streamlined.

Two weeks ago, I mailed out the forms and information regarding how to access these forms on the International web site to all clubs in the District. Let us discuss the Club Activity form! When you fill out this form, read the instructions carefully and review your last biennium Club Activity report. (Hopefully, you have one). When you have finished filling out this form, mail it directly to me by June 1, 2010.

Now, the second form: The Distinguished Club Award, when you have filled this form out, send it directly to the International Office by June 1, 2010.

This is really much easier than it has been in the past. The forms are short, to the point and will give us and the International organization much needed information. Please take the time and fill out these forms. Let us review what you need to do.

CLUB ACTIVITY FORM: If you do not have a current club activity form, you can contact me or go on to the International website: www.altrusa.com go to International awards, under that heading is 2009-2010 Club Activity Report form. Send to Karla M Lewis, Membership Coordinator 81 Otten Drive La Grande, Oregon 97850 questions: 541-663-0803 or klewis@oregonwireless.net. The form is due by June 1, 2010.

DISTINGUISHED CLUB AWARD FORM: If you do not have a current Distinguished Club Award form, you can contact me or go on to the International website: www.altrusa.com go to International awards, under that heading is Distinguished Club Award Form. Send the form to the International Office by June 1, 2010 Altrusa International Inc. 332 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 1123, Chicago, Illinois 60604-4305.

Let us make this year (2009) the year that we achieve 100% participation... **we can do it!**
Altrusans can do anything!!!!