



The Salem Altrusan

August 2010

President's Address

Can you believe it is almost August already? Where is the summer going? Well that just means it is time to start thinking about the next season and the next year! It is time to take a good look at our club, our focus and what direction we want to go. We have a great opportunity annually with our planning retreat to review and direct our club to be better, making the most of our talents and resources.

To try to encourage some new ideas I thought I would take this address to talk about the focus of our organization as defined by International. All clubs are able to set their own schedules, projects and priorities, however International does define our organization as one that espouses volunteerism, service and fights for literacy and against AIDS. In 1977 Altrusa International adopted literacy as the ongoing service project and in 1997 they adopted Camp Safe Haven for children with HIV/AIDS.

Locally we have had an additional focus on helping victims of domestic violence and have done a great number of services to help people in this situation. As we move forward we have the chance now at our retreat to pick our favorite projects to continue and look at new projects. We have three categories of projects in our club:

- **Social Projects** - Events for the members to have fun and enjoy being with each other (i.e.: Holiday Social, Summer BBQ)
- **Membership Projects** - Events for members to focus on recruiting new members and promoting Altrusa of Salem (i.e.: Bunco Night, Wine 101 Event, Program Speakers)
- **Service Projects** - Events for members and visitors to complete a project designated by the club (i.e.: Activity Bags, School Backpacks, Hygiene Kits)

We will also be discussing fundraising, and following up on the 2010 WC&M Festival. Please bring any ideas for new projects or fundraisers along with any information to support your projects such as contacts or articles.

Put the retreat on your calendar now - we need everyone's input! See you all there!

Sarah

PS. As a side project this year I would like to start a small committee to review our club by-laws as they are very out of date with our current club practices. If you are interested in being serving on this committee please let me know at our retreat. Thank you!!!

Retreat Agenda

We will be starting at 9:00 a.m. on August 14. The meeting will take place at the Girl Scout Office at 1922 McGilchrist St SE. We will have snacks, drinks and coffee available as well as a light lunch, I hope we will be done by 2:00 p.m.

1. Welcome
2. Fundraising/Wine, Chocolate and More
3. Idea Storming
4. Prioritizing
5. Leadership
6. Finalize Budget and Calendar
7. Meeting Date
8. Pictures for Yearbook - If you want a new picture/need a picture taken for the Yearbook, please come prepared!

Business Meeting Minutes - July

Members Present: Sarah, Diana, Nancy Boyer, Jyll, Carol, Nancy S., Patty, Erika, Anita and Nancy Burke

Question of the Day: What did you do for the 4th of July weekend?

Minutes: Minutes were distributed at the meeting and approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasure's Report was distributed at the meeting and approved as submitted.

Correspondence: A thank-you card was received from the lady who sold the Wine Country book at the Wine, Chocolate and More Festival

Unfinished Business:

Wine Chocolate and More Festival Wrap Up – It was reported that the attendance at the Festival this year was 482 –which is approximately 1/3 of what we had last year. Altrusa will end up coming out alright; it was our vendors who took a hit. The vendors are not happy and we need to evaluate where we go from here. The Wine Chocolate and More Committee will have more information and numbers for the next newsletter and at the planning retreat. There is a Wine Chocolate and More wrap-up meeting tomorrow night at Creekside.

July Social – BBQ – There will be a barbecue social on Friday, July 30th at Bush Park – at the south end where the picnic tables are. It will start at 6 p.m. and everyone is asked to bring a side dish. Also, please bring your own table setting and your own drink(s). Patty is inviting the Bunco attendees as well.

New Business:

Revitalization Grant – Patty reported that we have the application form for the revitalization grant for 2009-2011 and the question is what we are going to do to increase membership. It was agreed that if we were to receive a grant, we would have two more Bunco events and Jyll asked about also adding the Wine 101 event at Grand Vines which will run approximately \$15 to \$20 per head. The deadline for the grant is July 17th. Our current membership is 14.

Other Business:

Sarah related that she had received an e-mail that Julie has resigned as District Governor. She is from the Lake Washington East club. The 1st Vice Governor will step up to fill the

Governor position. As Sarah hears anything new, she will pass it on to the rest of the club members.

Reminders– There will be a Board meeting on July 27th – which will be a pre-planning meeting for the Retreat and it will be at Sarah's house.

Sarah and Jyll reported that they will be going out to Oregon Gardens as the District conference is coming to Salem in 2012 and are looking at possible additional properties for the conference site.

The date of the retreat was changed to Saturday, August 14th at 9:00 a.m. The location is yet to be determined.

There will not be a business meeting on August 3rd because of the retreat.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Boyer

Treasurer's Report

ALTRUSA OF SALEM

FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE 30, 2010

ALTRUSA OPERATIONS ACCOUNT

Balance Forward 5/31/10	\$ 2,470.19
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Income:

Interest	\$.15
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Member Dues	1,280.00
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Expenses:

Patty – member pins	\$ 44.00
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Sarah/Jyll convention	500.00
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Balance 6/30/10	\$ 3,196.34
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Balance as of July 25	\$ 1,943.34
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ALTRUSA FOUNDATION ACCOUNT

Balance Forward 05/31/10	\$18,036.64
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Income:

Vendor Income	\$ 2,440.00
Door Proceeds & Opport. Fundraiser	4,832.80

Expense

Patty – Wine Glasses	\$ 1,905.17
Nickel Ads	150.00
Copy Cats – Banners	652.00
Oregon State Fair - Rental	2,400.00
ESSNA Adv.	30.00
Creative Security	676.50
Music: All performers	675.00
Electricity Refund	65.00
Harlan Check Order	51.05
Peter Corvallis Prod. – Draping	2,726.00
Jill Dorsing – Basket Décor.	43.95
Balance 6/30/10	\$14,347.27
Balance as of July 25, 2010	\$11,786.97

ALTRUSA FOUNDATION MONEY MARKET. (interest only)

Interest Income (\$.21)

Balance 6/30/10	\$2,305.89
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Upcoming Meetings and Projects

- July 30 BBQ at Bush Park - 6 PM South End of Park
(Bring a side dish to share along with dishes, cutlery and a beverage for yourself)
- August 14 Club Planning Retreat - 9 AM - Girl Scout Office

**Don't Forget about Retreat!! - Aug. 14 - 9 AM Girl Scout Office
1922 McGilchrist St SE**

