



The Altrusagram

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The 2012 - 2013 Board

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Upcoming Dates

Thu. 5/31 - Dues must be received

Mon. 6/4 - ABC Program
Riverton School

Mon. 6/4 - Board Meeting 6:15
at Anita Chandler's home

Wed. 6/6 - Business Meeting
UNE Blewett Hall

Thu. 6/14 - Serving Supper Program
4:30 at St. Peters Church

Wed. 6/20 - Orientation
at Theresa Mancini's home
** see details inside **

Altrusa
Builds
Community



Cancellation policy for Program Meetings:
Members have a standing reservation. To cancel
call Joanne Doherty (773-7410) before noon of
the Monday prior to the meeting.

Members who miss but do not cancel will be
charged for meals that were guaranteed.

Newsletter editor: Marie Pike - *pikerino2@aol.com*

The deadline each month for Altrusagram articles
is the end of day on the Friday after the program
meeting.



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President's Message

What a week! The week of May 14th was all that Altrusa is! Beginning and ending with ABC Projects at Ocean Avenue and West Schools, a marvelous, well attended program meeting, and our participation in Day of Caring.

Altrusa really did Build Community as we honored our Volunteer of the Year, Sandra Grubb, an inspirational woman who really personifies all that we look for as a member of the Trauma Intervention Program. We helped to build our future as we initiated Katie Klein as a new member and honored our past as Martie Tompkins became our newest emeritus member. The installation of officers for the 2012-2013 year topped the evening.

I would like to thank installing officer and emeritus member Eleanore Irish for the honor of her presence and for her thoughtfulness and creativity in the installation ceremony. I'm sure the nails will be as well used as the hammer as the new board and our membership strive to be Altrusa Building Community.

Thank you to all for making this evening so special for us all.

May we carry the spirit of May throughout the coming year,

Anita

Highlights of the May 2nd business meeting:

- Day of Caring, May 17th, discussed.
- Orientation to be held Wednesday, June 20th, with a potluck supper.
- incoming President Anita C requested everyone's choice of committee.
 - Conference reports given.
- Emeritus status for Martie Tompkins has been requested from District.
 - Discussed reimbursing District for the banner and the website.
 - Membership application for Katie Klein has been received.

Mission Statement

Altrusa International, Inc. of Portland, Maine is a club of diverse professionals dedicated to providing service to our communities, focusing on literacy, fellowship and leadership development.

Vision Statement

Altrusa: Leaders in service, expanding leadership opportunities and providing service to communities worldwide.



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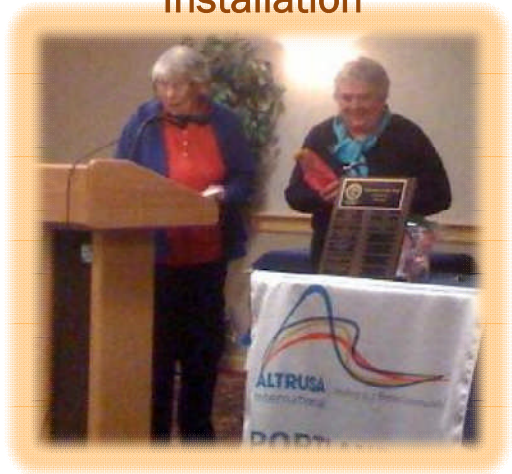
Altrusa's Big Night - May 16th

Volunteer of the Year



Marie Pike presented Sandra Grubb with the 8th annual Volunteer of the Year award. Sandy was nominated for this honor for her volunteer work with the Trauma Intervention Program. Sandy has volunteered for TIP providing emotional and practical support to people in times of crisis since 2005. She has also worked as a member of the dispatch team and the training team. She is a veteran volunteer resource to new volunteers and also has taken on program coverage responsibilities for the Crisis Team Manager.

Installation



Emeritus member Eleanore Irish installed new President Anita Chandler and the 2012-2013 board.

Initiation



New member Katherine (Katie) Klein, pictured here with her sponsor Joanne Doherty, was initiated. Katie lives in Westbrook and works for Independent Transportation Network America as an Affiliate Support Representative assisting organizations that are replicating the ITN model in other cities.

Emeritus



Veteran member Martie Tompkins was awarded Emeritus status. Martie became an Altrusan in 1978 and served as club President 1988 - 1989.



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Thank you note received for the book donation to Indian Island:

Denise,
Yes, thank you so much for the books, we were so excited. Yesterday I purchased a library double sided book cart so that we can organize the books into age groups.
We truly are grateful for the donation, the books were amazing and high quality. Again thank you so much.
Take Care,
Carla
Carla Knapp
Executive Director, Penobscot Nation Boys & Girls Club
12 Wabanaki Way
Indian Island, Maine 04468

Congratulations to the **Communications committee** for placing 2nd at Conference for the Yearbook and Publicity awards.
Good job!!

from the Service committee:

What a great time Caroline C, Pam L., Martha D, Martha G & Anita C had at the ABC program at Reiche School. To say the children were enthusiastic would be an understatement! A thank you to Martha D for the reminder calls and for being so well organized.

from the social committee:

Altrusa's Social Season has come to an end and will of course resume in the fall. The committee would like to express their appreciation for the support and assistance that you all gave. We enjoyed presenting the celebrations to you.

Have a safe and happy summer!

Fondly,

Rae Clark-McGrath

Martha Donahue

Martha Gross

Gini Link

Susan F King

from the Membership committee:

Welcome Katie Klein, our newest Altrusan!

The Membership Committee is meeting at Theresa's home on 5/23/12 at 6:00PM to firm up the details for the "Pot Luck" Orientation/Re-orientation meeting.

That "Orientation" will replace our regular Altrusa program meeting in June. It will be held at Theresa's home at 31 Wayside Road, Portland on 6/20/12 at 6:15PM.

Since it is a dinner meeting, please let Joanne know if you are NOT attending. (Call her cell 730-1479.) We will have a sign-up sheet at our June 6th business meeting at UNE for "pot-luck" donations -- so that we don't end up with only desserts.

from the Finance committee:

It is that time of year again. Annual dues of \$100 must be given to treasurer Pam L by May 31st.



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District One Conference in Montpelier, VT



attendees: Trish M, Ann B, Gail M, Marie P & Denise M

What a fabulous conference - EVERY club was in attendance! Highlights were: The new club banners made it just in time for the parade! We won 1st place & \$100 for the Nina Faye Calhoun International Award, which goes on to the International competition! The sap buckets were only outdone by our fabulous member auctioneer! The shopping was only outdone by the calories consumed - ice cream, wine and cheese, and chocolate stops! It snowed in April our first morning there! Trish Maxim returned to attending conferences after an 8 year absence.

Submitted by Denise Martin

Gail Mazzone & I attended the "Workshop for Presidents & Vice Presidents " lead by ALTRUSA Governor Susannah Leslie & Linda Kudrick-Ring for 20 attendees. It was packed with excellent information, like emailing agendas a week in advance of the business meetings. My favorite 'tip' was to, at the end of the club year, brainstorm the positives & negatives of every activity (service projects, fundraising activities, committee tasks, meeting locations). I like this method of feedback to the Board because I believe a group discussion brings out more ideas than we can think of alone in a 'survey'. They called it "Our Year in Review"; and they transcribe it from their easel worksheets to a written document for all to have.

Another excellent 'tip' came from Denise Martin's Membership workshop and tied nicely into the above. When using an easel in front of a group, always stand to the left of the easel, because our eyes are trained to read from left to right. When Denise, who had been standing to the right of her easel, demonstrated by moving to the left side, I was amazed at the difference in my ease of comprehension.

Submitted by Trish Maxim

South Sudan library update:

There were unforeseen details in completion (first due to weather early on, then funding issues later on) but progress has been steady and from the latest pictures, it looks like just the roof is left to complete the library and it will be open for use!





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The Buzz

by Joanne Doherty

Bev K is out and about and looking well. **Marion M** is FINALLY doing well; she even made it to the program meeting. **Denise M** madly dashed off to Portland High School to present the **Alice Whittier** Book award to a graduating senior.

The annual UNITED WAY "Day of Caring" found Altrusa gardeners **Trish M, Anita C, Martha D** and **Pam S** pruning, raking, hoeing, weeding and planting. **Trish** said a UNUM crew was there ahead of them and they thoroughly cleaned up what we call the "Altrusa Garden" so our crew worked on some of the back gardens at the Alzheimer's facility. A tour of the facility at the end of the day showed how pretty the gardens are from INSIDE the building, for those who may not get outside.

An historic novel, Pink Chimneys, based in the Bangor area was the book of the month. **Marie P** and her friend, **Rhonda Gioia, Joanne D, Denise M, Pam L, Marcia M, Martha D** and **Anita C** dined at **Mary Baumer's** as we discussed the book.

After touring caves with prehistoric art in central France and a couple of days in Paris looking at more recent art, **Marie P** has become an official "Francophile". The art in the caves was made by our ancestors between 12,000 and 20,000 years ago.

May's program found **Marie P** presenting **Sandy Grubb**, a six plus year TIP volunteer, with Portland Altrusa's eighth *Volunteer of the Year Award*. **Sandy** spoke of the rewards of helping in times of crisis. After she and other volunteers are trained, they are "on call" for three, 12 hour shifts a month and must also have 3 hours of continuing training each month. **Leslie Skillin-Calder**, the Crisis Management Team leader (agency director) also explained that when called by law enforcement, fire or medical personnel, a volunteer arrives within 20 minutes of the call. Once there, they might find someone who has just lost a spouse or the mother of a child who has just died in an accident. Sometimes they are called to homes where children have witnessed domestic violence and are in need of a comforting, calming person. Often the TIP volunteer is the only person there after the emergency personnel have left. **Sandy's** daughters and five members of the TIP team were on hand to see her receive her plaque and the \$250 donation to the agency.

One of the many parts of May's program meeting was the annual installation of officers. Past President and now Emeritus member, **Eleanore Irish**, was the installing officer. She noted that when new President **Anita Chandler** became an Altrusan, she owned a construction company. **Anita's** theme for her term is "Altrusa Builds Community". **Eleanore** tied the two together and as each officer stepped forward and agreed to serve she was given a nail to remind them to build and a flower to remind them to "have fun". Directors **Carolyn H** and **Caroline C**, Secretary **Gail M**, Treasurer **Pam L** and Vice President **Martha D** agreed to build Altrusa. President **Anita** received a hammer with her flower, not to hit people with, but to lead her crew to successful construction. **Judith R** stepped up with Robert's Rules of Order and will be the Parliamentarian for the 2012-2013 year.

What better way to start building than to initiate a new member? We are pleased to welcome **Katie Klein** as our newest member. We met **Katie** when Altrusa volunteered at the Maine Reads Festival of the Book and now she is one of us! After a stint in AmeriCorps, **Katie** moved to Westbrook and works at Independent Transportation Network (ITN). She assists other communities in modeling the ITN program for their areas. We also had the privilege of honoring long time Portland Altrusan **Martie Tompkins**, by making her an Emeritus member.

Stay well, Love, Mother Goose



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Altrusa is an international non-profit organization, making our local communities better through leadership, partnership, and service. We are civic-minded people who strive to create better communities worldwide.

Happy Birthday to
Judith R - June 21st
Marion M - June 24th
 Enjoy your day!

Marion McDonald wishes to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness these last few months: for their well-wishes, cards, flowers, and other kindnesses.

Next book club meeting is Tuesday, June 26th at Trish Maxim's home in Naples. We're reading The Lion by Nelson DeMille. Come join the group!

The new Greater Hartford Club is planning their charter ceremony for June 23rd! Road trip anyone??

As we finish one year in June and start another in Sept, we need to consider where we would like the location of the 3rd Wed monthly meeting to be, so we can contract with the facility. The two choices are a) stay at the Fireside Inn or b) move the program meetings to UNE (in addition to the business meeting). So what are the considerations?

	<u>Fireside</u>	<u>UNE</u>
Parking	Good	Good
Signing	No	Yes
Wine availability	Yes	Not allowed
Wait staff	Plated	Self serve
Charges	Bar staff \$30	Room \$35
Meal	\$20	\$15 wide choice of entrees & desserts
Leftovers	Must buy no shows	Can take with own tupperware
Atmosphere	Restaurant	School

Since cleanup/setup is not an issue at either location, it really comes down to 2 things: the *food (price and selection)* and *atmosphere/image* of where we want to hold our program meetings. Keep in mind that we are only talking about 5 meetings a year, since the open house (Nov), the holiday/Xmas party (Dec), the birthday party (Apr), the installation (May) and the optional turnaround meeting (June) do not have to be included on either location's calendar; we are free to choose any location for those events. Please be ready with your thoughts for the vote at the June business meeting. *submitted by Denise Martin*

Future District & International Events

District One Workshop - November 3, 2012 - Nashua, NH

District One Conference - April 25-28, 2013 - Bangor, ME

International Convention - July 26-29, 2013 - Rotorua, New Zealand