



The Altrusagram

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President's Message

Portland Altrusans,

At last summer has arrived! Summer is the time we relax, go to the beach, have cook outs and take vacations. It is a fact that the Portland Altrusa Club will not have any Business or Program Meeting during the summer months of July and August. However, Anita Chandler and her Service Committee are not going to let us take the summer off. If you were at either the Business Meeting or the Fund Raising Brain Storming session in June, you heard about all of the volunteer opportunities Anita was lining up for the summer. So don't let the summer doldrums settle in. Give Anita a call, and volunteer your time this summer on one of the many service projects that are in the works.

This summer I'll be attending the International Altrusa Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The Convention runs from July 17th – July 20th. Marie Pike and I will do our best to serve as your delegates at this convention. In between attending the Business Sessions and various workshops at the Convention, we do intend to spend a couple of days being tourists in Kansas City. We wish more of you were joining us on this adventure.

With that said I'm going to plant the seed to get more Portland Altrusans thinking about and planning to attend the next International Altrusa Convention. It will be in Nashville Tennessee in July 2017, and Altrusa will be celebrating its 100th Birthday. Start saving your pennies now.

Finally, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Marie Pike, our Altrusagram Editor, who puts up with the president sending in her 'letter from the president'late....every month!! We are all thankful for Marie's patience and me especially.

Until September, take care,
Pam

"If you can't stand the heat, don't go to Cancun in the summer."
– Ben Stein



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Upcoming Dates



Tues, 8/4

Book - Lunch Program
12:20 - 1:00 Fore River

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Thu, 8/13 Serving Supper
4:30-7:00 St Peter's

Wed, 8/19 Budget requests are due - see last page

Wed, 9/2 Business Meeting
6:15 Clarion Hotel

notice new location - more info will be sent before the meeting

Vision Statement

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

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.

Committee Assignments for 2015 – 2016

This year the committee assignments, like the board, will remain relatively unchanged from last year. There are a few exceptions, so read carefully. If you want to be on a different committee than you are assigned, please contact me this summer. If there are changes, I'll want to make them before the Yearbook goes to press.

Communications – Publicity

Chair: Marcia Marley
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Membership Development

Chair: Martha Gross
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Marion McDonald
Sarah Weeks



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From the Membership Committee

The last day of Spring found 11 Altrusans enjoying sunshine and warm breezes on Joanne Doherty's new deck at her Sebago Lake home for Altrusa Orientation.

Martha Gross handed out pages of 'Tidbits' about our club history, as well as an outline of subjects to be covered. We played a game of Altrusa Bingo that Martha devised & Katie Klein electronically formatted to paper. (And yes you could put your own name down as a possible answer.)

Sarah Weeks, the only one of our 4 new members able to attend, had many questions which fostered a healthy discussion of Altrusa's purpose: to provide service to our communities, focusing on literacy, fellowship and leadership development. Thank-you Sarah for joining Altrusa of Portland.

To our new members who were not able to attend, look for a mailing that pertained to the day. Comments or questions can be directed to the Membership Committee. We look forward to another Orientation next year that you will be able to attend.

Special prayers to Joanne and her family as Andrea was on her bicycle when hit by a driver -- texting. (Andrea is alive & recuperating at MMC for a few days.) DO NOT TEXT AND DRIVE !!

Have a safe and happy summer with family and friends,
Membership Committee





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Thank You Note from Scholarship Recipient

*Dear Altrusans,
Thank you for choosing me for the Connie Rickett Scholarship Award. Casco Bay High School has a focus on community and service. I am honored to be chosen. This will be a big help for my education.
Sincerely,
Andrew Weeks*



The Altrusa Garden at the Barron Center



It Happened! National Summer Learning Day was kicked off in Portland at Riverton School with lots of exciting things happening, not the least of which was every child from prekindergarten through 5th grade receiving a new book to start their summer reading program. Both the teachers and children were delighted! The day before, Anita, Martha D and Gerry went to Waldron Way to pull the books.

Martha D and Anita attended United Way's Summer Reading Program Training session where we heard tips and advice on how to encourage children to strengthen their understanding of books and reading and hopefully help to create a new generation of readers. The program at Fore River located at 63 Frederic Street begins for us on Tuesday, June 30 and will run until August 14. We will be bringing books and encouraging the children to become the book lovers that we are! Our time will start right after they have lunch every Tuesday at 12:20 and last until 1:00. I'm sure if we or the children are engrossed in a great read, we will be allowed to stay longer!

Altrusa has been invited to have a table at the Summer Success Picnic in Deering Oaks on Wednesday, July 8, we could use the balloon idea and give away some books! Wayside Meal dates are July 9 and August 13.

Counting the Books - The service committee would like to re-inventory the books that we have stored at Waldron Way this summer, if any one would like to join us please call Anita 772-2701 to let us know when you are available. This would be a weekday morning.

Thanks,



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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 Retirement Ann!! (scenes from her party)



Remembering emeritus member Martie Tompkins who passed away on July 2nd at the age of 95.

Martie became an Altrusan in 1978, served as President in 1988-1989, and was a recipient of District One's Gabrielle Crepeau Leadership Award. She was the mother of five and an artist. Many of us treasure a piece of her pottery fired with wildflower imprints.

Martie was active in many community services in addition to Altrusa and is fondly remembered for her infectious smile and impish sense of humor.



Notice to all Committee Chairs : proposed budgets for all committees are due to the Finance committee no later than Wednesday, August 19th. Please email you committee's budget request to Marie Pike by then so the Finance committee can put together a consolidated budget.

Sending best wishes for an easy, speedy recovery to our favorite perennial guest, Andrea Doherty. Andrea was hit by a truck while on her bicycle in late June.

We're thinking of you, Andrea.