



The Altrusagram

Altrusa International of Portland, Maine

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Board meeting	3/31
Business meeting	4/ 2
National Volunteer Week	4/6-4/12
Program meeting 85th Birthday	4/16
World Book Night	4/23
Book Club	5/4
Board meeting	5/5

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Altrusans

Inspirational! Our two guest speakers at Wednesday nights' program are both the types of women that we always wish for when our scholarships are awarded!

Jenasa Staple, our Southern Maine Community College recipient, told us how she has turned her life around from not caring about education to looking forward to continuing her psychology studies at USM and attaining her Bachelors Degree. (See page 5 for photo)

Liz Mott, our vocational awardee, certainly is on the road to a future full of promise after suddenly losing her husband and having to totally provide for her young family by building a baking business literally from the ground up! Starting with growing vegetables, flowers and herbs to sell at the farmers market, adding baked goods to now baking for some very large companies (Stonewall Kitchen, Coffee By Design, plus). She is using her grant to help develop the packaging of her products! (See page 5 for photo)

Looking forward, we have a busy month! April is Add an Altrusan Month, our 85th Birthday Party, National Volunteer Week, World Book Night and for us the beginning of at least ten ABC Programs! Oh, yes, and we have our District Conference in Bermuda with at least three members attending.

Who was our first member to fly a plane? Ask me at the April 2nd business meeting? Remember that Altrusa builds leaders.

Anita Chandler, President

Executive Board

2013-2014

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MISSION

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

VISION

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

IMPORTANT NEWS !!!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Sue E. King and Martha Gross have been hard at work interviewing members and putting together a slate for the April Meeting vote listed below.

Slate:

President: Pam Lemieux

Vice President: Karen Valley

Treasurer: Marie Pike

Secretary: Patricia Maxim

Senior Director: Katie Klein

Junior Director: Gerry Dongo

COME TO THE NEXT BUSINESS MEETING AND VOTE!!!

WE WELCOME YOUR IDEAS

Altrusa Book Club Reads!!!

Apr 23 - Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes

May 28 - The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski

Jun 27 - The Swan Thieves by Elizabeth Kostova

Summer - The Cabinet of Curiosities by Preston and Child

FINANCE COMMITTEE

“CLYNK!” MONTHLY REMINDER

Don't forget to support the Portland Altrusa Club by participating in the “CLYNK” program at Hannaford's Supermarket. Last year the Operating Budget revenues were improved by over \$100 because of money raised through this program. As we all get more comfortable collecting empty returnable cans and bottles for Altrusa, we can help the Operating Budget even more this year. Anything we do to help the Operating Budget Revenues, keeps us from increasing the local dues! So you see, “CLYNK” bags are a ‘good thing’! Bags will be available at all Altrusa Meetings. See Pam Lemieux if you need additional “CLYNK” bags. Pam Lemieux

SERVICE COMMITTEE

In mid-march Altrusans warmed things up for Westbrook first graders when they visited each first grade classroom in the city with a bag of books to give away. Before choosing a book, the children listened to a big book version of Skippyjon Jones - a first grade favorite - which was then presented to the teacher as a classroom gift. Students also each added a link to a paper chain being made in each classroom in the school in March, with each link representing a book read or listened to. At the end of the month the entire school will join all the classroom chains and find out if they can encircle the school building! A wonderful representation of all the reading that has occurred this month, to which Altrusa contributed.

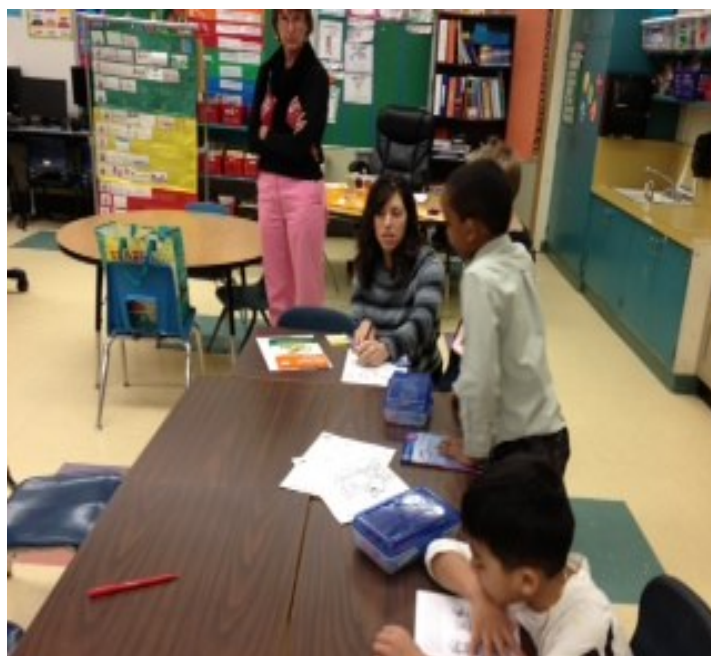
Jane Elwell

Next Business Meeting is Wednesday April 2, 2014

6:15PM

Our meeting place the Westbrook Community Center

426 Bridge St Westbrook, Maine 04092



Next Executive Board meeting is Monday March 31, 2014 at 6PM at Pam Lemieux's home

ALTRUSA'S 85th Birthday Party Celebration

ALTRUSA PORTLAND TURNS 85!!! COME CELEBRATE WITH US!!!

Join us on April 16th, 2014 for an early evening of fun at The Timbers, 50 Lydia Lane, South Portland, ME 04106 (from Westbrook St. to Brick Hill to Lydia Lane) from 6 PM—8PM

Light appetizers

Cash bar

Free Books

Door Prizes



Chance to win \$850 for your organization (must be present to win)

Altrusa's focus is literacy. If you would like the opportunity to receive books as part of our birthday celebration, we ask only that, as part of the RSVP, you tell us briefly how you would use the books and roughly the age group to whom they would be given.

RSVP by April 2, 2014 at 12 noon to altrusaportland@gmail.com

(Don't forget to tell us if you want free books.)

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**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 \$22.00 for meals that were
guaranteed.**

The newsletter editor :
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The deadline each month for Altrusagram
articles
is the end of day on the Friday after the pro-
gram meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee is always trolling for PROSPECTIVE new members. Who have you crossed paths with lately that we should approach? We're also hoping that our newer members have friends & acquaintances that they would like to invite to an Altrusa event to meet us & to learn about what we do.

Trish Maxim

Scholarship Winners



Jenasa Staple



Liz Mott