



# The Altrusagram

Altrusa International of Portland, Maine

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<http://www.altrusaportlandgivesbooks.org>

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

District One Work-shop	11/1
Board and Business meetings	11/5
St. Peter's and Book Club	11/13
Program Meeting	11/19
Selling Calendars	Nov. - Dec./14
BAM fundraiser for books	Starts 11/16

### Executive Board

#### 2014-2015

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The President's message will return in the November Issue.

In preparation for the November Program meeting hosted by Membership Committee we are devoting this area to promoting membership. Help our organization grow!

We all should become sponsors by:

- ♦ Inviting a prospective member to the November program meeting
- ♦ Introduce your guest at the meeting
- ♦ Discuss interest level with your guest and other prospective members
- ♦ Complete recommendation for membership form
- ♦ Give form to membership committee and the Board
- ♦ Serve as a mentor once the prospective member becomes an Altrusan

The membership committee is responsible for confirming eligibility, sending a notice of intent to join to newsletter editor and giving a copy of the membership form to the Board President at ([pamela.lemieux@myfairpoint.net](mailto:pamela.lemieux@myfairpoint.net)).

**Reminders:** Patricia Maxim, our secretary, is sending the minutes electronically to all members the week before the business meetings. Please check your emails and read minutes prior to the business meeting. You can offer corrections by sending them directly to Trish at ([campnaples@fairpoint.net](mailto:campnaples@fairpoint.net)) or voicing them at the meeting. This will help expedite meetings and allow us more time to discuss important issues. And, please *visit our website* frequently and help Katie Klein keep it updated. ([katie72925@gmail.com](mailto:katie72925@gmail.com)).

## IMPORTANT NEWS !!!

Saturday, November 1, 2014, Altrusa District One Workshop from 8:30AM to 4:00PM at 'The Timbers', 50 Lydia St, South Portland, Maine - This workshop will provide several Altrusa training sessions and our scheduled keynote inspiration speaker is Patty Gallant, who is the oldest American woman to swim the English Channel. Patty is currently training for another marathon swimming challenge. Come and hear how she prepares for these grueling swims.

Monday, November 3, 2014 - Altrusans, Books and Children (ABC) at Skillins School in South Portland, ME. (9:30AM)

Monday, November 10, 2014—ABC at Kaler School in South Portland, ME. (9:30AM)

Thursday, November 13, 2014 - Altrusans serving Wayside Soup Kitchen's outreach supper at St. Peter's (5-6:30) always the second Thursday night of each month. Good food and good company! Come at 4:30 to help set up. Book Club will immediately follow the meal @ 7PM.

Sunday, November 16th - The Books A Million (BAM) holiday book drive starts with us again as the recipient of the books. We are truly fortunate to have this partnership with BAM.

See yellow box below!!! NEW MEETING PLACE!!!

### District One Website

<http://www.altrusadistrictone.com>

In 2014-2015 there are 18 District One Clubs which are located across Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut and also in Bermuda and Quebec City, Quebec. District One also serves: New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario (Ottawa East and including Sudbury), Rhode Island, Prince Edward Island and Vermont.

### MEETINGS !!!!

**Next November Business Meeting is  
Wednesday**

**November 5, 2014 6:15PM**

**Our new meeting place is at**

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church,**

**10 Alton St, Portland Maine 04103**

**(off Washington Avenue)**

Altrusa Book Club Reads!!!

November - Fault in Our Stars

January - Death of a Unicorn

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### “CLYNK!” MONTHLY REMINDER

Don't forget to support the Portland Altrusa Club by participating in the “CLYNK” program at Hannaford's Supermarket. Our Operating Budget revenues can continue to increase 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.

See also p.4 for Calendar Raffle.

## SERVICE COMMITTEE

EMPTY BOWL Proceeds \$1100 (see What's Happening p.5.)

Altrusans worked on the “Memory Flower Garden” at the

Barron Center in Portland, ME on Tuesday October 7th at 9:30AM moving plants, raking and weeding.



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our committee met on October 15, 2014 at Panera's.

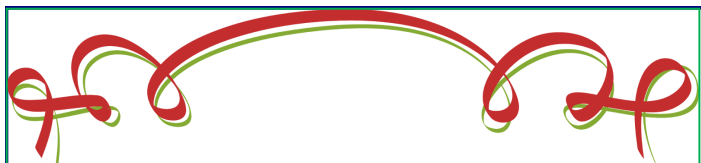
We are excited to share with the membership that our own Mary Campbell will be our guest speaker for the November 19th program. Mary is Director/Instructor for the program Opportunity For Change. This program serves men who are mandated by the court for anger management.

To help increase Altrusa's membership we are asking members to bring a guest, who may be a prospective member, to our November Program Meeting at the Fireside. We will share Altrusa's mission and service /projects to our guests.

Sarah Labonte, our newest Altrusan, gave her "Getting to Know Talk" at October's business meeting. She hails from the "Windy City" Chicago. Her two older sisters live in Indiana and Illinois respectively. All share the nursing profession as did their Mother. Her Father resides in Las Vegas. Sarah presently works at Hawthorne House in Freeport. While vacationing in Key West, Florida soaking up the sun, she was indeed smitten and fell in love with her husband Tim. (Excellent chef in Portland).

They have just moved into their new house in Westbrook. Best Wishes from all of us. See p.5. for photo.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE



You are cordially invited to the

# Altrusa Christmas Party

Wednesday December 17  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Fireside Inn  
Meal cost \$22

Please bring a non-perishable food donation as your Christmas gift to the community.

If you are bringing a guest, please let us know.  
Altrusans should send regrets if you are unable to attend.

## Altrusa's Calendar Raffle

Finance Committee (continued from p.3.)

Please sell lots of Calendars! Pam has calendars printed on card stock or you can print your own from the template. They make great gifts!

### Altrusa International Inc. of Portland, Maine Calendar Raffle

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Each Raffle Entry is ONLY \$10</b>                      All Raffle Entries are eligible for EVERY daily drawing.                      31 chances to win CASH and PRIZES!!  <small>All proceeds from this raffle will be used to fund the annual vocational and educational scholarships, our many literacy focused projects, and the several community programs sponsored by our club.                      The Portland Altrusa Club appreciates your support.</small></p>				<p>1 <i>Dodge, The Florist</i> \$50 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>2 <i>Willow's Pizza &amp; Restaurant</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>3 <b>\$100</b></p>
<p>4 <i>Zachery's Restaurant</i> <i>at Fireside Inn &amp; Suites</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>5 <i>Skillin's Greenhouses</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>6 <i>Mobil / Exxon Gas</i> \$25 Gift Card</p>	<p>7 <i>DiMillo's</i> Floating Restaurant \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>8 <i>Bob Marley</i> 2- CD/DVDs <i>(autographed by Bob)</i> \$40 Value</p>	<p>9 <i>Shaw's Supermarket</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>10 <b>\$50</b></p>
<p>11 <i>Ticketmaster</i> \$25 Gift Card</p>	<p>12 <i>Applebee's Restaurant</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>13 <i>Nicki Griffin</i> Master Gardener 3 hour session planning, planting, and/or weeding \$90 Value</p>	<p>14 <b>\$50</b></p>	<p>15 <b>BAM</b> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>16 <i>Cracker Barrel</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>17 <i>2 preview tickets Chili Chowder Challenge</i> \$70 Value</p>
<p>18 <b>\$100</b></p>	<p>19 <i>POM's Thai Restaurant</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>20 <i>Bob Marley</i> 2- CD/DVDs <i>(autographed by Bob)</i> \$40 Value</p>	<p>21 <i>Nonesuch</i> book store \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>22 <b>\$50</b></p>	<p>23 <i>Skillin's Greenhouses</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>24 <i>DiMillo's</i> Floating Restaurant \$25 Gift Certificate</p>
<p>25 <i>2 preview tickets Chili Chowder Challenge</i> \$70 Value</p>	<p>26 <b>\$50</b></p>	<p>27 <i>Amatos</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>28 <i>Hannaford's</i> supermarket \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>29 <i>Olive Garden</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>30 <i>Nonesuch</i> book store \$35 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>31 <i>Night at Holiday Inn By The Bay Museum or Symphony Tickets &amp; Breakfast for 2</i> \$480 Value</p>

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## What's Happening!



At the October Program meeting Pam Lemieux & Anita Chandler present the check for \$1,130 to Jim Perley of Project FEED. The check represents 100% of our gross receipts from our Empty Bowl event. Jim shared with us the strategies and many volunteer hours that enable Project Feed to fulfill its mission and about the increasing population it serves.



At same meeting Martha Gross and Trish Maxim thank Sarah Labonte for her "Getting to Know You" talk.

**Altrusa Portland Club**

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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 :

book1babe@gmail.com

The deadline each month for Altrusagram articles is the end of day on the Friday after the program meeting but is subject to change as needed.

Visit us at:

<http://www.altrusaportlandgivesbooks.org>

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

This committee is responsible for the club newsletter, yearbook, brochure, publicizing meetings and press releases for club events. Deadline for most news venues are three weeks in advance of publication, therefore please give our committee at least one month's notice prior to event, six weeks is even better.

Please note correction to yearbook under Karen Valley: (back-up address is kvalley1@maine.rr.com).

Committee Members: Chair: Marcia Marley (rmarley@maine.rr.com), Ann Babbitt (ababbitt@gmail.com), Gerry Dongo (gdongo1@maine.rr.com), Carolyn Holman (ch@maine.rr.com) and Karen Valley (book1babe@gmail.com).

**Next deadline for articles in Altrusagram: 11/21/14**

**VISION**

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

**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.