



The Altrusagram

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We Support Literacy

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Upcoming Dates :

October	3
October	16
October	26
October	26
November	4
November	6

CHANGE OF

BUSINESS MEETING DATE and PLACE !!!

from Wednesday October 2nd at the Community Center to Thursday October 3rd at St. Peter's Church on Washington Avenue to accommodate visiting guest from South Sudan, Wil Plalum, who built the library in Juba that we sent 750 books to 2 years ago.

Same time 6:15PM.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

A perfect start to autumn, blue skies, warm days, crisp evenings and Altrusa is preparing for many treats! We again hosted an appreciation dinner for community member that give freely of their time and talents at Altrusa's Chili and Chowder Challenge. Our outstanding cooks were all winners in the dinner category and we were able to let our guests in on many of the community activities that are so important to us. Thank you to all of you that made this another stellar event.

We are looking forward to welcoming two new members, thank you to Trish who has been bringing granddaughter Brianna White to meetings since she was a toddler and to Brianna who brought her schoolmate to the Appreciation Dinner!

A special visitor from South Sudan will be joining us on Thursday, October 3 giving us updates on the library that we sent books to last year. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to learn the true value of this international gift.

Even though the days are warm our "Empty Bowl" supper with many delicious soups on the 26th will remind us of what is to come and how important this fun fund raiser is for Project Feed. Remember to invite everyone you know to attend this "all you can eat" event that supports many who don't have enough to eat! This is a great chance for us to start selling our calendars if Pam has received all the prizes.

Fall workshop will be held November 2, hosted by Altrusa of Carroll County in Madison New Hampshire. Workshop is always a wonderful time to learn and meet other dedicated members of Altrusa and the location of this workshop is also in an area that offers great shopping and outdoor activities. Carroll County is a very busy club and I hope that we can make a great showing there.

Happy Autumn, may all your tricks be treats as we continue to build community.

Yours in Altrusa, **Anita**

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MISSION

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

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

IMPORTANT NEWS !!!

EMPTY BOWL PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

Due to scheduling conflicts in 2012, The Portland Altrusa Club did not do the Empty Bowl Project last year. However, due to popular demand, we will be doing it this year. What is the Empty Bowl Project? Basically, Altrusa prepares a soup supper, complete with iced tea / punch, bread and desserts. We invite the public to attend the supper for a \$10/person donation. In past years, and again this year, Altrusa covers all of the expenses for this supper and gives 100% of the proceeds to PROJECT FEED.

Our participation in this project started several years ago to honor Grace Spear, who bequeathed the local club \$1,000. Grace actively volunteered at PROJECT FEED, and the club felt this would be a great project to finance with Grace's donation. Her donation has been used up, but the consensus has been it is still a great project, so we continue to hold the Annual Empty Bowl Supper.

What is asked of Portland Altrusans? On Saturday, October 26th, we need volunteers to donate a large kettle of their favorite soup, bring their crockpot and ladle to serve the soup, help decorate and set up tables in the hall at Woodford's Congregational Church, serve soup, clean soup bowls, collect donations at the door and, of course, clean up at the end of the evening. In past years our members have made some excellent soups for this event. There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet for the Empty Bowl Supper at the October Altrusa Business Meeting.

ALTRUSA DISTRICT ONE WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 2, 2013

Madison Elementary School, New Hampshire

Host Club: Altrusa International of Carroll County

Host Club President and Chair: Pat Kehoe

- 8.00 – 8.30am Club set up
- 8.30 – 9.00am Registration
- 9.00 – 9.15am Welcome Mary Faries – District One Governor and Pat Kehoe – Carroll County President
- 9.15 – 9.30am Convention update Susannah Leslie – Immediate Past Governor
- 9.30 – 10.30am Fundraising/Name Recognition - Anne Rash & Gay Douglas
- 10.30 – 10.45am Break
- 10.45 – 11.45am District Awards (breakdown of each award) – Mary Faries
- 11.45 – 12.45pm Lunch
- 12.45 - 1.30pm Guest speaker
- 1.30 – 2.30pm Leadership (new mentoring initiative) - Sue Hawes
- 2.30 – 3.30pm Town Hall Meeting

Fairwells and safe trip back home "Harvesting Ideas to Share"

“CLYNK!”

Again this year, the Portland Altrusa Club will be 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. P.L.

SERVICE COMMITTEE:

If you have not turned in the Service Committee survey yet, please send it to Marie no later than by September 27th. If you need another copy, please let Marie know. We would like to compile the results and report to the membership at the next business meeting. Thank you.

The second Thursday of each month we are committed to serving the Wayside community meal at St Peter’s on Washington Avenue. Volunteers are always needed for this project. The time commitment is roughly 4:30 to 7:30 (but later arrivals can be accommodated for working members). Sign-up sheets will be available at each business meeting. So please check your calendars and sign up if you can. The fall dates are: October 10th, November 14th and December 12th.

M.P

Parliamentary Procedure Tips



Motions: When making a motion don’t say “I So Move”. The proper way to make a motion is: “I move that we....” The actual motion should be made with the action intended which certainly helps your Secretary taking notes. J.R.

Next Business Meeting is Thursday October 3rd, 2013

Don’t forget: This meeting will be held at St. Peter’s Church
Washington Ave, Portland ME at 6:15PM

and NOT AT

Our new meeting place the Westbrook Community Center

426 Bridge St Westbrook, Maine 04092

CALENDARS

As was mentioned at the end of last year, we want to pull together the Altrusa Calendar Raffle so that it will be ready to sell in October 2013. It will be a great Christmas Gift! However, we still need gift certificates and cash prizes for the Calendar. We need to fill a calendar of the month of January 2014 with daily prizes. Starting on January 1st, every day during the month of January, there will be a drawing for the daily prize. The daily winner’s raffle ticket gets put back into the bucket and is eligible to be drawn for every remaining day in the month. Every day will have a prize with a \$25 minimum value.

Portland Altrusans are being asked to donate a prize for the calendar. For instance, I have a \$25 Dunkin Donuts and a \$50 Amazon gift certificate that I’d received and hadn’t used and now plan to donate. Do you have a favorite salon where you get a manicure / pedicure that might contribute a gift certificate to the Altrusa Calendar Raffle? Do you know someone who owns a restaurant that might donate a gift certificate? Someone even asked if they could contribute cash to the calendar!! The answer is obviously ‘Yes!’ Cash is always a good prize. In fact, the Portland Altrusa Club will finance about \$500 in CASH to the calendar. (cont. p.4)

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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 for meals that were guaranteed .**

The newsletter editor :
kvalley@westbrook.me.us

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

PROJECT SUCCESS!!!

News report for the **Literacy Day Project** for September 10, 2013:

It seemed everyone who attended the first meeting, September 4th, remembered to bring one or more slightly used and or new books for three of the local correction centers, Windham, Cumberland County and Long Creek.

The final total of excellent condition books were 133.

Each of the librarians at these facilities were most appreciative when each received the books that they were able to choose for their readers. They were also impressed with what Altrusa is doing for literacy projects. Pamphlets about Altrusa were left with each of the librarians.

The need at Windham Correction Center seems to be more needy because of their larger population. Also, Francine Bowdoin, the Windham's Librarian would be interested in some children's books for the children who visit their love ones at the prison.

Again ,a great thank you for all who helped in this project.

A.H.

We're on the Web:

[Http://www.altrusaportlandgivesbooks.org](http://www.altrusaportlandgivesbooks.org)

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The prize on January 31st will be \$250 and we will have some days with other cash amounts like \$50 or \$100. This means that the calendar will not be profitable until after we sell 50 calendars, at \$10 per calendar. With the prizes on the rest of the January dates being donations, every sale over 50, is sheer profit to our Altrusa Foundation.

P.L.

Membership Committee Members:

Theresa Mancini, Trish Maxim, Sue E. King, Martha Gross, Rae Clark-McGrath, Mary Campbell, Joanne Doherty (also chairing the Finance Committee), and Fran Dyro (also on Communications)

Committee News

Membership Committee:

We welcomed 3 prospective members at the "Appreciation Dinner" on Sept. 18th:

Brianna White -- Brittany's sister & Trish's grand-daughter.

Jennifer Clemenz -- a classmate of Brianna at Scarborough H.S.

Geraldine Dongo -- a neighbor of Marcia & a classmate of Trish (DHS '57).

The Membership Committee will be responsible for the January program meeting.

We need suggestions.

Membership Committee, let's keep in touch by email until we have a committee meeting.

P.M.

Communications Committee: Next deadline for articles In Altrusagram: October18th at 5PM.