



The Altrusagram

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February 2016



Upcoming Dates

Wed, 3/2 Business Meeting
6:15 Clarion Hotel

Thu, 3/10 Serving Supper
4:30-7:00 St Peter's

Wed, 3/16 Program Meeting
6:15 Fireside Inn
by the Service Committee

Mon, 3/21 ABC Program
Presumpscot School

Tue, 3/29 Board Meeting
6:00 Pam Lemieux's

Tue, 4/5 ABC Program
Bayside School

Wed, 4/6 Business Meeting
6:15 Clarion Hotel

Tue, 4/12 ABC Program
East End School

Thu, 4/14 Serving Supper
4:30-7:00 St Peter's

Thu, 4/28 ABC Program
Reiche School

April 29 - May 1
District Conference

Mon, 5/2 Business Meeting
6:15 Clarion Hotel
note change in usual date

Wed, 5/4 Bob Marley
fundraiser show!!

Message from President Pam:

The Chili Chowder Challenge, our major fund raiser was a lot of work, and based on the participants, the judges, the volunteers and the attendees, it was also a great success. Everyone appeared to be having a good time and no one left hungry. Those are two primary goals of the Chili Chowder Challenge,aside from raising money for our Altrusa Foundation, of course. In fact, while I was working the ticket sales table, one of the hotel managers commented that they like the people that the CCC attracts. They said they are a nice group of people. What is not to like about all those smiling faces?!

Next on our Altrusa schedule is the District One Spring Conference being held at the White Mountain Hotel and Resort in North Conway, NH from April 28th to May 1st, 2016. Please consider attending this event. In addition to the 'business of the District' that is conducted during the conference, there will be key note speakers, breakout training sessions, award presentations (the Mamie L Bass, the Letha H Brown, the newsletter award, etc), and even time for sightseeing or exercise or shopping. However, another reason to attend, is to see old friends from other clubs and to make new friends.

Looking at my personal schedule I see that I've got two of my own 'special events'. On March 4th, I'm having a mammogram, and on March 10th, I'm going in for my 10 year colonoscopy (my how time flies! Where did those 10 years go?). These are among my least favorite medical procedures, but I know they are a necessary evil. I encourage all of you to have regular annual physicals, and if you are overdue for a mammogram or colonoscopy, bite the bullet, and get them scheduled. You are probably thinking 'sure misery loves company', but that is not the case. In fact I'm encouraging you to follow through on this, because I want to keep you with us!

Stay healthy and active!

Pam

"Take care of your body. It is the only place you have to live" – Jim Rohn

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Lee Hews was the speaker at the February 17th program meeting. Lee is the publisher of a number of local publications including *Maine Women*, *Current* and *American Journal*. Lee shared with us her career path and some helpful ideas for increasing our media exposure and name recognition..

The Nominating Committee announced the following slate at the February 3rd business meeting:

President -- Marie Pike
Vice President -- Gerry Dongo
Treasurer -- Sue Ellen Crawford
Secretary -- Fran Breton
Director for two years -- Sarah Weeks
Director for year 2 of her 2 year term - Karen Valley
Immediate Past President -- Pam Lemieux

Members will vote on the 2016-2017 board at the March 2nd business meeting. Thank you to the nominating committee: Anita Chandler, Martha Gross and Judith Reidman for their work on this

With the click of your mouse...

If you still need to report some of your volunteer hours, Katie Klein has made it easier for you! And made it easier for the Service Committee to accumulate the hours for the club activity report. Don't be modest -- it's not about each of us personally but about Altrusa as an organization and how much good we do in our communities. It's very impressive how much Altrusa does. If you need the link to get to the Google docs site, just email Katie. Thank you, Katie!

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



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It's All About the Service!

Springtime is ABC time in the Portland Schools and our first date is March 21! The schedule is as follows:

- March 21 Presumpscot School
- April 5 Bayside School
- April 12 East End School
- April 28 Reiche School
- May 10 Ocean Avenue School
- May 16 or 17 Hall School
- TBA Riverton School

There are great opportunities to connect with these eager readers on any of the above dates. We also will schedule a date to pull the books for all of these schools.

Please bring to the March 2nd business meeting the names and contact for any new organization that you would like to add to the list for Volunteer of the Year.

from the Service Committee

From the Membership Committee

Our newest members are great workers, as evidenced at the Chili Chowder Challenge! It seemed that Fran Breton, Nicki Griffin, Sarah Weeks, Sue Ellen Crawford, and Wanda Pettersen really enjoyed themselves, as well. We hope that our 'guest' worker, Lynn Chick, decides to become an Altrusan in time for our Initiation ceremony at the May program meeting. According to Martha Gross, "Lynn is now an expert at doing gold fish & beans for our table decorations at the ChChCh." Lynn seemed to be everywhere that day, taking care of whatever needed to be done. Added to the 14 Altrusans who have worked at it for many years, plus former member Denise Martin, the event went very smoothly and clean-up was swift.

Our newest member, Wanda Pettersen, has been assigned to the Communications Committee for the remainder of this club year. Please update your YEARBOOK accordingly. (Her birthday is August 15th.) You will hear her "Getting To Know You" talk at our March 2nd business meeting.

Also at our March 2nd business meeting, you will again meet Mary Jo DiBenedetto, our newest Prospective member. You probably remember Mary Jo from our October Program meeting when she spoke about & demonstrated Reiki. Mary Jo lives on the border of Raymond in Windham. She will be joining the car-pool group from Bridgton and Naples to attend meetings.

Altrusans delivered cookies to the staff at Books-A-Million recently to thank them for all their efforts in promoting the book drive, boxing the donated books, and helping us get them into our cars. This is a special partnership that we greatly appreciate.



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Judges Awards

Best Display - Zachery's at Fireside Inn

Best Chowder 1st - Free Range Fish & Lobster

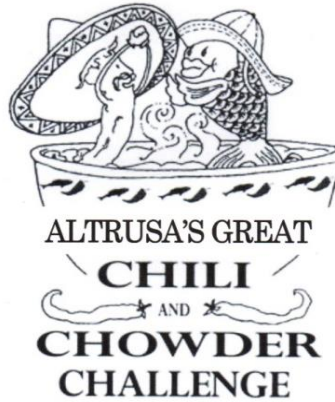
2nd - SoPo Catering

3rd - The Park Danforth

Best Chili 1st - Zachery's at Fireside Inn

2nd - The Park Danforth

3rd - Sea Dog Brew Pub



People's Choice Awards

Best Chowder 1st - Free Range Fish & Lobster

2nd - The Park Danforth

3rd - SoPo Catering

Best Chili 1st - The Park Danforth

2nd - SoPo Catering

3rd - Zachery's at Fireside Inn

And thank you to our other participants: Fisherman's Net – Gray, Holiday Inn By the Bay, OceanView at Falmouth. Thanks to our contributors: Channel 8 WMTW, Rewind 100.9, Skillin's Greenhouses, All-Star Embroidery & Screenprinting, Big Sky Bread Company, Dick Clark & Curtis "Motown" Haynes, Mary Franklin Photography, Hershey's Ice Cream, Nonesuch Books, and all of our wonderful volunteers.

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT ALL OF YOU!

It was a lovely day! Pictures from the event will be in the next Altrusagram. If anyone has money they have not turned in yet, please bring it to the next business meeting. Thank you to Brittany White for setting up on Eventbrite. To Anita Chandler and Pam Lemieux for herculean efforts to get restaurants signed up. And to all the Altrusans and Altrusan friends who made it a success.

NOW ON TO OUR NEXT FUNDRAISER....

COMEDIAN BOB MARLEY LIVE!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 at 7PM

at KEELY'S in PORTLAND

on WARREN AVE

tickets will be sold before the event at Eventbrite for \$22 or at the door that evening for \$25.

Don't forget that our business meeting that month will be on Monday, May 2nd.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>The Portland Altrusa Club appreciates everyone who supported this fundraiser. And the lucky winners of the 2016 Calendar Raffle were:</i></p>					<p>1 Amy Bickerstaff <i>Willow's Pizza & Restaurant</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>2 Cindi Stevenson \$100</p>
<p>3 Doug Watts <i>Zachery's at Fireside Inn & Suites</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>4 Jeannine Wilson <i>Skillin's Greenhouses</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>5 Irving Jones <i>Nonesuch</i> book store \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>6 Mary Webber <i>Amazon</i> \$25 Gift Card</p>	<p>7 Liz Sarafiny & Monte Raker <i>L.L. Bean</i> \$25 Gift Card</p>	<p>8 Margaret Sarafiny & Thom Engles <i>Shaw's Supermarket</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>9 Ed Szalajeski \$50</p>
<p>10 Michael King <i>Ticketmaster</i> \$25 Gift Card</p>	<p>11 Sandra Manter <i>Broadway Gardens Greenhouse</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>12 Michelle MacDonald Master Gardener 3 hour session planning, planting, and/or weeding \$90 Value</p>	<p>13 Laurie Bisson \$100</p>	<p>14 Joanne Doherty BAM \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>15 Jamie Flaherty <i>Haven's Candies</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>16 Jim & Deb Lemieux <i>Chili Chowder Challenge</i> 2 preview tickets \$70 Value</p>
<p>17 Rodie Lloyd \$50</p>	<p>18 Barbara Alborano <i>Amazon</i> \$25 Gift Card</p>	<p>19 Adam Lemieux <i>Willow's Pizza & Restaurant</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>20 Martha Gross <i>Nonesuch</i> book store \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>21 Anita MacDonald \$50</p>	<p>22 Anita Chandler <i>Skillin's Greenhouses</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>23 John & Barbara Lemieux <i>DiMillo's</i> Floating Restaurant \$25 Gift Certificate</p>
<p>24 Ann Babbitt <i>Chili Chowder Challenge</i> 2 preview tickets \$70 Value</p>	<p>25 Irving Jones \$100</p>	<p>26 Shawna & Andy Dufresne <i>Amatos</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>27 Kathy & Dan Lakatos <i>Hannaford's</i> Supermarket \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>28 Pam Lemieux <i>Olive Garden</i> \$50 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>29 Sheri Fistal <i>Scratch Bakery</i> \$20 Gift Card & <i>Nonesuch</i> \$25 Gift Certificate</p>	<p>30 Joyce Green \$50</p>
<p>31 John Manderino <i>Night at Holiday Inn By The Bay & Museum or Symphony & Breakfast for 2</i> \$480 Value</p>	<p>The funds that were raised will be used for the many community service projects and scholarships that Altrusa provides.</p>					



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.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS - DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR DISTRICT AWARD SUBMISSIONS!

DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2016



LETHA H. BROWN LITERACY AWARD

Susannah Leslie, Past Governor
671 Webster Street
Hanover, MA 02339

MAMIE L. BASS SERVICE AWARD

Monica Bennett
PO Box 684
Meredith, NH 03253

THE GABRIELLE CREPEAU LEADERSHIP AWARD

Pamela Lemieux
44 Longview Drive
Portland, ME 04103



PUBLICATION AWARDS (ALL) – YEARBOOK, NEWSLETTER, ETC.

Anne Rash
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It's not too late to register for the District One Conference at the White Mountain Hotel in North Conway, NH on April 29th to May 1st.

See the recent DSB for the registration form and the addendum email for the hotel information. Both of these were forwarded to everyone by Pam L. If you need another copy just ask Pam or Marie.

Hotel reservations deadline for guaranteed special price is March 15th. Special early-bird registration deadline is also March 15th although you can register any time, even at the door.

White Mountain Hotel & Resort 800-533-6301 and mention Altrusa.

You will not want to miss the fun! For those who have never been to a Conference -- come see what it's all about. Maybe you'll be hooked, maybe not, but give it a try. In addition to meeting/seeing others from the District, it's a great way to get to know your fellow-Portland Altrusans better.

A reminder of the cancellation policy for Program Meetings: members have a standing reservation and must cancel if not attending. To cancel, call Joanne Doherty (730-1479) 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 deadline for Altrusagram articles is by end of day on the Friday after the program meeting - please be helpful by keeping to the deadline. (Earlier submissions are, of course, welcome!) Please send articles, pictures, dates of upcoming events, etc... to the editor Marie Pike at pikerino2@aol.com

Future District & International Events

District One Conference April 29 - May 1, 2016 - North Conway, NH

District One Workshop - November 2016 - to be hosted by Altrusa of Greater Hartford

International Convention - July 21 - 24, 2017 - Nashville, TN