



The Altrusagram

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August 2016



Upcoming Dates

9/6, 9/12 & 9/19

Shelving Books

9:30 am at Waldron Way

Wed, 9/7

Business Meeting 6:15

Clarion Hotel

*please bring books for our
Literacy Day project - see
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Thu, 9/8

International Literacy Day

Sat, 9/10

Orientation

at "Camp Naples"

Sat, 9/16

Gardening Project

9:30 am at Barron Center

Wed, 9/21

Program Meeting 6:15

Fireside Inn

Mon, 10/3

Board Meeting 6:00

Marie Pike's office

Fri, 10/15

Prizes for the calendar raffle
must be turned in by this date

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Sat, 10/22

Empty Bowl Service Project
Woodford Congregational

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from the President

Ah, September, the time to come back from our summer break refreshed and ready to commit anew to Altrusa. Although as you'll read in the later pages, it hasn't been a complete break over the summer! We managed to do a lot of community service despite vacations, traveling, company and our favorite summer-in-Maine activities.

But from years of being in school ourselves, teaching, being married to teachers, or having kids in school, most of us, I think, still view September as a time of beginnings. I hope this is the beginning of a very productive year and a year of increased connections, both with the community and among ourselves. We're off to a good start with plans for the Literacy Day project, the Empty Bowl event, an Orientation and a District workshop coming up in the fall.

I'm hoping that everyone will be able to engage in those events and more. What would help you feel engaged, involved and a valued member of our community? Do you need more choices of things to do? A bigger voice in the decision making? More communications from the board and committee chairs? More opportunities to socialize?

Please feel free to communicate with me, or any other board member, your ideas, reactions, and/or concerns about things we've done or plan to do. I will try to be sure that any issues coming up for a decision by the club or for a vote are communicated beforehand in the Altrusagram so that anyone missing a meeting can be part of the discussion by making their thoughts known ahead of time.

So bring on September and all that comes with it! I'm looking forward to working and enjoying time with each of you as our year progresses.

Marie



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.

2016 -2017 COMMITTEES

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2016 -2017 PROGRAM MEETINGS

the following committees are responsible for the programs:

September 21st
 October 19th
 November 16th
 December 21st
 January 18th
 February 15th
 March 16th
 April 19th
 May 17th

Service
 Finance
 Membership
 Social
 Board
 Communications
 Service
 Social
 Board



New Member Application!

The board has approved the application of Franziska Fritzsche-Jensen. Fran lives in Westbrook, is retired, and is involved with The Cedars, Friends of Walker Memorial Library and the Westbrook Historical Society. She is excited about the opportunity to promote reading and a passion for books to young children and youth. Fran is sponsored by Judith Reidman.

from the Membership Committee

The following people have never attended an ORIENTATION:

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| Sarah Labonte | Francine Breton |
| Nicki Griffin | Carol Spector |
| Wanda Pettersen | Mary Jo DiBenedetto |
| Bonnie Chappell | Franziska Fritzsche-Jensen |

Normally we hold Orientations on a Saturday morning from 10a-12n. We invite our newer members and their Sponsors and as many of our officers and other Altrusans as can attend to share what we know about Altrusa and to answer any questions.

At this point we are looking for a date that will accommodate all of the eight people above. Right now the first possible date is Saturday, September 10th. Please check your calendars and save the date, if it's not already taken. We'll be in touch. The location will be Trish Maxim's "Camp Naples" at 17 Burke Road, Naples.

Trish Maxim



Altrusans and BAM staff celebrating the last pick-up of the summer book drive. We delivered cookies as a thank-you to the staff.

MEMBERS HAVING SUMMER FUN!



Intrepid Pam Lemieux (in pink) rafting the Kennebec River. Hang on, Pam!



Karen Valley camping at Papoose Pond with grandchildren and sharing a really big lobster with her daughter Carrie.





from the Finance Committee

At the September Business Meeting, the Finance Committee will be presenting both the Operating and the Foundation budgets for 2016-2017 Portland Altrusa Club fiscal year. These budgets were prepared from funding requests from the various committees.

There are two accounts because we need to keep money raised from the community separate and earmarked to go back to the community. The Foundation Account is for that purpose. Our Foundation is a 501c3 account and donations made to it are 'tax deductible'. Examples of the Foundation Account revenues are revenues obtained from our Empty Bowl Supper, the sale of our Calendar Raffles and sale of Bob Marley Show Tickets. These revenues finance our ability to award annual scholarship money and make direct donations to the Altrusa International Foundation and many other various nonprofit groups. Our Volunteer of the Year program is financed through our Foundation Account.

In contrast to that, the day-to-day operation of the Portland Altrusa Club, which benefits only Altrusa members is what's budgeted in the Operating Account. Examples of operation expenses include: Altrusa pins, name tags, yearbook and delegate reimbursements. These items are paid for through local dues and fund raisers by the members for the members. The CLYNK program and our 50/50 raffles at Business Meetings are two very important fund raisers for our Operating Account.

There are many names for both accounts. However, a 'tongue in cheek' way to remember how the two accounts function is by the terms: 'In House' (Operating Account) versus 'Out House' (Foundation Account, also called Service Account).

Both budgets will be reviewed at our September Business Meeting. You will have all month to examine and ask questions. We will be seeking an approval for both budgets at our October Business Meeting.

Pam Lemieux



'CLYNK" Bags Available at All Altrusa Meetings

Please see Pam Lemieux to pick up an Altrusa 'CLYNK' bag. You fill the bag with returnable cans and bottles and turn them in at the CLYNK recycle center located at your local Hannaford store or you can give them back to Pam and she will drop them at an appropriate CLYNK

Another Empty Bowl

The Empty Bowl Supper is Saturday, October 22nd. The event will be held at the Woodford Congregational Church in Portland.



This event is based on a national model. We all make soups and desserts which we invite the public to come enjoy and then to take home an empty bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. We ask for a \$10 donation from each attendee, which we donate to Project FEED. All costs of the event are absorbed by our club.

More details will be discussed and a sign-up sheet will be circulated at the next few meetings for members to make soups and desserts and volunteer for the event.

Another Calendar Raffle

Altrusa Calendar Raffle prizes are needed. We need members to get prizes to fill the 31 days of the calendar raffle. We sell the raffles for \$10 each to fund our service projects. The prizes will be drawn each day of January 2017.

If we want the raffle available for sale at Empty Bowl Supper we need all prizes donated to raffle before October 15th (or at least identified and promised).

Service Never Takes a Vacation!

The last day of school found us at Riverton School's final assembly giving each child a book as a reminder to read during summer vacation!

On June 27th we started our twice weekly Summer Success Program at Front St. During the eight week session Anita Chandler, Martha Donahue, Martha Gross, Judy Howes (prospective member), Pam Lemieux and Carol Spector volunteered with 18 different children and gave out 122 books. The daily average was 7 children with each child choosing a new book. Unfortunately, Ramadan was celebrated during the first 2 weeks of the session and this eliminated some children from starting this lunchtime program. Several of the children were voracious readers and we took several trips to Waldron Way to satisfy their requests! We ended the program with each child selecting 2 books and then cooling off with fruit popsicles!

On Wednesday, July 18th we participated in the Summer Success Picnic at Deering Oaks where several of the other sites attended and Anita C and Martha D watched as 132 excited youngsters were invited to select a book!

Altrusa was also invited to attend the Unity Village Bayside site on August 9th when Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, USDA Undersecretary Kevin Concannon and several other dignitaries were visiting summer programs. We had the opportunity to speak with both Congresswoman Pingree and Undersecretary Concannon about our part in the program. FYI - The hours for our members in this program were 113 hours! This is great for Altrusa's 100th Birthday tally!

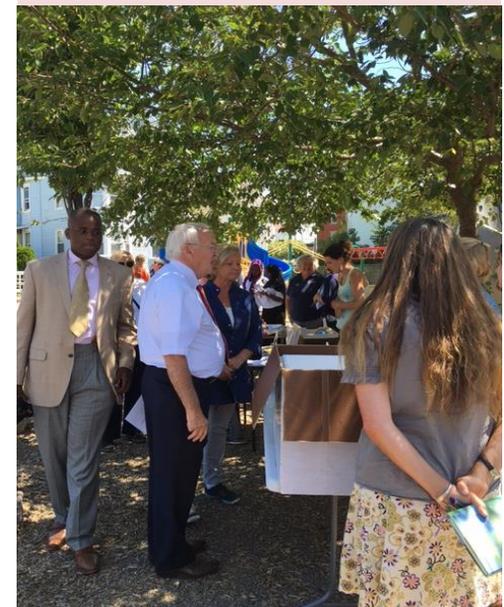
National Night Out was celebrated in Westbrook on August 2nd, we filled a request for 50 books to be donated.

Thanks to Marie P and Pam L for picking up books at BAM and to Marie for finalizing our table at BAM on Saturday the 20th and to all who were there to talk about Altrusa!

A reminder that Arlene Hanson will be collecting gently read adult or young/adult books at our first business meeting. They will once again be distributed at Cumberland County Jail, Windham Correctional Center and Long Creek Juvenile Center as our project for Literacy Day.

Anita Chandler

Scenes from the Unity Village Bayside event



Are You Available...?

Sept 6th, 12th, 19th - shelving books at Waldron Way 9:30 am

Sept 16th, Gardening at the Barron Center 9:30 am



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.

**DISTRICT ONE ALTRUSA WORKSHOP
November 5th, 2016**

Sponsored by Altrusa International
of Greater Hartford

at Dave & Busters in Manchester, CT

A DSB will be coming out in September with the registration form, more information and a schedule of the sessions planned.



This is going to be a fun one!



Are We Ready to Host a Conference?

The District Board has asked if the Portland club would be willing to host Conference in 2018. How do you feel about that?

We'll be discussing this request at the upcoming September business meeting so that we can get an answer back to District. Please bring your thoughts, observations from when we've hosted previously, and all questions to the discussion. If you're not going to be at the meeting but want to add your thoughts, just email or call Marie before then.

[Service Hours Form](#)

Don't forget to log in your service hours. Be sure to include all since June 1st. To input hours just click on the link that was sent with this newsletter.

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

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.

Future District & International Events

District One Workshop - November 5, 2016 - to be hosted by Altrusa of Greater Hartford and held in Manchester, CT

District Conference - April 28-30, 2017 - to be hosted by Northeastern CT club and held in Mystic CT

International Convention - July 21 - 24, 2017 - Nashville, TN - 100th year celebration!