



The Altrusagram

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February 2017

Upcoming Dates



Mon, 2/27

Shelving books 9:00am
at Waldron Way

and

Board Meeting 6:00pm
Pam L's home

Wed, 3/1

Business Meeting 6:15pm
Clarion Hotel
election of officers

Thu, 3/9

Serving Supper
4:30-7:00pm St Peter's

Tue, 3/14

Sue's Supper
4:30 - 7:00
Ronald McDonald House

Wed, 3/15

Program Meeting 6:15
Fireside Inn & Suites
Service Committee's program

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ABC dates, from March 3rd
to March 30th**

Mon, 4/3

Board Meeting 6:00pm
location to be announced

Wed, 4/5

Business Meeting 6:15pm
Clarion Hotel

from the President...

If it seems like we've not seen each other much lately it's because we haven't. The winter storms certainly have targeted our program meetings and some service activities in January and February.

But we'll make up for it in the coming months. And we'll still try to get that twice-deferred Jeopardy game in a meeting at some point. Pam promised chocolate as prizes -- we can't let that go by!

It's a stormy time for many of the people we serve as well. There's a lot of change going on and uncertainty. Let's all be vigilant about noticing unmet needs in our community that we may be able to address, and let's make sure Altrusa is known as a steady giving influence.

I know many of you are weathering storms of all kinds yourselves. Just remember that we are all here for you. Call on us.

Marie

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...It's about learning to dance in the rain." - Vivian Greene





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.

The 2016 - 2017 Board

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Hold the presses... there's a new editor coming!

Debbie Lemieux has enthusiastically stepped up to take over editing the Altrusagram! Hurrah Debbie!

As the editor for a considerable time over two different periods, I have thoroughly enjoyed organizing and presenting all the news each month, but I also am thrilled to pass the pen. I think we'll all benefit from a fresh perspective on the newsletter.

And like so much in our club, the newsletter is everyone's responsibility. To be effective it needs everyone sending in news and photos and ideas. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the newsletters I've prepared, but especially Trish Maxim who has been my proofreader, reminded me of things, and provided great ideas.

Committee chairs – please be diligent about sending your committee articles in compliance with whatever deadline Debbie decides on. It is a real challenge to get the newsletter out on a timely basis when things are not submitted by the deadline because that totally messes with the editor's limited time to work on it.

Debbie will start her role with the March issue. She'll let us all know well in advance what her deadline will be and in what format she would like submissions to be.

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

DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2017

The DSB has the information about who to send each submission to and their mailing address.



From the Membership Committee

Thanks to Katie Klein, we now have a charter strength ASTRA Club at Lake Region High School - serving the towns of Bridgton, Casco, Naples, and Sebago.

ASTRA stands for

- Ability
- Service
- Training
- Responsibility
- Achievement



ASTRA's colors are Blue & Gold (the same colors as Lake Region High School). ASTRA's motto is "Growing in Service".

The 19 members have chosen their officers and their field of Community Service: Animals - Kids - Hospital.

Their first fundraising event was the "Freezing For A Reason" Polar Dip at the Bridgton Winter Carnival on Saturday, February 18th at Bridgton's Highland Lake, to benefit the "Harvest Hills Animal Shelter" of Fryeburg. Katie circulated their 'Sponsor/Donation' form at our February 1st business meeting and collected quite a good sum of money from the 16 Altrusans who were present that evening.

In addition to raising money to donate to the animal shelter, the ASTRA members are going to provide 'hands-on' volunteer service at the shelter each Monday - 2 to 3 members at a time.

Stay tuned to hear what their plans will be for the rest of their projects:
Kids - Hospital.

~ Trish M

from the SERVICE COMMITTEE

February started with a blast of sunshine with a visit to the newly formed Astra Club at Lake Region High School! A very enthusiastic group of young people under the leadership of Katie Klein are planning some very exciting service projects for this year. They were happy with the news of our gift of T-Shirts and chose to have royal blue shirts with gold lettering. They are looking forward to a possible collaborative project with us this spring! Stay tuned!

On the 6th Anita Chandler, Martha Donahue, Gerry Dongo, Nicki Griffin and Pam Lemieux started shelving our latest new books at Waldron Way. Our second date was snowed out, we are planning another session on Monday the 27th at 9:00, everyone is welcome to join us!

March is coming in like a lion on our calendars!

A B C dates for March are:

- Friday the 3rd - Presumpscot School
- Thursday the 9 - Saccarrappa School
- Friday the 24th - Canal School
- Tuesday the 28th - Ocean Avenue School
- Thursday the 30th - Reiche School

Other dates:

- March 9 - St Peter's Wayside Meal
- March 14 - Sue's Supper at Ronald McDonald House

Sign up sheets for all of the above will be at the business meeting. Also the personal product bags and lists will be passed out for the Women's Project.

The list for Volunteer of the Year will be circulated at the business meeting, please have contact information available for any new additions.

Thanks for all your work and please submit your volunteer hours on our site!

~ Anita C

The Nominees for the 2017-2018 board are as follows:

President - Marie Pike
 Vice-President - Anita Chandler
 Secretary - Fran Breton
 Director (for 2 years) - Liz Adams
 Continuing their 2nd year of their 2 year terms will be:
 Treasurer - Wanda Pettersen
 Director - Sarah Weeks

Thank you to the nominating committee for their work on filling the slate: Pam Lemieux, chair, Fran Breton, Judith Reidman, and Martha Gross.

The vote will be at the March business meeting.

From the Communications Committee

The committee needs to meet soon as we need to compile our entry to District. If any member has photos or articles they can share we'd be happy to get them.

Looking forward to expanding to Twitter in the near future.

~ Gerry D

Volunteer of the Year Award

The process will be starting soon. The first step is to compile our list of organizations to whom we'll send a request for nominees. There will be a list at the next business meeting so that everyone has a chance to add any organizations they would like included in the process.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

The Trauma Intervention Program, whose volunteer Sandy Grubb received our Volunteer of the Year Award in 2012, has asked that we share the following volunteer opportunity:

All TIP Info Nights
 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



March 1st
 Portland Police Department
 109 Middle St. Portland

March 7th
 Greely Middle School
 351 Tuttle Rd. Cumberland

March 9th
 Windham Town Hall
 8 School St. Windham

FMI Call Leslie 661-6478

Volunteer for TIP!

Come learn about the Trauma Intervention Program.

Listen to TIP volunteers and local 1st Responders share how this team makes a tremendous difference in the lives of those who have just experience a traumatic event.

Light Refreshments will be served





And the winners are:

1/1/2017 <i>Parkers Restaurant</i> \$30 Gift Certificate Jane Sarafiny	2 <i>Skillin's Greenhouses</i> \$25 Gift Certificate Nancy DeRoberts	3 <i>Nonesuch</i> book store \$25 Gift Certificate Jim Dongo	4 One Hour Reiki Treatment \$60 Value Elizabeth Soucy	5 <i>Hannaford's Supermarket</i> \$25 Gift Certificate John Manderino	A.C, Moore 6 \$10 Gift Card & Applebee's Restaurant \$25 Gift Certificate Carol Spector	7 \$50 Pam Szalajeski
8 <i>Chili's Restaurant</i> \$20 Gift Certificate and Cinemagic \$25 Gift Card Anita Chandler	9 <i>Dunkin Donuts</i> \$25 Gift Certificate Elena Schmidt	10 <i>Nicki Griffin</i> Master Gardener 3 hour session planning, planting, and/or weeding \$90 Value Faith Beal	11 \$100 Carrie Raymond	12 BAM \$25 Gift Certificate Joanne Doherty	13 <i>DiMillo's Floating Restaurant</i> \$25 Gift Certificate Nicole Thomas	14 <i>One Night Stay in Deluxe Room Portland Harbor Hotel</i> \$200 Value Susan F King
15 \$50 Joanne Doherty	16 <i>Hannaford's Supermarket</i> \$25 Gift Certificate Cindy King	17 <i>Willow's Pizza & Restaurant</i> \$25 Gift Certificate Jennifer Trombley	18 <i>Nonesuch</i> book store \$25 Gift Certificate Marland Tripp	19 \$100 Rena MacDonald	20 <i>Skillin's Greenhouses</i> \$25 Gift Certificate Nicki Griffin	21 <i>DiMillo's Floating Restaurant</i> \$25 Gift Certificate Ed Reidman
22 <i>2 preview tickets Chili Chowder Challenge</i> \$50 Value Carol Chandler	23 <i>Longfellow</i> book store \$25 Gift Certificate Jim & Barbara Babbitt	24 <i>Amato's</i> \$25 Gift Certificate Jessica Dyer	25 <i>Hannaford's Supermarket</i> \$25 Gift Certificate Laurie Bisson	26 <i>Olive Garden</i> \$25 Gift Certificate Jon & Alex Lemieux	27 <i>PetSmart</i> \$25 Gift Certificate Bill Leete	28 \$100 Calien Lewis
29 <i>Willow's Pizza & Restaurant</i> \$25 Gift Certificate Susan F King	30 \$100 Laurie Bisson	31 <i>Night at Holiday Inn By The Bay Museum or Symphony Tickets & Breakfast for 2</i> \$530 Value Ann Babbitt	<p>Another successful January calendar raffle fundraiser. We are very grateful to everyone who bought tickets, donated prizes, and publicized this fundraiser. We raised \$1,740 which will be used to fund our community service projects.</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.

Altrusa International District One Conference Celebrating Our Journeys April 28 and 29, 2017 at the Mystic Hilton

You are all cordially invited to attend the Spring Conference hosted by Altrusa International of Northeastern Connecticut.

- Come and enjoy speakers, best-selling author, Wally Lamb, and music educator and boat builder, Deborah Simmons.
- Come and reconnect with friends and make new friends.
- Come and celebrate our past and explore new possibilities.
- Come and experience Mystic.



A reminder of the cancellation policy for Program Meetings

Members have a standing reservation for the meal and must cancel if not attending. To cancel, call or text Joanne Doherty (730-1479) before noon of the Monday prior to the meeting. Members who miss but do not cancel will be charged for their meal.

The deadline for Altrusagram articles

is by end of day on the Friday after the program meeting . (Earlier submissions are, of course, welcome!) Please send articles, pictures, dates of upcoming events, etc... to the editor Debbie Lemieux at dalemieux33@gmail.com.

Service Hours Form

Don't forget to log in your service hours. To input hours just click on the link that was sent with this newsletter.

Future District & International Events

District Conference - April 28-29, 2017 - to be hosted by Northeastern CT club and held in Mystic, CT

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

District Workshop - November 4, 2017 - to be hosted by Merrimack Valley club