



September 2020 Altrusagram

Upcoming Dates



Wednesday, Oct. 7
5:00 p.m.
Board meeting
via Zoom

Wednesday, Oct. 7
6:15 p.m.
Business meeting
via Zoom

Saturday, Oct 10th
Barron Center gardening
project

Thursday, Oct 15th
calendar raffle items due
(see page 4)

Wednesday, Oct. 21
6:00 p.m.
Membership Program
Meeting
via Zoom
See page 4 for your input to
the program.

Friday, Oct. 23
items due to newsletter
editor

Saturday, November 7th
District One's
virtual Workshop
via Zoom
9:00am - 12:00
(8:30 - 9:00 optional
socializing time)
(see page 2)

from the President:



Hearing daily accounts of the California and west coast wildfires destroying homes and families, the Flooding from the hurricanes in the Gulf states displacing families makes us realize how lucky we are to live in a region not frequented by these natural disasters. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone impacted, but in particular, those that rush into the fires to extinguish the flames and save lives, And with those that go into the flood zones to search homes for those people unable to get out. These selfless heroes are our national treasures.

As an Altrusan, our natural instinct is to want to help. Your Community Service planning continues amidst the backdrop of Pandemic restrictions that will soon tighten again due to cold and inclement weather. However overwhelming the challenges seem, you march on. The Calendar Raffle will be the only significant fundraiser this service year and the search for donations has begun, Books Behind Bars is in progress, but with certain Covid restrictions. You continue to reach out to each other in helpful ways. You all are Portland's treasures and selfless heroes. In the words of Helen Keller, "Alone We can do so little; Together we can do so much".

Our September Program meeting brought so many of us together for a zoom gathering. Many of our members shared a 3 minute story of an important part of their life. It was truly a team building experience, as we learned warm and sometimes intimate information about each other. Being part of a group made up of like minded individuals, people who inspire you and challenge you, spending time with them, will change your life forever.

Debbie

"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."
Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Altrusans Build Hope

Altrusa is an international non-profit organization, making our communities better through leadership, partnership, and service.

Upcoming District One Workshop

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Have you seen the September DSB? Did you sign up yet for the Workshop on Saturday, November 7th?

The theme of the workshop is 20/20 Vision: Improvise, Adapt... and Keep on Smiling!

It will be via Zoom: no cost, no travel! There is a optional social time starting at 8:30 and then the opening session begins at 9:00 and runs for three hours.

The Agenda:

- Celebration of our Successes, Awards and Progress on Strategic Goals
- Remembering the lives of our lost Altrusans with the Memorial from April 2020
- Call to Conference 2021
- Guest Speaker – Performance Poet and Humorist, Andy Weil. He is the founder and facilitator for “Senior Voices – Expressing Yourself Through Poetry”
- Virtual Fundraiser for Foundation *
- Questions and Answers

* there will be Altrusa BINGO!!! Have you sent in payment for your BINGO cards yet? It's a great chance to win some money for our own club's service projects, support the International Foundation, and make your District One Liaison (Marie Pike) very happy.



Hope to see you there!

Service Projects

SERVICE COMMITTEE

On September 8th, eight Altrusans met at Nicki's house to sort and label books. We gathered 600+ books for our ABC program and daycare use. We were able to donate 8 bags of books to the Westbrook Library sale via Fran Jensen.

September 10th found six Altrusans shelving books at the warehouse. We found space for the treasures from Nicki's friend and finished up shelving a few boxes from BAM. Susan, from Odyssey Child care, came to select some used books for her center.

-- Fran Dyro



left to right: Wanda P, Anita C, Fran B, Nicki G, Martha G



left to right: Christine J, Susan K, Nicki G, Anita C, Ann S, Martha G



left to right: Nicki G and Susan from Odyssey Child Care

**October 24th is
Make A Difference Day**



Share what you do to make a difference on Social Media
#Makeadifferenceday #Altrusaservice

Committee and ASTRA News

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our first ZOOM program meeting was a fun & interesting evening. The Membership committee would like to follow that format for the program meeting on October 21st with the same rules for brevity & inclusion; and ask each member to tell how they happened to become an Altrusan and why they have stayed. (We'll go in alphabetical order.)

Members don't need to send anything in advance; just be prepared on the evening of October 21st to tell 'your story':
Who sponsored you?

How did you know them?

How did they approach you?

What 'hooked' you?

Why did you join?

Why have you stayed?

What do you think works to attract new members?

Do you have anybody in mind?

If you have somebody in mind, let's try to get them connected to ZOOM that evening for the meeting.

-- Trish

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Still Looking for Prize Donations for the Altrusa Calendar Raffle

Remember, the Altrusa Calendar Raffle is our primary fundraiser. While the Finance Committee is exploring other revenue sources for Altrusa, the Calendar Raffle is all we have now.

So far, I have heard from 6 very generous Portland Altrusans, who have sent me promises of prizes. I'm hoping there are many more Portland Altrusans planning on donating prizes to the Calendar Raffle. After all, we need to fill 31 days of January 2021 with fun prizes. Prizes that will entice people to pay \$10 for a raffle ticket. Their \$10 ticket is eligible to be drawn EVERY DAY in January 2021. If they win a day's prize, they are put right back into the bucket and have a chance to win again, and again. Help us create a great 2021 Altrusa Calendar Raffle, that will sell itself.

Try to get those prizes, or promises of prizes, to Pam Lemieux by October 15th. You can email your prize promise to pamela.lemieux@myfairpoint.net The actual prize is not needed until January 1st, 2021. You can send it to Pam anytime between now and January.

Our plan is to have the Calendar Raffle Tickets available for sale starting October 20th.

-- Pam L



Halleluia!! The \$100 check from International that ASTRA won last Spring for their "S.O.S. Service Project" (Support Our Soldiers) has been received by our Altrusa club. It will be forwarded to the ASTRA treasury.

Exactly 6 months after Lake Region High School closed its doors on Friday, March 13th, it opened them again on Monday, September 14th. There is no AB period this year, so ASTRA meetings will need to take place after school via 'Google Meets' (like ZOOM). Our ASTRA Advisor, Carinne Fournier, is contemplating breaking the group into smaller groups of students, which can meet at times that work for them, pick their own projects to focus on, and then report back to everyone. She will email these details during their 2nd week of classes to determine what the members are interested in doing. It will certainly be a different year than our previous 4 years.

-- Trish

2021 DISTRICT ONE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

We will be hosting the District One Conference next spring. The plans with the Freeport hotel are well under way. Members will have an opportunity to join the planning committee for various responsibilities and most of the rest of the planning will start next spring. But two things we need to think of right now:

Call to Conference - we need a presentation for the Workshop on October 7th. The goal is to entice the District members to come to Conference. Pam Lemieux is organizing the song presentation. Please let Pam know if you are willing to be part of this fun.

Speakers and entertainment at Conference - this is something we need to start thinking about in conjunction with the District. If you have an idea of someone who would be a good speaker or an entertainer, please send your suggestion to Pam.

-- Marie

Proposed Changes to the club's Policies and Procedures

The board has proposed the following changes to the club's Policies and Procedures. Please review these proposals and be ready to discuss them and vote at the next business meeting on October 7th.

DRAFT JULY 31, 2020 FINANCE COMMITTEE

XV. The Budget Process

A. Budgets for the Operating and Service (Foundation) Accounts are formulated by the Finance Committee. The Treasurer of the local club is usually a Co-Chair of this Committee. However, if the treasurer is not on the Finance Committee, they are also involved in preparing the annual budget proposals.

B. During ~~March the summer hiatus~~, each committee and officer prepares a detailed estimate of the upcoming year's committee/officer expenses and earnings. They submit their request to the ~~Treasurer Finance Committee by the date determined by the Treasurer by no later than the first week ending in March in August.~~

C. The ~~finance~~ committee assembles all of the requests and also reviews prior year financial information to formulate the upcoming year's budget proposals.

D. Prior to the first Business Meeting in ~~April September~~, the Finance Committee submits the proposed budgets to the Board.

E. The treasurer reviews the proposed budgets with the membership at the Business meeting in ~~May September~~. The budget is voted on during the monthly Business meeting in ~~June October~~.

F. Items approved in the budget do not need any further approvals after the budget is approved.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE request to update policy (2) [Proposal](#)

~~A-~~ V. Proposed New Member

A. Proposed new member applications, will be submitted to the Board for their approval.

B. A notice of the Board's recommendation for membership will be ~~emailed to the whole membership. published in the club's monthly newsletter, the Altrusagram.~~

~~B-~~ C. Five (5) days after the ~~email publication~~ of the proposed member's name ~~in the Altrusagram~~, barring any objections from the membership, ~~and after the prospective member has attended at least two meetings/events~~, the president of the club will send an invitation of membership to the prospective member ~~to include location & dates of meetings/events, an amount of dues, and where to send payment.~~

D. A proposed member may ~~not~~ be introduced ~~as a new member~~ at meetings ~~mentioned in any bulletin or other written material~~ as such, ~~but shall not be categorized a new member~~ until the initiation fee and dues are paid.

~~E. Neither shall the proposed member be designated a new member in any bulletin or other written material until the financial obligations is met.~~

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Other Business



All the reports say people are drinking more during this time of Covid - so get those bottles to the Clynk stations for Altrusa!

This is an in-house ongoing Fundraiser

Please continue to fill up the green Altrusa CLYNK bags. Here's how to dispose:

1. drop them off at your local Hannaford's
2. drop the bags off at Pam Lemieux's house
3. bring to a meeting and give to Pam.

Keep those cans and bottles coming!



Please send all newsletter items to Marie at pikerino2@aol.com. The deadline is the Friday after the program meeting.

SERVICE HOURS

Don't forget to input your Service Hours. The Google Docs online Service form captures all that you input for your monthly service activity. This can be used to tally the hours that get submitted to International. It is a very important function.

Are you receiving all the Altrusa publications?

Did you get the most recent DSB (District One Service Bulletin) published mid-September?

Did you get the most recent Impact (the International Foundation newsletter) published mid-June?

Did you get the most recent Altrusa Compass (the International Association's newsletter) published mid-July?

If any of these are not making it to your in-box please let Marie Pike know so she can make sure your correct email address gets added to the appropriate distribution list.

One From the Archives...



Ann Babbitt hangs the Altrusa sign at the highway exit ramp - 2005.

October Birthdays



Pam Lemieux
Fran Dyro
Fran Breton
Pam Szalajeski

Mark your calendar for these Future District & International Events



District One Virtual Workshop - Saturday, November 7th

District One Conference - April in Freeport - we host!

International Convention July 21 - 24 in Quebec City, Quebec