



The Altrusagram

Altrusa International of Portland, Maine

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Board meeting	9/29
Business meeting	10/1
BAM Fundraising	10/4
Empty Bowl	10/11
Program Meeting	10/15
Book Club	10/28
District One Work-shop	11/1

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Portland Altrusans to another event-filled Altrusa year. It was great to see so many members at our September Business Meeting. At this meeting, we shared our summer highlights. It was clear that we all took good advantage of the summer break.

However, as the summer weather fades from our memories and we dig out our cozy sweaters, we also need to get to work on the many Altrusa activities planned for this fall. Two big events are the Empty Bowl Supper on Saturday, October 11th and the District One Workshop on Saturday, November 1st. Early indications are they both will be a big success.

The theme of my installation last May was 'Service is the Spice of Altrusa'. Looking at these two events and the many more that are in the planning stages, I predict a very 'spicy year'!

Pam Lemieux, President

- Executive Board**
2014-2015
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In loving memory:

Mary Agnes Dyro, the mother of member Fran Dyro, passed away on August 24th, 2014. A number of Altrusans paid their respect by offering their condolences to Fran and her family at the Conroy-Tully Funeral Home in Portland. It was wonderful to meet Fran's family and to experience through many photos the celebration of Mary's life with them.

IMPORTANT NEWS !!!

Saturday, October 4, 2014, BAM Book Fair from 3PM to 7PM at the Maine Mall BAM– Portland Altrusans greeted BAM customers and shared a little bit on information about Altrusa and Literacy. They encourage these customers to mention Altrusa at check out, at which time a percentage of their purchases will be donated to the Portland Altrusa Club.

Saturday, October 11, 2014, Empty Bowl Supper from 4:30PM to 6:30PM at Woodfords Congregational Church Hall. Portland Altrusans serve attendees soup (over 13 different types of soups), bread and homemade desserts. Attendees are asked to give a \$10 donation. 100% of the proceeds go to benefit Project FEED, a local food pantry.

Wednesday Ocyober 15, 2014 is the next Program Meeting.

Saturday, November 1, 2014, Altrusa District One Workshop from 8:30AM to 4:00PM at 'The Timbers', 50 Lydia St, South Portland, Maine - This workshop will provide several Altrusa training sessions and our scheduled keynote inspiration speaker is Patty Gallant, who is the oldest American woman to swim the English Channel. Patty is currently training for another marathon swimming challenge. Come and hear how she prepares for these grueling swims.

District One Workshop

Saturday

NOVEMBER 1, 2014

at The TIMBERS in
South Portland

Come join us!

MEETINGS !!!!

**Next Business Meeting is
Wednesday November 5, 2014
6:15PM**

**Our meeting place is at the
Centurion Conference Center
202 Larrabee Rd**

Westbrook, Maine 04092

Altrusa Book Club Reads!!!

September - The Cabinet of Curiosities by Preston and Child

October—The Orphan Train

FINANCE COMMITTEE

“CLYNK!”

Don't forget to support the Portland Altrusa Club by participating in the “CLYNK” program at Hannaford's Supermarket. Our Operating Budget revenues can continue to increase 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.

Calendars will be ready for sale on October 11th at Empty Bowl. They can be picked up at meetings, too.

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Altrusans will be working on the “Memory Flower Garden” at the Baron Center in Portland, ME on Tuesday October 7th at 9:30AM planting and weeding.

Books to Correctional Facilities P.5.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Committee was thrilled to INITIATE our 4th new member in May of 2014 – Sarah Labonte, sponsored by Anita Chandler. Sarah is an RN at the Hawthorne House in Freeport.

On the other hand, we were saddened to lose 3 of our newer members who are moving away:

- Jane Elwell to retirement in Savannah, Georgia;
- Brianna White to the University of Central Florida in Orlando;
- Jenn Clemenz to Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida.

We already miss each of you. Keep spreading the good word about us; and please try to find Altrusa in your new locations.

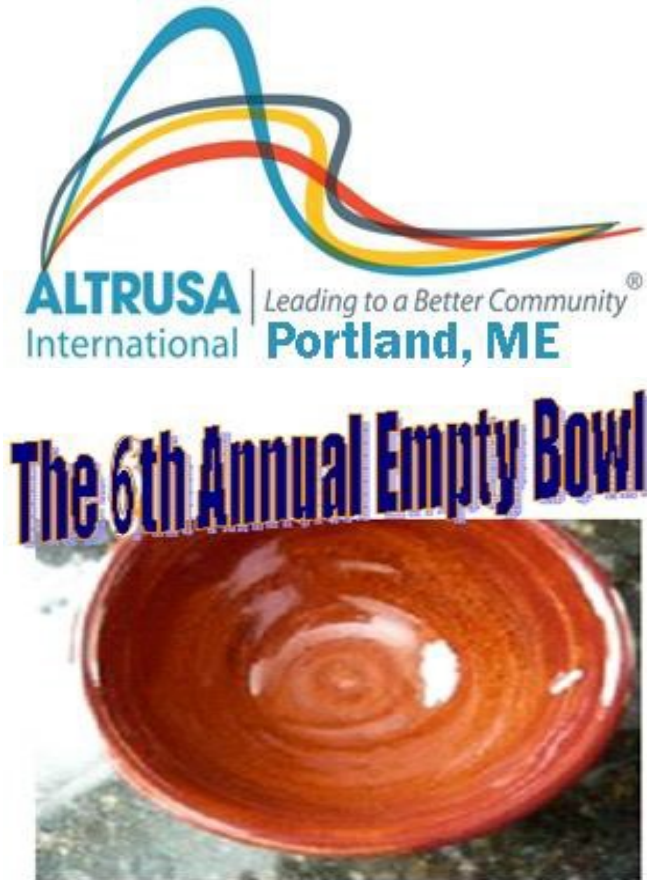
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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

**TWO BIG
UPCOMING EVENTS
TO PLAN
Holiday and Birth-
day Parties!**

Join us! We have fun!

Altrusa's Empty Bowl to Benefit Project Feed



In Recognition of
World Food Day
Altrusa International of
Portland is hosting
the Annual Empty Bowl Meal
Saturday, October 11, 2014
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
**Woodford's Congregational
Church**
202 Woodford Street, Portland

Guests choose a ceramic bowl to use

for their meal and to keep as a reminder that there are always

Empty Bowls in the world.

In exchange for a meal and the bowl, the Guest makes a **\$10.00** donation.

All monies raised by this event will be donated to **Project FEED**

What's Happening!

September 2014



Mike Skillin, our September program speaker, poses here with Anita. Mike spoke about the joys of volunteering and told us about the volunteer work he does at The Root Cellar.

We celebrated Pam Lemieux's
Birthday!



THE BOOK DELIVERY TO THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES in celebration of Literacy on Sept 26, 2014 Celebration went well.

Our members were able to donate 215 new and excellent condition books to help the Windham Correctional Center, Cumberland County Jail and the Long Creek Youth Center Facilities. Each book had a sticker indicating a gift from the Portland ,Maine Altrusa Club. Each of the Librarians at these facilities were thrilled and most appreciative of our book donation. This year the librarians told us what type of books they needed and our Club was able to accommodate their requests within two weeks.

We will be in contact during the year with these three facilities to see what is needed for their libraries, since many times there are new inmates with different needs and interests. Also, this will give us more time to collect the requested books.

Windham Corrections had a photographer take a picture of the Librarian and Arlene Hanson receiving the 80 books. This photo and article about Altrusa will be in a quarterly Newsletter for all Dept. of Corrections employees in the State of Maine.

Altrusa Portland Club

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Cancellation policy for Program Meetings:

Members have a standing reservation.

**To cancel call Joanne Doherty (207)730-1479 or email:
joanne@foresidemanagement.com before noon of the
Monday prior to the meeting.**

**Members who miss but do not cancel will be charged
\$22.00 for meals that were guaranteed.**

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

We are currently focusing on publicity for the Empty Bowl on 10/11/14. Posters have been provided to all members to post and forward to friends, families and businesses. Several members hand delivered posters, brochures and a letter to many churches. Almost all the Churches in the North Deering area as well as South Portland, Congress St. area and Stroudwater. Please continue to put up posters for Empty Bowl and make contacts to encourage attendance.

Ann Babbitt did a great job with the yearbook and it was distributed to members at the October Business meeting. Marsha Marley

The newsletter editor : Karen Valley
book1babe@gmail.com

The deadline each month for Altrusagram articles is the end of day on the Friday after the program meeting but is subject to change as needed.

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Next Executive Board meeting is November 3, 2014 at 6PM at Pam Lemieux's home.

VISION

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

MISSION

Altrusa International of Portland, Maine is a club of diverse professionals dedicated to providing service to our communities, focusing on literacy, fellowship and leadership development.

Communications Committee: Next deadline for articles in Altrusagram: Oct. 23rd