



The Altrusagram

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Altrusa Portland Club

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

As I reflect on this past summer and think about all that has changed in such a short time I realize that even our Altrusa world revolves in that eternal cycle that holds joyous new beginnings, life altering happenings and sad endings. Some of us have celebrated our children's weddings, marveled at the miracle of new grandchildren and thrilled at the prospect of new career opportunities. Others have experienced challenging health issues and our dear Caroline was diagnosed with terminal cancer and taken from us much too quickly. Our summer did start on a high - an awesome retreat was held at Camp Altrusa where the weather was as great as the host (move over Perle Mesta our Joanne is the hostess with the mostest!) Eight brave members turned it into a pajama party and Trish made popovers Saturday morning for breakfast! Other members arrived and service ideas, membership goals and discussion were all followed by great food and relaxation. This summer of perfect Maine weather continued on the evening of our annual Peaks Island dinner and we were treated to an incredible sunset on our return trip. Every committee held their planning sessions and presented their budgets to the finance committee on schedule! Community service continued with members volunteering at the Barron Center's Family Picnic and at the Community Meal every month. Our new Altrusa year will begin with a change as our business meeting moves to the Westbrook Community Center at 426 Bridge St, a site that is ground level and has plenty of parking. Thanks go to Judith Reidman and Karen Valley for this opportunity. I look forward to seeing all of you Wednesday night as we begin our 85th year and together continue to build community through service.

Yours in Altrusa,

Anita

Special points of interest:

- ◆ Altrusagram has a new format in Publisher
- ◆ We recently lost our sister in Altrusa, Caroline Cobb, in September. 18 Members participated in the Celebration of her Life at Jones and Rich Funeral Home.
- ◆ Theresa Mancini suffered a stroke and is recovering nicely. We hope to see her back at meetings soon.
- ◆ See Back Page: Important News

Executive Board 2013-2014

- President Anita Chandler
- Vice President Pam Lemieux
- Treasurer Joanne Doherty
- Secretary Karen Valley
- Director Carolyn Holman
- Director Katie Klein
- Parliamentarian Judith Reidman

MISSION

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.

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

PROJECT EMPTY BOWL:

EMPTY BOWL PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

Due to scheduling conflicts in 2012, The Portland Altrusa Club did not do the Empty Bowl Project last year. However, due to popular demand, we will be doing it this year. What is the Empty Bowl Project? Basically, Altrusa prepares a soup supper, complete with iced tea / punch, bread and desserts. We invite the public to attend the supper for a \$10/ person donation. In past years, and again this year, Altrusa covers all of the expenses for this supper and gives 100% of the proceeds to PROJECT FEED.

Our participation in this project started several years ago to honor Grace Spear, who bequeathed the local club \$1,000. Grace actively volunteered at PROJECT FEED, and the club felt this would be a great project to finance with Grace's donation. Her donation has been used up, but the consensus has been it is still a great project, so we continue to hold the Annual Empty Bowl Supper.

What is asked of Portland Altrusans? On Saturday, October 26th, we need volunteers to donate a large kettle of their favorite soup, bring their crockpot and ladle to serve the soup, help decorate and set up tables in the hall at Woodford's Congregational Church, serve soup, clean soup bowls, collect donations at the door and, of course, clean up at the end of the evening. In past years our members have made some excellent soups for this event. There will be a volunteer sign-up sheet for the Empty Bowl Supper at the September Altrusa Business Meeting.

NEW ZEALAND CONVENTION 2013



In order left to right are:
8 District One attendees picture

Alexinia Baldwin
Kay Steele
Ann Marie Snyer
Pam Lemieux
Angela Brokaw
Susannah Leslie
Denise Martin and Marie Pike



With our Nelson NZ sister club picture:
Immediate Past Governor of District One,

Susannah Leslie
Marie Pike
Christine Mouter of Nelson, NZ
Chris Tuffnell of Nelson, NZ
Denise Martin
Pam Lemieux

“CLYNK!”

Again this year, the Portland Altrusa Club will be participating in the “CLYNK” program at Hannaford’s Supermarket. Last year the Operating Budget revenues were improved by over \$100 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.

SERVICE COMMITTEE:

The service committee has 2 requests for everyone:

First - if you have any gently-used books that you would like to give away, please bring them to the September 4th business meeting. They should be books appropriate for adult readers. For our Literacy Day project (September 9th) we will be bringing the books to one (or maybe more) correctional centers.

Second - please print and complete the survey and bring it to the Sept 4th business meeting. Or if you will not be there, please mail it to me. If you cannot print, let me know & I will gladly put one in the mail to you. The responses will be very helpful in planning service projects.

Introducing new candidate for membership

We have received an application for membership from:

BRIANNA WHITE who is a senior at Scarborough H.S.

She volunteers every Sunday at the Preble Street Soup Kitchen. She attended our September 4th business meeting with her sponsors Brittany White & Trish Maxim.

She has been approved by our Officers.

Next Meeting September 4th

Don't forget:

Bring books

Completed Service Surveys

New Meeting Place:

Westbrook Community Center

426 Bridge St Westbrook, Maine 04092

CALENDARS NEED PRIZES

As was mentioned at the end of last year, we want to pull together the Altrusa Calendar Raffle so that it will be ready to sell in October 2013. It will be a great Christmas Gift! However, we still need gift certificates and cash prizes for the Calendar. We need to fill a calendar of the month of January 2014 with daily prizes. Starting on January 1st, every day during the month of January, there will be a drawing for the daily prize. The daily winner’s raffle ticket gets put back into the bucket and is eligible to be drawn for every remaining day in the month. Every day will have a prize with a \$25 minimum value.

Portland Altrusans are being asked to donate a prize for the calendar. For instance, I have a \$25 Dunkin Donuts and a \$50 Amazon gift certificate that I’d received and hadn’t used and now plan to donate. Do you have a favorite salon where you get a manicure / pedicure that might contribute a gift certificate to the Altrusa Calendar Raffle? Do you know someone who owns a restaurant that might donate a gift certificate? Someone even asked if they could contribute cash to the calendar!! The answer is obviously ‘Yes!’ Cash is always a good prize. In fact, the Portland Altrusa Club will finance about \$500 in CASH to the calendar. The prize on January 31st will be \$250 and (cont.p4)

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**Cancellation policy for Program Meetings:
Members have a standing reservation.**

**To cancel call Joanne Doherty (773-7410)
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 newsletter editor :
kvalley@westbrook.me.us**

**The deadline each month for Altrusagram
articles
is the end of day on the Friday after the pro-
gram meeting..**

IMPORTANT NEWS !!!

We are putting on a Supper for the Chefs and Judges and vendors who help us on the Chili Chowder Challenge each year.

This is happening at St Peter's Church at 6PM WEDNESDAY, September 18th .

The doors to the church hall will be open at 4:30PM (perhaps even a little earlier) for you to bring any posters to be displayed and also to help set up the tables, and chairs. We will put white table cloths over the blue ones, set out silver ware, napkins, salt & pepper, etc.

Also, we will be setting up the food for the buffet. Please bring what you signed up for, to be put out on the table. The food should be cooked, but we do have the use of the kitchen to warm up some items. We need to be ready to serve by 6PM..... If you bring your own serving utensils, please be sure to have them tagged, so they are not washed and put into the church silverware drawers.

P.L.

We're on the Web:

[Http://www.altrusaportlandgivesbooks.org](http://www.altrusaportlandgivesbooks.org)

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we will have some days with other cash amounts like \$50 or \$100. This means that the calendar will not be profitable until after we sell 50 calendars, at \$10 per calendar. With the prizes on the rest of the January dates being donations, every sale over 50, is sheer profit to our Altrusa Foundation.

Please give your donations for the January 2014 Altrusa Calendar Raffle to Pam Lemieux by **no later than September 28, 2013**. Your support is appreciated. P.L.

Committee News

Membership:

We currently have 28 Active Members and 6 Emeritus Members.

**Altrusa ORIENTATION—
was Saturday morning ,
June 29th from 10:00 AM
to 12:00 Noon at Joanne
Doherty's camp on Sebago
Lake: 31 Murch Landing
Road, Raymond, Maine.**

**New Applicant: Brianna
White**

Social Committee:

**We invite all Altrusans
to join us in celebrating
a holiday party in De-
cember and the 85th
Birthday Party in April.**

**Watch for details in up-
coming Altrusagrams.**

Communications Committee: Next deadline for articles in Altrusagram: September 20th at 5PM.