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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Altrusans,

We've moved into the busy time of year for Gainesville, students are back, school has started, vacations are slowing down and FOOTBALL has kicked off!! One of my favorite times of the year! Things have been busy for our club as well.

The board met August 27th and continued our work on updating club policies that we will have out to you all for a vote in September. We approved an increase from \$2000 to \$3000 for our Santa Fe College Foundation Scholarship Awards. We also approved funding to cover software upgrades to better support our Treasurer and discussed several other topics. A very productive meeting.

A big shout out to Jeanne Reed for hosting our first networking event of the year. While I was unable to attend, I do understand that there were 12 club members in attendance, 10 of which stayed for lunch and networking. Everyone has shared that they had a very nice time and enjoyed it all around. Thank you Jeanne!!

Another big Thank You goes out to Kim Pace who has worked with the ASTRA Club to scheduled a hands-on event with the Vocation Committee. They will be preparing a meal to feed up to 40 people at Ronald McDonald House on September 7th, from 4pm to 6pm. Kim stated the students LOVE to cook and are looking forward to cooking the meal they have planned. The ask to Vocational and anyone else wanting to participate is to provide the ingredients for the meal.

The Membership Committee also met recently and had great discussion on their upcoming orientation and plans for a Membership Drive in the fall. They had some great ideas and suggestions that have been passed on as well.

Be sure to review the upcoming agendas, we have great speakers lined up and will be **continuing our focus on accents that enhance everyone's understanding of Club Activities, Policies, etc.**

Until next time,

Laura Gunter

President, Altrusa International of Gainesville, FL, Inc.

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Upcoming Meetings & Events *(Printable Page)*

Lunch Program Wyndham Garden, Noon

If you are not going to be able to attend, please let Laura or Dee know so the club does not pay for food not eaten. Luncheon meetings take place on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

- ◆ September 12: Dr. Jackson Sasser, President of Santa Fe College
- ◆ September 26: Grace Howell, Alachua Conservation Trust—Women in the Woods
- ◆ October 10: TBD
- ◆ October 24: Karen Pruss, Coordinator Evergreen Cemetery

Altrusa Evening Meeting Altrusa House, 6 P.M.

If you plan to attend, please let Shea Huey know so the group has plenty of food and beverages. Altrusa Evening Meetings take place on the third Tuesday of the month.

- ◆ September 17: Trip to Days for Girls (1001 NE 16th Avenue)
- ◆ October 15: Grant Harrell, M.D., Mobile Outreach Clinic
- ◆ November 19: Grace Howell, Alachua Conservation Trust—Women in the Woods
- ◆ December: *No Meeting*

Upcoming Events and Fundraisers

- ◆ September 7: Joint Service Project with ASTRA at Ronald McDonald House
- ◆ October 24: United Nations Day *(Special registration required)*
- ◆ November 16: Altrusa Yard Sale
- ◆ **December 7: “Party for a Good Cause” Fundraiser**
- ◆ April 3-4: Trading Closets
- ◆ April 22-23: The Amazing Give
- ◆ April 25: International Committee Dinner

Naturalization Ceremonies

- ◆ September 19
- ◆ October 24
- ◆ November 21
- ◆ December 19

2020 District Three Conference

All club members are encouraged to attend district conference taking place on **April 16-18, 2020** in **Charlotte, North Carolina**. Based on the size of our club at the current moment, we are authorized to send 5 delegates and 5 alternates to conference. The club will pay the conference registration fee; hotel and transportation are the responsibility of the attendee. Further details will be passed along as they become available.

Altrusa Evening Meeting Update by Sara Freeborn

The Altrusa Evening Meeting takes place on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Altrusa House.



The August evening meeting of our club featured Rynni Henderson, Regional Publisher with Gatehouse Media, covering the Gainesville, Ocala, and Leesburg newspapers. Ms. Henderson discussed newspaper publishing in the digital age, focusing on the steps a paper must take to survive. First and foremost is to provide the newspaper online. Not only does this appeal to the people who prefer the online version, but it enables the newspaper to get breaking news out immediately, rather than having to wait until the print edition comes out. There are also stories online which **aren't included in the print version.**

Rynni was also very gracious to Lorna Rubin, our club's publicity chair, when she asked for advice on getting information about Altrusa into the Gainesville Sun. Hopefully, this will help us get the word out about our

various projects and fundraisers.

Attendance was good and members enjoyed the baked potato bar, provided by Jason's Deli. It is always a favorite for the group. Karen Wishart gave an accent on Altrusa International's Club 21 project. Carolyn Harrell led the meeting in Nancy Kirkland's absence.

Altrusa Social Outing at Harn Museum By Sara Freeborn

On Wednesday, Aug. 14th a group of 12 Altrusans gathered at the Harn Museum for a special tour provided by Jeanne Reed. Jeanne has become a docent at the museum and gave an enjoyable and informative overview of some of the major exhibits. The tour began with the red metal horse sculpture, which has long inhabited the lobby and ended with a painting by Kehinde Wiley, the artist **who painted President Obama's official portrait.**

After the tour, we enjoyed a lovely lunch in the museum café, while getting the chance to enjoy some fellowship time together. We will be planning more of these get-togethers, so watch for further news. I highly recommend these opportunities.

Order Your Altrusa Pins Now

Magnet backed pins will be ordered soon. If you want to purchase one to replace your old pin please let Carolyn Harrell know by emailing harrellland@cox.net by Sept 12 so your order can be included with the club order. Of course, new members will receive a pin at initiation. This is for members who wish to replace pins. Magnet backed pins cost \$13.10 each and payment to Carolyn is due on receipt of pin. From now on only magnet backed pins will be ordered for new members. Thank you.



Days for Girls

BIG CHANGES in Days for Girls

Because of the positive environmental changes going on throughout the world to reduce plastic usage, Days for Girls International (DFGI) needs us to switch from using plastic ziploc bags in the kits to PUL (polyurethane laminate) based transport bags.

So we do not need any more ziploc freezer bags. We are supposed to be fully transitioned by March 1, 2020. We will start making PUL transport bags as soon as possible. Fortunately, our sewing experts already know how to do this. We hope they can start showing us all how to do this soon.

The DGFI Transport Bag is Required in Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Pakistan, Panama, Botswana, Vanuatu, and the Pacific Region.

Radha Sylvester

Alachua County Days for Girls Coordinator



Friends of Susan B. Anthony Luncheon

Several Altrusans attended the Friends of Susan B. Anthony (FoSBA) luncheon on Saturday, August 24th, **an annual celebration of Women's Equality Day**. Our own Liz Jones did her usual great job as emcee for the event. Long time community activist Shirley Bloodworth received the annual FoSBA Award for her work with many organizations, much of which has been related to senior issues.

Professor Ann Christiano, Director and Frank Karel Chair in Public Interest Communications, Department of Public Relations at the University of Florida, **was the featured speaker**. Her presentation, "Women and the Media: Let's Tell the Real Stories About How Change Happens," discussed how Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton became the famous faces of women's suffrage. She then delved deeper into the less well-known stories of how several women of color worked with determination and savvy to fight for the rights of black women and men. (She would be a great speaker for one of our meetings!)



Our club was a sponsor of the event and, as such, had a display table which promoted both our club and Altrusa House. Several people showed interest, stopping to chat about what we do and taking brochures. There will be an event in February, 2020 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, so stay tuned for further information.

Altrusa Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser

Calling all Altrusans! Now is your opportunity to tidy up and donate treasures you think others may enjoy. The Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser coordinated by the Vocational Committee will take place on Saturday, November 16, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. **at Jill Rench's home.** Please contact Linda Henderson or Becky Munden if you have anything you wish to contribute. All proceeds go towards funding scholarships and supporting initiatives in the community.



Annual Altrusa Club Fundraiser

Yard Sale

Saturday, November 16, 2019

8am-2pm

1824 NW 39th Avenue
Gainesville



Have fun bargain hunting
and supporting the community
at the same time!



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All funds collected are for
Altrusa's community projects:
homeless children, abused
women, adults with disabilities
and others.

Joint Service Project with Altrusa and ASTRA

ASTRA invites all Altrusans to join them in their fall service project at Ronald McDonald House where ASTRA will prepare a meal for Ronald McDonald House residents as part of the Visiting Chef program.

ASTRA has planned the menu and will execute the meal, and Altrusa will be providing the recipes and ingredients.



- ◆ Saturday, September 7
- ◆ 4:00—6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Ronald McDonald House (1600 SW 14th Street)

Interested in contributing? The Vocational Committee will take the lead on coordinating the various menu items to ensure ASTRA members have all that they need to provide a cozy and nourishing meal. **Contact Kim Pace (kimmiepace@ yahoo.com) by September 3 if you wish to help with a contribution.**

For more information about Ronald McDonald House, please visit: <https://www.rmhcncf.org/>

Perfect Pairings: Expanding Our Outreach

PICKUP PARTY



Altrusa's membership drive for 2019 culminates on Tuesday, Oct 29, 5:30-7:00 pm at Altrusa House with wine and cheese, meeting new friends, mingling and learning about the many faces of Altrusa. Please spend time considering acquaintances, friends and neighbors to invite to this fun function.

On her weekly updates Laura will attach a document from the membership committee on which to list your perspective members and their mailing addresses so the committee can send invitations. Paper copies of this document will be available on tables at luncheon and evening meetings until Sept 12 when lists should be turned in to Carolyn Harrell in person or by email attachment.

If you think of other names after that date, send those on to Carolyn and we'll get additional invitations sent out. Of course, you can invite your friends personally as well. We want Gainesville to know, love, and support Altrusa...the more the merrier!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth J.	September 1
Joy F.	September 3
Patsy F.	September 4
Evan W.	September 17
Norma H.	September 20
Craig S.	September 28



Address Reminder



Dear members,

Please review your automated payments to Altrusa to ensure you have the correct mailing address. Our Post Office Box was changed about a year and a half ago, and I want to make sure everyone has updated their records. The current mailing address is as follows: P.O. Box 358510, Gainesville, FL 32635-8510.

Warmest regards,
Karen Wishart

Membership Update

We are sorry to announce that the following members of our Altrusa club have tendered their resignations. We wish them well and thank them for their Altrusa service over the years:

- ◆ Tom Jaworski
- ◆ Jennifer Cotton

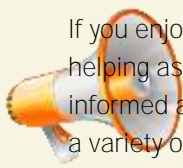
Terwilliger Donations Taken at Office Depot/Office Max

School supply donations are being taken for Terwilliger Elementary School at Office Depot / Office Max at Oak Square Center (6861 West Newberry Road) near I-75 and Newberry Road.

If shopping at Office Depot / Office Max, you can conveniently drop off your donations for Terwilliger in the collection bin.



CALL FOR COMMUNICATOR HELPERS



If you enjoy sharing all the great works our Altrusa Club does, please consider helping as a **Club Communicator**. Communication is how we keep each other informed as well as share our points of pride with others outside the club. We have a variety of opportunities for interested club members. Simply contact Interim Communications Director, **Kim Pace** (kimmiepace@yahoo.com) if you are interested and wish to help.

ALTRUSA LEADERSHIP

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