President’s Message

Happy June – Happy Summer -Happy New Altrusa Year to you all,

I start this by reiterating my praise during our club meeting of the beautiful ceremony Sara Freeborn put together to initiate the new board. The thought she put into it and the special touches of delivering props and candles and directions to each member of the new board were so appreciated.

She used eight words in the initiation – the first being Longevity as she initiated Joan Suchorski into the role of Past President and Advisor, a word that exemplifies the dedication Joan has shown to the board and the club. Wisdom was the word given inductee Donna Johnson as our new Parliamentarian and certainly, we can all agree Donna brings that to the group.

The third word used for our collective group of Directors was Harmony. Kim Pace, Director of Communications, Cherise Bartley, Director of Fundraising, and Debbie Handberg, Director of Projects, will be tasked in providing harmony to our club by staying in touch with committee chairs and keeping the board and also the membership at large apprised of the club projects and fundraisers.

Next the word Fortune was shared for our Treasurer Karen Wishart who is tasked with keeping our budget balanced, and collecting dues— not an easy task for
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The fifth word was Peace assigned to Becky Munden our Secretary whose task of ensuring our history is recorded, provides peace to us all.

Happiness was the sixth word and was given to Carolyn Harrell as our 2nd VP in charge of Membership. It immediately made me smile because it fits both her position and her personality! The next word was Luck given to Dee Dugger our 1st VP who will continue to provide us outstanding speakers in our coming year but also has the support of the club in helping to make that a reality.

Lastly the word Hope was provided me as the returning President. I am embracing that word as we move into the new year with many challenges to tackle. My Hope is that we all stay committed to our club and to the goals we have as a group to make our community a better place. My Hope is that we embrace new ideas on how to make things happen. My Hope is that we look outside the box to overcome obstacles so that we continue to support our many causes and others that are surely to surface and need our attention.

Hoping you all stay healthy and enjoy the summer,

Laura Gunter  
President, Altrusa International of Gainesville, FL, Inc.

Altrusa Historical Fact

Altrusa International was founded in Nashville, Tennessee in 1917, originally as Altrusa Institute. During that time, a record number of women were going to work during World War I, and there was a need for women’s civic organizations. Dr. Alfred Durham, a member of Kiwanis, began organizing clubs throughout Nashville, TN, Louisville, KY, and Dayton, OH, before he moved on to Indianapolis, IN, where he met Mamie L. Bass.

Mamie L. Bass had served as the Superintendent of the Women’s Division of the United States Employment Services, and was a partner in her brother’s architecture firm. She also assisted him in organizing a Rotary chapter in Indianapolis. While she admired Dr. Durham’s Institute, Bass felt that Altrusa could serve a higher purpose. In June 1918, when Altrusa held its first convention in Indianapolis, Mamie L. Bass’s vision became reality. The Altrusa Institute became a classified service organization for women.
Due to ongoing health considerations, Altrusa Club meetings and events have been either cancelled, postponed or provided as virtual meetings for the time being. This is a rapidly evolving situation, and we will inform the club as we plan for future club events.

Lunch Program—Noon
Luncheon meetings generally take place on the second and fourth Thursdays.
- June 11: Meeting via Zoom. Details forthcoming.

Altrusa Evening Meeting
Altrusa Evening Meetings have been postponed until future arrangements can be made.

Altrusa Club Board Meetings, 5:00 p.m.
Board Meetings generally take place on the fourth Tuesday of the month. For the time being, the Board will meet virtually
- June 20: New Board Retreat, 10am via Zoom
- June 23

Upcoming Events
- Trading Closets: August 21-22:
- International Committee Fundraiser Dinner: September

**When Dues Are Due**

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*Please note that new club members have a different pay schedule
On May 5th, 2020, Mary Evan Weber, Emeritus member of our club, passed away in Charlottesville, Virginia, where she had lived since 2015. Evan became an Altrusan in 2000 and was a very active member of our club. Her contributions include serving as Secretary on the Board of Directors as well as our Foundation Treasurer. In fact, she was instrumental in helping to set up the Foundation.

Evan worked diligently on club projects and fundraisers, especially Trading Closets. Always impeccably dressed, Evan became the main arbiter of what clothing was good enough to make it into the boutique. It was a running joke that we were always cutting shoulder pads out of jackets, dresses and blouses at her direction. She worked many, many Saturdays at the collection site and during both days of the event. She also often served as Treasurer for Trading Closets. *It was interesting to hear Evan’s son explain during the Zoom memorial for her, how she had developed a love of fashion at an early age.*

In 2014 Evan started showing signs of memory loss and her daughter, Carrie, moved to Gainesville to take care of her. Carrie continued to bring Evan to Altrusa meetings, but eventually needed to move to Charlottesville for a job. We were able to give Evan a send off at a lunch meeting and later made her an Emeritus member. Evan was smart, funny, energetic, caring, and unafraid of expressing her opinions. Many of us will think of her as we work on Trading Closets, especially whenever we come across any shoulder pads.
The Altrusa Luncheon Meeting took place on May 14 via Zoom conference. 30 Altrusans came together to hear from Gainesville City Commissioner Harvey Ward. Commissioner Ward discussed how the City of Gainesville has worked to support its citizens during the COVID-19 Pandemic. He shared that he is particularly proud of the GNVCares initiative that uses existing resources to support low-income residents and small businesses suffering losses and disruptions due to the COVID-19. Approximately $3.2 million will go towards businesses and individuals through this program.

In addition to the presentation from Commissioner Ward, club members also shared warm memories of Altrusan Evan Weber who passed away last week following a long illness.

The club also elected officers for the 2020-2021 Altrusa year. Installation of these officers will take place at the next club meeting.
New Altrusa Club Leadership:

The club met on May 28 to install 2020-21 officers for the upcoming Altrusa year.

President: Laura Gunter  
1st Vice President: Dee Dugger  
2nd Vice President: Carolyn Harrell  
Secretary: Becky Munden  
Treasurer: Karen Wishart  
Director of Communications: Kim Pace  
Director of Fundraising: Cherise Bartley  
Director of Projects: Debbie Handberg  
Past President: Joan Suchorski  
Parliamentarian: Donna Johnson

2021 Altrusa International Convention

Every second year, Altrusa International holds a convention for the entire membership, with a similar purpose to District Conference but on a larger scale. The next Altrusa International Convention is **July 21-24, 2021 in Quebec, Canada.**

More information about the International Convention is available on the Altrusa International Website: [https://www.altrusa.org/events/](https://www.altrusa.org/events/)
2020 Middle School Literacy Awards

The Literacy Committee started the normal process for their middle school awards in February, with Marge Baker sending a letter to each school. By the end of March that process was thrown into uncertainty by a pandemic. After consultation with our Board of Directors in April, the project went forward and the awards were delivered on Friday, May 22nd by Nancy Hult and Carolyn Harrell. Marge made arrangements with the six schools wanting to participate and wrote a speech that would normally be given by an Altrusan at the graduation ceremonies. The schools could use that speech as part of a presentation to the student.

Nancy Hult put together gift bags for each student which included a personalized certificate and a $100 Visa gift card. She also provided the plates engraved with the students’ names to be added to the permanent plaques at each school. The Middle School Literacy awards were presented to the following students:

**Ava Ferguson**, Howard Bishop Middle School  
**Amber Voorhees**, Fort Clarke Middle School  
**Jordyn Terry**, High Springs Community School  
**Alkarls Wiley**, Kanapaha Middle School  
**Iyanna Mitchum**, Lincoln Middle School  
**Lea Mason**, Oak View Middle School

Thank you to Marge, Nancy and Carolyn for all they did to make this project happen in spite of unexpected adversity.
A Message About Membership

Congratulations to these Altrusans who have enriched us during the last year by sponsoring new members:

Marge Baker for Debbie Augenstein
Nancy Kirkland for Linda McKnew
Nancy Hult for Norma Green
Pushpa Kalra for Janice Hunziker
Carolyn Harrell for Cherise Bartley, Debbie Handberg, and Dal McDilda

We are so happy to welcome these new members to Altrusa and recognize their sponsors.

Additionally, Bennye Alligood, Marge Baker, Donna Johnson, Nancy Kirkland, Joan Suchorski, Pushpa Kalra, Fran Vandiver are receiving sponsor pins from District for recruiting new members in past years.

All of us have sponsors and many have been sponsors. Sponsoring new members is the way to grow Altrusa so we can serve our community. Especially during this extended time of social distancing we need to be mindfully creative about connecting with as many Altrusa members as possible, but especially those you sponsored and those who sponsored you.

If you are able to meet for distanced outdoor visits together for lunch, happy hour or just a chat to catch up, please do that. I was able to distance host (one-on-one) my sponsors Fran Vandiver and Sara Stone and also Cherise, Debbie and Dal in the garden and they fed my soul. I know many of you have lovely yards and porches and are welcoming hostesses, but any roomy space will do.

Write cards, send fun and encouraging internet finds. I get many from the Oak Hammock staff via my friend Mary Kilgour. Share phone calls.

Leave little gift bags on front porches or order a delivery. Let Kim know about cool things going on so she can add them to the corona issues of the newsletter.

This is probably going on already, but we need to keep it going and encourage one another. I look forward to when we meet together again finding ways to get to know our membership much better as there are such life stories to tell and ideas to share. Meanwhile, just be your caring, sharing clever selves and inspire us.

If you have friends and contacts who are interested in Altrusa, please keep them informed about what we are doing (or wanted to do) and plan to do in the future. When we can’t meet face to face or can’t do the projects and fund raisers in the communal way we are used to, it becomes easier to drift away. Let’s stay strong together and think of even more ways to serve our community during and after the pandemic.

Please let your committee chair or a board member know of any brain storms you have about keeping membership strong.

Thank you,

Carolyn Harrell
Altrusa House: Garden of Memories

Those important to Altrusa/Altrusa House and have a brick dedicated to them in our Garden.

LEE AND MARTHA JOHNSON

As founders and volunteers, Martha and I have felt it an honor and joy to be associated with Altrusa House. It has always been a labor of love for us.

Martha and I were both born in North Carolina, she in the Western Piedmont and I in the Eastern Coastal Plain. We met while in college. In 1958 I entered the Air Force and worked as a Chaplain Service Specialist and served for four years. I entered Catawba College and graduated with a BS degree. In 1960 I graduated from UNC at Chapel Hill with a MSW degree and began working at the VAMC as a Psychiatric Social Worker. Martha worked in psychology as a Personnel Specialist. She later worked in personnel at USDA, Soil Conservation Service. I retired in 1989 from VAMC as the Chief Social Worker. I continued working as a volunteer with the North Florida Area Agency on Aging until I again retired after 29 years. Both Martha and I have served as volunteers in various other agencies. Our most rewarding one has been with Altrusa House with other fellow founders. After 63 years of marriage we feel blessed to have these opportunities. We have a devoted son, Lee, Jr., who works in Gainesville and a grandson, Graham Lee who works with his wife, Caroline, as artists in the LA Studios.

The development of this beautiful walkway and garden is truly a work of love from the persons who have labored to complete this project. It also reflects the love that is shown to all the participants who benefit from the caring support of its founders.

Donor: Lee & Martha Johnson
Altrusa House: Garden of Memories

We are pleased to announce that Altrusa House has added a Garden of Memories to our award winning gardens.

The Garden of Memories is constructed of engraved commemorative brick pavers. This gift will either honor or remember special person(s): clients, families, friends, and supporters of Altrusa House.

Donors are asked to contribute a minimum of $150 per brick to support the mission of Altrusa House of Gainesville.

Altrusa House of Gainesville is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization.

Donor Information
Name ____________________________
For recognition if we should be listed as:

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Address ____________________________
City ______ State _______ Zip ______
Daytime Phone ____________________________
Email ____________________________
Amount of Gift $__________________________
Date ____________________________

Payment:
Please make contributions payable to Altrusa House and return to:
P.O. Box 358765
Gainesville, FL 32635-8765
For more information, please email altrusa.calendar@gmail.com

Garden of Memories
Honor your loved one and support Altrusa House. Print the EXACT name(s) or message to be permanently engraved. Please enter one letter per space and leave a space between words.

- Engraved Brick 4” x 8” Minimum Contribution $150

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PLEASE COMPLETE:
**ZOOM Student User Guide**

**How do students use Zoom?**

**What can Zoom be used for?**

Zoom can be used to do many things outside of a regular classroom. Try using Zoom to...

- Meet with group members for projects and assignments
- Work on homework with classmates
- Record a presentation
- Schedule online tutoring
- Host a meeting for a club or organization

**What devices can I use Zoom on?**

- Laptop/computer (PC/Mac) - recommended
- Tablet (Apple iOS, Android)
- Smartphone (Apple iOS, Android)

**Preparing for a Zoom Meeting**

**Days Before**

- Remember to download and install the Zoom launcher (PC/Mac) or the app (iOS/Android) in advance, as it can take several minutes to complete.
- Review Zoom instructions via the external Zoom link found in Canvas. More information can also be found at Zoom’s Getting Started page.
- Join a Zoom Test Meeting to confirm your computer or device’s capabilities.

**15 Minutes Before**

- Find a quiet space with strong Wi-Fi that is free of distractions.
- Open Zoom via the downloaded program, app, or Canvas.
- Test your headphones, microphone, and camera to make sure the class can hear and see you (and vice versa).
- Close any windows or programs open on your device that are unrelated to your meeting.

This fast-checks your device's power to provide the best Zoom meeting experience possible, and prevents potential embarrassing moments if you happen to share your screen. Do you really want your instructor to know how many cat videos you actually watch?

**During the Zoom Meeting**

- Click **Start Video** to begin broadcasting from your webcam.
- Click the Chat bubble to ask questions via text, share links to websites, and keep up with the class's back-channel discussion. You can chat to everyone in the meeting, just the instructor, or a specific person.
- Find out who else is in the meeting by clicking **Participants.** This is also where you can “raise your hand” to ask a question, answer a question, or start an intense philosophical debate. What you do with this power is up to you.
- Be prepared to share your screen with the class. They can see the tabs you have open.
- At the end of the class, click **Leave Meeting.**

No matter how many people are in a meeting, there’s probably someone watching your video at all times. It could be your instructor, it could be your classmate’s dog. Doing something embarrassing or distracting, like flossing, eating, or using your camera to see if you have food in your teeth will probably be seen. No matter how quickly you do it. Don’t be that person.

**Zoom On-Camera Tips**

- Getting clear video is a lot like taking a good selfie -- it’s all about contrast. Light your face more brightly than the backdrop to make it easier to see you.
- Hold your head high in the picture frame. It conveys confidence.
- Keep your clothing PG and professional.
- Be yourself. Move physically and make facial expressions.
- Microphones pick up all ambient noise, so keep your mic muted until it’s your time to speak.
- Remember that when on-camera, other activities such as eating, drinking, stuffing protein bars, and brushing your teeth are distracting (and sometimes unsettling).
- If you can’t use video, upload a nice profile image of your face to your Zoom account.
- Have fun!
Altrusa Board Minutes: March 3, 2020

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF Gainesville, Fl, Inc.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 3RD, 2020

AGENDA

Call to Order: Laura Gunter 5:20 p.m.

Present: Laura Gunter, Freddie Dobson, Joan Suchorski, Dee Dugger, Carolyn Harrell, Sara Freeborn, Karen Wishart, Becky Munden and Guest Bea Sherouse.

Motion to approve Agenda: Moved by Karen and seconded by Carolyn.

Approval of January Minutes: Moved by Sara and seconded by Joan.

President's Report, Laura: Pen Pals and Days for Girls: Since these are both club wide projects, funds should come from general Foundation money and not individual committee funds.

Before we commit to pen pal project for next school year, a meeting needs to be held with Principal Zeller to determine what the greatest need is and whether the pen pal project is beneficial to them. Maybe a meeting can be scheduled during the summer.
Altrusa Board Minutes (continued)

It was suggested to do an Accent in May about the various committees. Committee signup sheets will be put on the tables at the May meetings.

Going forward we need to assign someone to follow up after a vote to make sure action is taken.

The Finance Committee needs to meet and create a budget proposal for next year. Karen will take care of scheduling that meeting.

All reports from committees are due by the May 14th, 2020 meeting. This will help support the new chairs for the 3 committees.

It had been suggested that maybe Pink Pig funds could be used to present a check to Ambre Hobson, the speaker for the April 21st evening meeting, representing the Field and Farm Pantry at UF. This food pantry supports UF students, staff and faculty who are experiencing food insecurity. The Pink Pig funds belong to the Vocational Committee, so it was decided that a $250 check would come from general Foundation funds to support this project. Moved by Dee, seconded by Joan.

1st President’s Report, Dee: District Outstanding Club Awards requires 300 volunteer hours for recognition, which is easy for us. Also need to show 75% club participation, which is not a problem, either. Discussion on doing something different for projects. We seem to be comfortable switching between the Pen Pal Project and Terwilliger in submitting awards. Dee would like to see us reach a little more out of our comfort zone.

We need to reach out to the big 3 committees for speakers within the community.

Discussed having the committee caucus meetings at June or July lunch meeting. after that they need to make arrangements for other meetings- try to include evening meeting members. The big 3 committees need to have meetings at different locations rather than try to meet after our luncheon. Sponsors should encourage new members to engage and receive new information about our club.

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2nd Vice President’s Report, Carolyn: We have 3 prospective new members. We have 3 members without email, so how do we print them a copy of the newsletter. Sponsors can help with this or possibly we can print them at the Altrusa House. We need to order 10 more new member pins. Looking for a timeline for orientation of new members, perhaps in June when the yearbook is updated. Members need encouragement to be always reaching out to potential members (email, phone calls, invitations, sending newsletters and programs). We have the resignation of 5 members: Cynthia Holt, Amy Brown, Beth Romano, Shelly Calhoun and Penny Ervin. Ruby Bell has transferred to Altrusa of IL.

Treasurer’s Report, Karen: See attachments

Sun Biz with the State of Florida was updated in January 2020.

Immediate Past President’s Report, Karen: The club donated $150 to the Education Foundation of Alachua County ARFSF Fund to sponsor the county science fair. $50 was added by Karen to give as an award to a student.

Director / Club Projects, Joan: Trading Closets sponsorships are in process. Sponsors from last year are being contacted for continued support. Some members who are purchasing tickets at the Fashionista level have expressed an interest in donating some tickets to teachers at Terwilliger. The Literacy Committee Teacher Appreciation Luncheon at Terwilliger is planned for May 20th.

A scholarship to support study abroad for students at Santa Fe College was presented previously and reviewed for consideration. Motion by Joan and seconded by Sara to award a scholarship in the amount of $1000 for SF College student Study Abroad. Scholarship criteria will include a preference for a student who lives in Alachua or Bradford County and who is also low income and/or a first-generation college student in the family and/or for whom this is their first international travel experience. The motion was passed unanimously.

Full support from the club members is needed for the International Dinner and Silent auction.
Altrusa Board Minutes (continued)

**Director / Communications / Website; Laura (reporting for Kim Pace):** Kim proposes that committees submit biannual reports to the board highlighting budgets, fundraising, meetings and community good works. Information can be shared in club newsletters to keep the club informed and to create an annual report for the club.

**Guest, Bea:** I have been working with ASTRA; they would like to have T-shirts with their logo to wear to events and fundraisers. They need 25 shirts for a total of $320.00. After discussion it was decided to ask ASTRA to send a formal request to the board, with description or picture of T-shirt style.

Bea asked for clarification on where ASTRA’s donation monies are deposited, discussion on a general ledger line for ASTRA. Their project is working to help the Bahamas recover from the hurricane disaster.

**Director / Fundraisers; Sara:** Received notice of storage unit price increase to take effect in April, but since we have already paid for the year in advance, the new price will not go into effect until March 2021.

We have submitted our project to receive people support and a monetary donation from Kohl’s for Trading Closets. Also received word that Kohl’s is doubling the amount of their donations for the month of April.

We have 16-17 baskets, gift cards and more for the silent auction. Also have received several very nice purses for the live auction. Gainesville Woman’s Club pricing has increased to $1,475 for the rental. Discussed ideas for publicity....Calendar of Events with City of Gainesville, exposure on Facebook, Gainesville Sun ad in the newspaper, and also the Chamber calendar and Williams Thomas announcement on TV.

**AEM Liaison Report, Carolyn:** We have 8-12 members that meet at the evening meeting, working on increasing to 16-18 members.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

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### Altrusa International of Gainesville, FL Inc.
#### Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual
June 2019 through March 2020

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| Gross Profit                | 20,516.29         | 27,648.00 | -7,131.71     |

| Expense                     |                   |          |               |
| 61425 - District Conference Exp | 100.00         | 2,000.00 | -1,900.00     |
| 61480 - Intl. Convention Exp. | 0.00             | 1,050.00 | -1,050.00     |
| 61500 - Intl. Dues Expense   | 4,182.50         | 3,960.00 | 222.50        |
| 61510 - New Member Fee Exp. Inl. | 20.00      |          |               |
| 61526 - Processing Fee Inl.  | 3.37             |          |               |
| 61550 - Dist. Three Dues     | 1,480.00         | 1,440.00 | 40.00         |
| 61600 - Meeting Costs        | 9,367.04         | 16,600.00| -7,232.96     |
| 61700 - Evening Meeting Costs | 574.23          |          |               |
| 63025 - Treasurer Expense    | 123.84           |          |               |
| 63035 - Insurance & Legal Fees | 0.00           | 50.00    | -50.00        |
| 63040 - FL Deptartment of Corp | 61.25         | 140.00   | -78.75        |
| 63045 - Printing             | 246.80           |          |               |
| 63200 - Postage              | 37.40            |          |               |
| 63250 - General Supplies     | 0.00             | 100.00   | -100.00       |
| 63300 - ASTRA Expenses       | 0.00             | 200.00   | -200.00       |
| 63425 - Technology           | 0.00             | 150.00   | -150.00       |
| 63475 - Gifts & Awards       | 143.03           | 200.00   | -56.97        |
| 63485 - Speaker Acknowledge... | 73.45           | 200.00   | -126.55       |
| 63550 - P.O. Box Rent        | 154.00           | 140.00   | 14.00         |
| 63600 - Sunshine             | 9.13             | 75.00    | -65.87        |
| 63650 - Information/Initiation | 493.29         | 320.00   | 173.29        |
| 63660 - Membership Recruitem... | 205.95        |          |               |
| 63700 - Archives & Storage   | 0.00             | 643.00   | -643.00       |
| 63725 - Contingency Funds    | 0.00             | 380.00   | -380.00       |
| 69800 - Uncategorized Expenses | 22.00          |          |               |
| Bank Service Charges         | 0.00             |          |               |
| Charitable Contributions     | 150.00           |          |               |
| Computer and Internet Expenses | 1,366.81       |          |               |
| Meals and Entertainment      | 83.36            |          |               |
| **Total Expense**            | **18,897.45**    | **27,648.00** | **-8,750.55** |
Treasurer’s Report: February 2020

Current Information
- 20 monthly day meetings
  - June, July, November, and December
    - Second Thursday of Month
  - January, February, March, April, May, August, September and October
    - Second and Fourth Thursday of Month
- 10 monthly evening meetings: June-October and January-May
  - Third Tuesday of Month

Membership
- Active – 66
- Emeritus: 9
  Evan Weber
  Marion Freund
  Norma Hoffman
  Ann Bromley
  Barbara Probert
  Sandra Smith
  Wuni Ryschkewitsch
  Marie Dence
  Elaine Muther

- Reconciled balance of SunState FCU Checking Account: $8,829.06 as of February 29, 2020
- Reconciled balance of SunState FCU Savings Account: $12,489.65 as of February 29, 2020
- 15 members are delinquent at this time.
Altrusa Board Minutes: April 28, 2020

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF GAINESVILLE, FL, INC.
Zoom Board of Directors Meeting
April 28, 2020

Minutes

Call to order: Laura Gunter, 6:30 p.m.

Present: Laura Gunter, Kim Pace, Carolyn Harrell, Karen Wishart, Dee Dugger, Joan Suchorski, Sara Freeborn

President’s Report, Laura: Talked to Marilyn Mitchell to arrange for funds to be moved from the club account to the Foundation, in order to purchase iPads in partnership with United Way to provide for a lending program for students. The Foundation will pay for the iPads and the club will then reimburse the Foundation from funds saved due to cancellation of lunch meetings at the Wyndham. Laura will notify Mona from the United Way that the club decided to give funds for 20 iPads; Mona is checking to see whether Terwilliger Elementary will be able to use them and set up a check-out program.

Again using money saved from lunch meetings, it had been previously decided that we would pay for a restaurant to provide a meal for 35 homeless people at St. Francis House. Sara communicated with Formaggio’s Bistro, which had donated gift cards to us in the past. They worked out a menu, which came to a total of $398.35, including delivery. Sara moved that we go forward to schedule this meal; Dee seconded. The motion passed.

Marge sent a response from one middle school that, while they won't have graduation, they could still give a student an award and have them pick it up at school. Marge would like to know if the board is in favor of going forward with the Middle School Literacy Awards project in this way. Discussion included interest in trying to make the awards special. Motion was made to go forward with the Middle School Literacy Awards as presented. The motion was approved by consensus.

Reached out to Zoom to find out how to get us set up for meetings without a time limit. We will be paying the small fee, less than $20, to set up and use as long as needed.

Received report from Myra Morgan that three Marilyn Litttle International Scholarships have been awarded for $1000 each, with one going to a student from India, one from Iran, and one from Malaysia. Myra will write up for newsletter.

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1st Vice President’s Report, Dee: Working to schedule a speaker for May 14th Zoom "lunch" meeting; looking at someone from City or County Commissions or from Chamber of Commerce to discuss managing Coronavirus crisis. May 28th club Zoom meeting will include installation of officers for the new board of directors and presentation of the club budget for 2020-2021. Laura will poll the club about having online evening meetings. Also discussed possibly scheduling an unsung hero presentation.

2nd Vice President’s Report, Carolyn: There are some prospective new members, but Carolyn is waiting until there is more specific information to share as to how we will be operating. We have had several members resign and need to have a discussion on bringing in younger members. Presented a set of new member processing rules provided by Karen, obtained from Kitty McElhaney, District Three Governor. After some discussion, it was determined that these guidelines could be compared to our own procedures, which could then be tweaked as needed.


Immediate Past President’s Report, Karen: None

Director/Club Projects, Joan: Butler contract for Trading Closets collection site space is being extended through September; Karen will get our insurance on the site extended as well.

Met with Santa Fe College International Education Advisory Board, including Dr. Paul Broadie II, new Santa Fe President. They were thrilled that Altrusa has agreed to provide a scholarship for the study abroad program and were pleased with the preference that the scholarship goes to a first generation student who has never travelled abroad. They agreed that this would have a positive impact on both the student and family and offered to have staff and members of the board attend the International Dinner and a club meeting.

Director/Communications, Kim: Newsletter for May coming along. Discussed whether we should provide ASTRA seniors with graduation cords. UF commencement is being moved to summer.

Director/Fundraisers, Sara: Discussed the need to think outside the box to raise money now. If we can’t hold Trading Closets, could we sell silent auction items online? Be thinking of different ideas for fundraising.

AEM Liaison Report, Carolyn: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Joan and Sara will have the slate of officers for 2020-2021 ready for club vote at the May 14th meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Dee at 7:10, seconded by Sara

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Treasurer’s Report: March 2020

Treasurer’s Report March 2020

Current Information

a) 20 monthly day meetings
   i) June, July, November, and December
      (1) Second Thursday of Month
   ii) January, February, March, April, May, August, September and October
      (1) Second and Fourth Thursday of Month
b) 10 monthly evening meetings: June-October and January-May
   (1) Third Tuesday of Month

2. Membership
   a) Active – 65
   b) Emeritus: 9
      Evan Weber
      Marion Freund
      Norma Hoffman
      Ann Bromley
      Barbara Probert
      Sandra Smith
      Wuni Ryschkewitsch
      Marie Dence
      Elaine Muther

3. Reconciled balance of SunState FCU Checking Account: $7,810.52 as of March 31, 2020
4. Reconciled balance of SunState FCU Savings Account: $12,491.21 as of February 29, 2020
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**Motion to Adjourn:** at 7:35p.m., by Laura seconded by Dee.

******Next Board meeting  Tuesday March 24, 2020 at 5:15pm at the Altrusa House.

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Next meeting to be decided.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Freeborn, filling in for Becky Munden.

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Altrusa Board Meeting Votes

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF GAINESVILLE, FL., INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARCH MEETING “Minutes”

In lieu of the March meeting, due to the Coronavirus, the board voted on needed items via email between March 23-25th.

President, Laura Gunter reported on discussions with the Wyndham Garden on renewing our contract. She stated that they had been very accommodating in not charging a cancellation fee for the March meeting we missed because of the virus. They will not charge for meals while meetings are being missed, either. In light of the uncertainty of the situation and the Wyndham’s generosity, Laura recommended that we temporarily suspend the search for a new meeting place and sign a contract with the Wyndham starting in June 2020 through May 2021.

A second proposal was offered by Laura to use the money saved from lunch meetings to do some good works for the community. She had seen a suggestion from the director of St. Francis House, that people consider paying for a restaurant to supply a meal for the homeless at St. Francis. This would help restaurants get through a difficult time and feed the homeless at the same time. Laura also suggested that we could help the Wyndham by continuing to pay the minimum charge for our unused luncheons, or possibly supporting Ronald McDonald House.

In discussions that followed, Carolyn pointed out that it would be good to involve restaurants who have supported our silent auction in the past. It was unanimously voted that we sign a new contract with the Wyndham and that we provide at least one meal for St. Francis House, using a restaurant that has supported us. It was also decided that we will proceed with future Board meetings using an online provider.

Submitted by Sara Freeborn, filling in for Becky Munden
**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

- Carol M.       June 2
- Jeanne R.      June 10
- Cherise B.     June 14
- Donna P.       June 14
- Lorna R.       June 15
- Doris H.       June 19
- Lalitha G.     June 23

**WEBSITES:**

- Altrusa International of Gainesville: [gainesville.altrusa.org](http://gainesville.altrusa.org)
- Altrusa International District Three, Inc.: [districtthree.altrusa.org](http://districtthree.altrusa.org)
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Thank you Sara Freeborn, Laura Gunter, Carolyn Harrell, Shea Huey, Joan Suchorski, and Fran Vandiver.
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