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2010

“Work of Heart” Award

Home Club of 2009-2011
International Altrusa President,
Donna Johnson

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE



"Why Altrusa?" is a question I get all the time when I mention that I am a member. For me, Altrusa checks all the boxes of how I want to be involved in our community.

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Through Altrusa, I have had the opportunity to read to young children in their classroom, make cookies with women living at Her House of Hope, sit teary-eyed at a Naturalization ceremony as new citizens shared their stories.

I am excited to begin this chapter of our Altrusa history. 2020 was a difficult year for Altrusa International as a whole - we lost members to death or they resigned from their club and quite a few took a Leave of Absence. The focus at the Club and District levels will be retaining and recruiting members. We will also be looking at our community and determining how best we can help.

MANY years ago, I joined Girl Scouts. Each week we would say the Promise and Law. I don't always remember all the parts, but the one line I do remember is "make the world a better place." Through Altrusa, I have many opportunities to do this and look forward to many more.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Dee



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Upcoming Meetings & Events *(Printable Page)*

Due to ongoing health considerations, Altrusa Club meetings and events have been modified for the time being. As this situation changes and evolves, club leadership will inform the club as we plan for future club events.

Lunch Program – Noon

*Luncheon meetings take place on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month >
Meetings are held on the second Thursday in November and December,*

- ◆ July 8: Retreat Recap and Committee Reports
- ◆ July 22: Christi Arrington,
Executive Director Girls Place, Inc.
- ◆ August 12: Cindy Wielgos, Putting Families First
- ◆ August 26: Brian Jose, Director, University of
Florida Performing Arts



Altrusa Club Board Meetings

Board Meetings take place on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The Board will meet virtually via ZOOM.

- ◆ Next board meeting: July 27 6:00 pm

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Trading Closets: October 22 and 23,
Gainesville Woman's Club
- ◆ Human Books Project: Jan. 23, 2022
- ◆ Vocational Yard Sale: March date TBD
- ◆ International Dinner: April 2, 2022

WHEN DUES ARE DUE

June 1 - 1st Quarter Dues: \$150
(includes the dues below)

Local Dues = \$75

Annual International Dues = \$55

Annual District Three Dues = \$20

September 1 - 2nd Quarter Dues: \$75

December 1 - 3rd Quarter Dues: \$75

March 1 - 4th Quarter Dues: \$75

Total Dues for the Year: \$375*

**Please note: New club members have a different pay schedule based on the month they join.*

Altrusa Meeting: June 10, 2021

Thank you to Sara Freeborn for serving as our Installation Official. Sara used the Gardening Hands installation from the Altrusa.org membership toolkit.

“Did you ever stop to think how wonderful our hands are? God not only gave us hands. He also gave us emotions and capability for feeling deeply, and the ability to accomplish many things in our lives. So much of feelings and emotions are expressed in some way by our hands. We wave our hands for hello and goodbye. When we are married, we join hands. We clasp hands when we meet friends. To seal an agreement, we shake hands. In taking an oath, we raise our right hand. Hands carry! Hands hold!

Today we place a great deal of responsibility in the busy hands of the new officers. They will have the branch in their hands for the coming year – carrying and holding possessions that started this organization 104 years ago and this club 62 years ago. As you walk through this coming year, take time to smell the roses, appreciate the years of dedication and commitment, and recognize that others have planted the seeds, cultivated the ground, and fostered a great deal of growth in this garden.”

What a great way to describe our organization - helping hands, busy hands, creative hands, caring hands, uplifting hands.

Congratulations to our new officers:

- Dee Dugger, President
- Carolyn Harrell, 1st Vice President
- Janice Hunziker, 2nd Vice President
- Cherise Bartley, Director, Fundraisers
- Becky Munden, Director, Projects
- Rosie Connolly, Director, Communications
- Linda Mealia, Secretary
- Karen Wishart, Treasurer
- Laura Gunter, Immediate Past President
- Donna Johnson, Parliamentarian



2021 Altrusan of the Year



In 1995, the Club instituted an Altrusan of the Year Award. This award is presented to the Altrusan of Gainesville

whose unselfish involvement has led our club to new heights. This is our club’s highest honor and is our tribute to that Altrusan’s dedication, leadership, involvement and accomplishments during the last year. Congratulations to Dee Dugger, Altrusan of the Year.



Congratulations to Kathy Anderson, Joey Robison Scholarship Recipient

Kathy is finishing up her AA degree, with a major of Family, Youth and Community at Santa Fe College (SFC) in 2021. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA for her entire educational career at SFC. Kathy is the recipient of a \$500 scholarship from Altrusa International Foundation.

Altrusa Meeting: June 24, 2021



LaShone Surrency, member Altrusa Club of Lake City and Chief Executive Officer, Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway, Inc. LaShone was the Keynote Speaker at Altrusa District Three Conference in April.

LaShone Surrency has 30 years' experience in Early Child Care and Education administration and leadership. Throughout her tenure in the industry, she has served in several roles: Child Care Program Operations Director, Regional Early Learning Eligibility & Family Involvement Resource Trainer, and Deputy Director of Performance and Accountability. She currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway, Inc. in Lake City, Florida. She is a national accreditation observer with the Association for Family Child Care and serves on the Board of the Association of Early Learning Coalitions in the State of Florida.

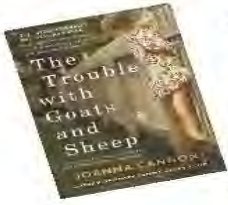
LaShone has a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Relations and Masters in Business Administration in Human Resources with a concentration in Organizational Management. She is an alumnus of the University of Florida and avid "Gator Fan" enjoying these sentiments with her three wonderful children. In her spare time, LaShone Surrency finds joy in helping others, particularly children and young adults. She spends time inspiring, motivating and investing in the lives of others to equip, empower and encourage. In addition to Altrusa, she actively serves her community in the United Way of Suwannee Valley and Partnership for Strong Families, a social service organization designed to protect children from abuse, neglect and abandonment.

In Daytona Beach, Florida, the city where LaShone Surrency was raised, expressing one's spirituality just was not a matter of attending church on a regular basis, it also meant helping people less fortunate, including those referred to as the "sick and shut-in." There is no wonder why LaShone Surrency was also attracted to the mission of Altrusa International. Despite challenges LaShone has faced throughout her life, she gives a standing ovation to the source of her strength through it all, Jesus Christ.

Thank you, LaShone for your generous donation to our club. We will find the perfect recipient to help children in our community.



Summer Book Group



July 21, Wed, 2 pm

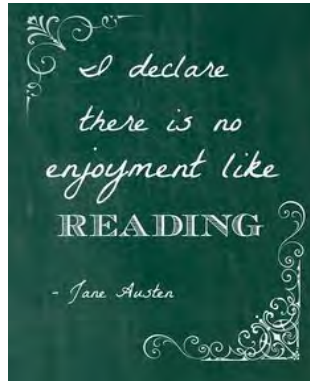
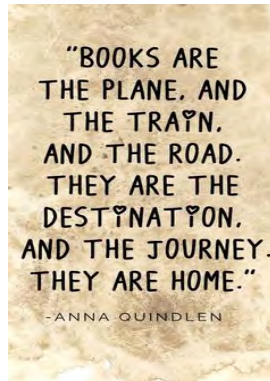
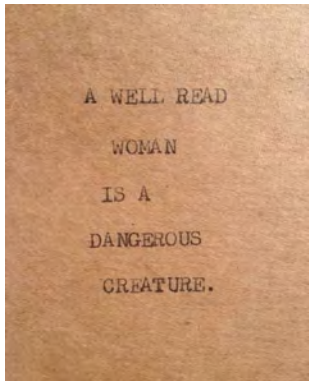
During summer vacation months we'll have fewer folks but fuller friendships. Please join even if you never have before or if you don't read or finish every book (it's summer, after all).



Aug 18, Wed, 2 pm

Book choices will be light, summer reading.

Invite a friend to Zoom in with us to get acquainted with Altrusa as well as the books. Carolyn Harrell can share information about the books. Contact Dee if you want to be added to the ZOOM meeting.



Membership

Meet our Newest Member

Tobi Doering - Tobi returned to Gainesville in 2018 after living here most of the 1990's. Her profession is a commercial real estate appraiser, and her passion is as a teacher of Reiki, a natural healing technique, and meditation, as well as a mindfulness trainer for businesses and organizations. She recently purchased a home in Turkey Creek, and has enjoyed creating a garden there. She has one daughter and a 7-year-old grandson who live in Homestead, Florida. She is interested in Altrusa because she feels it is very important to be part of a community of like-minded individuals who value helping others. Tobi has traveled extensively ALL over the world. If you get a chance, ask her about some of her travels.



Book Donations

Altrusa's Giving Keeps Growing Each Quarter



We have learned that children's books for the *Read to Me* program can be either hard back or paper back (gently used or new) so let's add these to our donations. We know of some good ones.

Presenting our third delivery of paperback books and our first delivery of plastic rimmed reading glasses to the County Jail on June 9, are Carolyn Harrell, Joanne Broadie, Bennye Alligood, Linda McKnew, Vibeke Vala and Cherise Bartley with Program Director Takeeveia Martin.

Thanks to all Altrusans who generously and continuously donate to this *Library Project* which also needs plastic rimmed reading glasses and we just learned, would really appreciate RTS bus passes.



Continue to bring donations to our meetings. Plastic rimmed readers from the Dollar Store in all strengths; children's books, in English and Spanish for the "Read to me" program; motivational or inspirational books; crossword or word searches. Contact Carolyn Harrell at harrelland@cox.net if you need

Happy Hour Plus

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Altrusa Evening Social



In addition to continuing service projects and fund raising, our club has Book Groups, Friday Zoom Coffee, Sisters 2.0... Now, for anyone pining for the Altrusa Evening Group of the past, Barbara Scott is opening her home once a month for getting together sans formal agenda or formal speaker.

Please RSVP to Barbara Scott scottbarbara4@gmail.com (352-377-1998) or Carolyn Harrell harrelland@cox.net

if you would like to come for pizza and conversation

July 20 at 6 pm

Capacity is limited to 12 (that is all that will fit in Barbara's living room).

Address will be provided once you RSVP



District Governor's Message, Shannon Schell



2021-2023 BIENNIUM GOALS



Together we can reach new heights! Every club should strive to attain these three important Biennium Goals.

Always remember, the journey is as important as achieving the goals in lifting others' lives and building better communities.

1. LEADERSHIP:

Set the roadmap for your goals. Submit a Club Strategic Plan to the District Governor.

2. SERVICE:

Shine a spotlight on your Club's activity or project. Submit at least two (2) articles to the DSB for publication.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

Help grow Altrusa with a net gain of four (4) or more new members during the biennium.



THE LEADER IN YOU SETS GOALS

A BIG part of planning effectively is setting the right goals. After all, if you don't know where you're going, chances are you won't get there. This helps your members understand their role in your success. The SMART acronym is a way to remember what you should include when drafting goals and outcome indicators that will generate results. Evaluate each goal you set against the following criteria. Then, adjust to strengthen it.

Consider whether your goals are...

SPECIFIC – Is the goal focused on one clear objective?

MEASURABLE – Are the results quantifiable and verifiable?

ATTAINABLE – Is goal realistic? Are resources available?

RELEVANT – Offer relevant info to the process?

TIME-BOUND – Is goal attached to a measurable time frame?

In lifting others, we lift ourselves!

There aren't a lot of things you can do that can match the feeling you get when you help someone in some positive way. We're all experiencing this thing called LIFE together and as we all know, it isn't always an enjoyable ride.

Sometimes, we'll be down on our luck and need some help such as a break, a chance, or an opportunity. Sometimes, we just need someone to show us some compassion and kindness.

This is where Altrusans excel. We know that there is not an exercise better for the heart than reaching out and helping to lift someone up.

To quote a really old dude:
"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"
- Aesop



**ABOVE AND BEYOND
ALTRUSA LIFTS LIVES**

Thank you all for your exemplary service to Altrusa,

Shannon

Altrusa International Convention 2021



Altrusa International holds a convention, in odd-numbered years, for the entire membership, with a similar purpose to District Conference but on a larger scale. The next Altrusa International Convention will be held July 28-August 1, 2021 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Three Virtual Delegate spots are still available. If you are interested, please contact Dee by July 10.



International Convention

July 28-31, 2021

Racing to Success



Altrusa Club Board Meeting Minutes



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL of Gainesville, FL., Inc. Board of Directors May Zoom Meeting May 25th 2021

Call to Order: Dee Dugger 6:15pm.

Present: Dee Dugger, Becky Munden, Karen Wishart, Carolyn Harrell, Rosie Connolly-guest.

Motion to Approve Agenda: by Becky, seconded by Karen.

Motion to Approve March and April Minutes: by Karen, seconded by Carolyn.

President's Report: Dee: presented in Laura's absence.

1) Laura has checked with Sweetwater about using their space for meetings. Facility is \$250.00 for 2 hours. Buffet is priced between \$17.00 and \$20 per person. Typical is chicken dish with one starch, one vegetable, salad, dessert and coffee bar and tea/water. They have a parking lot behind the facility, and I believe parking is allowed across the street as well. We could start there in August.

Dee has checked with the Cade, and we can use their facility for \$300 for 2 hours. We are currently paying the woman's club \$350 for 2 hours. We need to survey the membership to inquire about preferences.

2) Call to convention – Based on our current membership of 61, we are allowed 4 delegates and 4 alternates. First option goes to board members, and then we will open to entire membership. If we do not fill all the in-person delegate slots, we are allowed to have remote DELEGATES for voting privileges only. That cost is \$25, and they will be sent specific emails with voting instructions.

3) Slate of officers for next year – this does not have to be approved by the board, but the membership does need to vote on Thursday, or we cannot install new officers in June.

4) Club must vote to approve the combining of the Directors of fundraising and Director of projects board positions. If approved, we will have 2 directors – fundraising/projects and communication (website, social media, and newsletter).

The retreat will be held at the Altrusa House in the back room on June 12th from 10am until 2pm. Lunch will be a Potluck Salad, etc.



Altrusa Club Board Meeting Minutes

1st Vice Presidents Report; Dee: There are 32 lunch orders for the May 27th meeting. This is our highest lunch participation yet. For the July 8th meeting, the next caterer will be Chick Salad Chick, a new local restaurant. Delegates are still needed for the Convention in Charlotte, July 28 thru Aug 1st, this year there will be virtual delegates to allow for electronic voting. After June 15th late fees apply.

2nd Vice Presidents Report; Carolyn: We will be initiating a new member, Rosie Connolly, at the meeting on May 27th. Tobi Doering, another new member, will be initiated at the July 8th meeting.

Treasurer's Report; Karen: The April treasurer reports with balance sheets were emailed to everyone. We have 61 active and 5 Emeritus members. We have a few members we need to reach out possible leave of absence for them. Motion was made to have a credit card instead of the debit card. The Credit card will provide greater security for lunch order transactions. The motion was made by Carolyn, seconded by Becky. Once the Credit Card is received then the Debit card will be cancelled. Karen is working on getting a Financial Advisory Committee meeting together including Karen, Laura, Dee, and Joan. Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Carolyn, seconded by Becky.

Immediate Past President's Report; Dee; presented by Dee in Joan's absence. October is Trading Closets, April 2nd is the International Dinner, and January is the Human Books Project.

Director / Club Projects; unfilled No Report.

Director / Communications / Website; Kim: No Report

Director / Fundraisers; Cherise: No Report

Altrusa House Liason; Dee: Lee, the director, has been working closely with the Veterans Administration to promote the Altrusa House.

Historian / Parliamentarian / Archives; Donna: No Report.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Karen, seconded by Carolyn at 7:05pm.

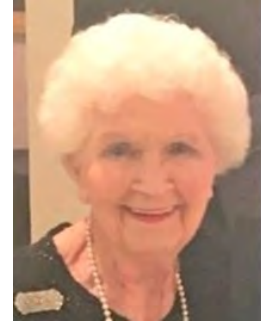
*****Next Board Meeting: Tuesday June 22nd 2021 6:00pm Zoom.



Altrusa House: Garden of Memories

Remembering those who have a brick dedicated to them in our Garden of Memories.

Joyce McCallum



Joyce McCallum, a long-time and beloved Altrusan, was a native of Alachua County, born in 1929 at Alachua General Hospital, and she resided in Alachua County until her passing in 2020. She joined Altrusa in 1974 and was a willing volunteer for all of her 46 years of membership.

Joyce was known by her Altrusan sisters as the epitome of fashion and she always dressed in high fashion, complete with high heels, to perhaps the envy of some who gave up their heels for sensible flats as they aged. Not our Joyce! Joyce brought her sense of fashion to her many, many hours of volunteer work in the preparation for our Trading Closets major fundraiser. She not only spent many hours sorting and pricing the stacks of clothing to be offered for sale, but she also had an unfailing eye for identifying the unusual and the proper pricing for same.

Joyce's professional career was spent at the *Gainesville Sun*, beginning work there in 1949 until her retirement in 2000 as an Advertising Sales Executive. She always considered the staff there as her second family. Her first family, her daughter and son, two grandchildren and one great grandchild, were of great importance to her.

Joyce loved to travel and enjoyed many trips and cruises. Perhaps her trips to New York were instrumental in her love of fashion and knowledge of same. She will be missed as will her unmatched knowledge in fashion.

DONORS: Nancy Hult, Lisa Renner, Barbara Scott, Joy Flowers, Becky Munden, Vibeke Vala, Maggie MacDonald, Ellen Dickstein

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Lisa R. July 5
Nancy K. July 20
Norma G. July 28



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*Thank you to Marge Baker,
 Rosie Connolly, Carolyn
 Harrell, and Nancy Hult for
 their help with the Newsletter.*

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