

THE SALEM ALTRUSAN

President's Address

Happy February!!! This month is not just the time to think of hearts and valentines, it is also the time to start planning for upcoming leadership trainings and conference.

The District 12 Conference in May is always a lot of fun! I have attended three of the past four conferences. Every year I leave with a better understanding of Altrusa and I am encouraged to see that though we are one club, as a district and international organization, we are making a huge difference. I promise you that if you are available to attend you will not be sorry to join us. In addition, while we do learn a lot at these conferences we also

thoroughly enjoy ourselves and have fun! The early bird evening activity is a lot of fun and laughter, last year was trivia night! And you don't want to miss Friday's dress up night. You never know what kind of crazy outfits the other clubs will come in.

If you want to see some of the pictures, visit the districts website at www.altrusa.org. They are hilarious! If you are interested in attending, please let me know so we can coordinate our hotel rooms and carpooling.

In addition now is also the time to think about nominating a club member for the Gladys Brewster Outstanding Altrusan Award. Each club may nominate one



**Sarah
Johnson
Club
President**

member per year. The award recognizes your club's "unsung hero" and is based on outstanding service over a period of years. The nominee must be a current member of Altrusa International, Inc. One award will be given at the 2010 District Twelve Conference, Canyonville, Oregon. If you want to nominate a member of our club please let me know. from multiple people about different nominees I will talk with all of the nominators to determine who we want to nominate this year.

Notes from International President Donna Johnson

Did you know that we've been sending out a monthly e-news to you every month around the 15th of the month since July? If not, your email from us may be ending up in your junk mail. There are a few things you can do that will help minimize the likelihood of this happening and we'd really appreciate you doing them.

1. Please add altrusa@altrusa.com to your address books. In many cases this alone can keep mail from us from being tagged as spam or junk. We would also like you to add altrusanews@altrusainternational.org to your address books. **DO NOT SEND EMAIL TO THAT ADDRESS.** It is a new address that we are getting set up for future use in mailings from Altrusa.

2. Check the email program you use to see what capabilities it has for allowing you to set up "rules" to tell it that email coming from certain addresses is NOT to be considered as SPAM. Each email program (and/or spam filter) is a bit different. I wish I could give you specific details for each of them but that would be practically impossible. You are generally looking for terms like e-mail or spam filter, whitelist, safelist, list of approved senders, "not spam" or something similar.

Club Activity This Month—Hygiene Kits

This month we will begin our business meeting by assembling hygiene kits to donate to local shelters. This year kits will include toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, washcloths, and more. After the kits are assembled we will hold our regular business meeting with some time in there for snacks! We will also need help distributing the kits to the following organizations: Home Youth and Resouce Center, Marion County and Polk County Victims Assistance Program, Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service, Sable House, Salvation Army, and Union Gospel Simonka House. . If you are available please let Shirley know.

Altrusan Interests: Principles of Altrusa

6. Altrusa commends to its members an active interest in public affairs, realizing that the State is but the individual writ large.
7. Altrusa develops true leadership, concerned with accomplishment and not with recognition.

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Club Updates

2010 Altrusa Leadership and Treasurer Training Workshop

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 13, 2010 and register now to attend leadership and treasurers training tailored especially to help you assume your role or a future role in Altrusa.

- Learn how to prepare for a possible upcoming term of office.
- Get tips on how to run an efficient meeting and handle tough situations in your club.
- Educate yourself about what a Foundation really is and what the limitations are.
- Learn about budgets, how to create one and their importance to your clubs' success.
- Know how to handle the important role of treasurer.

In the leadership section, agenda topics will help all Altrusa leaders, of today and tomorrow, get organized and assist you in being a successful leader.

This training can assist each Altrusan prepare for their upcoming leadership role or a future leadership position. Many aspects of the training will also be of benefit in the workplace.

All Presidents, Treasurers, President-elects, Vice Presidents, Committee Chairmen and other future leaders are encouraged to attend. The time to learn is now, before you assume office, whether that is in 2010 or later.

The training will be in the CAP building in Longview, WA. Please plan to arrive no later than 8:55 a.m. Coffee, juice and rolls will be served at 8:30 a.m. for early arrivals. The agenda will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will end no later than 4:00 p.m. Lunch and afternoon snacks are also included.

Date: March 13 (RSVP by 2/25)
Time: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Location: Longview, WA
Cost: \$20.00/person

If you are planning to attend please let Sarah Johnson know so we can arrange carpooling.

Literacy Conference in Salem

After an extremely successful community wide book collection during December, the Marion County Children and Families Commission and its Great Beginnings early childhood partners are continuing the literacy momentum by hosting its second community literacy conference. February 12—13 at Red Lion Hotel in Salem. The theme of this year's event will be "For the Love of Literacy: Unlocking the Door to Learning."

This two day conference will target the interests of our community members who wish to enhance, develop and promote literacy

(Excerpt from Statesman Journal Jan. 24, 2010)

practices and principles.

If you are a parent, foster parent, grandparent, guardian, childcare provider, early educator, family advocate, support organization or network, volunteer, mentor, or a community member who is concerned about literacy, you can choose among the 35 workshops focusing on gaining a better understanding of the current practices in the field of education, family support, environmental, development community engagement and more.

Additionally, participants will learn valuable strategies to use in

everyday situations, learn about brain development and its tie to literacy, and the connection between poverty and literacy.

Space is limited. The registration deadline is February 2. Advance registration cost for the entire conference is \$20. Advance one day registration is \$12 and on-site registration will be honored as space is available for \$15 per day.

For more information go to www.co.marion.or.uscfc or call 503-588-7975 and ask for Shirley Gardner.

Final Grant Designation

Altrusa Grants Awarded for 2009-2010

Name of Organization	Request Brief	Request	Awarded
Blindskills, Inc.	Ten subscriptions to Dialogue magazine for the visually impaired	\$500	\$500
Dallas Public Library	Funds to purchase beginning readers (books)	\$200	\$200
Girl Scouts Beyond Bars	Building of Mom & Daughter Library-GSBB program-Coffee Creek	\$800	\$400
Home Youth & Resource Center	Copy Machine and four sturdy folding chairs	\$400	\$400
Lake Labish Elementary School	Funds to purchase beginning readers (books)		\$200
Liberty House	Essential medical supplies - film, video tapes & DVD's to document		\$400
Marion County Children & Families	purchase additional materials for Reading for All Holiday Book Drive		\$400
Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Center	Travel funds (over \$250) matched by a trust. Hy-	\$250	\$500
Polk County Victim's Assistance Program	Client assistance, stuffed animals, learning / activity bags		\$500
Sable House	Funds to purchase materials used for Children's Support Groups		\$500
Salem Public Library	Funds to purchase beginning readers (books)		\$200
Salvation Army	A new 5-hole Electric Food Warmer Buffet for the Homeless Shelter	\$950	\$950
SMART - Polk County	Funds for program support, evaluation expenses & free books for children	\$500	\$500
Summer Reading Improvement Program	Tuition funding for families needing financial assistance		\$500
	Total		\$6,150
Service Projects	Hygiene Kits, Activity Bags, School Supplies, Stuffed Animals.		\$2,350
	Grand Total		\$8,500

Projects and Materials bought and provided by Altrusa (other than direct dollars)

Hygiene Kits	\$400
Activity / Learning Bags	\$500
School Supplies / Backpacks	\$700
Stuffed Animals	\$250
Sweatsuits	\$500
Total	\$2,350

Minutes

Altrusa of Salem
Business Meeting – January 5, 2010

Members Present: Helen Howard, Diana Jensen, Shirley Klebaum, Jyll Smith, Sarah Johnson, Patty Johnson, Tiffany Partridge, Erika Motzko and Nancy Boyer.

Question of the Day: What was the favorite Christmas present you received?

Minutes: Jyll moved to accept, Shirley seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The report was accepted as presented.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Wine, Chocolate and More – The next meeting of the WC&M Committee will be on Wednesday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Creekside. Jill Dorsing resigned from the committee and we need a new volunteer to recruit chocolate and food vendors.

Innisbruck Wrap-up - The total sales for both gift wrap and chocolates was \$916. After paying for the product and shipping costs, the club made just under \$400 (\$393.63 to be exact).

New Business:

Foundation Grant Nomination Approval – Patty Johnson went over the recommendations provided in the newsletter. Marion County added a request for an All Holiday Book Drive. No amount requested was indicated and \$400 was put in for this project. Nancy Boyer moved to accept the recommendation; Jyll Smith seconded and the motion passed.

Holiday Social – Anita Saalfeld is the social coordinator for this event. It will be at 6:00 p.m. at Nancy Boyer's home and there will be a gift exchange.

Patty Johnson's absence – Patty will be gone, but will be in contact through e-mail and phone. The club needs someone to volunteer to assume the membership chair duties during her absence. Diana Jensen volunteered to do this.

Activity Switch – The group agreed to switch the activities for February and March. Putting together the Hygiene Kits will be in February and the Wine Event will be in March. If members have items for the hygiene kits, they can give them to Shirley at the Holiday Social. The Hygiene Kit project will be held on February 2nd and will be at Sarah's house.

Add an Altrusan Day (Week) – May 2nd through 8th. It was agreed that this might be a good time to have another Bunco party. It was agreed that we could do this the week before – and are going to look at the last two weeks of April depending on availability.

District Conference – The District Conference will be May 21st to 23rd in Canyonville. Anyone who is interested in attending should let Sarah know.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Boyer



Treasurer's Report

**ALTRUSA OF SALEM
FINANCIAL REPORT
December 31, 2010, January 27,2010****

ALTRUSA OPERATIONS ACCOUNT

Balance Forward 11/30/09		\$ 2,603.30
Income:		
Transfer Innisbrook surplus	\$ 392.63	
Tiffany & Erika dues		102.00
Interest	.11	
Expenses:		
Altrusa International Dues	(75.00)	
Patty Johnson (member tag)	(32.60)	
District Due		(50.00)
Roth's (membership event)	(197.90)	
Balance 1/27/2010		\$ 2,640.04

ALTRUSA FOUNDATION CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance Forward 11/30/09		\$13,679.49
Income:		
Innisbrook Orders*		176.00
Palotai Winery – WCM	300.00	
Expenses:		
Innisbrook Payment *		522.37
Innisbrook Tsf. To Operations account*	392.63	
WCM Community Newsletter Ads	65.00	
WCM Vendor letters – Patty Johnson	167.59	
Sarah Johnson – WCM Website change	46.45	
State Fair – Facility Downpayment	1,200.00	
Patty Johnson – Grant letters	15.73	
Grants Given – 14 non-profits	6,150.00	
Shirley Klebaum – Hygiene Kit Supplies	383.41	
Balance 1/27/10		\$ 5,428.94

* Innisbrook orders processed incorrectly to Operations account

** January figures estimated, not bank balanced.

ALTRUSA FOUNDATION MONEY MARKET. (interest only)

Balance 12/31/09		\$ 2,304.40
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Agenda—February 2, 2010

Altrusa Business Meeting February 2, 2010

1. Call to Order
2. Opening: Question of the Day
3. Reports
 - Minutes
 - Treasurer
 - Communications
4. Unfinished Business
 - Wine Chocolate and More Update
 - Add an Altrusan Day—May 2-8
5. New Business
 - District Conference/Leadership Training

Next Meeting: March 2, 2010
Time: 5:45 p.m.
Location: Eden Rose Brown's Law Offices

Upcoming Projects (and Project Coordinators)

February 17 -	WCM Committee Mtg — Creekside Clubhouse Dining
March 2 —	Business Meeting
March 10 -	WCM Committee Mtg — Creekside Clubhouse Dining
April 6 —	Business Meeting
April —	Social Activity—Wine Tour—Diana
May 4 —	Business Meeting/WCM Planning
June 1 —	Business Meeting/WCM Planning
June 18—20 -	Wine Chocolate and More— WCM Committee



What is Altrusa?

Altrusa is an international service organization of business, professional and executive people dedicated to using the best of their talents and expertise for the betterment of their communities.

Altrusa's projects have become models that other agencies/organizations have adopted and expanded. As service innovators, today's Altrusans seek new fields of voluntarism and new ways to meet today's challenges. Altrusa continues to evolve while keeping pace with the needs and abilities of today's professionals.

Altrusa International of Salem was chartered in 1982, as part of an international organization founded in 1917.

How does Altrusa of Salem benefit the community?

We plan and carry out programs and projects designed to help our community with literacy, and women and children's issues.

Service Projects

Our club assesses community needs each year and each member has the opportunity to have input into our giving process. In the past, our club has helped to meet the following community needs: Mid-Valley Crisis Center—travel fund donations and personal care kits; Marion/Polk County Victims Assistance Program—learning bags, sweat suits; Blindskills—a local publisher of literature for the visually impaired; Sable House—learning bags; and other various projects over past years.

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What's next for Altrusa International of Salem?



Upcoming Meetings and Events

February 2
**Business Meeting/
Hygiene Kits**
Sarah Johnson's House

March 2
Business Meeting
**Eden Rose Brown's Law
Offices**

Salem Altrusan Submission Guidelines: Deadline for Stories—20th of the month—E-mail to Sarah Johnson
Anticipated Issue Date—25th of the month

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