



THE ALTRUSAN

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President Letter

Spring

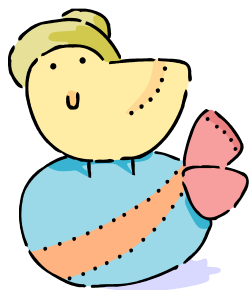
What a wonderful time of renewal for the mind, body and home.

Time to prod the dust bunnies from their winter hiding places and bring in fresh air and bright colors to chase away the doldrums of winter. In my case, I am experiencing an extreme case of spring cleaning as I pack up important papers, knicks knacks and a lot of memories from my “old” house and prepare to move to a new house. Although I am excited about being closer to my family in Gaffney, it has been hard emotionally when I find things that remind me of all the fun times my family shared here. But as times change we must change as well to grow and adapt to our new surroundings and situation. Although the children and I have lots of special memories of life in our old house, we are looking forward to making new memories in our new house.

Spring is also a time of change in Altrusa District Three with the new officers installation coming at the Conference — most importantly, our own Linda Robison as District Governor! We can look forward to some fresh ideas and new perspectives in our leaders that will make our District grow and become better than ever.

So everyone get ready to shake off the winter blues (and all that pollen!) and recommit yourself to being the best Altrusan you can be in support of our **Governor** — **Linda Robison!**

~ Donna



Be sure to *mark your calendars* with the following *dates:*



- April 3 Altrusa of Spartanburg Board Meeting
- April 11 Altrusa of Spartanburg - Noon Marriott DuPre Restaurant Altrusa Birthday Party
- April 25 Altrusa of Spartanburg - Noon Marriott DuPre Restaurant Business/Program Meeting Emily Neely *Upstate Forever*

District Three Conference

“Altrusa You Never Out *grow* it”

April 26 — April 28, 2007

Paramount Hotel & Conference Center
Gainesville, FL

For more information, www.altrusa-gainesville.org

Hope to see lots of you there to support and celebrate with Linda as our New Governor!

Altrusa International of Spartanburg, SC Foundation

Monthly Statement

First Citizens Account (Checking) March 1, 2007

Balance as on March 1, 2007	\$	15,783.35
Donation (READ-ON)	\$	520.00
Chili Sales	\$	30.00
Altrusa International (Bond Insurance)	\$	15.00
Altrusa International Foundation (donation)	\$	50.00
Southeastern Printing (READ-ON)	\$	(86.10)
Spartanburg Community College(Tereka's tuition)	\$	(470.00)
Balance on March 31, 2007	\$	15,712.25

Altrusa International of Spartanburg, Inc.

Operating Budget

Monthly Reconciliation

First Citizen's Checking Balance Feb. 28, 2007)	\$	4,398.97
First South Operating Account (Feb. 28, 2007)	\$	2,287.75
First South PMA Account (Feb. 28, 2007)		
Magruder/Quinn Fund	\$	360.90
Adams Award	\$	108.16
International Convention	\$	1,000.00
Interest	\$	950.28
President D Fund	\$	273.33
Rose Carryover	\$	3,640.60
Operating Carryover	\$	9,671.87
Twichell	\$	1,653.00
Barnes and Noble	\$	600.00
Dues 2007-08	\$	100.00
Balance		\$18,358.14
Yielding: 4.50%		

If you would like a copy of the complete report, please contact
Linda Walker, Treasurer

The Talent Sale netted approximately \$1,300! Thanks to all who
participated to make this a great success.

LEADERS IN SERVICE

President:

Donna Adams
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President Elect:

Marggi Roldan

Vice President:

Joe Ann Lever

Secretary:

Mildred Finch

Treasurer:

Linda Walker

Directors:

Donna Cromer (2007)

Holly Boyce (2008)

Ava Hughes (2008)

Parliamentarian:

Linda Robison

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Catherine Thompson

Secretary:

Cathy Bryant

Treasurer:

Richard Van Wagoner

Director:

Donna Adams

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Sad News from District Three



It is sad to report the death of Marguerite Branch, District Three Foundation Treasurer and long time member of Altrusa International Inc. of Caldwell County, NC. Marguerite passed away Wednesday afternoon after a long time battle with stomach cancer. Marguerite was a dedicated Altrusan and served her club and her District very well. She will be greatly missed.

**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF SPARTANBURG, SC
BOARD MEETING
SPARTANBURG COUNTY LIBRARY
MARCH 6, 2007 MINUTES**

President Donna Adams convened the board meeting at the Spartanburg County Public Library at 5:40 pm with Mildred Finch, Joe Ann Lever, Gayle Magruder, Linda Robison, Marggi Roldan, and Linda Walker in attendance.

Linda Walker presented a financial report with data through Feb. 28th. Budget for 2006-2007 will be presented for approval at the meeting on March 14th.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. Twichell ushers needed for Saturday, March 24th and Saturday, March 31st. Concern was expressed over limited club participation during the year. Is it possible to offer a small financial incentive to those who have participated at least 5 times during the club year? Linda Walker presented the following:

“For each event worked beyond the 30% (5 events this year) the member shall have \$5.00 per event deducted from her/his dues. (Following the 2006-2007 year it will be necessary for the member to usher at least one of the Nutcracker performances in order to be eligible for this benefit.)

Any participating non-member shall receive compensation of \$2.50 per event to be awarded at our Recognition Banquet in May. Since the monies raised from ushering these events benefit the Operating Budget, the Operating Budget shall cover these expenses.”

Linda moved to approve the proposal. Joe Ann Lever seconded. Motion passed.

2. Joe Ann Lever reported that she had called the ASTRA sponsor at Dorman High School to discuss the nominee for this year’s ASTRA scholarship. She has no response, and she will call again.
3. Altrusa’s Birthday Party to be held April 11th. Will invite potential members, former members, and Chili sponsors.
4. Officer Installation for 2007-2008 will be May 9th at the Marriott.
5. Proposal for Magruder/Quinn Emergency Fund

was presented, and Joe Ann Lever moved that it be approved. Motion passed. The proposal follows:

“The Magruder/Quinn Fund shall be used to help members of Altrusa who have emergency financial needs.



Happy Easter

The following criteria must be met:

- a. In order to receive money from this fund the individual must have been a member of the Altrusa of Spartanburg Club for at least 2 years and must have participated in Altrusa activities on a regular basis.
- b. This request should be for an emergency need, such as, funds needed to repair damage created by a natural or man-made catastrophic disaster that has caused damage to the person and/or her/his personal property, an emergency medical need, the sudden death of someone in the immediate family, etc.
- c. The member may receive a maximum of \$2,000.00 per request, if funds are available.
- d. The individual needs to make an application stating why the funds are needed and an itemized estimation of how much is needed.

The Treasurer of the Altrusa Foundation, Gayle Magruder and Lucy Quinn shall review the request. These three shall meet and make their decision within two weeks of receiving the application, and they shall keep the request, as well as the outcome, confidential.

In order for the Fund to remain solvent and available to other members, it is asked that the recipient repay as much of the loan as possible. Ideally, this should be done within a two-year period.

Twichell Auditorium Upcoming Events

Altrusa dues were reduced several years ago to attract more members. The ushering at Twichell will help keep our dues low.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Hopefully we can vote on this proposal at the March 28th meeting.

The remaining ushering events are:

- May 18 — Baccalaureate
- May 19 — Commencement
- May 25 & 26 — Bluegrass Festival
- June 2 — Barbershop Quartet Concert

Linda Walker

An individual who has received aid from this fund is eligible to receive additional help only if they have repaid a significant portion of the earlier loan. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, the individual should wait at least five years before applying for a second loan.”

6. Lifetime Achievement Award was discussed again. Consensus was that no action be taken to establish this award at this time.
7. Rose Fund currently has about \$3,600. Desire to increase to \$10,000 and endow for environmental projects. Joe Ann Lever proposed:
“Rose Fund carry-over in the Operating Account to be moved to the Foundation Account to establish an endowment the interest of which will be used to fund environmental projects.” M. Finch seconded. Motion passed.
8. Bookmarks need to be updated. Revise and distribute at the Birthday Party.
9. Mail and communications: President Donna received a request from the American Legion asking Altrusa to assist in sponsoring Boys State/ Girls State scholarships and with Heroes to Hometown project. Donna will respond that we have nothing budgeted for these projects at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Mildred E. Finch, Recording Secretary



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF SPARTANBURG, SC
MARRIOTT RENAISSANCE HOTEL
BUSINESS/PROGRAM MEETING
MARCH 14, 2007

President Donna Adams convened the meeting at the Marriott Hotel at 12:10 pm. Members in attendance were: D. Adams, S. Broyles, C. Bryant, C. Conner, M.

Finch, J. Hicks, Jane Johnson, W. Jurgensen, J. Lever, G. Luca, G. Magruder, I. Massengill, L. Quinn, L. Robison, P. Smith, J. Sydnor, C. Thompson, M. Van Wagoner, R. Van Wagoner, H. Veverka, L. Walker, R. Wrightson, M. Zimmerman. Members excused were: J. Bristow, G. Brown, A. Hughes, Janice Johnson, E. Jones, M. Roldan.

Guests were Michael and Sabina Gibb.



Program:

Joe Ann Lever introduced Mary Walters from SPACE who presented the program – Spartanburg Area Conservancy.

Announcements and Committee Reports:

- Jean Sydnor, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the proposed slate of officers for 2007/2008 as follows:

President: Marggi Roldan
 President Elect: Joe Ann Lever
 Vice President: Cathy Bryant
 Secretary: Marianne Van Wagoner
 Treasurer: Linda Walker
 Director (2008): Irma Massengill
 Director (2009): Cathy Conner

Linda Robison moved to accept the slate by acclamation. Motion passed.

Jean asked for nominations from the floor to fill the three Director positions for the Foundation. Wendy Jurgensen, Richard Van Wagoner, and Louise Parris were nominated. Lucy Quinn moved, and Sarah Broyles seconded to accept the three nominees by acclamation. Motion passed.

- Gayle Magruder explained the proposal for using the Magruder/Quinn Fund to assist our own members when necessary. Gayle moved that the proposal be accepted as printed in the March newsletter.

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Motion passed.

- Gayle Magruder explained the proposal for the Rose Fund. Gayle moved that the proposal be accepted as printed in the March newsletter. “Rose Fund carry-over in the Operating Account to be moved to the Foundation Account to establish an endowment the interest of which will be used to fund environmental projects.” Motion passed
- Linda Walker announced that she needed volunteers to usher at the next event at Twichell Auditorium on March 31st for the Spartanburg Regional Foundation.
- President Donna shared correspondence received from Dena Gomez thanking Altrusa for the money received from the Ella Sherman Scholarship and also for the additional \$1,000 which she received to help defray tuition expenses.
- Linda Walker presented the proposed budget for 2006/2007. She moved that it be accepted. Motion passed.
- Chili Report: Proceeds from February Sale \$7,958.75. Still expect to receive \$4,000 from WalMart.
- Sarah Broyles thanked the club for naming the newest scholarship in her honor.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Mildred E. Finch, Recording Secretary



**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF SPARTANBURG, SC
MARRIOTT RENAISSANCE HOTEL
BUSINESS/PROGRAM MEETING
MARCH 28, 2007**

President Donna Adams called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm at the Marriott Hotel. Members attending were: D. Adams, C. Bryant, M. Finch, J. Hicks, A. Hughes, Jane Johnson, J. Lever, G. Luca, G. Magruder, L. Robison, M. Roldan, P. Smith, J. Sydnor, M. Van Wagoner, R. Van Wagoner, H. Veverka, L. Walker, M. Zimmerman. Excused: G. Brown, S. Broyles, Janice Johnson, W. Jurgensen, E. Jones, I. Massengill, L. McKinney, L. Parris, L.

Quinn, R. Wrightson. Guest: Speaker, Sandra Watson.

Program

Joe Ann Lever introduced Sandra Watson, Manager of Environmental Affairs at Southern Wood Piedmont who offered slides and commentary regarding environmental clean-up projects being done by Southern Wood Piedmont at several plant sites.

Announcements and Committee Reports:

Helen Veverka announced plans for the club’s birthday party to be held at the regular meeting on April 11th. Thinking back to 1961, please wear white gloves and hats.

Joe Ann Lever needs help assembling and delivering the book bags. The Literacy Committee created a new label to affix to each book which states that the book was provided by Altrusa.



Linda Robison reminded Altrusans of the opportunity to contribute to Gov. Cindy’s Two Hands, One Heart project. Five thousand dollars is needed to endow the project.

Linda Walker presented the proposal to offer partial compensation to Altrusans who have ushered at Twichell at more than 30% of the events. “For each event worked beyond the 30% (5 events this year) the member shall have \$5.00 per event deducted from her/his dues. (Following the 2006-2007 year it will be necessary for the member to usher at least one of the Nutcracker performances in order to be eligible for this benefit.)

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President Donna announced her new address: 149 Nature’s Trail, Gaffney, SC.

Dues for 2007/2008 are due to the Treasurer by May 15th, 2007. Linda Walker distributed invoices.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Mildred E. Finch, Recording Secretary

Altrusa of Spartanburg

presents

What’s happening to Spartanburg’s Environment?

April 25 – Emily Neely, Upstate Forever
Promoting Sensible Growth

The mission of Altrusa of Spartanburg is to provide service to our local and global community wit emphasis on family, education, literacy, and the environment.

Altrusa Accent

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules of parliamentary practice in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, govern the proceedings of Altrusa International and all districts and clubs within the boundaries of the United States, subject to any special rules which have been or may be adopted by International, the district or a club. Clubs outside the United States may interpret the reference according to their customary rules of parliamentary procedure, subject to any special rules, which have been or may be adopted by International, the district or club.

Altrusa Birthdays

April 17 - Marianne Van Wagoner

April 28 - Wendy Jurgensen

May 19 - Rhita Wrightson

May 17- Jane Hicks

Altrusa Anniversaries

April 1969 - Glenna Luca

April 1990 - Linda Robison

April 1996 - Mildred Finch

April 1996 - Joe Ann Lever

April 1999 - Jane Johnson

April 1999 - Gayle Magruder

April 2003 - Janice Johnson

April 2005 - Ava Hughes

May 1970 - Jean Sydnor

May 1989 - Maranda Gibson

May 1991 - Lucy Quinn

May 2004 - Richard "Van" Van Wagoner

May 2005 - Holly Boyce



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