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Hands Up With Altrusiasm

Hands Up With Altrusiasm is the theme Gov. Linda Robison chose for her biennium (2007-2009). Let's plan to be her biggest supporter! We are already doing many of these things but Linda is asking that we bump it up a notch or two.

It has recently been written in the media that 38% of working people (mostly women) are living below the poverty level. The old adage that if you work, you have all you need is no longer true and continuing to worsen. Gov. Linda charges us with helping more women who are earnestly trying to make it by giving them a hands up.

There are four parts to this program.

Part 1: We need to check all of our sources to locate women in need. Why are they not making it? What do these women need that they don't have?

Education? — Are they literate?

Health Insurance? — Do they and/or their children need medical care and low cost insurance?

Transportation? — Do they need a car or car repairs on their current car or bus line information if it's available?

A safer home? — Are they in a location that is dangerous and need to find a safer home or need repairs to their current home?

Do they need child care? — Do they need affordable and dependable child care in order to get a better job?

Nutrition? — Do they need nutrition training in order to be more healthy and do they need groceries?

These are just a few ideas from Gov. Linda on giving a hands up to low income working women.

Part 2: Acts of Kindness. Most Altrusans give a hands up to people without thinking about it. This is just who you are as an Altrusan. Gov. Linda wants to hear about our acts of kindness on a monthly basis so we will soon start collecting this information. When the receiver of your kindness is aware you did this, ask the person to pay it forward — to give a hands up to others so the acts of kindness will continue to multiply.

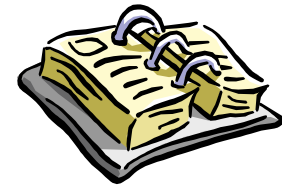
Part 3: Member Services. What do we need and want that will help us be better and more knowledgeable Altrusans? What can we, as a club, give our members to make them more capable and proficient professionals? Are we assisting club members with networking? Would you like to have a program on leadership, workplace etiquette or another topic?

Part 4: Global Warming. We have seen a great deal in the media lately about global warming. What can we do as a club and what can you do individually to help the environment?

We'll be exploring these questions this year so give it some thought now and share your ideas with the club through the appropriate committees.

Marggi

Be sure to mark your calendars with the following dates:



- Sept. 6 Altrusa of Spartanburg Board Meeting
- Sept. 12 Altrusa of Spartanburg - Noon Marriott DuPre Restaurant Business/Program Meeting
- Sept. 26 Altrusa of Spartanburg - Noon Marriott DuPre Restaurant Business/Program Meeting
Speaker: Rusty Clevenger
Forensic Coordinator for the Solicitor's Office
- Oct. 4 Altrusa of Spartanburg, 12:30 Board Meeting
Elizabeth's

District Three Conference

April 3-5, 2008

Omni Hotel
Charlotte, NC

Its not too early to make your hotel reservations, as our block of rooms will go quickly!

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF
 SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
LEADERS IN SERVICE

Altrusa International of Spartanburg, SC Foundation
Monthly Statement

First Citizens Account (Checking) August 1, 2007

Balance as on August 1, 2007	\$	19,851.28
Restricted Funds removed	\$	9,204.28
Altrusa of Spartanburg (annual meeting meals)	\$	(180.00)
Converse College (Gomez Sch) CD deposit	\$	2,854.94
Restricted Balance:		
Environmental Fund	\$	3,940.78
Magruder/Quinn Fund	\$	371.91
Jane Hicks Fund Donation	\$	50.00
Environmental Fund Donation	\$	50.00
As of August 31, 2007:		
Foundation Unrestricted Balance	\$	10,467.20
Foundation Restricted Balance	\$	4,412.69

Altrusa International of Spartanburg, Inc.
Operating Budget
Monthly Reconciliation

First South Operating Account (Aug. 1, 2007)	\$	890.11
First South PMA Account		
Magruder/Quinn Fund	\$.00
Adams Award	\$	79.75
International Convention	\$.00
Interest	\$	188.45
President's D Fund	\$	284.34
Rose Carryover	\$.00
Operating Carryover	\$	10,589.62
Twichell	\$	2,769.08
2007-2008	\$	150.00
Barnes & Noble	\$	620.00
Balance	\$	14,681.24
Yielding: 4.56%		

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**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL INC. OF SPARTANBURG
BUBBA'S BAR-B-QUE
BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUG. 2, 2007**

Meeting was called to order at 12:35 PM by President Marggi Roldan.

Present: Linda Walker, Ava Hughes, Cathy Bryant, Cathy Conner, Lucy Quinn, Donna Adams, and Marianne Van Wagoner, Irma Massingill.

Also present were Foundation board officers, Sarah Broyles, Richard Van Wagoner, Wendy Jurgensen.

Absent: Joe Ann Lever.

Budget Report : Presented by Linda Walker, accepted as printed.

Old Business: Memorial donation for Helen Veverka's great grandson to be handled by Community Services. Will notify Gayle Magruder, Chair.

Carry-Over Operating Fund policy: Linda Walker made a motion to have the Foundation officers write a policy on use of Carry-Over Operating Fund, to be Policy #22 and it will be put in the yearbook. Ava Hughes Seconded the motion . – Motion passed.

New Business: Membership approval for Barbara Bishop – Motion to accept made by Cathy Bryant, Seconded by Donna Adams, accepted.

Membership approval for Roberta (Bobby) Torrence as made by Marianne Van Wagoner, seconded by Cathy Connor. Bobby was an Altrusan from 1979 – 1989 in Aurora, Illinois and transferred to Bowling Green KY in 1989 until the club disbanded in 2002,

Lucy has a source for sample goodies (similar to one we had several years ago) Marggi will ask Social Committee if they want to pursue the opportunity.

Committees without Chairs (several were already appointed or had volunteered) were appointed by the board. It was determined that the first name listed would be the chairman.

Marggi stated Katie Heath (one of our four new members that will be initiated soon) has left Sherman College and is working for the Humane Society, but will be doing fundraising.

Submitted by Marianne Van Wagoner, Secretary

Don't forget to "toot" your own horn!

Please be sure to turn in all your service hours either at our regular meetings or email to Gayle Magruder. It is very important to let others know how much time we serve volunteering in the community.

**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL INC. OF SPARTANBURG
MARRIOTT DUPRE RESTAURANT
BUSINESS/PROGRAM MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2007**

Present were Marggi Roldan, Catherine Thompson, Glenna Lucca, Jane Hicks, Myrtle Zimmerman, Rhita Wrightson, Helen Veverka, Jean Sydnor, Mildred Finch, R. Van Wagoner, M. Van Wagoner, Sarah Broyles, Joe Ann Lever, Donna Adams, Linda Walker, Lucy Quinn, Gayle Magruder, Holly Boyce Pat Smith and Linda Robison.

Excused: Jo Anne Bristow, Gay Brown, Ava Hughes, Edith Jones, Irma Massingill, Louise Parris (LOA) Cathy Bryant, Cathy Conner and Wendy Jurgensen .

Guest: Barbara Bishop, and Lisa Thorton prospective member.

Meeting called to order at 12:17 PM by President Margg Roldan

Altrusa Grace

Pledge of Allegiance

Lisa Anderson of Family Connection was our speaker. Family Connection is a support network for families who have children with special needs. Founded by parents in 1990 to help children reach their potential by providing parent to parent connection, linking parents to community resources and sponsoring educational and support programs.

Business:

Application for membership for Barbara Bishop and Roberta (Bobby) Torrence were accepted by the Board at Aug. 2, meeting, were presented to the club and were accepted. Letters of invitation for membership will go out soon.

Operating Fund Carry-Over policy (accepted by the Board on 8/2/07) was read, discussed and accepted by the membership. It will be Policy #23 in the yearbook.

Foundation Board met on Aug. 2, 2007, following the regular Board meeting to discuss operating Fund and Budget. New statement of Purpose for Foundation was read and accepted.

Announcements:

Gale Magruder will accept school supplies today or bring to the next meeting and she will take them to Park Hills.

Community Service Committee will have a meeting on Wed. Aug. 29 at 12 noon at Rebaults on Henry Street.

Newsletter to be out this week-end. Regular dead-line will go back to the end of each month.

JoAnne Bristow is recovering from eye surgery last week.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM

Submitted by Marianne Van Wagoner, Secretary

**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL INC. OF SPARTANBURG
MARRIOTT DUPRE RESTAURANT
BUSINESS/PROGRAM MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2007**

Present: Cathy Connor, Donna Cromer, Mildred Finch, Jane Johnson, Joe Ann Lever, Glenna Luca, Gayle Magruder, Irma Massengill, Marggi Roldan, Pat Smith, Jean Sydnor, Helen Veverka, Linda Walker, Rhita Wrightson, Myrtle Zimmerman.

Excused: Donna Adams, JoAnn Bristow, Gay Brown, Sarah Broyles, Cathy Bryant, Jane Hicks, Ava Hughes, Wendy Jurgensen, Edith Jones, Louise Parris, Lucy Quinn, Catherine Thompson, Marianne Van Wagoner, Richard Van Wagoner, Reva Williams.

Absent: Holly Broyles, Janice Gelbrand, Maranda Gibson, Leila McKinney, George Peters, Linda Robison.

Speaker/guest: Katie Heath

President Marggi Roldan called the meeting to order at 12:20 pm at the Marriott Hotel.

Announcements:

Irma Massengill delivered a beautiful eulogy for her mother-in-law who recently died.

Irma also announced that the next Adopt-A-Highway pick-up date would be Saturday, Sept. 15. The rain date is Saturday, Sept. 22. Meeting time will be announced at our next meeting.

On behalf of Sarah Broyles, Marggi announced that the Lion's Club voted to help us usher some of the Twichell events. She also told us that the Snow White performances have been moved to the new cultural center so our first ushering event will be at Twichell in November.

Glenna Luca announced that Jane Hicks had a bad fall in Wal*Mart and was in Mary Black Hospital.

Speaker: Katie Heath, Vice-President for Development at the Spartanburg Humane Society

Katie explained many of the services the Humane Society performs. One of the most interesting facts was that the Humane Society takes in 18,000 animals per year and averages 60-100 per day. About 4,000-5,000 animals are adopted each year. Some of the more adoptable animals are shipped to an animal adoption agency in New York. The Humane Society has a volunteer program where volunteers come and bathe, walk, and give comfort to the animals. These services are much loved and appreciated by all. The Humane Society sponsors such things as vaccination clinics, microchip checks for animals

and foster care for special animals. They are beginning to take specially trained and suitable animals for visits to retirement centers. Everyone benefits from these visits and looks forward to their arrival. They have plans in the works for offering animal behavior classes in the future. We all enjoyed Katie's interesting and informative talk, and we look forward to working with her in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05

Minutes submitted by Gayle Magruder for Marianne Van Wagoner.



**TWICHELL AUDITORIUM USHERING
SCHEDULE**

- November 19 - Monday Spbg. Festival Chorus
Concert ushers arrive at 6:45 pm (guessing may need 4-5 from each club)
- November 29 - Thursday Festival of Lessons and Carols ushers arrive at 6:45 pm (guessing may need 4 from each club)
- December 7 - Friday night ballet Nutcracker ushers arrive at 6:15 (this is when we need at least 7 from the Lions and 7 from Altrusa)
- December 8 - Saturday afternoon Nutcracker ushers arrive at 1:15 pm (need 7 from each club)
- December 9 - Sunday afternoon Nutcracker ushers arrive at 1:15 pm (need 7 from each club)
- December 11 - Tuesday night Dorman Christmas concert ushers arrive at 5:45 pm (guessing may need 4 from each club)
- December 13 - Thursday night Broome Christmas Concert ushers arrive at 5:45 pm (guessing may need 4 from each club)

Catherine Thompson will temporarily be the contact person for all events.

2007-08

Altrusa International of Spartanburg
Committee Assignments

SERVICE COMMITTEES

ASTRA

Cathy Bryant, *Chair*
Holly Boyce
Madonna Cromer
Irma Massengill
Jean Sydnor

Community Service

Gayle Magruder, *Chair*
Glenna Luca
Linda Robison
Catherine Thompson
Marianne Van Wagoner
Richard Van Wagoner

Environmental Service

Mildred Finch
Janice Gelband
Gayle Magruder
Irma Massengill

Literacy Service

Joe Ann Lever
Mildred Finch
Miranda Gibson
Ava Hughes
George Peters
Helen Veverka

Vocational Service

Cathy Conner
Jane Johnson
Leila McKinney
Louise Parris
Pat Smith

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEES

**Membership Recruitment
& Retention**

Mildred Finch, *Chair*
Maranda Gibson
Joe Ann Lever
Leila McKinney
Linda Robison
Marggi Roldan
Jean Sydnor
Reva Williams

Parliamentary Procedure

Lucy Quinn
Cathy Conner

Meeting Programs

Sarah Broyles
Joe Ann Lever
Marggi Roldan

Social

Donna Adams
Madonna Cromer
Helen Veverka
Myrtle Zimmerman

Annual Year End Meeting

Joe Ann Lever
Donna Adams
Cathy Conner
Gayle Magruder
Marggi Roldan

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COMMITTEE**

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Holly Boyce
Sarah Broyles
Janice Gelband
Maranda Gibson
Lucy Quinn
George Peters
Linda Walker
Reva Williams

Finance

Linda Walker, *Chair*
Jane Johnson

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Sister Club Program

The concept of establishing greater understanding and of cultivating friendships among Altrusans throughout the international network came from local Altrusa clubs. The results of those engaged in these club exchanges proved so beneficial that a Sister Club Program was formally established in 1983 to be the spark that makes club networking and the exchange of information a reality.

The goal of the Sister Club Program is to link every Altrusa club to another. The Sister Club could be located in the same state, province or country, or thousands of miles away.



Altrusa Birthdays

September 3 - Irma Massengill

September 28 - Jane Johnson

October 18 - Helen Veverka

October 29 - Gay Brown

October 30 - Catherine Thompson

Altrusa Anniversaries

September 1980 - Louise Parris

September 1980 - Gay Brown

October 1977 - Edith Jones

October 1998 - Donna Adams



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