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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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November

We have had a wonderful time getting books organized at St. Luke's home recently and a bit of exercise too. We are almost done. M-Z are in place and A-L are in good shape. We need to weed out duplicates and books that are no long being read - of course Altrusan's have a hard time throwing out any book!

We are having a District Eleven visitor this month, Pat Zoller will be with us this Business Meeting so get your questions ready. We will have no Program Meeting this month as part of our experiment.

Remember that this meeting is the last one in which Elsa will be able to take Jim Click raffles, until the end of the month you can get them to Elsa as she has to turn the money in at the beginning of December. She will pass them out earlier in the year in 2019 so that you can sell them before your contacts buy from others. Also get your suggestions of names of 501(c)3 organizations that need to get RFPs to the Foundation so they can give the month away!

On the 19th of December, in place of our Program Meeting, the service committee is planning an event at Tully School (we did get the grant from International, yay) to have some kind of Holiday Party that all the Altrusans and all the kindergarteners at Tully can participate in and to start the library. More to follow.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving and can share the day with loved ones. Give thanks for Altrusa and the wonderful things we do for our community.

Beth
520 429-2297



CLUB ACTIVITIES

Service Committee: Elaine Wilder/Pat Young

Yay for Tucson Altrusans for receiving the Altrusa International Grant for the Tully School Lending Library Project. A copy of the grant and the award letter will be put on file with the service committee. The service committee will have a short meeting after the November Business meeting to confirm a date we can work on creating a step by step plan to have the Lending Library be successful. We need a date when Altrusans can meet to sort and prepare the books for the preschoolers to check out of the library each week.

Service committee members met with the Tully pre-k teachers this week, to visit the area where the books will be stored and share information about what the schedule will be for the children to receive books. In celebration, all Altrusans are invited to Tully Elementary School on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, for the school's annual "family engagement" party. Bonnie McPherson's ukulele group will perform. We can introduce ourselves to the children and parents at that time.

Our Make a Difference Day was held Monday, November 5 and carried over to Monday, November 11. It was a fun, successful event; many Altrusans gathered at St. Luke's Assisted Living and worked to reshelv hundreds of books found throughout the nine library stations and put all the books in alphabetical order. The residents will have a simpler method in accessing the many books located within their community. The project is not quite complete as we need more help in alphabetizing and identifying each bookcase by putting an easy to see letter of the alphabet on the bookshelf that matches the author's last name.

Fundraising Committee: Elsa Nelson

We are rapidly approaching the end of the Jim Click raffle and ticket stubs need to be returned ASAP!

We only have one business meeting, on November 14, between now and when the ticket stubs need to be turned in. Please be prepared to return your ticket stubs at the business meeting or make arrangements with someone to turn them in if you do not plan to attend the meeting.

As of October 31, we have only raised \$425. This is far short of the funds needed to support the Tucson Festival of Books and the scholarships to the U of A and Pima College.

Any questions, issues or requests for more tickets or to arrange a pick up of your ticket stubs should be directed to Elsa at 520-546-0075 or 619-994-5892.

"Together we can do so much" - Jim Click, Jr.

Communications Committee: Sheila Hugunin

Remember that you can purchase extra Altrusa yearbooks for \$3.00 and the Yearbook is also available on our members only page of the Club's website : www.altrusatucson.org.

Also a reminder that Jim Click Raffle Tickets are still available on our website by clicking the appropriate button on the home page. Please also advertise this to your facebook friends.. We will stop selling the tickets on the website on November 24th.



CLUB ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

Membership Committee: Bonnie McPherson, Barbara Arissa

The Membership Committee has developed the "APAL" (Altrusa Pal) Program to encourage membership retention. At our October business meeting, members signed up to have an Altrusa Pal. The list that follows is your assigned Altrusa for this 2018 - 2019 year:

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APal Assignment

Member	Altrusa Pal
Adair, Martha	Bonnie McPherson
Arissa, Barbara	Tami Arthur
Arthur, Tami	Barbara Arissa
Banwell, Ann	Jan Sturges
Bleecker, Robin	Sheila Hugunin
Bond, Sidney	Joyce Thornton
Brouillette, Beth	Gail Gurney
Cowden, Nancy	Jeanne Jensen
Ganeles, Ruth	Marcia Lucas
Gurney, Gail	Beth Brouillette
Hugunin, Sheila	Robin Bleecker
Jensen, Jeanne	Nancy Cowden
Kleiboemer, Adrienne	Mary Jo Schwartz
Long, Jill	Pat Young
Lucas, Marcia	Ruth Ganeles
McPherson, Bonnie	Martha Adair
Nelson, Elsa	Debbie Tinajero
Rich, Carole	Mary Riordan
Riordan, Mary	Carole Rich
Schwartz, Mary Jo	Adrienne Kleiboemer
Sturges, Jan	Ann Banwell
Thornton, Joyce	Sidney Bond
Tinajero, Debbie	Elsa Nelson
Walker, Frances	Elaine Wilder
Wilder, Elaine	Frances Walker
Young, Pat	Jill Long

Membership Continued:

Some things you might do with your APal:

- Check in with them before or after a meeting to see how they are doing.
- Call them if they miss a meeting and let them know what happened.
- Meet with them sometime for a movie, coffee, or ...
- Wish them a Happy Birthday.
- Let the Membership Committee know if they need our support.

The Membership Committee has provided membership information to our guest speakers in September and October.

The time is now for Tucson Club members to begin asking people to be an Altrusan!

Remember that the Tucson Club is offering new members a special rate to join again this year for \$100 (this covers International and District dues and the affiliation fee).

Member News:

Bonnie McPherson and Sidney Bond had dinner with **Gladys Sorensen** in October to celebrate her 96th Birthday. She looks great and is doing very well. I am sure she would be happy to hear from anyone who would just like to keep in touch. She is such a wonderful role model. Sidney tried to get her to come to one of our meetings, but was not successful.

November Meeting Dates

Business Meeting: November 14, 12:00 PM - Radisson Suites Hotel, 6555 E. Speedway
 Program Meeting: No Regular Program Meeting instead the Family Engagement Party at Tully Elementary School on December 19, 2018- Time TBD.



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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Martha Adair.....November 18

<u>Save The Date</u>	
December 5	Board Meeting-5:30pm
December 12	Business Meeting-12:00pm
December 19	Tully Family Engagement Party
January 2	Board Meeting
January 9	Business Meeting
January 23	Program Meeting

Web site: www.altrusatuson.org

**Tucson Festival of Books
 March 2-3, 2019**

**District Eleven Conference
 May 2-5, 2019
 San Diego, CA**

**Altrusa International Convention
 July 16-20, 2019
 Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV**