

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One my dearest friend's is visiting this week. We went to high school together and decided to go to the same college. We ended up as roommates our Junior and Senior year so we share many great memories. There really is nothing like having a friend who has known you for most of your life. We have shared so much and have been there for each other in good times and in bad. I feel so blessed to have a relationship like this in my life.

Over the years, as a member of Altrusa, I realize that one of the major perks of belonging to an organization like Altrusa International of the Monterey Peninsula is the wonderful friendships that develop through common goals and working together for the betterment of others. This can be a very binding experience and I very much value my Altrusa friends.

A Friend is a Treasure

A friend is someone we turn to,
when our spirits need a lift.
A friend is someone we treasure,
for our friendship is a gift.
A friend is someone who fills our lives,
with beauty, joy and grace.
And make the world we live in,
a better and happier place.

by Renee Duvall

-Marsha -

BUSINESS MEETING

The February Business Meeting was held in the home of Noreen Erwin.

Communications were received from: The Salvation Army and Food Bank for Monterey County. An email was received from Bonnie McPherson regarding changes or additions for BRR for Conference.

Service Committee: Sandwich lunches were again provided to Gathering Place for Women in January. Marsha & Jean will provide them in February.

Literacy – Noreen reported that she had completed the January and February project for Monterey County Free Libraries and that we would complete the March project at the completion of tonight's meeting.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for 2018-2019:
President – Marsha Leadingham
V. President – Jean Moritz
Secretary – Candy Ingram
Treasurer – Marce Gatlula

Valentine cards were signed and will be sent to Celia Pamintuan and Gladys Olvis.

We discussed our brain storming session at the January Program meeting

BIRTHDAY CORNER



Happy Birthday to:

March 7 – Diane Johnson (former member)

PROGRAM MEETING

We had a wonderful dinner at Crazy Horse Restaurant and talked more about a new service project. *Stay tuned more on this...*

A bit of history: Eleanor Roosevelt - Altrusa member

Altrusa has a history of selective recruitment of women leaders (and now men as well) in a range of professions. Over the years since our start in 1917, there have been many successful Altrusans who have contributed to their local communities as well as worldwide.

Our best-known Altrusa member was **Eleanor Roosevelt**. An active member of the **Altrusa Club of New York City**, her profession was originally classified under "Furniture," because she was an owner of a factory. Mrs. Roosevelt maintained her active interest in Altrusa on up to becoming First Lady when Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected President of the United States. While FDR was Governor of New York, Eleanor helped organize the **Altrusa Club of Albany** by inviting prospects to dinner at the executive mansion to finalize plans with the national field representative; the documents were signed with the Governor's pen in his private sitting room.

We make a living by what we get, but
We make a life by what we give.

-Anonymous-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 12 – Business Meeting 7:00
Home of ArvaDell Seltzer, PB

Mar 26 – Program Meeting 5:45
Crazy Horse, Monterey

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 17-20, 2018- District Eleven Annual
Conference Tucson, AZ

July 17-20, 2019 - International Convention
Reno, Nevada

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[*PEBBLES BY THE SEA - ArvaDell Seltzer*](#)

Sometimes I think about the joy of giving, knowing the impact and benefit it gives to each of us. Certainly we think less about the art of receiving – and how to do it well. Some gifts have expectations in return; what the Chinese call “guanxi”. Other gifts are given out of love or respect. Many cultures mandate that certain people receive gifts at special events, often due to a power differential. Still, the art of receiving takes some thought and talent to do well. If giving provides special benefits, we can assist in that process by receiving well. Gifts that are given with no expectation of a return seem the most precious. For example, offering a seat on a bus, a better place in line, or assistance with a load, often brings the most joy to the giver. Refusing those offers may seem appropriate at the time, but denies the giver the satisfaction of being generous. Let us all show our appreciation for those who give and receive generously. May that be the spirit of Altrusa International Inc., and each one of us who claim its heritage.