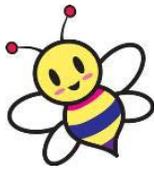


October 2017

56 Years of
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The Beeline



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President's Message

Dear Altrusans,

Fall is in the air and the year picks up momentum as we enter the holiday season. Take some time to go on a romantic fall hike under the autumn leaves and share some fall pumpkin pie and apple cider by the fireside with friends and family.

October is the month of the Central Coast Literacy Council Spelling Bee, Make a Difference Day-Stand-Down Santa Maria for approximately 500 veterans in the community and the famous BBQ at the Stevens residence at 280 Suey Road. We have been preparing all year for the Holiday Extravaganza at the Elks Lodge in November and preparations are just about complete thanks to the Extravaganza Committee.

You make a Difference! Volunteering encourages community service and is an investment in community and people who live in it. You get a chance to give back. You learn a lot about yourself, government and your community. It promotes growth and self-esteem. It brings people together (uniting people from all backgrounds and ethnic groups). Volunteers gain professional experience.

It's good for you! Volunteering provides physical and mental rewards: A. Reduces stress when you focus on someone other than yourself, it interrupts usual tension-producing patterns and B. Makes you healthier; moods and emotions, like optimism, joy and control over one's fate and strengthens the immune system.

Yours in Altrusa,

Leona Doidge, President

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Committee News

Literacy

Books/Materials Report

Oct:

Vets Clinic – 55 Magazines
SM Library 93 Magazines
Oak Knoll Haven – 30 Magazines
Luis Oasis Center – 30 Magazines
TC House – 15 pre-school books, 15 beginner reading books & 50 magazines
Tommy Kunst Jr. Hi Special Ed – 60 books for students in Special Education

Magazines and books may be dropped off at Anna Sorenson's home at 1613 LaSalle or Lorine Eden's home at 1230 Rick Road.

Literacy Program meeting was on September 27 at IPHOT at 5:30-7:30. We ordered dinner and played bingo. Members and guests brought a white elephant and paid \$10 to play bingo. We made \$154 for our literacy book fund! Thank you to all of those who attended.

I ordered \$160 in children's books from Scholastic through their Literacy Partnership Program, which is a program for non-profits to purchase books to give away to children not to be sold. The books were 50 to 60% off and with the bonus books sets and free books the books were about a dollar each! IF anyone has not picked up a tea can to save change until our January meeting, please see me. Later this month I will take children's books to a couple of elementary schools to give away at their Halloween Carnivals.

Literacy Quotes:

Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.
Emilie Buchwald

Reading is the Mind what exercise is to the body. Joseph Addison

Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope. Kofi Annan

Submitted by,
Lorine Edens

Service



Altrusa International

September 24 at 8:29am · 🌐

Altrusa of Santa Maria raised over \$15,000 for the Santa Maria Valley Humane Society recently. What a fantastic result from their 'Hoe Down with the Hounds' fund raiser. 🐾 🐾



Altrusa International Club of Santa Maria raises over \$15,000 for Humane Society at Hoe Down With The Hounds

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Diane Alleman-Stevens, Freya Verduzco and 37 others

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Diane Alleman-Stevens We finally made the International site!!!

Like · Reply · September 24 at 9:11am

Altrusa International You did! Sorry, sometimes it takes a little while for us to catch up with all the amazing things that Altrusans are doing around the world 😊

Like · Reply · September 24 at 8:47pm

Submitted by,
Betty Baxter

Membership

Please reach out to an absent member and bring them to a meeting! We want all our members contributions, talents, and friendship to shine brightly please attend meetings. And always invite New potential Members to any and all meetings or programs.

Submitted by,
Sandra Sylvester

Announcements

Communications

Thank you members of my committee, the refreshments were outstanding, it was more like a dinner than snacks. Freya bought pizza due to being burglarized last week and with the new security system on the house, locked herself out and couldn't get the meatballs she was going to bring. Thank you Freya for the pizza and thank you committee members, you did an outstanding job, it was more like a dinner than snacks.

Please your calendar for the following and RSVP to Diane if you are Attending:

Saturday, October 28, BBQ at Steven's home, see flyer

TEN WAYS TO WRECK AN ORGANIZATION

1. Don't go to meetings.
2. If you do go, be late.
3. If weather is bad don't even think about going.
4. When you do attend a meeting or event, find fault with everything!
5. Never accept an office, it is much easier to sit back and criticize!
6. If you are appointed to a committee, don't go to the meetings if you are not appointed get peeved about it!
7. When your opinion is asked, reply that you have nothing to say, but after the meeting, "tell everyone how things should be done!"
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, when others do the lion's share tell everyone "the organization is run by a clique"!
9. Don't worry about paying your dues, wait until you receive two or three notices. It will give someone something to do, and keep him or her from getting lazy and also waste time and money.
10. Don't bother about getting new members, let the ones doing all the work do that too.

Submitted by,
Diane Alleman-Stevens

Extravaganza Reminder:

We are very tight on reservations, if you have a ticket you cannot use please notify Diane as we have an extensive wait list.

Reservations: 715 paid reservations
Trees: (16) 7 foot trees and (36) 4 foot trees.
Waiting on two contracts; we hope to have a total of 55 trees this year.

Submitted by,
Diane Alleman-Stevens

November is Service

Reminders: When it is your committee's month, your committee shall provide refreshments for the Business meeting, prepare and present the Program meeting and present an Altrusa Accent and Inspiration.

Committee Chairs: The business meeting prior to your business meeting, check supplies, i.e., plates, napkins, forks, etc., and purchase if needed.

Announcements

Let's Meet Sally Czarnecki:

I was born and raised in Pennsylvania; my mother died when I was 3 and my father remarried. I attended boarding and nursing schools and upon graduation moved to New York City. Wonderful years were spent in nursing advancement and marrying Jerry in a small French church. Job opportunities for Jerry finally relocated us to Santa Maria in 1964.

Jerry and I have been married for 55 years, have 2 children; Eve and Mark (who is deceased). Eve is married to David. We have 3 granddaughters (Turus, Hayley & Allison) age 22 and all juniors at University and Sarah age 17 is a senior at Righetti HS. As my nursing career grew, bachelors and master degrees in High Education became necessary to achieve my desire to Top Nursing administration positions. Jerry and I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to travel extensively the world and most of the US.

Health issues have limited by involvement in more active roles or retirement and Altrusa. Currently I chair several committees and act as Altrusa Foundation President.

I became an Altrusan in 1970 and what a ride it has been these 47 years! My focus has always been to perform community and nursing service and personal growth. I served in all duties of the club with the exception of the Treasurer, numbers and I just don't jive! District has taken me to several chairmanships and program coordinator and receiving leadership awards along with enhancing my Altrusa knowledge. At the International level I served as Community Service Chair and as a Lamplighter.

Personal distinction came in 1990 when I was elected by Altrusa International as the First Career Exchange recipient to represent District Eleven in New Zealand for 4 weeks. It was a great honor personally and for the Santa Maria Club as well as a great learning experience to observe District Fifteen Altrusans in work, the Hamilton Altrusans sponsored a Middle School Awards Tea to foster students in working in Community Service, from that visit the Santa Maria Club now sponsors the Junior High Awards Ceremony yearly, truly the spirit of Altrusa lives Internationally.

Announcements

Altrusa International, Inc. of Santa Maria

Foundation Review – for Altrusa Club Members

Altrusa International Foundation distributed a grand total of \$216,992 in 2015-2017 Biennium. Three programs were: Club 21 distributed \$32,499; Disaster Relief distributed \$13,953 and Grants Program distributed \$153,665. In addition, Foundation Awards \$16,875 (Astra, Letha H. Brown Literacy, Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun and Community Leadership)

Submitted by,
Sally Czarnecki

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL BBQ TO CELEBRATE OUR 57TH YEAR OF SERVICE

DATE: Saturday, 28 October 2017

RSVP TO DIANE BY 26 OCTOBER

TIME: Noon to 4:00 P.M. (eat at 1 P.M)

LOCATION; 280 Suey Road (home of Diane and Larry)
East Main to Suey Road, turn left on Suey go one block – park on grass or driveway on Suey (352-0026)

COST: \$8.00 per person

Committee will provide chicken and beef, linguicia, beans, bread, soda, wine and water, utensils and paper products.

SERVICE COMMITTEE: SALADS

LITERACY COMMITTEE: SIDE DISHES

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: DESSERTS

There will be a 50/50 and raffle

