



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL INC. OF BATTLE CREEK

NEWSLETTER, SUMMER/FALL
2018

Installation of New Officers 2018-2019

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JUDY

Without Hard Work, Nothing Grows But Weeds....Gordon B. Henschley

Altrusa members certainly know what “hard” work is. We have proven that over and over by our many service hours, fundraisers and our dedication to Altrusa and its mission. Our spring work is noted in the fact that Marge and I attended the District Conference in Ohio. In addition, we welcomed and initiated five new members into our club. A very special welcome to our newly initiated members: Susie Azuela, Sally Hierons, Cindy Cheyne, Donna Huffman and Sharon Mileski. Our spring “work” was completed by the success of our Purse Bingo and Golf Outing fundraisers.

Wanting no weeds to invade our gardens, we will continue our path into our new year. We will continue the service projects we have established, but will look

for new opportunities to provide service and learning within our community. The three “Little Free Libraries” we have set up continue to do well. Charitable Union has already offered opportunities for us to do service in the community. In the near future, it will be time to focus on the upcoming fund raisers for our group this year. As usual, we will provide Poinsettias for the holiday season. As spring approaches, our focus will be on the Purse Bingo and Golf Outing fund raisers. Our garden will also continue to grow and stay weed free as we welcome more new members into our group.

As I look at our garden I definitely see no weeds. So my challenge to all of us is to have another successful, SUMMER garden.

JUDY



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President Judy Montych
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GETTING TO KNOW OUR MEMBERS SHARON MILESKI

Sharon is a retired Legal Professional who moved to Michigan from Virginia in 1977. She is a widow and has 3 grown children and 8 grandchildren. Sharon is a member of St. Philip Catholic Church where she is a Lector and a member of the CCW. She is a former member and Treasurer of the Battle Creek Exchange Club. She is a member of a bookclub and collects lighthouses and angels. Sharon looks forward to making new friends and helping her community through Altrusa.

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Projects:

HABITAT WOMEN BUILD was held in May and several members were able to



participate.

Projects: Golf outing - Our First Annual Golf Outing was held in June, 1999 so this was our 20th year. Squirrel Hollow on Helmer Road hosted our event. We had 7 teams for a total of 27 players. Despite a few showers everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the goodie bags and door prizes and are looking forward to next year. Profit was \$2,033.00!!!



August, 2018



August 8 6:30 pm @ Barb Eddinger's home

August 13 Board Meeting noon

August 22 noon b@ North Pointe Woods - Business Mtg.

September, 2018

September 10 Board Meeting noon

September 12 6:30 pm @ Captain Luey's Orientation & Re-Orientation

September 19 noon @ North Pointe Woods Opioid Epidemic Terry Ensign

September 26 noon @ North Pointe Woods Business Mtg.

October, 2018

October 8 Board Meeting noon

October 10 6:30 pm @ J.B.'s Whiskey Creek Essential Oils, Nola Baker

October 17 noon @ North Pointe Woods Abraham Lincoln Exhibit, Dick Schlatter

October 24 noon @ North Pointe Woods Business Mtg.

Projects:

Diaper collection for United donated.



Projects:

550 lbs. of cat litter was collected for Society by Altrusa members.



Future Projects: August/September - Travel size toiletries for service members overseas will be collected.

October/November - Pointsettia Sale - We will begin taking orders for 6 1/2 inch pots in 3 colors - red, white and pink. Delivery will be in early Dec. Last year the cost was 10.00. Start thinking of potential buyers.



Treasurer's Report -

Altrusa International of Battle Creek
Treasurer's Report
July 2018

BALANCE AS OF 6/30/18 Checking Account
\$17,504.92

INCOME

Northpoint Lunch 7/25	60.00
Happy Dollars	6.00
Raffle	87.00
Dinner Southern Exposure	500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 653.00

EXPENSES

Northpoint Lunch 7/25	\$ 54.00
Altrusa Int'l Convention Fee	30.00
District 5 Conference Fee	10.00
Dinner Southern Exposure	501.50
Days for Girls Int'l	500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,095.50
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE AS OF 7/31/18	\$17,062.42

Total Savings as of 7/31/18 **\$13,267.57**

District and International News and Activities

District Five Conference - 2019 Howard Johnson Lima Ohio Hosted by Sidney April 26-28 2020 TBD Youngstown Hosted by Youngstown May 1-3 2021 TBD Battle Creek Hosted by Battle Creek April 23-25

International:

Days for Girls ~ Carol Hodson, Service / Awards Chair Every Girl. Every Day. Period. It's hard for me to imagine how many women have to face the reality of not being able to participate in their lives, in so many ways, for 3, 4, 5 days a month. Every month. But the truth of it is there are. It's hard to feel like we can make a big difference in the world; or at least it's hard for me to imagine. But we can. This is what Days for Girls (DfG) can do, with Altrusa's help. Altrusa: Patriotism, Efficiency, Service. This project is the perfect vehicle to demonstrate all of these. All clubs will be able to be involved in one of four ways. First: Donate. Each kit costs \$10 and lasts between 3-4 years. If some of our clubs could donate money that would help tremendously. Second: Collect. Each kit includes two pairs of underpants, a washcloth, and other items, besides the pads and panty liner. Some of our clubs could hold a drive to collect these items. Third: Connect. There are hundreds of DfG chapters: over 20 in District Five. This would be a great "hands on" project that would cost your club nothing but time... and a fun social day. Connect with a nearby chapter and see if you can join in the making of these kits. Only one quarter of the work involves sewing; the rest is sorting, labeling, packing, packaging, etc. Fourth: Start. Your club could model after two of our very own: Monroe and Mansfield, who have already involved themselves and made many kits. The hard part: finishing, connecting with countries, and shipping, is handled by DfG. They have the plans and the structure already in place. Nice! Please, talk to your club. I am hoping we can get most of our clubs involved, at one level or another. I am working on making the power point from District Five Conference available to everyone. The

DfG website has lots of good information and can be accessed at daysforgirls.org. Check it out. Let's change some lives around the world!

And International has also released the date for their next convention in Reno, Nevada... July 17 - July 20, 2019 at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino. Reno is a beautiful city, close to the mountains and Lake Tahoe. For more information, be sure to read about the plans in the November issue of "The Altrusa Compass."

For those of you who haven't had the opportunity to log in and scroll down to the many fascinating documents housed on the International's website, it is worth the time to explore the information there. For example, the "Leading at any stage of Altrusa life" document suggests what experienced members can do to help develop leadership in newer Altrusans...

Become a mentor.

Make a point to get to know new members.
Help others develop their leadership skills.
Empower others by giving them a chance to lead.

Be a sponsor.

Leaders nurture their clubs by growing their membership.
Be attentive to your sponsored member.

Be positive.

Share your favorite parts of Altrusa with others.
As an advisor and mentor share your ideas with positive framing.
Build confidence in others.
When you are positive, then so am I - we learn by what we observe.

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