A Note from Your President,

SANDUSKY – This community collaboration is a cut above the rest.

On Thursday, Sandusky Schools students received free haircuts at Phil P’s Unisex Salon on Tiffin Avenue. Their haircuts were free as long as they read during their cut or weren’t on their cellphone. Sandusky students didn’t have school Thursday for a staff professional development day. To secure their spot, students and families had to schedule an appointment in advance.

By the end, more than 20 students read for a free haircut, salon owner Phil Parker Sr. said.

From left to right, kindergartener Caiden Parrish-Conrad, freshman Cooper Barone and sixth-grader Aedon Pribanic read books in order to receive a free haircut at Phil P’s Unisex Salon in Sandusky on Thursday, March 7, 2019.

Sandusky High School counselor Babe Sidoli-Palmer came up with the idea after students told her they were bullied for having unkempt hair. She approached Parker with the idea, who eagerly agreed.

“Learning how to read will help kids later on in life,” Parker said.

District personnel collected reading material for students of all levels from school libraries.

Probably we can agree that the internet, Facebook and other forms of social media can be seen as both positive and negative. A positive part of Facebook for me is that I am able to easily stay in touch with and be informed about relatives that don’t live nearby. Last week on Facebook I read about a project my cousin’s wife initiated in northern Ohio. I wanted to share this because it is making a difference for kids and it reminded me of many wonderful service projects and community collaborations that Altrusa of Highland County does while promoting literacy. You can read the entire article at Sandusky Register.com.
In Highland County Altrusa, our next service project is during Founders’ Day. We will be presenting high level reading materials to the Hillsboro Middle School Library. At our March meeting, we will stamp the books and have them ready for delivery. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this project. Remember this is a multi-year endeavor with a different school district to be selected for next year.

Thanks also to those who are helping out with conference planning: trifolds, delegates, centerpieces, raffle baskets and your attendance. It’s not too late to register for the conference which will be held in Lima at the end of April.

At our March 19, 2019 meeting remember to wear green, plan to share your thoughts about next year’s budget, bring items for the raffle reading basket (optional) and be ready to have a great evening with all of our Altrusa sisters.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting!

Barbara Yochum, President

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March meeting – Tuesday, March 19, 2019
Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m.  Dinner/Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Leesburg Fire Department Building
Don’t forget to contact Jane or Candy by noon on Monday, March 18 if you are unable to attend.

Committee Updates:

*Communications* – The meeting this month will be **GREEN**. See how much green you can wear—there will be some prizes!

*Membership* – The membership/recruitment drive is in April—the best way to increase membership is to share Altrusa with our friends, family and colleagues. Excitement generates curiosity. At the March meeting there will be a signup sheet for members to list their guest and their address for the April meeting. The membership committee will be contacting them and also need this for a food count.

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Altrusa Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 19, 2019
Location: Leesburg Fire Department

Absent: Linda Penn, Shannon Yochum

Minutes from previous meeting

Motion to approve Janet Butler  Second: Mary Stanforth  Motion approved

Financial Report: Merchants has new format for statements. No outstanding checks. Current: $11,453.12. Last year: $11,841.38. Budget is supposed to be done by March, but will look at having it complete by May. Bobbie to send out financial report online once she gets the November statement. $8,024.62-Service $3,153.50-Operations.

Communication/Correspondence: Thank you cards from St. Marys and Buckskin. Jennifer West-donation in honor of Kim Abbott. Thank you from Fairfield 2nd graders.

Unfinished Business:

Report due for the International Grant given to Mary for review.

Founder’s Day project: $300-500 for books for Hillsboro City School

New Business

Nominating Committee Report: Mary to give report at mtg. and will vote on it next month

Days for Girls Report: Tara to give report at mtg.

Volunteers needed for committee to review possible by-laws changes by the end of 2019.

District Conference: Elect two delegates, two alternates, raffle item (possibly doing the cut out letters in the books), centerpiece contest, awards, tri-fold board highlighting fundraising- will discuss at business meeting.

List handed out to board members on all awards applications submitted in 2019.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn  Second

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Altrusa Business Meeting Minutes

Date: February 19, 2019
Location: Leesburg Fire Department
Absent:

Excused: Nancy Graves, Shannon Yochum, Rita Blankenship, Eleanor Snodgrass, Sue Shell, Linda Penn, Candy Black

Unexcused: Debbie Rhude

Minutes from previous meeting

Motion to approve: Ashley Mohr  
Second: Paula K.  
Motion approved

Financial Report: Merchants has new statements but we did not get one for November. Bobbie to get the November one printed out tomorrow. Then she will send out the financial report. Current: $11,453.12. Last year: $11,841.38. $8,024.62-Service $3,153.50-Operations. Please get Bobbie any outstanding receipts. Budget for next year to start soon. Catering: $462.52, $100 to rent Hillsboro House, $1,233.30-Book project. $25 check in honor of Kim Abbott from Jennifer West. This money will go into Service and a thank you note will be sent out. Financials will be filed for audit once the November statement is received.

Communication/Correspondence: Thank you cards from St. Marys and Buckskin 2nd graders. Jennifer West-$25 donation in honor of Kim Abbott. Thank you from Fairfield 2nd graders. Thank you card from Leah McConnaughey and Ezra for his shark book.

Sergeant at Arms: Paula B. is next Sergeant at Arms. Beware!!

Committee Reports/Miscellaneous Business

Service – Nancy Graves:

Membership – Paula Kiser: Recommendation on Geri McCloskey. This will go into newsletter to vote on. April is membership drive. Membership to meet after mtg.

Finance – Bobbie Sampson:

Communications – Jane Tissot: Hosting next meeting

Sunshine – Nancy Graves:

Literacy A – Connie Williams: Reminder sent out reminding teachers of the grant due dates.

Literacy B – Mary Stanforth: Delivered 500 2nd grade, 560 books to 4th grade

Little Free Libraries:

Hillsboro – putting mostly kids books in
Greenfield – nothing to report
Mowrystown – Shannon has put new ones in
Sinking Spring – nothing to report
Rockhold - Put in quite a few, kids mainly
Paint Creek -
Rocky Fork Camp Store
YMCA – self sufficient
Leesburg

Unfinished Business

Quarter Raffle: Survey: copy passes out on results of the survey. Please review it and will discuss next month.

District Award Applications

International Grant Report- Mary has the form to fill out and give back to Barb.

New Business

Report of the Nominating Committee: Connie, Nancy and Mary met. Vice President: Gina E., Treasurer: Susan R., Asst. Treasurer: Jane T., Secretary:Tara B., Corresponding Secretary: Paula K. Sergeant at Arms: Paula B.

Board Members: Emmy and Eleanor

Days for Girls Project: $490 from WCH group, $80 left, 10 yards of fabric left over. Next sew day is Feb. 23 at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church and will donate the remaining fabric & money to them.

By-laws, Resolutions and Recommendations committee: Those are good until the end of 2019. Volunteers: Bobbie S., Barb Y. This may wait until after July convention.

2 Delegates/2 Alternates to District Conference:

Delegates: Connie W., Barb Y.

Alternates: Mary S., Bobbie S.

Motion: John  Second: Nikki  Motion Approved

64th Altrusa District Five Conference and Annual Meeting -April 26-28, 2019- Howard Johnson, Lima, Ohio

To Do List for Conference:

1. Delegates- Done
2. Tri-fold display highlighting our club’s fund raising projects- Barb to use the one from last year
3. Centerpiece- Altrusa Blue Ribbon-is the theme-Ashley working on centerpiece. Please see Ashley if you want to help
4. Donation for the raffle - basket or item. $50 basket/item. If you want to buy tickets and are not going there is a form to buy tickets. Ideas: Literacy basket. Please give items to Ashley for basket at next meeting.

5. Take club and governor’s banners

Report of Board Actions - Mary

Founders Day: $300-500 for books for Hillsboro Middle School Library

Other Business:

List handed out to board members on all awards applications submitted in 2019.

Program

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn

New Member Application

Geralyn (Geri) McCloskey
mccloskeygeri@gmail.com

Why do you want to join Altrusa?
As a retired Librarian, literacy is very important to me. I would enjoy working with Altrusa to promote literacy.

Other Clubs/organization affiliations?
Saint Vincent DePaul Society
Samaritan Outreach

*Geri was a guest at the January meeting. Any objection to this membership, please contact President Barb. Objections remain anonymous.

Dates to Remember:

March 15 – Foundation Grant Applications due
March 19 – Altrusa meeting hosted by the Communications Committee
March 31 – Half year dues end
April 11 – Altrusa Awareness Day (Altrusa’s birthday – April 11, 1911)
April 16 – Altrusa meeting hosted by Membership Committee
April 21 – Easter
April 26-28 – District Five Conference

Club Project – Days for Girls – Sew-a-Rama
A Productive Day!

Lunch Break—Ask Emmy for her brownie recipe—yummy! And of course a game or two.

January Meeting Highlights

Barb and Katharine conducting the meeting and keeping the minutes. Great job ladies!
Tara giving the report from the Sew-a-Rama, lots of discussion and some laughs too!

Paula fills in as Sergeant of Arms. Thanks Paula!