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Sue Clauson, Editor

# Altruistically Speaking

## **Altrusa International Inc. of Laconia, New Hampshire**

### **President's Message**

*Hello Ladies!*

*First I'd like to again extend a warm welcome to our initiates: Deanne, Rhonda, Mary, Melinda, Laurie and Sarah Beth. The program committee did a super job with food and entertainment for the PJ party. I believe that's a first for being installed in your pajamas! Not only your sponsors, but all of us are on hand to guide you and answer questions concerning the Club and our committees.*

*Conference is coming! Nominations will commence at next business meeting for delegates and alternates to go to Montpelier, VT. Award submissions are also in the works. All District clubs compete annually in different categories such as literacy and community projects. Also there are awards for newsletter, yearbook, publicity and others.*

*Conference is a time for bonding with not only your club, but all the clubs in District. I highly recommend going if you have the time. It's a great Altrusa learning experience as well. Most interesting is to view the other club award submissions and get ideas for new projects. The road trip is always a fun experience in itself.*

*Diane*

### **Club Motto:**

*Leaders in Service*

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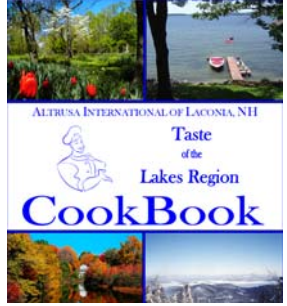
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# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **Cookbook Update**

**From Lisa Singh**

The committee has reviewed a hard copy proof of our cookbook being published by Morris Press Cookbooks - the book looks amazing! We expect to receive the actual shipment of books by late February. The book will be sold for \$15, and we hope to debut the public sale at District Conference and at the Taste of the Lakes event. We appreciate everyone's help to get the word out, so stay tuned for details."



## **LITERACY UPDATE**

**From Barbara DeAngelis**

The Literacy Committee met on January 17th and created about 125 packages for our Lakes Region General Hospital project. Tracie has offered to print the 3 inserts for us at no cost in black and white. Sue will continue to print the color labels. The cost of printing the labels will be sent to Laura for reimbursement from the Literacy fund. This will eliminate the need for trying to find a professional printer, which could be expensive.

Our BETTY THE BOOKWORM VISITS THE LIBRARY presentations will continue with a visit to the 4 and 5 year olds at Lakes Region Day Care Center on Thursday, February 9.

We extend a gigantic thank you to Paul Cotton for placing all of our used books on pallets in his basement! The books are being stored there until our next used book sale this year.

Another big thank you is extended to the former owner of Annie's Book Stop on Union Avenue. We received a \$50.00 personal donation to Altrusa from her, along with money from our holiday book sales at the store.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

On Friday evening, January 27<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed our new members, and a returning member, to our club.

We are excited to welcome Jan Gilbert back as an Altrusan. Jan has been very helpful in the past and it will be great to have her rejoining us.

We also welcomed six new members that we are very excited to have. Several have already jumped in to help on projects.

Our new Altrusans are: Deanne Murphy, Laurie Mayhew, Mary Seeger, Melinda Ferriera, Rhonda Perry and Sara Beth Hernandez-Huot,



# Minutes of Business Meeting

Maureen Sanborn, Recording Secretary

Altrusa International Inc. of Laconia, NH  
Business Meeting  
January 10, 2012  
The Taylor Home, Laconia, NH

**Call to Order:** 5:48 PM

**Present:** Jan, Penny, Carla, Laura, Marcia, Diane, Lisa, Brenda, Sue, Jean, Jane, Barbara, Tracie, Sharon, Gloria, Maureen

**Guests:** Bette Kapp, Mary Seeger, Deanne Murphy, Rhonda Perry, Sarah Beth Huot, Melinda Ferreira

**Minutes of December 2011 Business Meeting:** Motion to approve made by Penny, Sharon 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve made by Gloria; Sue 2<sup>nd</sup>. Laura explained the purpose of the three accounts (Internal, Foundation and Savings) to new members.

**Correspondence:** The Club received a Thank You letter from Spaulding Youth Center for the bench that is dedicated to Judi Shaw. The Club also received an invitation to the Red Dress Gala. JJ Printing sent a Thank You for services, and Shelly Bachelor from LHS sent a request for donations to send band students to Florida.

**Agenda:**

**BCNH:** Seven birthdays were celebrated this month. Barbara, Tracie, Sue and Diane attended.

**Literacy:** Barbara, Jean and Diane went to the High Spirit Day Care Center in Gilford to read to the children and present Betty the Bookworm. A date will be scheduled to go to the Lakes Region Day Care to do the same. Annie's Bookstore has been selling our Betty book on a donation basis. It has been suggested that the committee schedule a date in July to read to children at the Laconia Library. The committee will meet January 17<sup>th</sup> at Sue's house.

**Fundraising:** The Cookbook is at the publishers! The committee should receive the proof version in approximately 2-3 weeks. They will meet at that time for any revisions, and will unveil the book at the Taste of the Lakes Region in May. Thirty two restaurants and 150 individuals have provided recipes.

**Website:** District 1 will host a webinar in February to demonstrate the recommended homepage design for individual club's websites. The cost will be approximately \$500, but there may be some grant money dedicated to this to help with the expense. Diane and Shirley continue to work with Sue Noyes to make improvements to our site. There will be a "bookstore" section to both advertise and sell copies of the Cookbook and Betty Book. Information regarding our scholarships will also be upgraded.

**Tri-Club Party:** The committee will set a time to meet to prepare for this.

**New Members:** A motion was made by Jane to ratify the email vote to approve the new members; Sharon 2<sup>nd</sup>. They will be initiated at the Program Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> at Diane's house. Dues for new members will be \$50 to cover the remaining half year. All are encouraged to wear their pj's!

**Spring Conference:** Members have been encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible, as a limited number of rooms will be available for Thursday night. Amanda has been busy decoupageing the sap bucket required for the event, and it will be filled with items from the Lakes Region. The Barre, VT club is hosting the conference.

**New Business:**

The annual meeting/luncheon for the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce will be held at Church Landing in Meredith on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Members are encouraged to attend; Jane may be available to do so. The Club has received the annual dues statement; Jean motioned to approve the funds for this, Brenda 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**(Business Meeting Minutes, continued)**

Award Submissions: The Club discussed which projects would be most appropriate to use as applications for the Leatha H Brown and Mamie L Bass awards. After discussion, it was decided that the Betty the Bookworm project would be appropriate for the Leatha H Brown application, and the Veterans Home bookcase project would be appropriate for the Mamie L Bass application. It was decided that the Belknap Co. Jail project can and will be included in the Betty project for the literacy award application.

Red Dress Gala: The club has received an invitation to attend the gala this year; we provided an ad last year for the events program, but decided that it is too late to do the same this year.

The Club received a \$46.40 donation from Meredith Village Savings Bank from their Mitten Tree Program. We have funds remaining in our memorial account; the Club discussed how to spend the funds. A motion was made by Jean to defer the discussion to the sub-committee involved in the project; Penny 2<sup>nd</sup>. Marcia will be working as a consultant for the new library for Spaulding Youth Center, and will let the sub-committee know what she learns from her work in the event the sub-committee would like to donate monies for this project.

Jean informed the Club that she spoke with Sylvia Detscher regarding the Foster Care storage unit, and donated two truckloads of items to be stored there for disbursement to appropriate people.

Many Happy Dollars were collected, and donations were made to Miss Piggy.

**Adjourn:** 6:50 PM

*Altrusa Key:*

<i>A</i>	<i>Amity</i>
<i>L</i>	<i>Loyalty</i>
<i>T</i>	<i>Talent</i>
<i>R</i>	<i>Reciprocity</i>
<i>U</i>	<i>Unity</i>
<i>S</i>	<i>Service</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>Achievement</i>



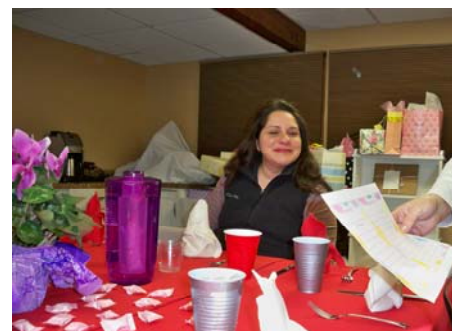
**FEBRUARY  
BIRTHDAY GIRLS**

**2 Shirley Mento**  
**24 Carla Peterson**

**Dates To Remember**

February 2, 2012	Board Meeting, 7:00 AM at the Soda Shoppe
February 14, 2012	Business Meeting, 5:45 at the Taylor Community
February 28, 2012	Volunteering at "Hands Across the Table" Soup Kitchen.
March 27, 2012	Preparation workshop for "Taste of the Lakes Region"
April 24, 2012	Birthday Party with Sister Clubs, Meredith and Carroll County
April 27-28, 2012	Spring Conference in Montpelier, VT (Hosted by the Barre, Vt. Club). See info at left
May 5, 2012	Set up Taste of the Lakes
May 6, 2012	Taste of the Lakes

# Here are a few pictures of Lisa's Baby Shower!



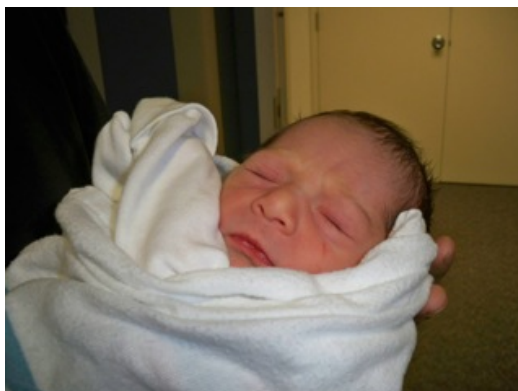
## Elyse Lauren Singh arrived at 12:30 am on January 27th



Lisa's mom shared in the joy!



Proud Papa!



The Beautiful New Baby Girl!

**District One Information**

For more information about District One, visit the Website at [www.district1.com](http://www.district1.com).

**International Information**

Convention 2013

July 26-29, 2013

Rotorua, New Zealand

Hosted by District Fifteen

For more information check out the Altrusa International website at [www.altrusa.com](http://www.altrusa.com)

**Foundation Information**

For information visit [www.altrusa.com/foundation](http://www.altrusa.com/foundation)

**“Management is doing things right; Leadership is doing the right things.”**

-Peter Drucker

**District I Spring Conference**

Will be hosted by the Barre, VT Club

**4/26/12 to 4/29/12**

**Capitol Plaza**

**100 State St.**

**Montpelier, VT 05602**

**[www.capitolplaza.com](http://www.capitolplaza.com)**

There are only 60 rooms so you will need to book early if you want to stay there. There is also another hotel within walking distance.

The conference is April 27-28th, beginning Friday morning with workshops and ending Saturday night with our sap bucket auction.

Some members will be staying over on Thursday night and returning on Sunday. Diane will be sending an email to learn who is planning to attend and setting up roommates”.

Amanda has already started working on our sap bucket, which will be part of the fundraising auction.

As planning continues, look for more details to follow!

***From the International Altrusan, January 2012:*****President's Message**

Dear Altrusans,

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2012, an exciting year of further stabilization and growth. We want to experience a surge in our club's membership as we provide Altrusa service within the community. Many changes were put into motion in 2011 at all levels of our international organization. A variety of resources were created and more are in process. The International Standing Committees have produced several new, revised, and updated manuals and other materials that will be released within the next two months. By this time in the biennium, District Governors are well into their many responsibilities of office. Along with many other efforts, the Governors and Governors-Elect meet frequently via teleconference calls and emails as members of the Governors' Council to discuss district and club matters. The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2012. The Council shares ideas, concerns, and recommendations, and also uses that time to discuss requests for the International President to present at the next International Board of Directors' meeting. District Conferences are coming up in April and May 2012! District Governors, boards, and planning committees are in the midst of planning exciting and meaningful programs. The conferences offer important training, leadership learning opportunities, and a fantastic time to celebrate accomplishments of the year, and to renew friendships.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy year!

In Altrusa,

Dona M. Garretson

International President, 2011-2013