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Greetings to All My Altrusa Friends!

GOLF TOURNAMENT-JUNE 5th - Our annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Lifeline Program is planned for June 5th at the Black Canyon Golf Course at 8AM (see page 4). Last year we made in excess of \$6,000 to enable the Lifeline Committee to replace a portion of the units that will no longer be serviceable after 2010. **Helping to sponsor this event and participating on any level is an opportunity for our members to contribute to the Club who are unable to attend meetings or assist with our other fund raising events. Please help us make this year another success as we still have Lifeline units that need replaced!**

Diane Winger, Membership Chair, looked up some interesting facts on the Altrusa International website. As of April 1, 2010, Montrose Altrusa was third in size in all clubs. Only clubs larger were Lake City and Gainesville, FL. and they have much larger population areas from which to draw. At that time we had 83 members but are adding new members constantly. So we may again outnumber one of those clubs. Keep up the good work everyone.

We have once again collected many nice items of "nearly new" costume jewelry to take for our Show & Sell table at our annual District Conference. Last year we did so well with this project that we have decided to try again and may make it an annual event. Also, we will again be selling the African "We Beads Connected" jewelry items for one of our many non-profit beneficiaries.

We are nearly thru the 2009-2010 Altrusa year and are making plans to transfer responsibilities to the 2010-2011 officers and committee chairs. I know I have enjoyed the past year working with, and getting to know all the members. We have had a busy year and "Made Things Happen."

Roberta Hoey

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Montrose Altrusa Hosting 2011 District Ten Conference

The pink flamingo theme that is currently used by our ASTRA Club for their “flocking” fundraiser was the inspiration for the theme chosen for our club as we plan to host the 2011 District Ten Conference. **TICKLED PINK IN MONTROSE!**



Members of the planning committee and other attendees to the 2010 conference in Colorado Springs will present a skit introducing next year’s theme at the end of the weekend.

As the year progresses, look for lots of creative and fun ideas for implementing this theme in all that we do as we plan for hosting all our fellow District Ten Altrusans as they visit Montrose next year!



BIRTHDAYS! BIRTHDAYS! BIRTHDAYS!

The Courtesy Committee thought it would be nice to include a Happy Birthday wish in the newsletter each month for the members with birthdays coming up in the following month. That way, in case you (or they) miss a meeting, you can share birthday wishes personally!

May Birthdays:

Marianne Cross	May 7
Joey Huskey	May 15
Judy Copeland	May 16
Ginny Spaven	May 18
Connie Trooper	May 18
Linda Riba	May 21
Pat MacTiernan	May 23
Dena Brooks	May 31



New Member Initiation—March 30, 2010



NEW ALTRUSANS INITIATED MARCH 30, 2010—(L TO R) Sandra Tyler, Carolyn Otero, Gigi Bechthold, Karen Connor, MaryLee Freudenthal, Priscilla Cozzens, Mary McKelvy

Upcoming Programs & Activities - Plan to Attend, Volunteer or Participate!

April 29—May 1, 2010: DISTRICT CONFERENCE/COLORADO SPRINGS

May 4, 2010: RSVP – Sherry Faith - RSVP-Colorado West, Inc.

May 18, 2010: FINAL Committee Reports to Roberta Hoey, President

May 25, 2010: New Officer Installation

June 1, 2010: 35TH Anniversary Party

June 5, 2010: Golf Tournament—See the Poster on Page 4 of this newsletter. We need sponsors, donations and TEAMS to play! Call Diane Winger (252-0537) to sign up today!

Altrusa Foundation GOLF TOURNAMENT!

To Benefit *Lifeline*

**Saturday, June 5, 2010
Black Canyon Golf Course**

4 Person Scramble Format
8:00 AM Registration — 8:30 AM Shotgun Start

\$80 per player
includes golf, cart, lunch, range balls, and prizes

**Prizes for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin,
and MORE!**

Teams will be given 10% of total handicap

Form your 4-person Team soon and
help support Lifeline – helping seniors in Montrose
remain safely in their homes.

For additional information, contact Diane at 252-0537

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Members of the Montrose community are invited to play or help sponsor Altrusa's annual Golf Tournament to benefit our Lifeline project. Altrusa helps over 100 people in our area remain safely in their homes by purchasing Lifeline units, and installing and servicing them in the homes of seniors. We must replace over 40 of the older units this year since the manufacturer will no longer service them after December 2010. Units cost over \$550 apiece.

POWERFUL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION!

In celebration of Earth Day, our Environmental Committee hosted a pot luck luncheon. It was a “zero waste” event—utilizing reusable plates and silverware for the scrumptious food and glasses for the beverages. There was an amazing array of food that was shared by our Members. Environmental Committee Members modeled fashions that were “recycled” - purchased from local second hand stores or donated by friends. There was a presentation by Lesley Hallenborg (shown at right), the recycling/ environmental education field trip coordinator for the 3rd Grade Classes in Montrose. Our Altrusa Club makes donations to enable this program to continue in the schools.



A highlight of the luncheon was the reading of a poem written in about 1985 in a self-published book of poetry by a nearly-95-year-old Hazel P. Spaven. Hazel is the mother of Montrose Altrusan Ginny Spaven (shown right to left in photo at left). It was a moving and powerful tribute to all that we need to do to save our planet—no matter your age!

Here is the poem for your contemplation for Earth Day!

SECOND THOUGHTS

By: Hazel P. Spaven

We thought our air could clean itself
with normal wind and rain,
but smog pollutes our atmosphere,
a noxious yellow stain.

We thought earth could regenerate
our trash dumped on its floor,
but landfills choke on our excess
while we are making more.

We thought our oceans could absorb
the waste we chose to hide,
but seas regurgitate our filth
with the ebbing tide.

We thought that we could populate
the world as we saw fit,
but now we find our habitat
was never infinite.

We thought resources of our land
were ours to use or spend,
but stockpiles of a million years
are coming to an end.

We thought our Day of Reckoning
was very far away,
but it could be tomorrow
or was it yesterday?