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When I mentioned to some of our members that I was having trouble deciding on my theme for the 2009-2010 year, they jumped in with the suggestion "**ALTRUSANS—WE MAKE IT HAPPEN.**" One of them said when deciding which service club in the area she wanted to join she had visited several clubs and the one that actually got things accomplished was Altrusa. As club members, we participate in fund raising and service projects but most members do not have any idea of the number of ideas and enthusiasm the total membership has. Since the early months of the year it has been a continual list of ideas for service projects and grant possibilities. Many of these are being researched as ideas from which our Club may benefit. Please keep the ideas coming as our Club is only as good as our member participation and believe me when I say our Club is GREAT.

Your new Board met for the first time this month and what a great bunch of members we have. Our Board membership is diversified and we have a lot of experience across the Montrose community. If any member would like to attend one of our meetings please contact me for the exact time and location.

Elaine Moore and her excellent committee started our year off well with the annual Golf Tournament. The committee consisted of both members with many years of Altrusa experience and new members with fresh thoughts. This was our most successful Golf Tournament ever and the funds are dedicated to the Lifeline Project. In 2010 Lifeline will discontinue servicing the 46 Model 6600s we have in service to many of our users and we, as a Club, will need to have funds to replace all these units. This will amount to many thousands of dollars. As a former committee chair for the Lifeline committee, I can confidently say there is no better use of our hard earned money.

This year I hope that we are able to add many new members to our roster as well as retain our current membership. With the present economy I realize many of our members are facing new challenges with work and home related issues. I am confident that we will soon begin to see a turn around in the economy so we can look forward to a more secure future for ourselves, both nationally and on a local basis. My hope is to involve all members in our club activities. Some, for various reasons, have not been participating much in recent months. I encourage all members to stay in touch with each other and **WE WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN.**

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ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF MONTROSE, CO BUSINESS MEETING, WEDNESDAY, May 19, 2009

Roberta Hoey called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Club report and distinguished club report sent in.
Insurance – 6 weeks prior to event we need to get proof of insurance.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 6 – Altrusa Golf Tournament
June 18 – Foundation Elections
June 20 – Highway cleanup
June 30 – Initiation
July 1 – New committee budgets due
August 1-9 – International convention in Indianapolis

MINUTES of the previous meeting were filed as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE by Joey Huskey. Montrose Community Foundation sends a letter of thanks for allowing them to present to the club. Habitat for Humanity sent a letter of thanks for the donation to help purchase a new computer for their office. Michelle Latimer from the Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club sent a thank you note for our warm hospitality during her visit. From HOT Kisses to HOT Flashes sent a letter thanking us for the donation made that allowed many women to attend the seminar. Hospice & Palliative Care sent a thank you letter for donating money for their art supplies for the Child and Teen Program.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Cheryl Gibson. Copy filed as presented.

PROGRAMS by Kaye Hotsenpiller. June 2 – Boys and Girls club, June 23 – City of Montrose Curbside Recycling, June 30 – Initiation, July 28 – First internal Program with Fundraiser Committee meetings.

MEMBERSHIP by Kaye Hotsenpiller. **80 members. Application for membership:** June Estep

SERVICE by Diane Winger.

Boys and Girls Club: \$200 (Keystone Conference in Denver)
Montrose Botanical Society: \$160 (4 ft of fence around Botanical Garden)
Used all funds in Service Budget for 2008-2009.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Spring Luncheon report by Lita Sargent: See attached report.
District conference reimbursements need to be turned in ASAP.

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MAY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES—(continued)

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifeline is proposing that we reallocate funds into restricted funds for the future purchase of Lifeline units. Motion passed.

International Project proposal: Would like to use some of the remaining amounts before end of the year. \$100 to Kiva and \$100 3 Cups of Tea for schools. \$100 to purchase flags to offer to the public.

Would like to work with the American Legion to do a flag destruction ceremony. Motion passed.

See attached proposal for new policies on “New project approval” and “Dusty Gavel as Directory”. Both policies were approved by the club and will be inserted in the current policies.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm

Joey Huskey, Secretary

Habitat For Humanity—Altrusans Involved with Birdhouse Fund Raiser



Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Susan Bony (on right in photo) and Lita Sargent are two Altrusans who were involved with a fund raising project for Habitat for Humanity of Montrose County.

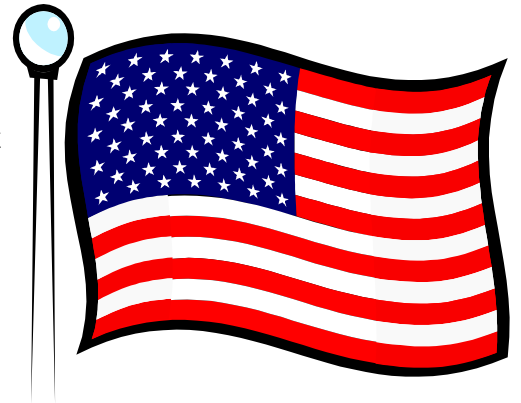
Local artists and groups decorated unfinished birdhouses that had been donated—and which were then made available for bidding.

This fund raiser made \$2,000 which will go entirely for new land for affordable housing in Montrose.

American Flags Retired & Replaced

Altrusa of Montrose and the American Legion Post 73 conducted a joint project to collect tattered American Flags to be retired, and offering new flags in exchange. Booths were set up at Main in Motion and the Farmers Market just prior to Flag Day, June 14, 2009, so that the tattered flags could be retired at a ceremony on that special date.

Altrusa provided 16 new flags and the American Legion provided another 7 to be offered in exchange for old flags. All 23 new flags were distributed, and an estimated 78 tattered flags were dropped off at the two events, filling several boxes and large plastic bags. Many people brought multiple flags, and explained that they had been saving them for years, not knowing where they could take them to be properly retired.



Altrusa thanks the Legionnaires for taking the tattered flags for the retirement ceremony, where they retired about 230 flags all together, including flags from the VFW and other American Legion Posts. It must have been quite a bonfire!

Altrusa of Montrose and the American Legion Post 73 are already discussing offering this service again for Flag Day 2010.

Absence Notification for 2009-10

In case you need to be excused from any Altrusa meeting you can email Janis Marcha at marchaj@gmail.com or give her a call at 901-4405. It is much better that the Club receive an email, so there's a written record of the absence.

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Summer Programs and Plan to Attend!

July 7, 2009: Caitlin Switzler and Luann Tyrrell – Public Art Exhibit

July 28, 2009: Dusty Gavels – Lorie Bolig

August 4, 2009: Patricia Byrd – Reclaim Kids

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!

July Birthdays:

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| Betty Lundgren | July 1st |
| Rosemary Chavez | July 14th |
| Elizabeth Esquibel | July 19th |
| Sharon Vis | July 20th |
| Bobbi Brown | July 21st |
| Rose Price | July 26th |
| Judy Snedeker | July 27th |
| Mary Watt | July 31st |



Altrusa Foundation Golf Tournament a Success!

Funds Raised will Benefit LIFELINE

On Saturday, June 6th, forty players braved a cold wind to participate in our fundraiser golf tournament. At the finish of play, the first place finishers were Mike Trickey, Matt and Mark Fenske, and Scott Krutahupt. Don Coddington, Brian Gatt, Casey Milton and Perry Dunivan placed second with Tyler Dahl, Dan McCaslin, J.T. Armendariz and Mark Scharns in third.

The Longest Drive-Men was won by Matt Fenske, while Denise Distel won for the Ladies. Closest to the Pin-Men was Kerry Dunivan with Denise claiming this prize as well for Women.

Prior to the 8:30 shotgun start the players enjoyed coffee and donuts and checked out the great silent auction items. Registration was handled by Carol Watson and Alice Vest, with Janis Marcha and Cindy Donohue handing out bottled water and cards listing the silent auction items. Cindy also got great photos of the teams on the course.

Rib City Grill provided a tasty hot meal following play. The players warmed up in the clubhouse and made their final silent auction bids. The silent auction raised \$1,990!! Thanks to everyone who donated an item or placed a bid.



Altrusa members Molly Feddersen, Lorie Bollig, and Janis Marcha share a laugh at the Golf Tournament.



The winning team! (l to r above) Scott Krutahupt, Mike Trickey, Matt Fenske and Mark Fenske.

After the final accounting, the tournament will net about \$6,100, double last year's total. There was tremendous support from the Montrose community in the form of prizes, hole sponsorships and donations.



(l to r) Marianne Cross, Jeanne Kuchynka, Gail Phillips and Kylee Smith



The golf committee consisted of Alice Vest, Cindy Donohue, Janis Marcha, Kylee Smith, Lesley Archibald, Carol Watson, Margaret Goodhue, Marianne Cross, Martha Dusio, Molly Feddersen, Co-Chair Carolee Hawkins and Chair, Elaine Moore.

(left) Turner Toyota sponsored a 2009 Toyota Camry for a hole in one on #9 (left). Because of the weather (high winds and cold) no one got to take it home.

Altrusa & ASTRA Join Forces for Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up

It's that time of year again: time to clean up our 2-mile stretch of US 550. Ten Altrusans, one Altrusa spouse, and two ASTRA club members joined forces to pick up bottles, cans, tire tread, a huge number of cigarette butts (224 were picked up by just one person), cooler lids, buckets, cardboard boxes, construction materials, and other assorted trash and junk along the highway. We filled 28 large trash bags -- and that doesn't count the items which were too large to fit into a bag.

We were treated by Ray (of "Ray's Good Stuff") with several packages of delicious jerky from his store when our work was done. Lemonade and cookies rounded out our post-cleanup fare.



Roberta Hoey, Bonnie Eakin, Janis Marcha, Kaye Hotsenpiller, Natalie Frush, Kylee Smith, Lorie Bollig, Judy Snedeker, Lori Michaels, Diane Winger, and Meriyah Martinez (ASTRA) enjoy some jerky treats after the clean-up. Not pictured: Karleigh Schrick (ASTRA) and Charlie Winger.

Flowers by Altrusa



For the past 2 years, Altrusa members have planted bulbs and flowers in Montrose's Cerise Park. Last fall Altrusans planted daffodils, iris, and hyacinths, focusing on areas that would be receiving water naturally. Plants were placed near the river's edge, along the creek that runs through the park, and by the edge of the pond.

This spring, Club members returned to plant perennials, choosing plants that would work well in our climate, including Shasta daisies, California poppies, and calendulas. The Environmental Committee also purchased a bronze sign reading "Flowers by Altrusa" which was installed on a boulder in the park by the Montrose City Parks Manager. The boulder can be seen by walking

along the main sidewalk from the Cerise Park parking lot and veering off the first dirt path you come upon.

Altrusans plan to plant additional bulbs this fall and add more perennials in the spring.

ALTRUSA

GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

The Montrose Altrusa Club has closed its 2008-2009 club year on a high note. According to immediate past president Lorie Bollig, the club donated over \$20,000 to the community, and members performed over 4800 hours of community service.

In addition to the hours spent on Altrusa projects, members provided over 4100 hours of service to other clubs/organizations in the community.

Monetary donations by the club include about \$6,000 in scholarships; \$1,000 to the Montrose Medical Mission; Montrose High stadium, \$1,500; Black Canyon Boys and Girls Club, \$200; Bosom Buddies, \$500; Colona School Preservation Fund, \$500; Columbine Senior Services Meals-on-wheels, \$200; Community Options, \$200; Dolphin House, \$500; Habitat for Humanity, \$350; \$2000 for Love Hugs Bears.



Hospice art therapy supplies, \$150; Hospice Camp Good Grief, \$200; Montrose Animal Protection Agency, \$50; Montrose High graduation party, \$300; Monte de Rosas Fiesta, \$250; Montrose Botanical Society, \$160; Montrose Community Dinners, \$500; Montrose Community Stadium, \$1500; Montrose County Health and Human Services, \$410; Montrose Meth Coalition, \$320; Ouray Trail Group, \$200; Vietnam Moving Wall, \$100; Women's Health Issues Seminar, \$150; and Youth Appreciation Day, \$250.

Forty five hundred dollars is earmarked for the club's Lifeline project, which provides a safety net for seniors living on their own. This is also a hands-on project, with club members installing Lifeline units and teaching recipients how to use them.

Other hands-on projects include planting flower bulbs at Cerise Park; volunteering at the City's e-waste event; highway cleanup; providing and serving food, doing registration and other tasks at the Bosom Buddies Walk Run; honoring eight Teachers of the Month; and making and filling bags for children at the Hilltop safe house.

Altrusa members also supported several charitable area organizations by volunteering for Mission to Ride (bike rally aid station), Heirlooms for Hospice (Altrusa "Spring Cleaning" project to collect donations for the store), M.A.P.A. (after-school program volunteers), Youth Appreciation Day (Aquatic Center volunteers), and participated in many additional projects.

Organizations may request a Service Grant from Altrusa for a not-for-profit event or project. To apply, send a letter to:

Altrusa Service Committee
PO Box 3184
Montrose, CO 81402-3184

Please be sure to include: contact person, phone number, mailing address, funding recipient ("who to make the check out to"), the amount of funding you are requesting, and describe how the funds will be used. We recommend that you contact Altrusa at least 6 to 8 weeks *before* the funds are needed.

Preference is given to grants for a specific purpose rather than general funds for an organization. Service Grants will not be made to benefit a single individual.