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School has started and fall is upon us. I hope you enjoy the fall color changes as much as I do. However, when the colors change we know winter is not far behind with coat and boot season. Season changes are one of the things that make Colorado such a special place to live—even though some parts of the year are more desirable than others.

Martha Dusio, Margaret Goodhue, Donna Herman, Alice Vest and myself thoroughly enjoyed the International Convention held in Indianapolis and thank the club for sponsoring us to the event. We attended workshops that were informative and well planned, sessions to complete the business before Convention, as well as delicious banquets and lunches. We enjoyed making many new Altrusa friends. Montrose was fortunate in winning two of the International Awards, ASTRA and Nina Fay Calhoun. These awards were well deserved and many hours of planning and work went into making these applications successful. Congratulations to the committee members involved in each of these projects. I was the lucky one to be able to step forward and accept each of these for our club. I have many items on a list that I brought home from Convention that I plan to bring before the club. Many seem to be good ideas and items we have not approached in the past. Our agenda is always so full that there is no opportunity to introduce anything new. Attendees at Conventions and Conferences go with the idea of participating in the planned workshops and business sessions. But there's never a dull minute and we do indeed spend long hours sitting and listening.

Susan Woody and the Literacy Committee have busy months during September and October with their work on World Literacy Day, Buddy Bags, Book Sale and Make a Difference Day. Lori Michaels, who is the welcome new chair of ASTRA, has started the school year with a well attended and organized *ASTRA After Hours*. If she asks for assistance, please try to help her. Janis Marcha and the Environmental Committee have been busy with the Bicycle Safety Program and other activities they have organized. Dena Brooks is busy writing Grants and doing a superb job with them. These are only a few of the many things going on in the club. I truly did not realize all the involvement we have until I began keeping abreast of it all. What an ambitious bunch and WE MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Please keep in mind the Add An Altrusan After Hours party at Alpine Bank East, 5:30 to 7:00 PM, on September 30th. This is everyone's chance to invite a prospective new member and have fun with them. Diane Winger and her committee have planed an enjoyable evening for us and let's try to build our membership.

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ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF MONTROSE, CO BUSINESS MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2009

President Roberta Hoey called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1 Altrusa is currently collecting all meeting archives, so bring these records to the meetings.
- 2 Susan Woody is collecting all current information and pictures for the new yearbook.
- 3 A Spring Luncheon committee member meeting will be held 7/28/09 after our regular meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 30 - Foundation Grants are due
October 24 - Make a Difference Day
November 20 - Holiday Festival

MINUTES of the previous business meeting were filed as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE by Jeanne Kuchynka

A thank you note and pictures was received from Dolphin House Child Advocacy Center thanking Altrusa for financial assistance in purchasing the iRecord System. Hospice & Palliative Care of Western Colorado sent a note of thanks for our generous donation of \$225 for Camp Good Grief art program. Timberline Bank sent a thank you note for being a customer of their bank and opening an account.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Bonnie Eakin. Copy filed as presented.

PROGRAMS by Roberta Hoey in Kaye Hostenpiller's absence.

July 28 - Dusty Gavels Program - Lorie Bollig
August 4 - Patricia Byrd on Reclaim Kids
August 25 - Environmental Committee program - Janis Marcha

MEMBERSHIP by Diane Winger. **77 members. Resignations:** Judy Snedeker and Cheryl Nichols. **Request for Leave of Absence:** Erica Jiron has requested a re-extension for medical reasons until mid August 2009. Melba Teague requests a LOA until September 2009. Both of these requests were approved by the board.

SERVICE by Linda Riba.

The following requests were recommended by the committee and approved by the board and club:

- 1 Montrose Youth Appreciation Day \$250 and also asked for volunteer assistance.
- 2 San Juan Western Heritage Festival featuring the 12th Annual Cowboy Poetry Rodeo requesting \$500 with proceeds benefiting the Caring Friends Fund of the San Juan Healthcare Foundation.

OLD BUSINESS

Accepted the 2008-2009 club audit performed by Dorinda Elder. All records were found to be in excellent order. It was the recommendation of the auditor that Altrusa have different members on

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a rotation basis to overcome any concerns of the same member performing the annual audit. A thank you note will be sent to Dorinda Elder for her timely and expert audit report.

Twenty Lifeline units have been received.

The annual Yearbook will be going electronic this year. Diane Winger and Susan Woody have been working diligently accomplishing this task and making all information security-safe.

NEW BUSINESS

Evelyn Lawson, scholarship committee chair, requested approval to take unused scholarship funds of a combined total of \$1216 to be used to fund the Goodhue scholarship for 2009-2010 academic school year. The funds consist of \$833 from a Montrose High School scholarship for the 2008-2009 school year that was not used by a recipient and \$383 interest from the Goodhue endowment for last year. It was recommended by the committee and approved by the board. It was also recommended by the Scholarship committee to set a March 31st date on ALL scholarship requests so annual Altrusa scholarships can be awarded in a more timely manner. After discussion, it was agreed to table this request until the August business meeting.

The Service Budget for 2009-2010 was presented by Linda Riba. After extensive discussion, motion was made and carried to accept the Service Budget.

The Club Budget for 2009-2010 was presented by Bonnie Eakin. After discussion, motion made and carried to accept the Club Budget.

Meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm.
Jeanne Kuchynka, Secretary



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!

October Birthdays:

Carol Watson	October 2
Kylee Smith	October 7
Donna Herman	October 11
Lynda Wareham	October 11
Dorinda Elder	October 21



TIDBITS

Environmental Committee is holding a Bulb Planting in Cerise Park for Saturday Oct. 17th from 10:00am to noon. All club members are encouraged and welcome to participate, Email Janis (marchaj@gmail.com) if you can help out.

The 2011 District Conference, when Donna Herman is installed as governor, will be held in Montrose and we want all our member to attend. To that end, a number of small fundraisers will be held to help pay for conference fees. One of them will be to sell nuts, an idea brought back from the International Convention. Dorothy Causey and Margaret Goodhue will handle this one and will be announcing details.

The Literacy Committee will be sponsoring a Book Sale on September 29. The funds generated by this in-club fundraiser will be designated toward additional conference expense reimbursement in 2010. All members are encouraged to bring their nearly new books to sell to fellow members and to also plan on purchasing books for their own pleasure. The books will be collected at meetings up to that date. Any books not sold will be passed forward to another local charity.

If you have any questions please contact Lorie Bollig at 249-6823.



Altrusa Gathering

*You are invited
to meet members
of Altrusa of Montrose CO
and to learn more about
our service organization*



*Light refreshments will
be served.*

*Date: Wednesday,
September 30, 2009*



Time: 5:30 - 7:00 PM

*Alpine Bank lobby
1400 East Main
Montrose CO*

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of Montrose CO**

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Mark Your Calendar—Bosom Buddies Walk/Run October 10, 2009—Montrose Pavilion

One Step Closer to Help and Hope

Altrusa is proud to be a part of the annual Bosom Buddies Walk/Run, where we volunteer to help with some of the logistics of the fundraising event, as well as provide financial support to Bosom Buddies -- the Breast Cancer Support Group of Southwestern CO. Bosom Buddies provides financial and emotional support to women AND men whose lives have been touched by breast cancer. They provide financial assistance for mammograms and breast cancer treatments.

Presented by Montrose Memorial Hospital

Registration 8:00 a.m. Walk/Run 9:00 a.m.

Volunteers will be needed as well if you can't Walk/Run. Sign up sheets will be available at upcoming Club meetings.

Upcoming Activities - Plan to Attend!

September 29-INITIATION/ HOLIDAY FESTIVAL TRAINING

September 29-LITERACY/CLUB FUNDRAISING BOOKSALE

**September 30-ADD AN ALTRUSAN AFTER HOURS@ALPINE BANK EAST—
5:30 TO 7 PM**

October 10- BREAST CANCER WALK

October 17-CERISE PARK BULB PLANTING 10AM

October 24-MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

November 20-HOLIDAY FESTIVAL—Wells Fargo Downtown Montrose

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF MONTROSE, CO BUSINESS MEETING, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009

BUSINESS MEETING, AUGUST 18, 2009, MONTROSE ELKS LODGE
President Roberta Hoey called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Francie Smiles, San Juan Healthcare Foundation director, invited and asked for Altrusa volunteers to assist with the San Juan Western Heritage Festival that will be held September 11 & 12 at the Pavillion. She also thanked Altrusa for their generous donation of \$500 for this event.

Add an Altrusean After Hours Party is scheduled with 9/30/09, a sign-up sheet will be circulating.

Foundation Grants applications are due by 9/15/09. Dena Brooks is working on an application for Lifeline. Susan Woody is collecting items from members for a caring box to be mailed to Lesley Archibald who is ungoing treatments in Texas.

Members were asked to follow-up on recent guests who have attended our meetings.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

August 22 - Partners Benefit at Canyon Creek Bed & Breakfast
August 25 - Holiday Festival committee meeting
September 9 - ASTRA After Hours at Altrusa Park 6PM
September 19 - Altrusa sponsored Kids on Wheels Bike Safety Rally
September 29 - Initiation
October 10 - Bosom Buddies Walk/Run
October 24 - Make a Difference Day
November 20 - Holiday Festival at Wells Fargo Bank

CONVENTION REPORTS:

Donna Herman, Margaret Goodhue, Alice Vest, Martha Dusio, and Roberta Hoey all attended the Altrusa International Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana and gave a wonderful review of all the events. The highlights of the convention were our Montrose Altrusa group taking 1st place for International Relations and also our local ASTRA club placing 1st with their projects.

MINUTES of the previous business meeting were filed as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE by Jeanne Kuchynka. No correspondence received .

TREASURER'S REPORT by Bonnie Eakin. Copy of financials and bills filed as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROGRAMS by Roberta Hoey in Kaye Hostenpiller's absence

August 28 - Environmental Committee presented by Janis Marcha

September 1 - School District RE-1J Health Based Clinics presented by Linda Gann

September 22 - World Literacy Day presented by Susan Woody. Buddy Bags will be filled.

September 29 - Initiation

MEMBERSHIP by Roberta Hoey in Diane Winger's absence

77 members. Resignations: Molly Feddersen has moved to Grand Junction. Debby Curtis will be transferring from the Delta Altrusa club as soon as the paper work is completed.

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SERVICE by Linda Riba

The following requests were a motion by the committee, recommendation by the board and approved by the club:

- 1 Bosom Buddies Walk/Run October 10 - \$500
- 2 Christ's Kitchen - \$500
- 3 Northside Elementary - field trip expenses for 3rd graders to learn of waste disposal and trash recycling - \$95
- 4 Montrose Community Dinner - \$500

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on scholarship applications deadlines continued from last business meeting. A vote was taken and the majority vote was to have a March 31st deadline on ALL scholarship applications starting 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

It was a recommendation by the board that Altrusa Montrose change the Christmas Party name to Holiday Party to conform to our bylaws. After discussion, a vote was taken and the majority vote was to rename this event to Holiday Party. Michelle Gottlieb, committee chair, will plan this event accordingly.

A fundraiser book sale will be held on September 29.

Diane Winger, membership chair, is working on a meeting evaluation form to be completed by all members.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28 pm.

Jeanne Kuchynka, Secretary

Altrusa Programs for Remainder of 2009

September 29, 2009: Initiation/Holiday Festival training

October 6, 2009: Danny Hoey – 4H Sports Club

October 27, 2009: Lifeline – Alice Vest

November 3, 2009: District Officer club visit – Donna Herman

November 24, 2009: How to report service hours? – Dusty Gavels

December 1, 2009: Leann Tobin/Dr. Hanley – Robotic Davinci assisted surgical system

December 15, 2009: Holiday Party

ALTRUSA JOINS MONTROSE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

At the September 15, 2009 Club Meeting, Altrusa Members voted to join the Montrose Chamber of Commerce. This is a big step toward our goals of increasing public awareness of Altrusa International Inc, of Montrose, enhancing membership, as well as strengthening sponsorship and fund-raising opportunities.

The nominal annual Chamber of Commerce dues for non-profit organizations of \$100 is reimbursed to us by allowing Altrusa to include advertising inserts into one monthly mailing to the nearly 800 Chamber Members (valued at \$100). In fact, the first insert will be publicizing the upcoming Holiday Festival of Trees and Gifts.

Additional Chamber Member benefits key to Altrusa goals include:

Chamber Advertising—Altrusa can advertise for free at the Chamber building at the Visitor's Center by providing brochures or flyers.

Chamber Directory Listing—Altrusa will be listed in the annual *Chamber Membership Directory & Relocation Guide* under both categorical & alphabetical listings. More than 5,000 copies are distributed annually to Chamber Members. Chamber Directories are sent out in Relocation Packets & to anyone who requests them. They are also available at 2 Visitor Centers (Montrose Regional Airport & at the Chamber building).

Chamber Website Listing—Altrusa information will be listed both categorically & alphabetically on the Chamber Website with our logo and a link to the Altrusa website.

Chamber E-BLAST—Altrusa information can be included in the Chamber E-BLAST distributed via e-mail to to all Chamber Members every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month.

Chamber Newsletter Advertising—Altrusa can advertise events in the monthly Chamber Currents Newsletter distributed to 800 Chamber Members 800 monthly.

Membership Seminars—Altrusa members can attend Membership Seminars offered on various topics.

Conference Room Rental—Altrusa can rent the Chamber conference room at a discounted rate.

Ride-a-bike to-school Challenge

Sept. 21 to Oct. 16

**Centennial Middle School
Columbine Middle School**

How the challenge works for students...
Every day you ride a bike to school during the challenge period, your name will be entered into **weekly drawings for great prizes:**

- Every Friday, one girl and one boy from each school will **win a \$25 gift card donated by The Sports Authority.**
- On October 16, one bike challenger from each school will **win a bike donated by Altrusa or Jeans Westerner!**

BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES

Because we didn't have a newsletter in August, we couldn't publish the birthdays for September. Here they are...

If you see any of these Altrusans, wish them a Belated Happy Birthday!

Susan Bony	Sept 1
Margaret Goodhue	Sept 6
Anita Johansen	Sept 7
Irene Means	Sept 7
Dorothy Causey	Sept 10
Cindy Donohue	Sept 11
Melba Teague	Sept 11
Erica Jiron	Sept 14
Sharlene Martinson	Sept 17

