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Sunshine Thought 10/13/09

by Jennifer L. Rawdon

Duct tape is like the force...

Duct tape is like the force. It has a light side, a dark side, and it holds the world together.



In honor of Columbus Day...

You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore. ~ ~ Christopher Columbus

President's Letter

by Andrea H. Smith



The fall foliage and colors are so rich this year! My family would make a "pilgrimage" to Jemez each fall in the 1960's when we lived in Albuquerque . We got up very early and set up camp near the ranch house my Mother grew up in. Daddy would make a campfire and brew coffee, bake biscuits, fry bacon and scramble eggs - I can smell it all even now! After breakfast we would take a ride to the Fenton's house and spend time looking at the fall colors around Fenton Lake. Take some time to look around town at the beautiful trees and shrubs as they lose their leaves and get ready for winter - BRRRR!

We each have many things to give thanks for this year. I am thankful for my health, my 2 precious grandsons, my family, and my friends. I also want to give thanks for the men and women in our armed forces who are keeping our borders safe. Please take a moment of silence at 11 am on 11/11 and remember those that are fallen heroes and their families.



Happy Birthday to Linda Madrid and me - our November birthday girls.

"Thinking of You"

It's a word I have used throughout most of my life without really giving it much thought. It's a word we are all familiar with, and most of us use it on a daily basis. I'm talking about "thanks". We know how to use it, and we know the good that comes from it, but what does it mean?

So, I looked it up. "Thank" comes from the same root word as "think", so when we say. "I thank you" what we are really saying is, "I will think of you." Presumably, because the person has done a good thing, the thoughts will be warm ones.

It's a nice feeling to be thanked. And now we know why - there is very little nicer in this world than to be well thought of.

David McLaughlan, Ayrshire, Scotland

Book Sale Proceeds Benefit Library

by Donna E. Oracion

The Altrusa Club of Roswell/Friends of the Roswell Public Library Book Sale, held October 16-18, raised record amount for the Friends of the Library.



ROSWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY BENEFITS FROM BOOK SALE

The Altrusa Club of Roswell/Friends of the Roswell Public Library Book Sale, held October 16-18, raised more money than ever before for the Friends of the Library. The organization will use the proceeds for library programs and projects and to enhance a new used book store, called 'Books Again,' to open November 17 at 404 W. Second Street. The book store sales will benefit the Roswell Public Library.

For the past 29 years, the Altrusa Club of Roswell has coordinated the sale of used books to fund library programs and projects. The Altrusa Club also founded Friends of the Roswell Public Library. About 40 Altrusans volunteered their time to assist in the collection, set-up, and sale of hundreds of books, which were sold at reduced prices to the community. Members of the Assisteens also assisted with the sale.

Make a Difference Day

by Jones, Bonita L. L.



Members of Altrusa assisted many of the residents at Casa Maria with arts and crafts projects. Some of the ladies made lapel pins, while others were busy making door hangers out of art foam. Casa Maria supplied the materials, while our members brought the creativity. The residents seemed to enjoy the individual attention. The ladies attending were Joletha Alford, Suzanne Berry, Jean Brown, Wanda Doolittle, Susan Keohane, Debbie Langley, Vera Lupien, Mary McKenna and Rosalyn Robinson.

Open House

by Jennifer L. Rawdon

You are invited to an Open House for Books Again



You are invited to a Preview Open House of

BOOKS AGAIN

A bookstore operated by the Friends of the Roswell Public Library.

Monday, November 16, 2009

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

404 West Second

Refreshments will be served.

(Located immediately east of Tinnie Mercantile)

Support CASA

by Jennifer L. Rawdon



Join CASA for the Winter Wonderland Tree Auction

The Winter Wonderland Tree Auction is November 19th at 5:00 p.m. at First American Bank--downtown location.

Please come and support CASA. There will also be a number of items in a silent auction on another floor of the building.

Link-to-Link Club News

by Jennifer L. Rawdon

Recipe from the Albuquerque Club Newsletter



The Albuquerque Club sells pecans each year, so they have suggested the following recipe:

Maple Spiced Pecans

1/2 tsp coconut oil
2 cups raw pecans
4 tbsp maple syrup
1 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp ground ginger
1/8 tsp each ground nutmeg and ground cloves
1/4 tsp sea salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and lightly grease baking sheet with coconut oil. Combine remaining ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Spread mixture on prepared baking sheet another 10 minutes. Transfer to a plate to cool before serving.

Link-to-Link Club News

by Jennifer L. Rawdon



Judy Stubbs Visits the Albuquerque Club

On October 26th, Judy Stubbs, Vice-Governor, District Ten, visited the Albuquerque Club.

This was Judy's first visit to the Albuquerque Club. She has been a member of Altrusa for 24 years and is very involved with the Roswell community. Judy commented to the club that the 2009 conference in Albuquerque was wonderful! District Ten is very proud of Albuquerque Altrusa for getting closer to charter strength. Judy suggested that as the club gets stronger, they should consider doing board meetings and exchange of duties/information. Another suggestion was to get more publicity for the nursing scholarship.

International News

by Jennifer L. Rawdon

Note from Donna Johnson, International President



What an informative International Convention we had!
We heard about the branding process, ways it can reenergize an organization and its relevance for not

- for - profits like Altrusa. We learned about managing change through alliance building, commitment alignment and perception assessment. And we were introduced to interim marketing materials designed to bridge where we are now and where we will be a couple of years from now. How I wish every one of you could have been there. The atmosphere was completely electric with the hope of Altrusa successes to come.

For the 2009

- 2011 biennium your International Board is working with two goals: retain and recruit members and improve and extend the Altrusa image. With the convention delegates' support in passing the proposed 2009 - 2011 budget we are ready to move ahead quickly with developing the Altrusa brand. To make our new brand successful each member will need to become a "brand ambassador" for Altrusa.

The International board and program committees will be gathering and

creating the tools our members need to promote Altrusa from within our membership. We'll work together to become more educated brand ambassadors who are comfortable attracting media attention, are experts on the positive benefits of volunteering, and are visible in community activities as a promoter of Altrusa.

The first step is to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) detailing the marketing and branding services we need to secure. (If there are any Altrusans in this field interested in submitting a proposal, be sure to get your contact information to our Executive Director, Regina Baras.) While the proposal is out for response, your Communications/Marketing Chair Rhoda Struhs and Vice Chair, Rhonda Hauter will begin developing the project timetable. This will help all of us stay on track and watch our project as it moves toward our goals.

So where do you fit in? We are counting on each Altrusan to make a personal commitment to retain existing members and actively recruit new members. The minimum goal for the first year of the biennium is to halt the membership decline. We are striving to maintain our membership at a number at or above what it was on October 1, 2009. Your Membership team, their Board liaison and the International Office will send quarterly progress reports to each club and district so we can watch our growth. If all goes well soon we'll have a graph on the web site to help us visually track our advancement.

Watch this space for more International news in your next DSB.

Donna Johnson, International President

Minutes

by Jennifer L. Rawdon



Minutes from the October 28, 2009 Business Meeting and the Foundation Meeting

Altrusa Club of Roswell
Business Meeting
October 28, 2009

1. Vice President Theresa Delgado called the meeting to order at 12:07 P.M.
2. Members said grace and Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call - 28 of 49 members were present.
4. Minutes of the Program Meeting of October 14, 2009, were approved as emailed.
5. Friends of the Library mailed a thank you letter and invited Altrusa to preview of the Books Again book store, Monday, November 16, 2009, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., at 404 West Second.
6. The treasurer's report was given.
7. New business:
 - Board approved funds for Community Service Committee
8. Old Business:
 - All Civics Luncheon will count as a meeting. It is

\$12.00 a person and will be held November 22, 2009 at the Convention Center.

9. Committee Reports: **Awards:** no report. **Communications:** no report. **Community Services:** Debbie Langley said for Make A Difference Day was a success, approximately 12 members participated by visiting with individuals at Casa Maria on October 24th. **Fundraising:** Angie Valdez said cash raffle was a success; we received a check splitting the proceeds with the Sertoma Club. The style show may no longer be beneficial to the club. **Literacy:** Ande England said they were working on the campus dictionary project. **Membership:** Joan Blodgett reminded members to keep track of their service hours. **Orientation:** Jackie Gooch said they are waiting for new members. **Sunshine:** no report. **Vocational Services:** Deborah Goluska said the book sale was a success. Presented a check to the Friends of the Library for \$6,836.00. The new book store, Books Again, will open for business Tuesday, November 17th. **Foundation:** Becky Underation said the cash raffle was a success.
10. The Altrusa Accent was presented by Angie Valdez.
11. After the action, sunshine thought, club raffle, and benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Manon Arnett, Recording Secretary

FOUNDATION MEETING

September 15, 2009

Members present: Becky Underation, Deborah Goluska, Linda Madrid, Joletha Alford, Joan Blodgett, Bonnie Jones, Rosalyn Robinson, and Marian Thompson. Absent: Katy Byrd-Humphreys, Wanda Doolittle, Kerry Kiker, and Jennifer Rawdon.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm.

Minutes of the July 21, 2009, meeting were read. **Deborah Goluska moved to approve the minutes.** Bonnie Jones seconded. **Motion passed.** Minutes will be filed for record.

Deborah Goluska presented the **Treasurer's Report:**

- Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2009
 - Profit & Loss statement for June through August, 2009
 - Profit & Loss statement for June & August, 2009
- The Treasurer's Report is attached and will be filed for audit.

Deborah reported on the Foundation scholarships. Marian explained the significance of the Poole scholarship, which was created by the Poole family to honor their mother (a single mom who went to college and earned a nursing degree) and to show appreciation for Altrusa (which granted her a scholarship to help with college expenses).

Committee Reports:

Investment Committee: Bonnie Jones presented the Investment report as of August 31, 2009, and noted that we have added a "new" investment that will be reflected in the next report. This report will be attached and filed for review. The Investment Committee will meet October 19th at noon.

Old Business:

Cash Raffle: Becky and Marian reported that tickets are selling slowly and they will meet with Sertoma to get updates for the actual event. Altrusa Club Fundraising Committee will be organizing the volunteers and duty assignments for that night over the next few weeks. Cash Raffle date: 10/24/09

New Business:

No Dance Dance Committee: Marian Thompson and Bonnie Jones will put the bags together. The list of addressees from last year will be sent to the Foundation members to make additions, deletions, or corrections.

Our next meeting will be November 17, 2009.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Linda Madrid, Secretary

Sunshine Thought 11/11/09

by Jennifer L. Rawdon

Recipe For A Whole Turkey



A WHOLE TURKEY (Recipes from Smashed Potatoes, edited by Jane Martel)

1 big bag full of a whole turkey (Get the kind with no feathers on, not the kind the Pilgrims ate.)

A giant lump of stuffin'

1 squash pie

1 mint pie

1 little fancy dish of sour berries

1 big fancy dish of a vegetable mix

20 dishes of all different candies; chocolate balls, cherry ball, good 'n plenties and peanuts

Get up when the alarm says to and get busy fast. Unfold the turkey and open up the holes. Push in the stuffin' for a couple hours. I think you get stuffin' from that farm that makes it.

I know you have to pin the stuffin' to the turkey or I suppose it would get out. And get special pins or use big long nails.

Get the kitchen real hot, and from there on you just cook the turkey. Sometimes you can call it a bird, but it's not.

Then you put the vegetables in the cooker--and first put one on top, and next put one on the bottom, and then one in the middle. That makes a vegetable mix. Put 2 red things of salt all in it and 2 red things of water also. Cook them to just 1/2 of warm.

Put candles all around the place and Linda will bring over the pies.

When the company comes, put on your red apron.

CHOPS

Some chops that are enough to fill up your pan

Fresh salt and pepper

Fresh flour

1 ball of salad lettuce

1 sponge cake with ice cream

Put the chops in the bag and shake them for 5 hours--and the flour too.

Put them in a skillet pan on the biggest black circle on the roof of your stove. Cook them for plenty of time.

Fringe up the lettuce in little heaps in all the bowls.

Go on the porch and bring the high chair and have your supper everybody!

Note: But stoves really is dangerous--and you shouldn't go near one till you get married.

Using "Events" in ClubRunner

by Jones, Bonita L. L.



We've written this before, but we encourage everyone to take advantage of ClubRunner to automate volunteering....

You have already seen emails asking you to sign up for a

"Yes, Mam" shift and to volunteer for the book sale, and we encourage all committees to take advantage of this function of ClubRunner.

First item in the email is a call for volunteers.

Second, is a description of the "event" with details on date, time, committee chair, and the event itself.

Third, is a box showing time-slots and members that have already volunteered.

Finally, there is a paragraph that explains how to put your name on the list: "You can book volunteers directly on the Altrusa Club of Roswell, New Mexico, Inc. website by [clicking here](#). Please do so as soon as possible so the event chair is aware of your commitment."

Simply click on "[clicking here](#)" and you will be taken to the log-in page. Once you've logged in, click on "Book" and click on "Myself" to add yourself to that time slot and click the "Save" button.

The "event" will also appear on the home page under "Upcoming Events." You can sign up by clicking on the name of the event (shown in blue), then clicking on "Volunteering" under "Register" at the bottom of the page that appears after you have logged in.

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If you do not, yet, have your log-in information, or have forgotten your password, simply click on "Forgot your password?" on the log-in page, enter your first name, last name, and email address (as it appears in the ClubRunner database) and ClubRunner will send you an email with a temporary password. After you have successfully logged in, you can go to "Change My Password" under "My ClubRunner" on the "Admin" page. Your default "Login Name" is your first name (nickname) + a dot + your last name. You can change this to anything you want by going to "Edit My Profile" under "My ClubRunner" on the "Admin" page.

I hope all of you will take advantage of this feature as it saves time for the committee chair.