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President's Message-December

by Andrea H. Smith

The holidays are just around the corner.....



The holidays are just around the corner and we are all busy with shopping – my aching back!, baking – uuhm!, wrapping and decorating – more aching back, and there are usually several parties to attend – lots of calories! I hope each of us will take the time to remember that this is a season of love and peace and family.

I am looking forward to our program presented by the NMMI Choir. They are very entertaining and we will all be in the spirit of the season when they finish. Thank you to those members who have volunteered to buy a lunch for one of the nine members. We will also have 3 or 4 Students of the Month, so our meal budget is a little stretched this month.

Fourteen members attended the All Civic Club Luncheon and our tables were adorned with beautiful white flowers and blue ribbons for our Club's 62nd birthday. This is a fun event as you get to learn about what other groups are doing in the area, and I hope we will have better attendance next year.

At our January business meeting we will elect our Nominating Committee. This important group will select a slate of officers that we will vote on at the March business meeting. Please consider serving on the Committee or as an officer. I have found a lot of fulfillment as President.

The Dusty Gavel will meet this month and decide on our auction items for January, so get out your wallets!

Congrats to Joletha Alford, Joan Blodgett, Deborah Goluska, and Karen Remmele – they have perfect attendance halfway through the club year.

Happy Birthday to our December birthday girls, Judy Armstrong and Anne Hale.

A few of the Board members are collecting \$\$ for two residents of the La Villa ALZ unit. They have no visitors and often only receive hand-me-downs or left-behinds from other patients. Sheree (Bolton) Bennett, a past District Governor from Artesia, brought this need to my attention. Many thanks to those who have stepped up and opened their wallets – once again.

We got some nice press on the box packing for Salvation Army. I appreciate those of you who participated and some even brought others along. I know it was short notice, but we think we may be developing a better line of communication with Captain Perez.

My very best wishes to each of you and may the New Year be one you will never forget!

Andi

Salvation Army Box Packing

by Joletha Alford



Report on December service project...

On Thursday, December 3rd, approximately 23 efficient, hard-working, community servants met to pack Christmas food boxes for the Salvation Army. The group was comprised of members of the Altrusa Club of Roswell, husbands, friends, a niece and nephew-in-law, and a co-worker. In a little over three hours 875+ boxes were ready to be distributed to southeastern New Mexico families.

This has been an Altrusa service project for more than 30 years and was a tradition when I first joined in 1980.

Thanks for everyone's help, including organizational skills, good nature, and devoted hearts.

Merry Christmas

Joletha

Editor's Note: check out all the pictures for this event in the Photo Journal titled "Box Packing"

New ClubRunner Features

by Jones, Bonita

You may have noticed....

If you visit our website on a regular basis, you have probably noticed some new features. If not, take a look, and try them out.



- **Calendar:** Click on "Calendar" in the Menu bar at the top of the page. Besides appearing under "Upcoming Events" all events entered on ClubRunner now appear on a monthly calendar so you can get a picture of what's happening during the entire month.
- **Email Message Center:** Although ClubRunner still has the old version available, try out the new version by clicking on "New Version" under "My ClubRunner." Everything appears on one page so you don't have to move through succeeding pages. You may want to double check that the distribution list you want to use is accurate because ClubRunner did not automatically transfer these from the old version. I think we've caught most of the omissions, but it doesn't hurt to double-check.

November Program

by Lisa Armijo

Boys &

Roswell's Boys and Girls Club - November 11, 2009

Girls Club

Art Garcia, Executive Director of the Roswell Boys and Girls Club, presented a program on how important the club is to the city of Roswell. He explained how the club is near and dear to his heart due to the fact that he was a club kid growing up and how it changed his life.

The goal of the Boys and Girls Club is to guide the children to become productive, caring citizens; to keep them off the street, teach them how to have pride in taking care of their club, learning teamwork and creating a safe place for all youngster to go. The staff helps with homework and teaches the kids how to say "NO" to drugs.

The total cost per child is \$20.00 a year and during the school year they average around 130 kids and during the summer around 300 kids. They provide guidance, role models and social recreation for any child that signs up.

In February, the club was on the verge of closing until Denzel Washington donated \$50,000.00 under the condition that the club match that. As of this date, the club has raised around \$42,000.00. We presented Art Garcia with a check for \$300.00 to be put towards that goal.

Minutes-Board Meeting

by Manon Arnett

November, 2009

Altrusa Club of Roswell
Board Meeting
GGAS & Co., LLC Conference Room
Board Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2009



President Andi Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 12:07 pm.

Members present include:

Andi Smith
Manon Arnett
Lanie Smith
Jennifer Rawdon
Kerry Kiker
Sherry Mumford
Wanda Doolittle

Members absent include:

Theresa Delgado
Linda Madrid
Renee Swickard

The minutes of the October 20, 2009 meeting were approved as emailed.

Wanda reviewed our October 31, 2009 balance sheet and our June through October 2009 profit and loss statement. Both statements will be filed for audit. At the end of this month we are mid-year, everything to date looks good.

There was no correspondence.

Under new business the following items were discussed:

- Jennifer suggested that we need new ideas for service projects in the community.

Under old business it is noted that Linda Madrid held a preliminary meeting to move the monthly Altrusa meetings from the Sally Port to the Elks Lodge. Lunch at the Elks Lodge would be \$10.00 a person. Friends of the Library Used Book Store opened for business Tuesday, November 17, 2009. The Shut-in community project was discussed; we need to look into revamping the way individuals are picked for the safety of those delivering baskets.

The next board meeting is scheduled at the Pecos Flavors Winery, Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 5:15 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00.

Manon Arnett, Recording Secretary

Meeting Minutes-Club

by Manon Arnett

November, 2009



Altrusa Club of Roswell
Program Meeting
November 11, 2009

1. President Andi Smith called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm
2. Members said grace and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Art Garcia, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club was the guest.
4. Roll Call - 30 members were present.
5. Minutes of the October 28, 2009, were approved as emailed.
6. Correspondence: Renee Swickard announced there was a bounced check from the book sale and would try to collect.
7. Linda Madrid introduced Marie Alarcon, NMMI Cadet; and Hayley Harton, Goddard High School, Students of the Month.
8. District Ten Nominating Committee
 - a. Nominees for District Ten Nominating Committee: Motion by Judy Armstrong, seconded by Jennifer Rawdon to nominate Bonnie Jones as the District Ten Nominating Committee Chair.
 - b. International Nominating Committee Nominee for District Ten: To be discussed later.
 - c. Nominees as Trustee of the International Foundation: Motion by Judy Armstrong, seconded by Karen Remmele nominating Marion Thompson as the International Foundation Trustee.
9. All Civic Club Luncheon: Two accomplishments of the club will be announced.
10. Literacy Committee requested money for the book project for the 4th grade class. Motion by Joan Blodgett, seconded by Karen Remmele. Motion passed.
11. The program presenter was Art Garcia, Boys and Girls Club Director. Spoke on the importance of the club in the community. He also thanked Altrusa for the monetary donation. Membership for a child at the boys and girls club for a year is \$20.
12. The Altrusa Accent was presented by Joletha Alford.
13. President Smith announced that Linda Madrid and Andi Smith had had birthdays in November.
14. After brags and announcement by club members, the sunshine thought, club raffle, and benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Manon Arnett, Recording 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.