



## Altrusa Club of Roswell, New Mexico, Inc.

### Voice of Altrusa

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#### Sunshine Thought 2/24/10

by Jennifer L. Rawdon

Logic will get you from A to B...

Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you ANYWHERE.

~Albert Einstein~



#### Director's Message

by Linda Madrid



Linda steps in to give our President a break during her very busy tax season..

Dear Altrusans,

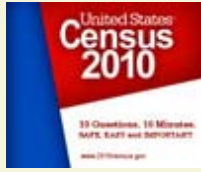
I am grateful for this opportunity to write about one of my favorite responsibilities in Altrusa - honoring the Students of the Month. For over twenty years, Altrusans have recognized Students of the Month from Goddard High School, Roswell High School, University High School, and the New Mexico Military Institute.

These students are chosen at their respective schools through an election/voting process conducted by the faculty, staff, and administrators. The RISD students are seniors in good-standing and are nominated based on academic performance, effort, character, behavior, social relationships, extra-curricular activities, and attendance. I believe NMMI uses some type of merit (or point) system based on a similar set of criteria when they choose their student (cadet) of the month.

Students of the Month and their parents/guardian or advisor/counselor are invited to attend our program meeting. The students introduce themselves by giving a brief autobiographical sketch which includes future goals and aspirations. It is so exciting to hear such positive plans, dreams, and desires! We award the student a certificate from Altrusa and we pay for each student's meal, as well as one of their guest's meal.

The Student of the Month program is a "win-win" situation for the student and for Altrusa. Not only is being named Student of the Month a great "self-esteem" booster, the student can use the certificate in

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establishing a portfolio for college and scholarship applications. For Altrusans, it is a golden opportunity for positive public relations - not only do the students and their guests meet individual Altrusans, they can witness what a highly active and involved community service organization looks like.

I hope it gives you as much hope as it does me, to meet and greet such extremely accomplished, motivated, talented, and successful students. Confucius said, "A youth is to be regarded with respect. How do we know that his future will not be equal to our present?"

Thank you for your support of the Student of the Month program.

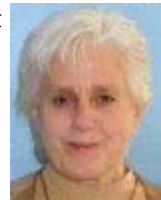
Sincerely,

Linda Madrid

### Altrusan Honored

*by Jones, Bonita*

Altrusan, Andrae England, was one of three women honored at the Women's History Month Celebration on March 6, 2010!



Born into a West Texas farm and ranch family, Andra (the W TX pronunciation) grew up in the country near Winters. She learned to drive a pickup and tractor and how to shoot a gun from her dad, and was read to by her older sister Helen, but it was her mother and her high school principal who made sure she had the opportunity to go to college. Andrae enrolled in an accredited business school after high school so the credits she earned there would transfer to a four year college.

Andrae married a year later. While her husband was finishing at Texas Tech she worked at Litton Industries in Lubbock, then a top secret Naval installation making black boxes for A6A & E2A fighter aircraft in VietNam. Their Sunday School teacher at the time was Grant Teaff.

Son Loren was born shortly before a move to Dumas where husband Lanny worked at DeKalb AgResearch and she worked at Dumas Co-Op Elevator. They moved back near Lubbock for Lanny's work with DeKalb, and Andra enrolled in the Business School at Texas Tech, completing a Bachelor's & Master's in Education at Angelo State University after a family move back near Winters.

Andrae taught all subjects in grades 3-8 at the Wingate school, implemented and coordinated a non-graded reading program, coordinated the non-graded math program, Title V reading and ESOL programs, coached tennis, track and basketball for boys and girls, drove the team bus, and organized the concession stand - all things that happen in a small, village school. The opportunities for learning there continued in using computers in the classroom and the National Writing Project. She also had the experience of learning from a premier coach who had a chance to work at the University of Texas with Abe Lemons but chose instead to stay in rural Texas and teach kids the game of basketball.

She next took to the road to work in Region XV, helping advocate for children of migrant workers and providing opportunities for teachers'

professional development in using computers, reading development and critical thinking through such programs as Tactics for Thinking, Structure of Intellect Learning Abilities Development, Strategies for Teaching Critical Thinking and Cooperative Learning. From there she enrolled in the University of Texas' Education & Business schools' Adult Education, Human Resources & Organizational Development Leadership Program and worked with the Corporation for National & Community Service in Service-Learning at the Texas Education Agency & and University of Texas.

She followed her daughter and family to Roswell in 2000 (well, Kevin said, "Come, go with us!) and first worked with the New Mexico Center for Service-Learning, including a VISTA project on the Navajo Nation in Arizona, before taking the role as Director with the Roswell Literacy Council. That Board sponsored her participation in Leadership Roswell. Her other opportunities to support community literacy development include Advisory Board membership for ENMU-R, ABE/Job Corps and RSVP and Altrusa Literacy and Community Service committees.

Andrae finds every opportunity to burst into song; in praise with the choir at First Baptist Church, acapella harmony with the Enchanters and Roswell Chorale, and she's bent on a Foggy Floyd Boys Band someday!

### Conference Hands On Project

*by Jones, Bonita*



The Hands-On project at this year's District Ten Conference focuses on children's books.

2010 Altrusa District Ten Conference  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
HANDS ON PROJECT!!

It's as easy as 1..2...3!

- 1) As an Altrusa member and 2010 Altrusa District Ten Conference attendee, bring one new or gently used children's book to conference with you.
- 2) At conference during the split training session, the first portion of the Hands On Project will take place in the hospitality room. Bring your books, have some refreshments, mingle with members then help clean and sort all the books!
- 3) Once cleaning and sorting has been completed, we will deliver these books to one of the regions oldest charities, providing gifts for children of families in need at Christmas and school supplies before school starts each fall.

If you're attending officer training during this time...refer to step number 1!

### 2010 Census

*by Bonita Jones*

CENSUS 2010 - Kick off celebration held March 9, 2010, at the Roswell Civic Center.

It's important to respond to the Census form; our responses affect the number of representatives in the House of Representatives, it affects funding and it affects prospective businesses. The Constitution mandates the Census and it is required every

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10 years. Everyone that lives in the US, both citizens and non-citizens, are being sent the forms and should be out by mid-March. 281 million were counted in the last Census. Visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) or contact our local Census Bureau rep. at 575-519-9559 if you have any questions.

### **CASA Prom-Graduation Drive**

*by Jones, Bonita*



Prom dress and graduation gown drive

**CASA PROGRAM and ALL AMERICAN CLEANERS PARTNER FOR  
PROM DRESS DRIVE**

**Donate used prom dresses!  
Graduation caps & gowns too!**

Abused, neglected, runaway, and high risk teen girls served by CASA often miss out on important events like prom or graduation because there is no way to afford a dress for the event. There are even more girls outside of the CASA family who are in the same boat.

CASA is accepting donations of new and gently used prom dresses and accessories for these marvelous young women.

Graduation gowns are needed by Seniors all over town.

All American Cleaners has generously offered to be the drop off point for dresses & gowns and will dry clean them for free!

Donated dresses and accessories can be brought to the Chaves County CASA Program, 500 North Main St. #310 (Bank of America Building), or any of the All American cleaner locations:

514 West 2nd  
104 East Berrendo

Road

1308 W. Main in Artesia

For more information about donating or receiving a dress or gown,  
call 625-0112 or  
e-mail [casakids@dfn.com](mailto:casakids@dfn.com)

### **Race for Breast Cancer Awareness**

*by Joan Blodgett*

A "thank you"



Good afternoon.

First of all I want to thank Rosalyn Robinson, Lisa Armijo, Mary McKenna, Suzanne Berry, Debbie Langley, Jennifer Rawdon, and Jackie Gooch for providing water stops and monitoring the 2-mile turnaround at the Pecos Valley Stampede this past Saturday morning (February 27th). I know it's a sacrifice for busy people to give up a Saturday morning.

As you know, Altrusa's Breast Cancer Awareness Programs benefited from the race, but it will be awhile before we know the amount of the donation.

Joan Blodgett

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## International Message

by Jones, Bonita



From The International President  
Donna C. Johnson, Gainesville, Florida

To all Altrusans:

We are so close to meeting our International membership goal for this year I can almost taste it. We need only 689 new members between now and May 31, 2010 to claim success. That's just 50 members per district. (Of course we'll need a few more than that to cover for current members who move or leave for other reasons, but let's keep it simple.)

You may recall that when we approved our International budget for 2009-2011 we took the unprecedented (in recent years) step of declaring that we would end the first year of the biennium with no net loss of members. I decided to restate this slightly to "We will end the year with one more member than we had at the same time a year ago".

And now we're coming very quickly up to the finish line for meeting our commitment to Altrusa. And as we all know, the hallmark of Altrusans is we can find a way to accomplish anything to which we set our minds. So now you know why my taste buds are tingling at the prospect of success. Our goal is within reach.

Make this your mantra. It's all about asking. Share Altrusa now. We've got April to make our big push and Add an Altrusan Day (May 2-8) to top it off.

Meeting our membership goal is important to demonstrate we are committed to stabilizing our membership as we go forward with revitalization, rebranding and a new marketing strategy. I know how easy it is to think someone else will do it or to make all kinds of excuses. I've done it myself. But, I'm stepping up right now to introduce Altrusa to several new people in order to do my part and I'm counting on you to do the same.

Here's to +1 by May 31.

## February Program

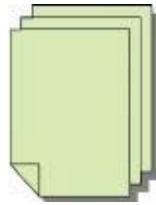
by Jones, Bonita

The Vocational Services Committee introduced its program speaker, Kim Stecklein of Advanced Home Care, a locally owned business. Kim talked about home care service under Medicare and home-bound services. Private pay services are also available. Continuity of Care is a group of home care providers that get together once a month to brainstorm as well as network.



## Documents Available on Web Site

*by Jones, Bonita*



Hints for finding information on our web site.....

We wanted to let you know about all the documents you, as a member, can find on the web site. Once you've logged on, click on "View Club Documents" and you will find the following:

**Budget:** This is a PDF document with the operating and service budgets for 2009-2010

**Yearbook:** This is a PDF document of the full yearbook, which includes the general information section as well as the Roster and a full Directory with pictures. We try to keep this up to date.

**Agenda:** An agenda for the next meeting in Word (DOC) format in Word (DOC) format.

**Minutes:** The complete minutes for the last month's meetings in Word (DOC) format. (The minutes that appear on the home page and in the Voice of Altrusa have been edited to delete financial information.)

**AltruNews:** This is a PDF document of the most current District Ten newsletter. You will, of course, also find this on the District Ten web site....along with much much more!

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## Meeting Minutes

*by Manon Arnett*

February, 2010

Altrusa Club of Roswell  
Program Meeting  
February 10, 2010



1. President Andi Smith called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M.
2. Members said grace and Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Cindy Willard was a guest.
4. Roll Call – 38 of 49 members were present with 5 excused absences and 2 Emeritus.
5. Minutes of the Business Meeting of January 27, 2010, stand approved as emailed.
6. Correspondence: Lanie Smith reported that Futuro Del Ora sent a thank you letter for books and school supplies and a newsletter received from Friends of the Library featuring Books Again used bookstore.
7. Linda Madrid introduced students of the month Christine Andrews from NMMI and Benjamin Cloutier from Roswell High School.
8. The program was brought by the Vocational Services Committee. Kim Stecklein of Advanced Home Care, a locally owned business, talked about home care service under Medicare and homebound services. Private pay services are also available. Continuity of Care is a group of home care providers that get together once a month to brainstorm as well as network.

9. The Altrusan Accent was presented by Donna Landfair.

10. President Smith announced that Jennifer Rawdon, Theresa Delgado, Wanda Doolittle, and Blanche Stephens had birthdays in February, and were sang Happy Birthday to. The Board meeting is February 16th, noon, in the GGAS Conference Room.

11. After brags and announcement by club members, the sunshine thought, club raffle, and benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

Submitted by Joan Blodgett for Manon Arnett, Recording Secretary

### Sunshine Thought 2/10/10

*by Jennifer L. Rawdon*



A woman is like a tea bag...

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