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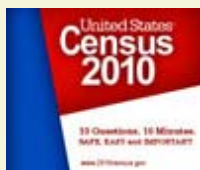
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Sunshine Thought 3-24-10

by Jones, Bonita

Imagination.....

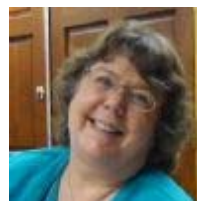
"Imagination is more important than knowledge."

Albert Einstein



Message from the Pres-to-be

by Jones, Bonita



Filling in for the President's Message during our President's busy tax season.....

Here we are, already, looking at the final two months of our year, so I thought I'd recap upcoming events.

The April program meeting will star our Committee Chairs, all making a "pitch" to join their committee for next year. Sign-up sheets will be circulating at this meeting as well as the next 2, and I'm planning on making sign-up available online in the next few days.

There are only two Board meetings left, so Committee Chairs need to get their fund requests in right away and get budgeted money spent before the end of the year! Remember, the fund request form can be found on the web site under "Downloads."

I'm lining up Committee Chairs for next year and would like to hear from anyone interested in chairing a committee. I won't know you're interested if you don't tell me or the current Chair.

District Ten Conference will be held April 30th through May 1st at the Marriott Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and it's not too late to make your plans to attend! It's always fun to meet Altrusans from other clubs in the district and see what's being done in other communities. There will be informative, and fun, workshops and, of course, Fun Night! The deadline for registration is April 19th, but, if you decide to go after that, you will only need to pay an additional \$5 Late Fee. Those going usually car-pool and share hotel rooms to minimize the travel costs.

District Ten Governor, Ida bender, has asked us to host the Awards Luncheon at conference, which, basically, means decorating the tables. The ad-hoc committee in charge has settled on a design and will be putting it all together in the next couple of weeks.

The May program meeting will, again, star our Committee Chairs! This time, they will present year-end reports to the membership and hand in the written report to either Kathleen Wells or Jean Brown.

The Officer/Director/Committee Chair Exchange will be on a date in May



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which has yet to be determined. President, Andi Smith, has started making plans for this to include some Leadership training. It's a great opportunity to get some of the training you may miss by not going to District Conference.

Finally, plans are being made for the annual dinner meeting which takes the place of the May business meeting. In addition to dinner, we will recognize the out-going Board and install the new officers for both the Club and the Foundation. Details will be announced just as soon as the date, time and place have been finalized.

It's going to be a busy Spring!

Bonnie Jones
Pres-to-be, in lieu of VP

Election Results!

by Jones, Bonita

Elected to serve for 2010-11.....



The election results from Wednesday's meetings are as follows:

- President: Bonnie Jones
- Vice-President: Lanie Smith
- Recording Secretary: Joan Blodgett
- Corresponding Secretary: Karen Remmele
- Treasurer: Wanda Doolittle
- Assistant Treasurer: Cynthia Green
- Director: Anjali Suri
- Director: Gloria Salas

The following Delegates & Alternates to District Ten Conference were elected:

- Delegates: Marian Thompson, Bonnie Jones and, possibly, Karen Remmele (if she goes)
- Alternates: Judy Stubbs and, possibly, Manon Arnett (if she goes)

A motion was passed to fill, at a later date, the empty spot and any spot not filled by Manon or Karen if they decide not to go to Conference.

Year End Committee Reports

by Jones, Bonita



Attention Committee Chairs!

It's time for Committee Chairs to write up their year-end reports for presentation at the May Program meeting. Kathleen Wells and Jean Brown will be collecting your written reports, immediately following the meeting, so don't get away from the meeting without making sure your report is in their hands.

Sponsor Our Web Site

by Jones, Bonita

Becoming a Web Sponsor gives you.....

We have finalized procedures for sponsoring our web site, with the intent of helping offset the cost of ClubRunner. Sponsorships will run on a yearly basis, and money



collected in one year will go to offsetting the following year's ClubRunner bill.

Becoming a Web Sponsor gives you a link to either your web site or your email address and "advertisements" can appear on the web site in either a text or an image format. We are opening up sponsorships to Altrusans and local Roswell businesses that would like to reach our members. The Communications Committee will review all sponsorship requests before proceeding with posting the link and collecting the funds.

To view the full Sponsorship Guide, go to our website (www.clubrunner.ca/RoswellAltrusa):

From the Home Page, at bottom right, click on "Click Here" under "Need some help understanding how to use ClubRunner?"; then click on

"Interested in being a website sponsor?"

From any other page, at bottom right, click on "Interested in being a website sponsor?"

The guide explains how the sponsorship works and contains an application. Simply fill out the application and click on "Submit" to send the application to Bonnie Jones with the Communications Committee. If you want your camera-ready advertisement to be used, attach it to an email to Bonnie at bonnie4altrusa@gmail.com.

If you know of a local business that you think would like to become one of our sponsors, please direct them to our web site and the Sponsorship Guide.

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

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 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 or contact our local Census Bureau rep. at 575-519-9559 if you have any questions.

2010

Meeting Minutes

by Manon Arnett



March, 2010

Altrusa Club of Roswell
Program Meeting
March 10, 2010

1. President Andi Smith called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M.
2. Members said grace and Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Patricia Melendez was a guest.
4. Roll Call – 32 of 49 members were present.
5. Minutes of the Business Meeting of February 24, 2010, approved as corrected.
6. Correspondence: no report.
7. Linda Madrid said there were no students of the month.
8. The program was brought by the Vocational Services Committee. Sheriff Rob Coon, talked about the goals of the Sheriff Department and how it affects the citizens of Roswell. Please call 911 if you have an emergency and dispatchers will direct your call to the appropriate agency.
9. The Altrusan Accent was tabled till the next meeting and will be given by Blanche Stephens.
10. After brags and announcement by club members, the sunshine thought, club raffle, and benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Submitted by Joan Blodgett for Manon Arnett, Recording Secretary

March Program

by Donna E. Oracion

Chaves County Sheriff, Rob Coon was the program speaker for the March 10, 2010 meeting.



The March 10 program was presented by Chaves County Sheriff, Rob Coon.

Coon is serving his first term as sheriff. He was elected in 2006 after 25 years of service with the New Mexico State Police Department. Sheriff Coon said law enforcement is something he loves and has been a great career for him. He told Altrusans a little bit about the Sheriff's office. There are 43 deputies, plus a smaller staff of secretaries and dispatchers. Patrol is the backbone of the department, but they also have a detective division, which handles such things as burglaries and violent crimes. He also mentioned the civil patrol division which served 9800 papers, warrants, etc. from Magistrate Court last year alone. He also said a special focus of the sheriff's department is crimes against children and deputies are currently on the trail of several child predators in the county who are communicating with 'children,' who are really deputies, via the Internet.

Sheriff Coon also explained a new program, called Wise Eyes, funded by Devon Energy, which is similar to a neighborhood watch program on the rural roads throughout the county. The focus is robberies and vandalism at well sites in the oil patch. He said through Wise Eyes, materials area available to give to residents, farmers, ranchers, firemen, etc. to easily report any suspicious activity they see in the area.

A recent rash of burglaries in the northwest part of the county is also a concern of the Sheriff's department. Coon is warning residents to be aware of strangers knocking on their doors. Burglars are checking to see if someone is home. He encourages everyone to call 911 immediately and get vehicle descriptions and license plate numbers if possible.

Sheriff Coon also explained the benefits of another program called Operation Life Saver, which calls for ankle/wrist bracelets to be placed on dementia/Alzheimer's patients who have a tendency to 'wander off.' He said the bracelets transmit signals which can be easily followed to find these patients. He said he has enough bracelets currently to provide them for free. They can also be used for special needs children. Coon said he also has made it a point to crack down on DWI offenders in the county. In one year, the number of DWI arrests went from 17 to 98.

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!

Sunshine Thought 3-10

by Bonita Jones

Today is your day!

Your mountain is waiting.
So...get on your way!

Dr. Seuss

~~from Oh, the Places You'll Go!

