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**Sunshine Thought 6-24-09**

by *Jennifer L. Rawdon*

Happiness is like a cat...

Happiness is like a cat. If you try to coax it or call it, it will avoid you. It will never come. But if you pay no attention to it and go about your business, you'll find it rubbing against your leg and jumping in your lap. ~ ~William Bennett



**President's Message**

by *Jones, Bonita L. L.*



July, 2009

Well, we are already halfway through our 2nd month of this year. Committees are still gearing up and getting their budget requests in so the board can have both the service budget and operating budget to present at the next meeting on July 22nd.

We will have the 2008-2009 yearend financial report available as well as the June financial report available at the next meeting. I thank Renee Swickard and Wanda Doolittle for serving as treasurer and assistant treasurer. Having done both jobs, I fully appreciate the amount of time it takes to have the reports to us on a timely basis.

I am pleased to report that we had 48 members renew their membership in our Altrusa Club. I am disappointed we lost over 10 members. We have an opportunity this year to add new members and I am really pleased at the number of guests we have had at each meeting this year. If it has been awhile, or perhaps you have never presented a prospective member, we have a New Members Procedure. The basics are: Introduce your guest by her name and profession at one of our noon meetings. (I think it is a good idea to have them attend both a Program and a Business meeting.) Complete the Membership Application yourself, sign it and get a second member to sign it as well. Be sure your prospect qualifies for membership. A quick review of the Club By-Laws will allow you to make that determination. If you are unsure, contact me, or any member of the Board.

International convention is next month. I want to thank our delegates Judy Stubbs, Marian Thompson and Karen Remmele for representing us. We will have a full report from them at meeting convenient for them.

Thank you to Bonnie Jones for the presentation on ClubRunner. This really is a great program we have and we should all utilize it more.

I hope all of you had a safe and fun 4th of July. We are truly blessed to live in a country where fireworks celebrate freedom and are not used to suppress its citizens.

Altruistically yours, Andi

## Prospective Members

by Jones, Bonita L. L.

Let a prospective member know what's going on....

If you have a prospective member, the Communications Committee can put them in the database to receive our newsletters each month. Simply send the name and email address of your prospect to Bonnie Jones, or any other member of the committee.



Receiving newsletters is a great way to let a prospective member know what's going on in our club.

## District Ten Board Report

by Judy H. Stubbs



....from your District Ten Director, Judy Stubbs

Your new District Ten Board held our Post Conference Board Meeting the morning after our Conference on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and, as everything is, it was a different experience, but a great bunch of dedicated Altrusans!

It was good to get feedback from our International President Donna Johnson. She stated we are a very strong District primarily because our clubs are strong and we interact well. We have stayed pretty level in regards to membership and she is really pleased with our service projects and involvement at the International level.

But due to the almost dire concern over not growing Internationally, and if we continue to lose members at the current rate, within 3-4 years International will have to look at shutting down their International offices, and then we'd be on our own. So with that in mind, a whole new marketing process is beginning! In the next several months International will be looking into narrowing our scope, updating our image, and probably reformatting of our whole look including something on U Tube, Face Book, and updating the web site to include a new video. She even spoke of the possibility of virtual clubs (on line, but coming together only a few times a year).

So for now I guess we could say, "this is the best of times, this is the worst of times....." But to me it's an exciting time – one in which we all will have a chance to be a part of the new face of Altrusa.

## District Ten Club Building News

by Jones, Bonita L. L.

July 1, 2009

District Ten Club Presidents

Greetings:

I hope each of you is starting your term on a positive note, getting your clubs ready to go.

My purpose in writing is to share with you and your club good news about club building plans in District Ten. I'm pleased to announce that work has begun to organize a club in the St. George, UT area! Judy Smith, a former Altrusa member of the Montrose and Jefferson County, CO clubs, moved to St. George in 2000. Judy had wanted to begin organizing the club in 2007



but family health issues prevented the start-up. She is now back in full swing. I understand from my conversations with Judy that St. George has many people relocating to the area every year - both from out-of-state and northern Utah. She is asking for your help.

If you have a friend, family member or co-worker that has relocated to St. George or a business contact that you work with in the St. George area, please pass the contact information along to Judy. Please share this information with your membership about the plans for the new club. You might consider a brief article in your club newsletter announcing the new club plans. I have provided Judy with your names and addresses so she may be contacting you directly if the need arises. Please feel free to contact her as well, her information is below.

By way of background, Judy is currently an affiliate member of Altrusa and plans to attend the International Convention in August. As she shared with me, Altrusa was such a big part of her life, she had to bring Altrusa to St. George. Judy was very active at the local, district and international levels since first becoming an Altrusa in 1986. She served two terms as President of the Jefferson County, Colorado club, District Ten Communications Chair, New Club Building Chair, District Ten Director and International Communications Vice-Chair.

I have approved the plan and it is currently in the hands of the International Membership Development Chair and International Office. International Vice President Dona Garretson has been actively involved in this effort and shares my excitement of the prospect of a new club in District Ten.

Judy Smith

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Yours in Altrusa Service,  
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### **Marian Thompson Receives Governor's Award**

*by Donna E. Oracion*



Marian M. Thompson of Roswell received the 2009 Altrusa International District Ten Governor's Award at the Altrusa District Ten Conference held recently in Albuquerque.

#### **THOMPSON RECEIVES ALTRUSA GOVERNOR'S AWARD**

Marian M. Thompson of Roswell received the 2009 Altrusa International District Ten Governor's Award at the Altrusa District Ten Conference held recently in Albuquerque. District Ten is one of fourteen districts in Altrusa International, which is a worldwide service organization. District Ten is comprised of four states: New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. After serving more than 34 years in the banking industry, along with 16 years of Trust Administration, Thompson recently retired from her position as Vice President and Senior Trust Officer with the Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Thompson has been a member of the Altrusa International, Inc. of Roswell since 1982. She has chaired all club committees at least one time during her 26 years as an Altrusan, in addition to serving as President, Vice President and Recording and Corresponding Secretary. She was a charter member of the Altrusa Club of Roswell, New Mexico Foundation and was highly instrumental in its formation. She was directly involved in developing the proposal for the initial corpus, director criteria, and funds distribution that

was approved in 1988. Through the years, she has accepted the office of Vice President and Secretary more than once and is now serving her fourth term as President of that board.

Thompson's service to Altrusa extends to District Ten as well. This is her second year as a Director and she has recently been appointed as a Director to the International Foundation. She has more than once represented the Roswell club at the district conference and was active in the organization of the 2006 conference. Roswell Altrusans say Thompson inspires others through her participation. She has chaired many successful fundraisers and is member of the Investment Committee and the Budget Committee. As part of both the Vocational Committee and the Foundation, she regularly participates in the scholarship applications and awards process. She has also participated in the Orientation Committee and has worked numerous hours at the annual book sales for the Friends of the Library. Thompson also worked on the development of the Roswell club's strategic plan.

Thompson also has a long history of community involvement. She is a member of the Roswell Symphony Guild and served on the Eastern New Mexico Medical Center Foundation. She chartered two La Sertoma Clubs in Roswell and has served in various board positions, including New Mexico Governor and Regional Director for the states of New Mexico, Colorado, Texas, and Wyoming. She received the Sertoma "Service to Mankind Award" for La Sertoma's successful efforts in bringing the first 'Bloodmobile' to Roswell. For more than 20 years, she was also active in Roswell Redcoats. She served on the Roswell Literacy Council Board for six years. Thompson also served on the United Way Board as a working board member for eight years and as President for one term.

### June Program

*by Jones, Bonita L. L.*

Laurie Rufe, Director of the Roswell Museum and Art Center, addressed Altrusans at the June 10th program meeting.



The center's mission is to provide educational opportunities to children and adults with studio art classes. She encouraged members to check out the schedule for June and July classes, and to come in and see the museum's featured exhibits, including Contemporary Desert Photography: The Other side of Paradise, and art from three Roswell artists. The museum will also sponsor the Alien Costume Contest for children, adults and pets at this year's UFO Festival.

Ms. Rufe also reported on the museum's building projects. With appropriations from the New Mexico Legislature, the museum is getting a new roof, which is 95% complete. With local donations and support from the Spring River and Roswell Museum & Art Center Foundations, construction can now begin on renovation of the museum's patio and expansion of the courtyard out to Main Street. Funds from Main Street New Mexico will also enable new landscaping along Main, and a bronze sculpture of Robert H. Goddard, is scheduled to arrive in April, 2010.

### Altrusa Awards Summer Scholarship

*by Donna E. Oracion*



A summer scholarship has been awarded.....

The Altrusa Club of Roswell awarded a scholarship to ENMU-Roswell student, Alexandra Guevara, for this summer session. Guevara is a 39-year old single mother with a 15-year old son. She returned to school earlier this year and is pursuing a degree in Radiographic Technology. She has a 4.0 GPA.

Altrusa will award additional scholarships for the fall semester at

ENMU-Roswell. For Altrusa scholarship applications and information on other scholarships available, contact the ENMU-Roswell Financial Aid office at 624-7152.

## 2009 Spring Fashion Show

by Jones, Bonita L. L.

### Reminiscing.....

The Altrusa Club of Roswell held its 'Reminiscing' (in black and white) Fashion Show on Saturday, May 16 at First United Methodist Church in Roswell. The show featured vintage clothing and a variety of spring styles from local merchants. Funds raised from the show will benefit community service projects and scholarships supported by Altrusa.



You can see all the pictures at <http://www.graphmaster.com/altrusa/>

## Meeting Minutes

by Jones, Bonita L.



June, 2009

### Altrusa Club of Roswell Business Meeting June 24, 2009

1. President Andi Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 12:08 p.m.
2. Members said grace and Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Welcome/Introduction of Guests: Vera Lapin, Roswell Refuge and Dr. Katrina Ray, Country Club Animal Hospital.
4. Roll Call - 26 of 48 were present.
5. Minutes of the program meeting, June 10, 2009, were approved.
6. Correspondence - No Report
7. New Business
  - Budget Process - Andi requested committee chairs turn in their budget requests for approval.
8. Old Business
  - o Club Report - Jennifer Rawdon -
9. Committee Reports/Announcements
  - Awards - Kathleen Wells/Jean Brown - No Report
  - Communications - Bonnie Jones announced she has updated club-runner and will give a tutorial next program meeting.
  - Community Service - Debra Langley/Joletha Alford
  - Fundraising - Angie Valdez/Lanie Smith
  - Literacy - Ande England announced they will meet soon.

Membership - Joan Blodgett/Cynthia Green - No Report

Orientation - Jennifer Rawdon/Jackie Gooch announced the next meeting will take place at Pecos Flavors Winery, July 9, at 5:00 p.m.

Sunshine - Suzanne Berry announced they will meet soon.

Vocational Services - Deborah Goluska - Vocational Services committee awarded the \$500.00

Summer 2009 Scholarship to Alexandra Guevara.

Foundation - Becky Underation - No Report

10. Altrusan Accent - Jennifer Rawdan

11. After the sunshine thought, club raffle, and benediction, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:38 p.m.

Manon Arnett, Recording Secretary

**Altrusa Club of Roswell  
Program Meeting - June 10, 2009**

1. President, Andi Smith, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:05 pm.
2. Members said grace and the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Kathleen Wells introduced her guest, Donna Landfair. Marian Thomson introduced her guest, Dixie Edwards. Sherry Mumford introduced her guest, Vera Lopez.
4. Manon Arnett did roll call, with 36 of 57 members present.
5. The minutes of the May 13, 2009, meeting were approved.
6. Correspondence report: Deborah Goluska announced Altrusa received a letter from Marian Thompson, a note from Mary Flores, a thank you letter from the Community Foundation of Chaves County for the money received toward the cancer fund, a newsletter from Friends of the Library, and a request for scholarship from Tyler Barnett.
7. Program: Laurie J. Rufe, Director for the Roswell Museum and Art Center (RMAC), was the special guest speaker. Laurie discussed upcoming programs, events, and renovations taking place at the RMAC.
8. Special Business: Jennifer Rawdon, Immediate Past President, presented Altrusa Club Service Awards to Theresa Delgado, 5 years of service; Ande England, Altrusan of the Year Award; and past officers and committee chair persons were recognized and received a gift for their service to Altrusa. Jennifer thanked everyone for their support and hard work last year.
9. Altrusa Accent: Theresa Delgado, Vice President, announced that she would contact committee chairs regarding scheduling, programs, etc., for the upcoming year.
10. After the Club Raffle and Benediction, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Manon Arnett, Recording Secretary

**Sunshine Thought 6-10-09**

*by Judy Armstrong*

Zippity Doo Dah  
Zippity Ay  
My oh my  
What a wonderful day.

Plenty of sunshine  
Comin' my way.  
Zippity Doo Dah  
Zippity Ay

Mr. Bluebird on my shoulder,  
It's the truth;  
It's actual;  
Everything is satisfactual.

Zippity Doo Dah  
Zippity Ay  
Wonderful feeling,  
Wonderful day!

