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Upcoming Events

Yes Mam

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Sunshine Thought 9/9/09

by Jennifer L. Rawdon

As you get older....

As you get older, your secrets are safe with your friends because they cannot remember them either!



Message from Lanie

by Lanie Smith



September is National Adoption Month

Dear Altrusans,

November is fast approaching and for those who are not aware; this wonderful month has been designated as National Adoption Month. This month along with adoption is a major part of my life.

My husband and I just celebrated our 11th wedding anniversary in May of this year. For the first six years of our marriage, we tried almost everything medically possible to have a baby. Once we accepted our fate, we chose to adopt.

Once we were approved to adopt, we waited about a year. On March 31, 2006, at 12:38 p.m. I received the call. A wonderful woman named Megan told me we had been chosen and that we were the proud parents of a baby boy. Our son's name is Aidan Ruel and he was 48 hours old when we first met; I assure everyone, it was love at first sight.

If you know of anyone who has ever battled with infertility or simply wants to adopt, please tell them it is the most magnificent event that can happen in your life. What I know for sure is this – our birthmother loved our son enough to give him life. But, she loved him so much that she gave him a family that desperately wanted a child. If that isn't love, I don't know what is.

Lanie

Yearbook Update

by Jones, Bonita L. L.

...presenting the 2009-2010 Yearbook.

The yearbook is now ready!

To access the 2009-10 Yearbook, you will need to log in to ClubRunner. Then, in the "My ClubRunner" box (upper left of screen), click on "View Club Documents." You will see two files. The first is the meeting



agenda; the second is the complete yearbook. Click on "View" to access the document. Because the agendas are in Word, you will be given a choice to save it or view it in Word. The yearbook, however, is a PDF file, so you will only be able to save it to your computer, and open it from there. A handy place to save it is on your Desktop so that it is readily available.

When you take a look at the yearbook, you will notice it is all in one document rather than spread across different areas of the web site. This has been done for your convenience as well as protection of sensitive information. We've always tried to keep private and financial information off of the public areas of the web site, so by putting all areas of the yearbook in the "Members Only" section, there will be no addresses or phone numbers or budget information visible to the world! It does require logging in, but we think it's worth the effort.

Remember, unless you've logged on and changed it, your default log in name is your first name + a dot + your last name; i.e., bonnie.jones. If you don't remember your password, or if this is your first time logging in, click on "Forgot your password?" and ClubRunner will email you a temporary password. Or call the web mistress, Bonnie Jones, who can enter the password of your choice.

Bonnie Jones will have a laptop available at the next few meetings; so, if you would like instruction on the process, and can stay after the meeting for a little while, she can give you a mini-lesson on ClubRunner and access to the yearbook.

Library Book Sale Planned

by Donna E. Oracion



The Library Book Sale is scheduled for October 16-18.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE PLANNED

The Friends of the Roswell Public Library and the Altrusa Club of Roswell will present the library's Annual Book Sale **October 16-18**. Friday's preview sale runs from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Admission is free to members of Friends of the Library and **\$3** for non-members. On Saturday, October 17, the sale will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On both Friday and Saturday, hardback books will be **sold for \$1 an inch**. Paperback books will be sold for 50 cents an inch. On Sunday, October 18, the sale runs from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Books remaining on Sunday will be sold for \$2 a bag (plastic or paper grocery bags only). Admission to the book sale is free on Saturday and Sunday. The sale will be held in the library's Bondurant room. Proceeds from the book sale will be used for various improvements in library services and acquisitions.

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August Program Recap

by Jennifer L. Rawdon

For those of you that were not able to attend the August Program Meeting, you missed...

For those of you that were not able to attend the August Program Meeting, you missed a day of fun and games...yes, *games*. The Orientation Committee did a great job of making the Annual Club Re-Orientation fun by structuring the question and answer sessions like the old Hollywood Squares game show. Our President, Andi



Smith, did an outstanding job as the "Center Square", as did the other Altrusans who volunteered to fill the squares of the game.

The teams were chosen by counting off as an "X" or an "O". Once the teams were in place, they took turns choosing a square. The moderator would ask a question pertaining to Altrusa and the teams would be responsible for agreeing or disagreeing with the answers; hopefully, earning the square for their team. Everyone was kept on track by our official timekeeper Kathleen Wells. Thanks Kathleen for doing an outstanding job! And, thanks to all the Altrusans who participated in the Annual Club Re-Orientation.

If you have an idea for next year's re-orientation, please pass it along to a member of the Orientation Committee.

Using "Events" in ClubRunner

by Jones, Bonita L. L.



You have already seen an email asking you to sign up for a "Yes, Mam" shift, and you will be seeing similar emails coming out this year as 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.

New Member Form

by Jones, Bonita L. L.

Need to recommend a new member?

You will find a new "New Member Form" on our web site under "Downloads" on the right-hand side of the home page. This is a PDF form that allows you to fill it out online, then print to sign and send on to the Membership Committee Chair for processing.



For a lot of us, typing is faster than hand-printing, and it, certainly, is easier to read and helps eliminate errors when the information is uploaded to the ClubRunner database.

I encourage all of you to use the new form when recommending a new member.

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.

Meeting Minutes

by Jones, Bonita L.

August, 2009



Altrusa Club of Roswell

Program Meeting

August 26, 2009

1. President Andi Smith called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M.
2. Members said grace and Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Lisa Armijo and Amy Padilla were guests.
4. Roll Call - 28 of 48 members were present.
5. Minutes of the Program Meeting of August 12, 2009, were approved as emailed.
6. There was no correspondence.
7. The treasurer's report was given as well as report on CD renewal.
8. New business: The board approved the following: classification for Joletha Alford to Direct Sales, membership application for Vera Lupien, fund raiser with Foundation and Sertoma Club,

Fair Booth for ENMSF 10/05-10/11/09.

9. Committee Reports: **Awards** - Kathleen Wells said they would meet in the fall when projects were proposed. **Communications:** Bonnie Jones said the yearbook would be ready the first meeting in September. She is researching new features in Club Runner. **Community Services:** Debbie Langley said Make A Difference Day was October 24th and proposing that members visit folks in nursing homes. More next month. Joan Blodgett is chairing Yes Mam. Kezia Price was scheduled to work on the van August 22nd but was canceled because of the van. **Fundraising:** Angie Valadez said tickets for the cash raffle are being distributed. Committee will meet again mid-September. Give ticket money to either Angie or Lanie Smith. **Literacy:** Ande England said they were working on the campus dictionary project. Dr. Madden is speaking next month. Committee will be in touch with Calith Smith regarding dyslexia center. **Membership:** Joan Blodgett reminded members to keep track of their service hours. **Orientation:** Jennifer Rawdon said the committee oriented Donna Landfair and Vera Lapien, as well as arranging for the program and accents this month. **Sunshine:** Suzanne Berry said the committee hadn't met but was developing a flow chart and was responsible for the goodies on the table today. **Vocational Services:** Deborah Goluska said the set up for the book sale was October 15th. Sign up sheets will be available at the next two meetings as well as on Club Runner. Entry to the sale on Friday will be \$3 or join the Friends of the Library for \$5. Hard covered books will sell for \$1 an inch; paperbacks remain at 50 cents an inch. Two scholarships will be awarded to full-time students - drop date this Thursday. **Foundation:** Will meet again September 15th.
10. Donna Landfair and Vera Lapien were initiated into Altrusa.
11. The Altrusa Accent was presented by Karen Remmele.
12. President Smith announced when struggling with the budget it was decided that members adopt a Student of the Month.
13. After the sunshine thought, club raffle, and benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Submitted by Joan Blodgett for Manon Arnett, Recording Secretary

Altrusa Club of Roswell
Program Meeting
August 12, 2009

1. President Andi Smith called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M.
2. Members said grace and Pledge of Allegiance.
3. There were no guests.
4. Roll Call - 28 of 48 members were present.

5. Minutes of the Business Meeting of July 22, 2009, were not available so tabled to next meeting.
6. Correspondence: Andi announced that Lanie Smith was approved by the Board as Corresponding Secretary. Lanie said there were three pieces of correspondence: two newsletters and one announcement.
7. Other Business: Deborah Goluska announced that the Dusty Gavels met and would like to raise funds for members to attend International Conferences (Registration fee plus room, meals and travel). Motion by Kerry Kiker, seconded by Judy Armstrong to provide funds for up to three delegates with donations sought by a member of Dusty Gavels to auction off. After discussion Kerry amended the motion to auction items quarterly and evaluate in June 2010 and Judy seconded: motion carried.
8. The program was presented by the Orientation Committee "Altrusa Tic-Tac-Toe." Teams were divided in X's and O's. There were two rounds of questions that pertained to our Club, District, and International. It was informational and entertaining.
9. Deborah Goluska presented the Altrusa Accent that went along with the Orientation and distributed a handout that is given to new people when they are oriented.
10. President Smith asked certain ladies to stand and then announced they had birthdays in August. She wished them Happy Birthday and all joined in singing Happy Birthday.
11. After the sunshine thought, club raffle, and benediction, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 P.M.

Submitted by Joan Blodgett for Manon Arnett, Recording Secretary

Sunshine Thought 8/26/09

by Jennifer L. Rawdon



Enjoy today...

Enjoy today and don't waste it grieving over a bad yesterday--tomorrow may be worse. ~ ~ Anonymous