



THE ALTRUSAN

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Mark your calendar

Friday Feb 3

Super Bowl Chili Sale
Central United Methodist Church
233 N Church St

Mon Feb 6

Board Meeting
Fatz Café-100 Southport Rd

Wed Feb 22 12:00 pm

Regular Meeting
Marriott Dupre's Restaurant
Gretchen Hurlbut
Director of Art Therapy Program
Converse College

April 19-21, 2012

District Three Conference
Sandy Springs, GA

Catch us on the air... February 1

- Gail Hackett on the Bill Drake Show (103.3 WOLT) at approximately 7:15 am
- Linda Robison and Gail Hackett on the Your Carolina with Jack and Kimberly Show (WSPA-Channel 7) at approximately 10:45 am

President's Message

Hi to all. We have been so fortunate to have such great programs and all of this is thanks to our dear departed Joe Ann Lever (except for our great ecology program which Jan Benjamin was able to arrange). Outstanding programs are always wanted and appreciated. We are presently working on scheduling a program for a speaker from the Kidney Foundation. Our Cathy Conner is now on the list for a kidney transplant and a program on this would surely benefit us all. Unfortunately, all of us with diabetes could possibly have kidney failure or kidney problems eventually.

SOS: So many of us sent Christmas cards to the four soldiers we were given. However, I haven't heard from any of them—have you? I not only gave my mailing address, but also my email address. We're stuck unless we hear from at least one of them. As much as we want to support our soldiers, we are having difficulty getting one to communicate with us and we have tried various other sources. If you know of someone in the military serving in a war zone, or anywhere overseas, we can continue to try to support a specific soldier. We will work with Mary Ann Riley and the Blue Star Mothers in the meantime. Blue Star Mothers is a great organization and doing so much for our military.

Hours of community service both Altrusa and other organizations: Have you provided Gayle Magruder with your hours? She needs them NOW.

Meeting Place: The Marriott has gone up on their lunch price to \$14 which includes the meal, tax, service and beverage. If you know of another restaurant large enough to hold us and have cheaper lunch prices and better food, please let me know right away.

Twichell Ushering: Please arrange your schedules so you can usher at least once during our club year. I know Pat would appreciate it. This is easy money for a little bit of your time.

Because of the weather, I've been thinking Spring. However, we haven't had winter yet so I know cold weather will be coming soon. Keep warm and well.

In Altrusa love,

Linda Robison

President, Altrusa of Spartanburg, SC

CLUB NEWS

16th Annual Super Bowl Chili/ Vegetable Soup Sale

Once again it is time for Altrusans to don aprons and get ready to serve chili and vegetable soup at our annual chili and soup sale on Friday, February 3. We could not have a successful event without J M Smith Corporation, our presenting sponsor and other corporate groups that have pledged monetary support and in-kind gifts.

Altrusa has come a long way and we now have a signature project thanks to forward thinking Altrusans. In Spartanburg Altrusa is synonymous with "chili." Now when someone mentions "Altrusa" the response is "those are the ladies that sell chili." Success is not assured. It is something we as a club must continue to work for and I know everyone in the club is as anxious about our success as I am so everyone will be working hard all next week to ensure a great event.

Last year we sold some 150 gallons of chili and soup, packed about 300 take out meals and in addition, served another 300 dine in guests. Give yourself a pat on the back. I am excited to think about this year's event. It will take all Altrusans to make this event successful. I look forward to seeing everyone Thursday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church and at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning at the church. Some of us will also be at the Mobile Meals kitchen on Thursday and again bright and early Friday morning.

Thank you very much for all you do to make our Super Bowl Chili/Vegetable Soup Sale a success. Remember, sell those tickets and buy bulk orders...they freeze well.

Eula Sherman Scholarship

The club awarded Eula Sherman Scholarships to six bright women on December 14. Each recipient shared her story and career goals. Pictured below are the winners, Racheal Atchley, Ashley Crocker, Joanna Haynes, Callie Kwiatt, Susan Ledford, and Angela Reinhardt.



Mayor Speaks to Club

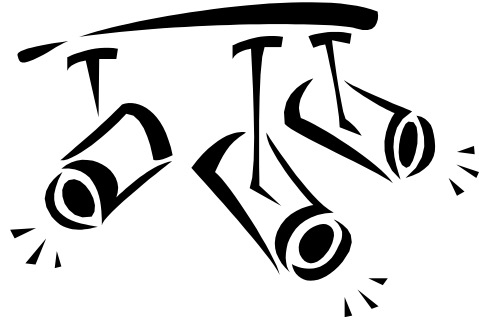
Mayor Junie White was guest speaker in November and gave an interesting update on Spartanburg.



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CLUB NEWS—continued**MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**

Marggi Roldan grew up near Youngstown, Ohio and earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Ohio University. She wanted to take her skills in writing and use them in the chiropractic profession and landed a job at Sherman College of Chiropractic upon graduation. She currently works in Alumni Relations and Fund Raising at the College. Eula

Sherman (the school was named after her husband) was persistent in getting Marggi to become an Altrusan. And Marggi, in turn, encouraged Susan Newlin to become one. Marggi was instrumental setting up the sponsorship packages for the Chili Sale.

Kelly French hails from Detroit and Italian and French heritage. Talk about true love, her husband proposed to her on the second date and they were married in three months. They have two teenage boys that she home schooled. At Wofford, Kelly works in the Center for Professional Excellence and is also working on her bachelors degree.



Gail Hackett is a self-proclaimed GRITS-Girls Raised in the South. From Boiling Springs, she knew Lucy Quinn in high school. Gail lived in Connecticut for a period of time and has

taught school—all ages and all subjects. Gail attended her first District Conference last year and does a bang up job as the club's secretary.

CLUB NEWS—continued

Miss Sunshine

Report

Our hearts are saddened by the recent deaths of two long-time club members.

Joe Ann Lever was a board member and Past President. She was extremely active in the community and at Converse College where she held the title Dean Emerita of the College of Arts and Sciences

Myrtle Zimmerman participated in all of Altrusa's activities as well as attending many, many conferences and conventions.

Continue to remember their families in your thoughts and prayers.



We were happy to have **Gayle Magruder** with us at the January 11th club meeting! She appreciates all the cards, emails, and visits—we will keep her and Nat in our prayers.

Susan Gallagher is on the mend from multiple surgeries this fall.

Cathy Conner is on the waiting list for a kidney transplant.

Richard Van Wagoner recently had a pacemaker installed.

Altrusa Anniversaries

Donna Cromer—Jan 2002
 Marianne Van Wagoner—Jan 1992
 Susan Newlin—Feb 2008
 George Peters—Feb 1995
 Irma Massengill—Feb 1993



Birthdays

Louise Parris—Feb 4
 Linda Walker—Feb 4
 Lucy Quinn—Feb 8
 Bobbi Schoss—Feb 11
 Marggi Roldan—Feb 25

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Happy 50th Birthday!

The Altrusa International Foundation will be celebrating its 50th Birthday in 2012. The trustees have developed a program to help each club share in the birthday celebration.

The Foundation will make a donation of \$50 to each club to be used to purchase books for a club literacy project. The local club must match that \$50 in book purchases. Books can be purchased any-time within the calendar year of 2012.

Clubs will be provided with an electronic version of a bookplate which should be printed and placed in each book. The bookplate can be personalized with a contact from the club and will serve as an opportunity for recruitment and publicity.

BUDGET REPORT

**Altrusa International, Inc. of Spartanburg, SC
Operating Account Report
December 2011**

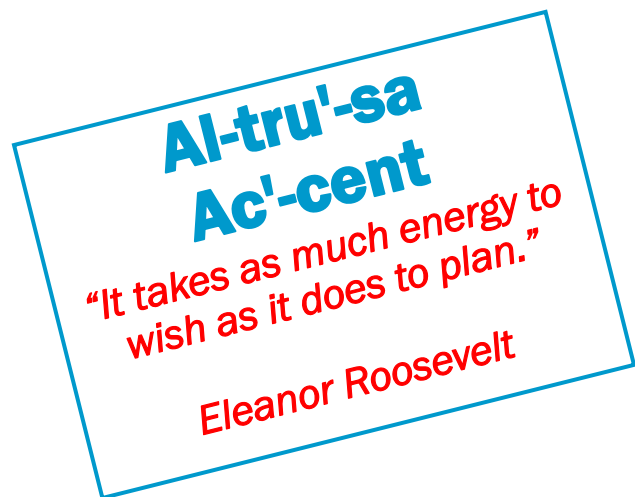
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Savings Account	
Restricted funds	
Adams Award	\$130.41
Pres D Fund	\$280.75
Operating Fund	\$10,000.00
50th Anniversary Fund	\$1,000.00
Unrestricted Funds	
Ushering	\$5,425.91
B/Noble	\$1,235.40
Interest	\$449.55
Bank Balance (as of 1/4/12)	\$18,522.02

DISTRICT NEWS

Gaffney Club

The Gaffney club will be installing new members on February 21 at the Visitors' Center there. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

And don't forget District Conference coming up April 19-21 in Sandy Springs, GA at the Hilton Suites Atlanta Perimeter.



MINUTES

Altrusa International of Spartanburg, SC Meeting Minutes Dupre's Restaurant November 9, 2011

Presiding: Linda Robison, President

Call to Order: 12:10 pm. The meeting began with the Altrusa Grace and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Catherine Thompson, Glenna Luca, Jane Hicks, Jean Sydnor, Marianne Van Wagoner; Irma Massengill, Nancy Bernard, Pat Smith, Kelly French, Jan Benjamin, Shirley Glenn, Lucy Quinn, Linda Robison, Marggi Roldan, Sissy Holler, Louise Parris, Bobbie Schoss, Mary Ann Riley, Susan Newlin, and Jane Johnson, Guests: Norm Schoss and Mayor Junie White.

Program: Mayor Junie White gave an interesting update on Spartanburg.

Foundation Business: Bobbie made a motion to accept the Foundation budget for 2011-12, with a second by Louise. All approved. Gayle M. made a motion to accept the approved projects, with a second by Gail H. All approved.

Committee Reports

Vocational Services: Louise Parris reported that some 20 applications have been received for the Eula Sherman Scholarship competition. The Vocational Services committee will review the applications and select the recipients of the scholarships. The scholarship winners will be presented at the December 14 meeting.

Make A Difference Day: Marianne Van Wagoner reported that a truck load of household items and linens was collected and distributed at the Soup Kitchen.

Environmental: Jan Benjamin announced that Upstate Forever would be showing environmental films on Saturday, Nov. 12. Admission is \$5.00 for children and \$10.00 for adults.

Vocational Services: Sissy Holler reported a successful popcorn party at Houston Elementary School.

Chili: Lucy Quinn announced once again about the upcoming chili sale and encouraged members to begin contacting sponsors about corporate sponsorships

Sunshine: Catherine Thompson announced that Lucy's family, Lisa Thornton's family, Joe Ann Lever, Gayle and Nat Magruder, Susan and Jack Gallagher and Myrtle

Zimmerman still need our thoughts and prayers. Myrtle Zimmerman is improving and happily back at White Oak Estates. Sarah Broyles is improving; Susan Newlin has a new grandson. Norm Schoss is doing better, Jane May has had eye surgery and Cathy Conner is now on the list for a kidney transplant.

Blue Star Mothers: Mary Ann Riley announced that Blue Star Mothers will be packing items on Saturday November 12. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Adjournment: Following the Altrusa Benediction the meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy B. Quinn
Corresponding Secretary

Altrusa International of Spartanburg, SC Meeting Minutes Dupre's Restaurant December 14, 2011

Presiding: Linda Robison, President

Call to Order: 12:00 pm The meeting began with the Altrusa Grace followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance: Nancy Bernard, Mildred Finch, Kelly French, Shirley Glenn, Gail Hackett, Jane Johnson, Glenna Luca, Jane May, Louise Parris, Lucy Quinn, Mary Ann Riley, Linda Robison, Marggi Roldan, Pat Smith, Jean Sydnor, Catherine Thompson, Mary Tygett, Linda Walker.

Guests: The six scholarship winners, Fred Runhardt, Kay Hyatt, Jennifer Dillinger.

Moment of Silence: President Linda called for a moment of silence to remember Joe Ann Lever.

Correspondence: The club received two sympathy cards from Governor-Elect Colleen Duris and Former Governor Margaret Cannon.

Secretary's Report: Louise made a motion to approve the minutes as printed with a second from Mary Ann. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Lucy made a motion to approve the report as printed with a second from Catherine. The mo-

MINUTES—continued

Member Spotlight: Gail Hackett. Kelly French will do the Member Spotlight at the next meeting.

ALC Board Seat: Marggi made a motion that Gayle Magruder take the seat vacated by Joe Ann Lever on the Board of the Adult Learning Center. Glenna Seconded the motion and all approved.

Program: Louise Parris presented the six Eula Sherman Scholarship winners: Racheal Atchley, Ashley Crocker, Joanna Haynes, Callie Kwiatt, Susan Ledford, and Angela Reinhardt. Each recipient shared her story and career goals.

Social Cmte. Report: On January 15, 2012, we will have a social gathering at Marianne Van Wagoner's home, beginning at 3:00 pm. The dinner will be covered dish.

Chili Cmte. Report: A preliminary sign-up duty sheet was circulated. The chili committee will meet on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 11:45 am at Arby's.

Gaffney Revitalization: Lucy reported that the Gaffney Club now has eight members with five new prospects. They are having an Installation Drop-in on February 21, 2012, at 5:30 pm at the Visitors' Center and all who are able are encouraged to attend.

Sunshine Report: Catherine Thompson reported that Nat Magruder is now at home and receiving hospice care. Gayle and Nat need our prayers and support. The family of Joe Ann Lever needs our thoughts and prayers. Susan Gallagher is recovering from surgery and needs our prayers. Lucy Quinn is recovering from her surgery and doing well. Keep Lucy and Lisa Thornton in our thoughts as they recently lost their mothers. Glenna Luca is healing from her accident. Myrtle Zimmerman is back at White Oak and doing well. Linda Walker's sister Becky Taylor is healing. Jane Hicks is not feeling well and needs our prayers.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm after members recited the Altrusa Benediction.

After the benediction, for those who could stay longer, Catherine Thompson led the group in singing Christmas carols.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hackett

**Altrusa International of Spartanburg, SC
Board of Directors Meeting
Fatz Restaurant, Southport Road, Spartanburg, SC
November 7, 2011**

Presiding: Linda Robison, President

Call to Order: 12:20 pm

Present: Cathy Conner, Linda Robison, Nancy Bernard, Susan Newlin, Lucy Quinn, Mary Tygett, and Pat Smith.

Minutes: Minutes of the October meeting were adopted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Walker submitted an electronic report to President Linda. In the absence of the treasurer, the report was accepted as submitted.

SOS Report: A brief discussion was held regarding potential service people we might support to comply with Governor Beverly's biennium goals.

Announcements: Lucy will contact Tommy Stokes, Principal of Houston Elementary School to ascertain whether or not a student there has a parent in the military we might adopt.

Joe Ann Lever has had a stroke and is in Mary Black Hospital. Remember Gayle and Nat Magruder. Nat begins chemo next week. Cathy Conner has started paperwork for acceptance to a kidney transplant program.

Lucy or Gail H. should contact WSPA TV regarding a slot to announce the chili sale on the "Jack and Kimberly" morning program.

Ushers are needed for The Nutcracker in December. Members should be urged to sign up at the monthly meeting.

Club Goals: President's Robison's goals were accepted as submitted and will be printed in the Yearbook.

Mission Statement: Still Current.

Holiday Social: The Social Committee will host an event probably in January once a potential hostess has been identified.

Send-Out Cards: Nancy Bernard brought up using "Send-Out Cards" to assist the Sunshine Committee. After a brief discussion, the idea was dropped.

MINUTES—continued

Altrusa International of Spartanburg, SC
Board of Directors Meeting
Fatz Restaurant, Southport Road, Spartanburg, SC
December 5, 2011

Presiding: Linda Robison, President

Call to Order: 12:25 pm. The next meeting will be January 9, 2012.

Present: Linda Robison, Gail Hackett, Pat Smith, Nancy Bernard, Cathy Conner, Lisa Thornton, Mary Tygett.

Secretary's report: Cathy made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting, with a second from Nancy. All approved.

Treasurer's report: Gail H. made a motion to accept the report, which had been sent electronically to members, with a second from Lisa. All approved.

SOS: Linda encouraged all members to send Christmas cards to the four soldiers recommended by 2Lt. Kathryn Ellis, with a reminder to include a note of explanation of who we are, why we are corresponding with them, and asking how we can support them. Linda is still pursuing adoption of a military dog in Afghanistan.

Twichell Ushers: Pat said she has enough ushers for "The Nutcracker" and for the Dorman High Concert. Nancy suggested that Pat ask Jan Benjamin and Mary Ann Riley to be on her committee since they have connections to help recruit volunteers.

Social Committee: Nancy is looking for a host for a social gathering to be held mid-January. Gail suggested Marianne Van Wagoner and will contact her ASAP.

Sunshine report: Linda reported that Nat Magruder is now in intensive care.

Chili: Gail reported that we need sponsors, so members are urged to continue to get commitments as soon as possible. Gail is making an assignment sheet and will ask members to sign up at the next meeting. Lucy has secured the contract with Chef Tony Williams. Gail has secured an appearance on "Your Carolina with Jack and Kimberly" on Feb 1 and will do a phone interview with Bill Drake on his radio program also on Feb.1. Linda Robison will be on the TV show and Gail will find someone to accompany her.

New Business: Linda will soon begin to fill the positions and responsibilities held by Joe Ann Lever.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hackett
Recording Secretary



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