



The Altrusan

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone is planning on attending our March 23rd meeting, as this will mark the actual date of our chapter's original meeting 50 years ago: March 23, 1961. The social committee has been hard at work making this a special birthday celebration, and our own Glenna is baking the cake.



I also wanted to remind everyone about the Conference Service Project that will benefit Iredell and Rowan counties in North Carolina. The District is collecting pajamas for children who, for their safety, must be removed from their homes and placed in safe environments. Sometimes this

happens very quickly, and there is not time for packing. Everyone is being asked to purchase a pair of pajamas (size infant to young adult) to donate for this service project. Cash donations are also being accepted. If you are not going to conference but would like to help, please bring your pajamas to either the March 23rd or April 13th meeting, and those attending the conference will take them for you.

Also, thanks go to Gayle, Glenna, Marianne, Catherine, and Jean for helping with the popcorn party at Park Hills. This was the first time I've been able to attend, and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

With the advent of warm weather, I hope all of our members and their families are on their way to a healthier Spring. We have had a lot of sickness this winter. Also, please keep Catherine in your thoughts and prayers while she undergoes surgery on her knee.

I look forward to celebrating with you on Wednesday.

Pat

Be sure to mark your
calendars
with the
following
Club dates:



Wed., March 23, 2011 - Noon
Regular Meeting
Marriott Dupré's Restaurant
Altrusa Chapter's 50th Birthday Party

Mon., April 4, 2011 - 12:30 p.m.
Board Meeting
Fatz Café, 100 Southport Road

Wed., April 13, 2011 - Noon
Regular Meeting
Marriott Dupré's Restaurant

Remember! No club meeting April 27

Thurs.-Sat., April 28-30
District Three Conference
Concord, NC



2009 & 2011 District Three Theme
Altrusans in Action
Our Light Shines Bright

**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
OF SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA
CLUB OFFICERS**

**Altrusa International of Spartanburg, SC
Foundation Monthly Statement**

Foundation Savings Account February 2011 (Interest rate 0.80%)

Restricted:

Community Service	\$50.00
Environment.....	\$4,293.97
Mag/Quinn	\$2,205.87
Park Hills	\$548.59
Non-traditional scholarship.....	\$33.51
Operating fund	\$4,379.77

Non-Restricted

Interest.....	\$141.71
Chili	
Sponsors	\$8,300.00
Individuals.....	\$6,984.00
Cookbooks	\$30.00
Total.....	\$26,967.42

NBSC CD due 7-21-2011	
Restricted Rainy Day Fund.....	\$5,286.38
Operating Account	
First Citizens	\$882.35
<i>Please contact Treasurer Linda Walker if you would like a complete report.</i>	

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

Balance brought forward Feb. 1, 2011.....	\$2,580.07
Income:	
Barnes & Noble Christmas wrapping (12/10)	\$70.00
Total	\$2,650.07
Expenses:	
2/16 District Three - Conference fees.....	\$40.00
2/16 Doc Morgan - President's pin.....	\$135.09
2/23 Speakers - 3 meals.....	\$39.00
2/26 District Three - Gov. Hall's gift.....	\$100.00
Balance as of Feb. 28, 2011	\$2,335.98

Money Market Account

Balance brought forward Feb. 1, 2011.....	\$18,344.38
Income	
Interest (2/28/11).....	\$11.86
Converse College - ushering 2010.....	\$1,350.00
Expenses:	(\$0.00)
Balance (Feb. 28, 2011)	\$19,706.24

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Altrusa International, Inc., of Spartanburg, S.C.

Club Meeting Minutes

Feb. 23, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Pat Smith at 12:05 p.m.

Present: Jan Benjamin, Nancy Bernard, Cathy Conner, Mildred Finch, Kelly French, Susan Gallagher, Gail Hackett, Jane Johnson, Joe Ann Lever, Gayle Magruder, Irma Mas-sengill, Susan Newlin, Louise Parris, Lucy Quinn, Linda Robison, Marggi Roldan, Pat Smith, Jean Sydnor, Catherine Thompson, Mary Tygett

Reciting of the Altrusa Grace and the Pledge of Alle-giance

Acknowledgement of Guests: Joe Ann Lever introduced prospective member Maggie Bobo.

New Business:

❖ **Election of Conference Delegates:** Cathy Conner and Gail Hackett were nominated and unanimously elected as delegates. Jean Sydnor and Gayle Magruder were nominated and unanimously elected as alternates.

❖ **Gift for Gov. Robin Hall:** Linda Robison reported that the Finance Committee approved \$100 (to come from unused budget funds) as a gift to the revitalization fund.



Gov. Robin Hall

❖ **District Three Conference:** The club has two members running for office: Lucy Quinn for vice gov-ernor and Pat Smith for director. Everyone was encouraged to attend and vote for our candidates.

❖ **Chili Lunch Debriefing:** A lun-cheon meeting is scheduled for March 4th at 11:45 at the Four Seasons restaurant.

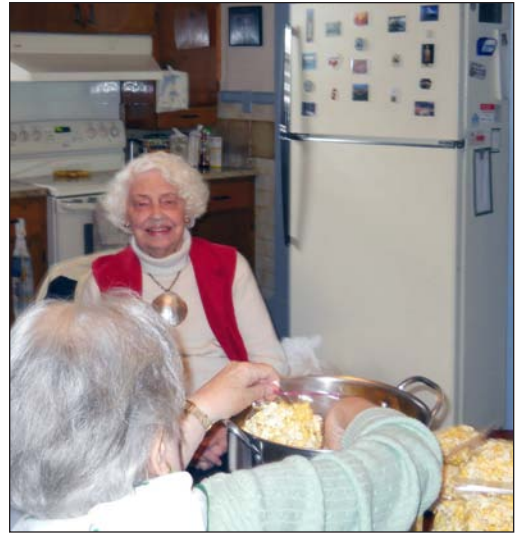
Program: Nichole Buchanan, Ann Casey, and Joan Tobey presented Women Build, a project of Habitat for Humanity. Construction on the Women Build home in Spartanburg is scheduled for July 11, 2011.

For a donation of \$25 you can receive a Women Build tote, T-shirt, and a pink hammer. Altrusans were encouraged to establish a team of workers.

Announcements:

❖ **Social Committee:** The committee was asked to meet im-mediately following the meeting.

MINUTES, continued on Page 5



Students at Park Hills Elementary enjoy Altrusa's popcorn day March 16. Above, Glenna Luca during packing of the popcorn to take to the school.

POPCORN PARTY

Park Hills kids enjoy visit and treat



MINUTES, continued from Page 3

Reciting of the Altrusa Benediction

Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Newlin,
Recording Secretary

**Altrusa International, Inc., of Spartanburg, S.C.
Club Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2011**

Meeting called to order by President Pat Smith at 12:07 p.m.

Present: Jan Benjamin, Cathy Conner, Kelly French, Gail Hackett, Jane Johnson, Joe Ann Lever, Marty Lovett, Gayle Magruder, Irma Massengill, Susan Newlin, Louise Parris, Lucy Quinn, Linda Robison, Marggi Roldan, Bobbie Schoss, Pat Smith, Jean Sydnor, Mary Tygett, Marianne Van Wag-
oner, Linda Walker

Reciting of the Altrusa Grace and the Pledge of Allegiance

Acknowledgement of Guests: Bobbie Schoss introduced her husband, Norm.

New Business:

❖ **Club Dues:** President Smith reported that the board was proposing to reduce membership dues for the 2011-12 year from \$100 to \$75, explaining that the budget could support the reduction. The proposal was unanimously approved. Treasurer Robison will e-mail the bill. Dues are due June 1, 2011. New member dues will be \$115.

❖ **Election of Club Officers 2011-12:** Jean Sydnor, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers:

President: Linda Robison
President Elect: Susan Newlin
Vice President: Nancy Bernard
Recording Secretary: Gail Hackett
Corresponding Secretary: Lucy Quinn
Treasurer: Linda Walker
Director: Mary Tygett

As no new nominations were presented from the floor, the presented slate of officers was elected. They are invited to attend the May 2, 2011, board meeting at 12:30 p.m. at Fatz. Cathy Conner and Lisa Thornton have one year remaining on their terms as directors.

❖ **Election of Foundation Board:** Louise Parris, Gayle Magruder, and Joe Ann Lever were nominated and elected. They will serve with Robison as incoming president and



From left, Nichole Buchanan, Ann Casey, and Joan Tobey represented Habitat for Humanity's Women Build program at the club meeting March 23.

Smith as past president.

❖ **Chili Lunch:** Lucy Quinn, co-chair of the Chili Lunch Committee, reported that \$15,441 was raised, \$3,867.04 was spent, with a net income of \$11,573.96.

Announcements

❖ **Park Hills:** The popcorn party scheduled for Friday, March 11, will need to be rescheduled due to low response for volunteers.

❖ **March 23 meeting:** The club will celebrate its birthday, which happens to be the day of the first meeting of the club 50 years ago in 1961. Jane Hicks was there and will be asked to share her memories of the first meeting.

❖ **Foundation Report:** Joe Ann Lever reported the Eula Sherman and the Jane Hicks ASTRA Scholarship fund balances. The funds experienced a growth of 14.10%. Lucy Quinn asked the foundation to consider ways to bring the Jane Hicks Scholarship fund balance to \$25,000. Current balance is \$18,186.

❖ **Joey Robison Scholarship:** Parris reported that eight applications have been received for the scholarship.

Reciting of the Altrusa Benediction

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Newlin,
Recording Secretary

Final Chili Count

2011 Altrusa Chili Report

Income from sponsorships	\$ 8,300.00
Income from chili/soup sales	7,141.00
Total Income	\$15,441.00
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Total Expenses	(\$3,867.04)
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Net Profit	\$11,573.96



Above, Lucy Quinn pauses during the successful sale; at right, Glenna Luca shares a moment with a pair of friends who ate during the chili sale and lunch.



Above, Joe Ann Lever, right, with a friend. At left, Mary Tygett and Nancy Bernard have fun in the kitchen.



Gayle Magruder, left, and a pal with some supplies.



Above, from left, Gail Hackett, Susan Gallagher, and Susan Newlin prepare bag lunches for pickup. At left, Sarah Broyles, center, poses with friends during the chili and soup sale and lunch, which took place Feb. 4 at Central United Methodist Church.



Louise Parris works in the kitchen; at right, Marggi Roldan sets up the chili pickup site.



Club News

We would like to publish news about our members in the newsletter. Please send any information you would like published to Kelly French at frenchka@wofford.edu.

2011-12 ELECTED OFFICERS

Altrusa International, Inc., of Spartanburg, SC

President
President Elect
Vice President

Linda Robison
Susan Newlin
Nancy Bernard

Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer
Director

(Cathy Conner and Lisa Thornton have one year remaining on their terms as directors.)

Gail Hackett
Lucy Quinn
Linda Walker
Mary Tygett

TWICHELL USHERING SCHEDULE

Below is the Twichell ushering schedule through May. Please see if there is an event at which you can work and let Pat Smith know. It would be great to fill in all the blanks soon! If you can fill a spot, feel free to enter your name and tear out this sheet to give to Pat at the next meeting.

MARCH

Date	Event	Ushers Arrive	Ushers Needed
Saturday, March 26	Foundation Concert: Dario Marianell	5:45 PM	8
<u>Pat Smith</u>	<u>Jean Sydnor</u>	<u>Jack Gallagher</u>	<u>Jan Benjamin</u>
<u>Cathy Conner</u>	<u>Susan Gallagher</u>	<u>Marggi Roldan</u>	<u>Glenna Luca</u>

MAY

Monday, May 2	Petrie School Wind Ensemble Concert	6:15 PM	8
<u>Joe Ann Lever</u>	<u>Kelly French</u>	<u>Louise Parris</u>	<u>Jean Sydnor</u>
<u>Cathy Conner</u>	<u>Lucy Quinn</u>	<u>Pat Smith</u>	_____
Tuesday, May 10	Dorman High Choral Concert	5:45 PM	8
<u>Jean Sydnor</u>	<u>Pat Smith</u>	_____	_____
<u>Cathy Conner</u>	_____	_____	_____
Friday, May 13	Baccalaureate	3:45 PM	10-14
<u>Jean Sydnor</u>	<u>Susan Newlin</u>	_____	_____
<u>Gayle Magruder</u>	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Saturday, May 14	Commencement	8:00 AM	10-14
<u>Mary Tygett</u>	<u>Mildred Finch</u>	_____	_____
<u>Pat Smith</u>	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Saturday, May 21	Teele School of Dance	TBA	8
<u>Irma Massengill</u>	<u>Jane Johnson</u>	<u>Norm Schoss</u>	<u>Lucy Quinn</u>
<u>Cathy Conner</u>	<u>Bobbi Schoss</u>	<u>Mary Tygett</u>	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Mon-Sat, May 30-Jun 4	Starmakers Rehearsal & Performance	TBA	8
<u>Joe Ann Lever</u>	<u>Lisa Thornton</u>	_____	_____
<u>Jean Sydnor</u>	<u>Cathy Conner</u>	_____	_____



Environmental Corner In your springtime garden

The federal Environmental Protection Agency writes: A beautiful and healthy lawn is good for our environment. It can resist damage from weeds, disease, and insect pests. Pesticides can be effective, but need to be used according to the directions on the label and should not be relied on as a quick fix to lawn problems. Here are some tips to follow:

Develop healthy soil. Make sure your soil has the right pH balance, key nutrients, and good texture. You can buy easy-to-use soil analysis kits at hardware stores or contact your local County Cooperative Extension Service for a soil analysis.

Choose the right grass for your climate. If your area gets very little rain, don't plant a type of grass that needs a lot of water. Select grass seed that is well suited to your climate and other growing conditions such as the amount of sunlight and rain your lawn receives. Over-seed your lawn each Fall by spreading seeds on top of the lawn. A thicker lawn helps to crowd out weeds. Your local County Extension Service can advise you on which grasses grow best in your area.

Longer is better. Make sure the lawn mower blades are sharp. Grass that is slightly long makes a strong, healthy lawn with few pest problems. Weeds have a hard time taking root and growing when grass is around 2½ to 3½ inches for most types of grass.

Water early. It is time to water if footprint impressions stay in the lawn and do not spring back. Water early in the morning and only for short periods so the soil may absorb the water. Longer grass has stronger roots and retains water better.

Correct thatch buildup. Thatch is a layer of dead plant materials between the grass blades and the soil. When thatch gets too thick, deeper than 3/4 of an inch, water and nutrients are prevented from getting into the soil and reaching the roots of the grass. Overusing synthetic fertilizer can create heavy layer of thatch, and some kinds of grass are prone to thatch buildup.

Recycle grass. Don't pick up the grass clippings after you mow. Clippings will return nutrients and moisture to the soil. Consider buying a mulching lawn mower. This will cut the grass finer and blow clippings into the lawn.

SOURCE: <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/hi-spring.htm>

Altrusa Birthdays



March 18 - Donna Cromer

March 28 - Leila
McKinney

Anniversaries

March 1961 - Jane Hicks

March 2002 - Leila McKinney

Altrusa International News

Leaders Among Us -
Join Us for the 2011 Altrusa International Convention

Date: July 22-25, 2011
Site: Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center
2111 N. LaCrosse Street
Rapid City, South Dakota 57701
(605) 343-8550
Registration Fee: \$340 (Includes four day and four meals)
Daily Rate: \$55 (Partial registration, exclusive of meals)
Room Rate: \$109 Single or Double
\$139 Suite
(All rooms are subject to applicable 8.5% sales tax and \$2 per night city occupancy tax. Rates are guaranteed until July 1.)

ALTRUSA DISTRICT THREE NEWS

Here is hotel information from District Three's web site for those who plan to attend the April conference:

Conference 2011: Light Beams on Altrusa
Altrusa International District Three 58th Conference
April 28 - 30, 2011
Embassy Suites Charlotte-Concord Golf Resort & Spa
Concord, NC

Phone: 704-455-8200 x2028
Fax: 704-454-1719
www.embassysuitesconcord.com

Now open for Reservations: Use the group code ALT for the group rate of \$139

Make your reservations by: Calling the hotel direct @ 704-455-8200 and speak to reservations department.



Or: Call
1-800-EMBASSY

Or: Go online to www.embassysuitesconcord.com and enter the Group/Convention

Code: ALT.

Cutoff for making reservations is 3/29/11.