

Altrusa Tiffinette

Upcoming events

Tues., July 7

3:30 - Seneca County Youth Center for crafts

5:45 - car pool from

Shellshuckers to Ruffing

6:00 - 7:00 - members to play bingo with nursing home residents

6:30 - Board mtg. at Ruffing

7:00 - Meeting at Ruffing Home

Sun., July 19

2:00 pm - potluck picnic at Barb Vogel's (bring a covered dish)

President's Message

When I became an Altrusan 11 years ago, I never thought I would have become so involved. However, **I got hooked**. It is a club that does so much for the community in so many ways through Community Service, Literacy and Scholarships just to mention a few.

I have also met many wonderful friends not only in my own community but in all the clubs in District Five.

I was honored in past years to be asked to serve as District Chair of New Club Building and Revitalization, then as Program Coordinator and this last biennium elected to Treasurer of District Five. Presently, I will be serving as Finance Chair and to now I've been installed as President of our club.

It has been an amazing journey and now I am honored to serve as president of our club.

"Today's Dreams are Tomorrow's Successes" is the theme I have chosen for my biennium.

Webster describes a "Dream" as a series of images or thoughts in the mind of a person, a vision to have, yearnings, to imagine things. "Success" as a favorable accomplishment, prosperity, or one who has achieved success.

I look at this as a great combination. I am so pleased that all of the members of Tiffin Altrusa have all stepped up to the challenge as officers, committee chairs and co-chairs and as team members. I am sure you will have many thoughts and visions of what we can do for our community and end with a very successful biennium.

Keep in mind.... if Altrusa is to grow and continue to be, we need to keep looking for good dedicated prospective members to add to our club's family. I am challenging each of you to bring in one new member in this biennium. Are you up for the challenge ?

In Service and Friendship,
Carol



2009—2011 COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR

Vickie Ziegler
MEMBERS
Harriett White
Gloria Fraley
Karen Knaur
Joyce Lather

LITERACY CHAIR

Sandy Yarborough
MEMBERS
Karen Simonds
Nancy Frederick
Karen Knaur
Mary Heil

FINANCE CHAIR

Wendy Stallard
MEMBERS
Sandy Yarborough
Carol Hammer
Joyce Lather

PROGRAM CHAIR

Nancy Steinmetz
MEMBER
Vicki Ziegler

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Elva Aller

PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

Mary Lou Harrison
MEMBER
Kathleen Howard

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR

Joyce Lather
MEMBERS
Nancy Frederick
Karen Simonds
Vicki Ziegler
Elva Aller
Rayella Engle

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Teresa Hoschar
MEMBERS
All Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs

ASTRA CHAIR

Gloria Fraley
MEMBER
Jan Anspaugh

FUND RAISING CHAIR

Dawn Riedel
MEMBERS
Nancy Frederick
Karen Simonds
Sandy Yarborough
Wendy Stallard
Vicki Ziegler

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Nancy Frederick
MEMBERS
Jan Anspaugh
Dawn Riedel
Mary Lou Harrison
Nancy Steinmetz
Wendy Stallard

BRIDAL FAIR CHAIR

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MEMBERS
Barb Vogel
Dawn Riedel
Mary Lou Harrison
Nancy Steinmetz
Wendy Stallard

SUNSHINE & ATTENDANCE CHAIR

Opal Sendelbach
Harriett White

YEAR BOOK CHAIR

Nancy Frederick
MEMBER
Harriett White

SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIR

Lana Rodgers
MEMBERS
Harriett White
Mary Heil

STRATEGIC PLANNING CHAIR

Harriett White
MEMBERS
Karen Simonds

NEWSLETTER CHAIR

Karen Knaur
MEMBERS
All Committee Chairs or Members

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CHAIR

Harriett White
MEMBERS
Elva Aller
Joyce Lather

Tiffin Altrusa Officers

President-----Carol Hammer
 President-Elect-----Karen Simonds
 First Vice-President-----Joyce Lather
 Secretary-----Harriett White
 Co-Secretary-----Mary Lou Harrison
 Operating Treasurer-----Sandy Yarborough
 Service Treasurer-----Wendy Stallard
 Immediate Past President-----Gloria Fraley

Directors:

One Year 2009-2010—Vicki Ziegler, Nancy Steinmetz
 Two Year 2009-2011-----Karen Knaur, Mary Heil

2008-2011 FOUNDATION OFFICERS

President-----Dawn Riedel
 Vice-President-----Nancy Steinmetz
 Secretary-----Jan Anspaugh
 Treasurer-----Wendy Stallard**
 Altrusa Board Member-----Sandy Yarbough
 Non-Altrusan-----Judge Jay Meyer

***Wendy Stallard will be completing Carol Hammer's term as treasurer until end of 2010-2011 year.*

Nominating Committee:

Harriett White, Chairman
 Nancy Frederick Lana Rodgers Dawn Riedel



Past District Governor and Club Secretary, Harriet White, installs Carol Hammer as 2009-2011 president.



Outgoing President Gloria Fraley passes on the official Tiffin Altrusa pin to Carol Hammer.

Today's Dreams Are Tomorrow's Successes

Don't be afraid of high hopes or plans that seem to be out of reach. Life is meant to be experienced, and every situation allows for learning and growth.

Motivation is a positive starting point, and action places you on a forward path.

A dream is a blueprint of a goal not yet achieved; the only difference between the two is the effort involved in attaining what you hope to accomplish.

Let your mind and heart urge you on; allow the power of your will to lead you to your destination.

Don't count the steps ahead; just add up the total of steps already covered, and multiply it by faith, confidence, and endurance.

Always remember that for those who persist, today's dreams are transformed into tomorrow's successes.

~ Kelly D. Caron ~

***Annual
Community
Hospice
Bereavement
Camp Luncheon
for kids***

Following the tropical theme, Nancy Steinmetz and Karen Simonds pour goldfish for kid's camp.



Nancy and Wendy Stallard check on main entree, chicken nuggets.



Left: Co-chair Nancy Frederick and Wendy Stallard organize luncheon trays. **Below:** Nancy serves camp participants.



Luncheon co-chair Karen Knaur sets up a fruit kabob tray for campers.



Jan Anspach sets up one of the serving trays for children attending the grief counseling four-day camp.

A Year in Review ...

Community Service Report

by Joyce Lather

Members of the Community Service Committee for 2008-2009 were Chair Joyce Lather, Jan Anspaugh, Mary Heil, Donna McConahay, Lana Rogers, Karen Simonds and Tami Staib.

This year's hands-on projects:

- **June** - provided lunch for campers at the Hospice Bereavement Camp for children
- **September** - helped in the kitchen for the Soul Shine Blues Festival, sponsored by First Step Domestic Violence Shelter; and collected (among our own members) 228 food items for the Salvation Army
- **October** - furnished lunch for Habitat for Humanity workers; and worked at the St. Paul's Sharing Kitchen.
- **November** - assisted with FACT Harvest of Hope benefit
- **December** - collected canned goods for families in need, and in lieu of a gift exchange among our members we made donations for First Call for Help teen Christmas project.
- **February, March and April** - collected food items for distribution to customers in need at Rock Run Bulk Foods, Salvation Army and Fish.
- **April** - furnished lunch for Habitat for Humanity workers.
- As an outgrowth from knitting loom, yarn we gave them in the fall, Karen Knaur and Nancy Frederick have been doing craft projects with residents at the Youth Center.
- Opal Sendelbach manages an on-going project of sending greeting cards (holiday, birthday, thinking of you) to Seneca County residents at Sandusky Veterans Home.

Thanks to the hard work of the Fund Raising and Bridal Fair committees, we were able to make substantial contributions for the following projects:

- \$200 for Tiffin Firefighters Toys for Tots
- \$200 for Salvation Army Christmas Giving
- \$2000 toward purchase of van for American Red Cross
- \$175 for First Call for Help Heating
- \$1000 toward purchase through Seneca County Family & Children First Council of Speech Easy machine for a young boy with a stuttering problem.
- \$1000 to FACT
- \$1000 Salvation Army to help with heating/utility bills
- \$250 to American Red Cross for silver sponsorship of Everyday Heroes



Club members gather to organize "Books and Buddies" for transport to Tiffin Mercy Hospital.



Proposed 2009-10 Club Projects

by Vicki Zeigler

Club Donations:

- 1st Call for Help adopt a family
- 1st Call for Help Heating and Teen Party
- F.A.C.T. donation
- Salvation Army donation
- Tiffin Browns Backer "Just for Kids" golf hole sponsor
- American Red Cross Everyday Heroes – program sponsor
- Youth Center games, supplies, crafts donation
- Local IAFF Toy for Tots donation
- Veterans Soldier and Sailor Home projects, donation
- CASA donation of office supplies

- Diane Jaeck – Speech Teaching needs
- Make a Difference Day project
- Special program for 5 nursing homes & assisted living facilities
- Sharing Kitchen donation
- FISH donation
- Community Hospice donation

Assist at these Charities:

- Hospice Bereavement Camp Lunch
- Soul Shine Blues Festival
- Habitat for Humanity Lunch
- Sharing Kitchen at St. Paul's Church
- Harvest of Hope Benefit



Christmas in July

Saturday,

July 25

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

held at **SOMETHING SPECIAL**

“A STREET OF SHOPS”

2800 S. St. Rt.100 Tiffin, Ohio 44883

25% of all purchases will go to **Altrusa** for Seneca County Community Service Projects

Gifts for ...

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| √ | birthdays | √ | hanging baskets |
| √ | weddings | √ | birdhouses |
| √ | communions | √ | country furniture |
| √ | graduations | √ | primitives |
| √ | home décor | √ | antiques |
| √ | florals | | and much more |
| √ | candles | | |

Refreshments Door Prizes & Find a Gift

2009-10 Literacy Proposed Budget & Programs

by Sandy Yarborough

Members of the Literacy committee met to plan the proposed budget, programs for 2009-10.

<u>Projects:</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
• Books & Buddies for Mercy Hospital -Expanded to include First Step, Salvation Army	no cost
• Sentinel Vocational Center GED program-fees for taxi cab, SCAT rides	1000.00
• Monies for 15 school libraries	1500.00
• Friends of the Library (Christmas Books) -Children's program with police/fire	2000.00
• Help library with books sales throughout the year	no cost
• Bookmarks for Start of School	500.00
• Noble School Reading emergency room	no cost
• Babies born in Sept.(literacy month) New Baby Book -Mercy Hospital with other baby giveaways	100.00
• Misc Programs that come up	500.00
• Make A Difference Day - will go to Ruffing Care and Read to residents	no cost
-Would like enough volunteers to do 3 or so in a group to read to.	
Total	\$ 5600.00



Officers Joyce Lather, Karen Simonds, Sandy Yarborough, Wendy Stallard and Gloria Fraley accept their official responsibilities.

Spotlight on our newest member: Kathleen Howard



I became an Altrusan in 1982 after a woman I knew only

slightly asked me to a meeting. She insisted that if I became an Altrusan I would have to attend all the conferences and most conventions.... and I BELIEVED her!

I decided to join Altrusa because it gave me an opportunity to meet other women in the community - most of my contacts are with men, and mostly out-of-state. AND because I felt that I wanted to do something for others.

What I discovered on becoming a member was the wonderful friendships, and a feeling of working as a group for something worthwhile.

I grew up in Oklahoma mostly, but have always travelled a lot, including two

years spent living in Chile while my father took on a job with the University of Concepcion. Also, because my father was a professor, in the summertime he would pack the family up and head for the mountains and go camping.

I ended up in Fostoria because I married a Fostoria man who was then living in Oklahoma. We moved back here "temporarily" when his mother became ill and needed family close by.

My husband Norman Gibat and I own a computer company, Noguska, in Fostoria. I write software mostly accounting related software. Our main software is a free download called *nolapro*. This is business, not personal accounting software.

I have two step-children - both married, and two grandchildren. The oldest son is married to a National Park head ranger who is currently working at Catocin Mountain Park in

Maryland (better known as the home of Camp David). The younger son is living in Texas. They are both in the computer business.

I love Altrusa and what it does, which is why, when my club in Fostoria disbanded, I took up with the Tiffin bunch.

Altrusa's Annual

Girlfriends' Shopping Weekend in Chicago



Sat., September 26

Leave 8 am from Westgate near Old Fort Bank

Return Sun., Sept. 27 around 9:00 pm

We're staying at the Goldcoast Hilton Doubletree with the Magnificent Mile just 2 blocks away or Navy Pier just 4 blocks away Each room has 2 queen-sized beds sleeping 4 people



Cost **\$125** per person **due by August 22nd**

Make checks payable to **Tiffin Altrusa**

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