

Altrusa Tiffinette

Upcoming events

Tues., June 1

3:30 - Seneca
County Youth
Center for crafts

6:15 - Board
meeting

7:00 - Meeting at
Coe Street Baptist
Church

Tues., June 15

7:00 - meeting

Thurs., June 17

12:30- Community
Hospice
Bereavement
Camp Luncheon

6:30 - Seneca
County Youth
Center for games

President's Message

Dear Ladies,

As this year comes to an end, I want to thank each one of you for a great year.

Each of you when asked to chair a committee or work on a committee so graciously accepted. You brainstormed within your committees and came up with some wonderful ideas.

We tried a new fundraiser this year with our Bob Evans Night. It may not have done as well as we would have liked, but it was not bad for the first run. This was our trial run, so now we can build on this.

We changed our time to give out our scholarships and instead of three or four applications, we had, I think, 29 that arrived on time and another 11 that were late getting in. So the numbers were way up.

We continued our Books and Buddies at the Hospital and Coloring Books and Crayons at the Hospital Emergency Room. We even added giving a book to a newborn this year for the month of September. We participated in our annual Chicago bus trip and the Bridal Fair. We continued to spend time with the children at the Seneca County Youth Center and added a craft day this year too. And worked on many other events.

This year we were also called upon to help one of our sister Altrusans when her husband was so very ill with cancer, and many of you helped by taking food to the home, working in the store for her, so that she could stay home with her husband up to his last days. Keeping them in your thoughts and prayers, sending cards it all helped. We know from her lovely card that she sent to us that it meant a lot to Barb and her family.

NOW ON TO THE NEW YEAR!!!

I know some of you are already thinking of new adventures and ways we can improve our club. There is always room for improvement and if you have an idea, do not hesitate to present it to the committee chair so that the committee can look into it.

It is important that you as committee chairs include your committees in planning and brainstorming, and include them in the planning.

I would like to close by saying "Thank You, Thank You" for a year well done; you gals are the greatest. I am so looking forward to this next year and see what the new year will bring with new ideas, projects and maybe a few new members along the way, too.

Thanks again,

Carol

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Committee Reports

Fundraising- Please keep on trying to sell tickets for the **Bus Trip to Chicago**. I have tickets and flyers if anyone needs them. Tickets are \$130.00, and we get a full breakfast this year. The Embassy Suites is beautiful, I have been there and checked the rooms. Rooms each have a livingroom with a table and 4 chairs, a refrigerator, a couch (which pulls out into a bed) and a bedroom area. Much nicer and larger than last year.

Altrusa Newsletter- Bios are needed and committee reports no later than **Wednesday, June 16**. Bios are still needed from the following:

Elva	Catherine
Jan	Karen K
Rayella	Tami
Nancy F.	Wendy
Mary	Vickie.
Teresa	Louise

Thanks to Carol and Dawn who sent in bios. These will be run in future newsletters.

Installation speaker discusses South Africa

The speaker for our Installation was Flo Triendl. She worked for Civil Service from 1948 to 1969 in Europe—mainly Vienna, Austria, and in Belgium and then South Africa. Her love was the Declan Children's Hospital in Kafue, Samabia where HIV children are cared for.

She attended our meeting with a guest, Susan Larow, a life-long friend. Flo conducts a Tuesday evening dinner in her home every month where every guest is encouraged to speak French. We found her to be delightful.

Club members assist with St. Paul's Sharing Kitchen

We also worked the Sharing Kitchen at St. Paul's Methodist Church on Saturday, May 22. Besides members, Mary Lou Harrison, Elva Aller, Gloria Fraley, Nancy Frederick, Karen Simonds and Sandy Yarbrough., Joining us were Kathy and Kenzie Parrish, who assisted in the preparation and serving of the meal. St. Paul's serves meals twice a week and on 5th Saturdays to any individual who wishes to have a meal without any need for proof of income or need.

Elva was our chief dish washer. She and Karen made meatloaf for an army. Shirley Smith was our kitchen supervisor. Gloria and Nancy Frederick made the salads. Kenzie made cole slaw and prepared the beverages. Sandy did a little bit of everything while Mary Lou made turkey noodle casserole and took photos

Club receives "thanks" from GED program; start looking for newborn books for fall

The literacy committee received a thank you from Sentinel for the \$500.00 that we gave for transportation to the GED program. In the letter Cathie Hammer, director of the GED program, told the story of two sisters who had a way to the class but then would have a walk home which took two hours. With the

money we provided, these sisters will be able to have a ride from class. It's always nice to hear that the donations we give really do help. Everyone was reminded that if we want to continue the Newborn books project for September that we need to start looking for them now as we will need approximately 40 by September.

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The *Altrusa Tiffinette* is published at the beginning of each month. Articles, minutes, inspirational pieces, story ideas, recipes and even jokes are welcome. These are due by the second meeting of each month. Please send them in 12 pt. Arial. Do not use all caps or funky type, please!

Thank you to Mary Lou and Sandy for their contributions to this month's newsletter.

Checkout our website at www.tiffinaltrusa.com

Altrusa International, Inc. of Tiffin, Ohio Business Meeting May 4, 2010 Elmwood at the Shawhan

Fifteen members, including Catherine Hunker, Emeritus and Elmwood resident, met at Elmwood with President, Carol Hammer presiding. Roll call was answered with 268 member volunteer hours for the month of April. Pledge of Allegiance and Club Collect were spoken. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. There were no Treasurers' reports.

Committee reports:

Community Service- thank you was read from Barb Vogel thanking the club for their assistance during the illness and death of her husband, Dean Sr. A monetary gift of \$61.00 was given by members in the memory of Dean, Sr. and sent to FACT.

Fundraising Dawn Riedel, chair, reported that she had received \$2730.00 for 21 seats for the Sept 25-26 Chicago bus trip ticket sale so far. She asked the club if we could pay her for her credit card bill to Embassy Suites of \$2245.74 to clear that debt. Mary Lou Harrison made a motion that Embassy Suites be paid. Nancy Steinmetz seconded it. Motion carried.

The May 3, Bob Evans "come eat with Altrusa members" with over 100 tickets turned in, gave the club \$157.00 (15% of the gross). Thanks to the members and thanks to Bob Evans.

Members were reminded that dues will be due at the May 18th meeting or before June 1 for \$93.00.

Nancy Steinmetz met with Seneca Sisters (former Soroptomists) to arrange for the June 15 meeting at Red Cross

Literacy Sandy Yarborough read a thank you from Cathy Hammer for the \$500 check sent to SCAT for transportation expenses for students to get to school. She also announced that Karen Knaur and Harriett White would be getting books on May 13 for children.

Scholarship committee consisting of Joyce Lather, Nancy Frederick, Karen Simonds, Elva Aller, Vickie Ziegler and Rayella Engle had received 21 scholarship applications. The three chosen were: Jamie Wagner, Kylie Simonds and Jessica Lynch. They will be contacted and asked to attend a later meeting and their checks will be taken to school to be presented at the awards assembly.

Dawn Riedel made a motion that we accept these three chosen by the committee, Teresa Hoschar second the motion. Motion carried.

ASTRA- Gloria Fraley said her granddaughters really enjoyed the weekend and thanked the club for allowing them to attend. Karen

Knaur will be working to connect with the schools to establish an ASTRA club in this area.

Newsletter: Karen Knaur needs bios from members and additional articles she can publish. She will be on vacation and all items need to get to her by May 18th.

SCYC Seneca County Youth Center residents made Mother's Day bracelets with the help of Karen K & Karen S and loved doing crafts. Bracelets are going to Autumnwood.

Community Council Gloria Fraley brought back many coming events announcements from her meeting at Community Council. For the Installation dinner Barb Vogel will be contacted by Karen Knaur to see if she would care to cater the event at First United Baptist Church on May 18

- The Dolly Parton fund raiser for books for children thru grade school was discussed at Board. Karen Simonds made a motion that we give an amount to be determined if funds were available and Karen Knaur second the motion. It was presented to the club and the members passed the motion.
- Vickie Ziegler and Karen have discussed helping with the Bereavement Camp for Kids on Thursday, June 17 when we prepare the lunch. The theme is the same as last year and Teresa Hoschar said she would ask Bob Evans to provide the fruit with the same menu as last year.
- Seneca County Family & Children First is asking for donations for Camp Radical to help children with emotional problems. Connie Maksemetz of SCJ&FS said the camp costs \$2400 per family. Gloria F. made a motion at Board that we give \$100.00, if funds are available, Sandy Yarborough second the motion at Board. Motion carried in club.
- Members who attend Conference gave short reports on the sessions they attended and had good comments for this years conference but they felt that there should have been more teaching sessions for officers and upcoming officers.

Pin fines, happy dollars, raffle brought by Mary Heil closed the meeting. Raffle won by Gloria Fraley.

Upcoming events:

May 9 Mother's Day

May 10 Relay For Life

May 18 Installation of officers and dinner at Coe Baptist Church

May 20 Seneca County Youth Center-

May 22 Sharing Kitchen at St. Paul's Church

May 24 Memorial Day

May 27 Basket Auction for Big Brother/Big Sisters at Community Civic Center

Altrusa International, Inc. of Tiffin, Ohio Installation Dinner Meeting May 18, 2010 Coe Street Baptist Church

President Hammer called the brief meeting to order with 17 out of 23 members and 2 guests in attendance. Members present were Aller, Anspach, Fraley, Frederick, Hammer, Harrison, Heil, Hoschar, Howard, Knaur, Lather, Sendelbach, Simonds, Steinmetz, Vogel, White, and Yarborough.

A lovely buffet was enjoyed by all and was catered by Rock Run Catering. Tables were decorated with live plants and the Altrusa Blue and White table covering. The new Altrusa banner was passed on to Opal Sendelbach for "safe keeping."

President Hammer thanked everyone for this past year's projects, programs, and service to the community.

President Hammer announced two new Chairmen for the coming year: Bridal Fair – Mary Lou Harrison and Community Service – Joyce Lather. Officers will continue for the year 2011.

New Directors were announced with no nominations from the floor. (1) year – Knaur and Heil (2) years - Hoschar and Steinmetz. Members approved the names by a vote. White and Frederick served on the Nomination Committee.

Speaker for the evening was the delightful Florence Triendel who spoke on her many years serving with the Young Christians and spent many years in Zambia, Africa. She spoke on the need for books in some areas and would hope the club can work with her on this project.

June 1 meeting will be at Coe Street Baptist with Scholarship winners will be our guests.

June 17 will be the Hospice Bereavement Camp with our club participation.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Harriett White

May Happenings: Installation, Bob Evans fundraiser, Sharing Kitchen







Spotlight on Opal Sendelbach



I was born October 28, 1921 to Mamie and Joseph Hoyda at 222 E. Perry Street in Tiffin, Ohio.

I received an elementary education at White Hall School, which is now the site of Clinton School. I graduated from Bloomville High School in 1940.

I worked as a secretary for Rozenman Junk Co. and was a selector of glassware at the Tiffin Glass Co. Volunteered at St. Mary's School in Tiffin as a playground aide, assistant librarian, and was an assistant Girl Scout leader, as well as being a mother and homemaker.

I am a twice divorced mother of five children who include Michael Baxter (deceased) of Tiffin, Don Baxter of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Sandra Baxter (infant deceased), Gregory

Sendelbach of Toledo, and Cynthia Sendelbach of Tiffin.

I have six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

I joined Altrusa in 1987 and have now been an active retired member for twenty-one years. I was sponsored by Marian Shaulis and joined because I liked its community involvement and thought the club would be fun. The members make the club what it is today. These members are what I like best about Altrusa. I hope my participation has helped make the club as successful as it is.

My hobbies include reading, cooking, and pampering my little Yorkie, Betsy.

Altrusa pin: a historical perspective

Surprisingly, very little is known about the origin of our Altrusa emblem. There is no record, but it is believed that the first emblem might have been a bar, in gold, that read "Altrusa." We do know the first pin came into being in 1925. It was a small circle picturing the western hemisphere with "Altrusa" inscribed across the center. Around the edge were the words "Patriotism, Efficiency, Service." The size of this pin was enlarged in 1940.

In 1942, Henry Bird of Canada was commissioned to design the pin we wear today. Each of the three concentric circles has a meaning: a map of the world symbolizing Altrusa's international scope and interests fills the center circle; the outer rim bears the official name of our organization, "Altrusa International, Inc.", which was introduced in 1954 and has had no change except for being enlarged in 1975 to a full half-inch in diameter; and the motto in the outer circle which is replaced by pearls for a club president, by sapphires for a district governor, and by diamonds for an international president. Altrusa pins are presented upon installation and should never be worn as jewelry, to adorn a scarf, or as a lapel pin. It should be worn on the member's left side near the heart. If a guard is attached, and officer or active member should place the guard at the level with or above the pin. Wear your pin proudly!

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Valuable is the work you do.
Outstanding is how you always come through.
Loyal, sincere and full of good cheer,
Untiring in your efforts throughout the year.
Notable are the contributions you make.
Trustworthy in every project you take.
Eager to reach your every goal.
Effective in the way you fulfill your role.
Ready with a smile like a shining star,
Special and wonderful—that's what you are.