

Altrusa Tiffinette

Upcoming events

**Tues.,
October 6**

3:30 - Seneca
County Youth
Center for crafts

6:30 - Board mtg.
at Ruffing Care
Center; bingo for
residents

7:00 - Meeting at
Ruffing Care
Center

**Tues.,
October 20**

7:00 Hospice
Community Care
Office, 181 E.
Perry St.

**Thurs.,
October 22**

6:30 - Seneca
County Youth
Center for games

**Sat.. October
24**

Make a
Difference Day at
Ruffing Care

President's Message

There are many signs that fall is right around the corner. It is getting dark much earlier, the leaves have a hint of color change and the evenings are much cooler. The children are back in school and so were we with our September 15th meeting at Noble School. It brought back memories for some of our members that went to school there. Harriett White said she went to Noble and her first day there they went to recess and she thought her school day was over, so she left school and walked home. Leave it to Harriett!! Many had children and grandchildren that also attended or are attending Noble School now.

The teachers at Noble gave a wonderful talk and sounds like they would welcome our help with helping the children to read and spending time with them. When we did Ohio Reads a few years ago at Bettsville School, I went over on my Wednesdays off and I really enjoyed the time with the children and will try myself to help again soon on my days off.

We also had a Friends of the Library speaker tell us what they are doing and welcomed us to join. Membership is only \$5.00. It sounds like they have a good time.

For those of you who did not go to Chicago, you really missed a great time. We could not have ordered better weather. It misted a little on the way there and then the sun came out, then more mist and more sun. We weren't sure what the weather was going to do. By the time we arrived it was overcast, but it was not cold and no rain. Sunday was really warm, sun was shining and it was a very pleasant day. There is not a lack of things to do; just not enough time to do all you would like to. Again, the bus drivers were wonderful, hotel was great and the passengers on the bus I was on were talking about next year's trip already and what they want to do the next time.

We will be serving lunch on Oct 3rd for the Habitat for Humanity workers again this year. October 20th meeting will be at Hospice Community Care Office and will be an Around the World Potluck. We will be having some exchange students there as our guests. It will be interesting to see what everyone comes up with for a potluck dish. Make a Difference Day is coming up on October 24th we will be going to Ruffing Nursing Home and reading, playing games and maybe even do some nail painting with the residents. Everyone likes a little pampering and I think this will really be a fun time.

Wow, here we are at the end of October already Of course let's not forget October 31st when the little ghost and goblins will be out. Remember how we always looked forward to trick or treat night when we were kids.

I think we have a pretty full October and I am looking forward to all the events.
See you all soon!

Carol



International Relations Committee announces Day of Peace Resolution

Tiffin Altrusan's will join hands with their sister Club in Puerto Rico in declaring November 1 as the "Day of Peace" throughout the commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

A Proclamation will be done by the Mayor of Tiffin with Elva Aller, co-chair of Tiffin's International Relations accepting it. Our members will all be wearing a dove pin provided by the committee at an October meeting.

Our world certainly needs all our prayers for peace, so please join in pausing on November 1 at noon for a silent prayer for peace.

Harriett White ,chairman Elva Aller, co-chairman



Scholarship Committee reveals 4 winners for 2009-2010 awards

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the Altrusa scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year. Each honoree will receive a check for \$1000.

Arielle Engle was selected class speaker for the 2009 graduating class of Tiffin Columbian High School. She will begin her studies at Ohio Wesleyan University majoring in Education and History.

Kristina Gaietto graduated from Calvert High School in 2008 with valedictorian honors. She continued to excel at Miami University (Ohio), earning a 4.0 grade point average for both semesters of her freshman year. Kristina is

studying Political Science and Zoology.

Benjamin Shuff graduated from Columbian High School in 2008 and is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Health Promotion and Education at University of Cincinnati. Ben exhibits a passion and dedication for health and fitness through his own lifestyle and his willingness to help others achieve a healthy lifestyle.

Megan Thompson is beginning her sophomore year at Walsh University as a pre-physical therapy student. Megan became interested in this field while in high school, and welcomes the challenge of pursuing her dream to be a physical therapist..



Noble Elementary Volunteer Sign Up

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

or call with the info to Patty Smith. 419.447.1566 (Work) 419.447. 0252 (Home)

I can volunteer in the following area(s): (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> early morning | <input type="checkbox"/> Monday (8:00 - 8:25) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday |

This early morning time could be listening to readers, helping with math facts, helping students finish homework, extra practice time, greeting in the hallway, etc...

I can be a "Grand"friend for Grandparents' Day on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2009. This would involve eating with a small group of students to be their "Grand" friend during lunch. I could do the following times:

- 11:00 - 12:00 (eating with primary children)
- 11:00 - 1:00 (eating with several lunch groups)
- 12:00 - 1:00 (eating with intermediate children)

Friends of the Library Membership form

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone: _____



Membership (per year)

- _____ \$1.00 Junior (to 18 years)
- _____ \$5.00 Individual
- _____ \$10.00 Family
- _____ \$15.00 Business
- _____ \$15.00 Patron
- _____ \$ Other

Volunteer Opportunities:

- _____ Book Sale
- _____ Bulk Mailings
- _____ Home-Bound Book Delivery
- _____ Provide Refreshments
- _____ Member of the Friends' Board
- _____ Senior Citizen Programs
- _____ Special Events/Projects

Books for Kids (\$3.00 buys one book)

_____ Amount of Books for Kids Donation

Do you want your name to appear on the bookplate? Yes____ No____

Altrusans visit Sandusky Veterans Home of the Brave and the Free

By Harriett White

Karen Knaur, Gloria Fraley and "yours truly" went over on September 16th to the Sandusky Soldiers Home to spend some quality time with veterans from Seneca County.

Now everyone including me had things I could have been doing at home such as cleaning the house, doing some washing to name just two. But I want to tell you all how rewarding it was for us to share hugs, jokes and more hugs with seven of the most

delightful Veterans you could imagine.

We talked about their families and I promised to bake a double layer chocolate cake for one of the guys who's mother baked him one to take on the ship the day they were leaving to face the unknown. That memory was just like it was yesterday to him and we got to share it with him! Maybe next time we can take some homemade goodies to them, ladies.

Two other ones knew Mary Lou very well, but

didn't elaborate, although they smiled a lot, Lou.

Karen gave each one a decorated sack that had gum, Kleenex, and several items made by the youth at the SCYC which they truly enjoyed and they were happy that we cared. We also interviewed them to get to know what kind of things they liked, so we could bring things relevant to them personally.

Everyday we are blessed in knowing that many



men and women, including our sons, nephews, uncles, fathers, friends, neighbors have kept our country free through service.

Veterans Day will be in November, so we're hoping more of you can help us make their lives even more special. God Bless.

Sign-up for Seneca County Youth Center visits

1st Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm & the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

3:30 pm

Karen Knaur

Nancy Frederick

Thursday, October 22, 2009

6:30 pm

Carol Hammer

Nancy Steinmetz

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

3:30 pm

Karen Knaur

Thursday, November 19, 2009

6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

3:30 pm

Karen Knaur

Thursday, December 17, 2009

6:30 pm

Call or email Karen Knaur, if you want to help with this service project. The first of the month we're doing crafts and the 3rd Thursday, play games.

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Hammer

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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!

Checkout our website at

<http://www.tiffinaltrusa.com>

5 MINUTE CHOCOLATE MUG CAKE

4 tablespoons flour
4 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons cocoa
1 egg
3 tablespoons milk
3 tablespoons oil
3 tablespoons chocolate chips
(optional)
a small splash of vanilla extract
1 large coffee microwave-safe mug



Add dry ingredients to mug, and mix well. Add the
egg and mix thoroughly. Pour in the milk and oil
and mix well. Add the chocolate chips (if using) and
vanilla extract, and mix again.

Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3
minutes at 1000 watts (high). The cake will rise
over the top of the mug, but don't be alarmed!
Allow to cool a little, and tip out onto a plate if
desired.

EAT! (this can serve 2 if you want to feel slightly
more virtuous). And why is this the most dangerous
cake recipe in the world, because now we are all
only 5 minutes away from chocolate cake at any
time of the day or night!

September 1, 2009 Business Meeting Elmwood-at-the Shawhan

President Hammer called the meeting to order with 17 answering the Roll Call and Volunteer Hours. A quorum was met.

Minutes of August 18 were approved. Treasurer's reports will be given at the next business meeting.

Sandy Yarborough and Wendy Stallard asked to give a report on our Finances and legality on monies for fundraisers. Because we are a non-profit organization, the FDIC REG. D - requires NOW account to pay out all net proceeds by the end of each year.

Savings are permitted but should not accumulate in excess year after year. Investment are same as savings. *Our investment Scudder Fund was earmarked for scholarships, so our suggestion is that we draw from that investment for that purpose and use our projects for other community charities. It was also stated to draw from Scudder, we can put it back in when our projects are completed, thus keeping the amount as earmarked for Scholarships. The majority at the meeting felt this was the direction to go, so it will be discussed further in the next several meetings.

Fundraising report was given by Riedel. Only 72 tickets have been sold for the September 26 Chicago trip.

Community Service received a letter from Flat Rock Home to assist in the Spring with a Tea Party for the residents. The committee will review the request and report back to the club.

Yearbooks were distributed by Frederick. Everyone was very pleased with results of Bookmyer Printing and costs. Good job, Nancy

Literacy reminded everyone of September 15th meeting at Noble School. Sixty-two "New Born Baby Books will be delivered to Mercy Hospital this coming week. Sandy and President Hammer had their photo taken with the Mayor in recognition of LITERACY MONTH by International and will be in our newspaper with the article.

Community Council A vote to join the Community Council again this year. It was thought to be a good connection and the cost is only \$10.00 annually. Knaur, Fraley, Simonds volunteered to attend the monthly meetings.

Sunshine Vicki Ziegler's mother passed away this week, Rayella Engle having some health problems. Cards will be sent by Opal.

Seneca County Youth Center visitation was held September 1, with Knaur and White present. The craft items were painted to be given to the Soldiers & Sailors Home this month. Dates might be the 16th or 23. Karen will ask for Volunteers.

Scholarships - 12 applied and committee will choose 3. Strategic Plan has been completed and printed in our Yearbook.

International Relations is asking each of us to do a potluck dish for October 20 meeting. Call Harriett or Elva with any questions.

Old Business

Discussion by the membership on having one monthly meeting be held in the afternoon was tabled until April/May 2010. Meeting places will be looked into by Wendy Stallard as well as President Carol and others who want to want to provide suggestions on areas to meet once a month.

Bob Evans project was denied by the members but looking for other ideas from them and Theresa.

Harriett White, Recording Secretary

SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 Noble School

President Carol Hammer called the business/program meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Noble School with 15 members present. A quorum was met.

Guests were Principal Mike Steyer; Special Ed "Streets for K-5 Patty Smith; Intervention teacher for grades 1 and 2, Karen Daniel; Title 1 teacher Jeanan Moore; and Jane Tomaszewski representing Friends of the Public Library. Each spoke on the importance of volunteers for reading programs in the community as well as the library.

Minutes for September 1 was approved. Minutes for September Board were approved after adding Karen Knaur as being present.

Treasurer Wendy emailed her report to the membership. No noted corrections were added.

Committee reports

Community Service reported that Knaur, White, and Fraley visited the Seneca Co. Veterans in Sandusky on the 16th. Sacks of items were given to each and memories of their days in Seneca County, the wars and families were great to share with us.

Fundraising report by Riedel stated we have to pay for the unused rooms and buses as follows: Lake Front Buses = \$4200.00 2 buses Motion by Harrison, seconded by Lather to pay CARRIED. Hotel rooms= \$5100.60 for unused rooms. Motion by Harrison, seconded by Sendelbach CARRIED.

Bridal Fair coordinator Tami Staib requested \$500.00 for deposit of the Meadow Brook Ballroom. Motion by Sandy, seconded by Lather. CARRIED. Date for the event is January 17, 2010.

Special Events is now chaired by Joyce Lather.

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Spotlight on Joyce Lather

My introduction to Altrusa came when I saw Ethel Carnahan at the Altrusa booth at the Heritage Festival. It looked like everyone was having a good time working together and I wanted to be a part of that camaraderie. Ethel was my sponsor when I became an Altrusan in April, 1997.

I worked in the Human Resources office of Webster Industries from 1974 until 1987, and then was a stay at home mom for nine years. I returned to Webster in

1996 and was laid off in 2008. My husband and I established Fort Ball RV & Auto Sales in 1978, and I am helping him on a full time basis now – when it does not interfere with my social life.

When I was home with my sons, I volunteered at the Betty Jane Nursery School, taught Sunday School, had a Cub Scout Den and volunteered at Krout School. I enjoy the hands on aspect of volunteerism.

We have two sons. Andrew is a graduate of

The Ohio State University, married and is a gas account analyst with Direct Energy. They recently moved to Pittsburgh. Jason also graduated from Ohio State and is in his second year of medical school at University of Toledo, College of Medicine. He was married this past June. We have one grand puppy, no grand kids.

In my spare time, I



garden, read and play computer games.

I value the friendships I have made in Altrusa and enjoy the fellowship of working together on our projects.

Tailgater

A man was being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up.

He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, 'I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him.' I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally...I assumed you had stolen the car.'

Priceless



A message for all those crackpots out there

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck.

One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked

pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream.

'I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house.'

The old woman smiled, 'Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?'

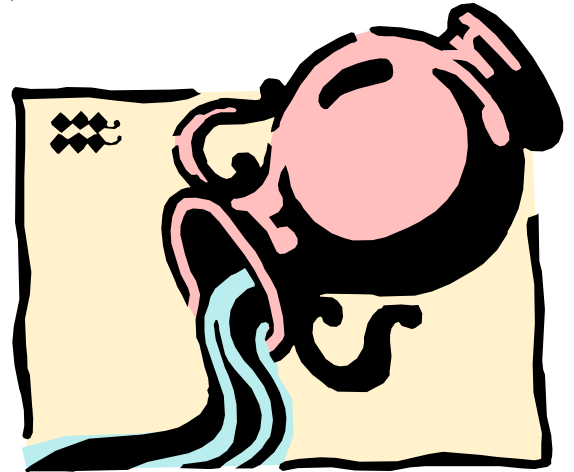
'That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your

side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them.'

'For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table.

Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house.'

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so



very interesting and rewarding.

You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

SO, to all of my crackpot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path!

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Habitat Luncheon is October 3. Sign-up sheet was taken for food and volunteering.

Community Council report stated that Gloria Fraley was elected Vice President with approval from chairman Vicki.

Newsletter Knaur needs more bio's, interesting topics and articles from committees through out the year.

Literacy chairman Sandy introduced the speakers for the evening with each sharing the needs for volunteering.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY - Annual books for Christmas. The Library would order the books; Altrusa would sort them and deliver them to community organizations such as Salvation Army, First Call for Help; Firemen's project and so on. Our Altrusa label in each would be letting them know we have accepted this project for Literacy. Annual Books Sales are another need for helping hands twice a year plus other needs. *A flyer was given to each in attendance.

READERS AT NOBLE- working with K-5 graders. Hours would be 8-8:30 a.m. plus if you can play "grandma" on special events for those who do not for whatever reason have a family member attend.

Scholarship- the following were selected to receive a \$1,000.00: Arielle Engle, Christinn Gaietto, Benjamin Shuff, Megan Thompson. The club voted to add a fourth and take the additional amount from the Scudder Fund. White made the motion, seconded by Lather. CARRIED

International Committee will be contacting everyone for the "Around the World" Potluck" on October 20th at the Hospice Office. Time will be 7:00 p.m. with International Students as our guests

Public Relations Mary Lou took photos for the International Day and the ones for this meeting. Watch for them in the newspaper.

SCYC volunteers for October 15th will be Hammer and Steinmetz.

Box of Love from Frederick was given to Tami.

Raffle given by Harrison. Next month's raffle will be a 50/50 by Harriett.

Submitted by Harriett White, Secretary