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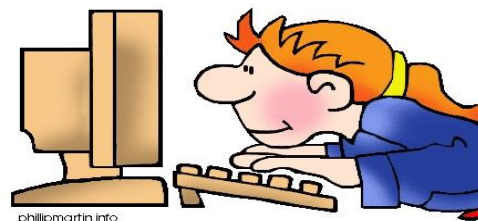
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 Altrusagram entry
 submissions!**



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Membership News

Please welcome Roberta Morrill to our Altrusa Sisterhood. Roberta lives in Windham at 4 Emily Lane. She is a graduate of University of Maine at Orono, she is also the secretary of the Univ. of Maine Greater Portland Alumnae group and is a retired teacher. She is a member of the Westbrook Women's club, Westbrook Historical, Cumberland County Retired Educators and Cornerstone Order of the Eastern Star.

Her sponsor is Christine Johnson. Her contact information is :
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Upcoming Events

• Conference 2020 •

Friday-Saturday, April 24-25, 2020 at The Wylie Inn and Conference Center at *Endicott College*, Beverly, MA
This year's theme is 'Back to School - Back to Basics'.
Early Registration deadline is March 15th. Call now!

• Workshop 2020 •

Saturday, November 7, 2020 Host: Greater Hartford Club
Location TBD

• Convention 2021 •

Wednesday – Saturday, July 21-24, 2021 in Quebec, CANADA This one is in OUR BACK YARD! We will be helping with planning and hosting convention. It would be

Award Submission Deadlines

It's time to consider your write-up for the Mamie L. Bass, the Letha H. Brown and the Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun Awards. Due by March 15th. Portland has such great projects and all are excellent candidates for these awards. Follow this link for the details -

<https://login.altrusa.org/service/>

The Sound of In-House Money

Please continue to fill up the green Altrusa CLYNK bags. Here's how to dispose:

1. drop them off at your local Hannaford's
2. drop the bags off at Pam Lemieux's house
3. bring to a meeting and give to Pam.

Keep those cans and bottles coming!



Entering your Service Hours

Don't forget to input your Service Hours. The Google Docs online Service form captures all that you input for your monthly service activity. This can be used to tally the hours that get submitted to International. It is a very important function.

One method is a 2-step process, using an interim form, like the example shown below, to capture service hours manually, while "on the run", during a given month. Keep it in your car, or in a monthly calendar, as easy access enables updates to it. And then once a month, use that manual form to submit to the Google Docs Service form.

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[Click Here for the Google Docs Service Hours Online Entry Form.](#)

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Altrusa Portland Service News

Bam! Cookie Walk

The Cookie Walk was a resounding success as it always is. The booksellers' headsets crackled with "They're here. Altrusans are here with cookies!" Hana greeted us and led us to the back staff room where there were many expressions of thanks and delight. "We look forward to this all year" an employee was overheard to say! Many thanks to Anita, Gerry, Nicki, Carolyn, Jane, Susan F. King, Christine, Marie, Martha G., Fran B. and Pam for your culinary delights!!



Sue's Supper



Sue's Supper was warm and wonderful on Tuesday, January 14th. Debbie led her team in the production of 3 crock pots full of Shepard's Pie. Fluffy mashed potatoes, creamed corn and seasoned ground beef steamed delicious scents into the air. Roasted carrots were a delicious side dish and warm rolls accompanied the meal. Dessert was cookies and delicious blueberries! Nicki, Ann S. and Susan F. King were Debbie's sous chefs.

Our next date for Sue's Supper is Tuesday, February 11th. Is anyone interested in planning this meal??? Christine has offered to plan the March 10th meal and then we have openings for April 14th, May 12th, June 9th, July 14th August 11th and September 8th. It is really fun to plan and execute a meal. Ask our previous chefs Susan K., Anita, Fran B. and Sharon D., Nadeen, Nicki and Debbie!

Join us for Sue's Supper on Tuesday, February 11th.
Look for a sign up sheet at our business meeting...or
email Susan at kings@maine.rr.com but put SUE'S SUPPER on your
February calendar!!



A B C Reads at Lyseth School January 2020

Ann Smith, Fran Jensen and Martha Gross delighted the kindergarten students at Lyseth with new books on Friday, January 17th. Upcoming ABC dates include Ocean Ave. on Tuesday, January 28th with Pam, Ann S and Martha G.; Susan and Christine will visit Reiche on Wednesday, February 5th.

Martha Gross reads to this class of Kindergarten students at Lyseth, on Jan. 17.



Martha Gross holds this group of students attention.



A B C Reads at Ocean Ave. School January 28, 2020

Ann Smith reads to this attentive group of Kindergarten students.



More Service News Book Blizzard 2020



What a great Book Blizzard! It might have been cold outside (yes, inside a bit too!) but warmth radiated from all the happy people, both those selecting books and the Altrusa members helping out.

A really well organized event from beginning to end. With good directions and just enough signage, no one complained about getting lost. The set up was well planned, everyone had plenty of room to check the tables and open shelves and delighted in the wonderful variety and quality to choose from. I have no doubt that this will only grow in the coming years once this new group starts spreading the word.

We were able to delight 15 teachers from 9 schools and Sweetser.

From Mahoney Middle School South Portland Jess Broda

"This week, Andee Schmeierer and I were able to get over to the Book Blizzard, hosted by Altrusa. Altrusa is a fantastic community service group that focuses on literacy. They partnered with Books A Million and BAM's seasonal book drive to donate thousands of books to local schools.

The mission of Altrusa is to get books in the hands of students. We have a lot of books to give away! We are looking for teachers to nominate a student who utilizes your SSR time well! If you have a student who is an active SSR participant that you would like to nominate, please send me their name. We would love to recognize them with a gift book.

We will collect the names, call them down sometime next week, and let them pick out a book. We will repeat for a couple weeks until all of the books are gone."

From Nicki who delivered 50 books to Sweetser.

I met the nicest lady at McDonalds Garage today when I dropped off the books for Sweetser. She is a member of a group called OOB365 and they do a lot of charitable and outreach events in the area. At Christmas they had delivered gifts and warm winter clothes to the kids, age 9 to 18, living in the cottages on the Saco campus. When they asked Sweetser what else the kids needed, they were told "books" so they started the book drive. She was absolutely delighted to get so many great new books. Thank you so much for letting me deliver the books!



ASTRA stands for
Ability
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A present for Carinne Fournier's Baby, Willa, Packaged by the talented Susan F. King. Present includes, of course, a perfect selection of books for the little girl.

The ASTRA meetings are only temporarily changed from Tuesday to Friday -- until the end of February. There are too many other meetings on Fridays. This week it was a conflict with "World Quest", which is getting ready for their competition, and several other groups. The students are in total agreement that Tuesdays are ASTRA day; and they are planning to return to Tuesday in March.

Altrusans are always welcome to join us for these meetings.

Trish Maxim
ASTRA Liaison

Leanne Oren & Eileen Russo, shown below, librarians at LRHS who host our ASTRA meetings in their Library space, were thrilled with the books donated from Altrusa's "Book Blizzard". (Leanne will pass along any duplicates to the librarian at the Middle school.)

ASTRA Deadlines

March 1st: "Service Project" entry to District One.

March 15th: International Scholarship applications to District One.

March 30th: Local Scholarship applications to Portland Altrusa.



FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Silent Auction

Held on January 22 during our Program Dinner meeting. It was very well attended and members were very generous with their donations. Proceeds from the event reported was \$312.

By order of Popular Demand, our 2nd Annual DoughRai\$er, will be held from February 17th to the 20th. Tell all your family and friends.

Altrusans will be on-site during peak times.


All kids go home with a free, brand-new book.

Please see Susan F. King for sign-ups.

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