

## June 2021 Altrusagram

### Upcoming Dates



**Tuesday, July 13th**  
Ronald McDonald House project

**Saturdays:**  
**August 7th**  
**August 14th**  
**August 21st**  
dates to work the Altrusa table at the BAM book drive

*Have a wonderful summer and be ready to meet again on:*

**Wednesday, Sept 1st, 6:15 pm**  
Business Meeting location to be announced

### from the President:

The blooms and colors of the season are transitioning, and so too the Board has taken on new faces. We recently enjoyed the hospitality of Karen Valley, gathered outdoors around a firepit, for our first In-Person meeting in over 15 months. The Installation of our new Board was officiated by Pam Lemieux. Sitting next to each other, coupled with the laughs generated by Pam's presentations, was truly food for the soul.



At this meeting, the Finance Committee brought the Quilt and Table Runner for our upcoming fundraiser, for viewing by all. Pam also brought tickets. So, please remember to sell those tickets. Drawing will be held at the September Business meeting.

Books A Million Summer Book Drive: We have been invited once again to partner with BAM for the book drive starting July 25 and continuing until August 22. This drive makes it possible for us to continue our A B C Program, putting beautiful books into the hands and homes of many children who otherwise might not have them. Thanks BAM and your loyal customers.

To each and every one of you, Thank you for your dedication and many hours spent in service to your neighbor and community. While the Altrusa Way never really stops and our projects are being nurtured continually, please find time to sit back, enjoy the opportunities for family and friend get-togethers and please, smell the roses.

Yours Truly,

*Debbie Lemieux*



*Altrusa is an international non-profit organization, making our communities better through leadership, partnership, and service.*

# Who We Are: the 2021-2022 Committees

## The 2021 - 2022 Board

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## COMMUNICATIONS

Ann Babbitt  
Christine Johnson  
Debbie Lemieux (Co-chair)  
Marie Pike  
Karen Valley (Co-chair)

## FINANCE

Anita Chandler  
Nadeen Daniels  
Fran Jensen (Co-chair)  
Pam Lemieux  
Marcia Marley  
Judith Reidman (Co-chair)  
Wanda Peterson (Consultant)



## MEMBERSHIP

Rae Clark-McGrath  
Sharon Davis (Co-chair)  
Patricia Maxim (Co-chair)  
Marie Pike

## SOCIAL

Fran Breton (Co-chair)  
Andrea Doherty  
Joanne Doherty  
Roberta Dutton Morrill  
Pam Szalajeski (Co-chair)

## SERVICE

Anita Chandler  
Jane Coolidge  
Gerry Dongo  
Fran Dyro  
Nicki Griffin  
Martha Gross (Co-chair)  
Arlene Hanson  
Susan King (Co-chair)  
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# Installation of the 2021-2022 Board...pg1

Pam Lemieux presided at the Board installation, describing each officer's duties as she gave them the appropriate product. Here are some excerpts from the installation ceremony:



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – Anita Chandler: Even though you were looking forward to taking it **EASY**, you will continue to provide counsel and guidance to the Board and the President.



DIRECTORS Trish Maxim and Sharon Davis: You are not just **FUNNY FACES** on the Board. You will work with the other officers in general supervision over the affairs of the club.

TREASURER Nadeen Daniels: Be sure your books add up; never **BOUNCE** a check.



SECRETARY Karen Valley: **AIM** to be accurate and kind in your reporting.



PARLIMENTARIAN Judith Reidman: You will use poise and be ready to respond to any problem, while being **SUAVE**.



# Installation of the 2021-2022 Board...pg2



VICE PRESIDENT Wanda Pettersen:  
You will safeguard the club, gain members,  
help resolve conflicts and **SQUASH** rumors.



PRESIDENT Debbie Lemieux: Keep the meetings fresh  
by adding the right amount of **SPICE**.



left to right: Karen V, Trish M, Sharon D, Wanda P, Nadeen D, Anita C, Judith R and Debbie L





# Our Service Projects



*left to right: Martha G and Ann S*

It's fun with a group!!! Ann gathered Martha, Christine and Susan to chop with her on Tuesday, the 15th of June. YUM!!! There was a yummy bean salad, a tasty macaroni salad and a scrumptious fruit salad!!! Cherries for dessert rounded out the evening

Anita and Carol Spector have volunteered to fix Italian Sandwiches for our next meal at R McD House!

-- Susan K



*Christine J*



Pictured here are Christine J (on the right) with Kathi Perkins, President of Westbrook-Gorham Rotary 2020-2021, with the books Altrusa is donating to a village school in Romania (Cociuba Mare School).

We were able to offer 66 books with a value of \$463.

-- Susan K

## Our scholarships have been awarded to:

Meredith Hunt -  
the Alice Whittier Award at Portland High School

Samuel Coursey and Myles Finley -  
at Casco Bay High School

Vivica Dunlap -  
the Mary Stiles Award at Deering High School

Cierra Grover -  
the ASTRA recipient from Lake Region High School

We wish these students our very best!!

A year late, but we finally delivered the plaque to our **2020 Volunteer of the Year, Cathy Hendrix.**

Marie P met with Cathy and a few other representatives of Hospice of Southern Maine on June 17th. Cathy's impressive volunteer work for HSM was featured in our May 2020 Altrusagram.



*left to right: HSM CEO Daryl Cady, 2020 VOY Cathy Hendrix, Marie P and HSM Volunteer Coordinator Heather Francis*

# Literacy and "Lunch" Service Project: part one

## STICKERING.....



Literacy and "Lunch" seems to have been carried out smoothly!!!  
Thank you all for all of your help!!!

We had 8 Altrusans stickering books with our "This book is a gift from Altrusa Foundation and Dollar General Literacy Foundation" labels. That was a tremendous help in preparation for our June 1st gathering at Payson Park. Christine, Marie, Pam L, Susan, Ann B., Martha and her niece, and Anita were expert stickerers.

And 9 Altrusans (and Michael) worked together to sort 1,288 books into bags for 71 classrooms!!!! Thanks to Nicki, Wanda, Ann S., Anita, Fran B., Sharon, Martha, Christine, Susan and Michael.

## SORTING.....





# Literacy and "Lunch" Service Project: part two

## DELIVERING.....



These books would go home with each first, second, third, fourth and fifth grader at East End, Talbot, Presumpscot, Rowe and Reiche schools for their summer reading enjoyment. This project replaces our meal site book deliveries as meal sites were only operating for 15 minutes a day this year.

Our book deliverers were essential to this endeavor! Thanks to Anita and Marie for delivering to Talbot; Ann S and Susan to East End; Nicki and Christine to Presumpscot; Martha and Arlene to Rowe and Wanda and Sharon to Reiche!!

I am so grateful to all of you for so enthusiastically supporting this Lunches Literacy Project! Thank you!

-- Susan K



## HAPPY READING!



# Committee News

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

How exciting it was to have 21 of our year-end 31 members gathered in a big circle around the firepit in Karen Valley's backyard on a beautiful June evening for our last meeting of this year. Thank you, everybody!

Unfortunately, we will be starting our 2021-2022 year with only 30 members. Carolyn Holman did not renew her membership. We will miss you, Carolyn; and hope you will send us a Prospective member to fill your spot.

{Little known fact: Back in 1975, whenever an Altrusan retired from their job, they often resigned from Altrusa. However, they were expected to fill their 'Classification' with a Prospective member - - which frequently was from their own place of business. That's how I became a member. New England Telephone Co. supervisor Florence Ritchie recruited me when she retired.}

-- Trish M



## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee did not meet in person this month, but rather communicated via e-mail to finalize our Summer Fundraising Project, the Quilt Raffle. Thanks to Pam Lemieux for printing raffle tickets to distribute at our 6/16/21 meeting at Karen Valley's house. Also, a big Thank You to Christine Johnson for taking care of the advertising part of it. We have two months to "sell our hearts ♥ out. Good luck to all of you.

A heartfelt "Thanks" ♥ from me personally, goes to my co-chair, our new VP, Wanda Pettersen for always having my back in all financial matters, and always being available and willing to help.

Thank you Nadeen for being willing to work together for the next year. I am so appreciative that you are the Treasurer.

Have a great Fourth of July.

With Gratitude,

-- Fran J

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Incorporating **Clarity, Flexibility, and Inclusion:** If we are going to continue to be successful and grow as a community service organization, we need to better promote our brand drivers: providing members flexibility in Club involvement, including existing and new members in Club activities and Club input (inclusion), and communicating clarity with members and non-members. We should review the following questions occasionally to make sure our club is incorporating clarity, flexibility, and inclusion in all club functions.

### Clarity

- What are we passionate about?
- What is our compelling purpose?
  - Who do we want to join us?
- How do we communicate our pride in participation? **Flexibility**
  - What would focus-for-results meetings look like?
  - How can we make it easy for members to participate in activities without diluting the goals of the activities?
- What are the best ways for clear and effective communications about participation options? Club website? Newsletters? Emails? Facebook? Meeting announcements?

### Inclusion

- What are our levels of participation and membership?
  - How can we appreciate and thank our members?
  - How do we build relationships across all age groups?
    - Who do we want to join us?

-- Marie P (Excerpted and Adapted from the Presidents' Handbook)

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF EVERY COMMITTEE

*With the new fiscal year starting here is a reminder of what is expected of every committee in addition to their specific committee duties:*

- Include all committee members in every communication and every meeting
  - Submit an article(s) for every Altrusagram
  - Prepare a report for every business meeting, including a half-year report for the January business meeting and a year-end report for the June business meeting
- Facilitate a program meeting for the month assigned by the President
  - Co-chairs should attend all board meetings (or send a representative if neither chair can attend)
- Review committee responsibilities, either in the Encyclopedia or in any training materials from the President



# Funding for Our Service Projects...share this!



## Altrusa Quilt Raffle

Drawing will be held on **September 1, 2021** for this beautiful Queen sized quilt.

Bonus!! Receive this lovely table runner as well!!

Both items are Handmade in Maine by Rosemarie Bouchard of Westbrook using all American made materials. *THANK YOU, ROSEMARIE!*

The quilt is 79"x 59" using the scrap quilt pattern. The table runner is 17" x 68" also using the scrap quilt pattern.

## To Purchase Raffle Tickets:

Go to our website: [www.altrusaportlandgivesbooks.org](http://www.altrusaportlandgivesbooks.org).

Click on this link:

[Quilt Raffle - Altrusa Portland Gives Books](#)


and follow the instructions there.

OR: print, cut out, fill in and mail the completed entry slip(s) along with your check to Altrusa, PO Box 8834, Portland, ME 04104. Make the check payable to Altrusa of Portland Maine

OR: simply talk to a Portland Altrusan.

If using the mail-in option, please note that entries mailed after August 26th may not arrive in time for the drawing.



	<b>Altrusa Raffle</b> for Queen Size Custom Sewn Quilt & 5'-8" Table Runner 1 Ticket for \$10 3 tickets for \$25	ALTRUSA QUILT RAFFLE - 2021	
	NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ State _____ ZIP CODE _____ Tel No: _____		
<small>Winner's Ticket will be drawn on September 1, 2021 Fundraiser for Altrusa International Foundation Inc of Portland, Maine</small>			

# ASTRA News



Ability  
Service  
Training  
Responsibility  
Achievement

On Tuesday, June 1st, Carinne Fournier sent me a lovely Thank You email, which unfortunately also announced that she is leaving teaching at LRHS to be a stay-at-home Mom because they are expecting their 2nd baby this Fall. Like Katie Klein did when she left, Carinne is attempting to find an Advisor for ASTRA to replace herself. She had someone in mind at that time, who needed some time to think it over. Unfortunately, that person said NO. We have been on a roller coaster ever since, with another proposition that also did not come to fruition.

But the good news is that we have a new ASTRA Advisor as of June 17th. Mrs. Kristina Theriault is a guidance counselor at LRHS; and Carinne believes she will be an excellent Advisor. Carinne has given my contact information to her "and a bit of a crash course in ASTRA and Altrusa". She says Kristina is really excited about it; and will reach out to me as she starts making plans. The ASTRA members were also very excited that Kristina had agreed to be the advisor. (That is ALL I know at this point, but I am relieved and excited, too.)

- - Trish M



*The impressive ASTRA cabinet in the front lobby of LRHS and some details of the items in it.*





# Other News

## KEEP THE MONEY COMING!



### CLYNK 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.



### AMAZON SMILE MONEY

If you are shopping on-line consider using Amazon Smile, with Altrusa International Foundation of Portland, Maine as your choice of nonprofit. For instructions see the November 2020 Altrusagram or contact the Finance Committee. The 0.5% of sales adds up if we all participate!  
Invite your friends to do the same.



The Altrusagram will take July off but will be back in August. Save all your news to send in for that issue - or send it along any time in advance. The deadline for the August issue will be Friday, August 20th.

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### July Birthdays

Marie Pike  
Marcia Marley  
Susan King  
Carol Spector

Happy Birthday!



### Mark your calendar for these Future District & International Events

International Convention, Racing to Success, July 28-31 in Charlotte, NC  
See the "Call to International Convention" emailed on 2/17/21

District One Workshop, - Saturday, November 6

- location in Portland TBD
- Portland club is hosting
- Come early for the celebration on Friday night of the start of Governor Pam's biennium and the successful conclusion of Governor Linda's biennium