

August 2021 Altrusagram

Upcoming Dates



Wednesday, Sept. 1st

via Zoom

Board Meeting

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Social Time

6:00 - 6:15 pm

Business Meeting

6:15 - 7:45 pm

Tuesday, Sept 14th

Ronald McDonald meal

Wednesday, Sept 15h, 6:15 pm

Program Meeting

location to be

announced

Friday, Sept 17th

All newsletter articles due

Wednesday, Oct 6th

via Zoom

Business Meeting

6:15 - 7:45 pm

Friday, Nov 5th

District One Dinner

Saturday, Nov 6th

District One Workshop

Clarion Hotel,

Portland, ME

from the President:

Confident — Inspiring — Caring



These words can be found on the home page of the Altrusa International Website, www.altrusa.org. And these words are the qualities exemplified by each of our Altrusan sisters in our Portland Maine club.

The summer months have been a time for us to re-engage with family and friends and to enjoy the splendors of our backyard gardens and the Maine outdoors. The International Convention was held in late July and brought over 200 Altrusans together, from around the globe. Portland Altrusans donated their time in support of the Summer Books-A-Million book drive. We so appreciate this partnership with BAM. Our work could not continue without this help.

This is just one of the many projects our Service committee spearheads. They have been coordinating plans for upcoming A-B-C season, Ronald McDonald House dinners, (aka Sue's Supper), school scholarship awards, Summer Enrichment Literacy and Lunch program, Wayside Community contributions, "Bags of Hope" for Milestone.

Looking forward to another productive and awe-inspiring service season together. Thank you for all your creativity and energy.

Yours Truly,

Debbie Lemieux

Altrusans Build Hope

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

Who We Are: the 2021-2022 Committees

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Our Service Projects

Even with the heat and rain, the Service committee had a productive summer with cooking, book gathering and book distribution!

Because of the way the City of Portland organized it's meal delivery system (only 15 minutes per stop), we were not able to participate in the Summer Success program. Knowing we wanted to get our books out there, we sorted and delivered 1228 books to 71 classrooms in Portland - this meant that students in grades 1 to 5 were able to take home their very own new book before the school year ended. We hope they all enjoyed reading and sharing these books.

Susan and Anita hosted Sue's Supper at the Ronald McDonald House in July and August. Given the heat waves we had, they provided a light meal of Italian Sandwiches for up to 30 guests with ham, cheese, onion, pickles, tomatoes, green pepper - all individually wrapped. They also provided bagged chips, and Oreo cookies. Planning a menu is a bit more complicated with the requirement that all food be pre-packaged, but the families at the RMD House certainly appreciated our efforts.

Susan also organized volunteers BAM book drive over four weekends in July and August, including book pickups and deliver to Waldron way. A giant thank you to everyone who gave up part of a summer Saturday to help with this effort. Now we need to think about getting the books sorted and stickered.

Susan and Anita sorted through the stuffed animals and board books at Waldron Way. A representative of Head Start was able to pick them up and we know they were put to very good use.

The Service committee met on July 19 in Payson Park to plan the 2021-22 projects. The scholarship committee will be Martha, Wanda and Roberta. We'll be getting ready for World Book Day with Arlene connecting with Windham Correctional and the Cumberland County Jail. We do know that Windham needs more up to date non-fiction books. For the 2021-2022 year, ABC coordinators are Susan FK- South Portland, Martha G - Portland, Wanda P- Windham, Roberta - Westbrook. Of course, visiting school will be entirely dependent on COVID requirements in the schools. Nicki will continue to head up the Barron Gardens work, as needed.

We look forward to working with all Altrusa members for the coming year.

- Nicki G



left to right: Anita C and Susan K at the Ronald McDonald House meal



left to right: Susan K, BAM employee Heidi and Roberta M at BAM



left to right: Susan K and Ann S at BAM

Our Other News

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

We've had a very warm pleasant summer! It's now time to get ready for our first business meeting on September 1, 2021 via Zoom.

So let me introduce you to your communications committee: Debbie Lemieux has sent out instructions via email to all of us. Check your email!!! Christine Johnson has been busy putting quilt ticket sale info on website and Facebook. Marie Pike is putting out the Altrusagram.

Next on the agenda will be the address book and brochures put out annually by Ann Babbitt, so you'll all likely be asked to update personal information soon.

Karen Valley writes the communications committee report for the Altrusagram and meetings.

See you all soon!!! on Zoom!!!

Communications Committee
Debbie Lemieux, co-chair
Karen Valley, co-chair
Ann Babbitt
Christine Johnson
Marie Pike

KEEP HER IN YOUR THOUGHT

We are sending prayers of comfort to Carolyn Holman who is under hospice care with cancer.



Yay to September! We're all looking forward to resuming regular meetings, busy committees, and more Altrusa fellowship.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

It's not too late - although it almost is! Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the quilt. Or sell tickets to others! The drawing is September 1st.



CONVENTION REPORT

Pam Lemieux and Marie Pike represented the Portland club at the International Convention in Charlotte, NC this summer. Pam also represented District One as our Governor and Marie had multiple duties as a Trustee for the Altrusa International Foundation. So both were very busy and didn't have a chance for any of the off-site adventures (zoos, museums, boat rides, etc) that they usually fit in on these trips.

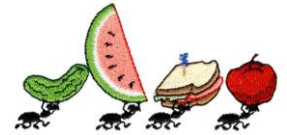
There were 250 attendees at the Convention. It was very well organized and all went off smoothly. There are no major bylaws changes to report or important business meeting items.

On August 12th the International Association sent out the board and other International leaders elected at the Convention. Congratulations to District One's Ann Marie Snyder for being elected to the 2021 - 2023 International Nominating Committee.

Four other District One members were also at Convention. They were: Susan Parazzo, Susan Hawes, Beth Michalec, and Diane Robinson.

The 2023 Convention will be in San Antonio, Texas on July 19th-22nd.

Our Favorite Picnic Spots



My favorite place to picnic when I just wasn't to chill out is the SMCC end of Willard Beach in South Portland. It's a beautiful view of that part of the harbor.

Nicki G

My favorite picnic spot is at the picnic tables on my own sand beach on Long Lake in Naples, Maine underneath the big red umbrellas.

Trish M

I haven't been out for a picnic since I was a kid. I don't mind eating fried clams at Two Lights. (in the car)

Fran D



My most frequented picnic spot is my own backyard, but finding a spot at Two Lights can be very enjoyable! There's always a breeze and it's a lovely place to walk around after enjoying a picnic lunch. 😊

Karen V



Bradbury Mountain. Wine, cheese and pistachios.

Judith R

Favorite picnic spot these days is on my son Ken's deck. It is huge and on the 2nd story of his home on Parker Pond overlooking the water and away from creepy crawlers and mosquitos!!!!

Gerry D

My favorite spot to picnic is at Higgins Beach in Scarborough because I spent every summer there and still visit as often as I can.

Roberta M



A very small spot at the end of the road in the Scarborough Marsh, off Pine Point Road. Usually the only other people there are out in the water fishing,

Marie P

Other Things

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 deadline for the Altrusagram articles each month is the end of day on the Friday after the program meeting. Sending things before then is fine too!

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August and September Birthdays

Nadeen Daniels
Wanda Pettersen
Gerry Dongo
Theresa Mancini
Belle Dodge
Karen Valley



Happy Birthday!

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. *Do it now before you forget all the good work you've done this past summer!*

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Mark your calendar for these Future District & International Events

District One Workshop

Friday night, November 5th dinner
Saturday, November 6 all day Workshop
- Clarion Hotel, Congress Street, Portland

District One Conference

April 2022
North Conway Grand Hotel, North Conway, NH