



Altrusa in Action Glendale Club

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2013-2014 Motto
Move Forward



*THANK YOU,
DONNALEE, FOR
YOUR GUIDANCE
AND LOVE.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with nostalgia and pride that I write this last message as your President. Nostalgia that I will miss the honor of being the President of this fine club for the past two years, and pride in the many accomplishments that we, AS A CLUB, have done. I truly believe that we, ALL OF YOU, have participated in more service projects this year than in any other year in my memory. We have served babies, youth, blind, mentally handicapped, homeless and veterans. We have also given financial support to the Salvation Army, and books to the YWCA shelter. And in so doing, we have left the name of ALTRUSA in the minds and hearts of many people.

In order to serve in these projects, we raised funds through many fund raising and FUN raising projects. The Day at the Races is always our favorite (though stressful) FUND raising event, and our Sumer Social is always FUN when so many new ideas are carried out by all of you.



I want to especially thank my Board of dedicated officers - Barbara, as Past President, the one I leaned on for advice, and support, and ideas, and reminders. Ingrid, who so faithfully, accurately, and meticulously handled the duties of Treasurer when Louise was not available. Roberta, who took accurate and detailed minutes, and the Directors, who undertook many duties and projects. Rose, who can always be counted on to produce artistic flyers and brochures, and to create a very professional newsletter, with lots of pictures. She also keeps our Website up to date to hopefully attract new members to join in our service activities. And speaking of Service, Pat Donlin didn't realize what she had agreed to take on as Chairperson, as we keep adding more projects. She was so conscientious about all the details of every project she was asked to do. Julie as Vice President and substitute Secretary, has been at my right hand, participating in all events with enthusiasm, ready to take the reins of this distinguished 59 year old club.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your President.

Donnalee

GLENDALE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

By: Pat Donlin

On Wednesday, March 26, 2014, Donnalee Monninger, Julie Vagts, Maggie Sweeden, and Pat Donlin delivered twenty seven adorable “Baby Bags” to the Women’s Services Department at Glendale Memorial Hospital. These bags are to be given to financially needy new mothers as they leave the hospital. Each bag contains a package of fifty disposable diapers, a container of baby wipes, two receiving blankets, a colorful beginners book for the new baby, and a lovely greeting card for the baby and the family.

Cathy Ragasa, Director of Women’s Services; Maria Filipian, Manager of Community Relations; and Sandy Cabrera, Women’s Services Outreach, welcomed the Altrusans warmly.

Pictures of the group were taken in the lobby with all of the Baby Bags. They all then went to the Glendale Memorial Hospital Foundation Board Room where Cathy Ragasa thanked the Altrusans profusely for the Baby Bags and reaffirmed that they really filled a need in the community.

Donnalee, Julie, Maggie, Pat Donlin and Rose helped in different aspects of taking the bags from a concept to a reality. Barbara Crawford, and Ingrid Grewer also helped in packing the bags.



REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING



Thanks to Pat Donlin and her yearly due diligence, the Glendale Club has been very fortunate to have their monthly night meetings at a beautiful Conference Room at the Glendale Board of Education building.

Pat coordinates the necessary insurance papers and permits between Altrusa International and the Glendale Board of Education.

The parking is never a problem, being large, secure and with plenty of lights. We could not have a nicer meeting place.

Thank you, Pat, for your dedication.

AND THE WINNER IS...



Every year, Yvette Guerrero, Chairperson of the Predict the Winners Fundraiser for our club, works enthusiastically to make this event a fundraiser success.

She prepares and distributes the ballots to members and friends, and every year it is a success. Our friends love to guess at the winners for only \$10.00 per entry, sometimes even holding an Oscar Party.

This year was no exception, our fundraiser was a success, and guess who had the most correct answers...

No other than Donnalee's son, Mark Monninger.

Mark is a movie aficionado and constant supporter of this Fundraiser, and he certainly deserves always being in the top 5, sometimes THE WINNER.

Here is a picture of our President, Donnalee, presenting Mark with the check of \$100.00. Congratulations, Mark!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2014-2015

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2014-2015

President Julie Vagts
Vice President Rose Tharp
Secretary Roberta Hagopian
Treasurer Barbara Crawford
Director Yvette Guerrero
Director Ingrid Grewer
Director Pat Zayas
Immediate Past President Donnalee Monninger

The Glendale Club held its Installation Dinner on May 6th, at Taix French Restaurant in Los Angeles. The gracious Mary Ann Foushee, of the Oxnard Club, was the installing officer. Her very original installation focused on African animals (a passion of our new president, Julie Vagts). Each new board member was presented with a fashionable cheetah print infinity scarf.

Columnist/photographer for the Glendale News-Press, Ruth Sowby and her husband Richard Rands, were also in attendance as were many other Altrusans from the Arcadia and Los Angeles clubs. It was a fun evening for all those attending our Installation ceremony.

Calendar of Events

Business Meeting June 5
 Planning Meeting..... June 7
 10 am at Roberta's Clubhouse - lunch \$5.00
 Business Meeting July 3
 Summer Social July 19
 No program luncheon in July

May & June Birthdays

Roberta Hagopian May 30
 Lucille Harrington May 29
 Bill Tharp June 6
 Pat Traviss, honorary member June 10
 Marillyn Webb, emeritus member June 21
 Ingrid Grewer June 24
 Ruth Charles, emeritus member June 26

MAY BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At our May Business Meeting we celebrated the 59th birthday of our Glendale club and the 97th anniversary of Altrusa International.



How wonderful that this organization has been serving communities for all these years.

At this meeting we also presented a check to Cerritos Elementary School for the purpose of purchasing non-fiction books to help their students meet the requirements of the new Common Core Standards that dictate what students are expected to learn at each grade level. Donnalee presented the check to Diane Stokes, Glendale Altrusa member and teacher at Cerritos.



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