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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I hope you are having a wonderful summer, and are keeping cool. We had a good planning meeting and potluck. I asked three questions and they were: what did you like, what could we improve, and what would you like to see next year. We had a very good discussion and came up with the following: We especially liked having Debbie as president we also liked the TMC back to school event and the baby shower, the Festival of Books, keeping in touch with past members, we also like the program meetings, especially the Valley of the Moon and the guests, trying the change of meetings times was also well liked, the Jim Click raffle was universally liked we all loved the conference, the organization for it, everything about it and "The best margarita party ever, anywhere". Kudos to us!!

We were unhappy that we lost members and also we don't all know what other members are doing. Maybe we could just have a get together and talk about it.

For this year we had lots of suggestion - maybe too much for our group, but ideas are always good. It was suggested that our focus be on establishing an Astra club, getting new members, more hands-on service projects, the puppet theaters, continue to call members who don't/can't come and past members. Maybe we could have something like the MOPS project and combine it with a PBS video; a book to give away and a hands-on project - that seemed to be successful but we lost our venue. We would like to give away more books, maybe a project with a school or even just knowing about some of the things that other members are doing. We would like to see more involvement with the community. Because we are getting to be a smaller club it was suggested that we have the entire group attend committee meetings and maybe schedule service meetings after Business Meetings at the beginning of the year, fundraising when it becomes necessary, and membership and communications as they are needed. This would keep the entire group involved in everything. We also suggested having a fundraising/membership/social event for current, past and potential members and as a way to get to know each other better. It was also suggested that we move the potluck meeting to the end of May - before everyone goes away for the summer. This can be done because conference is earlier next year and we could add a meeting or install at the Pot Luck.

This, of course, are just some of the topics we talked about. We also went over the Strategic Plan, made some minor changes and asked the committee chairs to make final changes and I will publish them when I get them back.

All in all a good meeting with lots of ideas shared.

Beth

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

Service Committee: Pat Young/Elaine Wilder

Thank you to last year's Service Committee leaders, Barbara Arissa and Marcia Lucas, for doing such great work in coordinating our service efforts to provide a positive impact on our community.

The June 27th Annual Pot Luck Planning Meeting started our 2018-19 year with many creative and exciting ideas for Service.

1. Our International Project Days for Girls will certainly be part of our service projects, but many other opportunities were discussed as well.
2. Members presented ideas including providing needed books and or resources to a specific school;
3. taking the puppet show to elementary schools or
4. creating a literacy project that would provide opportunity for families to share the love of reading together.
5. Any other ideas are welcomed and encouraged!

The Service Committee will have a meeting in early August to identify what projects will work best for our members and for our community this year.

Remember, July 11, 2018, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, we are participating in the TMC Back to School Event! We will be giving out books to children and adult books to parents, and we'll be having "Story Time", so we need all members to attend to read books to the children!

Communications Committee: Sheila Hugunin

We are currently working on the 2018-2019 Yearbook and need members to sign up for the Committees that they want to work on so that the Committee chairs know who to call for committee meetings. We also need all members to sign up for the monthly meeting's Greeter, Raffle Prize supplier and Accent. Those lists are at each meeting or you can call/email Beth or Sheila to let them know your requests.

Membership Committee: Bonnie McPherson/Barbara Arissa

We are very pleased that Ruth Ganeles is a member again. She has always been a great supporter of Altrusa. Welcome back, Ruth!

Remember that the Tucson Club is offering new members a special rate to join again this year for \$100 (this covers International and District dues and the affiliation fee).

Let Bonnie McPherson know if you need Altrusa Business cards or a membership packet. Pick up Altrusa bookmarks to give out when you talk about us or sell a Jim Click raffle ticket.

The time is now Tucson Club members, continue to ask people to be an Altrusan!

The following is the accent from the Planning meeting in June:



Recipe for Membership

All the ingredients for a successful Club:

- Combine: 2 cups determination to build a strong club
 1 cup committed potential members
 1 cup hands-on projects
 1 cup communications
 1 cup support
 2 cups desire to serve throughout the lands
- Blend with: 1 pint strong leadership
 1 gallon of FUN
- Fold in: 3 tablespoons retention based activities
 2 or 3 theme parties to taste
 ½ cup Altrusa Accents
 ½ cup member highlights
 2 cups vision

Pour into a well-oiled pan, pop into a community that's just waiting to be served and **WATCH THOSE ALTRUSANS COOK!!!!**



CLUB ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

Why Altrusa-Tidbits and Treasurers: Interview of Sidney Bond

Sidney has been in Altrusa since 1977 and was the District Eleven Marilyn Atwood Winner for 2017. The award is given for an Altrusan for extended and unsung service to Altrusa. Sidney is a dedicated supporter of all Altrusa activities and gives unwavering support to all Altrusans.

Her friend and mentor in the travel industry, Gloria Paul and Sidney's family friend, Christine Huebsch, introduced Sidney to Altrusa. They were both Altrusa members. She was interested in Altrusa because it gave her an opportunity to interact in a comfortable social setting with women who were in unrelated fields of work from hers and who she never might have had the opportunity to meet without Altrusa.

Sidney said, "I liked the opportunity that Altrusa had local community involvement and it gave me an opportunity to be removed from my field of work in a pleasant way". She also liked the opportunity for some volunteer activity as well. She likes the association and sharing with long time friends both at Altrusa meetings and service projects and also getting to make new friends as new members of our club. Sidney has been responsible for getting our newest members this year.

Sidney has enjoyed very much over the years learning about a variety of organizations involved in helping the Tucson community at our program meetings. Our club has certainly appreciated Sidney's sharing all her knowledge of the Tucson community over the years with her Altrusa sisters. She is a true Altrusan through and through.



Sidney receiving her Marilyn Atwood Award from Bonnie McPherson in 2017

June Meeting Dates

Business Meeting: July 11 -12:00 PM - Radisson Suites Hotel, 6555 E. Speedway
Program Meeting: No July Program Meeting



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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Cowden..... July 14
 Tami Arthur.....July 20

Save The Date

July 11 Business Meeting
 August 1 Board Meeting
 August 22 Program Meeting -5:30pm
 September 5 Board Meeting
 September 12 Business Meeting-12:00pm
 September 26 Program Meeting - 5:30pm

Web site: www.altrusatumson.org

**Tucson Festival of Books
 March 2-3, 2019**

**District Eleven Conference
 May 2-5, 2019
 San Diego, CA**

**Altrusa International Convention
 July 16-20, 2019
 Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV**