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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OCTOBER

Hi all, welcome to the season of political craziness. Whatever your particular persuasion is, take a deep breath, try to relax and do what you need to do and get through it. Oh, and vote. Altrusa is also moving into our busy season. We will be hearing about our Make-A-Difference Day project. This is a time when we can truly make a difference in lives. It is one of my favorites.

At our Program Meeting we have Sally Krommes with us to talk about St. Luke's Home - who they are, what they do and how we can help. I recently saw a bumper sticker that said "If aging isn't your problem now it will be". It's rapidly approaching for me!! Our service chairs will also talk at our business meeting, it is one of the things I love about Altrusa, I don't have a bunch of money but I can do something, get involved and still make a difference.

Speaking about money, we need that too, so get others who have a lot of it and sell them a lot of raffle tickets. Give the tickets and money to Elsa so we can give it away to someone who can make the most of it. We will also have a report from our Foundation who had their quarterly meeting in September.

In November we will have an official visit from Pat Zoller. She is driving over from San Diego with her husband Russ and will be with us on the 7th. She will be our next District Eleven Governor and is a really nice person besides. So plan to come in November with questions and a big smile to welcome her.

The Young Authors Competition at this year's Festival of Books had their first meeting - there will be more I'm sure. Bonnie will talk about what went on and will have packets for us to put together and those of us who can call on schools and drop off packets will get instructions. Make sure to save Saturday morning on March 2nd for the F.O.B. Young Authors Competition - more information to follow.

Hope to see you all at one of our meetings or both if you can. It should be an interesting month. Don't forget we have only one meeting in November and in December because of the holidays and our schedule of meetings experiment.

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

Service Committee: Elaine Wilder/Pat Young

The service project for the 2018-19 Altrusa year includes assisting a local pre-school by helping the teachers start a lending library for preschool children. A \$4,000 grant request was submitted to Altrusa International Foundation. If Tucson Altrusa receives this grant it will assist in the purchase of books and shelving for these pre-k classrooms. At the Business Meeting, members also agreed we would participate in Days for Girls, and also continue to look at the idea of working with St. Luke's Assisted Living facility in Tucson.

At the September dinner meeting, a teacher spoke about the diversity of the children at Tully and their pre school program. She invited ALTRUSANS to come to Tully School to meet the children and other teachers.

Meanwhile, Ella Gomez of Pima County Public Library has given Marcia Lucas over 80 small knitted hats as a donation from the knitters for the Tully preschoolers.

Service members met at St. Luke's recently to inquire about a possible Make a Difference Day Project. We worked with St. Luke's staff and residents to determine how we could organize their book collections to make it more usable.

The next Service Committee meeting will be held as soon as it is determined if Tucson Altrusa is awarded the grant which is necessary to start a lending library for the preschoolers.

Fundraising Committee: Elsa Nelson

Most of the Jim Click raffle tickets have been distributed. Our goal this year is to raise at least \$5,000. We almost made it last year and hope to make or exceed it this year.

As of September 30, we have raised \$325. We have almost two months to go so please make a big push in selling the tickets you have. All tickets stubs need to be turned in by the end of November.

Any questions, issues or requests for more tickets should be directed to Elsa at 520-546-0075 or 619-994-5892.

Membership Committee: Bonnie McPherson/Barbara Arissa

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).

Besides getting new members, we need to be sure that we keep in touch with current members too. I propose that we create a buddy system which we might possibly call "APAL" (Altrusa Pal). For the current year we would keep in touch with this person at meetings and by phone to be sure they know what is happening in the Club. We want to build a strong member network so that we support retaining members.

At the District Eleven Board meeting, Jean Larson was approved for emeritus status.

Let Bonnie McPherson know if you need any Membership applications. Also, remember to distribute our bookmarks to friends!

Tucson Festival of Books (TFOB): Bonnie McPherson

Reminder that we need help distributing Young Authors and Young Artists materials to schools. You don't need to be an Altrusan to do this so if you are interested in promoting writing and illustrating in our young people please contact any Altrusan for information.

Communications Committee: Sheila Hugunin

Don't forget that you or your friends can purchase Jim Click Raffle tickets on our website: www.altrusatucson.org. The PayPal button for buying raffle tickets is located on the home page of our website.

You can use your credit card or your PayPal account to purchase single tickets for \$25 a piece or a bargain of 5 for \$100. Please let your friends know about this wonderful opportunity. Win one of the Three great prizes! Grand Prize: 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee Summit, 2nd Prize: Two round-trip, first class airline tickets to anywhere in the world, 3rd Prize : \$5000 cash!



CLUB ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

Foundation Report: Adrienne Kleiboemer

The Foundation met on Sept 12, 2018. Treasurer Pat Young reported a total balance of \$7230. Since our Jim Click fundraiser will increase this balance, we will likely have well over \$5000 to disburse in grants after reserving the \$2500 necessary for next year's scholarships. Therefore, it was agreed to proceed with the process outlined in current by-laws to send out RFF letters, receive and review grant proposals (RFFs), etc. Accordingly, the list of past RFF organizations will be brought to the Nov. Business meeting at which members will be asked for additional names or eliminations. These will be finalized at the Dec. Business meeting, after which the Foundation will meet to plan the disbursement steps and schedule.

The Foundation will formulate a policy regarding those years when there are not sufficient funds for full disbursement of our usual grants. One approach is to accumulate funds to subsequent year(s) until some floor amount (e.g., \$5000) is reached above the \$2500 scholarship obligation. We will be revising our by-laws to address this and other issues, to coincide with Ann's submission of new Foundation name to IRS.

It has been suggested that our by-laws should be reduced to a bare minimum, with the major content listed separately as "Policies". This will allow great flexibility in making future changes, since any by-law change (but not Policy) must be approved by IRS. We will look to Ann for guidance on this.

The next Foundation meeting will be Dec 12 immediately following the Business meeting.

October Speaker: Sally Krommes from St. Luke's Home

St. Luke's Home, (SLH) is a 64-unit assisted-living housing for men, women and couples. St. Luke's serves low-income Elders who would otherwise not qualify for any type of assistance. Our Elders are

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not sick enough for state assistance, not wealthy enough for private care, and not well enough to live alone. The mission of St. Luke's is to provide quality of life for low-income Elders to age with dignity. As a nonprofit organization St. Luke's team is tasked with raising \$600,000 annually to subsidize this housing. Grants to fund food costs, programs and operations are an important element for meeting that goal. Programs at St. Luke's include intergenerational engagement, physical exercise, and a variety of wellness based activities that promote good health and reduce isolation. Sally collaborates with volunteers and community organizations such as Altrusa to bring the world in to St. Luke's

Member News

Jan Sturges was honored last week at a 30th anniversary of TMC (Tucson Medical Center) senior services. She was a starter way back when she worked at TMC. They are doing kindness rocks so she got a thank you rock. Congratulations Jan for your work in senior services at TMC.



Jan Sturges

October Meeting Dates

Business Meeting: October 10, 12:00 PM - Radisson Suites Hotel, 6555 E. Speedway

Program Meeting: October 24, 5:30 PM - Radisson Suites Hotel, 6555 E. Speedway

Speaker: Sally Krommes M.S. St. Luke's Home Program and Grants Manager



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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Gladys Sorensen.....October 17
Jeanne Jensen.....October 24

Save The Date

October 10	Business Meeting - 12:00pm
October 24	Program Meeting - 5:30pm
November 7	Board Meeting-5:30pm
November 14	Business Meeting-12:00pm
December 5	Board Meeting-5:30pm
December 12	Business Meeting-12:00pm

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**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**