

**Altrusa Dinner Meeting**  
**Date 10/3/11 6:30 pm**  
**Hayner Cultural Center**

***Members Attending:***

Sally Adams, Mary Beth Anthony, Ann Baird, Ginny Beamish, Myrle Briggs, Sharon Buse, Mary Davis, Georgann Enright, Tami Baird-Ganley, Janet Hamman, Susan Harbaugh, Deb Kappers, Jan Miller, Bev Nally, Judy Nickras, Mindy Phelps, Deanna Riley, Janet Rhodes, Linda Roth, Barb Stormer, Susan Swinehart, Babs Wesbecher, Nancy Wiles, Cindy Wingert.

***Guests Attending:***

Kim Heintz, Carol Morgan, Germaine Vonderhaar – First Vice Governor 2011-2013 District Five

Mary Davis called the meeting to order by welcoming special guest, Germaine Vonderhaar. Mary led everyone in the Altrusa Grace and dinner was served.

Following dinner, Mary Davis invited Germaine Vonderhaar to address the attendees.

    Germaine expressed greetings from everyone in District Five

    She explained that all officers of District Five are assigned several club visits

On an International Level:

        New logo – revealed at convention which we are already using

        New Mission Statement – which was prominent on our meeting agenda

        New Executive Director – Harriet Lewis (confirmed in July)

        Reminder to advise District of email/contact changes

On a Club Level:

        She congratulated us on getting 5 new members!

        She commended us on our on-going service projects

        She recognized that we have the largest number of ASTRA clubs in the district.

Membership Growth:

        She encouraged us to keep members involved – key to healthy club and new membership. Be supportive of individual's interests.

Awards:

        She encouraged us to continue to submit projects for awards!

Following Germaine's remarks, Mary Davis continued with our meeting agenda for the evening:

**Approval of Minutes**

    Mary Davis asked for approval of 8/1, 8/15 and 9/19 meeting minutes

    Motion for approval: Linda Roth

    Motion seconded: Babs Wesbecher

    Minutes approved

### **Treasurer's Report**

Deanne Riley gave the report on behalf of Karen Eliason

*Special items to point out:*

Transfer of funds from operating budget to foundation budget in order to pay Int'l

Mobile meals grant coordinated by Susan Harbaugh. Funds received/transferred.

Ann Baird moved the Treasurer's Report be filed.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **ASTRA (Sharon Buse)**

Miami East did contact us via the Literary Links website

Sharon now has a contact name at Miami East who will keep ASTRA going

Still working on Tipp, Newton and Troy

#### **By-Laws (Deb Kappers)**

Nothing to report

They met one time and finalized their work – no continuing work at this time.

#### **DCAC (Babs Wesbecher)**

Haven't started to work yet but they will get started in December

#### **Finance and Community Days (Susan Harbaugh)**

Finance Committee doing well on budget – always looking for new fundraising ideas

Committee circulated some random ideas – asked for everyone's input

Reminder of Elder Beerman Community Days (11/11 – 11/12)

Club made almost \$700 last year

Need to sell coupon books for \$5/book – we get all proceeds

Could use volunteers to help work the event at Elder Beerman

Contact Susan for coupon books and/or to volunteer

#### **Literary/Spelling Bee (Ellen Luken)**

Nothing to report

#### **Membership Committee (Mindy Phelps for Tami Baird-Ganley)**

Committee hopes everyone is enjoying the new table set up

Want to foster everyone getting to know other members so periodic assigned seating activities will be done.

Conversation starters on each table

Reminder to be in contact with your Altrusa Buddy

Reminder of membership drive – get a new member to join and have your name entered in a drawing for a year of free dues!

Reminder of Ladies Night Out event 10/12 @ All Seasons Gift Shop

#### **Mobile Meals (Judy Nickras)**

Thanks to Susan Harbaugh for coordinating a \$1000 grant from WalMart

Mobile Meals budget looks good right now!

**Program (Barb Stormer)**

10/17 at noon at Riverside

Guest speaker will be Linda Jolly speaking about Hayner Cultural Center

**Strategic Planning (Linda Roth)**

Looking for other committee members to help out

**Service (Linda Roth)**

**Make a Difference Day Luncheon – 10/22**

Given money from Troy Community Works to coordinate all aspects of the meal

Looking for volunteers for the event

**Book Drive (Sally Adams)**

Cancelling book drive competition for now

Membership in ASTRA uncertain and not enough time to coordinate competition

Still need children's books (gently used & new)

Please take boxes in the lobby and drop them off to help collect books

**Circle Meals (Myrle Briggs)**

October 25<sup>th</sup>

Have all of the volunteers that they need

Meal occurs once a week – group of adults being mentored on how to budget finances and other issues they may be struggling with.

Sponsored by: Partners in Hope

**School Supplies (Babs Wesbecher)**

Babs will provide a new count of supplies soon

Goal is to provide crayons for every second grader in Troy Public Schools except in the Concord School.

Committee asked teachers what they needed and they also asked for pencils, erasers and glue sticks.

**David L Brown (Bev Nally)**

This is an activity we've participated in for 20 years

On 9/22 our volunteers went out and spent the evening with 9 boys

Pizza, pop and cookies were served followed by the playing of a game

**Other**

Linda encouraged all members that if they would like more information on any service projects to contact her and she'll provide further insight.

**Scarecrow Project (Jan Hamman)**

10/8 – 10/9 – Miami County Park District Fall Farm Fest at Knoop Farm  
Jan is preparing our scarecrow entry  
There will be 40 different organization displays along the hay ride route  
Vote on your favorite scarecrow in the info tent at the event  
Jan is doing potato head scarecrows with the theme: *“Read...to get a head”*  
Very clever Jan!

### **Christmas Carry-In**

December 5 @ 6:30 pm (Hayner)  
We'll be doing a dessert/salad carry-in for our December meeting  
Evening entertainment will be a harpist who will give a brief talk on the harp  
After our refreshments, we'll be treated to a 30 minute harp performance  
Sign-up sheet available at November meeting so start thinking about what you want to bring.

### **Roundtable – Joys**

Mary closed the meeting with the Altrusa Benediction

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Phelps on behalf of  
Teresa Bowers