



# THE ANAHEIM ALTRUSAN

April, 2020

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**President's  
Message**

I cannot believe that our 2019-2020 is slowly

coming to an end. The COVID 19 is bringing our year to a quick end. I am sorry that we had to cancel our April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting but the Holiday Inn is currently not serving food. It is unclear if we will be able to hold our May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Disneyland and the various hotels are not taking reservations before June 1<sup>st</sup>. Perhaps, if the Governor has lifted the 10 person meeting rule, then we can look at an alternate site. I do not anticipate holding a virtual meeting but we can keep in contact via email and by phone.

It was very disappointing that we had to postpone our membership event. Denice, Maria and our board worked very hard to put it together. Hopefully we can reschedule for June or July. Our June and August meetings will be held at Ruby's Diner Anaheim at 1128 W. Lincoln Avenue in

Anaheim. The dinners will be fundraisers for the club. If you bring the flyer then 20% of the check will go to the Club. In July, we will have our Garden Party at the lovely home of Joan Malloch. The date is TBD.

I thought bringing back the Newsletter would also help us to keep in touch and share what we are going through during this house arrest period. For the upcoming May newsletter, how about sending me pictures and write-ups about what you are doing with your time during this "stay at home" order. I know Roze has talked about projects around the house and Lisa is learning to teach remotely but it would be fun to catch up with everyone. Hang in there and keep a positive attitude. I look forward to hearing from everyone hopefully within the next few weeks.





**Leslie presents the Disaster Relief Check to Mychael Blindes, Development Manager for POH**

## **Pathways of Hope Awarded Disaster Relief Grant for Altrusa International Foundation**

Altrusa International Foundation provides Disaster Relief Grants to local communities in time of need. Pathways of Hope provides meals and food through the HUB of Hope food distribution and resource center in North Orange county, CA. Our club recognized the community need and nominated Pathways of Hope for a disaster relief grant. Altrusa International Foundation presented our club a \$1000 disaster relief fund check for Pathways of Hope.

Anaheim, the largest city in North Orange County, CA has tripled its homeless population in the last few years. An intensive census of homeless people in 13 cities was carried out with public funds by local law enforcement officers, homeless outreach workers and volunteers (including Altrusans) over a three week period in March and April in 2019. The tally of Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park,

Cypress, Fullerton, La Habra, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Orange, Placentia, Stanton, Villa Par and Yorba Linda found 2107 people experiencing homelessness. The population of Orange County is 3.5 million. It is the third largest county in California and the fifth largest county in the nation. It serves 100 struggling households each day with emergency food and supplies to keep them safe.

The impact of the COVID-19 has caused the need to grow substantially with parents being told to stay home from work and children home from school and school nutritional programs unavailable because of the spreading of the disease. The POH staff and volunteers are pre-packaging food bags daily which are distributed to neighbors. They are currently serving over 100 struggling households each day with this emergency food and supplies. The HUB relies on food and supply donations from churches, local businesses, grocery stores, bakeries and restaurants. These donations have dried up with the closing for churches and businesses and the panic draining of the local grocery stores. Monetary donations have also dried up due to concern over longevity of jobs and fear of running out of money as the epidemic continues. \$1000 grant from the disaster relief fund will help us cover over 200 people with food and supply relief.

Another great risk from the COVID-19 virus is the unprecedented number of people who are at risk of becoming homeless due to loss

of jobs. Pathways runs an emergency Homeless Prevention Program that offers services like emergency rental assistance to households at risk to becoming homeless.



**Leslie and Mychael practice social distancing.**

## **Altrusa International of Anaheim March and April business Dinners Cancelled**

The March and April Altrusa International of Anaheim Business Dinners were cancelled by the meeting place. The Holiday Inn & Suites in Anaheim have ceased their food service due to the COVID-19. The May meeting is in jeopardy and may have to be cancelled as well. The June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting and the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Ruby's Diner located at 1128 West Lincoln at 6:00. We will sit outside and have a social meeting. The meetings are actually fund raisers for the club. Bring your flyer (to be sent out by Reon) and 20% goes to the club. The manager has given us the week of June 22-27 and August 24-29 as a fundraiser. Please give flyers to your family and friends and encourage them to support our club.

The August Garden party will be moved to July and held at the lovely home of Joan Malloch. The date is TBD.



## District Eleven Conference Delayed until August 6-9 Due to COVID-19

District Eleven Conference was put on hold and reschedule until August 6-9 in Oxnard, CA. The conference will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott Oxnard/Ventura. Please join me and attend this year's conference. The Kentucky Derby theme of "Altrusans are Winners" will be carried over even though it is no longer being held the same weekend as the Kentucky Derby. There will be exciting workshops and the Friday night event are horse races (not sure how that is going to work).

If you have already registered for conference, then your registration will be carried over to the August date. If you have registered and are unable to attend, then contact Leslie and request a refund. IF you paid online, the VISA fees cannot be returned. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Registration should reopen the first week in May. The hotel rooms

were automatically cancelled and new reservations will have to be made. Please plan to attend conference – the club will be voting on new Conference Delegates and Alternates soon.



Courtyard by Marriot in Oxnard, CA

## Altrusa International Annual Dues

It is that time again – Property Taxes, Income taxes followed by Dues. The annual International and District Eleven dues need to be sent to treasurer, Beth Pelfrey, by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The International dues are \$55 and the District Eleven dues are \$25 for a total of \$80. Mail your checks to Beth Pelfrey, 9612 Rosebay; Anaheim, CA 92804. If the dues are going to be a financial burden please let Leslie know for a club scholarship. The International Board of Directors is meeting April 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss delaying dues. Feel free to donate \$10 to the club.



## The Hills are closed



The slate of officers from the nominating committee for 2020-2021 year are the same as the 2019-2020 year:

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Secretary: Charlene Bowden

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Director: Lisa Clark

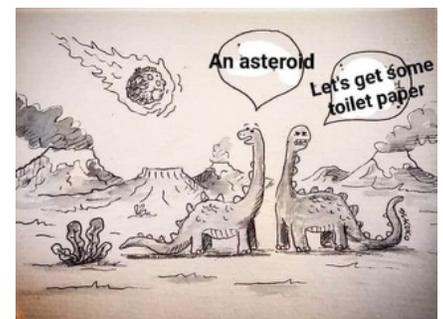
Director: Judy Gunderson

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Immediate Past President: Pat Hansmeyer.

This slate has been approved by the Club Board of Directors and recommended to the club. There will be voting by email or phone call later this month. The new BOD will be installed in May probably it will be a virtual installation.





## ***Letter from International President Hardy***

***April 2020***



Greetings to my precious and beloved Altrusa membership,  
As we find ourselves in some of the most perilous times of our lives, I feel the need to reach out to each of you and tell you how much I care for all of you and your loved ones. Remembering my saying from the beginning of my presidency: Family first; Career second; and Service third. Now more than ever, putting our families first is paramount in all our lives. The career part is also a large part that encompasses and impacts us and our families. As of yesterday, 10 million Americans are unemployed/failed for unemployment! This number is expected to rise daily as COVID-19 continues to spread. We are asked to try and stay calm, and in an effort to slow the spread of the deadly virus, stay home.

I speak to you, about these numbers and my concern, because I want each and every one of you to know that, I as your President and your International Board, will be doing everything in our power to offer options, to you our members, regarding payment of dues. On April 25 we have an International Board meeting and this topic will be at the top of our agenda. I will immediately report back to you the results which will be extensive to encourage each of you to remain a member of our wonderful organization by offering you options of payments for the ensuing year.

On Thursday of last week, April 2nd, an e-blast was sent out to our leaders at Club, District and International levels about dues payments. The e-blast was sent without my knowledge and I saw it when you saw it. I deeply regret that it was not only sent out but had a rather harsh uncaring tone in its message. I do not believe the International Office meant it to be received and regarded in the way many of you found it to be. When I inquired why they sent this message, I was told it was to state the current dues schedule as required by policy, but that the International Board was working on options for members. Regardless, I deeply regret and apologize for any misinterpretation of this e-blast.

Altrusans are strong and are such a support to so many that are in need, especially in the environment we find ourselves in currently. I feel confident that our Altrusa members are doing everything in our power to stay strong within our family unit, but also are reaching out in so many ways to help others that need us. We have a gift of giving like no others. Let us all be sure to stay connected with each other. We must support each other who are the most in need now. Many of our members have fallen prey to the ramifications of COVID-19. This part is the last of my goals of "service third." If one of us becomes ill or are in financial difficulties let us all try to give aid in any way we are able. A phone call, mailing a special book/card or, if able, a small donation of money would be great. We are in this together and we MUST offer help to our own!

This too shall pass. I know in my heart that we will be the stronger for it. In the meantime, take good care my dear members, be safe, and remember that I care very much.

Affectionately yours,

***Beverly***

# Festival Of Trees 2019 In Review

