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July, 2020

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President's Message

My neighbor and walking partner, Barbara, made this mask for me. It's a Zombie mask. I constantly explain to her that there are no such thing as Zombies. It is a fun argument that we constantly have. It also represents what we do when we have more time on our hands and how special friendships are to us.

I wanted to close out our 2019-2020 year by saying my thanks for

making my Presidential year as awesome as it could be under the circumstances. Thanks to my board and especially Reon for all the work on our Festival of Trees and fundraising. Denice, a very special thanks for running our membership drive and service committee. All of your hard work only to have our membership even cancelled due to the COVID-19. My appreciation to Charlene, she skillfully records the minutes for our meetings and her quick turnaround to get them out. Beth's maintaining of our club funds and always keeping me up to date as things come due. Our directors, Judy, Kay, Lisa and Pam, always are stepping up to take on projects and offering insights and advice. A special thanks to Pat, our immediate past president, for keeping me on the straight and narrow and her experience and to Peggy for recording the volunteer hours. Thanks to Pam for interfacing with the Holiday Inn. A very special thanks to all my club members agreement to serve another year with me.

Congratulations JOYA Scholar Graduates



“How we deal with tragedy defines who we are.” This is a favorite quote of Maricruz, one of JOYA Scholars’ 2020 high school grads. Since the COVID-19 outbreak began, these words have guided our team as we’ve pivoted to meet the needs of our communities who have experienced job, housing, & food insecurity, and the transition to distance learning.

Without graduation ceremonies, we made another such pivot for our 10 graduating high school seniors. On June 11th, the JOYA team was joined by Leslie Johnson, Lisa Clark, and a few more friends for our first ever grad parade!

Our trek took us through the busy, compact streets of Fullerton’s Garnet and Maple neighborhoods. Our grads stood (while properly social distancing, of course) outside their homes—smiles plastered on their faces, some with their families beaming with them & others wearing a combination of gowns, caps, and masks despite a hot afternoon—and spotted our noisy and spirited caravan coming from blocks away. We shouted excitedly from our cars, honked relentlessly in celebration, and waved signs that read CONGRATS and GOOD LUCK.

We stopped traffic (very temporarily) in front of each home, giving us just a few precious moments to pause the music tracks booming from our lead car’s speakers—the obligatory “grad march” alternating with “Celebration” by Kool & the Gang, a personal favorite—to jump on the mic and share a few words in honor of each of our grads. Each grad received a party balloon and a gift bag packed with a greeting card, gift cards from some of their favorite lunch spots, snacks & candy, a Moleskine journal for their first semester of college, and some family games to help them through lockdown over the summer.

By the time the parade ended at the JOYA office in central Fullerton, everyone agreed that it was a blast and the beginning of a new tradition.

In such an unmistakably chaotic time, I continue to be encouraged that our community—JOYA, Altrusa, our families—continues to find ways to be a blessing for one another. Thank you for always being there to be a shining light for our students, and for giving them as much hope as they give us!

Christian Esteban

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JOYA Scholars’ (joyascholars.org)
Junior High & High School College Readiness Programs develop youth from working class, immigrant families into college-ready scholars by their senior year of high school.*



Parade Ended at the JOYA Scholars’ Maple Office

July Business Dinner

Please join us in the Reon Boydston Howard’s back yard for our July 27th Business meeting. The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm. Leslie is donating pizza, Carol and Maria – salads, Pat and Kay are baking cookies and Reon is providing drinks and paper goods. We are asking each member donate \$10 for dinner which will go into our yearbook fund. Our two newest members, Leslie York and Karen Pascoe will be initiated into our club by Carol Latham. They attended our June Business meeting so around 13 of our members were able to meet them. Both are members of Laurie Ruhnke’s “Relay for Life” team and have attended our Festival of trees and help Laurie decorate and donate numerous trees to our events. Please plan to come and meet our new members. There is plenty of room in Reon’s back yard for social distancing. The meeting will be available on Zoom and Facebook live for members unable to attend.



Altrusa International of Anaheim Comes to the Muzeo – Lunch and Learn

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 29 from 12:30 – 1:30. The event will be a Zoom/Facebook Live Event. Denice Gilb, membership chairperson is putting together our script and power point for this event. Altrusian Carol Latham will be the moderator for our presentation. Denice will talk about the purpose and history of Altrusa International and our club. Charlene Bowden, our literacy chair, will talk about our literacy projects. Service projects discussion will be handled by Leslie Johnson. Carol Latham will explain our International Projects including Women with a Purpose and fundraising and Pam Krey will discuss the Festival of Trees and Fundraising Events. Wrap up questions will follow facilitated by Carol Latham. Please plan to join in the meeting – you will need to register via the Muzeo. We hope to reach out and find some potential new members.

Meet New Member Laurie Ruhnke



Laurie has had an active role with

Altrusa International of Anaheim for many years and finally her scheduled opened up enough to allow her to join us. Laurie lives in Fullerton and works in Home Health Care or as she calls it “Taking care of others who need assistance.”



Laurie and client, Robert

Laurie was born and grew up in Fullerton. She graduated from California State University Long Beach with a BA in Health and Human Services. She followed up with a teaching credential from National University. She has been an active community service volunteer by organizing a “Relay for Life” team to raise money for the American Cancer Society and organizing yard sales to benefit the Make a Wish Foundation.



Selling Fireworks to raise money for her church

Laurie is divorced from Cesar, although they remain friends and pool shooting buddies and she is

Stepmother to 21 year old Justina.



Justina and Laurie

Laurie and her “Make a Wish Team” donates a tree to our Annual Festival of Trees and sells and fills a table with her friends. Leslie and Laurie met when Laurie’s parents, Dottie and Wayne, were coaches of Kathy’s soccer team. Laurie became a babysitter for Tom and Leslie and was a second mother to Chris. We now affectionately call her “our oldest Child.”

Welcome to Altrusa International of Anaheim Laurie, we are so glad to welcome you into our club.



Happy Birthday

July 26 Karen Pascoe





Maria, Carol and Layla, Maria's Granddaughter have the car loaded up and ready to go.

Maria, Carol and Leyla have Maria and Carol's vans loaded up and ready to head down towards the Mexican border to Sanysdro, CA bringing supplies to Women with a Purpose.

Women with a purpose is a shelter for battered women and their children in Tijuana, Mexico. They are our current hands on International Project and was the first place winner of the Dr. Nina Fey Calhoun award for District Eleven.



Festival of Trees bags loaded with blankets, sheets and other needed items and are ready for delivery.

Our March, 2020 membership event was building on hygiene kits for these ladies and their children. COVID 19 caused the cancellation of this event. Maria put the kits together (soap, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, tooth paste and feminine hygiene products).



Unloading the SUVs

Delaney Driscoll from the Chihuahua mission met our Altrusans to collect the supplies. She had to store them in an apartment before getting them to the Women with Purpose.



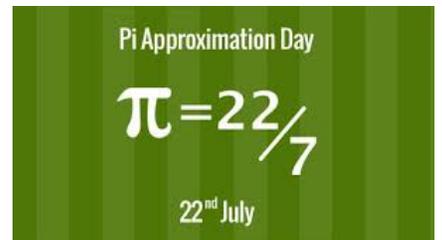
There are new needs for Women with Purpose. If you would like to bring donations to our July Business meeting please check out the list below:

- Gloves**
- Face Masks**
- Antibacterial gels**
- Disinfectant sprays – 70% alcohol**

- Multi vitamins**
- Vitamin C**
- Cleaning Products**
- Pinesol**
- Bleach**
- Mops**
- Rags**
- Brooms**
- Disinfectant mats for front and back doors**



Arrival and meeting Delaney



Altrusa's Epic Pandemic Event of 2020

Since we don't know where we will be in November and if we will have had a second wave of the pandemic I am recommending we cancel our Festival of Trees event for this year. In lieu of our Annual Festival of Trees I think we can do an Altrusa's epic pandemic Event of 2020.

Opportunity Drawing that can help us raise funds and not be a burden of cost to us.

Opportunity Tickets would be \$10 each or 3 for \$25.00. (Reon will donate the tickets, no cost to the club.)

We would ask every member to sell a minimum of 12 tickets (that's \$100), but we will give a \$100 VISA Gift Card to the member who sells the most tickets. VISA Gift Card to be donated (no cost to the club)

Drawing would be on November 14th (same date our Festival of Trees would have been). We can come together as a club to do the drawing and then call the winners to pick up their prizes at Reon's office the week of November 16 - 20 from 10 - 12 (one or two of the club members can be there to hand them out). If someone can't make that time frame, we can schedule other pick-up arrangements.

Prizes would be decorated trees (done by members) or more if more members want to do a tree - we will need to know how many trees to be given, since we want to put that on the ticket

1 quilt - to be listed on the ticket

1 table runner - to be listed on the ticket + numerous other gifts and jams and jellies (if we make any)

New items donated by the club members or by soliciting donations from the business community (still send out some letters asking for items for our modified FOT) - value must be at least \$15 to be used or can be grouped into small baskets.

If everyone sold at least \$200 worth of tickets, based on 15 members we would net \$3000 with no cost to the club. I know it's a drop in the bucket, but the more tickets we sell, the more we make.

We wouldn't buy anything out of club funds, so we would have no expense. Everything will be donated. We will advertise a minimum of at least 25 prizes to be won, so their odds are better at getting something. We could have up to 100 prizes, if we get lots of donations.

Janet and Judy have agreed to offer their homemade jams and Jellies. They will take orders and only make what is already sold - there will not be any extra to purchase. They are offering pepper jelly, strawberry, mixed berry, apple butter and fig. They are also asking for donations to cover the costs of making the jam and jellies. They would take cash donations, jars, sugar, fruit, wax and pectin. Please contact Janet and make arrangements to drop off donations. The cost is \$6 a jar.

Reon Boydston Howard – Second Vice President



Anaheim Initiates First New Member in 2 years

Membership Chair, Denice Gilb initiated new member, Laurie Ruhnke as the highlight of the June 22nd business meeting held at Ruby's diner on the outside patio.



Laurie has been active with our club for numerous years through her friendship with Leslie Johnson. She has donated trees and prizes to our events and attended several meetings. Her job at the Salvation Army Anaheim Community Center ended due to COVID 19 and she now has Monday nights free to attend our meetings.





Denice and Ritchie Hit the Road

On the road Denice and Ritchie spend a week with some Louisiana friends in the Dripping Springs area of Texas, just outside of Austin. We kept our social distance, wore masks when in public, and had a great time. We even were able to meet up with a former Tucson Altrusan, Laura Horvath, for breakfast on morning.



The Dripping Springs area is home to many Texan wineries ... wine wasn't too bad, but nothing compared to our California vintages. One highlight of the trip was a visit to Luckenbach, TX, population 3. Luckenbach was made famous by Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson with their #1

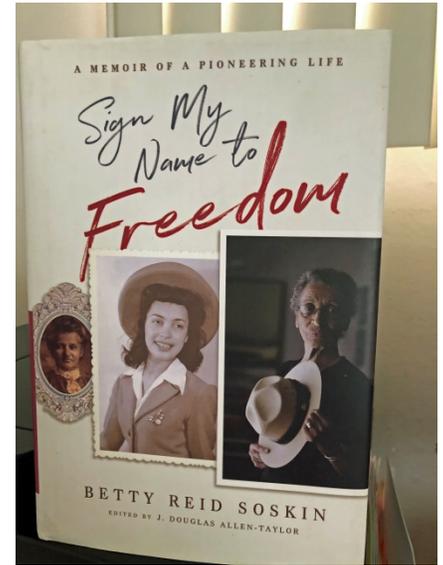
country song "Luckenbach, Texas



(Back to the Basics of Love). Don't feel bad if you haven't heard that song; I hadn't heard it either before traveling there. We spent our last night in Austin and had dinner at a wonderful restaurant called Comedor, an upscale Mexican restaurant, that someone told us was headed by a Michelin chef. It was excellent! And their social distancing plexiglass walls were done with such style you would have thought it was an original to the design. I was really impressed throughout the entire trip (airports included) that everyone I saw was masked, and kept their social distance.



Sign My Name To Freedom: A Memoir of a Pioneering Life



Betty Reid Soskin was born into a Louisiana Creole family in the Deep South in 1921 but eventually raised in the Bay Area of San Francisco. This was a time when lynchings of African-Americans was part of the national culture. It was time when women had just won the right to vote, yet most African-Americans in the South could not vote, sit at a front counter, ride at the front of the bus, sit in the main gallery of a movie theater, drink from the same water fountain or use the same restrooms, as the white community. She speaks for her great-grandmother, who had been enslaved until she was in her mid-20s, Betty heard stories of slavery and the difficult times for Black Folk that immediately followed.

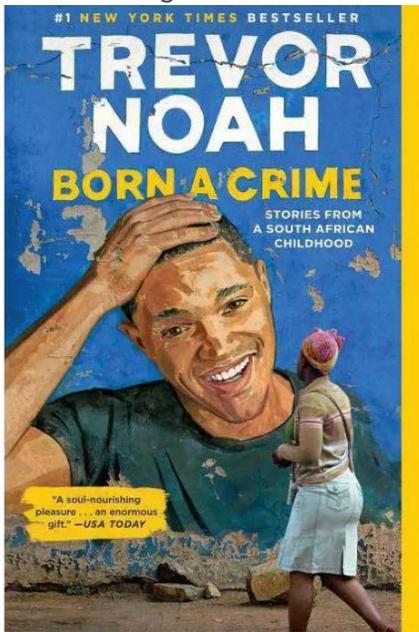
In her 96 years, she has witnessed the vast changes of American history: changes to race and gender biases and the inauguration of the first African-American president from whom she received the presidential coin. She shares many of her family and personal experiences during these pioneering times in this memoir

which is compiled from letters, interviews, newspapers and blogs.

She was a singer, song writer, entrepreneur, park ranger, twice married, mother of four, volunteer, activist, home front worker, tireless fighter against all forms of discrimination and, more.

She was an active participant with many other Americans in shaping the country as we know it now. Her community organizing activities eventually led her to work as a state legislative aid, helping to plan the innovative Rosie the Riveter National Park in Richmond, California, then to a "second" career at the Rosie Park as the oldest park ranger in the history of the National Park Service.

Despite the 'heavy' topic there is humor and levity and allows the reader into a world of understanding and conversation.



July 15 – National Give Something Away Day



Carol Latham, Kay Spence, Joan Malloch, Pat Hansmeyer receive flowers

Mask Makers Honored

Kay Spence, Joan Malloch, Pat Hansmeyer Maria Hoffman (not pictured) and Carol Latham were honored at the June Business meeting for their mask making projects.

They were honored for stepping up and spending their time creating masks for UCLA medical center and for Women with a purpose. They took turns cutting out the patterns, pinning them and sewing the finished product. They set a club record for donated hours in the month of June. Please remember to turn your volunteer hours into Peggy Immerman.



Completed Masks

In praise of Women Who Read

One morning a husband returns to the cabin after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap.

Although not familiar with the lake, the wife decides to take the boat out, since it is such a beautiful day. She motors out a short distance, anchors, and reads her book. Along comes a Game Warden in his boat.

He pulls up alongside the woman and says, " Good morning, Ma'am, what are you doing?" "Reading a book," she replies , (thinking, "Isn't that obvious?")

"You're in a Restricted Fishing Area," he informs her. "I'm sorry, officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading."

"Yes, but you have all the equipment. I'll have to write you up a ticket. "

"For reading a book," she replies. "You're in a Restricted Fishing Area ," he informs her again .

"But officer, I'm not fishing, I'm reading."

" Yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to write you up a ticket and you'll have to pay a fine."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman."

"But I haven't even touched you," says the Game Warden .

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day ma'am," and he immediately departed.

MORAL:

Never argue with a woman who reads. It's likely she can also think. Sure God created man before woman.

But then you always make a rough draft before the final masterpiece.

The Foundation has kept busy this past year! It is my pleasure to report to you some of the activities we handled.

FOUNDATION & ENDOWMENT NAME CHANGE:

At the virtual board meeting on June 27, 2020, the Foundation Board of Directors voted to change the name of the Foundation. This now bring the Anaheim name into accordance with the Altrusa International Foundation's directives and guidelines. The new name is Altrusa International **Foundation of Anaheim**, Incorporated instead of Altrusa International of Anaheim Foundation, Incorporated. The required amendment application has been sent to to State of California, along with the required \$30 fee + and additional \$10 for 2 copies of the revised form. Check #1371- \$40)

Also in accordance with Altrusa International Foundation/ AIF, the Endowment's name will now be referred to as **Unrestricted Net Assets** [UNA]. All the agreements and mission of the Endowment previously written will remain intact. Included in this new document will be information as to the source of the initial funds to ensure continuity of the history.

UBS, our bank has been contacted to set up meetings. We had one schedule for March 24, the week after everything was shutdown due to COVID 19. Although we did attempt to meet with George, it didn't happen as I let the ball drop. Since this past June board meeting effort has been made to set up a virtual meeting. This has yet to occur, partially because of the July 4th holiday and UBS restricted hours. Maria has of July 10 spoken with George and a Zoom meeting is being scheduled. .We anticipate this will happen within the next 7-10 days. The budget is, of course, predicated upon the funds available in the Endowment/UNA. One good sign - we had a 6% increase since the last reporting period.

GRANTS & AWARDS:

Creative Writing Project received \$4000 in November of 2019 from the AIF to be used towards the continuation of the project in all 23 AESD schools to train teachers how to teach creative writing. The required follow-up report has been submitted. We also received \$4000 from the AIF for Pathways of Hope/The HUB to help them through the COVID 19 crisis.

To date all the projects to whom we have given funds have responded with letters of appreciation. These are: PLAN International, Heifer International, Tijuana Women's Project, Jewish World Watch, JOYA Scholars, Boys Hope/Girls Hope, St. Catherine's. Academy. The Anaheim Community Foundation granted us \$1500 for the Big Read Project. This year's event was postponed and it is anticipated there will be two programs held in 2021 - one based upon 'Our Town from 2020 cycle and the other on the book originally planned for 2021.

Applications were submitted for the District Eleven Conference: Mamie L Bass Award [**JOYA Scholars**] - **2nd Runner-up**; Letha H. Brown Literacy Award; and the Nina Faye Calhoun International Service Relations [**Women with Purpose- 1st Place**]; **Maria Hoffman** was selected the winner of the prestigious Marilyn Atwood District Award. She will be become the newest Lamplighter in the club. Thanks to Leslie, Pat, Maria, Denice and Carol for the time and creative talent in writing these award applications and grants.

We had anticipated receiving a grant from the Samueli Foundation but that didn't happen. We are not undaunted so will continue to pursue that possibility and others.

BONDING & FILINGS:

We are still looking into having nonprofit bonding and liability insurance. We have info from California Travelers but are also looking into other sources. This has proven to be more challenging than we initially thought. Many unanswered phone calls and the resulting frustration that comes with that. Still we are moving ahead to get the Foundation bonded –

sooner rather than later. It should be noted that the liability could cover: hacking into our computers used for club business, loss of club supplies [stolen, fire] from storage/ cars, slip & falls [members & guests at an event], loss of funds and, more.

Most tax filings have been completed as required. The 990-N is pending the updated financial. This year the IRS is requiring more information than we usually need to provide. The submission should be complete by mid July.

AUDIT:

The audit is complete and the report from Katherine Borrelli. A copy is attached below.

FUNDRAISING:

We are exploring alternative fundraising opportunities to offset the deficit cause by the change in Festival of Trees to a virtual event, this year. We are open to any and all ideas.

BOARD:

- Directors: Denice Gilb [2020 – 2022],
Charlene Bowden [2020 - 2023]
Lisa Clarke [2020 - 2023],
Pat Hansmeyer [2020 - 2021]
Mary Dalessi [2020 – 2023]
- Secretary: Janet Konecne [Minutes] [2020 - 2023]
- Treasurer: Maria Hoffman [2020 - 2022]
- Vice President: Leslie Johnson [Filings] [2020 - 2022]
- President: Carol Latham [2020 - 2022]

Anyone in the club wishing to be elected to the board, please let us know. Club members are encouraged to attend any of the Foundation board meetings. The next ones are scheduled for: October 17, 2020 and February 20, 2021. They are usually held at the Anaheim Central Library at 500 W. Broadway at 10:15 – 11:30 AM. If being held virtually by Zoom, that information will be forthcoming.

BUDGET & MISCELLANEOUS:

The dues for the Madras Club were submitted (March 29 #1359) and have gone deposited. Assumed lost, a stop has been placed on the check with UBS and notification via email send to the international office finance dept. A new one [#1372 - dated July 11] has been resubmitted. The Foundation's portion of the storage and mailbox have been paid. The latest financial statement will follow.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Latham.

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June 5, 2020

Maria Hoffman

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Re: Review of Altrusa Records

Dear Maria,

Per your request, please find below a few recommendations and comments related to the Altrusa financial records. Note, as this activity took place quite a few months ago and I do not have the actual notes, these items are taken from memory.

- The financial records were very well organized and maintained.
- There was a \$100 discrepancy between the Excel check register and the October and September statements.
- Receipts were missing from one check.
- It would be beneficial to create a monthly bank reconciliation report that ties the bank ending balance to the Altrusa checking account balance. This would also provide a tracking method for checks there were still outstanding.
- Perhaps you could create a Balance Sheet and Income Statement for the members to review at year end, or quarterly if needed.
- The Endowment fund might continue to shrink unless a strategic plan is put in place to grow the fund for future use.
- It would be helpful to also create a summary report for the Endowment fund for your members. The financial agency holding the funds might be able to assist you.

I hope this information is useful for you and the members. I am not a CPA and this review was not intended to be an actual 'audit' of your books. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Blessings,

Katherine Borrelli

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