



Altrusa International, Inc of Bergen County, New Jersey

District II, Club 54

May 2008

May Dinner Meeting and Program

Date: Wednesday May 21, 2008

When and Where: 6:30 PM at the Ho-Ho-Kus Inn, 1 East Franklin Turnpike

Program: *Club Administrative and Planning Meeting*

There will be no guest speaker at this meeting. Instead, we will use the program time to plan for the future success of the club. Among other issues, the following will be discussed:

- Charitable donations for the 2007-2008 term and beyond.
- Future monthly meeting dates, times, and locations.
- 2008-2009 Officer and Board of Directors elections.

Cost: \$35.00 per each member and/or guest

RSVP: *Kay Gellert* at halandkay@aol.com or 201-664-3779 by **May 19, 2008**

June Brunch

The **June Meeting** will be an International Brunch hosted in the home of **Mary Lenk on Sunday, June 29, 2008**. The brunch will be planned by Pat Cavolo, Dot Rush, and committee. Details will be provided on a separate flyer.

April 2008 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

- The Nominating Committee (Members appearing were Laurie Howard, Nancy Rush, Margaret Cook-Levy, Kay Gellert. Also in attendance: Susan Friedl, Janine Getler, Trish O'Hare and Ellie met prior to the Executive Committee and prepared its slate of members for the 2008-2009 term. The Executive Committee accepted that slate and Kay Gellert was appointed to Chair the Nominating Committee and present the slate at the May business meeting.
- The Committee voted to approve a donation to the Campership Fund of \$500.00 to be sent immediately so that the funds could be used for the 2008 Summer Program.
- The Committee voted to increase dues to from \$80 to \$90 for long term members and \$100 for first time members. The increase was made necessary because International increased its dues to

\$55 and District II dues are \$20. Without an increase the club would only have \$5 per member for its own deposits. That is insufficient for club purposes.

- The Committee agreed to bring the issue of charitable donations for the 2007-2008 term to the membership for comments, discussion and recommendations. The members' input will be used by the Committee to make its final decisions on donations at its next meeting.
- The Committee agreed that the dinner meetings at Ho-Ho-Kus Inn were growing more expensive and that there may be other locals for our monthly meetings that would be appropriate, less costly and conducive to productive meetings. The Co-Presidents will raise this issue with the Membership and see their comments, discussion and recommendations. The members' input will be used by the Committee to make its final decisions on donations at its next meeting.
- The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be July 16, 2008 at 7 pm at a location to be decided.

District II Conference Report

We offer a sincere thank you to Margaret Cook Levy for representing our membership at the Altrusa District II Conference in Richmond, VA, April 25-27. Margaret reported that she particularly enjoyed the workshop on homelessness and the effects of poverty on childhood education. The Bergen County Club is invited to join a PA regional gathering in State College, PA over Columbus Day weekend in October 2008. There will be a meeting followed by tour of a vineyard and wine tasting. Mark your calendars now!

2008-2009 Nomination Slate

(Official slate to be received from the Nominating Committee at May 21, 2008 meeting)

Co-Presidents	Janine Getler and Trish O'Haire
Co-Vice Presidents	Laurie Howard and Ellie Lazarus
Membership Secretary	Pat Cavolo
Treasurer	Nancy Rush
Directors	Judy Webster Margaret Cook Levy Kay Gellert Mary Napolitano Dorothy Rush Lillian Ciufu
Past Co-President	Susan Friedl
Nominating Committee	Kay Gellert, Laurie Howard, Nancy Rush, Margaret Cook Levy, (Ex-officio) Janine Getler, Susan Friedl

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

MAY 21, 2008

Report of the Nominating Committee
(Report and Slate attached).
Kay Gellert

Report on the District Conference.
Margaret Cook-Levy

New Member Welcome.
Pat Cavallo

Treasurer's Report
(Membership Dues; Donation to Campership; Funds available for donation)
Nancy Rush

Presidents' Report
(site selection for meetings/strategic planning/next year's plans)
Susan Friedl, Janine Getler, Trish O'Hare

NYC Trip

Thank you Laurie Howard, Janine Getler, and Ulla Novina for a wonderful and extraordinary day in NYC on April 30! There are very talented members among us!!!

Final Note!!

Dear Altrusians,

I have enjoyed editing the Bergen County Altrusa International, Inc. newsletter over the last few months. It has been a pleasure to serve you through communication. Thank you for your patience and good will! When the newsletter resumes publication in September 2008, it will come from the mind, heart, and computer of Co-President Trish O'Haire. Thank you, Trish!!!

*Peace and love,
Susan Friedl*

