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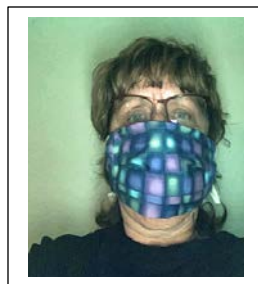
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**President's  
Message**

Here we are  
in May and it  
looks as if  
our final  
business

meeting is cancelled. I considered doing a meeting in Zoom but at this point all we need is to pass budgets. Beth and Maria have been busy with other projects so we will get it done when it happens. I keep hearing the phrase "We are all in this together." I think it is a bit misleading. We are all sailing through the same storm together but everyone is onboard a different boat. Tom and I are very lucky as we are on a very sturdy ship. We are retired and pretty financially secure (here's hoping the stock market does not crash.) Our kids so far are still working and doing well. I miss my grandsons but I can facetime with them pretty much anytime. Roze is very secure. Her son tells her to stay home and brings her groceries and whatever she needs. She misses her friends but has plenty of projects around

her house to keep her busy. Other people are aboard leaky rowboats as they are out of job and do not know when the job will start back up and if they will still be employed. It's a scary kind of life to be dependent on the unemployment and potentially no medical insurance. If any of you finds yourself on a leaky, sinking ship, please reach out to your Altrusa Sisters for help. Please stay well and safe through this epidemic. My friend, Pam, always tells me "to be kind" and "there is never a reason not to be kind." On that note, I am off to bake a banana cake to the Pathways of Hope staff and the HUB and to stop by my local alterations shop and purchase some more masks for them and their clients. They just cannot seem to get enough of them to support the local community members that are in need of masks and help.





**Maria, Joan and Pat sew masks for  
UCLA Medical Center**

## **Altrusa Heroes in our Local Communities**

Maria Hoffman, Pat Hansmeyer, Joan Malloch and Carol Latham have all rolled up their sleeves to help medical personnel who are putting their lives on the line to help others.



**Carol pins while Joan and Maria  
sew.**

They practice social distancing and wear their masks as instructed by our Governor.



**Pat hard at work!!**



**Masks have to be cut and pinned.**

Pat took on the work and reached out to her Altrusa sisters for help. All of the seamstresses that were able stepped up to assist in this worthy cause.



**Joan takes a break from sewing to  
pose for a portrait**



**Completed masks ready to be  
shipped for use.**

## **The Krey Family Celebrates 70 Years Young by Adopting a Baby Girl, Emma**



Pam and Rick were saddened by the loss of one of their German Shepherds. They usually have two and with the quarantine requirement, they decided it was time to adopt. Emma is almost two and had been abused. She was afraid of people. Pam and Rick met her with her trainer at the park every morning until she was comfortable to go home with them. Now she is quickly becoming friends with anyone who will feed her and pet her. She loves Pam, Rick and Ricky but has only been able to meet Brett and Alex from a far. Since she never got to be a puppy, she is now spending her time acting like one. Congrats to Pam and Rick and especially "Welcome into the Krey Home Emma!"



Looking to rehome my humans. They are now here 24/7 and I can't catch a wink of my daytime sleep. Going for walks multiple times a day! Curtailling my squirrel and possum stalking. They be stinking up the house with bleach and just won't let me bark at the UPS man. Free to good home 😊



## Where Does Reon Find the Time?



**Table runner from left over quilt blocks, all made from stash on hand.**

Governor Brown declared Realtors and Property Managers to be an essential business. Reon still finds herself in the office working 10-12 hours days but she somehow finds the time to craft. This table runner is beautiful and made from leftover quilt blocks she had laying around the house. Her beautiful quilts

were very popular on our Festival of Trees silent auction.



**Beautiful Quilt**

She has also finished one quilt from start to end with all fabric she had in my stash and made some baby burp bibs. How much sleep do you think she needs at night?



Reon takes a few minutes with her guests at the 2019 Festival of Trees



**Janet Konecne – April 16  
Kay Spence – May 12  
Mae Porter – May 18**

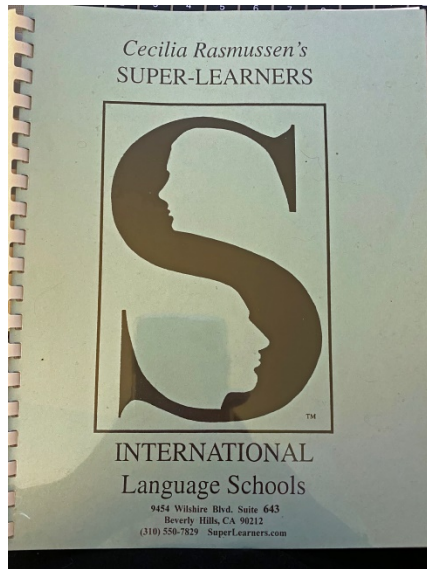
## Altrusa International of Anaheim May Dinner Cancelled

The May Altrusa International of Anaheim Business Dinner has been cancelled by the meeting place. The Holiday Inn & Suites in Anaheim have ceased their food service due to the COVID-19. 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. If we are unable to dine in, then bring your chairs and we shall sit outside in the parking lot and visit while we eat at a safe distance. The meetings are actually fund raisers for the club. Reon will work on letting us use the flyers for takeout if necessary. 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.



## Parlez-vous Francais?



Denice what are you doing to stay busy? She is learning to speak French. She actually started before the lockdown but now has a lot of time to perfect her skills. The experts say the three most important things to do each day for your mind and body are 1. Do a mind challenging puzzle of some kind to exercise your mind. 2. Exercise your body. 3. Learn a new language. Let's plan an Altrusa gathering at a French Restaurant and have Denice order for all of us. If we do not like what she orders than she pays and if we like what she orders well she still pays. Denice still has a trip planned later this fall and perhaps she can put her new language skills to good use.



**Denise poses with the winner of her FOT Beach Tree.**

## District Eleven Conference Cancelled Due to COVID-19

District Eleven Conference has been cancelled by the District Board. The Courtyard by Marriott Oxnard/Ventura were so very helpful in working with our conference plans. 70 attendees had to be registered by May 30 for the conference to break even. The District Board Members felt like there was too much of a risk to our members to proceed. If you have already registered for conference, then your registration should have been refunded to you. Please let Leslie know if it has not been. A big "thanks" to Altrusa International of Oxnard for all of their hard work and planning.



**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. International and District have decided to offer half-year dues. Pay \$40 by June 15<sup>th</sup> and the other \$40 on November 30<sup>th</sup>. District

Eleven is also offering a "Dues Assistance Program." If you need help paying your dues because of finances dues to the COVID 19, Leslie emailed an application for assistance. If you did not receive it, let her know and she will send another one. The Dues assistance applications are due to Leslie by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Mail your checks to Beth Pelfrey, 9612 Rosebay; Anaheim, CA 92804.

Quarantine, day 11



**The International Day of Families recognizes the family as the basic unit of society and provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families.**



## Roze Looking Stylish During Quarantine



Roze was quarantined by her loving son, Jason, before the Governor mandated it. He brings her whatever she needs and drops it at her house – what an awesome son.

Roze has been staying busy with projects around her house but she took the time to post this picture to her facebook page.

## Turning 70 Celebration



Pam celebrated turning 70 on March 27th with special takeout from their son, Brett and his partner, Alex. Brett delivered the celebratory meal from Orange Hill (if I remember correctly) and it

looks like Emma approves of the selection.



## Pam Makes a Statement with Her Lovely Mask

Pam stays busy running errands, going grocery shopping and watching old Duck's hockey games. She is also gardening.



Pam's Artichokes

## Congratulations to our 2020-2021 Altrusa International of Anaheim Board of Directors

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2019-2021 Altrusa International of Anaheim Board Installation



Peggy Immerman Installs the Directors on the 2019-2021 Board

## Masks for POH Hub of Hope



Leslie wrote a grant on behalf of Pathways of Hope to Masks for Heroes. She learned about the project from her cousin, Renee Collins who sews for the North Carolina Chapter. Renee sent 24 masks to Leslie for the HUB staff and clients. In the picture, Leslie hands the masks over to POH Director Mychael Blinde.

Put 1 gallon of bleach and 1 gallon of dish soap in the washing machine...



I disinfected the entire house in 10 minutes

## Altrusa International Foundation – Day of Giving – June 20



The COVID 19 has caused all of the Altrusa Districts except one to cancel their District Conferences. Conferences are the primary fundraisers for the International Foundation. The Foundation BOD has declared June 20 the FOUNDATION DAY of GIVING. Watch for the Foundation Newsletter, The Impact, for more information. The week or so of giving will start with the delivery of the IMPACT and continue through June 20. Our foundation received a Sept, 2019 \$4000.00 grant for Creative Writing, \$1000.00 Disaster Relief Grant for the HUB of Hope and are expecting another \$4000.00 grant for the HUB at the end of May. The cycle of the grants was delayed as a lot of the grants received were no longer applicable due to the COVID 19. As a member of the Foundation Board of Directors, I serve on the Foundation Grants, Marketing and the Anna H. Settle Community Leadership Award committees. The International Foundation also pays the award fee to clubs that win the Letha Brown, Dr. Nina Fay Calhoun and Mamie Bass awards. Last year our club won the Calhoun and Bass awards and received \$200. Please consider making a donation to the Disaster Relief Fund, Club 21 or Grants fund during this giving season. If you go

to [foundation.altrusa.org](http://foundation.altrusa.org), you can see a list of our September grants given to clubs and the worthwhile projects that they help finance.

Thanks, *Leslie*

### 2020 Festival of Trees



Our 2020 Festival of Trees is scheduled for Nov 14 and we need to begin now in deciding how our fundraiser may adjust due to changes implemented due to the COVID 19 epidemic. We may not be able to have the large gathering that works so well for us. Begin thinking of how we can redesign our FOT with social distancing and safety in mind. We may have to develop a virtual approach. Please send out your ideas and let's be ready to adjust when the time comes.



How can we do our Mystery Stars and still practice social distancing. While you are home with time on your hand when not making masks, quilts, table runners, playing with your dog or cleaning – start planning your tree for this year – come up with a theme. Also think about the silent auction and maybe

a basket that you can build and donate.



Where are their masks?

### Lisa Misses Teaching So Much



Lisa has been missing teaching so much that she started teaching her cat, Lucy to spell. She has also been instructing her roommate's dog, Chutleigh on safety during the COVID 19 epidemic.



Chutleigh says "please reopen the schools."