

# Campbell River Altrusa Club News --- May 2010

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Altrusa Campbell River is a network of friends with a mission and purpose that binds us together for a greater goal: caring for the community, its children, and its needs.

## "OLD FRIENDS, NEW BEGINNINGS"

### Outgoing President's Message from Penny



I send a heartfelt thank you to our enthusiastic, keen, AND active Campbell River members who have made 2009-2010 such wonderful year!

A highlight for me was the March 2010 Membership Dinner Meeting. It is exciting to see us setting out on "new beginnings" with prospective new members joining us to support our community and each other.

## "CREATIVE ParticiPaction"

### Incoming President's Message from Judy



With thoughts of the theme for the upcoming year of "Creative ParticiPaction" in mind, I can only thank membership for support with taking on committee commitments for 2010-11. It will be an exciting year and I took forward to my year as President – with anticipation and nervousness. However if the past week is any indication of the support that I will receive, it will be an amazing year!

We have an incredible future with Altrusa. It is a very special group of people who are dedicated to this community but are also very committed to each other as supportive friends. I took extra time and tried to contact as many members as possible on the phone or in person; having conversations and learning more about my friends in Altrusa in perhaps a 20 minute connection than I have had in the years that I have been involved! Do we actually speak with each other personally enough? Or do we fire off an email message as we rush along with our daily lives! I was guilty of that. So I have decided personally that a lot of my contact with you in the future will either be by phone or in person. We are not only a club but a "Sisterhood" (seeing as we have no men in the club - I would have to think of another term for that!) and my commitment is with each and every one of you.

## CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES



It is very exciting news to hear that Rosemarie Rahn is engaged to Norm Wood. The happy couple are to be wed July 7, 2010.



*"Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Ah!!!! --- No wonder Altrusans smell heavenly.*

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND SHUTTERFLY!

Our website link is:

<http://www.altrusa.org/Campbell%20River,%20Canada.htm>

Our Shutterfly link is:

<http://altrusaclubcampbellriverbc.shutterfly.com/>. Share with a friend and enjoy!

## ALTRUSANS OF THE YEAR FEATURE

The 2009 Altrusan of the Year award was shared by [Chris Perras](#), [Kathryn Mace](#), and [Marion Ashby](#). Chris was featured in the fall newsletter. Read on to hear about Kathryn and Marion.



*Kathryn Mace*

Kathryn came to Campbell River from Victoria in 1996, following her husband Doug whose employment had brought him to our city.

Kathryn was sponsored by Mary Sharpe in 2002. Kathryn says that she didn't know one soul in the club other than her good friend Mary --- and now she has ALL THESE FRIENDS. Kathryn, in turn, has sponsored and welcomed Judy and Brenda to Altrusa.

Kathryn has been very active in the club from the moment she stepped in the door. Leadership roles just seemed to come her way and she has shone in every one of them: 3 years as a Director, 2 years as Communications Chair, and 2 years as Ways and Means Chair.

So --- it might just surprise you to know that Kathryn says when she joined she was so nervous about speaking that she would write her name down so that she could remember who she was. Now she presents herself as a confident speaker --- she comments that maybe she says too much, but we all know that is not true. Kathryn's "soft shoe" approach helps us move forward. She has a way welcoming you to hop onboard and join her for the journey.

Speaking of journeys --- Kathryn brought her expertise from working in flower shops and for Carleton Cards to kick off our Christmas swag fund raiser and our flower arrangements for the spring Pioneer Tea. Her talents are a bonus!

Kathryn is a dedicated Altrusan with a big heart. Congratulations Kathryn.

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*Marion Ashby*

Marion came to Campbell River from Vancouver with her husband, Glenn, in 1967. The last 16 years of her career life, before "Altrusa life", she was a secretary for Huxham and Company. Marion tells us it was a great place to work!

Marion tells us she actually knew lots about Altrusa before becoming a member. On retirement she expressed an interest in the club to her friend, Katrina. The timing was right. Marion could see joining would fulfill her desire to give back to the community AND to have fun with new friends.

Marion was sponsored by Katrina in January 2004. Right from the get-go Marion enthusiastically participated in club projects. She also served on the board as secretary for 4 years. We continue to think of her as being the glue that kept us running so smoothly. Marion brings grace, a quiet confidence, and a sense of humour to all her endeavours.

Did you know a highlight for Marion, before becoming an Altrusan, was to attend the Altrusa fashion shows? She says they were fabulous and the Campbell River event to attend!

Did you know that she loves to play Mahjongg, the Chinese tile game? She finds it fascinating as it tasks the brain!

Marion is a lovely Altrusan friend. Congratulations Marion.

## MARCH PROGRAM AND DINNER MEETING SPONSORED BY THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

OH!!! this was such a fun evening. We had 19 guests plus Deb and Sue from Packables in Courtenay.

The Royal Coachman put on a lovely international appetizer dinner. Deb and Sue hosted a fashion and travel show. Judy, Penny, and Lorna were lucky to model them.

Edie and Mary brought forward the idea, from the Membership Committee, to host the evening with our guests. What a super idea! We now have 6 new prospective members. Isn't that wonderful?!



Sue with her guest, Susan



Chris P with her guest, Jeannie

**Thanks** to all who pitched in to make our evening a memorable one!

## SERVICE – LITERACY

We are delighted to once again be able to support Cedar Elementary School. We have provided \$1000 for their library. When filling the orders Colleen Epp, their librarian, told us, "I have ordered wonderful books with your glorious funds!! It's been like Christmas all over again!"



On April 27 -10 we had a "mac tac" work bee with Colleen to ready the books for the children. Colleen and her assistant, Dawn, were impressed that in 2 hours we completed 96 books! We had so much fun laughing & kibitzing with each other. Colleen tells us the children have been asking for the books daily. Fabulous!

## CAMPBELL RIVER ROTARY HONOURS OUR CLUB!

Sharron and Jo-Anne attended the Rotary Daybreak Club Breakfast as guests on April 20, 2010. Sharron tells us, "We thought we were going to listen to a presentation on literacy – well to our surprise we had a presentation, but it was for the Altrusa Club!!! They have started a new award –The Literacy Leader Award – and we were their first recipient!!!

Not only did we win the award, but the Rotary Club and Literacy Now donated \$350 in our name to provide the DVD "I Love It When You Count" with a sticker that says 'donated by Altrusa International for Books for Babies'. These DVDs will be included in the Books for Babies program in BC." What a wonderful surprise!

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010-2011

President:	Judy Lambert
First Vice President:	Chris Perras
Second Vice President:	Mary Sharpe
Secretary:	Sharron Bollefer
Treasurer & Past President:	Penny Gosselin
Assistant Treasurer	Britt Glass
1 Year Director:	Darlene Kerr
2 Year Director (2009-2011):	Sandy Richardson
2 Year Director (2010-2012):	Rosemarie Rahn

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2010-2011

Finance:	Penny Gosselin
Ways and Means:	Sue Guenther & Heather Mackenzie - Co-Chairs
Service:	Sharron Bollefer and Chris Button - Co-Chairs
Literacy:	Sandy Richardson
Membership:	Edie Wilcox
Communication:	Kathryn Mace

*"Behold the turtle; he makes progress only when he sticks his neck out."* Let's tip our hats to our incoming board & committee chairs and thank those who served last year.

