

# Altrusa International of Lake County

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- New President and Officers take office.
- Spotlight on Altrusa member Sharron Sememto.
- So what happens to my unused lunch money?
- International convention heads to Orlando.
- Welcome new members

*"My life belongs to the whole community. As long as I live it is my privilege to do for it what ever I can."*

George Bernard Shaw

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## Beth Work Takes Top Spot as President of Altrusa



New officers and directors of Altrusa International

### Officers and Directors honored

On May 24, 2007 Altrusa International Inc. of Lake County installed Beth Work as President for the upcoming year. Terri Tucker graciously hosted the installation at her beautiful home on Lake Griffin.

After serving as President of Altrusa for the past year, Rosanne Brandeburg committed her last act as president by handing over the reigns to Beth in a lighthouse themed ceremony. A lighthouse was presented to the new president as well as each new director. The lighthouse is said to represent a beacon of guidance and hope which made it the perfect symbol to present the new leaders of Altrusa for the upcoming year.

The other officers who were inducted include: Terri Tucker as Vice President, Kathy Sowden as the Recording Secretary, Betsy Harrington as Corresponding Secretary, and Shannon Schell who will remain as Treasurer. Lori Farfaglia, Sharron Semento and Michele LeFever were also inducted as Directors.

## The President's Point of View

By Beth Work

As the new President of Altrusa International of Lake County, I look forward to an exciting year of serving our members. In September, we will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of our club. With this celebration in mind, I have chosen the slogan "Celebrating the Past, Defining our Future" as my theme for this year. With all of our Altrusian sisters so very busy with their personal lives and careers, I think we forget what Altrusa has done in Lake County and additionally, forget that we, as a club, are all about. This year we hope to celebrate all that Altrusa has done for Lake County— both currently and in the past. Then, review what each of our committees does and make sure the committees keep the club informed of their accomplishments. One thing that has been confusing to many of our members is the connection between our local club and the District/International offices. We will attempt this year, through the assistance of our District Governor, Linda Robison, to define our connection. We have invited Governor Robison to speak at one of our meetings, so that she can increase our knowledge and answer any questions we may have. Please make it a point to attend our Altrusa meetings this year. Our Club is only as good as the members. We need each and every member to be active in supporting our service to our community!

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# Altrusa International 50th Convention in Central Florida

Altrusians from all over the world will descend on Central Florida for the organization's 50th convention. The convention will be held at Walt Disney World's Contemporary Resort in Orlando from July 13 through the 16. The convention is offering Altrusians the opportunity to attend sessions Friday through Monday. Altrusa members can enjoy the entire event or pick which session they would like to attend. There is an optional event scheduled Saturday night at the Polynesian Resort; Disney's Spirit of Aloha Dinner and Show. Tickets may be purchased separately for this event. Want to make it a family affair? Why not take advantage and bring the whole family? They can enjoy the parks while you make some Altrusa connections. Walt Disney World is making it affordable to bring the whole gang by offering Altrusa members discounted hotel rates as well as discounted evening park admission. If you are interested in attending, please contact Beth Work.

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## Altrusa Welcomes New Member

On May 24, 2007 Altrusa International Inc. of Lake County welcomed Kathryn McKeeby as a new member. Kathryn is a Financial Advisor/ Mortgage Broker with LWP Financial Services. Kathryn is married to Doug and is the proud mother of 3 and grandmother of 3.

## No Free Lunches

So what actually happens to your lunch money when you don't show up to eat lunch at our meetings?

Well, Let's begin in the right spot; if you are not showing up to our meetings, you should be! Where else in Lake County can you go have lunch with so many amazing women at once? Attending our Altrusa meetings is a vital part of your membership. It is a way for you to stay in touch with what is going on within in our organization. If you want to know what we are doing and how we are doing it, you have to attend the regular meetings. We have great program meetings and we discuss important business that as an Altrusa member, you don't want to miss out on. By the way, I almost forgot to mention that our lunches are fantastic!

So to the question at hand: our budget for the year is determined by the number of members renewing and joining our group. If you pay for your lunch and then don't show up, we reallocate that money to another item in the budget. Your unused lunch money could be supporting our scholarships or our literacy programs. It could have paid for some playground equipment at the boundless playground. So you see, we do put your money to work for the organization.

## Committee Announcements

### Happy Birthday

#### September

Patti Wolf 25th

Donna Miller 25th

#### October

Vicki Hammack 2nd

Beth Work 2nd

#### November

Kathleen Sowden 20th

Betty Richardson 8th

Jennifer Hill 12th

## Meet Altrusa member Sharron Semento

Sharron Semento has been an active member of Altrusa since 2002. She has been the Executive Director of the Lake Eustis Chamber of Commerce for six years. Sharron has spent the last thirty years serving her community in some capacity. Sharron has a diverse background in business. In the past, she has owned and managed a busy wedding/ clothing and consignment shop in Eustis as well as a restaurant. She says that she has dedicated herself to being a



is also a committed mother. In Sharron's spare time she has been a Committee Chair, a Main Street Director, an Academic Booster, a Junior Woman's President, a Planning Board member, a Festival Chairman, a Foundation Director, a Republican Woman's Club President and that is just to mention a few! Sharron is an active member of our

productive member of the City of Eustis. Not only is Sharron a incredible business woman, but she

Altrusa organization and we are so pleased that she finds the time to share her talents with us.