



Ocean Breeze

Altrusa of San Luis Obispo County

June 2026

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Meeting at 5:30

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President's Message:

We closed out a successful year and welcomed a new one with a wonderful installation and initiation of new members ceremony at the Ventana Grill on May 24th. The turnout was fantastic. Nearly every member of our club was there to celebrate together.

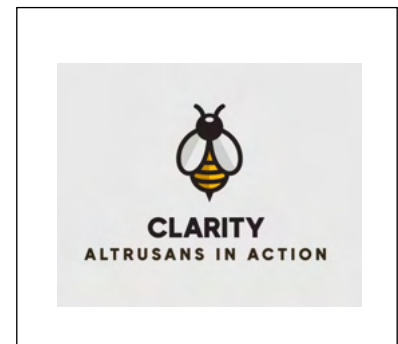
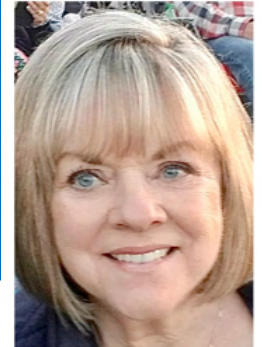
A heartfelt thank-you goes to our outgoing Officers and Committee Chairs for their dedication and leadership over the past year. Because of your efforts, we can look back with pride on the positive impact our club has had in the community. I would also like to thank the incoming Officers and Chairs for stepping forward to continue that important work.

A new year brings fresh energy and new opportunities. This is the perfect time to review our current projects, decide what's working well, and identify new ideas and goals for the months ahead. To that end, we'll have a special meeting on Monday, June 22nd at 5pm.

I'm truly excited about the year ahead and grateful for the opportunity to work alongside all of you. With enthusiastic new members joining our efforts and so many willing hands ready to help, I know we'll continue building it even stronger - and more fun - club together.

In the Spirit of Altrusa,

Cici



Upcoming EVENTS

- June 11 Oceano Library Crafts Day
3-4pm
- June 21 Father's Day
- June 24 Grover Beach Rotary Club Celebrity
Bake-Off
4-6pm



MEMBER MEETINGS

- June 9 - 5:30pm (5:00 Social)
Business Meeting
Blacklake Community Room
- June 22 - 5:00pm Planning Meeting
Blacklake Community Room
- June 23 - 5:30pm COT Meeting@Clubhouse
at Rancho del Arroyo Mobile Home Park
- New Foundation Board Mtg. TBA



June Birthdays
Debbie Volz June 23



COMMUNITY

April Total
Service Hours
by our members
313

Service Hours
from June '25 -
April '26 = **5325**



MAY THIS MONTH BRING WITH
IT..
welcome ITS OWN SUNSHINE,
IT'S OWN BEAUTY..
June TAKE TIME TO ENJOY THE
LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE
LIFE SIMPLY GRAND. MAY THE
WARMTH OF THE SUN BRING A
NEW ENERGY, A NEW
STRENGTH AND NEW
BEGINNINGS TO YOU..
MAY PEACE, LOVE, HOPE &
HAPPINESS ALWAYS
SURROUND YOU,
AND PURE LOVE &
LIGHT **Shine** WITHIN YOU..

Altrusa International of District Eleven Conference

Six club members attended the 70th District Eleven Conference 'Desert Blooms-Growing Through Service' last month in Avondale, Arizona. It was a fun weekend with guest speakers, workshops, club recognitions, market place, silent auction, fun and fitness, connecting with other Altrusans, and so much more. It was a time for friendship, collaboration, and connection.



Club member, Becky Lorenzo, representing our club during the banner procession.



Club member, Donna Cettolin, accompanying International President, Chris DeVlieger, with the International flag



Fellowship and fun times at Conference

Everyone was encouraged to dress in their favorite decade on Saturday night



We won Honorable Mention for the Letha H. Brown award for our book cart and book distribution projects



Our club rocking out to the 70's and 80's!



Altrusa Leadership Scholarships



Robin White, our club co-president, awarded 3 local high school seniors with \$1000 scholarships for college at the Oceano Elks Scholarship Dinner.



Club and Elks member, Connie Wood, also presented the Frosty Memorial Volunteer Scholarship as well.

Focus on Community Service:

Our club participated once again to this year's Camp Arroyo Grande's Jamboree. We set up the Altrusa Horticultural Outdoor Classroom. Members helped families discover the joy of growing things and connecting with nature by giving out plant seedlings in pots to take home with them.



- **Book Donations:**

We are always looking for new and used children's books. These books would then be distributed to locations within our community. Let us know if you can help.

- **Book Distributions:**

Continued distributing new children's books to Oceano CHC and used children's books, as well as, used adult books to New Life U-Pick Pantry.

- Continued distributing new and used adult books to community (5CHC, Prado shelter, Veterans Clinics, Senior Convalescent Homes, Grover Beach Library or Friends of the Library).

- **Recommendations/Issues to be considered:**

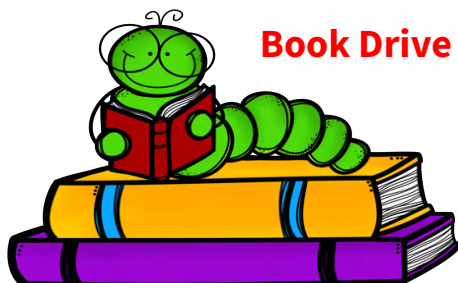
Meeting with local libraries and schools to discuss future projects (book readings/give-away, craft projects)

Camp Arroyo Grande Jamboree Continued...

Focus on Literacy:



Our club gave out free books to kids up in the Tabernacle, as well as, families could take home recovered plants



Reading is a gift that lasts forever

Here is the link to our Amazon Wishlist. Let's share the joy of stories all year long.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gll/guest-view/3BQB768KHG5L7>

Focus on Service:

I started picking up refuse food at California Fresh in 2017 or 2018. Connie Wood set it up and soon after, Grocery Outlet was on our list. I've been picking up California Fresh since the beginning. We deliver to the Five Cities Christian Women's Food Pantry at LifePoint Church, 946 Rockaway in Grover Beach. Their distribution times are Monday – Friday from 2pm – 3:30pm.

Edna also delivers (mostly on Saturdays) to Casa Salona, which is a recovery home for alcohol/drug addicted women in San Luis Obispo County; and to Captive Hearts which is a safe house for women. Other food distribution resources are New Life Church, The Salvation Army and Pastor Noe. Connie and I used to trade off every other Friday and now I trade off with Carol Somerville. It's been very rewarding to be part of this service project knowing that food insecure people are getting to benefit from the food that in years past was just thrown out into the garbage.

It's all a labor of love for our community and I am truly grateful to be part of it.

Debbie Volz



Debbie



Edna



Focus on Literacy:

Literacy & Service are Perfect Partners! Submitted by Koni Shaff

I love bringing elements of literacy/books into each of our service projects when we can. Seeing the joy on children's faces when they receive books for their personal home libraries, and knowing the impact we have in our community by partnering with organizations that support literacy, is wonderful and something I am very proud to be a part of! These organizations include South County Youth Coalition, elementary schools/teachers, as well as Grover Beach Trunk or Treat. Another way we support literacy is by providing book carts in local medical facilities and food pantries...getting books into the hands of children is important!

Oceano Library Crafts and Camp AG Jamboree - providing craft and planting projects... and Books!

We began providing after school quarterly crafts for children at the Oceano Library after the librarian said there was a "gap" we could help fill. Not only do the kids enjoy the craft projects, they also LOVE taking home theme-related books and sticker/activity books, along with snacks. What a special moment to witness a father reading one of our free books (using different voices for the characters). Recently we participated at Camp AG Jamboree - everyone enjoyed our planting project, and were thrilled to receive free books in the Tabernacle. It's a Win-Win!



Every child was able to take home a book to enjoy.



The highlight of the event was listening to a father reading one of our books to his young son...priceless!

Club Installation and Initiation

Last month, our club installed our new Board of Officers for 2026-2027, as well as, initiating two new members at Ventana Grill in Pismo Beach.



Melanie Hodges performed both the Installation and Initiation.



Newly initiated Club Directors Donna Cettolin and Alana Reynolds with Melanie Hodges



Members, Alana Reynolds and Connie Wood with brand new member, Rane Aguilar



Cici Wynn continuing as Club President, shows off her Queen Bee glass

What a wonderful group of ladies!



Koni Shaff was selected as the Altrusan of the Year! She truly deserves this honor, and we are incredibly fortunate to have her as a member of our club.





Club Committees



We have several service projects coming up, as well as, some new ones that we will be exploring in the next few months. We are always looking for volunteers to help us. If interested, email us at altrusa.sloco@gmail.com, message us on our Facebook page, or talk to one of our Altrusa members.



Our Committee is always looking for new service projects to partner with in our community.

Communication

- Email Marketing: Continue to subscribe friends/family to MailChimp.
- Social Media: Follow us for updates on Facebook @altrusa.sloco and Instagram @altrusaofslocounty.
- Club Website: Your source for updates on what we're doing in the community and how you can help.
- **Membership**: Stay tuned for details
- **ASTRA**: This year' committee to discuss and plan to contact school staff at Lopez HS and possibly reaching out to other schools about promoting an ASTRA Club.

Literacy

Here are some ways to celebrate words, books, and reading this month -

Audiobook Appreciation Month

Rainbow Book Month

10 - Ballpoint Pen Day

16 - Bloomsday (celebration of Irish writer James Joyce's life)

23 - National Typewriter Day



Celebrity Bake Classic



Club member, Connie Wood, will be competing in the Celebrity Bake Classic in a partnership fundraiser with Rotary Club of Grover Beach/ Five Cities. Connie's cake entry is an 'Open Book Decadent Cake'. The cake has a mocha filling, layered between sponge cake that is infused with rich coffee and aromatic vanilla that is wrapped in a stunning fondant cover - designed for coffee and tea lovers. Her favorite charity is of course, Altrusa International of SLO County. Please click on the QR code on the flyer and make a donation in Connie's name.

FOUNDATION BOARD FOR 2026-2027

President - Robin White
Vice President - Jo-Anne Zubiri
Secretary - Koni Shaff
Treasurer - Sally Dunbar
Director - Edna Tinsley



Reminder on navigating the web...

Where can you find more information about District Eleven?
districteleven.altrusa.org

Where can you find more information about Altrusa International?
altrusa.org



Coming up this month...



Join us for our 2026 summer reading program, **Barnyard Bonanza!** We begin sign-ups on Saturday, June 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This will be an 8 week program ending on Saturday, August 1st. Sign-ups are in person at the Grover Beach Community Library. Books must be checked out from our library. We will have an end of the reading program gathering on August 1 at 2:00 p.m.

¡Únete a nuestro programa de lectura de verano 2026, **Barnyard Bonanza!** Comenzamos las inscripciones el sábado 6 de junio, de 10:00 a.m. a 2:00 p.m. Este será un programa de 8 semanas que finaliza el sábado 1 de agosto. Las inscripciones son en persona en la Biblioteca Comunitaria de Grover Beach. Los libros deben ser prestados de nuestra biblioteca. Tendremos una reunión de cierre del programa de lectura el 1 de agosto a las 2:00 p.m.





RAMONA GARDEN PARK

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Join us to celebrate our newly renovated park, complete with a new playground and outdoor amphitheater. Stay for entertainment and a community ribbon cutting!

THURSDAY
JUNE 11 | 3-5PM

New Amphitheater!



Ramona Garden Park
993 Ramona Ave. Grover Beach

New Playground!



More Info:
CS@groverbeach.org



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SOUTH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY



Open the blue door to Great Summers.

Our Summer Camp provides a fun, safe, and enriching environment where youth can learn, grow, and thrive. The program features daily activities, exciting weekly field trips, and inspiring guest speakers from various fields.

June 8 - August 7, 2026
Monday - Friday 7:00am-6:00pm
Open to all current Tk-6th Graders

Camp will be at:
Oceano Elementary
1551 17th Street, Oceano
805-481-7339
MyClubHub@bgcslo.org

Online Enrollment Opens
April 14 @ 10am
bgcslo.org/breakcamps

Join the Club for only

\$150.

per week