

# ALTRUSA IN ACTION

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## President's Message

a kid again.

Motivational speaker, Denis Waitley, said, this is *"The season for enjoying the fullness of life – partaking of the harvest, sharing the harvest with others, and reinvesting and saving portions of the harvest for yet another season of growth."*

For Glendale, October brings our biggest fund raiser of the year – Day at the Races – held October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Santa Anita Park.

We are collecting prizes for the opportunity drawings, so continue to solicit local businesses for donations

and bring them and your own personal donations to the October business meeting.

Be sure to invite all your relatives and friends. Invitations have gone out and we are looking forward to making this our biggest and best event ever. Get your reservations in early!

Thank you to Sandra, for making our Dinner Program with Los Angeles and Arcadia such a big success. It was an informative program and an entertaining evening.

*Barbara*



2011-2012 Theme

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## Ruth Charles Honored by NAMM

President Barbara had the pleasure of attending a proper English High Tea on August 20<sup>th</sup>. This event was hosted by NAMM (*the National Association of Music Merchants*) to honor and thank our own Ruth Charles, Emeritus Member, for her generosity in sponsoring the first music retail gallery at the Museum of Making Music in Carlsbad, CA. You can visit the organization's website to view a video and hear Ruth's story in her own words (<http://www.namm.org/library/oral-history/ruth-charles>).

After the tea, Ruth cut the ribbon as they formally dedicated the **Dick & Ruth Charles Museum Store** which she sponsored as a tribute to her late husband, in remembrance of his love of music and dedication to the music field.

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# Dinner Program Featuring Glendale PD

We love getting together with our Altrusa Sisters!

Along with several guests, Glendale hosted Altrusans from Arcadia and Los Angeles for a program dinner featuring the Glendale Police Department.

Det. Zaun, who specializes in Real Estate Fraud, began his presentation on identity theft by asking guests to sign in with their name, SS#, birth date and mother's maiden name. Of course, we didn't fall for that!



## Girls Day Out *Julie Vagts*

Read a book and see the world differently! Read a book, see a movie with friends, discuss it and see the different world from others' eyes!

That's what six Altrusans and one guest did over salad and white wine in the cool shade of Julie's Wisteria covered patio. We had a lively discussion of the movie version of *The Help* and heard from just about every point of view with Barbara, Janet, Rose, Julie, Louise, Donnalee and our guest, Tessie, all weighing in with their personal opinions.

All had a great time and all the salads were refreshing and delicious.



Pleased with our reactions, Det. Zaun stressed the importance of safeguarding this data.

He went on to share a variety of tactics criminals use and some very simple things we can do to protect our identity (take your bills inside the post office to mail). He encouraged us to review credit reports, financial statements and act quickly to minimize damage.

Sgt. Tsuruta, Asst. Area Commander for Glendale's Business District, gave some practical, yet important, personal safety tips:

1. Stay alert. Be aware of your surroundings.
2. Listen to your gut. If you feel apprehensive, change your routine.
3. Play the "What if. . ." game. Develop a plan of action for various scenarios.
4. Don't put yourself in unsafe places. Visit the Santa Monica Pier, but don't go under it.
5. Be a hard target. Criminals typically avoid someone hard to pursue or victimize.



**Top & Middle** : Altrusans and Guests

**Bottom**: Lt. Susan Hayne surrounded by (l to r) Sgt. Harley Wing, Sgt. York Tsuruta and Det. Robert Zaun

## **UN World Food Day Sunday, October 16, 2011**

Price swings, upswings in particular, represent a major threat to food security in developing countries. Hardest-hit are the poor. According to the World Bank, in 2010-2011 rising food costs pushed nearly 70 million people into extreme poverty.

"FOOD PRICES – FROM CRISIS TO STABILITY" has been chosen as this year's World Food Day theme to shed some light on this trend and what can be done to mitigate its impact on the most vulnerable. (Source: <http://www.fao.org>)



# Make a Difference Day: Homeless Students to Benefit

Donnalee Monninger

Make a Difference Day is the most encompassing single national day of helping others. America's biggest day of service takes place on the last Saturday of October each year. This idea of giving service, as a group or community effort, on one single day, began as a project sponsored by the USA TODAY magazine.

Our club will participate by Making a Difference project, School on Wheels, helps tutor individual students who need extra help in keeping up with their schoolwork, even though they are temporarily transient. We were moved and filled them with supplies to enhance learning.

We can feel proud that some of the money raised from our fund raising events (such as the Day at the Races) will be used to Make a Difference in the welfare of children who are without a home, through no fault of their own. Some of our members will deliver them to the headquarters for School on Wheels on Make A Difference Day. Perhaps we can continue to give our support to this worthy project, in more personal ways, later on this year.



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## Day at the Races! *Roberta Hagopian*



been mailed out.

We have many wonderful gift items already donated for the drawing, but of course, if anyone has an item, please bring it to the October 6 Business Meeting or to my house. On October 20 at 10:00 am, we will be wrapping all those items at my clubhouse.

Remember, our charities depend on the funds we raise, so let's make a push to sell those tickets. Invite your relatives, friends, neighbors and colleagues!

I also count on all members, not just the fundraising committee, to help out at the event. We need volunteers to sell raffle tickets and manage the 50/50 drawing. If that is something you would like to do, please let me know.

So get ready, the horses are approaching the starting gate. Go *Baby Go!!*

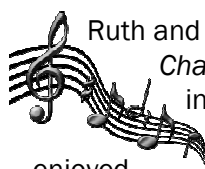
In less than a month from now, we will host our Club's biggest annual fundraiser. Since its inception seven years ago, our members have shown their support by selling tickets, contributing prizes and attending this big event. Having been away at Hollywood Park last year, it's great to be back at Santa Anita, right in our own backyard.

The fundraising committee has already gotten the ball rolling. Hundreds of letters have been sent out soliciting gift items for our opportunity drawing, and hundreds of invitations have also



*Altrusa is growing! Plan to attend our October business meeting where we'll induct Rose Linda Gonzales — our 5th new member this year! Come out to meet Rose Linda and welcome her to Altrusa.*

## Ruth Charles



Ruth and Dick opened the *Charles Music Store* in Glendale over 50 years ago and enjoyed a long life together as music makers, teachers, and retailers of musical products.

If you're ever in Carlsbad, pay a visit to the Museum of Making Music and enjoy the large collection of vintage instruments, audio and video clips, and a vibrant interactive area that is fun for all ages, as well as the music retail gallery dedicated to Ruth and Dick.



## Upcoming Events

District Workshop	Oct. 1 @ 10:30am
Business Meeting	Oct. 6 @ 7pm
World Food Day	Oct. 16
Make a Difference Day	
Day at the Races	Oct. 22 @ 12pm

## Birthdays

Betty Fogt	7th
Donnalee Monninger	17th
Patricia Donlin	27th



## Announcements

### **District Workshop**

Doubletree Inn, 5757 Telegraph Road, Commerce, CA. \$25/person, includes lunch. 10:30am—3pm

### **Day at the Races**

RSVP deadline is October 11. Fundraising Committee is collecting drawing prizes.

### **New Member Initiation**

Let's have a full turnout for our October business meeting as we will initiate a new member.

### **2011 – 2012 Officers & Board Members**

*Barbara Winsor, President ♦ Sandra Moore, Vice President*

*Carole Jouroyan, Secretary ♦ Ingrid Grewer, Treasurer*

*Directors: Julie Vagts ♦ Rose Tharp ♦ Joan Nellis*

*Roberta Hagopian, Immediate Past President*

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