

Altrusa International of Mount Airy, NC



*Presents*

***The First Annual  
Women of Achievement***  
*“Excelling in Leadership”*



Thursday Evening  
August 22, 2002

Cross Creek Country Club  
Mount Airy, North Carolina

Julianne Still Thrift - *Speaker*  
President, Salem Academy and College

## Message from the President

Dear Altrusa Friends,

Thank you for supporting our first Women of Achievement Awards. The *Altrusa International Club of Mount Airy* hopes that with your support we are creating a longstanding tradition of honoring Surry County women who "Excel in Leadership."

Planning for the Women of Achievement Awards (affectionally called WOA) began over a year ago. Many, many hours of work have gone into making tonight's ceremony a memorable event. Let me take this time to thank our sponsors Andrew Pearson Design for specially designing the award, BB&T, Pioneer Printing Co., Inc., SouthData, Surrey Bank and Trust, and WorkForce Carolina for believing in this new venture and supporting women leaders in Surry County. Thank you Dr. Julianne Thrift for your inspiring words and taking time out of your busy schedule to make this night special.



True to the Altrusa spirit our Altrusa members worked day and night seeing to it that every detail was attended to. Special thanks to Past-President Robyn Atkins who took an idea and made it a reality, Susan Gregory for taking the bull by the horns and keeping us all on task, Irene Greene for a tremendous amount of research, the Altrusa Club of Winston-Salem for the many hours spent judging the applications, and all of the Mount Airy Altrusans for your hard work and tenacity even through some difficult times.

Altrusa was founded in 1917 by Dr. Alfred Duke Durham, an enterprising Kiwanian who envisioned a professional women group that would exchange ideas, as did the men in his club. Dr. Durham enlisted the assistance of Mamie L. Bass. A business administrator, Bass infused Altrusa with its inspiring philosophy of service and personal achievement. In August 1917 with four clubs throughout the United States Altrusa became the first national women's organization of business and professional women. Mamie L. Bass was its first president. Today Altrusa is an international organization with three main focus; 1) builders of women, building self-confidence and esteem, and self-achievement, 2) service to others, 3) eradicating illiteracy.

The Altrusa International of Mount Airy was founded in 1977. Altrusa provides scholarship to high school students and adult women who want to go to college, mini-grants to teachers, books to students, food for Yokefellow Food Pantry, needed assistance and supplies to Surry Children's Center, Surry County Women's Shelter, and Hospice. As "Builders of Women" we provide two scholarships to Altrusa members to attend Leadership Surry. We participate every year in Make a Difference Day. Past recipients of our efforts have been Mount Airy Middle School and the Oncology Department at Northern Hospital of Surry.

We would like to thank the community for its support of our major fundraising project Mayberry Magic Moments that helps to make our philanthropic efforts possible. Altrusa opens its arms to business and professional women who believe in the Altrusistic spirit of "unselfish concern for others." We meet the second Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in joining, contact any member for more information. Again thank you to each of you for supporting these fine women we are honoring tonight. Each and every one of them is a winner and women who truly "excel in leadership."

Sincerely,

*Adreann*

Adreann Belle, President

Altrusa International of Mount Airy

## ALTRUSA MEMBERS

Robyn Atkins	Irene Greene	Susie Jordan	June Snow	Cad Taylor
Betty Ausburne	Susan Gregory	Wavey Mabry	Vera Reynolds	Louise Taylor
Adreann Belle	Michella Huff	Robin Owens	Linda Short	Patricia Wagoner
Joy Bowman	Madge Johnson	Jane Rountree	Robin Simmons	Catherine Wolfingbarger
Linda Browne				

## PAST PRESIDENTS

Robyn Atkins	2000 - 2002	Lucy Bowman	1988 - 1990
Devra Inscore	1998 - 2000	Susan Gregory	1987 - 1988
Madge Johnson	1996 - 1998	Emily Taylor	1985 - 1987
June Snow	1995 - 1996	Wavey Mabry	1983 - 1985
Jane Rountree	1994 - 1995	Janice Hutchens	1981 - 1983
Mary Lou Bartley	1992 - 1994	Louise Taylor	1979 - 1981
Iris Waddell	1990 - 1992	Barbara Case Summerlin	1977 - 1979

## Guest Speaker Julianne Still Thrift

### *President*



Julianne Still Thrift is the 18th president of Salem Academy and College. She is the first woman to hold the top administrative post in the history of the institution, which was founded in 1772. When she took over the leadership of Salem Academy and College in 1991, she became the chief executive of an institution older than the Constitution of the United States. Salem Academy and College was founded by early Moravian settlers who believed women should be offered an education comparable to that offered men.

Salem Academy today is a four-year college preparatory boarding and day school for girls in grades 9-12. The 213 students at the Academy represent 14 states and six countries. Salem Academy students routinely score 200 to 250 points higher than national average on the SAT, and this year were ten times more likely than other students to be named National Merit Finalists. Recent graduates of Salem Academy are attending colleges such as Stanford, Yale, Columbia, Wellesley, Salem and UNC-Chapel Hill.

Salem College, with an enrollment of 1,010 students, is a four-year liberal arts college committed to the education of women in a traditional residential setting and offering courses of study for both women and men age 23 and older through the Continuing Studies program and the graduate education program.

In Dr. Thrift's eleven years at Salem, giving to the Academy and College and enrollment have increased dramatically. The most notable increase is in College freshman enrollment, which had more than doubled since the fall of 1990. In addition, applications to the College are the highest since 1968 and the SAT scores of entering freshman College are the highest in more than 20 years. Salem's endowment has almost tripled to \$50 million during Dr. Thrift's tenure.

Dr. Thrift came to Salem from the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Washington, DC, where she had served as executive vice president since 1988. NAICU, with a membership of more than 800 private colleges and universities nationwide, the primary representative for higher education before Congress and federal agencies. Dr. Thrift joined NAICU in 1982 as executive director of its companion research organization, the National Institute of Independent Colleges and Universities, where she conducted analysis of trends in higher education and costs, financial aid, and corporate giving. Prior to her tenure at NAICU, Dr. Thrift was assistant executive director of the National Association of College and University Attorneys. Dr. Thrift holds the bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of South Carolina and a Ph.D. in public policy, with concentrations in statistics and education, from George Washington University. A native of Barnwell, SC, Dr. Thrift is married to Ashley Thrift, an attorney in the firm of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice. The Thrifts have two daughters, Lindsay, age 23, and Laura, age 17.

## **PROGRAM**

*Master of Ceremonies: Kelly Epperson*

Social Hour  
*(Music by Jane Tesh)*

Welcome  
President of Altrusa - *Adreann Belle*  
Altrusa District Three Director- *Kaye Frye-Aldridge*

Altrusa Blessing  
*For this food before us spread,  
For our steps in safety led,  
For Thy favor on our way  
Lord, accept our thanks today.*

Dinner  
*Baked Pork Loin  
Salad  
Red Bliss Potatoes  
Harvest Blend Vegetables  
Coffee, Tea or Soft Drinks  
Bread  
Dessert*  
*(Brown Sugar Pie, Cheesecake or Chocolate Truffle Mousse)*

Introduction of Speaker  
*Kelly Epperson*

Speaker  
*Julianne Still Thrift*  
President, Salem Academy and College

Presentation of Awards

Altrusa Benediction  
*May we go forth with high ideals,  
To greet our fellow man,  
Be true to all Altrusa aims  
Until we meet again.*

## Nominees



**Legh Beal** is a private music instructor to local students - ages 9-adult. She has given her time and talent to such groups as the Surry Chorale, the Trinity Episcopal Spring Music Noon Recitals and other local groups. Legh is a supporter of the Surry Arts Council, both on stage and behind the scenes. She has served on the SAC Scholarship Committee. She enjoys mentoring her students and giving them a chance to feel good about themselves and their talents.



**Hattie L. Brintle** is a CPA/Partner with the firm of Samet, Payne, Wood, Horton & Company. She is the chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Surry County Chapter of the American Red Cross, is on the Board of Directors of the United Fund of Greater Mount Airy, and is a member of the Mount Airy Junior Woman's Club. She has tutored for the past five years as a volunteer with the Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce

Partners in Education Program. She finds working one-on-one with students is truly rewarding and makes a tremendous difference in their future.



**Wendy Carriker** is a successful small business owner/operator. She serves as vice chairperson of the Mount Airy Board of Education. She has volunteered at the Surry Arts Council and was active in the Arts Alive Summer Program. She volunteers as a lunch buddy with Greater Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce Partners in Education Program at Tharrington Primary School and with the Friends of the Mount Airy Public Library. She currently serves as District Four President of the Woman's Club.



**Deborah Kay Cochran** is business manager and a broadcast personality with Granite City Broadcasting, Inc. (WSYD radio station). She serves on the Board of Directors and is publicity chairperson of the Surry County Humane Society where she has helped many animals find homes and medical help. She volunteers her time to drive patients to hospitals and doctor appointments. Deborah also helps families whose homes have burned

find housing and replace their belongings. In addition, she has worked for numerous fundraisers and special programs at local schools. Deborah's spirit of improving her community runs deep, both on and off the job.



School teacher.

**Michelle C. Dalton** is an Assistant Vice President of First Citizens Bank. She helps hold weekly staff meetings and coaches employees on providing better customer service. She was the first female member of the Dobson Lions Club and past president of the Dobson Woman's Club. Michelle is a member of Bannertown Baptist Church where she has served as Vacation Bible School Director, Woman's Missionary Union President and Sunday



**Pattie Miller Fulk** is Choral Director at Surry Central High School. Her choral groups have performed at various school events and award ceremonies in Surry County as well as Hawaii and Europe. She is a supporter of the Surry Arts Council working with the Arts Alive Summer Programs, various plays and musicals. Pattie is a past member of the Board of Directors of the NC Summer Institute of Choral Arts, co-organizer of the Surry County Honors Junior and Senior High Choirs, and organized the Surry Central Choral Parents Organization.



**Kay Hamlin** is Director of the Early Childhood Associate degree program at Surry Community College. She has long been an advocate for multi-ethnic and multi-cultural education. She is a private consultant for the National Headstart Association and is a volunteer consultant to the Native American populations across the nation. Locally she offers workshops to inform parents and the community-at-large on the importance of quality early childhood environments. Kay encourages both colleagues and students to reach out to others in different cultures to grow professionally and spiritually.



**Robin Hodgkin** is the Chief Nursing Officer of Northern Hospital of Surry County. She has progressed through the ranks as Staff Nurse, Shift Manager, Nurse Manager and Nurse Executive Leader. Robin was instrumental in creating the graduate nurse intern program to prepare the new nurse graduate to function competently and safely within the hospital setting. She also gives her time to the community by serving on the Parent Advisory Board at Mayberry Learning Center and the Surry County Emergency Preparedness Committee. Robin constantly strives to do what is right and treat people, as she herself would want to be treated.



about the arts and music.

**Melva Houston** is a Gospel/Jazz/Blues/Vocalist. She has toured Europe, Spain, Germany, Holland and Mexico and has received the adulation of countless audiences in a variety of settings. She works with people from all over the world with techniques in vocal training. She is a choir director, President of the United Methodist Women and participates with the Governors One-On-One Program. She enjoys giving her time to talk with teens



**June Key** is a public Health Nurse for Surry County Health and Nutrition Center and has over 30 years of nursing service to Surry County citizens. She exemplifies a commitment to quality nursing for all the people she touches. She currently serves as a Nursing Supervisor and is admired and respected by her peers for her work ethic and team leadership. June also serves her community through her work with the American Cancer Society.



**Terry Dollyhigh Marcum** is Principal of Cedar Ridge Elementary School. She serves on numerous Surry County Schools district level committees. She is noted in the county school system as the guru on phonemic awareness, and with Terry's speech/language background, has developed and implemented several programs to bolster early reading and writing skills. She has served in numerous capacities in the North Carolina Speech/Hearing/Language Association. She was nominated as Principal of the Year for 2002 for Surry County Schools. She is a role model for women and young ladies by being steadfast in her ideals, morals, values, and work ethic.



**Crystal P. Morphis** is President of the Surry County Economic Development Partnership, Inc. Her primary responsibility is the recruitment of new business. She is an advocate for minority and women's entrepreneurship with emphasis on continuing education. She gives presentations to youth at local schools and libraries on topics such as economics, professionalism, and career pathing. She serves as chairperson on the Board of Directors of the Upper Yadkin Valley Habitat for Humanity, Jonesville-Elkin Rotary Club Board of Directors and has participated as a "Big Sister."



**Catrina Smith** is Director of Surry County Parks, Recreation and Maintenance. She is a member of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Surry County Special Olympics, Surry County Recreation Advisory Committee, North Carolina Recreation and Park Society and the National Recreation and Park Association. She also has served as a member of the Surry County Domestic Violence Force. Catrina is a member of the First Presbyterian Church where she

assists with the children's nursery and other youth activities. She is a team leader who motivates her co-workers.



**Pattie Spencer** is President of Spencer Funeral Services. She was the first licensed female mortician in Surry County. She is the founder of the V.I.S.I.O.N. (Volunteers In Solidation In Our Neighborhood) organization which reaches the youth in the community engaging them in benevolent and charitable activities. Pattie has served her community in various ways via her service on numerous boards and with community organizations to heighten community awareness of

minority and community issues.



**Barbara Summerlin** is the Director of the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History. She conceived the idea to house the history of this region for future generations. She organized and served as the first president of the Altrusa Club. She was the first female to serve on the Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She served as editor of the Mount Airy News from 1980-1990. Barbara believes in being focused on what you want to accomplish and don't let others

sway you from your goal.



**Emily Badgett Taylor** served as Mayor of the City of Mount Airy for eight years and provided the community with countless hours of service and dedication. During her term as mayor she worked with the Mt. Airy Visitors Center, the Restoration Foundation and other agencies to coordinate and encourage tourism as a boost to the local economy. She was an educator for 36 years. She is a past president of the Altrusa Club. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church

where she serves as a Ruling Elder and Trustee. Emily has been a pioneer in city government and has tread where other women have feared to tread.



**Marion F. Venable** serves as Executive Director of the Surry Community College Foundation. Through her many lectures, tours, and publications she shares her knowledge of local history to increase public awareness of the importance of historical preservation. She has served on the Mount Airy Regional Museum's Board of Directors and on the Surry Women's Shelter Board of Directors. Marion is dedicated to the preservation of local history, conservation of natural

resources, and the enhancement of the quality of life for Surry County and the surrounding region.



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