

What Happened?

News and Information about our Club.

March – May 2013

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A Note from our President: I am very proud of the work and service you worked on these past weeks. *Bobbie*

March 5. We had a VIP visit us today! Becky Wood, 2nd (Soon to be 1st) Vice Governor of District Eight. Lucky for us she had an opening in her schedule and decided to spend it with us!

We were informed that it was time to dig out our wallets and pony up our yearly dues. Money well spent I think. Our club is getting things done!

Our Al@ report candidate today was Judy Lemoine. She describes herself as AFeisty@ and was described by others as always upbeat, a good Altrusan, and a party girl! She is semi-retired, only doing the occasional blind & shutter jobs. A definite NO?... pickled herring. There were quite a few of her fellow Altrusans shaking their heads in agreement with that one! She has always wanted to learn to paint, play the piano, and be taller! If Judy wins the lottery she will pay off her house and then share the wealth! Three things she can't do without? (She had made notes on this) Her phone, her car and (with a prompt from Bobbie P.) her husband.

Lisa Eldridge has once again made us proud. Her water colors are beautiful and apparently we are=t the only ones who think so! Lisa got the wonderful news that her painting, AWest of Eleven@, will receive the Hardie Gramatky Memorial Award from the American Watercolor Society, and was chosen for the traveling exhibition as well. Lisa has described it as the AWatercolor Oscar@. Bravo Lisa!

March 7. We joined with the United Way to help the Dolly Parton Imagination Library by hosting a luncheon. The ABags for Books 2013" event was a great success. Justin Minkel, the 2007 Arkansas Teacher of the Year, was there to give a view of life in the classroom, AJustin style@. This man needs to be cloned! Also on hand was Sherrill Douglas, our "Dolly Parton" of the day. We should be able to get books for 552 kids, double what we are currently providing! One of these books goes to a child every month, free of charge, until he/she turns 5. The topping on the cake? Our own Karen Robbins was the MC!

Birthdays



Mar. 12 Bobbie Morgan
Mar. 19 Charlotte Fisher
Apr. 13 Karen Robbins
Apr. 14 Valerie Katz
Apr. 18 Gay Kiker
Apr. 23 Jean Anderson
May 6 Mary Lou Harris
May 12 Bobbie Platt





April 2. The Al@ report was all about Bobbie Morgan. Unfortunately, I was absent, so a full report cannot be made, but the meetings minutes reported her as a joiner who loves to do for others.

April 22. Our meeting was held at Crystal Bridges! We all enjoyed a delicious lunch and then our Altrusa Treasurer, Carolyn Lacey, lead us through the beautiful museum. She obviously took her training as a docent to heart as it was a wonderful and informative tour.



April 25. Bobbie Platt and Valerie Katz left to represent us at the District Eight Conference in Norman OK. Their conference experience got off to a unusual beginning when they mistook the entry table of the Daughters of the American Revolution for the Altrusa entry table. They were puzzled by the fact that their entrance papers and fees had not been paid. A call was made, and a message left, for Carolyn Lacy who had assured them that all arrangements had been take care of well in advance. (So sorry for the scare Carolyn.) The lovely ladies of the D.A.R. were very kind and said not to worry, they would take care of us and get things sorted out. After Bobbie had assured the D.A.R. ladies that she was indeed a club president, was in fact carrying the Arkansas State Flag in the opening ceremonies, and that we wouldn't mind at all sitting with the honor guard for dinner, was it discovered that we were not where we belonged!

Bobbie did carry the flag at both the opening and closing ceremonies. We split up so we could attend more workshops. Our heads were full with new knowledge about how to grow our club, make it better, and earn those Distinguished Club Award points! All in all, a great experience. And Valerie won \$230.00 in the 50/50 drawing!



May 7. Our Gals and Games Day fund-raiser was our meeting this day. It was well attended and a wonderful success. Attendees had high praise for our event and assured us they would attend again in the future. Great job ladies!



May 21. Our Al@ report this day was with Vella Lewis. She had our attention right from the get-go when she told us her favorite indulgence is vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce and cashews, and that the 3 things always in her refrigerator were cheese, salsa and wine. We wanted to adjourn the meeting right then and go home with her! With so many of us transplants from other states we were surprised to learn Vella is a native of Bentonville. Who would be the 4 people she would love to have join her for dinner? Her grandparents. They passed away when she was very young and she would love to get to know them. What most upsets her? Animal abuse! Vella doesn't just flow through her days. This girl must always have a plan! She is proud of her son, loves her grandchildren, and would like to learn Spanish or Italian. Her wish for herself? To be kinder and sometimes think before she speaks.

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Meetings are held at 11:30 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, at the River Grill Restaurant in Bentonville. See us on Facebook www.facebook.com/altrusa8