



What Happened?

News and Information about our Club. Bentonville/Bella Vista

May. / June. 2015

May & June Birthdays
 May 6 Mary Louise Harris
 May 12 Bobbie Platt
 June 4 Helen Slaymaker
 June 27 Michelle Sallersin



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A Note from our President: As we begin a new Altrusa year (2015 - 2016), our Club has accomplished much, increased members, and are excited about new things to come. Part of the process of beginning anew, or changing directions, is to know where you want to go.

With the input of our 32 members we are charting a path to new additional projects for the coming year. This can be challenging, but also it can be a great opportunity to do things differently, better or more joyfully.

Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success. Let this coming year be better than all the others!

Katy Henkel

May 5. The card Party! Su Lynn and her band of Merry Altrusans did another wonderful job! The event went seamlessly and the food was delicious. Everyone had a wonderful time and many attendees said they would be ready and willing to join us for future events. This has been a great way to increase our membership too!

Su Lynn and Katy presented a Certificate of appreciation to Kay Anderson for her help in securing the United Lutheran Church for our event. She was there to open the facility on that day and her support will help us to increase children's literacy. Thank you Kay!



May 19. We had visitors today, Diane McCready and Reneta Edwards from the Springdale Club and Rose Ann Pearce from the Washington County Club. They heard about our guest speaker and wanted to join us.

Our speaker was Rabi Dr. Robert Lennick. He is the Rabbi for Temple Etz Chaim in Bentonville. His presentation about "Change, Flexibility, and Inclusion" was very entertaining and informative. He said to become flexible you first need to change some attitudes. Things remain the same because it's safe. If it still works, OK, but be prepared to look things over and assess if changes would make them better. Or, maybe it's time to move on. You have to believe in yourself to bring about change. The most important person in

change is the second person that shows up. You can't do it alone. He said if you've never failed, you've never lived. *Hmmm, I guess I've lived!*

On **May 28** Katy, Gay, Vella, Carolyn, Bobbie M., Bobbie P., and Connie met for the first meeting of the Board of Directors, Katy had a suggested committee lists for this year. We have a lot of new members and they will all be assigned to a committee. Don't worry new fellow Altrusans, she will assign you to a spot you will enjoy.

At that meeting Katy asked each board member for a wish list for this year. More training for members on club goals, training on Parliamentary Procedure, new fundraisers for our operating account, and more outside social time for members were the highlights. We are going to get things done but we will not forget to have fun!

Oh yes, they managed to get the operating budget for the coming year worked out too.

On **June 2** the membership approved that new budget! Good job ladies!

The ladies who attended the Altrusa District Eight Conference came back full of news and enthusiasm. Katy shared the news about the awards we received! Peggy was a "First timer" and reported a recurring theme of change and inclusion. Rabbi Lennick would be so proud.

Bobbie P. thinks everyone could benefit from attending conference. She said the workshops and general sessions are always thought provoking and educational. You meet Altrusans from other clubs in this region as well as from other states. This is my third one and I always learn something new and really enjoy myself.

AND! We have put extra money in this year's budget to help defray the costs of our members attending the conference in 2016. Girls, it's in Bentonville, practically in our back yards. Let's all plan to go!

June 16. President Katy opened the meeting with another Altrusa Accent., *ENTHUSIASM!* For some people it can last 30 seconds, 30 minutes, or 30 days. But when enthusiasm lasts 30 years, you have success.

We have been missing our "I" Reports. Today was the day to learn more about Soraya. Peggy had the pleasure of quizzing her. WOW! We knew we were lucky to have her, but her pedigree is impressive. Soraya speaks 4 languages and is a Harvard Law graduate. She practiced law in New York before moving to Bentonville and joining our merry group. She has lived in Italy and France and visits her relatives in Brazil often. We are very fortunate to have her utilizing her creative side with her photography skills. I personally am thrilled to have her on the Communications Committee handling our facebook page.

We also have another new member. Michele Oakley paid her dues and is now officially a member. Welcome Michele!

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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. Our web-site altrusa-bb.com See us on Facebook www.facebook.com/altrusa8