

What Happened?



News and Information about our Club. September-November 2012

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A Note from our President: We pull together as a team and our success is evident. *Bobbie*



Birthdays:

Sept. 7 Su Lynn Hanson
Sept. 25 Elizabeth Weathers
Oct. 10 Peggy Rosenthal
Nov. 10 Janet Edwards
Nov. 27 Katy Henkel

Sept. 4. This day found us gathered on Clubhouse Place. We were there to pick up our boxes of dictionaries and labels from Suzanne Webb's garage. A very hot job, followed, quite thankfully, by a pizza social next door at Bobbie Morgan's. Katie Henkel was heard to say, while mopping her brow, "I've got my books, I'm going where the wine is."

Bobbie Platt had a visitor with her. Her name is Suzanne and she works for Bobbie's son Ed. She had a big surprise for Bobbie, and the rest of us. She hand delivered a check from him for \$1,000.00! Our fearless leader put Suzanne right to work helping organize Altrusa *stuff*. Suzanne commented, "I thought I was here on vacation, but obviously I am not. Now I now where her son got the training for his employees. Ha!" We are all hoping she moves to Bella Vista and joins our band of sisters.

Sept. 18. We got the very scary news that Bobbie Platt's husband, Bill, was in the hospital with Systolic Congestive heart failure. He has received a pacemaker and is at home.



Karen Robbins was chosen for the "I" report. She surprised us all with the news that she loves to shoot! Guns! The best advice she ever got? From her husband ... "Don't worry, all is as it should be".

For the next two weeks members were busy delivering over 1600 dictionaries to all the third grade students in Bentonville, Bella Vista, Pea Ridge, and Gravette. Good work ladies!



Janet Edwards was initiated as our newest member. Here is Su Lynn Hanson delivering hers! Katie used the theme "Hands" and members read about all that the hand can accomplish. Will Martha Ann Hill be next?

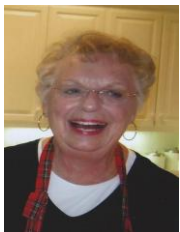
Oct. 2 Martha Jansz gave us a preview of the lovely items she will be offering at the Bella Vista Craft Fair. Felted hand bags, hats, scarves and pretty little kitchen towels that look like dresses. We wish her great success.

Oct. 4. Cobblers were baked, spaghetti was cooked, Mystery bags were filled, and we were ready. The yearly spaghetti dinner to fund our dictionary project was underway. There were 88 dinners served at the church and 203 take-out dinners were purchased. The folks from the court house helped with 28 take-out orders and our Sister Altrusans from Fayetteville came and carried away 25 dinners. Becky Wood, District Eight 2nd



Governor came to cheer us on and offer help. At the end of the evening we were tired but cheered by the success. More dictionaries will be handed out next year. Good job everyone!

Oct. 16. The "I" Report honor went to Suzanne Webb. One of the questions normally asked is, "Describe yourself in one word". Suzanne said "Friendly", Mary Louise added "Generous", Bobbie Platt said "Positive" and Katy thought "Courageous". Suzanne is much admired. The four she would want to host for dinner? Tina Fay, Barbra Streisand, and Hillary Clinton and herself of course! And who does Suzanne admire? Our own Lisa Eldridge for her courage and abundant talents.



Oct. 30. Gal's and Games! Our first foray into a major card day seems to have been a success. Those attending were impressed with the food, the wonderful door prizes, and the lovely and fun surroundings. Some have already said they will be back next year. I guess we'll have to do it again! This calls for another, "Good job everyone!"

Nov. 6th. Our Club was honored to be recognized as a 2011-2012 Distinguished Club by Altrusa International!! President Bobbie Platt was proud to let us know how we were selected. Service, Membership, Programming, Leadership, Communications and Foundation were the criteria. Our District was the only District that had 100% participation of Clubs completing the Club Annual Report. Are we proud? You bet we are!



Mary Louise Harris was chosen for the "I" Report. We were all surprised to learn that she was a tomboy growing up! She has been with Mary Kay for 28 years and has earned 8 cars. She is a shy person who succeeded by remembering to "Live by faith, not by fear". She said that her husband is the most interesting person she has ever met. She fell for his hairy hands. Words to live by? The Golden Rule.



We received the wish lists and ages of the 5 children we will shop for, for our Christmas Family "Wrapped in Love" project. Bobbie Platt and Valerie Katz had great fun checking off items on the list of 3 year old twin boys. Ashley Linden, Vella Lewis and Linda Krysl all shopped for the other 3 children ages 8, 7, and 3.

Sock-it-to-Me socks were turned in to Katy Henkel. We had all been putting our change in them as a Christmas fundraiser. They were heavy!

Nov. 12. We were at the On The Border Mexican Grill for a club fund-raiser. The food was delicious! So were the Margarita's!

Nov. 20. We had Kristi Lima of NWA Home Inventory, Inc. Come and show us how to document our homes for loss and insurance claims.

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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/altrusa