

# What Happened?



## News and Information about our Club. June / July 2013

### Birthdays:

June 4 Helen Slaymaker  
June 27 Michelle Sallersin  
July 29 Linda Krysl



**June 4.** We welcomed four new Altrusans, Peggy Rosenthal, Su Lynn Hanson, Merry Vincent and Gay Kiker! The colors of the new Altrusa Logo were represented by the flowers used in the ceremony. President Bobbie Platt gave each new member a small vase and then presented them with: A Rainbow Rose, representing beauty, thoughtfulness and kindness. A Blue Crazy Daisy representing tenacity in the face of difficulty. A Golden Gerber Daisy representing constant support of Altrusa ideals and values. Ivy to represent friendship. And Rosemary as a reminder to attend meetings with your Altrusa Pin over your heart and to always enjoy Altrusa.



Orientation was then presented by Lamplighter Award winner, Elizabeth Weathers.

There was an overpayment of \$1.85 per person at our Crystal Bridges outing which the membership voted *graciously* to place in our operating account. We are Altrusans...

Our Operating Budget for the 2013/2014 has been presented and approved.

Board member meetings are now being held before each of our regular meetings, as it is a time and day already dedicated to Altrusa. Today was the first and it was pronounced "A very good idea!"

**June 18.** Our President Bobbie Platt is in Paris France today so our meeting was chaired by Vice President Katy Henkel.

Our Board members met again this morning. Lots of goals and objectives were discussed,

apparently in warp speed. The 1 1/2 hour meeting was reduced to 1 hour. Nice work ladies.

The "I" report today was shelved for another "Get to know you" idea. Katy passed out short forms that said: I love to spend a summer day... I celebrate big moments by... I feel happiest... and, if I could be any fictional character, it would be... And then she gave us a whole 3 minutes to write out our answers!

Our answers? ***I love to spend a summer day...*** Most thought reading on the deck and golfing. ***I feel happiest...*** Being with family was very popular. ***If I could be any fictional character, I would be...*** Mary Poppins got 2 votes. ***I celebrate big moments by...*** Eating and drinking Wine won hands down!

**July 16.** Our board members had a long range strategic planning meeting. 2013 to 2015 looks to be busy. Our ladies are gearing up for a fun and productive Altrusa, focusing on increased membership, service, and communications.

Our guest was Matt Young, the principal of Cooper Elementary School. He told us about the many types of books that were needed for the classroom, the book club, and their library and how we Altrusans could help. Our clubs focus is literacy and this looks like a wonderful new direction for us.

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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](http://www.facebook.com/altrusa8)