



What Happened?

News and Information about our Club.

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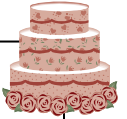
A Note from our President: What a year this is going to be for our Altrusa Club! The Board has met, Committees have been formed, Projects have been designated, new officers have been installed and we are ready to initiate 3 new members. All of this in just 2 months. I would say we are **on the MOVE** ! It's a pleasure to lead a group of enthusiastic, energetic, gals that show up at our meetings to share ideas, tasks, and be ready to be leaders in Service and contribute to the good of the community and encourage members to respond accordingly. Thank you Altrusans - I am Thrilled to be part of this. *****

June & July Birthdays:

June 4. Helen Slaymaker

June 27. Michelle Sallersin

July 29 Linda Krysl



When You wake up in the morning, complete the following statement: My purpose today is to _____ . There are many ways to fill in that blank----- **Have A Purpose....**

Is it personal? Is it to make a change in yourself? Is it to change an attitude? Is it something for a neighbor? Is it for a friend?? Is it for the community? Do you have a purpose? Think about it! *****

This I Believe...That either you control your attitude or it controls you! **Katy Henkel**

June 3. We have new officers! Getting ready to take over are: President: Katy Henkel, Vice-President: Peggy Rosenthal, General Operating Account Treasurer: Carolyn Lacey, Foundation Account Treasurer: Vella Lewis, Recording Secretary: Gay Kiker, Corresponding Secretary: Bobbie Morgan, and Directors: Charlotte Fisher and Bobbie Platt. A special thank you to Carolyn and Vella for agreeing to keep the "Treasurer" positions they have already been serving so well.



← From the left, Bobbie Morgan, Peggy Rosenthal, Katy Henkel, Vella Lewis, Gay Kiker, & Carolyn Lacy.

Our Past President Bobbie Platt wishes them well! →



We had a big turnout for the festivities with 21 members present. Bobbie had arranged for yummy sandwiches, fruit, chips, desert and Mimosas for all to enjoy.

Past President Bobbie Platt officiated at the event with a clock theme. All members were challenged to keep the club clock wound and ticking with all parts working together. New President Katy Henkel was charged with synchronizing the membership clock to keep it performing smoothly, and running accurately. Katy was presented with the Traveling President Pin. This Pin has been passed to all of our club presidents since 1999 when Karen Robbins, our first president was sworn in. Karen is still and active member and was there to see the pin move to another president



Katy presented Bobbie with a poster thanking her for her two years of service to the club. The members had the opportunity to write a note to put on the board to let her know how she had touched each of us.

Katy then went around the room asking us all what our “Special Talents” were. *Ladies, she was taking notes.* We have quite a few organizers, hospitality folk, and event coordinators. Then we have our word-smith, our dish manager, and our cheerleader. Susan Ford had the best answer though.

She says she is a good appreciator. I for one will try to follow her lead. Katy will have a lot of choices when she needs to call on her new team

We were very happy to welcome back Mary Louise Harris. She is doing well and it was good to see her up and about.

I had spent three weeks in CA for Mother’s Day. I put that time to good use and spent time with my brother Dennis, putting a web-site together for our club. Well, I mostly ate ice-cream and answered questions while he did all the hard work, but it is up and running. I also spent some time with my daughter-in-law Debbie for a lesson on how to handle our Facebook page. I’m afraid it didn’t sink in very well, so there will be many phone calls made for help. They are works in progress as am I.

June 5. Bobbie Platt and Valerie Katz joined our sister club in Fayetteville for their Annual Spring Fling at the Springdale Country Club. The Occasion was to install new leaders and to celebrate accomplishments and service provided by club members in the past year. It was a very nice ceremony and a delicious dinner.

June 16. The first meeting of our Board of Directors was held at our President, Katy Henkel’s home. After coffee and some homemade goodies, Katy opened the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Katy, Peggy, Gay, Vella, Carolyn, Valerie and Bobbie P. were ready to get to work.

We discussed our committees and decided we needed one more! Hospitality! A list of committee Chairs, committee members, and their duties were discussed. We are going to be busy.

Carolyn wanted to know how many new member kits she should order. Five! We have plans!

We all then took on the budget. That was heavy work and we were hungry. We retired to Katy’s dining room for a wonderful lunch with Klondike Bars for desert. :-)

After lunch we turned our attention to the Club Foundation Board. Of the 6 positions needed, we had one! Those at the meeting were pressed into service. Our new Foundation Board members are as follows. President-Bobbie Platt, Vice President and Secretary-Gay Kiker, (Yes that’s right, Gay took on two of the

positions.) Treasurer-Vella Lewis, and Directors – Charlotte Fisher and Katy Henkel. At 1:20 p.m. we adjourned. We got a lot done and were quite pleased with the outcome.

June 17. President Katy gave out committee assignments. *I told you she was taking notes when she asked what our “Special Talents” were.* We were all assigned to one or more. There were smiles all around so her notes must have been accurate!

Katy had a prized for the first member who could name our new web-address. (Board Members were not eligible...) Michelle Sallerson won, after a few hints from Katy.

Good news for our new Board, the budget was approved!

There was some talk about fining our members \$1.00 when they showed up for a meeting without their Altrusa pins or yearbooks. Vella said she thought we should be fined a \$1.00 for *each* of them even though she has absolutely no idea where either one of hers is.

July 17. The Communications committee met before our regular meeting to discuss our Facebook page. Valerie has been *begging* someone to take over this area of communication as she doesn’t have the expertise to do it properly. Thank you to Michelle Sallerson and Su Lynn Hanson for taking on the job!

July 17. Our Club meeting today was a wonderful one. We welcomed Mindy Ryan, Michelle Sallerson, and Agnes Sebesta as new members in a Jewelry Box initiation.

Our President, Katy Henkel, was absent so Vice-President Peggy Rosenthal presided. After being reminded that “You do not join Altrusa, you become an Altrusan”, these three wonderful additions to our club were welcomed.



Charlotte Fisher’s special friend, Kathryn Lowell, was here to tell us just where the books we collect for our Africa Project go, how they are used, and some of the other things their group in Africa is doing. Inspiring is the only word I can think of to sum up her presentation. I hope she can spare the time to come and keep us updated on her wonderful work in the future.



The over 35 books we collected will fill a suitcase on its way to the Thokozani pre-school in the Diepsloot Africa.

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