



What Happened?

News and Information about our Club.
Bentonville/Bella Vista
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A Note from our President: April is a significant time for our Club Members to participate in the Altrusa International District Eight Conference that's being held in Columbia, Missouri, April 23-25th. We will be sending 2 Voting Delegates and 2 Alternates, also 2 at-Large members are attending.

The Conference provides "hands-on training" for our officers, relevant workshops for first time Altrusans, for Communications & Newsletters, Fundraising, Social Media, Service Projects and Keynote Speakers.

Some of the best information and new ideas will be gained from other Altrusa Clubs and individual members. This is 3 days of busy schedules and note taking. We will be reporting back at the next meeting. Plan on joining us at the 2016 Conference, April in Rogers -- We will have FUN !!!!!

I Believe..... That you can keep going long after you think you can't.

Katy Henkel

Mar. 3. We got the reports from our treasurers today. We have money! We will be able to get even more children reading. Great news!

Our Program today was presented by Peggy. She shared her experience on Living Abroad. She lived and worked in Krakau, Poland for 2 years. In Poland, once children reach the upper secondary level of education, they are put into a specific career path. Once in their career path, it cannot change. They are only taught the specifics for that career. She learned that the rest of the world doesn't necessarily operate the same way we do.

Mar 10. The **Bags for Books** event was once again a success. Our goal of \$11,00.00 was met! Good job ladies!

Mar. 17. Audrey's Home of Hope. Jennifer Lemerise shared the day she began making plans for this wonderful addition of care to our area. "Audrey's Home of Hope provides a home in Bella Vista for pregnant women of any age, creed, ethnicity, who find themselves in crisis and in need of a safe, nurturing, temporary home." Fran Olsen spoke of the path that led them to open a Thrift Shop here in Bella Vista.

March Birthdays

Mar. 12 Bobbie Morgan

Mar. 19 Charlotte Fisher

April Birthdays

Apr. 13 Karen Robbins

Apr. 14 Valerie Katz

Apr. 18 Gay Kiker

Apr. 23 Jean Anderson





Reinstatement of Connie Brown: Through interview and a formal welcome, we learned of Connie's prior service to Altrusa. (37 years!) She has served in just about every position available. This was a great format to learn of our newest member.

Mar. 23. Whimsy Woo. Say that three times fast! Agnes and the hospitality committee arranged for a mobile unit from the Whimsy Woo Boutique in Springdale to hold a sale for our club members. The sale, held at the Jackson House in Bentonville, was a "Come and Go" sale starting at 1pm. The club received 10% of the sales for our operating account.



April 7. President Katy opened the meeting with an Altrusa Accent, "The Elevator Speech." These were 30 second responses to be given for "Who you are" and "What you do" questions we get as Altrusans. 30 seconds? Maybe I can handle that:)

Suzanne introduced two guests, Marty Lehman (a former member) and Ladonna Combs. Welcome!

We have some **Cares and concerns.** Our President and Vice President are both under the weather. Peggy had surgery on her heel so she is in a very large brace that covers much more than her heel, and is on crutches. Katy has a severe case of shingles and has had quite a lot of pain. I send a big "OUCH!" to you both and wish you speedy recoveries.

Game Day is almost here. Su Lynn and her "Merry Crew" are working very hard to get that big job done. There are 26 tables booked now and Su Lynn is hoping the final count will be 30.



April 18. Conference is just around the corner! Katy (feeling much better), Peggy (complete with crutches), Bobbie P, Gay, Nita, and Valerie, the six members who will be attending the conference, met at Duffers to strategize. We will be meeting at Bobbie P.'s home next Thurs. at 9:45 am. How we are going to get all the "Stuff" we will be taking with us in our vehicles will be a site to see. Bobbie has amassed an unbelievable amount of items for our booth. We will need **2** long tables, and that will not hold it all! It will be a busy 4 days.

April 19. It is baseball season and Altrusans, Suzanne Webb, Bobbie Platt, Charlotte Fischer and Karen Robbins went to show the Naturals some support.



April 21. What a busy meeting this was! **Dues** – Carolyn must have them by all paid by May 20 in order to meet the deadline. If you haven't paid yours... it is time!

Marty Lehman visited us again today as did Martha Jansz. Martha was a member of our club for 3 years before she moved to Mesa, AZ. She is also my sister!

Soraya presented a program "**iPhoneography 101**". She presented us with many tips on taking pictures with our smart phones. The key elements to great pictures are composition, *practice*, focus, *practice*, exposure, and *practice*. It was a very enjoyable program and members are on their way to *practice*, and make more and better pictures.

President Katy initiated 2 **new members, Judy Sallerson and Nita McCain**. The theme was "An Altrusa Garden". They were given 6 different kinds of flower seeds, each with a special Altrusa meaning. Then all club members were given flower seeds so all members could help Judy and Nita make their Altrusa Garden grow and prosper. We will all work together to tend our garden and make our seeds and our club grow.



Great job Ladies!

Next stop the **Altrusa Conference**. With the help of Su Lynn, Michelle has the "**Scrapbook**" ready. The girls looked tired but proud of their work. These ladies have spent a tremendous amount of time working on this project and it is gorgeous! The girls asked everyone to help them get ready for next year by submitting information and pictures regularly throughout the year. This last minute stuff is for the birds! Give items to either Michelle, Su Lynn, or Valerie. They will decide if it goes in the scrapbook, yearbook, newsletter, or both. We will be proud to display it at conference.

Conference!! We were well represented at Conference by Bobbie P, Nita, Peggy, , Gay, Katy, and Valerie. All are pictured here with the awards we received! We were joined by President Sue Hart.





We took 2nd place in Club Displays, 3rd place in Membership Growth (12% increase). Katy and Michelle were recognized as new member sponsors.



Our new member Nita was recognized as the “Newest Altrusan” at conference. She also won a 50-50 raffle. Here she is getting the check. \$150.00!



Our jewelry, handbag, scarf fundraiser was a huge success. Just before we left for conference we acquired a “Square” credit card gizmo that we could use with our cellphones to charge some of the items. It was easy to use and worked out great!

All five of the clubs in NWA gave a presentation designed to encourage Altrusan to come to NWA for conference in 2016. Gay represented our club and gave a great presentation, “Building Bridges”. Valerie and Bobbie helped by passing out information and cookies.

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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