



What Happened?

News and Information about our Club.
Bentonville/Bella Vista

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Oct. Birthdays:

Oct. 10 Peggy Rosenthal

Oct. 18 Nita McCain



A Note from our President: In our daily lives we have many choices to make—some turn out to be good choices, some not so good.

I choose to live by Choice, not by chance.
To make changes, not excuses.
To be motivated, not manipulated.
To be useful, not used.
To excel, not compete.
I choose self-esteem, not self-pity.
I choose to listen to my inner voice,
Not the random opinions of others.
Live for a cause, not applause

What do you choose??

Katy Henkel

Oct 1 was a big day for our club! The Spaghetti Dinner had all members working hard. Gay's crew was busy at 9:00 am cooking up some wonderful spaghetti sauce. Members arrived all during the day with Mystery Bags and brownies. Tables were set, salads were made, the "to go" station was readied. At 4:00 pm a steady stream of folks started to arrive for the to-go orders. At 5:00 pm the dine-in area started to fill up and our welcome committee servers were very busy.



We had not seen Soraya in a while. She arrived with the news that she is pregnant. With twins!!



At the end of the evening we still had a smile on our faces. Everyone agreed it was a job well done

We cooked. We served. Now it's our turn to eat!

Oct. 6. While delivering dictionaries at Mary Mae Jones School, Katy noticed huge letters across the wall of their library. 'TODAY READERS, TOMORROW LEADERS. That hit a bullseye with our Altrusa ladies. Your communications team will be looking for a way to use it.

Our **Ad Flyers** were an \$800.00 success. A huge thank you to Nita for having them printed for us. No charge!
 The **Spaghetti Dinner** was a success with a profit of \$3016.77 so far! Gay thanked all who helped with their time, money, and making brownies. 139 dinners were served. 198 dinners were packed to-go, for a grand total of 337! ALL of the mystery bags were sold thanks to Agnes, Bobbie P., and Bobbie's sister in-law Ginger. Gay has already started planning for next year!

Before our meeting this day, Katy, Connie, Gay and Michelle went to the **Tennie Russell Primary School** to read to the kids. They came to our meeting with a feeling of wonder at the children's warmth and eagerness to sit on their laps to be read to. Those ladies will be going back! They delivered brownies left over from the Spaghetti Dinner to the teachers, and returned with an invitation to come to the school for our next meeting. A homemade macaroni and cheese lunch was dangled before us. We always look forward to our meetings but the next one will be really special, and yummy!

Our new yearbook inserts were ready and delivered. Another huge thank you to Nita, the newest member of my communications staff, for having them printed for us, again at no cost. I met with Soraya and we were able to assign her the coveted *Admin.* status for our facebook page. Thanks to all of my communications team!

Oct. 20. As promised, the meeting was held at the Tennie Russell Primary School. We all went "through the line" and got our macaroni and cheese, green peas, grapes, and cookies. We brought along donated classroom and teaching supplies. Tennie Russell, the sweet 91 year old in royal blue to the right of our sign, joined us for lunch!! Queen Carolyn is wearing the tree leaf crown the children she read to made for her!! Then Carol, the Family Coordinator for Tennie Russell gave us a tour of the school. What a turnout and what a great day!



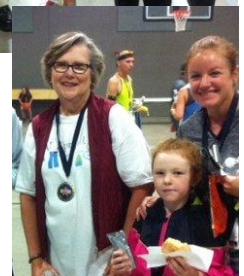
Katy reminded us that our objective is to provide *hands-on* exposure to books for these young children. Our goal is to give each child a beanie baby and a book for Christmas. Children who get read too have a far better chance at a better life.

So... On **Oct. 22.** We partnered with the Junior Auxiliary of Rogers/Bentonville at the school Literacy Night. We gave free books to students and signed up their younger siblings for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library so they will get a free book every month.

The Crayola Kiosk for the Bella Vista Library has arrived and is set up. I need to get over there and get some pictures taken!



Oct. 24 was the **DEB Project 5k and Family Fun Walk for National Make a Difference Day.** Charlotte was our runner (walker, crawler). She was last out onto the course and last back in with her very own police escort. With siren and light!! We staffed our Altrusa information table, got great contacts for Beanie Babies and books, and had the chance to talk about Altrusa!! A young girl who was participating remembered Charlotte from when she came to hand out dictionaries at her school. She said she uses her dictionary all the time!



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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