



What Happened?

News and Information about our Club.
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A Note from our President: As Altrusans, we can and do make a difference in a child's life through Literacy....

If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, then you are an excellent Leader. Altrusans are Leaders.

Reading is one of the best means of gathering new knowledge, information and inspiration.

When you read, you learn to think, absorb ideas, and expand your imagination.

Love Reading--it expands you mind and your horizons !

Education = Knowledge

Knowledge = Power

Power = Respect

Respect = Happiness

Katy Henkel

On **March 1** President Katy opened our meeting with this **Altrusa Accent:** Did you Know?? Altrusa was founded in 1917. Last year Altrusans proudly gave over a million volunteer hours around the world, including clubs in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, England, Bermuda, Ireland, India, Scotland, New Zealand, and Russia.

Peggy reminded everyone of the upcoming **Arkansas Gives** online fundraiser. Thursday April 7 from 8am to 8pm is the date and time of this event. This is new to us and we are hoping for some good results.

District Eight Governor Brenda Smith has asked Bobbie P. to plan a dinner for the District Officers and Past Governors on the first evening of the District Eight Conference. The challenging part is getting 30 ladies from the Hotel to the before meeting Cocktail Party at the Building Boutique, and then to Fred's Hickory Inn for dinner. Bobbie is using her Southern Charm to get a bus for the evening.

March Birthdays

Mar. 12 Bobbie Morgan

Mar. 19 Charlotte Fisher

Mar.21 Jenny Montgomery

April Birthdays

Apr. 1 Mindy Ryan

Apr. 13 Karen Robbins

Apr. 14 Valerie Katz

Apr. 18 Gay Kiker

Apr. 23 Jean Anderson



March 2 was Dr. Seuss' birthday and Reading Across America Day. We were celebrating the day at the **Tennie Russell School**, handing out a bag of 10 books to each of the 260 students. Our fearless leader Connie was dressed as the big red dog for the occasion. She was a big hit with children and adults alike. She also instigated a different breakfast for the children. Green eggs and Ham anyone?



It was a little bit windy!



March 15. At the last meeting, the nominating committee presented the following slate of officers for the 2016-2018 Altrusa year:

President: Peggy Rosenthal
Vice President: Gay Kiker
Recording Secretary: Michele Oakley
Corresponding Secretary: Mindy Ryan

Foundation Treasurer: Vella Lewis
Operating Treasurer: Connie Brown
Director: Katy Henkel
Director: Karen Robbins
Director: Janet Edwards

President Katy asked for nominations from the floor. To the surprise of no one, there were none. All that's left is their initiation in May. I'm sure they are all anxious to get started!

We welcomed back Sammy Laney of the **DEB Project**. Since the last time she spoke to us, there have been some major developments with the DEB project. From the fun run held last October, the project raised \$10,000. She has been very busy with the day to day operation and has served 52 kids so far this year. She will be opening a store front the in April where kids can shop for their own clothes which will be free with a voucher from a teacher or counselor. Afterward President Katy presented her with a \$500.00 donation from our club.



Apr.3 Our Membership event Sunday afternoon at the Jackson House was a success. 16 members and 9 guests attended. and the cookies were as good as they looked!



On **Apr. 5.** we had 4 visitors at our meeting, Shirl Blackston, Barbara Lemire, Carole Gile and Nancy Johnson. All 4 of these guests were at our membership tea and three of them are now members. They are pictured here with Karen Robbins our very First Club President.



Apr. 5. President Katy opened the meeting at 11:30 with the **Altrusa Accent:** Did you know?

Our purpose and Vision statement: Leaders in Service; Contribute to the good of the community and encourage members to respond accordingly; Value diversity

Our Mission Statement: Provide Community Service, leadership, foster international understanding, and encourage fellowship by a network of diversified individuals.

Meaning of Member: A person belonging to a specific group of people attempting to achieve a common goal. That is certainly what our club is all about with our common goal of children's literacy. She also listed a few responsibilities of membership: 1) members are expected to attend meetings, 2) members are expected to participate as much as possible in projects and fundraisers, 3) be respectful of officers and committee chairs, 4) help develop new ideas, and 5) enjoy being a member

On **Apr. 11.** Connie went to the **DEB Project** open house. She sent a "What I learned" note.

They sell to the public as well as serve children in need at the store. So you can shop for kids and grandkids with 100% of your purchase going to support the project since they have no paid staff.

They provide clothing for all sized children including adult sized. Therefore, they need donations of men and ladies' clothing. They would like adult oriented clothing that they can sell to benefit the project as well. A great place for us, our families and friends to donate as well as shop!!!



Apr. 19. Today we learned the results of our participation in **Arkansas Gives.** Our Foundation account is richer by \$941! Great job girls!

Today the **"I" Report** returned! We got to know a little more about Michele Oakley. Michele is a retired special ed. teacher. She taught pre-school through 5th grade. She thinks everyone should visit Washington DC and all Historical sites. What would she like to be better at! She says she could be more patient and better handle all the tools she has bought. She likes to make old furniture new again. She would like to learn carpentry and rebuild her home! Her pet peeve is misspelled words. She most admires her cousin Rita who motivated and inspired her to go to college. Qualities she looks for in others? Honesty and humility. When is she most at peace? When she is painting, her dogs are sleeping, and her husband is on the road.

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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