



What Happened?

News and Information about our Club. Bentonville/Bella Vista

May. & June. Birthdays

May 6 Mary Louise Harris

May 12 Bobbie Platt

June 4 Helen Slaymaker

June 27 Michelle Sallersin



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A Note from our President: Summer is in full swing. The heat is on and our club is soaring. May was a transition month for us, as we installed a new slate of officers and began planning for the 2016-2017 year. A big thank you goes out to our outgoing president, Katy, who “showed me the ropes” over the past two years, as well as retiring directors and officers: Charlotte, Bobbie P., and Bobbie M. Thank you for your leadership.

Unfortunately, we had several members who didn’t renew their membership for various reasons, most related to work commitments or relocation. We will miss them. There is good news, however, on the membership front as we initiated eight new members on June 21st. They are a great group of ladies from very diverse backgrounds. We are so honored to have them aboard. And the news gets better. We have two additional new members that we will initiate in July.

Our 2017 fundraising events and projects are taking shape. I’m looking forward to a wonderful year with an incredible group of Altrusans.

Stay cool, ***Peggy Rosenthal***

On **May 3rd** we had 6 guests! ... Barbara Lemire (she paid her dues and is now a member!), Tara Pander, Gail Cowden, Rebecca Ginsberg, Libby McDonald, and Becky (Mary Louise’s daughter) who is visiting from Florida. We are growing!

Katy opened with the **Altrusa Accent**: Founded in 1917, Altrusa was relevant to many civic-minded people who were interested in creating better communities. The Altrusa story is still evolving every day through club accomplishments. When you visit or belong to any Altrusa Club, you will see leadership and service in action.

We have money! Peggy reported we received a total of \$1042.34 in donations through Arkansas Gives. Janet Edwards announced Mars Co. will be donating \$500 to our club in the near future. Bobbie M. reported our Altrusa Conference Store netted \$1021.00. We will be able to continue doing good things next year!!

District Eight Conference was a great experience! Katy reported on the awards our club received:

Membership Growth, Honorable Mention

Club Display, Honorable Mention

Governor's Distinguished Service Award, Honorable Mention

Individual Membership Awards went to Mary Louise Harris and Bobbie Platt

Letha H. Brown Award, we won **1st Place** for our Tennie Russell School Project

Mamie L. Bass Award, we won **1st Place** for our work with DEB Project

WOW! Are we proud!!

President Katy reminded members that at our next meeting we will be installing our new officers. She seems to be really looking forward to handing the Presidential Reigns over to Peggy.



On **May 17** we did install our new officers. The ceremony theme was wine. Katy cheerfully handed out bottles of wine and welcomed our new leaders to two years of service, letting



them know that "Wine is to women as Duct Tape is to men. It fixes everything".



Our new Officers; President Peggy Rosenthal, Vice President Gay Kiker, Recording Secretary Michele Oakley, Corresponding Secretary Mindy Ryan. Treasurers Connie Brown and Vella Lewis, and Directors Karen Robbins, Janet Edwards, and Katy Henkel.



New President Peggy then had some surprises for Katy. The first, some lovely flowers. The next, the news that she was to be the day's "1" Report.

We learned a lot about our now Former President. We knew Katy was from a large family but 6 brothers and 5 sisters, with no indoor



plumbing?! She said if she could change something about herself it would be to be more patient but she has become more tolerant since moving to Bella Vista. Her pet peeve is the lack of customer service and her guilty pleasure is chocolate. She had a stroke a few years ago that took her a full year to rebound from and that's why she is constantly on the go. You never know what tomorrow will bring. She said you could take anything from her but her family. She has been married to husband Bud for 57 years. The best advice she ever got was from her Mother. Mom said, "I don't like that person very much. I guess I'd better get to know them better". Thanks for the past 2 years Katy.



Soraya came to her first meeting since the birth of her twins. Two new members? It looks like some of our members think so.



May 23 found Shirl, Karen, Gay, Peggy, Jenny, Valerie (Behind the camera) and Connie (AKA Clifford the Big Red Dog) at the Bentonville Library to celebrate with Girl Scout Brownie Troup 5048. Their 13 members had won the "Book Worm" award for collecting more books than all other troops in Bentonville. When they heard about our Tennie Russel project, they gave all 463 books to us. Cody, the library's therapy dog, also joined in the celebration. I don't know which dog the girls enjoyed more!.



The children's Librarian Sue Ann Pekel and Troop Leader Melanie Billing, who was chosen as the Girl Scout Leader of the year for the Bentonville area, were also there for the festivities. Altrusa then rounded out the evening by giving the library 13 books, one in honor of each girl, and gave each girl a reading buddie and a book.

On **June 7** our new president, Peggy, opened the meeting with this **Altrusa Accent**: The word “altruism” was coined by the French philosopher, Auguste Comte. He derived it from the Italian altrui, which in turn was derived from Latin alteri, meaning “other people” of “somebody else.

Libby McDonald started the meeting as a guest and went home an Altrusan. Welcome Libby!

The new officers are getting serious about members not wearing their club membership pins and not bringing their yearbooks to meetings. It looks like there will be fines for forgetting. You have been warned!

Connie shared some good news. We are 31 strong and still growing!

On **June 21** we initiated 8 new members! I’m pretty sure this is a Club record! President Peggy officiated with a timely theme, the Olympics. Esther Price, Gail Cowdin, Lisa McManus, Donna Williams, Shirl Blackston, Carole Gile, Barb Lemire, and Libby McDonald now have their official Altrusa Pins and are ready to serve. Welcome to our Club!



And our visitor Sheryl Burhenn joined today. Here we grow again! Gay keeps our Membership Roster updated and we have kept her busy. Thanks Gay!

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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