

# What Happened?



News and Information about our Club.

Bentonville/Bella Vista

Jan. / Feb. 2017

## Jan. & Feb. Birthdays

Jan. 21 Libby McDonald

Jan. 26. Vella Lewis

Jan. 27. Tara Pander

Jan. 31 Barbara Lemire



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**A Note from our President...** Happy New Year! What a great year this is as we celebrate Altrusa International's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our club is growing and our talent is expanding. We have some tried-and-true projects and fundraisers and are venturing out to try new ones.

Late April will find several of us attending District Eight Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This annual event is always a fun one, providing attendees the opportunity to network with other members and clubs, to learn about the exciting events taking place across our four-state district and gives us renewed energy heading into the new Altrusa year, which begins June 1<sup>st</sup>.

In mid July the Altrusa International Convention will take place in Nashville, Tennessee. Convention is always an exciting time, but is particularly so this year as we honor our 100 years of establishment. I'm really hopeful that we'll have good attendance from the Bentonville/Bella Vista club. Personally, I'm very excited to see Nashville again, as it's been way too long and I'm looking forward to meeting other Altrusans from far-away places.

Thanks to our entire club for making my job a fairly easy one. Ken Blanchard said "none of us is as smart as all of us". I am reminded daily of that as I look to our entire membership to make sure we are as smart as we can be.

Cheers! *Peggy Rosenthal*

Happy New Year everyone! Your reporter left town in the middle of December and did not return until the middle of February. It's time to get caught up!

On **Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>** our President, Peggy, opened the meeting and the New Year with this **Altrusa Accent**: "At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." ... **Albert Schweitzer** And we are ready to catch fire and work together in 2017!

We are now officially signed up for **Arkansas Gives**. This is a big event for us and last year we raised \$1,043. We want to exceed that number this year so President Peggy has *promised* to keep reminding us.

The **Scholastic Book Sale** was a MEGA event for our club as 15 Altrusa volunteers worked to earn 393 books, valued at \$2100. Gail and Connie had a wonderful time pre-buying great books. We will remember, “Today a reader, tomorrow a leader” as we pass them along to the children.

Ellen Farwell from the **Bella Vista Library** was our speaker today. She brought us an update on the new children’s library, and the main things to look for in a great library. Do they have a broad Inventory? Are services such as a travelling library, a young readers group, a teen advisor board, and story time provided? We know they have a story time as our own Gail Cowden is a very popular story reader at the library. She also recently conducted a young poet’s class there.



**Jan. 17.** President Peggy opened today’s meeting with this **Altrusa Accent**... “A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” ...**Margaret Mead**

Connie, President Peggy, Vice President Gay and Gail, went to the Concordia Retirement Center to deliver 170 books. 45 hardcover books went to the Library and 125 Paperbacks went to the residents. These were part of a donation of 331 books with a value of \$2,900 from a book vendor at Wal-Mart.



**Jan. 19** found Gail at the Gravette Upper Elementary School caring and sharing. She delivered 40+ teaching materials to them. Thanks for your hard work on so many levels Gail!

**Jan. 27** found Altrusa volunteers Tina, Su Lynn and Gay, with The DEB Project’s Sammy Lacy at The DEB Project’s store. They organized, straightened, and even managed to pick out a new pair of cowboy boots for Su Lynn! The Book nook we set up in the store for the children of parents shopping there continues to be a success. The DEB project has served 28 foster families and 5 families in need just this month! Sammy wanted everyone to know how much she appreciates our group and everything we do for them.



On Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> President Peggy opened the meeting with this **Altrusa Accent**-” None of us is as smart as all of us” ... **Ken Blanchard**



Welcome to our newest Altrusa members! Karen, Su Lynn and President Peggy used a Super Bowl theme for the initiation of, Terri Gaither, Judy Frisbie, Kris Sherry and Andrea Fair. Welcome ladies! Remember, “You don’t JOIN Altrusa, you become an Altrusan” And thank you to new member Kris Sherry for jumping right in and taking on the position of Recording Secretary. Great Start!

**Feb. 21.** The **Altrusa Accent**: “Use each interaction to be the best, most powerful version of yourself”... **Marianne Willamson** was chosen by President Peggy as the meeting opener today.

**Parliamentary Procedure!** Gay wanted to bring our club up to date on this information, so at this meeting she directed a fun-filled skit to show us the wrong and right way to conduct a meeting. We all were tasked with learning the difference between protocol and procedure, and how to hold meetings, make and second motions, and, I’m afraid, much more. Those who participated did so with great humor and gusto! We will *certainly try* Gay.

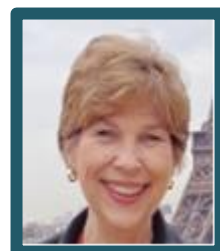
Our yearly **District Eight Conference** is April 27-April 30 in Tulsa and the **Altrusa International Convention** is in Nashville July 21-July 24. **Sign up and go!** It is a fun and wonderful experience!

**Congratulations to Gay** for completing her 100 hours of volunteer work for the “100 Hour of Service Challenge” celebrating the **100-year Anniversary of Altrusa**.

**Congratulations Shirl Blackston** for receiving the Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year Award. Great job!



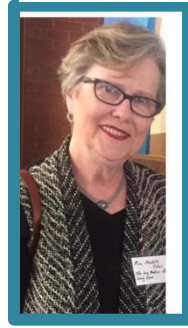
**Congratulations to Andrea Fair.** She was honored by Sigma Theta Tau, made the Nursing Honor Society, and she got engaged! WOW and CONGRATS on a fabulous month!




**Congratulations to Karen Robbins** for being announced as new **District Eight club Building Chair!**



**Congratulations to Connie Brown** for being announced as a **Director for the District Eight Board!**




And, we are proud of **Charlotte Fisher**, guest speaker at the **Beautiful Waves** event in St. Louis. This non-profit helps girls aging out of the foster care system or facing homelessness. Charlotte has been a longtime volunteer and mentor for local girls at **Saving Grace**. Well done Charlotte!

**Game Day** is coming! Dr. Seuss will be our Theme on March 9 as we raise funds for our many projects 

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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](http://altrusa-bb.com) See us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/altrusa8](http://www.facebook.com/altrusa8)


## ALTRUSA GAME DAY



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL  
BENTONVILLE/BELLA VISTA INC

<b>DATE:</b>	THURSDAY, March 9
<b>TIME:</b>	10:00am – 3:00pm
<b>LOCATION:</b>	United Lutheran Church 100 Cooper Rd Bella Vista, AR
<b>PRICE:</b>	\$48.00 Table of 4
<b>REGISTER:</b>	<a href="mailto:mgs627@gmail.com">mgs627@gmail.com</a>

**Luncheon, game play, fun, friends and PRIZES!!!**



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