



What Happened?

News and Information about our Club.

Bentonville/Bella Vista

Sept./Oct. 2018

Sept. /Oct. Birthdays

Sept. 7 Su Lynn Hanson

Sept. 17 Sue Sterling

Sept. 26 Gail Cowden

Oct. 10 Peggy Rosenthal

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A Note from our President September and October were very busy times for our club. We delivered dictionaries to all of the third graders, around 1900 of them! I know the two schools I delivered to were very grateful and the kids were very excited to get a book they could call their own. It's always a very rewarding project. We also started working with the Days4Girls-Rogers group. It was very chaotic that first meeting, but, it has since become a very organized group and hopefully we will be able to contribute more of our time in the New Year. The Spaghetti Dinner was a success thanks to all of the members and their help. We've already got next year's planning started and new suggestions to make it better. There was a book swap at TJ Elementary and also a book fair. We took the opportunity and helped with both events. Single Parent Scholarship Fund staff honored us with a luncheon in October. It's always nice to know we are appreciated. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and volunteering in the community. It is always a pleasure to volunteer alongside any of you.

Gay Kiker

September 4. President Gay called us to order with the this **Altrusa Accent...** Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement... *Golda Meir*

Thomas Jefferson Elementary School is ready for their first book swap! Terri and her crew will swap each student two books for one. She was able to get several sets of donated, new reader classroom books, for the school.

In recognition of **World Literacy Day**, September 8, we will give Thomas Jefferson Elementary School 26 new books, 1 for each of our members, and we will give books to Washington County's Trade-A-Book event.

Sammy Laney from the **DEB Project**, spoke at the Altrusa District 8 workshop last month. Left over snacks from the event as well as other donated items were donated to the DEB store. Things she couldn't use were passed to us for the **Thomas Jefferson Elementary School**. Share and share some more.

Sheryl is keeping in touch with **Autumn's ReRide**. They are in session and we are keeping the book barn full.

Communications The new Yearbooks are in and were distributed!



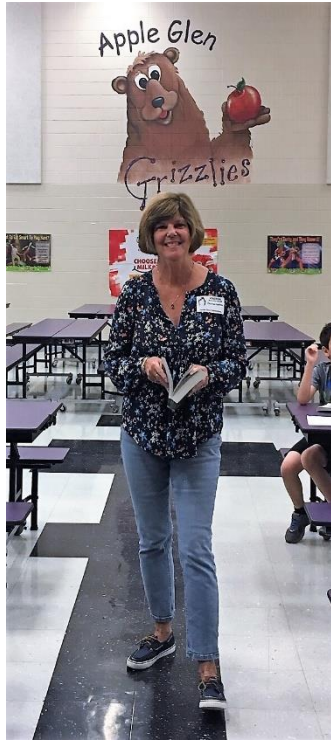
NEW MEMBER Carla Marcinkus has officially become an Altursan. Gay and Kris did the orientation with a theme on how and why flocks of geese travel. They fly together helping each other along the way and when one is in trouble or hurt two stay behind to help. Our flock hopes to be as dedicated to our members. Carla has already been a great help in several of our projects. Welcome Carla!

October 2. President Gay opened the meeting with this **Altrusa Accent...** Atsa one spicy meata balla *Chef Boy Ardee*. The Spaghetti Dinner is right around the corner!



There were two guests with us today, Mary Louise's daughter, Becky McCartney and Elizabeth Weathers from Altrusa Fayetteville. We had a good turn-out for our meeting too!





Janet is happy to report that the **Dictionary Project** is in full swing. Dictionaries are being delivered!



Thomas Jefferson Elementary... Terri brought the idea of purchasing 5 sets of *Conscious Discipline* books to the club for the school to use in kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades and in music and art class. The books are a wonderful training assistant for the teachers. The *Conscious Discipline* books were presented to the school at a pep rally. The teachers were thrilled! While there Gay saw evidence of the Conscious Discipline strategy in action between a student and a teacher. Pictured are Terri, Sue, the school librarian, and Gay.

Literacy... Gail and Libby presented 26 books to the Bella Vista Library during the Library's Story Time that had a *Princess Day* theme. Gail read to the children who were dressed like princes and princesses. One princess called her wand her "power stick." The 26 books represent each of us in the club.

DEB Project... Marian gave their book nook a Halloween look. Project Executive Director Sammy Laney, said they raised \$300 for the Thomas Jefferson Elementary School playground at a September 22 fundraiser.

Autumn's ReRide Youth Ranch's book barn is full! The children will have new books to read to the animals

October 4. Mars Charity Open House... Janet Edwards' employer, Mars, had an event to get their staff more involved in the community. Thanks to Janet, we had a booth where Janet and Kris introduced Altrusa to eager new volunteers. ➡



Linda Krysl is back! We were all happy to see her.

Bobbie Platt's husband passed away on September 30. He was a kind and gentle man and he will be missed. We will give a donation to the Circle of Life Hospice in his honor.

October 4... The Spaghetti Dinner! Gay and her crew did a fabulous job! 151 people dined in; 196 did carry-out. We made a profit of \$3211.81 for the dinner and \$747.30 for ad sales. That will help pay for all those dictionaries!



Our Greeters!
Vella and Mary Louise



Ann-Marie, Pat, Su-Lynn and Judy did a marvelous job getting the Mystery Bags ready.



Terri and Kris had those Bags sold in record time!



Judy and Tina kept the drinks flowing.



Bob Edwards, Doug Brandt, and Bill Gaither kept the kitchen running like a well-oiled machine.



Terri and Sue were busy putting the spaghetti on the plates and Pat delivered them with a smile.



Washington County once again supported our efforts by holding their directors meeting at our Spaghetti Dinner.



Connie said a teacher from Thomas Jefferson School picked up some to-go orders and praised our club for the help we give there.



Peggy and Gay had their hands full getting to-go orders ready so Connie, Su Lynn, District Eight director Diane McCreedy, and Altrusa of Springdale President Reannetta Edwards, could hand them out to a long line of eager eaters.



Valerie got the toast toasted and promised not to burn the last batch which she says was an unfortunate tradition in her family.



The **October 10th** book swap at **Thomas Jefferson Elementary School** was the first one of the year. The event went smoothly as the students are getting more and more familiar with just how it works.



October 22 – 25 were the dates of the **Thomas Jefferson Elementary School Book Fair**. This event is to help the school earn books for their library. Looks like our volunteers were having a good time.



Thanks again to Connie for the wonderful job she does with our facebook page.

I would like to thank you all for your patience for the lateness of this newsletter.

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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