



# What Happened?

News and Information about our Club.  
Bentonville/Bella Vista

Aug. / Sept 2014

## Aug. & Sept. Birthdays:

Aug. 24 Janie Sokol  
Sept. 7 Su Lynn Hanson  
Sept. 2 Agnes Sebesta  
Sept. 25 Elizabeth Weathers



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**A Note from our President:** *I want to highlight one of our members: Valerie Katz, our Communication Committee Chairman.* She has literally “Taken the bull by the horns”, since the day she became a member of Altrusa in 2012. Meekly, she volunteered to do our newsletter, which had not been done before. Little did she realize the task ahead of her. Not to be deterred, she went on to redesign our yearbook also. On top of that, she talked her brother into setting up a web page for our local club. As our District Eight dictates, the newsletter is to be read on line, not printed and handed out, but I encourage you to print one out for yourself, keep it handy, take it to the meetings, along with your yearbook and Altrusa Pin. There is a wealth of information in just a few pages. Just another example of a hard working Altrusan. Thanks, Valerie. \*\*\*\*\*

*I Believe: Why not go out on a limb? Isn't that where the fruit is?*

*I Believe: The true art of memory is the art of attention.*

*I Believe: Etc: is a sign used to make others believe you know more than you do. Katy Henkel*

**Aug. 5.** Our Club was all business today. Susan Ford reported on the Cooper Elementary School Book Club committee meeting. As a committee of one she contacted their librarian and literacy coach with inquiries as to how our club can best help them.

Gay Kiker reported on the Spaghetti Dinner Committee Meeting. Items discussed were, tickets, ads, gift bags and the inventory list.

Our “I” report honoree today was new member Agnes Sebesta. She told us of her love of magazine browsing. Her best childhood memory is of big family get-together’s on Sunday. Her pet peeve? People who use things and then do *not put them back where they belong!* I think she pointed a verbal finger at her husband.

We received news from Suzanne Webb about her husband Bob. He has not been in good health and things are further complicated by bladder cancer. Our prayers will be with her.

We were very pleased to find Soraya Rudofsky, a friend of new member Michelle Sallerson, at our meeting. She came to visit us today only to find Michelle was home sick. We went around the table and told her little things about ourselves to make sure she felt welcome. New member possibilities!

**Aug. 19.** Past President Bobbie Platt was once again up front addressing the meeting. She reprised her presentation on the new Altrusa Logo that she had delivered at the Altrusa Conference. Well done Bobbie!

Great News! Soraya returned, paid her dues, and is ready to become an Altrusan. We hope Linda Klem and Liz Teal both guests of Peggy, and Beverly Eubanks a guest of Mary Louise, will follow in her footsteps.

President Katy gave us an "Altrusa Trivia" test. Members who had their *Yearbooks* with them were able to use them and give more informed answers. Bobbie Morgan received a prize when she answered an extra credit question, "When was the club chartered?", correctly.

It's almost Dictionary time. Schools have been assigned and we are eager to hand them out!

**Aug. 23.** This day found Katy, Peggy, Gay, Bobbie P. and Valerie at the Doubletree Hotel in Bentonville for the first planning meeting for the District Eight Conference, April 21-23, 2016. The Conference will be hosted by the Altrusa clubs in Bentonville/Bella Vista, Fayetteville, Washington County, Rogers, and Springdale. Our club will be responsible for Registration (Gay is the Registrar), Photography (Our new member Soraya will send a sample of her work to the appropriate person for approval), Hospitality, Facilities (The hotel, *NOT* the bathrooms!), and Goodie Bags. The Conference Project, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, suggested by our club, was accepted.



**Sept. 2.** The meeting today was presided over by Vice-President Peggy. Katy was on a cruise and our meeting was not one of her scheduled stops.

Our new member Michelle had two *more* visitors with her today, her mother-in-law Judy Sallerson, and friend Lisa Brandt. We also welcomed Connie Brown, a former active member from the Little Rock AR Altrusa Club who said she had been following our activities in the newspaper.

The rest of the meeting was taken up with committee reports. The Dictionary Project, Spaghetti Dinner and Mah Jongg Tournament are in good hands and progressing nicely.

**Sept. 16.** Katy was back and we had 4 more guests! Michelle's mother-in-law Judy Sallerson returned and will soon become a member. Michelle had another guest Tina Brandt, Katy's guest was Jenny Montgomery, and Bobbie Platt's was her sister, Nita McCain. We are growing!

Katy did a yearbook check. She promised us a celebration when we get to the full 100%. We were close!

Our program this day was a very moving presentation about the DEB Project by Sammy Laney. When Deborah Murray, Sammy's best friend, committed suicide 2 years ago, Sammy wanted to do something meaningful for the community in honor of her friend Deb. Sammy started the DEB project (Deserving, Enriched, and Blessed) to provide essential clothing items for children in need. Sammy brought with her a current foster parent, with her adorable foster child, who praised the DEB project for the ways she has benefited from it. For more

information, you can visit the facebook page, DEB project. Our club will be discussing ways we can help at our next meeting.

**Sept. 18.** At 4:00 P.M. we congregated in Suzanne's garage to pick up our dictionaries. Soraya and Michelle even had their mothers there to help! We were hot and sweaty, but we managed to put labels in the lion's share of the 1600+ dictionaries. Then we were off to Papa Mike's restaurant for food, cold drinks, a pep talk and a briefing on the best way to make the deliveries.

**Next stop?** Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Spaghetti Supper!



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

