



What Happened?

News and Information about our Club. Bentonville/Bella Vista

July / Aug. Birthdays

July 15 Soraya Rudofsky

July 19 Connie Brown

July 29 Linda Krysl

Aug. 9 Michele Oakley

Aug. 24 Janie Sokol

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A Note from our President Summer is winding down and the children are headed back to school. For our club that means it's time to get ready for our Dictionary Project and our annual Spaghetti Dinner. This year we have a great group of new members and I'm excited to see them get involved.

I recently read an interview with James Earl Jones. In it he says "There are lots of worthy causes out there, but literacy has the most meaning for me. Being able to read opens up a host of opportunities that otherwise would never present themselves. Reading is not only important; it is an essential survival skill that is needed to thrive in our society." What an inspiring comment that reinforces our club's focus on children's literacy. As we distribute dictionaries to over 1500 third graders this fall, I encourage each of you to appreciate what a special gift we bring.

Children are our future and I am so thankful for our club's commitment to our community's children.

Thanks for all you do! *Peggy Rosenthal*

On **July 5th** President Peggy opened our meeting with this **Altrusa Accent**. What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal... **ALBERT PIKE**, Albert Pike was an attorney, soldier, writer and Freemason. Albert Pike is the only Confederate military officer with an outdoor statue in Washington, D.C.

2017 is Altrusa's 100th year! District Eight Governor, Brenda Smith, has laid down the challenge for all clubs in District Eight. One hundred hours of community service for all members. Our membership was very busy signing up for this challenge. The question, "What happens if I sign up and don't make the 100 hours?" was answered with the promise that *no one* will be asked to hand in her membership pin. We will do our best and are eager to serve.

This was a business meeting and we had lots to do. The proposed **fundraisers for 2016-2017**, the Spaghetti Dinner, Arkansas Gives, and a Games day, were voted on and approved by the members.

The proposed **projects for 2016-2017**, the Dictionary Project, the DEB Project, the Tennie Russell Quarterly Project, A Book Nook for Autumn Re-ride, and the Single Parent Scholarship Fund, were also proposed, voted on and unanimously accepted by our members

Just in case we had some spare time we had other **activities** to think about. We hope to participate on

International Literacy Day – Sept 8, 2016 and **Make a Difference Day** – Oct 22, 2016.

Just as we always start our meetings with the **Altrusa Grace**, we always close with the **Altrusa Benediction**: May we go forth with high ideals, to enhance the world we're in. Be true to all Altrusa aims until we meet again. We have set some tall goals! This looks like another busy year!

President Peggy opened the **July 19th** meeting with this **Altrusa Accent**. "Let me be always open-minded, that I may recognize good for Altrusa wherever it may be. Let me be ready always to put aside my personal opinions for the greater good, for the greater number. Let me see principles and not personalities, and, discerning them, let me serve them wholeheartedly through every cloud of doubt and discouragement.

Mamie L. Bass – Altrusa's founder, 1926

We had 2 guests, Chris Rice, a perspective member, and Carolyn Pickell, a friend of Valerie.

We have been invited to the Single Parent Scholarship Program on Aug. 17th at Embassy Suites in Rogers, There will be a reception at 5:30 pm, and Dinner and program at 6:30. There will be a Student Speaker, Erika Aldama. Sounds like a very nice evening.

The highlight of our meeting was a program about the NWACC Brightwater Center for the study of foods. Dr. Glenn Mack, a professor at NWACC, program director, educator, author and chef, and Dr. Meredith Brunner the Foundation Director, gave such a wonderful presentation we have all vowed to visit their new site when it opens next year and maybe enroll in classes open to the public!

Brightwater will be located near Crystal Bridges. Dr. Glenn Mack told us about the culinary program. Students will be learning about food, from how it is grown, to when it makes it to the table. There will be a campus kitchen and required courses for culinary students, and a partnership with the nursing program.

Dr. Brunner gave us a presentation about the Washington County Center (NWACC) Located in Springdale near the Razorback Ballpark. General Education Classes, Workforce Training, Megatronics (mechanical engineering), and Construction Technology will be offered.

The goals for this new center are very ambitious 2016-Fund Raising, 2017-Construction, and 2019-Building complete. We wish them well!

Many thanks to our member, Jean Anderson, for bringing this wonderful program our way!

President Peggy opened the **Aug 2nd** meeting with this **Altrusa Accent**. There are lots of worthy causes out there, but literacy has the most meaning for me. Being able to read opens up a host of opportunities that otherwise would never present themselves. Reading is not only important; it is an essential survival skill that is needed to thrive in our society. James Earl Jones, American Way Magazine, July, 2016.

Peggy will be having back surgery next Monday so we will keep her in our prayers.

We also learned today that Helen Slaymaker passed away. Helen was a long time member of the club. She has not attended meetings for several years but she always sent in her dues so she could keep up with what her Altrusa Club was doing. We will make a children's book donation to the Bella Vista Library in her honor.

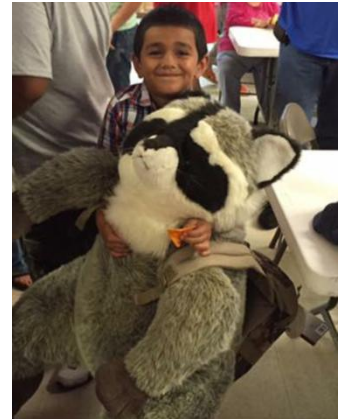
President Peggy is home recuperating from her back surgery. All reports say she is doing great!

Vice-President Gay opened our Aug.16th meeting with this **Altrusa Accent**. "The more you read, the more you know, the more places you'll go." **Dr. Seuss**

She then proceeded with an Altrusa orientation. We learn about Altrusa International, District Eight, and our club. There was lots of good information for the newer members and a refresher for our more seasoned members. Great job Gay!



Our member, Connie Brown and Mary Mann from Altrusa of Fayetteville joined the American Legion Post 100 to make a difference in the lives of too many children to count. These



two share 70 years as Altrusans and made their clubs proud at the Samaritan Community Center in Rogers, helping to stuff 3300 backpacks with school supplies for children who needed their care and concern. The children played Bingo to win the backpacks and our club donated a huge raccoon for the door prize. I'm not sure who looks happier, the winner of the raccoon or the wonderful ladies who helped make this day happen.



I would personally like to thank Connie Brown for her work on our facebook page. She is doing a fabulous job and making my job so much easier. Now when I am traveling I can keep up with the happenings of my club that make this newsletter so much more enjoyable for me and I hope for all of you. If you haven't seen our facebook page you are missing out on a great experience!

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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