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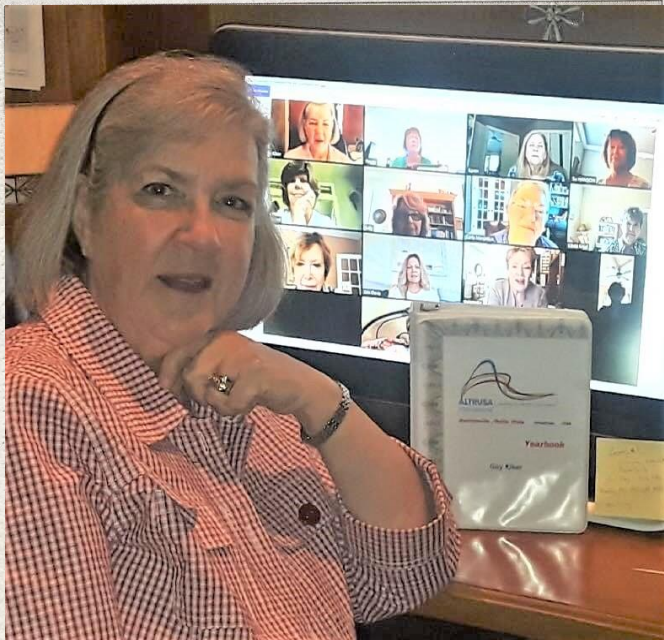
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Due to covid-19 concerns, Altrusa International of Bentonville/Bella Vista has been meeting via Zoom thanks to President Gay Kiker's innovative thinking. Roll was taken with 14 members zooming in. Last fall Altrusa donated 150 backpacks to the Gravette Library for the summer reading program. This year things have changed, and there will be no in-library programs. Instead, Altrusa donated \$500 to a new program featuring classic fairy tales that will include online story times and summer learning bags. Information: Email Valeria Katz, Altrusa communications chairwoman, at valeriekatz567@aol.com.



Altrusa zooms in



Due to the covid-19 situation, Altrusa International of Bentonville/Bella Vista holds club meetings via Zoom, an app that lets members see each other on their smartphones, computers and tablets. President Gay Kiker was on top of things with this innovative idea ... together even when apart! She said, "I'm always impressed with this group of Altrusa members ... willing to try just about anything!" The roll was taken and 14 members zoomed in! Last fall, Altrusa donated 150 backpacks to the small rural Gravette library for its summer reading program. This year, things have changed and there will be no in-library programs. A new program has been designed featuring classic fairy tales that will include online storytimes and summer learning bags. Altrusa donated \$500 to help with this program. Librarian Karen Benson said, "Thanks to Altrusa, we'll have a great, even though different, summer reading program!" The community supports the efforts to place books into the hands of underserved