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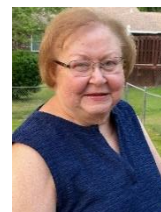
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Mission Statement: Altrusa International of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, inc., is committed to making a difference in the lives of others through community service, leadership, fellowship, and building the Altrusa image for future generations.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:



Dear Altrusa Members,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits as we move forward into the second month of the year. I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible work that we have accomplished together as a community.

As we navigate the challenges before us, it is more important than ever that we stay connected and support one another. Whether it is through virtual meetings, phone calls, or socially, let us make an effort to stay in touch and lift each other up.

I encourage you all to take a moment to celebrate your accomplishments no matter how small they may seem. Every act of kindness, every donation, and every volunteer hour make a difference in the lives of those around us.

Thank you for all that you do, and I look forward to continuing our work together.

Your President,
Sharon



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 10, 2024 ,11AM-12PM.

ALTRUSA CLUB WORKSHOP – CAN GET TOGETHER FOR LUNCH AFTERWARD FOR SOCIAL GATHERING.

FEBRUARY 12, 2 PM ALTRUSA ROOM TO DELIVER LAP QUILTS.

Board Meeting, February 16, 2024, 6 P.M., Betty Absheer Memorial Altrusa Room.

Club meeting, February 26, 2024, 6 P.M., Betty Absheer Memorial Altrusa Room.

MARCH 16, 1 PM – 3 PM – MEET & GREET ALTRUSA ROOM -- SEE MORE INFORMATION INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER

Membership Committee Meeting February 26, 5:15 P.M., Betty Absheer Memorial Altrusa Room.

Membership Committee will host the Club Meeting February 26, 2024.

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FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

(make plans to be present)

February 10 – workshop Altrusa Room – this will be an educational workshop about Altrusa and will meet the requirement of the Club conducting leadership workshops. Please plan to attend. Those that can will go out for lunch together after meeting (self-pay).

February 12, - Lap Quilt delivery is scheduled. Meet in the Altrusa Room at 2

PM and get assignment for delivery of the quilts.

There has been no word received on the Cupid Shuffle this year as of this writing. Ashley's mother has had surgery so that may be the reason for delay or postponement.

THANK YOU!

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Thank you to those who went to the Christmas Wreath project at Memorial Gardens or helped in any other way through contributions. It was a rainy, cold day, but participants were in abundance and seemed grateful. We will look for more information for next year.

SANTA LAND

Thank you to those who worked and supported Santa Land. We had a very good turnout. A special thanks to the Poplar Bluff Public Library for their work.

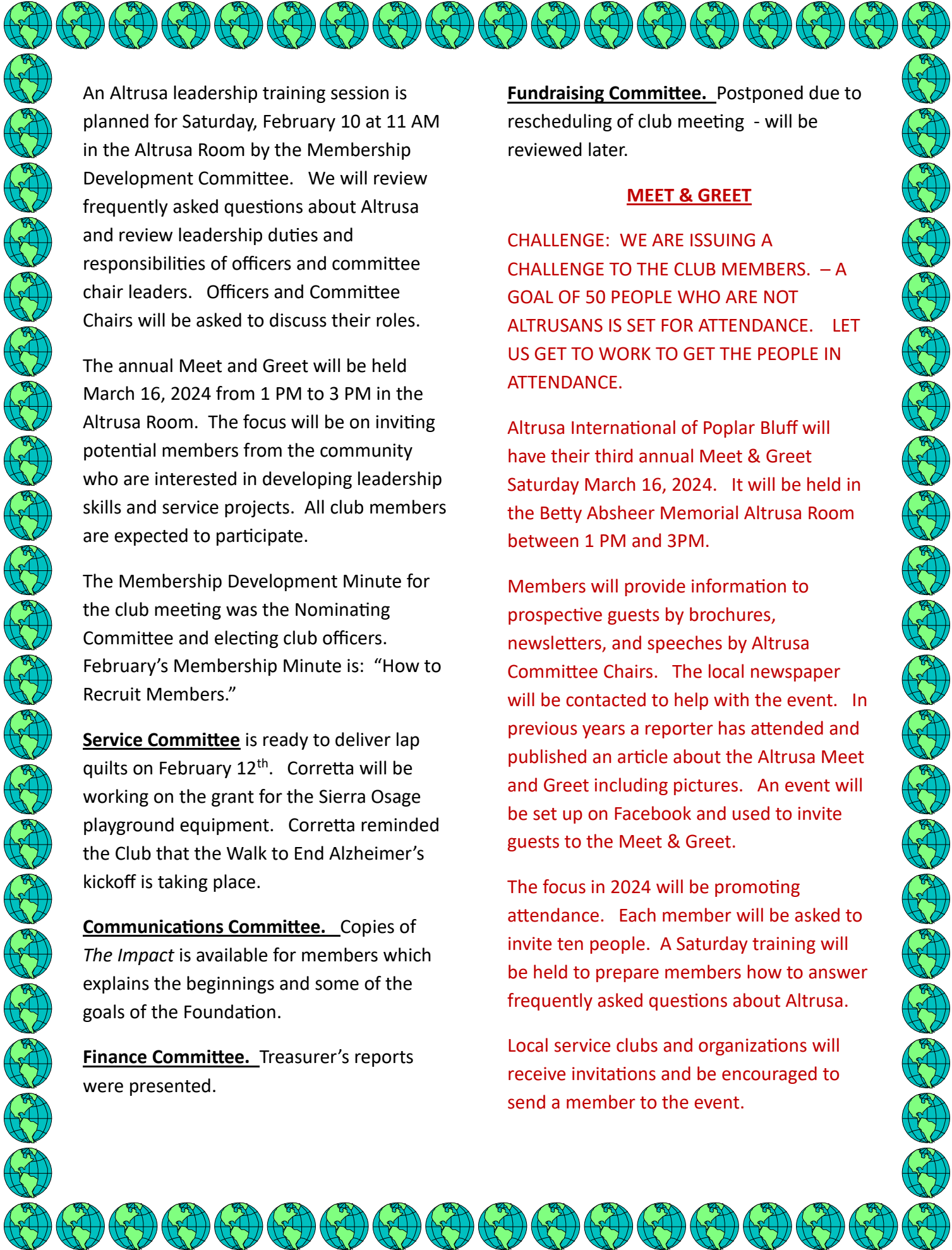
THANK YOU

Thank you to the Membership Committee for the good Christmas Party. We are sorry for you if you missed it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Development Committee.

The Membership Development Committee missed their regular meeting in January due to weather conditions. The next meeting will be held at 5:15 P.M. at the Altrusa Room on February 26, 2024.



An Altrusa leadership training session is planned for Saturday, February 10 at 11 AM in the Altrusa Room by the Membership Development Committee. We will review frequently asked questions about Altrusa and review leadership duties and responsibilities of officers and committee chair leaders. Officers and Committee Chairs will be asked to discuss their roles.

The annual Meet and Greet will be held March 16, 2024 from 1 PM to 3 PM in the Altrusa Room. The focus will be on inviting potential members from the community who are interested in developing leadership skills and service projects. All club members are expected to participate.

The Membership Development Minute for the club meeting was the Nominating Committee and electing club officers. February's Membership Minute is: "How to Recruit Members."

Service Committee is ready to deliver lap quilts on February 12th. Corretta will be working on the grant for the Sierra Osage playground equipment. Corretta reminded the Club that the Walk to End Alzheimer's kickoff is taking place.

Communications Committee. Copies of *The Impact* is available for members which explains the beginnings and some of the goals of the Foundation.

Finance Committee. Treasurer's reports were presented.

Fundraising Committee. Postponed due to rescheduling of club meeting - will be reviewed later.

MEET & GREET

CHALLENGE: WE ARE ISSUING A CHALLENGE TO THE CLUB MEMBERS. – A GOAL OF 50 PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ALTRUSANS IS SET FOR ATTENDANCE. LET US GET TO WORK TO GET THE PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.

Altrusa International of Poplar Bluff will have their third annual Meet & Greet Saturday March 16, 2024. It will be held in the Betty Absheer Memorial Altrusa Room between 1 PM and 3PM.

Members will provide information to prospective guests by brochures, newsletters, and speeches by Altrusa Committee Chairs. The local newspaper will be contacted to help with the event. In previous years a reporter has attended and published an article about the Altrusa Meet and Greet including pictures. An event will be set up on Facebook and used to invite guests to the Meet & Greet.

The focus in 2024 will be promoting attendance. Each member will be asked to invite ten people. A Saturday training will be held to prepare members how to answer frequently asked questions about Altrusa.

Local service clubs and organizations will receive invitations and be encouraged to send a member to the event.

Drinks and cookies will be served. (may include vegetable trays and fruit trays).

The Membership Development Committee chaired by Nila Keller is planning this event with the help of new and old members. Items in the budget such as printing, food, and gifts may be donated so the amount of actual cash spent is much less.

EACH MEMBER PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AND CONTACT NILA FOR HOW YOU CAN HELP. WE CAN REACH THAT GOAL OF 50. STRIVE TO GET INVITATIONS TO 100 PEOPLE AND WE SHOULD REACH OUR GOAL.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CLUB MEETING

Meeting was called to order by President Sharon with the repeating of the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Shirley.

Guests to the Club were Hillary Taylor and Ken Warren who spoke on The Stage Company which had been a part of Poplar Bluff since 1988.

In the absence of Michelle due to illness, Shirley gave the Accent on How to Be a Happy Altrusan.

Treasurer's report for the period June through November was given as well as a December 2023 report.

Nominating Committee selected were: Nila Keller, Chair, Corretta Bishop and Shirley Davenport as members.

Connie Roberson was unable to attend due to change in scheduling. She will be initiated in February.

Brag Bucks were collected. Corretta due to the Detroit Lions making the playoffs, (whoopie – another Altrusan football fan), Sharon who had a good visit with her son who is living in Alaska, Josh, one of our Altrousers has a featured display at the library, Corretta will also have a quilt display (Underground Railroad Signal quilt) at the museum in Cape Girardeau, and Shirley had a birthday -- .

Meeting adjourned with the Altrusa Benediction.

DISTRICT NEWS

The next District Conference will be in Salina, Kansas. Let us begin to save and budget to attend this Conference. April 25-27, 2024.

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Next International Convention is in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. July 23-26, 2025.

International is continuing the Days for Girls project as well as the Literacy challenge of one million books donated during the biennium and 500 million literacy service hours. Also added for this biennium is Intentional Acts of Kindness.

February 17, 2024 is Random Acts of Kindness Day and February 13-19 is "Kindness Week". President Linda is asking all clubs plan to make a difference in your communities during that week. Does not matter how large or small the act of kindness is.

Long Range Strategic Plan for 2022-2028 is now on the International website.

Reminder to tally and report the number of books distributed by the Club.

International Foundation Update: Clubs can now receive only one grant per fiscal year whereas earlier clubs were eligible in both grant cycles. Refer to the September District Service Bulletin for helpful tips in preparing and submitting the grant request.

LOCAL FOUNDATION

The Nominating Committee will be looking during the next few weeks for candidates for the Local Foundation Board. If you are interested in serving on this Board, let Nila know.

ALTRUSANS BIRTHDAY

None for February

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE "BLUFF"

Check the Event section of the local newspaper – many events going on

Congratulations to Debbie Sliger of Myrtle's Place for Poplar Bluff Citizen of the Year.

WE HAVE BEEN A BUSY CLUB

ENJOY THE PICTURES AS WE REFLECT



We delivered our hats, gloves, mittens to Foster Adopt Connect for our Christmas project. L to R, Melody, Foster Adopt personnel, Corretta, Shirley and Sharon



Our Altrusa Christmas tree December 2023



Altrusa Santa Land



Another view of Santa Land



More Santa Land



Santa Land 2023 – Corretta and Angelica ready for action.

Thank You!



Corretta working on one of the lap quilts.



Christmas Party – 2023



Nila quilting with Melody in the background



Wreaths Across America



This quilting is serious business – Sharon getting her thread adjusted.



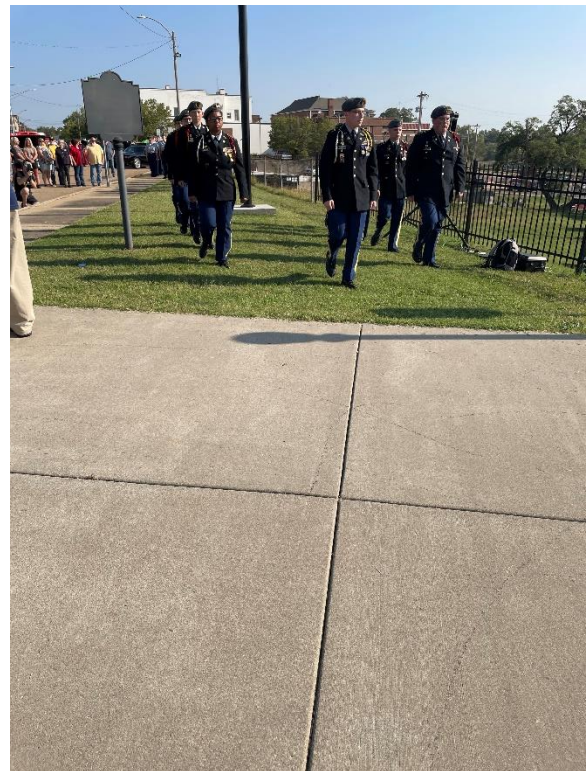
ACCENT

**BE YE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER –
FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER**

**Flag Pole Dedication in September
Altrusa had contributed and was
recognized for its work with
The Depot**



Processional – delivering the flag



**Recessional after delivering the flag and
dedication of the flag**