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ALTRUSA—GRAM

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Dear Fayetteville Altrusans and Friends,

Happy 2026! I hope the holiday season has brought you joy and that you're renewed as we start another year together!

Today is the day for resolutions. As I was thinking about resolutions this year, I ended up searching for the origin of the word resolution. According to [etymonline.com](https://www.etymonline.com), resolution comes from the Latin word "resolutionem" and meant "the process of reducing things into simpler forms." Over time, the word came to mean a "method of problem-solving" (such as for math problems) and continued to evolve to mean "acting with fixed purpose." Eventually, we've ended up with our New Year's resolutions to better ourselves. I find that all of these meanings are helpful when thinking about my own resolutions for 2026. Whether you're resolving to reduce yourself, solve problems, or act with fixed purpose, may all your resolutions be successful!

As we start 2026, please be aware of the end of two of our 2025 activities.

- First, the Nuts and Greenery fundraiser. A huge thanks to LaNita for all her work on these fundraisers. She has coordinated with multiple companies, placed and received orders, and let us use her office for delivery, storage and pick-up! She has done a fantastic job this year, and the past several years! Please be ready to make changes to checks this month so that deposits can be finalized.
- Second, we're finishing our TUGS+ collection. We'll bring items to 7Hills in early January, so our lunch meeting on January 8 will be the last opportunity to donate items.

I look forward to seeing what the new year brings for our club and community!

Margaret



2025-26 Board: President Margaret Hershberger-Kilyanek (m.hershberger.kilyanek@gmail.com); President-Elect Sue Payton (suemiller_payton@hotmail.com); Vice-President Charilee Small (cs@bogartimmigration.com); Secretary Lorraine Brewer (lobrewer@uark.edu); Treasurer Chris Bell (dane4@arkansas.net); Director Carolyn Rash (crash418@att.com); Director Glenna Cunningham (glenncunningham@yahoo.com), Immediate Past President Teresa Bevis (bev587@aol.com)



Leading to a Better Community.

Altrusa is an international non-profit organization making our local communities better through leadership, partnership, and service.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Jan 8—11:30 am Club Meeting, San Miguel
 Jan 12—1:00 pm Club Board Meeting, via Zoom
 Jan 22—6:30 pm Club meeting, San Miguel
 Feb 9—3:00 pm Club Board Meeting, via Zoom
 Feb 12—11:30 am Club Meeting, San Miguel
 Feb 26—6:30 pm Club meeting, San Miguel

In case you missed it:

- We continued our TUGS+ collection at our December meeting. Lorraine presented a Christmas Trivia contest. The winners were LaNita and Traice proudly wearing their prizes.



- Faye presented information on Jim Blair. After citizens approved a sales increase in 2000, his donation in honor of his late wife, grandmother, and aunt in 2002 helped get the Fayetteville Public Library built. Our service project for the month was to donate books and magazines for the Elkins Senior Center.



January Birthdays: 1/21 Kristi Button; 1/22 Gay Harp

February Birthdays: 2/1 Bettie Lu Lancaster; 2/11 Glenna Cunningham; 2/19 Sue Payton



Altrusa Schedule January /February

Jan	8	Club Meeting	11:30 am	San Miguel
Jan	12	Club Board Meeting	1:00 pm	Via Zoom
Jan	22	Club Meeting	6:30 pm	San Miguel
Jan	24	International Day of Education		
Feb	9	Club Board Meeting	1:00 pm	Via Zoom
Feb	12	Club Meeting	11:30 am	San Miguel
Feb	25	Club Meeting	11:30 am	San Miguel

In case you missed it:

- The rest of the newsletter shows pictures from our holiday celebration. Thank you, Charlcee, for opening your home for this fun event.



Here are the bingo winners: Dennis, Sloane, Jennifer (with our hostess Charlcee), and Sheila.



In case you missed it:

- More holiday celebration pictures



Sage and Piper on the swings.



Hugh on the swings.



Lena playing with the dog



Members enjoyed visiting, playing bingo, eating delicious food, and getting to take all kinds of sweets home. Our Sweet Swap raised \$240.