



ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL INC.

**ALTRUSA—GRAM**

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Dear Fayetteville Altrusans and Friends,

This letter starts with sad news. Our beloved club member Pat Kelly died on Friday, February 6. There are no plans for a service at this time; a memorial may be planned for later this spring. Our club board has voted to make a donation in Pat's memory to the Altrusa International Foundation.

I only knew Pat for a small part of her time as an Altrusan. I've always been impressed by her friendliness, good humor, energy, and willingness to jump in and contribute any way that she could.

Here are some tributes to Pat sent to me by Altrusans who knew her well:

- "Altrusa blood ran through her! She loved the group, the work accomplishments and her friendship circle centered on Altrusa."
- "Her work, her years & her spirit makes all of us better and proud to remember her."
- "We have lost another strong member of Altrusa. She will always be a wonderful memory for me."

I know everyone who knew Pat will have wonderful memories and several stories about her and her spirit. I'm sure we'll enjoy sharing them with each other and her family.

We have lots to look forward to this month as a club. At our lunch meeting, we'll re-initiate our returning member Karolyn Farrell and continue to develop our strategic plan. At the evening meeting, we'll hear about the new growth of the Back to School project in Iraq. Throughout the month, our Club Nominating Committee will be working to find officers for the upcoming club year. I hope you'll consider how you can best serve the club when you're called!

Looking ahead to March and April, we have a lunch meeting at the Nelms Dyslexia Center, an Altrusa night at the Northwest Arkansas Naturals ballpark, District Eight Conference, and much more!

I look forward to serving and celebrating with you!

Margaret

**2025-26 Board:** President Margaret Hershberger-Kilyanek (m.hershberger.kilyanek@gmail.com); President-Elect Sue Payton (suemiller\_payton@hotmail.com); Vice-President Charlee Small (cs@bogartimmigration.com); Secretary Lorraine Brewer (lobrewer@uark.edu); Treasurer Chris Bell (dane4@arkansas.net); Director Carolyn Rash (crash418@att.com); Director Glenna Cummingsham (glennacummingsham@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:**

Feb 9—1:00 pm Club Board Meeting, via Zoom  
Feb 12—11:30 am Club Meeting, San Miguel  
Feb 26—6:30 pm Club meeting, San Miguel  
Mar 9—1:00 pm Club Board Meeting, via Zoom  
Mar 12—11:30 am Club Meeting, Nelms Dyslexia Center  
Mar 26—6:30 pm Club meeting, San Miguel

## In case you missed it:

- Lorraine and Charlee gave a reorientation presentation at our first January meeting. Their presentation slides are on pages 3 and 4. How many of the questions can you answer?



- Sue presided in Margaret's absence at our second meeting in January. LaNita presented the Foundation financials. LaNita and Charlee won the AI vs. Real picture challenge. Carolyn gave an Accent on International Day of Education.



- Orientation for Lea and Traice was held at their house. Lorraine shared some basic facts about Altrusa International, District Eight, and our club. Margaret and Charlee provided additional information and prospectives.



February Birthdays: 2/1 Bettie Lu Lancaster; 2/11 Glenna Cunningham; 2/19 Sue Payton  
 March Birthdays: 3/10 Melody Taylor; 3/17 Pat Moore



## Altrusa Schedule February /March

Feb	9	Club Board Meeting	100 pm	Via Zoom
Feb	12	Club Meeting	11:30 am	San Miguel
Feb	25	Club Meeting	11:30 am	San Miguel
Mar	8	International Women's Day		
Mar	9	Club Board Meeting	100 pm	Via Zoom
Mar	12 *	Club Meeting	11:30 am	Nelms Dyslexia Center
Mar	25	Club Meeting	11:30 am	San Miguel

\* We need a headcount for the March 12 meeting, because the Center is supplying lunch. Sign up sheet available at February meetings.



## In case you missed it:

- More slides of the Reorientation presentation.

10.  
In what year were the first ASTRA Clubs introduced?  
Bonus: When was the first ASTRA Club in our district chartered?

1966  
Moberly 1969

11.  
When were the bylaws changed to allow men to become Altrusans?

1987

12.  
When and where was the very first Altrusa meeting held?  
Which club in our district was the first one chartered?

April 1917 in Nashville  
1929 Hutchinson, KS

13.  
What was the first big Altrusa fundraiser?

1922 Topeka Carnival Mask  
Dance

14.  
Who was the first national president of Altrusa?  
Bonus: When was she elected?

August 1917  
Mamie L. Bass

15.  
How was the name, Altrusa, chosen?

ALTR from altruism and USA from  
the United States of America

16.  
Who from our club are serving on the Altrusa District Eight board?  
Bonus: Who serves as a District Eight Committee Chair?

Lorraine and Jennifer  
Mary Mann

17.  
When is Add An Altrusan month?

April

18.  
Who from our club are serving on an Altrusa International Committee?

Lorraine and Carolyn

19.  
For which of our service projects have we had Altrusa International Foundation funding?

Nourishing Our Neighbors  
TUGS+

20.  
How many states are in our great District Eight?  
Bonus: How many clubs are in our district?

Four States  
24 Clubs

21.  
In which countries beyond our borders has our club had service projects?

Tanzania, Kenya, Iraq

22.  
Which two of our projects are our longest continuous projects that are still ongoing?

TUGS+ and Mozart in Schools

## In case you missed it:

- TUGS+ items were delivered to 7hills by Pat, Margaret, Sue and Carolyn. Here's the list of 230 items donated: 18 cans of vienna sausages, 3 cans of soup, 2 cans of tuna, 1 box of saltines, 1 can of chili, 1 mac & cheese box, 1 protein bowl, 4 paper towel rolls, 4 bath towels, 32 wash cloths, 2 hand towels, 5 shampoo bottles, 3 soap bars, 10 body wash bottles, 5 packets of wipes, 1 pair of boots, 2 tarps, 2 tents, 1 sleeping bag, 1 winter coat, 1 woman's jacket, 3 backpacks, 2 pairs of jeans, 4 pairs of women's shoes, 20 hand warmers, 14 pairs of men's briefs, 33 pairs of men's socks, 6 pairs of ankle socks, 5 pairs of women's socks, 6 women's panties, 6 men's warm up sets, 11 hats, 10 pairs of kids socks, 2 pairs of gloves, 8 kids hats, 2 pairs of kids mittens, 6 five-count women's razors, and 6 ten-count men's razors,



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🌟 Community Spotlight: A Double Dose of Gratitude! 🌟

Today, our hearts are full as we extend a huge thank you to two amazing community partners who went above and beyond for our guests.

💚 Jack and Jill, Incorporated – Thank you for donating 219 hygiene kits and adding a heartfelt touch with your handmade affirmation cards. Your words of encouragement will uplift every person who receives them. Your generosity—and the love you put into each card—truly makes a difference.

💚 Altrusa of Fayetteville – We are equally grateful for your incredible donation today! Your continued support empowers us to serve our community with dignity and care. Thank you for always stepping up and showing what service looks like in action.

Together, you've helped us bring comfort, hope, and support to so many. We are thankful for partners like you!



## In case you missed it:

- We have a special Membership Drive/Fundraising event scheduled for our first meeting in April. We will be featured at the Naturals baseball game. We are inviting other NWA clubs to join us. We need to order tickets by March 30. Starting thinking about the number of tickets you'll need and the guests you will want to invite. Sign up sheet will be available at both February meetings and the first March meeting. Here's the information for the event.

### Event Details:

**Location:** Arvest Ballpark (3000 Gene George Blvd, Springdale, AR 72762)

**Gates Open:** 6:00 PM

**First Pitch:** 7:05 PM

**Tickets:** \$12.00 each

Each Altrusa club will be invoiced \$6.00 per ticket, keeping 50% of their own ticket sales!

I have attached a ticket sheet that you are welcome to use to keep track of your ticket orders for the time being

### What We Need from Your Club:

**Final Headcount and Mail Tickets (Deadline Monday, March 30th)** – This allows us time to print and mail your tickets so you can distribute them to your group before the event.

**Will Call option-** If you would rather have tickets held at Will Call, please send the list with each person's name and how many tickets they need by **Monday, April 6**. We will separate them into envelopes for people to easily pick up when they arrive at the ballpark.

**First Pitch Participant Name (Deadline Monday, March 30th)**

**High-Res Club Logo (Deadline Monday, March 30th)** for our community partners page on our website and for videoboard during recognition (PNG, JPG, or EPS preferred)

**A :30 tagline for recognition**

Example: *"Tonight, we're proud to welcome our local Altrusa clubs! Altrusa is a local service organization dedicated to improving our community through leadership, volunteerism, and hands-on support. From literacy programs to service projects, Altrusa NWA is making a real impact across the region. To learn more about Altrusa and how to get involved, visit [foundation.altrusa.org](http://foundation.altrusa.org) or stop by their table on the concourse at tonight's game. Let's give a big round of applause to Altrusa for all of the amazing work they do!"*

### Schedule & Important Info:

**5:15–5:30 PM – Concourse table setup**

Meet at the Administrative Offices Lobby on the 3rd base side

If you have trouble finding it, look for the big blue sign on the ground near the building that says "Administrative Offices"

**6:00 PM – Gates Open**

**6:25 PM – Report to Guest Services**

Any members of all Altrusa clubs wanting to participate in the on-field recognition

First Pitch participant

First pitch will take place after recognition, so whoever is doing that is welcome to participate in the recognition as well

**7:05 PM – Game time!**