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Featured Picture

Books for All Ages:

Members brought lots of books to the Club's September Business Meeting for donation to the Cedar Mountain Boys & Girls Club and to three area shelters. See story and more photos on Page 7.



Serving with

President's Message – Laurie Herman

Can you feel the chill in the air, the smell of pumpkin spice? Okay, maybe not just yet, but is officially Fall! Time to enjoy all the good stuff it brings!

We supported September – Literacy Month – by kicking off what I like to call the start of “Service Season.” We are getting ready to deliver dictionaries to Jessieville, Fountain Lake and Cutter Morning Star third graders. Suzi Poulsen is in charge this year. It's so wonderful to know that in our digital world, dictionaries are still an important part of the Third-Grade Curriculum.

We are back with the Birthday Books program, with Joan Plautz in charge, and Altrusans Read, with Pam Vernon getting things organized at Mountain Pine Elementary School. If you haven't volunteered yet, talk to someone who is doing it to find out how fulfilling it is.

Beth Annen is also busy collecting and restocking books at the recovery centers in Hot Springs and the Cedar Mountain Boys & Girls Club.

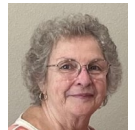
We will need “All Hands-On Deck” for our Game Day fundraiser on Oct. 22, and this really means **ALL HANDS**. There is something for everyone to help with. We have basket assembly Oct. 17 at Martha Smither's home – you don't have to be good at putting baskets together to help. We also need baskets – empty or partially filled – and items to put in baskets.

“Chop day” at Martha's home is Oct. 20. Come join the fun getting the soup ingredients ready. There is plenty to do on Game Day itself. If you haven't signed up, please contact Diane Shaw to find out what you can do to help.

Are you reading the Compass, DSB and Club news? You can learn so much about Altrusa. The Compass is a newsletter from Altrusa International – find out what our leaders are up to. Club News shows Service Projects from Clubs all over the District. These are not proprietary projects – if they are successful for someone else, they could also be for us. If you see something you like, talk to Patti Geiser or Lynda Grasse, our Service Committee Chairs. The DSB (District Service Bulletin) gives you all the information you need about District Eight.

We have lost our storage area. For now, we are back to the way we used to function. For example – Amanda Allen has the party supplies storage bin because Foundation hosts in October. Someone from Service needs to take the bin home from the October meeting. This will have to continue until we find a permanent solution.

Keep up the good work everyone – be proud to live the life of an Altrusan!



Laurie

October International Days: World Food Day on Oct. 16 and Make a Difference Day on Oct. 24

By Kathy Jervis

World Food Day is observed globally on Oct. 16. The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations created the observance in 1945 to raise awareness and action for those suffering from hunger and to ensure food security and nutritious diets for all.

The goal calls for innovation, science, technology, and local knowledge to transform agrifood systems and end world hunger.

The theme for 2026 is "Innovate Today. Nourish Tomorrow." The key focus areas are agricultural innovation including fostering new ideas and technologies in farming, forestry, and fisheries to strengthen food systems. Resource protection refers to managing natural resources so future generations can rely on them for stable nourishment.

The global observances celebrate with events like the World Food Forum. This will be held from Oct. 8-16 at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy.



Make a Difference Day

Make A Difference Day 2026 is on Saturday, Oct. 24 this year, the fourth Saturday of October dedicated to nationwide service and neighborly support.

The theme for the 2026 observance is "Caring for Our Shared America." The purpose is a massive single day of volunteering, uniting individuals, families, and local organizations to tackle community needs.

Altrusa of HSV will be collecting non-perishable food for Harvey's Chapel Food Pantry and Hope Movement. Members will be donating food, and the Club will be inviting guests to bring donations to our Game Day event on Oct. 22. Club members will deliver the food on Oct. 24.

Make a Difference Day was started in 1992 by USA Weekend Magazine in partnership with the non-profit organization Points of Lights, founded by former U.S. President George H.W. Bush. This day is the largest national day of community service in the United States. It aims to inspire people from all walks of life to step up, take action, and make a positive difference in their community.

Altrusa Business Meeting Summary on Sept. 4 and Board of Directors Actions on Sept. 28

The Business Meeting of Altrusa of HSV was held Sept. 3 at McGraw Realtors HSV, with 28 members in attendance of an active membership of 34. Niki Sublett and Kim Carver, friends and neighbors of Elaine Williams, attended as guests.

ACCENT: Presented by Irene Keith on Altrusa's nursing scholarships.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The Board of Directors was unable to reach a workable answer to the question of changing the bylaws under Section Two: Tenure. They hope to have a recommendation by the Oct. 1 meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Laurie Herman

*Laurie gave a toast to the club for achieving the 2026 Distinguished Club Award.

*25 copies of the Yearbook will need to be printed. Legacy Printers and Supply will be contacted for a printing estimate. Members may print it from Google Docs.

*Adrienne Cohen was thanked for the article she wrote about the Club in the HSV Life Magazine.

*Sponsor pins are available from Altrusa International. Laurie Herman will be researching the qualifications needed to receive a pin.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jackie Wilson thanked everyone for signing up for the Loan Closet. We are covered through the rest of 2026; a 2027 signup sheet is now available.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Kim Young

*The Spring Fling is scheduled for Saturday, March 6. Jubilation Jazz will entertain with a Big Band Radio Show. The committee is currently getting quotes for the meal.

*Kim attended the monthly Chamber of Commerce meeting. Laurie and Kim will be doing a video/podcast on Altrusa sometime in the future.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Joan Plautz

*Minutes of August 6, 2026, Business Meeting were approved and will be filed in the Club's digital archives on Google Drive.

*Amanda Allen was thanked for being Secretary Pro Tem for the month of August and she will be taking minutes at the Nov. 23 Board Meeting.

*Thank you notes will be sent to the publisher of HSV Life and to Adrienne Cohen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kelli Langley

*The Monthly Financials were sent out to all members. The Club's total account balance is \$10,992.43.

*Altrusa International Foundation, Inc. was given a \$25 donation in memory of Emeritus Member Carole Thompson.

FIRST YEAR DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Pam Vernon

*Pam arranged our speaker at the meeting.

Krystal Askew spoke and shared a video about the Boys & Girls Clubs of Saline County. (Story and photo on Page 4.)

*Pam created both digital and printed flyers for the Spring Fling. She also continues to work on the scrapbook.

SECOND YEAR DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Chris Hanses gave federal tax tips for donations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications: Amanda Allen sent several articles to the Village Voice. One was on our Game Day and another one our two newest members.

Service: Patti Geiser and Lynda Grasse

*Kim Young reported on the Snack Fairy Project. Jessieville School will receive snacks once a quarter and the Cedar Mountain Boys & Girls Club will receive snacks monthly.

*Make a Difference Day will be Oct. 24. The Club will be collecting food for Hope Movement and Harvey's Chapel Food Pantry at the Oct. 1 Business Meeting and at Game Day.

*Irene Keith stated that Military Fishing Day is Oct. 8, sponsored by the HSV Angler's Club. We will serve the meal and bake cookies and bars. (Story on Page 6.)

Please see Summaries on Page 5

Committee Highlights

Finance

Diane Shaw, Chair

Plans are shaping up for Game Day, our big Fall fundraiser 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Oct. 22. For an update, see Page 6. In November, it's time for our second Fall fundraiser, selling Butter Braid frozen pastry. The sale will begin on Nov. 2 and end Nov. 17, with the orders being placed on Nov. 19. Delivery will be before the Christmas Holiday. Kayla Nobles is project manager.

Membership

Diane McMillan, Chair

The Fifth Friday Social is a fun way to learn more about your fellow Altrusans and deepen friendships. Plan to attend the next Fifth Friday, 3:30-5 p.m. Oct. 30 at the DeSoto Club. We had a great turnout for the New Member Orientation Sept. 3. See the story on Page 4. The next committee meeting is 9:30 a.m. Oct. 19 at McGraw Realtors HSV.

Grants

Melanie Pederson, Chair

The Grants Committee received notification from the HSV Community Foundation that grants of \$2,000 for Snack Fairy and \$972 for Dictionaries for Third Graders have been approved. Members of Altrusa will attend the Grants Award Ceremony on Oct. 21 to be recognized by the HSV Community Foundation and receive the grant checks. Grant proposals currently in process include \$3,000 to a private foundation for the 4.0 GPA Student Recognition and Scholarship Program, \$1,500 to First Electric Cooperative for school supplies for teachers, and \$1,000 to Community First Trust for the Elizabeth Wagner Grant to support Altrusans Read. Additional grant applications will be submitted to Entergy and Walmart Spark.

Service

Patti Geiser and Lynda Grasse, Co-Chairs

In September, the Snack Fairy visited the Cedar Mountain Boys & Girls Club and Jessieville Elementary, Middle, and Preschool (see photos on Page 7). Non-perishable food will be collected at the Oct. 1 Business Meeting and at Game Day. This food will be delivered to Hope Movement and Harvey's Chapel Food Pantry as part of Make A Difference Day on Oct. 24. Altrusans Read is underway at Mountain Pine Elementary. Members are reading to K-4 grades this year. The 4.0 GPA Student Recognition and Scholarship Program luncheons will be held March 31 and April 8 at the William J. Clinton Presidential Library. Veteran Shoe Boxes at Christmas will be collected at the Nov. 5 Business Meeting. Details will be presented at the Oct. 1 meeting. Next Service Committee meeting date is 10 a.m. Oct. 9 at McGraw Realty HSV.

-Lynda Grasse

Communications

Amanda Allen, Chair

Many thanks to our Iowa member Diane Bielanski for getting the 2026-27 Yearbook updated and ready for the printer, and to Melanie Pederson for arranging the printing. The book is a valuable resource for new members and for long-timers. The Committee is promoting Game Day on social media and in the Village Voice, the Snack Fairy, Book Boxes, and coming soon, Dictionaries for Third Graders and Butter Braid pastry sales.

This Month's Accent by Irene Keith

Altrusa of HSV has many fine projects and I think it is important to highlight one that may not be familiar to all our members. Our Club offers scholarships to non-traditional nursing students at the National Park College. The non-traditional aspect was important when we started this project as we wanted to help students who have had some real-life experience and were likely to graduate and contribute their skills to society. The basic requirements are:

- *The student must be entering the final year of study.
- *The student must be out of high school for a minimum of four years.
- *The student must have some degree of financial need.

The college provides us with written applications from candidates that they believe meet our requirements. Three to four Altrusans interview each of them. The number of scholarships has varied over the years. In May 2026, we interviewed six candidates and gave three scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Each of the students we interview has a story to tell and our decisions are sometimes very difficult.

Many of their stories are truly inspiring. I'd like to tell you a bit about two of the latest recipients and hope that you agree that our money has been spent wisely. Shannassey was adopted by her grandparents and is a first generation college student. She has four children and has been working as a Certified Nursing Assistant for 18 years. In addition to her nursing job, she also has a part-time hotel job. She is seeking her registered nursing degree and hopes to become an ER trauma nurse. Jose is a first generation American and a first generation college student. He speaks both Spanish and English fluently and is seeking certification as a translator. He has over nine years law enforcement experience with some emergency medicine experience. A married father of two, Jose coaches his children's basketball and softball teams in his spare time. His career goal is to become an RN in the cardiac department and also wants to show his daughters that it is never too late to achieve lifetime goals. The scholarships are announced at the Nursing & Health Science Honors Day in the Spring and an Altrusa representative announces our recipients.

In Our Prayers

Velma Coolidge
Laurie Herman and
her husband Bill
Doris Michaelson's
daughter Alexandra
Lloyd and family
Suzi Poulsen's sister
Debra Kelly
The Family of
Carole Thompson
Ginna Watson
Mary Jane Weiss
Eyvonne Whipple

October Birthdays

Suzi Poulsen 12

Upcoming Events

Below are the upcoming events for this month. Please reference the link to the [Altrusa HSV Calendar](#) for any real-time updates that may occur during the month.

Oct. 1: Business Meeting, McGraw Realtors HSV, 1060 DeSoto Blvd., hosted by Foundation. Social at 4 p.m., meeting at 4:45 p.m. Please bring non-perishable food donations for delivery to food pantries on Make a Difference Day Oct. 24.
Oct. 8: Military Fishing Day, 11 a.m., Balboa Pavillion.
Oct. 9: Service Committee, 10 a.m., McGraw Realtors HSV; all Club members invited.
Oct. 14: Communications Committee, via Zoom, 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 16: World Food Day
Oct. 17: Basket Day at Martha Smither's home, 9 a.m.
Oct. 19: Membership Development Committee, 9:30 a.m., McGraw Realtors HSV.
Oct. 20: Veggie Chop Day at Martha Smither's home, 9:30 a.m.
Oct. 22: Game Day fundraiser, 11:30 a.m., Christ of the Hills UMC, details on Page 6.
Oct. 22: Finance Committee will not meet – they'll all be at Game Day.
Oct. 24: Make a Difference Day, Altrusa will deliver food to Harvey's Chapel and Hope Movement.
Oct. 26: Board meeting, 11 a.m., McGraw Realtors HSV.
Oct. 28: Loan Closet, 1-4 p.m. Volunteers Diane McMillan and Jackie Wilson.
Oct. 30: Fifth Friday Social, 3:30-5 p.m., DeSoto Club.
Nov. 2-17: Members will be selling Butter Braid frozen pastry as a fundraiser.
Nov. 5: Business Meeting, McGraw Realtors HSV, hosted by Service Committee. Social at 4 p.m., meeting at 4:45 p.m. Please bring Veterans Shoe Boxes for donation at Christmas.
Nov. 23: Board meeting, 11 a.m., McGraw Realtors HSV.

Donate One Book Per Member for 90 Days? Altrusa of HSV Will Ace This Challenge

Everybody loves a challenge, and Altrusa International has one that's great for Club members and for the communities we serve. And in the words of International President Christine "Chris" DeVlieger, the challenge is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Donate. Give one book per Club member between Sept. 1 and Nov. 30 to earn a commemorative patch for your Club banner.

2. Capture & Share. Take a photo of the books your Club donates and of the recipients and email it to altrusa@altrusa.org so the Altrusa office can share the photos on social media.

3. Log Your Impact. Record your donated books on the Altrusa website under the Service tab. The International office will track books logged during the 90-day period.

Altrusa of HSV will meet this challenge easily, with donations from members to



our Book Boxes Project led by Beth Annen, the Dictionaries for Third-Graders Project led by Suzie Poulsen, our Birthday Books Project led by Joan Plautz and our Altrusans Read Project led by Pam Vernon.

The project leaders are keeping track of the numbers of books and making sure the Club has photos to send.

You'll see some of the photos of our efforts and the numbers of books donated so far in today's Dogwood Blossom.

President Laurie Herman has designated Communications Chair Amanda Allen to report the books donated and upload the information and photos to the International office.

This Literacy Challenge will span three years, and will be expanded in 2027 and 2028 to become more challenging. Look for details in early 2027.

-Amanda Allen

Altrusans Learn About Boys & Girls Club Programs and How They Can Help

Krystal Askew, marketing and special events coordinator for the Saline County's Boys & Girls Clubs, shared some eye-opening statistics with Altrusans at the Sept. 3 Business Meeting. For instance, many of us were unaware of the organization's Riverside Covenant Connections facility at the Arkansas

Juvenile Assessment & Treatment Center in Alexander, which helps kids to turn their lives around. The center has 807 registered members and about 120 show up for programs on any given day. They might learn life or employment skills, take music or art lessons or experience leadership and teamwork by participating in team sports. Saline County's other two clubs are more familiar: The Riverside Club in Benton and the Cedar Mountain Boys & Girls Club just outside the Village. Altrusa of HSV's Snack Fairy Project makes regular visits delivering snacks to the Cedar Mountain kids. The club has 299 members and 161 of them qualify for free or reduced lunches; 54 kids are in single parent homes. Both clubs have after school and summer programs for kids and depend on volunteers and donations to ensure that no child is turned away. To find out more about the clubs, or to volunteer, visit scbgclub.com.



Congratulations Altrusa of HSV! Our Club Again Earns Altrusa International's Distinguished Club Award

Altrusa International has once again awarded the Distinguished Club Award for 2025-2026 to our Club. Our membership celebrated with a champagne toast at the Sept. 3 Business Meeting while President Laurie pinned it on our banner.

This honor is for all of our members and the hard work that they do throughout the year. At the year end of each Altrusa year in May, every Club president fills out a comprehensive report. If a club earns at least a 65 percent rating or more, the club is eligible for the award. This past year we earned 87 percent. Out of 24 District Eight Clubs, only eight earned this distinction.

International looks at all areas of how a club functions. The following are just a few examples: Do we have a Web page, Do we engage in Social Media, What District and International Awards do we write submissions for, How many total service hours do we submit, What is the average amount of hours per member, Do we take

part in Days for Girls, Do we take part in the Literacy Challenge, Do we have Literacy Projects, Do we have Recruiting Activities, Do we keep up Group Tally, Do we have a Strategic Plan, Do we have a Mentoring Program, Do we have a member at the District or International Level (Committee or Officer). This is just a partial look at the criteria they use.

So when we ask all of you to keep track of your hours, (last year we had over 7,200 hours) or as projects managers – keep track of how many books, or members that take part, or if you would like to donate to Days for Girls, or if you would write an award submission, or vote on a change to bylaws, or recruit a member, it all counts and does not go unnoticed! Congratulations to all of you!



-Laurie Herman

Summaries

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*Lynda Grasse reported that the 4.0 GPA Student Recognition and Scholarship Program is beginning to arrange dates, and March 31 will be the first luncheon.

*A photo was taken of members and all the books that were collected for the Book Boxes Project, which is spearheaded by Beth Annen.

*The tote bags used for Comfort Kits were available for \$15 to all members.

*Pam Vernon stated that Altrusans Read is set to begin in September. Guidelines for Altrusans Read have been created.

Membership: Diane McMillan

*Membership Orientation was held prior to our business meeting. It was well attended by not only new members, but also long-standing members.

*The Fifth Friday Social will be Oct. 30 at the DeSoto Club from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Finance: Diane Shaw

*72 tickets for Game Day have been distributed so far. Diane explained how tickets should be filled out. Be sure to check the appropriate box if someone needs gluten free. Flyers for Game Day

are available for distribution.

*Any items you wish to donate for basket building should be given to Valerie Derryberry. Laurie demonstrated various ideas for baskets and requested items such as ribbon (no glitter, please), and tissue paper.

*Many volunteers will be needed for the kitchen, chop day, basket making etc.

*Altrusa's Butter Braid pastry and bread sale will begin after Game Day is finished.

ALTRUSA FOUNDATION OF HSV: Melanie Pederson

Total Budgeted Expenses for 2026-2027 are \$58,435. The CD Balance is \$15,289.04 and Projected Cash on Hand is \$25,683.45 for a total of \$40,972.49. The Club needs to get grants or raise cash to cover the deficit, which is \$17,462.51

*A credit card for Altrusa is still being investigated.

GRANTS: Melanie Pederson

So far, eight grants have been submitted. Six of those grants have been granted for a total of \$8,647.

More grants are currently being written.

PRAYER LIST: Velma Coolidge, Eyvonne Whipple, Ginna Watson, Bill and Laurie Herman, Mary Jane Weiss, Doris Michaelson's daughter, Alexandra, and

Suzi Poulsen's sister, Deb Kelley.

Board Actions

The Altrusa Board of Directors met Monday, Sept. 28, and took the following actions:

*Approved a motion to recommend this change to the Club Bylaws under Section 2. Tenure (change in red): Each officer **other than the Treasurer** shall be elected to either a one (1) or two (2) year term. **The Treasurer shall be elected to a two (2) year term.** No officer shall hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms. Any part of a term equaling or exceeding one-half (1/2) of the regular term shall be considered a term in deciding eligibility for reelection. The motion was made by Secretary Joan Plautz and seconded by Jackie Wilson, and approved by a vote of 6-0 with one abstention.

*Accepted the resignation of Diane Bielanski as BRR Chair; Diane remains a committed member of the Club and the Communications Committee but felt she was not able to perform the BRR's duties long-distance from Iowa. President Laurie Herman appointed Jackie Wilson to serve out the term and the Board approved that appointment.

-Joan Plautz

Please Report Service Hours Each Month

Reporting your Altrusa service hours is important to help our organization maintain its 501(c)3 status. Please keep your hours current this year by reporting monthly to Chris Hanses, chances60@gmail.com

Please continue to report hours by the categories defined in your Yearbook – Altrusa Service, Member Service and Community Service. This will help Club Presidents as they compile their year-end reports.



Altrusans Walking for a Cause

Eleven members of Altrusa of HSV turned out to support the Village Walk for Cancer Research on Sept. 26. They are (from left) Diane McMillan, Diane Shaw, Doris Michaelson, Joanna Horton, cancer survivors Melanie Pederson and Martha Smither, Kathy Jervis, Joan Schoonover, Amanda Allen, Valerie Derryberry and Kaya Nobles. The walk raised about \$110,000 for cancer research in Arkansas.

Military Fishing Day: What To Do, Wear

Altrusans look forward to Military Fishing Day and the chance to honor the servicemen and women stationed at the Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville. The HSV Anglers Club organizes the day, and Altrusans serve lunch and bake cookies and brownies for the annual event, this year on Oct. 8.

If you've signed up to help, arrive at the Balboa Pavilion by 11:15 a.m. for setup and a photo; lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Wear your Altrusa shirt or a dark blue shirt and slacks or shorts. Parking is limited, so carpooling is recommended.

Members baking cookies or brownies should deliver them to organizer Irene Keith prior to Oct. 8, or get them to the pavilion by 11:15. At the end of the lunch, the service members will get baggies to take some goodies back to the base.



Altrusans serve lunch to some of the Air Force service members on Military Fishing Day in May 2025.

21 Days and Counting: Let's Make This Year's Game Day Fun for Guests, Great for Fun(d)raising

Game Day is just 21 days away, and we still have tickets to sell, door prizes and silent auction items to round up, and sponsors to contact.

Members have taken 140 tickets to sell, and so far, 78 tickets have been marked paid (others are in process). The last day to sell tickets is Oct. 16. Here's an update on the preparations:

- * Valerie Derryberry has some Door Prizes, but could use more. We are planning on doing more than 20 Door Prizes so please get your items to Valerie as soon as possible. The Game Day Committee decided to put two license plates in as Door Prizes.
- * We are still in need of Basket Building supplies. If you purchase anything on the supplies list, please let Laurie Herman know as she is keeping a tally of what we have and what we still need. Sam's Club has some of the 2-inch-wide ribbon with wire. Dollar Tree has the

cellophane bags.

- * We still need baskets to fill on Basket Day, so please bring any baskets you have to the Oct. 1 Business Meeting.

- * Some Silent Auction items have been dropped off at Valerie's home, but we need more. Please bring anything you have to Valerie's house, including completed baskets. Don't forget to attach an Altrusa Foundation Donation Form to your Silent Auction items, so we can acknowledge and thank the donor.

- * Luncheon ingredients will be purchased before Oct. 20 and taken to Martha Smither's house. Veggie Chop Day is 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Martha Smither's home.

- * Basket Assembly Day is 9 a.m. Oct. 17, at Martha Smither's home.

Game Day sign-up sheets to volunteer for any of these assignments will be available at the Oct. 1 meeting.

-Diane Shaw



At Game Day 2024, even the glamorous witch had a good time playing with her friends.



Preparing for Game Day 2025, Beth Annen, Diane Shaw and Melanie Pederson catalogue donations on Basket Day. Some of the completed baskets are in the foreground.



Enthusiasm Abounds For the Snack Fairy Project

Altrusa's Snack Fairy Project is a big hit with kids, who welcome the Fairy and her helpers with enthusiasm when they arrive with treats. In September, the fairies delivered snacks to the Cedar Mountain Boys & Girls Club and to Jessieville Elementary School. To say the kids were happy to see them is an understatement. **Above**, the kids help Kim Young, Elaine Williams and Caprice Waller unload the goodies and then pose with Boys & Girls Club Director Steve Freeman and the "thank you" poster they made for the Snack Fairies. **Below**, preschoolers in Randi Hines class at Jessieville Elementary School are all smiles with their snacks, delivered by Snack Fairies Patti Geiser and Kim Young. Jessieville Elementary Principal Tiffany Wainscott took delivery of the snacks.



Book Boxes Provide Inspirational, Educational and Fun Reads for B&G Club and Shelters

Altrusa's Book Boxes Project delivered lots of good reads to four organizations in September and October. Altrusans have been collecting and storing books since the last delivery in May, and amassed 226 books and 68 magazines for delivery to the Cedar Mountain Boys & Girls Club and three shelters, Potter's Clay, Hope Movement and Shalom Recovery Center.

Here are the totals:
Boys & Girls Club, delivered by Project Leader Beth Annen: 42 books
Potter's Clay, delivered by Valerie Derryberry and Mary Kramer: 42 children's books, 47 adult books, 22 magazines.
Hope Movement, delivered by Patti Geiser: 47 books, 22 magazines
Shalom Recovery Center, delivered by Doris Michaelson: 48 books, 24 magazines



Above left, Book Boxes Project Manager Beth Annen at the Boys & Girls Club and at right, books delivered to Hope Movement by Patti Geiser.

Orientation: New Altrusans Learn a Few Things

Just how do you use that Online Member Directory? Do I really need to read the Yearbook? What do all the committees do? How do I get an Altrusa shirt?

New Altrusans got all their questions answered – and much more – at a new member orientation Sept. 3 organized by Diane McMillan and the Membership Committee. Even longtime members who attended may have learned a thing or two. At left, Chris Hanses walks new members through the features of the Online Member Directory.

