Next Meeting Information

What: 
Jeff Hancks, University Archivist will speak

Where: 
University Archives, 6th floor, Malpass Library, WIU, Western Ave., Macomb

Free Parking at big lot across the street from library

When: Weds. Jan. 28 7 p.m.

As we are meeting in a library “literary desserts” will be served!

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“Leading to a Better Community”
Altrusa is an international non-profit organization making our local communities better through leadership, partnership and service

This newsletter is brought to you by the Communication Committee of the Macomb Altrusa Club, Macomb, Illinois
Altrusa International of Macomb  
Dec. 3, 2014  
General Meeting

Kathy Wyatt and Judy Kentner getting the soup supper ready for the Dec. meeting!

Service Committee hosted the general meeting at the Old Bailey House. The guest speakers from Mosaic – Devin Kozicki, Lori Miller, Erica Ingolia, Peg Palmer

Sara Featherlin – Introduced guest:  Devin Kozicki, Lori, Miller, Erica Ingolia, Peg Palmer. Each guest spoke about the program from their roles within the organization.

President Elect Karen Trusley called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes were unavailable for the October meeting.

Treasurer’s report filed for audit.

No report on the correspondence.

Standing committees gave the following reports:

**Communication:** Heather Munro- Make a Difference Day and Bazaar pictures have been published in the Voice. At every Altrusa District Conference a memorial service for members that have passed. We have been asked to provide thoughts and words about Rosalie Severinsen.

If you have any thoughts on how to improve the Bazaar, please email Heather.

Heather announced that she has been appointed to publish the District newsletter.

**Finance:** Karen Trusley - If you have any bills that need to be paid from the Bazaar please give them to Brae Hattaway and she will get them to Nancy Dobey.

**Membership:** Karen Iversen-no report

**Service:** Penny Pollock- no report

Members enjoying supper at the Dec. meeting

Old business:

None

New business:

Paula Rhodes sold the most tickets for the Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls. Paula was presented with a gift from Alta Sargent of a
Raggedy Ann doll.
2nd Place- Ann Abbot, 3rd Place- Lin Stults.
[Thank you again to Alta Sargent for her generous donation of the dolls for the bazaar!]

Adopt a Class Room has opening in January and February if you would like to volunteer to read please email Penny Pollock.

Next Board meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 15, Everly House @ 5:30 p.m.

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**Bazaar notes**

Date: 12/5/14
From Nancy Dobey

Please forward these to the proper members
I have been “under the weather” since the end of October. Still feeling rocky, but better. I pretty much missed everything since Halloween and I’m “way behind on everything

Bazaar Notes...perhaps for the newsletter, the Bazaar Committee, or the Board:
I have not yet even inventoried & repacked the kitchen stuff piled in my garage...However, I hope those who displayed or put up bazaar signs or banners ....also took them down.

If you were in charge of a banner or sign, peel the date “8” off as soon as possible. The quicker these are removed, the easier they come off. If you wait, the date becomes hard to remove.

Next fall when we want to replace the dates for sign re-use, it also helps to have all signs stored in the same place.

...IF someone hasn’t already designated a common storage place....please do so & ask members to remove this year’s date and deliver their sign to this place. If no one volunteers storage, I would store them (1126 MAPLE AVE.).

The signs are expensive.....yard signs $30 each ... banners $60-$80 each. We had 12 yard signs, 4 purchased banners (blue &white) & 3 or 4 Coke banners...Ask Members to help & keep track of when they are all in storage & where.

Idea from a new member source...To the Board:
2014 Bazaar is over. What about having a separate wrap-up Bazaar meeting to review 2014 & name the 2015 Bazaar Committee NOW to discuss & plan for the next Bazaar. Changes should be decided now for next year. Spring & Summer is too late to start.
Macomb Altrusa member and Western Illinois University campus police officer Kerrie Bishop came to visit the classroom of Macomb Altrusa member Jeanie Sowers, a substitute teacher for second grade at Lincoln Elementary School in Macomb.

Bishop is also a member of the local Kiwanis and came to the classroom to read to the children. She came in uniform because kids seem to like that!

Great to see literacy in action and Altrusa members in action!

Thank you to my “Sister’s in Altrusa” and for all your recent caring support. The end of 2014 has been “a disaster” of one kind or another at the Dobey’s. First with a “Sciatic Nerve” problem that put me in bed for the better part of two weeks....unable to turn over Bazaar stuff in any orderly manner.....Then a gradual month-long recovery period, with the help of the folks at Advanced Rehab.

Through most of this, we did not have a doctor, as Family Practice notified us stating, “You are no longer our patients...Come get your records”; and we couldn’t find a doctor to take us. During this time, I went to the Monmouth Clinic. The PA there put me on some “heavy-duty” medicines that not only made me sick...but muddled my mind to the point that I thought I must have had a stroke. No sooner did I sort of recover from that...when Harry (my husband )unexpectedly died. It was a “holiday” to remember...not necessarily with good memories. With Christmas and the kids & grandkids coming and going...it has been difficult for everyone. I find it will take months to find and tie up loose ends.

Thank God for friends and family. Thank you if you sent food &/or supplies...came to visitation....donated to one of the memorials....sent a card...called, stopped to leave a hug or say “I’m Sorry!” and express sympathy. It all helps us (me) to get through this difficult time. Hopefully I will be able to attend the January meeting.

Nancy A. Dobey
In our Community

At our Dec. meeting members filled holiday goodie bags for the residents of local Mosaic homes.

The Mosaic bag service project was featured in the McDonough County Voice newspaper on Dec. 23.

Volunteering

Festival of the Trees

Volunteering at the Festival of the Trees at the Art Center – helping the McDonough District Hospital with their holiday fundraiser.

Altrusa members Ann Abbott, Karen Iversen and Penny Pollock

Altrusa members Miriam Satern and Paula Rhodes
“Our Favorite Recipes”
Recipes gathered by Lynne Brinker

Recipe shared by Lin Stults
This Recipe was created by Rich Stults and has been loved by our family for many years!!! All variations have been tried over the years and each family group has its favorite. One Niece is a Vegetarian - she loves this!! Loads up on the cheese, sour cream and black olives! Rich and I always adding the Italian Pork Sausage with Oregano.

Versatile and Big Family Favorite:
Spicy Southwest Dish
1 Can Rotel - We usually use Lime Juice with cilantro and diced tomatoes
1 can drained kidney beans (either light or dark OK)
1 can drained (or fresh) corn - we have used White/or Gold or mixed Mexicorn
1 can stewed tomato chunks with juice
1 medium/large onion white or red - diced in medium to large chunks
Mix and simmer all above items together for 5 - 7 minutes - While above is simmering: Cut up 2-3 thick sliced yellow squash - small/ firm 8-10 inches
2-3 thick sliced green zucchini's - small/firm 8-10 inches
Stirring in Squash and Zucchini slices the last 2-3 minutes before serving to retain firmness.

Additional options and other serving Ideas:
Cooker Lean Hamburger (About a pound each)
Tortilla Chips or scoopers
Cooked Chicken chunks
Wrap it all up Burrito Style
Cooked Pork Sausage (Italian always good)
Served with Sour Cream
Cooked Lean Turkey
Black Olives and Onions
Sprinkle with Shredded cheese
Pinch of Oregano or favorite Spices
Single Serving = 4-7 helpings, depending on how many squash and zuks used.
Rotel comes in several different flavors and degrees of hotness....You Choose!

Our Blue Shirts!
Members, I have several navy blue polo shirts as part of the membership "stuff" I acquired when I became the membership chair. Our newest members might need one for the next Bazaar, or others may feel they need a new one. They are not embroidered with "Altrusa" yet, so that would need to be done.

Sizes on the tags are as follows: (# I have)
Small 34-36 (3)
Large 42-44 (2)
X-large (1). This one may actually be a men’s, as it does not have a bust measurement on it.
2X 50-52 (2)
Please let me know if you would like one of the shirts and I will bring it to the next meeting.
Karen Iversen

Nancy Dobey Retirement Reception
Please come to the Retirement Open House for Nancy Dobey celebrating 56 years of service!
Friday, January 30
2-4 p.m. @ Citizens Bank

Rosalie Marguerite Severinsen
1930-2014

Remembrance booklet
Remembering Rosalie Severinsen
http://issuu.com/matmon/docs/remembering_rosalie
“Just a minute with a member”

Each month we will feature a Macomb Altrusan - to learn a little bit more about each other!

“Minute” by Sandy Collier, Communication Committee member

Say “Hello” to PAULA RHODES, our featured member of the month!

Paula, tell us a little bit about yourself!

I was born in Macomb and attended the now defunct Western Lab School from K-12. I graduated from the University of Illinois and got married on graduation day, then divorced in 1991. I have two children, Joshua Swain Rhodes and Abby Rhodes Fansler. Josh has been working in Japan for 16 years and is married to Yoko. Abby works for Caterpillar, Inc., is married to Mike Fansler and has three awesome stepchildren.

What type of work have you done?

After I graduated, I went to work for WIU. The majority of my jobs were in the Admissions Office where I was senior evaluator of transfer transcripts. I loved my job, especially working with students, and I retired in 2009 after 37 years at WIU.

How have you been involved in the community? And what do you like to do for fun?

My passions are gardening, volunteering for my church, Big Brother Big Sister, RIS, Hope Thrift Store, mentoring international students through graduation and beyond, and most of all spending time with my daughter’s family.

Would you please tell us something that we might not know about you?

Most people don’t know I graduated as an El Ed major and never taught beyond my student teaching.

Tell us about your involvement with Altrusa?

Kathy Wyatt introduced me to Altrusa. I have served as Director of Service or as a Service Committee member because I love to be involved in “doing” activities that benefit others. Since 2006 I have enjoyed being an Altrusan and working with our many awesome members.
Jan. 22  Rescheduled Board Meeting - 5:30pm- Everly House

Jan. 28  General Meeting – 7pm
WIU Archives, 6th floor Malpass Library, WIU Campus

Feb. 7-8  Ag Mech Show – Western Hall, WIU

Feb. 18-21  WIU Jazz Festival

Feb. 19  Altrusa Board meeting – Everly House at 5:30pm

Feb. 21  Performing Arts Society Wine Tasting

Feb. 25  Altrusa General meeting at City Hall Community Room at 7pm

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2014-2015
Macomb Altrusa Officers and Board

President - Cindy Roon
President-Elect – Karen Trusley
Past President - Liz Duvall
Vice-President - Jean Sowers
Recording Secretary - Ann Abbott
Treasurer - Nancy Jameson
Corresponding Secretary - Sara Featherlin

Directors: Karen Iversen, Heather Munro
Penny Pollock

Chair:
Communication Comm.: Heather Munro
Finance Committee: Nancy Jameson
Membership Comm.: Karen Iversen
Service Committee: Penny Pollock

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Scatter Kindness
You can email budget request forms to Nancy Jameson, at everlyhouse1@macomb.com or hand them to her or bring to Feb. Meeting.

Must be submitted by Feb. Meeting

Procedures for Budget Request Forms Each Year

Procedures by Members, Committees and Board of Directors

A. Submit all budget requests at the February Club Meeting.
B. A full explanation should accompany new budget requests.
C. The submitter should be prepared to answer questions about the request.
D. Suggest possible new sources of funding for new programs or projects.

Budget Process – Administrative

A. Board of Directors discusses Budget Requests submitted and approves or denies.
B. Approved requests are sent to the Treasurer and Finance Committee for the budget.
C. Denied requests are returned to the Submitter with reasons for denial.
D. Finance Committee completes the budget & returns for Board approval.
E. The Board submits a reviewed budget with recommendations for Club approval.
F. Club discusses the new budget and votes to approve, either as is or with changes.
G. Items in the approved budget can be paid by the Treasurer without further action.

H. The Treasurer is not authorized to pay new items or additional money requests without approval from the Board and the club.

Submitting club member or Committee

A. Should be willing to be involved with the budget item they submit.
B. Is responsible to notify the Treasurer when payment of an item is due by submitting a bill (request) for payment when due.
C. Will provide additional information to the club or Board as requested.
D. Will follow project through to completion and report if needed.

Treasurer should keep an accurate Income & Expense record for project history.

A. Upon Request, the Treasurer should be able to produce a separate accounting for individual projects or programs.

List of Budget Items: (Past/Present/New..Not intended to be complete)

A. Scholarships: SRC Nursing, Miss Macomb Platform, & Scholarships in development
B. Literacy: Summer Tutoring; Adopt-a-Class, Baby Talk; GED Fees; Presidential Classroom
C. Other: Mosaic Christmas Bags; Memory Walk-Sponsor & Team; Make-A-Difference Day; Altrusa Foundation donation; Snack Bag Program; Salvation army Camperships; Habitat for Humanity; Nature Quilt Project; MHS Band Uniforms; Big Bros, Big Sisters Bowl-a-thon; Ready Bus-Book Bus; Honor Flights; Food pantries-Salvation Army, WIRC, Loaves & Fishes; etc.
ALTRUSA BUDGET/PROJECT REQUEST

YEAR: ___________ DATE OF REQUEST: ________________

Project: ________________________________________________

Payout Month: ___________________________________________

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AMOUNT REQUESTED: _______________________________________

REQUESTED BY: __________________________________________

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BOARD COMMENTS: _________________________________________
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CLUB ACTION:  APPROVED: __________  DECLINED: __________
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