



TALES ALONG THE FOX

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Next Meeting—November 19 2020

We are meeting for our annual joint meeting on Thursday evening, November 19, 2020 via Zoom. Our guest speaker is our District Six Governor, Sue Whitaker. You will receive an invitation to join the Joint Meeting of our three clubs via email from our presidents. You will be asked to join us at 6:30 p.m., which will give us a little time to see who all is there and to have a little social time. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. with Governor Sue bringing greetings from District. Then each of the club presidents will be asked to do a recap of what each club has been doing during the past year as far as service and meetings.

If you haven't used Zoom before, it is not that difficult. You can access it on your smart phone or computer. You will need to download the Zoom application from your Google or iPhone store for your phone or from your browser. On your computer browser, clicking the link in the invitation will display a dialogue box asking you to Launch meeting. At the bottom of this box is a message: "Don't have Zoom Client installed? [Download now](#). Clicking on the blue text will download a file called: Zoom_cm_fo42ank...exe. Open this file which will install Zoom on your computer. This will take you to the dialogue box to launch the meeting.

If you are installing on your smart phone, go to your store and select the Zoom app and install there. Once Zoom is installed, you can join or launch the meeting in the invitation. You may be in automatic mute mode when you log in, depending on the meeting manager. There is an icon in the lower part of your image on the screen that allows you to mute or unmute your microphone. It is best to keep this on mute during speakers, unless it is a question/answer session. Then raise your hand to receive permission to speak.

If you have any issues, feel free to text me on my cell and I will attempt to help you. 630-373-4410.

Be sure to give it a try—even if this is totally new technology to you. It may be the way we have to do all our meetings in the future.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

6 EMILY WOLF

DECEMBER

1 PAT FRIEDERS

4 STEPHANIE THOME



HAPPY ALTRUSA ANNIVERSARY!

DECEMBER

1 JOYCE SPRINGER (2 YRS)

2 PAT FRIEDERS (37 YRS)

3 DORIS CZAROWSKI (54 YRS)
KAY JOHANNABER (54 YRS)

6 JILL FALLS (17 YRS)
JAN ROMAN (17 YRS)

7 PAULA SABOTTA (35 YRS)

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi, Everyone!

Fall is definitely in the air! It is hard to believe that as I write this, tomorrow is Halloween and would have been our Fashion Show!! Time is sure flying by but unfortunately, the status of the virus seems on the upswing again.

Our club continues doing in surprising numbers. We may be little but we are mighty! It is awesome that we raised over \$7000 for our Fall Fundraiser and Joyce, Co-Chair of the Service committee reports healthy donations for our projects. It was also exciting to receive a \$200 instead of a \$100 grant from District Six for "Be a Hero to a Hero"!

Our meetings, both in person and on Zoom have been working out well at the east side Colonial in St Charles. Speaking of Zoom, we are looking forward to our joint meeting in November hosted by DeKalb on Zoom. Further information will follow.

As has been the case for several months now, long range planning is next to impossible with all the constant changes. It would be great to have our Christmas brunch in December but we will have to "wait & see". In the meantime, I will look forward to "seeing" all of you at the joint meeting on the 19th.

Jan

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

A team of five Altrusans have signed up to participate in this year's FMSC event, being held on Saturday, November 14 at the Aurora location of Feed My Starving Children, 555 Exchange Court, Aurora. We five will be working as a family unit without spacing, but we will all be wearing masks and will not be interacting with other teams. The five Altrusans who were able to volunteer are: Angela Cliff, Pat Frieders, Vanessa Quillinan, Linda Thome, and Elaine Wolf. We will be ready to report back how it went at the next meeting.

We have been participating in this event along with some members of the DeKalb County and Elgin clubs. This year DeKalb County also has a team of five members. Elgin did not choose to participate. Also the location had to be changed from Suter Foods in DeKalb to the more restrictive FMSC permanent facility. The first time we did this project was at the Aurora location.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development.

FMSC meals are developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs and reduce problems with malnutrition. Nutrition allows children to grow, thrive and develop to their full potential.

Their process is simple. Donations given by people just like us fund the meal ingredients. Volunteers hand-pack the meals. Meals are donated to FMSC food partners around the world, where kids are fed and lives are saved! More than 90% of all donations received by FMSC are dedicated directly toward feeding children in need.

They serve in the Caribbean, Asia, Middle East, South America, Africa, Europe, and North and Central America—in other words, all over the world.

They sell hand crafted products made by artisans in areas that receive the manna packs. These are sold from their website. It is one way they help support these people and also how they raise money to buy food for the manna packs. Go to their website to learn more and possibly make a donation or purchase a gift for someone. Remember, Christmas is coming.

Url is: fmsc.org



Jan Roman, Co-President

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT—AUTUMN QUARTER SERVICE

Service Committee chair Joyce Springer sends a BIG Thank you to all club members who provided donations for our Fall Donation Drives:

- 1) Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) - Halloween and Thanksgiving treats and winter coats.
- 2) Be a Hero to a Hero (Veterans) organization that provides Holiday Stockings with treats, underwear, socks, and personal care items to Veterans who are home bound, in hospital or in long term care facilities.

Besides the generosity of members bringing donations or giving \$\$, we applied for the Altrusa District 6 grant to align with the goal of assisting Veterans. The original grant was granted and they doubled the grant for those clubs who applied and met their criteria. So we received a total of \$200 from District Six for our project. Joyce Springer had fun shopping with the extra money and was able to maximize amounts by bulk buying.

As proposed earlier this year, we will start another donation drive starting in January-March to support other organizations in our communities.

Below are some of the pictures of the Halloween candy that was donated to JJC . There is also a shot of Co-President Vanessa and Chair Joyce with the carload of donations that were brought to our October meeting. These include items for the Veterans as well as snacks for the JJC youths. Due to an internet outage in Sugar Grove, additional photos will have to be contained in next month's newsletter.



The staff at JJC took the goodies we delivered and placed them in individual packs for the youth. As you can see—lots of goodies.



One of the JJC youths displays the treats that he received in his bag.

UNITED NATIONS DAYS OF OBSERVANCE

November 25 – International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

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REPORT YOUR SERVICE HOURS

Record your service hours for September & October—email your numbers to Joyce Springer (joyce.springer@gmail.com), so she can enter for you. We will not be passing the service book around at meetings since we may not be meeting in person.

My Service Hours:

_____ (name)

Altrusa Community Service _____ hours

Altrusa Member Service _____ hours

Volunteer Service _____ hours

Altrusa Community Service—Fund Raising, Projects (fashion show, service committee, Auction activities go here, plus service projects)

Altrusa Member Service—Committee Meetings (non-fund raising), preparing minutes, treasurer's reports, board meeting, etc.

Volunteer Service—Volunteerism for other organizations, churches, scouting, schools, or individuals etc.

Calendar notes—Plan ahead

November 2020

14–12:00-2:00 p.m.—Feed My Starving Children
FMSC, 555 Exchange Ct, Aurora IL
19–6:00 p.m.—Joint Meeting with DeKalb-Sycamore & Elgin
Tba—Host club—DeKalb
Speaker—Sue Whitaker, Altrusa District Six Governor
Zoom only meeting.

December 2020

5–9:30 a.m.—Holiday Brunch
Location and date to be confirmed

DeKalb's Spelling Bee has been postponed until 2021.

January 2021

18—Board Meeting Conference Call, 7:00 p.m.
28—Program Meeting—Colonial Café, St. Charles East
Service Night—to be determined.

Note: All events and locations are subject to change, depending on the State's restrictions due to the pandemic.

Remember to order your nuts year round from
Terri Lynn Nuts. Great Thanksgiving & Christmas
Gifts

Use the below url to access the website that gives our foundation money any time you order. They have nuts, chocolates, snacks and mixes, etc. Terri Lynn is located in Elgin and shipment is always expedited.

Great for gifts for your friends, family or yourself. This fundraiser has replaced Yankee Candle this year, as well as pecan sales from years gone by. You can take orders from your friends by giving them the url to sign on and order. Shipment will be direct to them.

<https://altrusafoxvalley.terrilynn.com/>

