

NOVEMBER—THE JOINT MEETING WITH DEKALB & ELGIN

Thursday, November 18, is the date for the joint meeting with our neighbor clubs, DeKalb County and Elgin. We are meeting at Jimmy's Char House, 2290 Point Blvd, Elgin. This is located just north of the Toll Road I-90 off Randall Road. The room will be open at 5:00 p.m., if you want to come early and chat with old friends. The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. The meal orders and payments have been submitted to Nancy Gerner, the organizer of the event for Elgin.

We will have Emily DeVlieger as our speaker this year. Emily is a member of the DeKalb County Club and the daughter of Chris, our International Vice President. She is the Youth Representative to the United Nations for Altrusa. The United Nations has set 17 goals to achieve sustainable development world-wide. There are things that we can do as individuals or as club members to assist in achieving these goals. A sample of these goals are: No Poverty, No Hunger, Good Health and Well-Being, and Quality Education.

The designated service project for this meeting is the collection of magazines and books for the young men who are incarcerated at the Illinois Youth Center in St. Charles. They attend the Samuel Sublette Alternative High School on the premises. Their principal, Michael Zarco, will also be present at the meeting. Three years ago, Elgin started this project and invited us to participate. We did so, and also made it one of our own projects the following year. The school is looking for magazines such as National Geographic, ESPN, Time, People, etc. If you have used magazines, be sure the labels with names and addresses are blacked out. A book list was emailed to all Altrusa members in late October. You can also find books by searching on Google for single read books or chapter books for 4th, 5th and 6th graders. All books must be paperback.

See you in Elgin.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

6 EMILY WOLF

DECEMBER

1 PAT FRIEDERS

4 STEPHANIE THOME

HAPPY ALTRUSA ANNIVERSARY!

NOVEMBER—NONE

DECEMBER

1 JOYCE SPRINGER (3 YRS)

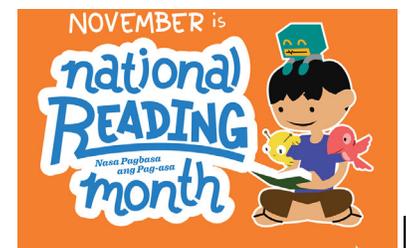
2 PAT FRIEDERS (38 YRS)

3 DORIS CZAROSKI(55 YRS)

6 JILL FALLS (18 YRS)

JAN ROMAN (18 YRS)

7 PAULA SABOTTA (36 YRS)



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The leaves are falling and the year is moving quickly towards its end. Yikes!!! It has been a very exciting time for our club, an extremely successful Auction, 2 new club members and multiple plans in the works for additional fundraisers in 2022. Not forgetting the tireless work of our Service Committee creating new projects as we continue our mission to help others.

We will enjoy our Tri-Club dinner meeting this month in Elgin who is hosting this year. I hope you will be able to attend. It's a wonderful opportunity to gather with our fellow Altrusa sisters.

After a year hiatus, the Christmas Brunch returns on December 11. The Board will provide all the yummys. Then, during a "spirited" reading of "The Night Before Christmas" we will have our grab bag/gift exchange. Also, new member Kim will be initiated during all the festivities. I look forward to visiting with you during all these events.

It's a wonderful time to be an Altrusan!

Happy Thanksgiving

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Jan Roman, Co-President

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

On November 13, four of our members will participate in the Feed My Starving Children event sponsored by DeKalb County. It is held at Suter Foods, 1015 Bethany Road, Sycamore from 3:00–5:00 p.m. Smaller turnout this year, but we will do our best. We will be teamed with other volunteers to help pack food for the hungry. Last year's food packs were sent to Haiti to assist in the aftermath of all the horrific weather events they experienced.

GENEVA HISTORY MUSEUM—GIVING TREE PROJECT

Again this year, our club is participating in the Geneva History Museum project of decorating trees and soliciting votes of \$1 each. The organization who decorates the winning tree gets to keep all the donations for that tree. The other organizations get to split their donations with the Museum. Again this year, the Museum is outsourcing the displays to various locations throughout downtown Geneva instead of inside the Museum. We have been given the location of 25N Coworking at 25 N River Lane, Geneva. This is an out-of-the way location—not on the main streets of Third or State Streets, but 25N is planning a large open house on Tuesday, December 7 from 4-6 pm where they intend to solicit donations for our tree. More details will follow in emails which will invite you to vote online, if you don't intend to attend in person. Altrusans are invited to this open house to talk about our club and what we do. All of you are invited. Please think about adding this to your calendar. It is a great way to introduce more people to Altrusa.

Cathy Rady, Vanessa Quillinan, Sam & Elaine Wolf will be putting up the tree on Monday, November 15. By the 22nd, all trees have to be decorated and the Museum will take photos, which will be posted on their website. This will be another place where you can vote online.

This event serves two purposes—fund raising for our club's operating budget and putting our club's identity out in the public. Someday people will say "Altrusa, I have heard of them".

SERVICE PROJECTS

The Service Committee continues to feature projects for us to perform each month. We recently completed writing 100 letters for soldiers stationed in Germany. We collected candy and snacks and created Halloween treat bags for the youth at the Juvenile Justice Center. We purchased stockings and composition books for the youths at Juvenile Justice Center. We have 40 sets, which the service committee will meet to bundle for the youths.

On November 27, Cathy Rady, Linda Thome, Joyce Springer and Elaine Wolf will be visiting the Juvenile Justice Center for another blanket tying project. We are asking the youths to make blankets for a service project where we intend to donate a blanket with a book attached to Child Advocacy Center. We want to have about 15 or 20 of these available for CAC. The youth at that facility are generally 8-15 years old, and often girls. We are going to try to bring snacks for the kids (like the pizza, etc. that we did a couple years ago). Again photos will be taken, but no children's faces will be visible.

Other possible projects in the works for this upcoming year are collecting women's hygiene products for Hessed House; baby bags for CASA; and birthday bags (similar to those done by the Big Rock Library) for Mutual Ground.

The committee is also planning the Service Project entries for this year. We will nominate the ASH letter writing project for the Nina Fay Calhoun International award. We will nominate the Juvenile Justice Center multiple projects for Mamie L Bass Service award; and we will nominate the Books and Blanket for CAC for the Letha H. Brown Literacy award.

Some of the donations that we make are being purchased with funds from the Service Committee allotment from the club's Foundation budget. Others are being purchased by individual members

Big Rock Library was given a lot of books that were left over from the auction. Alan and Elaine Wolf delivered them the Monday after the auction. Alan's car was filled — trunk and back seat — with books. Fortunately, they have the elevator that we helped pay for. So we were able to move the books from the car to the first floor area in only two trips without have to carry a lot of heavy boxes. Mary Hauge has thanked us for the donation. Big Rock Library continues to function as an all volunteer organization.

Be a Hero to a Hero will be making Christmas Stockings for Veterans again this year. With funds from our budget, the Service Committee purchased Stockings and Tee Shirts to be stuffed into the stockings.

Many thanks to everyone for all your contributions. Joyce reminds everyone to keep track of your service hours and report them on the first of each month.

A TUTORIAL ON SERVICE HOURS

Altrusans capture and report their service hours each year to Altrusa International. This allows them to publicize the work that is being done by Altrusans throughout the world. This is a summary of what we report

Altrusa Member Services: This is time that is spent doing work that benefits the Local Club, the District or International, but is not serving the community. This includes work by the treasurers, secretaries, and presidents or chairs in planning for meetings. It also includes doing the newsletter or taking minutes. It does not include attending a general business/program meeting. It does include the time spent attending a board meeting.

Altrusa Community Services: This is time spent fund raising for service projects, attending committee meetings for these projects (Auction, Fund Raising, Service, etc). Also it includes any hands-on service projects you are involved in—blanket tying at JJC, decorating the GHM Giving Tree, participating in FMSC, shopping for items to be donated to local service organizations, driving someplace to donate items from the club—shelters, libraries, etc.

Volunteer Service: Time spend on your own, volunteering for other organizations—churches, scouting, schools, singing in the church choir, driving people to doctor appointments, church.

All Altrusans are volunteers at heart. Service is what we do. If you take a few minutes to make a note on a calendar of the time you spend each day, total it up at the end of the month and you may be surprised at how much time you have served that month.

UNITED NATIONS DAYS OF OBSERVANCE

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

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Remember to like us.



REPORT YOUR SERVICE HOURS

Record your service hours for August/September—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. Joyce has set up a spreadsheet for easier

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. Not regular club meeting.

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

Calendar notes—Plan ahead

November 2021

- 13—Feed my Starving Children 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Suter Foods, 1015 W. Bethany Rd., Sycamore IL
- 18—Board/Program Joint meeting with DeKalb County & Elgin
Elgin is host club. Jimmy's Char House

December 2021

- 11—Holiday Brunch 9:30 a.m.
Larabee House, St. Mark's Church, 320 Franklin St,
Geneva

January 2022

- 17—Board meeting
- 27—Program/business meeting 7:00 p.m.
Colonial Café East, 1625 E. Main St., St. Charles & Zoom
Speaker: Clare Colton, Fox Valley Hands of Hope

February 2022

- 14—Board meeting
- 24—Fun Night
Nominating committee presents slate for election

March 2022

- 14—Board meeting
- 24—Program/business meeting 7:00 p.m.
Colonial Café East, 1625 E. Mian St., St. Charles & Zoom
Election of officers

April 2022

- 18—Board meeting
- 22-24—District Six Conference
Hilton Garden Inn, Champaign, IL
- 28—Program/business meeting 7:00 p.m.
Colonial Café, 1625 E Main St., St. Charles IL.

May 2022

- Foundation Board Meeting (tba)
- 16—Board Meeting
- 19—Bunco Fundraiser
- 26—Program/business meeting
Altrusan of the Year, Installation of Club & Foundation boards

If you do not have an Auto Reserve reservation, make reservations for the December meeting with Elaine Wolf...

Please notify her if you are coming in person, via zoom or not attending.

Auto Reserve members must notify Elaine if they are unable to attend or wish to change to Zoom for this meeting.

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