



Altrusa Accent

Proudly Celebrating our 60th Year as an Altrusa Club

JANUARY 2023

Club Message -

This is the month for the letter “R”. Why the letter “R”? To us it is the perfect time to relax after the holidays, reflect on 2022 and re-energize ourselves for 2023.

For three years Chris tried to get to Ireland and Scotland but the pandemic kept getting in the way, so she went to Hawaii instead for two weeks in December. Then Donna decided to retire from the Ellwood House Museum. Donna’s official last day was December 28th, however, she still goes to help out occasionally and to water the plants in the Conservatory.

Recently the two of us got together to plan for 2023. We are pleased to share with you that our club was a recipient of a grant submitted to the Altrusa International Foundation. We received \$3,832! Our new service project is entitled “Love, Literacy & Legacy” and will result in distributing new books, information from BASICS in a bag to 1,000 children in DeKalb County.

As a result of the new service project, we will meet in February and March at The Suter Company (1015 Bethany Road, Sycamore, IL) to adhere stickers inside each book and to assemble the bags. We would greatly appreciate everyone’s help with this project. Please mark your calendar to attend these two club meetings at The Suter Company. We will meet downstairs in the Suter Company’s new office/headquarters.

In addition, we are planning at least two fun activities for us. Something outside of club meetings where we can enjoy each other’s company. More details to follow about these activities as soon as possible!

So it’s time to re-energize and get ready for 2023! Please plan to attend our club meeting at the Ellwood House Visitor Center (Hearthside Room) on Wednesday, January 25th. See Donna’s email dated 1/22/23 for more details and information about items to donate to Safe Passage.

We hope everyone had a relaxing 2022 year-end, and that you are looking forward to 2023 as much as we are.

With Altrusa Love, Donna Gable & Chris DeVliieger

Mark your Calendars



Meetings/Gatherings:

Wednesday, January 25th
Ellwood House Hearthside Room at 6:00pm
Chicken dinner
RSVP to Donna ASAP!

Wednesday, February 1st
Board Meeting via ZOOM
7:00pm

Wednesday, February 15th
The Suter Company
6:30pm–8:00pm
Meeting and assembly of
BASICS book bags

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End of 2022 Events



TOP LEFT PHOTO—Pat Brown, Carol Sturm, Donna Gable, Asheli Mann-Lofthouse, Julie Lamb and Chris decorated the Nanny’s Room at the Ellwood House on November 2nd.



TOP RIGHT PHOTO—Donna Gable packing meals with Feed My Starving Children on November 12th. Several members from our club and the Fox Valley Club came to the event.

BOTTOM RIGHT PHOTO—Chris DeVliieger pictured with A Soldier’s Hands founder, Trish Shallenberger. Club members were invited to meet Trish to hear her story and learn about her foundation. Letters and donations were given to A Soldier’s Hands. To date, over 850 letters have been sent to A Soldier’s Hands between our club and Suter Company employees.



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January Birthday

10th...Sue Lehto

February Birthdays

10th...Chris DeVliieger

20th...Tania Vazquez