

ANOTHER YEAR BEGINS—AUGUST 24, 2023

Join us on Thursday, August 24 at Colonial Café in St. Charles for an informative meeting about Altrusa. Yearbooks will be ready for distribution at this meeting. If you are unable to attend, they will be mailed to you (or sent with a family member or friend).

Our speaker for the meeting is our own Dana Vierck. Her topic is going to be the Altrusa International Foundation—how it impacts the local clubs, how it spends its money and what we can do to help it provide more service to our world. Dana just completed two years as Grants Chair on the Foundation. Her term ended at Convention in July.

It should be noted that Fox Valley Altrusa won recognition as the club that contributed the most to the International Foundation per capita. We also won an award of \$750 for a service project for placing second in the category of most actual funds raised for the Foundation. Muncie IN placed first (with a much larger membership) in this category. They placed second in the category ‘per capita’ giving. Congratulations to our club members for their personal donations and for the club’s annual donations to the Grants Fund and Club 21.

Elaine and Dana will also have reports on everything that happened at Convention. See page 3 for a photo of the newly installed International Board of Directors. In the upcoming biennium, Elaine will be serving on the International BRR Committee. She is also chair of the District Six audit committee, which reviews all the expenditures and incomes of the District for the prior year. We are proud that our District remains so vigilant about maintaining open financial reporting.

As you may remember, our International organization got caught with two staff members embezzling funds from the International organization (not the Foundation). Following legal proceedings and claims with their insurance, they were able to recoup all the lost money except the \$1,000.00 deductible amount. Changes have been put in place in their accounting software and procedures to prevent another occurrence of this sort. Also an audit will be done this year to verify the fraud and recovery of the funds.

As always, the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m., but come between 6 and 6:30 to order from the menu and share a meal with your fellow Altrusans. Remember that if you have a standing reservation you only have to contact hospitality if you will not attend. If you do not have a reservation, you need to notify hospitality that you are or are not coming. Email: wolfelaine@gmail.com or Text/Phone: 630-373-4410

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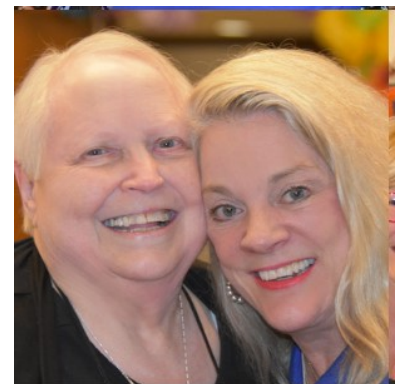
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

AUGUST	
11 PAULA SABOTTA	
SEPTEMBER	
10 JILL FALLS	

HAPPY ALTRUSA ANNIVERSARY!

AUGUST	
25 JUDY REUTER (18 YRS)	
SEPTEMBER	
25 SHAREE CLOUGH (15 YRS)	
SANDEE JENSEN (15 YRS)	
30 NANCY GERNER (15 YRS)	

ELAINE RECEIVING \$750 AWARD FOR CLUB GIVING 2ND MOST TO INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION. WITH DEBBY WEBER FOR WHOM THE AWARDS ARE NAMED



THE PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Greetings to my fellow Altrusans,

It's truly summer and I am away for a few days with my family having fun in the sun at Lake Lawn. Hopefully you all had a chance to enjoy the summer as well.

At our next meeting I have invited Dana Vierck to talk to us about our International Foundation. She served as Grants Chair during the last two years and understands the process thoroughly. In addition there have been some important changes to obtaining Foundation grants this year. On the President's meeting, we were told about these changes, but it is good for everyone to know and understand how our Foundation benefits our local clubs.

We now have speakers for all our meetings, including a representative from Lazarus House and the new director of Mutual Ground.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 24th.

Sincerely,

Sandee



Sandee Jensen, President

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR AUGUST

On August 1, the **Bunco Committee** met to review the recent July event. They will have a report of the finances for the event at the August meeting. They will be considering what went well and what might need to be tweaked at next year's event. Basically, it was a successful evening.

On Monday, August 14, the **Service Committee** will meet at the home of Elaine Wolf to plan its projects for the coming year.

Chair Joyce Springer listed the items to be covered at this meeting:

- ◆ Status of Hygiene Closet Grant—Joyce
- ◆ Good news for the Service Budget—Elaine
- ◆ Review of last year's projects
- ◆ Ongoing projects
- ◆ New projects

If any club members have ideas for new projects, let Joyce know your ideas before the committee meets. Remember that Literacy is Altrusa's number one focus.

UNITED NATIONS DAYS OF OBSERVANCE
JULY 30 – INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP
AUGUST 12 – INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

CONVENTION REPORT



back Legal Advisor Pat Woodward; Directors Melinda Aguirre & Penny Daugherty; Executive Director David Mena; Directors Linda Ring & Ileana Pacheco; Parliamentarian Colleen Duris.

Front Treasurer Bettina Schempf; Vice President Kitty McElhaney; President Linda Smith; President Elect Chris DeVlieger; Immediate Past President Kathy Folley

Pictured above is the newly elected International Board of Directors. We are all very proud of Chris as she moves up the ladder in the International world. She will be our President in 2025-2027.

The International Foundation also elected new trustees. Our own Dana Vierck retires as a trustee now. We met our new International Foundation Director Dr. Kantrice Rose. Our incoming Foundation Chair is Karen Robinson of the Tampa FL club. Ann Condran of the Muncie club is a new trustee on the Foundation Board.

Fox Valley was honored for raising the second most money for the International Foundation. And as first place for raising the most per capita (most \$ for a small club). Muncie placed 1st with most \$ and 2nd with most per capita. We were also honored as a Distinguished Club for 2021-22 & 2022-23.

In all there were 126 clubs registered with 14 districts represented. Dana & I were 2 of the 60 Past Governors present. District Six actually had 7 of our past governors in attendance. Bylaws changes primarily changed the order of articles in the meetings descriptions of International, District & Club Bylaws. No change in meaning.

TALES ALONG THE FOX

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Remember to like us.



REPORT YOUR SERVICE HOURS

Record your service hours for June/July—email your numbers to Nancy Gerner (ngerner@sbcglobal.net), so she can enter for you.

My Service Hours: _____ (name)

Altrusa Community Service _____ hours

Altrusa Member Service _____ hours

Volunteer Hours as an Altrusan _____ hours

Altrusa Community Service—Fundraising for the Foundation, meetings for fundraising events (auction, bunco, fashion show, etc.), service events planned by Altrusa (JJC events, LVFV events, etc.)

Altrusa Member Service—Committee Meetings (non-fund raising), preparing minutes, treasurer's reports, board meeting, etc. Not regular club meeting.

Volunteer Hours as an Altrusan—Any community volunteerism where you are acting as an Altrusan (wearing pins, shirts, etc.)

Remember to order from Terri Lynn all year long.

<https://altrusafoxvalley.terri Lynn.com/>



Calendar notes—Plan ahead

August 2023

- 14—Service Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 15—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 24—Business/Program Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Colonial Café, 1625 E. Main St., St. Charles IL

September 2023

- 19—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 28—Business Program Meeting 7:00 p.m., Colonial Cafe

October 2023

- 13—DeKalb County Bunco Night 6:00 p.m.
Faranda's, 302 Grove St., DeKalb IL
- 17—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 26—Business Program Meeting 7:00 p.m., Colonial Café
Speaker: Sr. Kathleen Ryan, Dominican Literacy Center
- 28—Make a Difference Day

November 2023

- 4—Annual Auction 11:00 a.m.
Elgin Country Club, 2575 Weld Road, Elgin IL
- 11—Feed My Starving Children / Joint Project with DeKalb Co.
3-5 p.m., Suter Foods, 1015 W. Bethany Rd, Sycamore IL
- 14—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 15—Joint Meeting with DeKalb County, Feranda's,
302 Grove St., DeKalb, IL

December 2023

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

January 2024

- 16—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 25—Business/Program Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Fun Night, Colonial Café, 1625 E. Main St., St. Charles IL

February 2024

- 13—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 22—Business/Program Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: Heart Health; Nominating Committee presents slate of officers for Club & Club Foundation.
Colonial Care, 1625 E. Main St., St. Charles IL

March 2024

- 9—Trivia Bee 9:00 a.m.—Noon, Revelry 675, Batavia IL
- 12—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 21—Business/Program Meeting 7:00 p.m. Colonial Café
Speaker: Wendy Gruber, Lazarus House
Election of Officers

April 2024

- 6—Fashion Show 11:00 a.m.
Eagle Brook Country Club, 2288 Fargo Blvd. Geneva IL
- 18—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 19-21—District Six Conference, Swan Lake Resort Plymouth IN
- 25—Business/Program Meeting 7:00 p.m. Colonial Café
Speaker: Kathy Malone, Mutual Ground

May 2024

- 14—Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 23—Annual Meeting 7:00 p.m. Colonial Café, St. Charles IL/
Installation of Club & Foundation Boards
Altrusan of the Year presentation

All meetings at Colonial Café begin at 7:00 p.m. However, if you wish to eat, come between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. to order from the menu on your own.

If you need the Zoom option for a meeting, notify Elaine in advance. To cancel a standing reservation or for those