
ALTRUSA NEWSLETTER

November 2023

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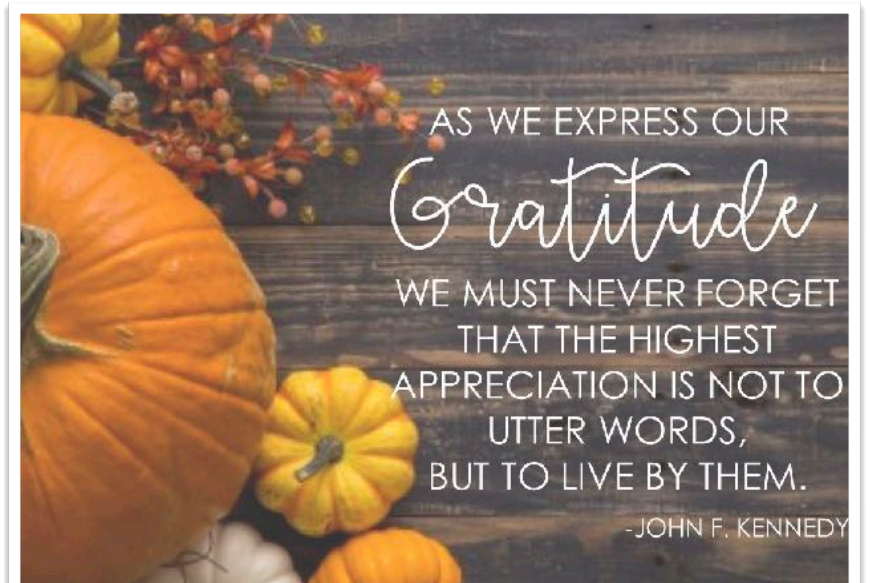
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From Your President

November 2023

Happy November to all!

Looking Ahead

October 31 Board Meeting

November 1 Business Meeting

Refreshments

Deb Haven

Barb Mohr

December 5 Board Meeting

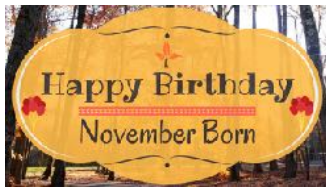
December 6 Business Meeting

Refreshments

Carol Nowak

Nancy Stellplug

Dar Campbell



Terry Smith 11-9

Kathy Paquet 11-25

What an interesting October we Green Bay Altrusans had. However, it was tinged by the sad and not unexpected news that our beloved Tank Elementary School will be closing at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Currently, the school has about 125 students and they will move to Lincoln Elementary School in September 2025.

We'll have time to talk about what we as Altrusans have accomplished over our many, many years of community service at Tank, and although the Green Bay Public School District's budget situation is the reason for the closing, it still seemed like a "gut punch" for many of us.

I couldn't help but think about all the lives we helped enrich through the years. Just think, many of these students are parents themselves now.

Our School Partnerships Committee will move forward on all its plans to support Tank School ... and doubtless some new events will come up. Fingers crossed that the grant written to take ALL Tank School students to the Children's Garden at the Green Bay Botanical Garden next May is awarded to our club.

Our various committees have also been busy on so many other projects in October, including our "Annual Booyah and Pie/Baked Goods Sale" on Oct. 15.

There are lots of "thank yous" to go around – and special "thank yous" go to Nancy Stellplug and Carol Nowak for leading this huge endeavor.

Many thanks to Nancy and Dave Stellplug for working with Ken and Nate to bring the "infrastructure" that is our Booyah Sale to the Altrusa Hospitality House. Your time and hard work overnight, along with Nate, and through Sunday morning is so very appreciated. We pray that Ken is doing well after his health event on Saturday of that weekend.

And a huge "thank you" goes to Carol Nowak and her sister-in-law, Brenda Steinfeldt, and Brenda's daughter (Carol's niece), Katie Lambrecht, for making such a vast number of wonderful pies, that so many people look forward to. The hours of planning and baking are amazing – and delicious!

I happened to be there on Sunday for the pick-up of the 60 pies ordered each year by a friend of Christina Peterson-Laszewski's. It was amazing to see all those pies going into the gentleman's vehicle, all ready for delivery to his financial planning clients.

And "thank you" to all the Altrusans who spent hours of their time planning and baking some absolutely fantastic pies, tortes, breads, bars and cookies for sale, and to those who helped price and coordinate our vast array of offerings.

Then there were those who peeled lots of veggies on the Saturday, who drove out to Brenda's to help pick up pies, who came early Sunday morning to help pull apart the chickens, and those who came to organize and sell, stayed to cleanup ... and to those who came and supported the sale by purchasing! THANK YOU TO ALL!

As Nancy S. has said many times, this is a great bonding event. It truly is, and we certainly celebrated "Make a Difference Day" (observed Oct. 28) in a special way, with 25% of our net proceeds going as a contribution to the Altrusa Hospitality House.

The second activity for "Make a Difference Day" we voted on in October is our donation of \$250 to support Altrusa International's request for the "Days for Girls" Morocco Emergency Response Project, which is related to the earthquake that struck Morocco earlier this year.

Another highlight of the month for the club was our daytime tour of Curative Connections on Oct. 18, arranged by Terry Smith. This year Curative Connections celebrates 75 years of service to the community and proudly touts how it has been able "to pivot" services to match the needs of the community through the years.

The Altrusa Club was among the founding organizations of Curative Connections and that is celebrated in a "timeline" display there. We were appreciative that Altrusan Lois Kania, who served on the Curative board for many years and also volunteered there, joined us.

A few years ago, we toured Curative Connections in the evening, but this tour was so enlightening because we had the opportunity to see all of the programs in action and met many wonderful people using Curative Connection's services – many of these are now dementia/ Alzheimer's services and services to those who have suffered brain injury by accident, stroke and brain bleed, for example, as well as individuals with other cognitive challenges.

Some of us were able to garner important information for friends in our lives who could benefit from the services they offer.

November is one of my favorite months. For me, it represents a kind of late year "new beginning" as we look forward to special times with family and friends during the holidays.

Each of you is so important to the Altrusa Club of Green Bay.

I've had a couple of members tell me that they don't know what they would do without the friendship, support and meaningful activities of the Altrusa Club, that it has gotten them through some tough times. I'd agree. When you hit a rough patch, know there are people who need you. They truly do.

God bless each and everyone of you as we head into the holiday season and the fun of our holiday event on Nov. 6 and celebrating "Christmas at Heritage Hill" in December. Thank you for making a difference!

Nancy Barthel
President
Altrusa Club of Green Bay



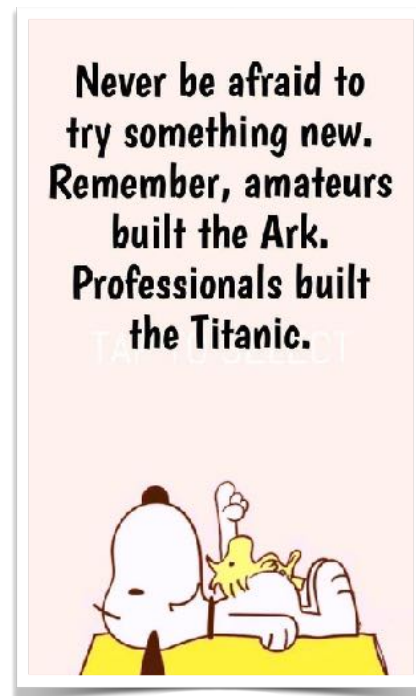
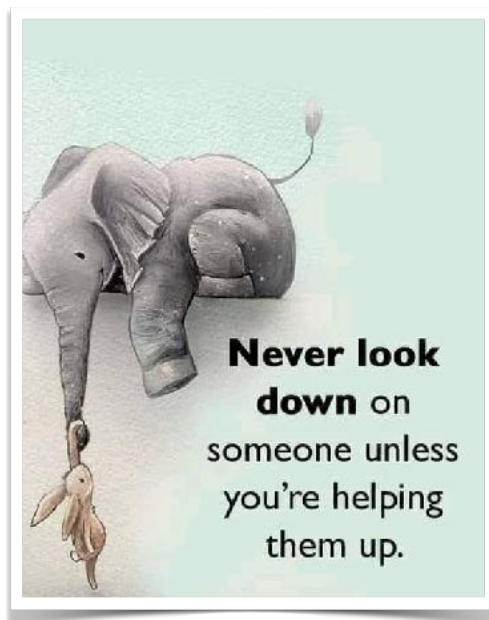
Conference 2024 Updates

Co-chairs Kate Winslow, Nancy Friebel and Nancy Barthel will be meeting on Nov. 11 with the District Seven Board who will be in Green Bay to experience Tundra Lodge and to work out details for the April 26-27 conference. Thank you to everyone for your creative input and ideas as we put together details for our presentation. Once we get past the meeting in November, we'll be able to provide more firm details and then begin adding all of the touches that will make this a memorable event of "Celebrating Altrusa through the Decades."



Handbags of Hope Update- From Kate Winslow

The three women who started and ran Handbags of Hope for the last 7 years have closed down. Illness and changes in their individual circumstances led them to this decision. Thank you to all who have contributed purses or personal care items.



Shared by Mary Hanzel



Several members enjoyed the **Curative Connections Tour** on October 18. The interactive session provided us with the organization's history and progress to meet community needs through the decades since it was established in 1949 with the help of Altrusa Club. We were impressed with staff and members who shared personal experiences. The entire staff embodied the culture of gentleness in helping members achieve their needs .



It's that time of year again! **Friends of the Library Big Book Sale November 6-9**. Stock up on books for our literacy projects at a reasonable cost.

The sales are held three times per year (Fall, Spring, and early Summer) in the main and lower levels of the Central Library in downtown Green Bay.



2023 Fall BIG Book Sale Details

Date	Type of Sale	Admittance	Hours	Prices
Monday, Nov 6	Members-only Sale	Open to Friends members only	1:00pm - 7:30pm *	\$2 for hardcover, \$1 for paperbacks and children's
Tuesday, Nov 7	General Sale	Open to the General Public	9:00am - 7:30pm	\$2 for hardcover, \$1 for paperbacks and children's
Wednesday, Nov 8	General Sale	Open to the General Public	9:00am - 7:30pm	\$2 for hardcover, \$1 for paperbacks and children's
Thursday, Nov 9	General Sale	Open to the General Public	9:00am - 6:30pm	Bag Day (\$5 for first bag, \$3 for each additional bag)

November Kindness Kernel



Kindness reminders posted on the walls of our local elementary schools



Altrusa Through The Decades....From The Archives

Submitted by Kate Winslow



Can you name these beauties?

Committee Updates

Yearbooks- From Christina Peterson, chair

The 2023-2024 Altrusa yearbooks have been distributed. Please let Christina know if you have any changes to your information. Please contact Christina Peterson at christina@hanaway.com or 414-526-0438 so your information can be corrected for future editions.

Literacy -From Diane Lautenslager

Our next visit to McCormick Assisted Living will be Thursday, November 2, at 1:30. We are planning on reading a story and singing some songs. There will be cookies and punch for the residents.

We are also making plans for a visit in December, to include a visit from Santa Claus. More details to come!

Thanks,
Diane



School Partnerships-From Terry Smith, Tracy Gallagher, co-chairs

Root Beer Float Incentive Program From Terry Smith

October 20. Thanks to Mary Kay and Lynn for encouraging the Tank students selected this month by their teachers based on displaying the character trait of the month, showing kindness, and achieving goals. Our club supplies the root beer, ice cream and volunteers to support the monthly program.

At the meeting I will be asking for two volunteers for each date to help serve floats on the following dates for the coming school year. All are Friday afternoons from 2:15-3:00. This is a very rewarding experience for students, teachers and volunteers with a minimal time commitment! Thanks for your help!

November 17

December 15

January 26

February 16

March 15

April 12

May 17



"One of the greatest gifts adults can give – to their offspring and to their society – is to read to children." Carl Sagan



Shared by Barb Mohr

Meal Heroes- From Kate Winslow, chair

Thank you to Claire LeMere who will be providing the Altrusa Hospitality House guests an October meal.

Booyah /Bake Sale- Nancy Stellplug, Carol Nowak, co-chairs

Thank you all for your efforts with this event.
Nancy Stellplug

We donated our unsold Booyah and sweets to De Pere Christian Outreach, a group of 8 Christian churches in De Pere. They feed 80 families a week from their pantry.



International Mexico- From Mavis Martens- chair

I will be leaving for Mexico on November 7th and Brian and I will purchase supplies for the school and deliver them, as well. If anyone would like to donate toward the little school in Campamento, Mexico, you may write a check to Altrusa and give it to Nancy Stellpflug.

Thank you to all of my generous fellow Altrusans.

Mavis
920-569-8378

Habitat for Humanity- From Deb Haven-chair



RePurpose FOR A REASON

9TH ANNUAL SIGNATURE FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

5:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M. | AT THE RESTORE IN GREEN BAY | ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

Field annually, RePurpose for a Reason features a silent auction including hand-crafted and DIY projects made locally, raffles, and is a fun way to support Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity's [Homeownership Program](#). The event is hosted at our very own ReStore, where you will be able to visit the store, tour and bid on the auction projects, and enjoy a family-friendly evening out with food and drinks available for all. RePurpose for a Reason is free to the public!



Salvation Army - From Kathy Paquet, chair

Save The Date!!! We are signed up to participate in the Salvation Army Christmas Bell Ringing on Saturday, Dec. 2. We will be stationed at Festival on University Ave. from 8AM to 4PM. I will have the sign-up sheet ready for your signatures at our Nov. 1st meeting.

November Volunteer Opportunities:

Coats for Kids Saturday, November 4 @ The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 1315 Lime Kiln Rd, GB: Help families find the perfect coat for their child! We are looking for volunteers to be greeters, check-in crew, shoppers, parking attendants, Hmong translators, Spanish translators, set up crew, and clean-up crew. There are multiple shifts available between 8:45am – 6:30pm. Click here to sign up: <https://bttr.im/nqq61>

Kroc Family Fun Nights – Friday, November 17 5:15 - 8:00pm @ The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 1315 Lime Kiln Rd, GB: Volunteers needed to assist with crafts, snacks, welcome table, and cleanup. Hours flexible if needed. Day passes are provided if a volunteer would like their family/children to be a part of this night, by request. Click here to sign up: <https://bttr.im/mhasn>

Super Senior Day – Friday, November 17 @ The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 1315 Lime Kiln Rd, GB: Volunteers will assist seniors with crafts or help call Bingo. Alternate available tasks include light meal prep, serving lunch, clearing tables, and running the dishwasher. Click here to sign up: <https://bttr.im/b4keg>

Wish lists/Supply needs:

- Coats for our Coats for Kids event – Click the link for registry: bit.ly/registryforgoodggb
- Nonperishable food – Click the link for registry: bit.ly/registryforgoodggb

Online Volunteer Sign Up:

1. To sign-up online: [Click Here](#)
2. **New volunteer** – Fill in the left box “I am new to MyImpactPage.com.”
3. **Existing volunteer** – Fill in the right box “I already have a username.”
4. Once signed in click the “Opportunities” tab and click “Opportunities List.”
5. Scroll down to see the events and click the name of the position you would like to sign-up for.
6. Then click the “sign-up” button under “Actions” to sign-up for the event.

Contact: Michaela Koepp / 920-593-2375 / Michaela.Koepp@usc.salvationarmy.org



**Save the Date
Saturday Dec 2**

Pecan Club Fundraiser Beginning Mid November

L. Sidlauskas reported that 14 cases of Pecans have been ordered. They will be shipped on November 8 and the committee has voted to charge \$15 per bag. Perfect for the upcoming baking season and holiday gift giving. Proceeds benefit club activities.



Lynch Creek Farm Club Fundraiser Refresher...

We have started our online fundraising campaign for 20Altrusa2023! at Lynch Creek Farm. Every time someone shops online through our group's fundraising page, we receive 15% back from eligible items purchased. It really is that easy!

Join us as a teammate online by entering our **invite code 6CD9Y9** at https://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/teams/join?fundraiser_name=&joincode=6CD9Y9

New this year: Free shipping ends November 10th, but you can still order via our fundraiser until December 10th.

Don't wait to order, **YOU CHOOSE THE SHIP DATE**....order now, ship up until November 10th for free shipping. The less expensive items sell out fast so order now! They have some lovely fall/ Thanksgiving items...check them out.

Contact me for any questions....

I will be providing a phone number if you prefer to place your order via the phone rather than online....the important thing to remember no matter how you order is to make sure you are ordering from the Fundraising site on Lynch Creek Farms and that you are using our **team code 6CD9Y9**

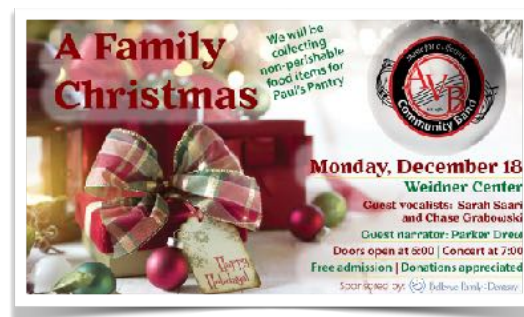
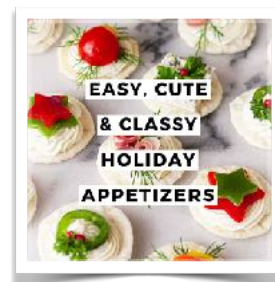
Looking forward to a great selling season! Invite your friends and family to use the easy online shopping for their holiday gift giving and help us earn 15% back on everything they purchase and help support our many community projects.

Thank you, Kate

Monday, November 6 -"Celebrate the Holidays with a Variety of Seasonal Appetizers" demonstration and sharing.

Social 5:30, Demonstration 6:00

Join us for a unique and fun early November holiday celebration. Sue Beno, local food enthusiast, has graciously volunteered her culinary skills to demonstrate a variety of easy holiday appetizers to share at your gatherings. The location will be the the community space with a rooftop view of Lambeau Field at Sue's residence, 746 Element Way in Ashwaubenon. (Onieda to Marvelle to Element Way). Easy, close and abundant street parking on Marvelle Lane and Element Way. Someone will be at the main entrance on Element way to let you in. Take the elevator to fifth floor and head to the community room where the fun begins with a warm holiday beverage and appetizers. Dress for outside weather if you'd like to spend time on the rooftop terrace with a view of Lambeau and outdoor fireplace.



AVB Community Band Concert

Mark your calendars for two very special family-friendly concerts of the AVB Community Band!

We will salute our veterans and America on WEDNESDAY, Nov. 15, in a concert titled "One Nation United" at the Walter Theatre at St. Norbert College in De Pere.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Concert begins at 7 p.m. and features vocalist Toni Fritz. American Legion Post 11 will be there to Post the Colors and greet our audience members as they arrive at the theatre.

"A Family Christmas" will be the theme on Monday, Dec. 18, at the big Christmas Concert at the Weidner Center. Doors open at 6 p.m., show begins at 7 p.m. Parker Drew will be there to narrate a special "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and vocalists will be Sarah Saari and Chase Grabowski. The band will host its annual food drive for Paul's Pantry before the concert.

The theme of the 42nd season of the AVB (All Volunteer) Community Band is "We Are Family." Admission is free, with donations accepted following the concert to support the AVB Community Band's continuing mission of "Music for a Lifetime."

See Nancy B. if you have any questions.

Saturday December 9 A Fort Howard Christmas at Heritage Hill 5-9

There will be a sign up sheet at the November business meeting. Also, I would like to collect the \$12.00 at that meeting so I may purchase the tickets in advance. We'll discuss if we want to eat as a group onsite.

Mavis
920-569-8378

A Fort Howard Christmas

Cost is \$12.00 per person



Saturday December 9

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Experience Fort Howard as you haven't before, by candlelight!

- Interact with costumed historic interpreters, enjoy festive music, and warm yourself by a fire.
- Visit and take a photo with our Old World Santa
- Food and beverage will be available for purchase

This event is “snow or shine.”



Calendar of Events

Club Board and Foundation Board Meetings via Zoom

Tuesday, Oct. 31, 7 a.m.

Club Business Meeting

Crystal Lake Apartments Community Room

Wednesday, Nov. 1

5:45 p.m. social, 6 p.m. club meeting

Make a Difference Day Reports

Due in November to District/International

Holiday Appetizer Class

Monday, Nov. 6

Diwali “The Hindu Festival of Lights”

"Victory of light over darkness,
good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance"

Sunday, Nov. 12 (lasts five days)

AVB Community Band Concert

“United We Stand” Veterans Concert

Walter Theatre, St. Norbert College

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thursday, Nov.23

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Saturday, Nov. 25

Club Board and Foundation Board Meetings via Zoom

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 7 a.m.

Club Business Meeting

Crystal Lake Apartments Community Room

Wednesday, Dec. 6

5:45 p.m. social, 6 p.m. club meeting

Hanukkah

Dec. 7-15

Christmas at Heritage Hill evening

Date to be determined:

Friday, Dec. 8, or Saturday, Dec. 9

AVB Community Band Concert

“A Family Christmas,” Weidner Center

Monday, Dec. 18, 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve and Day

Sunday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 25

New Year’s Eve and Day

Sunday, Dec. 31, and Monday, Jan. 1. 2024

Club Board and Foundation Board Meetings via Zoom

Tuesday, Jan. 2, 7 a.m.

Club Business Meeting

Crystal Lake Apartments Community Room

Wednesday, Jan. 3

5:45 p.m. social, 6 p.m. club meeting



