

**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN**



WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

January, February & March

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas despite the snow and cold and stayed safe and healthy!

I can't believe it is 2023. Where has the time gone? Thinking back into 2022, I congratulate our Altrusa group for once again having a VERY successful YEAR! What did we accomplish? I looked back into our year and would like to make a list of our accomplishments. I am amazed at what I discovered and would like to share with you what we did. So, see if you remember all we did:

- **Purse Bingo**
- **Prom distribution**
- **Garage Sales**
- **"Little Free Library"**

- **Sponsored a Girl Scout for a year**
- **Visitation from Governor Stratos**
- **Hygiene Packets**
- **Established a committee to develop a plan to determine recipients of our fundraisers**
- **Gave monies to the Battle Creek Historical Museum and Kids Campus**
- **Attended Altrusa Conference in April**
- **Birthday Celebration in February**
- **Lasagna Dinner fundraiser with Post Foundation**
- **Homeless Health Fair—served food and provided utensils for the event**
- **Stuff-a-Bus**
- **100th Birthday Celebration in August**
- **Induction of new members**
- **Poinsettia Sale**
- **Charitable Union Back to School event**
- **Rang bells for the Salvation Army**
- **Scholarship to the School of Dance (Shari Gysel)**
- **Said sad good-byes to Marge, Karen and Marjorie**

As we get into 2023, we look forward to continue some of our established projects (Hygiene packet distributions, Charitable Union service, District Conference

**and International Convention,
election and installation of new
officers and whatever else comes
our way. We are always ready,
able and welcome new
challenges!!**

**As always, no weeds in our
garden!!!**

Judy



OFFICERS:

President Judy Montych

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Treasurer Susan Brooks

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*Director Sally Hierons (2024)
Director Kathy Wanner (2023)*

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MEETINGS:

JANUARY:

4 Noon Board Meeting - Ermisch Travel
11 - 5:30 pm Captain Luey's
25 - Noon Business Meeting Clara's

February:

1 Noon Board Meeting - Ermisch Travel
8 - 5:30 pm Altrusa Birthday Party
Captain Luey's
22 - Noon Business Meeting Clara's

MARCH:

1 Noon Board Meeting - Ermisch Travel
8 - 5:30 pm Captain Luey's
22 - Noon Business Meeting - Clara's



JANUARY

7 Brenda Hunt
6 Kathy Wanner
31 Mary Zima

FEBRUARY

7 Judy Montych
20 Judy Beam

MARCH

4 Pat Slayton



PAST ACTIVITIES:

Health Fair was a huge success with a large group of members helping out.

Charitable Union Coat Distribution was a well-attended event again this year. Thanks for all the help.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Despite a lot of sickness and workers shift changes, all the hours were covered and over \$600.00 was raised!

Poinsettia Sale was once again a success with many hands doing pick-up and delivery. Thank you all.

Holiday Book and Cereal Distribution from proceeds of Lasagna Dinner Proceeds.

Altrusa of Battle Creek Michigan again this year, partnered with the Post Foundation of Battle Creek Michigan and held a Lasagna Take Out Dinner in August where profits were raised to go towards literacy for local students. We worked with four area schools and the teachers and arranged for 1048 children to receive books for Christmas. Post Consumers Brand, formerly Post Cereals, donated boxes of cereals and Duncan Aviation donated money to help with this project. All three organizations donated their time and went to the schools and handed out the books and cereal to the children. We love our children and literacy is our goal in our city – Sally Hierons

Christmas Dinner at the Country Club was enjoyed by all who attended. A collection was held by Donna Hazel for books for the Daycare kids.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Not sure what lies ahead as we begin the new year, but surely as usual, we will approach them with our usual 100% effort.

NEW MEMBERS



Welcome new members Linde Phelps and Ginny Mahale-Cook. Both ladies are interested in volunteering and giving back to the community,



Please remember in your thoughts and prayers those who have lost someone last year.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO MAKE CALLS, SEND CARDS OR VISIT THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

INTERNATIONAL AND DISTRICT NEWS:

International Convention will be in San Antonio, Texas in 2023.

District Five Conference will be held in Mansfield, Ohio on April 28-30, 2023.

Battle Creek Web page address is: <https://districtfive.altrusa.org/battlecreek>

Have a wonderful and warm Winter. See you all in April.