

Altrusa Lunch Meeting
Date 9/19/11 12:00
Riverside School, Springcreek Room

Mary called the meeting to order at 12:02pm and led the Altrusa Grace.

Members present: 13 members present. See attached attendance sheet.

Guests present: 1, Karen Church

Program – Karen Church from Children’s Medical Center gave a very interesting talk on the history of the hospital and the volunteer work that goes on there. Karen has been involved in volunteer management for 23 years. She has spent 40 years in health care, with the last 11 years at Dayton Children’s Hospital.

When the hospital began in 1967 it was called Barney’s. Two children’s hospital societies merged to form the Children’s hospital at that time. Today, it is one of six pediatric hospitals in Ohio. Dayton Children’s has 155 beds and serves 20 counties.

The volunteer program began in 1965 with 55 volunteers. In 2010 that number had grown to 1091. The number one area for volunteers is the newborn intensive care unit. Volunteers from 15 to 95 put in 63,000 hours of work each year. Their gift shop is the only one in the area to be run totally by volunteers.

Ms. Church gave information about the hospital and volunteering there. Our club as a whole can volunteer by putting together packets for them after a meeting sometime.

Reminders:

- Don’t forget “Ladies Night Out”, Wednesday, Oct. 12th, 5:30-7:30 – Membership Drive
- Sandy reminded everyone about the Dental Clinic’s upcoming “Dine to Donate” at Applebee’s.
- Susan still has some Community Day coupons from Elder Beerman’s (\$5 each)
- Remember your “Buddy”
- Mary Hobson feels the Ensure is making her feel better. The Service committee will take donations to purchase more for her. She currently has a 3 month supply.
- David L. Brown visit is Thursday, Sept. 22. This service project has been going on for more than 20 years.
- Decorated boxes for collecting books for “Make a Difference Day” will be available at the October business meeting. They need to be put in public places.
- Myrle still needs a couple of volunteers for the Circles Meal on Oct. 25th.

Meeting was closed with the Altrusa Benediction at 1:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Teressa Bowers