



# Assisteens

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Thrift Shop Sales

<b>Total to Date:</b>	
<b>\$12,750.14</b>	
2/20	<b>\$800.00</b>
Leticia Plummer Cecilia Leone-Teen Rita O'Neill-Closing	
2/13	<b>\$810.21</b>
Ann Reese Carol IMulloy Suzanne Dechart Kristie Johnson-Teen	
1/16	<b>\$849.97</b>
Brandi Burgett Courtney Burkett Megan Eckard Allison Ernest Chloe Corden Morgan White Leticia Plummer	
1/9	<b>\$488.40</b>
Allison Ernest Morgan White Margo Doski	
12/19	<b>\$632.53</b>
Allison Ernst Jared Vance Morgan White Leticia Plummer	
12/12	<b>\$866.15</b>
Ann Reese Suzanne Dechart Morgan White	
<b>\$8,302.88</b>	
<b>TWO QUARTER TOTAL</b>	

The Assisteens had yet another fun invigorating guest speaker, Michael Klein, in February. Michael Klein split us up into two groups and we debated against each other. We had a fun and fierce debate that taught us to not be afraid to speak in front of a group and also how to work together in groups. We all learned an important lesson in communication that required us all to be good listeners and better speakers. Overall it was an invigorating meeting that brought us closer as a group.

*Hillary DeCarl*  
Chairman

## Philanthropic Programs

*Annie Ng*

Sometimes the best gifts come in small packages. Sometimes the best gifts don't even come in packages at all, but just thin envelopes.

The Senior Citizens' and Assisteens' Tea held with a Valentine's Day theme was evidence that the best gifts for everyone involved in the Senior Citizens and Assisteens pen pal project started with a letter, written with care, and folded neatly in an envelope.

Twenty-four Assisteens started the project in September by penning their first letter to complete strangers, their Senior Citizen pen pals. Through the months, the letters flowed and friendships grew. The first in-person meeting of pen pal buddies happened at the Valentine's Day Tea hosted by the Assisteens.

Everyone worked to decorate the Assistance League conference room with flower bouquets, balloons, and chocolate candy sprinkled lavishly at each table. There were smiles, hugs and laughter when everyone first met. There was little to be shy about; everyone felt like old friends because the letters revealed so much information about their writing partners. The Senior guests enjoyed proper tea sandwiches of salmon and cream cheese, egg salad, strawberry and cream cheese and peanut butter and jelly, all cut into

The Senior Pen Pal Social was a complete success! I'd like to thank Arlene Ng, Wende King, and Suzanne Dechart who helped put the finishing touches on everything and Jerry Vance who took our pictures!

The teens did an outstanding job of representing themselves as caring young adults and members of Assisteens. And, we had so much fun from start to finish. The teens made yummy treats, added fresh flowers, candies and lots of balloons to make the meeting room look truly festive for Valentine's! They had a wonderful time talking and getting to know their Pen Pal while sampling the delicious tea treats and playing Bingo. Yes, we played Bingo and gave out prizes, too. Next time we'll have to play a bit longer and or plan to do one more game. The seniors left that afternoon with a bouquet of flowers, thank you cards, a heart shaped cookie from Valle D Brume and a smile on their faces.

*Leticia Plummer*  
Assisteens Coordinator

tiny shapes of the holiday made by Assisteens. Everyone feasted on the wide array of desserts including mini cupcakes, lemon bars and a flowing chocolate fountain with fresh fruit.

The Assisteens presented their friends with gifts of flowers and note cards. Everyone played a few rounds of Bingo and the Seniors won some very nice prizes provided by the Assisteens. Before goodbyes were said, promises were made to write again soon. The Assisteens plan to give their special friends more surprises before the year is done. What started as a project of reaching out to Senior Citizens has not only turned out to be a huge success, but a venture where the Assisteens have received much more in friendship and heartfelt fun than they had planned.



### March Calendar

Assisteens Meeting  
Monday, March 8 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Barnes & Noble @ 6:00 p.m.  
March 13 & 20 Thrift Shop Days



February 8 meeting with guest speaker, Michael Klein



February 13 Senior Pen Pal Social



Arlene Ng, Suzanne Dechart, Leticia Plummer & Wende King



Madeline Pfeiffer



Cody King