

Sue Larkin's Introduction to Altrusa

Jeanne was a leader in our community of Sun City, Arizona. She had built a "Lifelong Learning Program" for senior citizens as an outreach of Arizona State University. She invited me to become an instructor since my office was right across the hall from the classrooms in our professional building. Later, I asked Jeanne if she knew of any women's civic groups in Sun City that I might be able to join. "Have I got a group for you," she said as she showed me a folder of articles about me she had been saving in her "potential members" file! And with that, I was swept up into the world of Altrusa! I had no chance to say "no". You see, Jeanne grew up living next door to a wonderful lady that all the neighbor kids knew as "Aunt Mamie". That's right, our first International President, Mamie L. Bass! Jeanne opened the doors for me to a lifetime of Altrusa giving, sharing, and friendships. Although I never met Mamie Bass in person, I feel as if I know her in just a little more special way!