

# District Service Bulletin

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## Governor's Message

### Call to Conference

As Governor of District Five, it is my duty and privilege to issue the Call to Conference for 2018. The event will take place April 27-29 at the Roberts Centre, Wilmington, Ohio. Conveniently located at the intersection of I-71 and US 68, the site will be familiar to those who attended the 2014 Conference hosted by Xenia. This DSB is filled with information about Conference, so take some time to peruse this edition to help you prepare for registration and attendance.

Please note and comply with the deadlines for registration and hotel reservations, so you will have full access to our wonderful Conference. One of the issues we deal with each year is late registration. It becomes more and more difficult to make final arrangements when the registrations are coming in at the last minute.

Host Club Highland County has great plans for making your Conference experience special. They issue a warm welcome and hope you will attend.

Kathy Foley, International Vice President, will be the International Representative. Kathy is a member of the Temple Texas Club in District Nine. We are looking forward to getting to know Kathy better and introducing her to District Five.

The District Board and Chairs have worked diligently to provide a Conference that is fun, informative, and inspirational. All we need is you!

~ Governor Karyn

### What to Bring to Conference

- **Your Membership Pin**
- **Club Banner**  
Parade of banners is Saturday am
- **Foundation Raffle/Auction Items**  
Value of \$50 or more
- **Club Centerpiece Entry**  
See rules and criteria on page 2
- **Paper for all your notes**
- **Children's Books**  
For Highland County Service Project
- **Cash or checks**  
For all the items at the Altrusa Store, Silent and Live Auctions, Raffle
- **Your smile**

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### Call to Conference

Author: Karyn Evans - Governor

#### First Timers

If you are going to be a First-Timer at the Conference, don't worry. The team is ready to help you. Tips:

- Register and reserve your room early
- If you are a delegate, you will be seated with other delegates. Know the issues; be ready to vote as your Club wishes.
- Dress is business casual except for the Banquet, which is a little dressier.
- Two First-Timers sessions will be offered (Friday evening and Saturday morning) to help you become acclimated. Check the schedule for times and location.

#### Conference Registration Fee Refund

For any District event for which a registration fee is charged, a written request for a refund must be submitted to the Governor and approved by the Board. Applicable refunds will be made as follows. 30 days prior to the event, a refund of 90% will be made after the close of the conference, 15 days prior to the event, a refund of 50% will be made after the close of the conference. Less than 15 days prior to the event, no refund will be approved. No refunds are to be issued without Board approval.

#### Awards Luncheon

An Awards Luncheon on Saturday will provide the venue for all District Awards sponsored by the Clubs except for those for second place to the International Awards. Centerpieces will be provided by our District Clubs. See competition rules below.

#### Centerpiece Competition

At the 2018 Conference, Club Awards, except those for second place for International Awards, will be presented at an Awards Luncheon on Saturday. We are inviting clubs to bring a centerpiece for the luncheon tables to enter in a competition. The theme will be *And, the Winner Is!*

#### Centerpieces should be designed and created by members of the Club.

- No professional designs
- The size should be substantial enough for a large circular table, but not a hindrance to the sight line.

#### The centerpieces will be judged on:

- Originality
- Creativity
- Interpretation of Theme
- Beauty
- Selection of Materials
- Spark -- that something special: humor, innovation, etc.
- Size Appropriate - not too big or small

#### How do we enter?

- Email Gov. Karyn saying, "X Club is in!" with *Centerpiece* in the subject line.
- Bring your arrangement to Conference no later than 10:00 am on Saturday. The Registration Desk will tell you where to leave your arrangement.

#### Annual Meeting

Each District has an Annual Conference, but within the conference format, is the District Annual Meeting. This is the one time each year District Five conducts business. During the Annual Meeting, delegates do things like approve the biennial budget, and other items brought before the assembly. It is a time of providing information and

#### Delegate Responsibility

Serving as a delegate for your Club is both an honor and a responsibility. You are responsible for representing your club and voting on issues and in elections as your club has decided. The vote is for the club, not you, as an individual member. Clubs should discuss the issues and elections and decide how the delegate is to vote.

Delegates will be seated in a specific place to facilitate voting. Alternates will be right behind the delegates. It is important for delegates and alternates to sit in the assigned areas. An orientation for delegates will take place on Friday evening just before the Opening Session. Check your program for time and location.

#### Displays

Our District Five Clubs brought such wonderful displays last year, we are going to do it again. This year the theme will be service. In a trifold display, show the service you provide to your community. You can choose to focus on one service activity or a montage of service activities. Put your creative caps on and showcase your club's hard work. As last year, each display will have the space of one-half a banquet table

#### Auction

The live auction will continue this year with articles donated by members of the District Team. Look for a beautiful purse absolutely stuffed with items to be found in a well-prepared lady's handbag; a fairy garden; prints by Past Governor Kathleen Howard, an eagle watch; a stuffed office supply bag, and of course, wine and chocolate. A complete list of items will be emailed in March. Proceeds go to offset District expenses and have helped to keep our current dues structure. District dues have not increased for a number of years and we hope to continue at the same level. We appreciate your support and hope you have fun at this event.

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### **Conference is Just Around the Corner!**

Author: Suzanne Cline, Governor-Elect

In October, the Board of Directors met to conduct our mid-year business, which always includes planning the upcoming District Five Conference. This year, we have another fantastic event planned for the members. In other business, we discussed and adopted the new format for our Strategic Plan, which will be presented.

Please make this year the year YOU decide to join us for a wonderful learning and networking experience, as I look forward to seeing all of you there!

### **10 Questions You Might Have About Attending Conference**

Author: Suzanne Cline, Governor-Elect

If you have never attended an Altrusa District Conference, you might wonder what it is all about. I am going to provide answers to 10 questions that you may have about attending a conference.

#### ***When and where does District Conference take place and how long does it last?***

District Five Conference typically takes place the last weekend in April. This year, the conference will be held in Wilmington, OH at the Roberts Centre from Friday, April 27, through Sunday, April 29, 2018.

#### ***Is there anything special for me if I am a first time attendee of the Conference?***

Yes. If you have never been to a District Five Conference, please note that on your registration form. You will be given a ribbon for your name badge, and will be asked to attend the "First Timers" workshop, which generally takes place Friday evening and repeats on Saturday morning.

#### ***Am I able to be reimbursed for the cost of the Conference?***

Many of the clubs set money aside to allow members to attend Conference. Please check with your local club to determine what, if anything, can be reimbursed.

Some clubs pay for registration only; others include the cost of the hotel room.

#### ***What takes place on the Friday of the Conference?***

While it may vary from year to year, typically, the Conference opening ceremony takes place Friday evening. This includes a display of the Altrusa flags, a welcome by local dignitaries, possibly a speaker and local entertainment.

#### ***What takes place during the business sessions at Conference?***

The business session is a major part of our event. This is the only time of that all of our clubs have the opportunity to be in the same place at the same time. There are numerous items that must be accomplished, including voting on items being handed down from International, voting on items that affect our District, or elections of officers or chairs for either District or as nominations for International.

#### ***What can I expect to learn at Conference?***

The District Conference offers a wide range of information. Each year in October, the District Five Board of Directors meets with the chairs of the Conference to plan the event. The Board of Directors reviews the evaluation forms from the prior year and tries to consider all comments regarding the workshops. There are some topics that need to be covered, such as training for the Presidents, President-Elects and Treasurers. There are other topics, such as fundraising and service projects that seem to be staples for the Conference due to the interest expressed by members. The remaining workshops may be chosen due to something that is happening at International, or within our District. All workshops are defined in the program booklet, so please refer to the booklet, which is provided in a bag you receive upon check in at the Conference registration desk.

***How long do the workshops last?*** Generally, the workshops last 45 to 90 minutes, depending on the topics selected and the time allotted for the trainings.

The workshops are likely to take place of Saturday afternoons following the business session and ending with enough time to provide a break before the International Representative's evening reception.

#### ***What does the International Representative do at the District Five Conference?***

The International Representative is a board member from International who is selected to bring members information about what is happening on the International level. They also observe our Conference in order to take ideas back to their board, and to provide helpful suggestions to the District Five Board of Directors.

#### ***Why should I attend the District Five Conference?***

The Conference is a very unique opportunity for you, as an Altrusan, to meet members from other clubs. It is a means for you to learn about how the local club is connected to the District and to International. It is also a wonderful place for you to network with others, providing you with the opportunity to gain new ideas about a number of things that will help you grow as an Altrusan and a leader. The District Conference is a place for you to make lifelong connections and further your journey as a member of our fantastic worldwide organization. Please plan to attend!

#### ***Is it possible to attend only part of the Conference?***

Yes, it is now easier to attend only certain days of the Conference: however, to receive full benefit from this event, it is recommended that you attend the entire Conference. Please read the registration carefully and make sure you check the correct boxes for the day(s) you plan to attend. Please note that there might be additional charges for meals.

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### “Why Is It Important for Every Club to Be Represented at Conference?”

Author: Julie Stratos, First Vice Governor

This is the time of year to start thinking of District Conference, and this issue of the District Service Bulletin (DSB) has all the information you need to register.

But time and again, we have some clubs that have no representation at conference. If your club may be one of those, consider the following.

- District Conference is our annual meeting. It's where decisions are made that will affect our clubs in the future.
- District Conference provides needed information for your incoming president, secretary, and treasurer to assist them in meeting their responsibilities. These are two very important positions in your club.
- District Conference offers workshops on important topics your club needs to know about to make it even better.
- District Conference offers a chance to network, to learn from each other, and show off your club's accomplishments.

So why is it important that every club is represented? Remember the saying “No man is an island?” The same can be said of an Altrusa club. Each club is part of a greater whole. That's what makes us strong, viable, and effective. By taking part in conference, becoming better acquainted with other Altrusans, learning what's going on at the District and International levels, and receiving education on topics important to us all, your club as a whole will benefit as well as those attending

### Second Vice-Governor

Author: Ginny Beamish, Second Vice Governor

As you know, the 2018 District Five Conference is right around the corner. For those of us who attend every year, we are just waiting patiently for the registration forms to arrive. But for those who aren't quite sure if we should attend this year's conference, I offer you these points to ponder. This year's Conference is a great time and place to:

- Renew acquaintances with those Altrusans you met at previous conferences
- Make new Altrusa friends
- Get reacquainted with and reconnected to your District Five Board members and committee chairs
- Exchange ideas of service projects with other clubs: what they are doing, how they are doing it, and how they solve any problems
- Figure out some new fund- raisers for your club
- Win some fabulous raffle prizes while you support the Altrusa Foundation
- Bid on some amazing Live Auction items, proceeds from which help the District Five budget
- Discover how to write a one-page Strategic Planning
- Share ideas about Membership, Revitalization, and Inclusion
- Find out about the length and breadth of the Altrusa Foundation and its activities
- Amaze yourself with Group Tally, the Altrusa Website, and Social Media as you become more skilled at using each
- Consider Mentoring, Motivation, and Fun in your own club

Mark your calendar now for April 27-29, and I hope to see you at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington for a special weekend!

### Trainings Are so important to Presidents, Treasurers, and Secretaries

Author: Tammy Bader, Treasurer

Serving Altrusa as a Club President, Treasurer, or Secretary is a special honor, but it also brings on so many new responsibilities. If you said yes to serving your Club in one of these Officer positions – Thank You! Your role as an Officer is vital in your Club's overall success.

But now what? I remember my first time, as a Club President and as a Treasurer.... Where do I start? What is expected of me? The thought of being an Officer and how to handle my new role was overwhelming! One of the best things I did in starting in my Officer role was to attend the District Five Conference Officer training sessions. The training sessions covered tasks and responsibilities that were assigned to my new position. There were also informative materials, guidance as to where I could find items on the International website (and there is a lot out there!) and the opportunity to ask questions.

Training sessions will be offered for all Club Presidents, Treasurers, and Secretaries at our District Five Conference in April. I encourage you to please take the time from your busy schedule and attend the 2018 Conference and the Officer Training Sessions. It will be worth it! You will have the opportunity to develop your leadership abilities, receive guidance in your role as an Officer and connect with others who are assuming leadership roles.

Hope to see you in April!

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### Best Tips for Getting the Most Out of Conference

Author: Shelley Kendrick, Secretary

Although there are many who have attended more conferences than I have, the following tips have proven most helpful for me.

Plan to be completely there. Home and work will be waiting for you after the weekend. Use this time to get away from the everyday. Use it to reenergize yourself as an Altrusan.

Be engaged in the process. Don't be afraid to meet new people, get out of your comfort zone. Meet other Altrusans and be open to their ideas. Don't be afraid to share - Your club has tried things, some successful and some not. Let others know what you have done, what has worked and what hasn't. We all have something to offer.

One of the great things about conference is the kindred spirit of all who attend. That spirit of giving to others, of serving our communities. You have multiple opportunities each day to learn, share and grow.

Most of all enjoy have fun, grab new opportunities and enjoy the experience!

### Workshop for Conference in April 2018

Author: Germaine Vonderhaar, Conference Manager

At this Call to Conference issue, those who are presenting and sharing information in a workshop are gathering the data to share with members. One of the workshops we feel is important at this conference is the Altrusa International Website and the Member Information System or Group Tally.

A survey was conducted recently to various levels of leadership in clubs and districts. In District Five, 20 members responded with various comments.

At our workshop we hope to answer some questions and concerns from members who may not have responded and to review what is included in the all member survey.

### Conference Evaluations

The purpose of the Evaluations is to assist in planning future Conferences. The District Team reads the synopses each year to glean information for improvement. It is important for everyone to complete the Evaluation. It is also important to provide constructive analysis, not just criticism.

### What I am looking forward to at Conference 18?

Author: Nancy Schwab, Director

District Five Conference 2018 promises to be yet another great opportunity for District Five Altrusans. I am looking forward to a great mixture of comradery, exploration, competition, and consideration.

Looking forward to comradery is first and foremost. Conference 18, once again, gives Altrusans the opportunity to renew acquaintances made at earlier conferences as well as making new friends. I, personally, will also have the opportunity to see the great ladies I have met during my club visits.

We will also be exploring the many facets of membership and revitalization of District Five. Many of our clubs need ideas and assistance to be successful. Ideas for *Add an Altrusan* will also be shared.

Everyone loves a great competition. The centerpiece competition, "**And, the Winner Is!**", sounds like great fun. Club members will be working together to come up with creative ideas for the centerpieces. I can't wait to see them!!

Information from the 2017 International Convention will also be presented for consideration at the conference, as well as the new Long Range Strategic Plan.

So, what are you looking forward to??

### Membership & New Club/Revitalization

Authors: Peggy Collins, Membership & Courtney Seibert, New Club/Revitalization

On November 9, the Altrusa International Membership held a conference call with District Membership and Revitalization Chairs. Some of the topics discussed were: virtual clubs, new club building, social media and under charter clubs. An informative question/answer session followed the discussion. A summary of the conference call will be shared with each of our District Five Clubs.

In order to assist clubs in planning *Add an Altrusa* events, the first activity has been posted on the District Five shared documents page. *Add an Altrusan* month is April. Any clubs willing to share their *Add an Altrusan* activities, please feel free to post it. More events will be posted over the next month.

As Virtual Clubs are on the horizon through International, the membership/new club committee is seeking to empower an enthusiastic group to form a District Five Virtual Club. More information to come; if interested, please send contact information to Courtney Seibert, seibert.48@buckeyemail.osu.edu.

Any clubs seeking assistance with membership recruitment and/or revitalization, please contact Peggy Collins, [pegmo33@woh.rr.com](mailto:pegmo33@woh.rr.com), or Courtney Seibert, [seibert.48@buckeyemail.osu.edu](mailto:seibert.48@buckeyemail.osu.edu). There is a power point presentation that is available that covers membership and retention.

Please encourage the member(s) in your club responsible for making changes in Group Tally for your club to attend this workshop. Also, we want to encourage those members to attend who obtain information from Group Tally and are responsible for sharing with their club members.

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### 20 Year Members:

In the next several issues we will be spotlighting clubs that have members who have been in Altrusa for 20 + years.

#### **Battle Creek, MI (Additional)**

Barbara Anderson – 45  
Shari Gysel – 45  
Donna Hazel – 44  
Norma Mayo – 47  
Ann Bobrofsky – 50  
Marjorie Pearlman – 50

#### **Branch County, MI**

Alicia Cole – 22  
Carrie Stout – 29  
Julie Stratos – 26  
Shirley Bailey – 35  
Caroline Christy – 35  
Joanne Dean – 35  
Barbara Faulner – 35  
Christine Delaney – 30  
Connie Winbigler – 33  
Norma Wojack – 34

#### **Bucyrus, OH**

Nancy Delaney – 28  
Stephanie Hassel – 21  
Garnett (Sis) Love – 25  
Jane Cremeans – 38  
Juanita Gatchell – 33

#### **Chillicothe, OH**

Joyce Atwook – 27  
Jean Blue – 27  
Judy Grace – 25  
Nancy Alhouse – 40

### Foundation News

Author: Julie Stratos, First Vice Governor

With District Conference comes the International Foundation's raffle. We ask each club to donate an item (baskets are popular) and tickets are sold with members putting their tickets in the receptacle in front of items they would like to win. According to Wikipedia, this is sometimes called a Chinese auction, which is a combination raffle and auction frequently featured at charity, church festival, and numerous other events. It can also be known as a penny social, penny sale, tricky tray, or pic-a-prize.

Baskets are popular, and in the past there have been chocolate baskets, wine baskets, gardening baskets, movie night baskets, and more. Also popular were items featuring cash and lottery tickets. Imagine that! Have your club put their creativity to work and come up with your own unique item. It's for a worthy cause, and many of our clubs have benefited from Foundation grants.

Tickets are six for \$5.00. If you aren't able to attend conference, you can still get in on the action! Each club president will be able to collect your money for tickets before Conference. Those attending from your club can turn in the ticket money, put your tickets in, and hopefully bring back a winning item.

### Director News

Author: Nancy Schwab, Director 2

I completed the three assigned club visits: Tiffin, Columbus and Lima. I thoroughly enjoyed each of my visits and had the opportunity to learn about each club's service and fundraising activities, as well as getting to know more about my sister Altrusans. I was also very impressed at the number of service projects these Altrusans provide to their communities. It was very encouraging!

### SERVICE NEWS

Author: Carol Hodson, Service/Awards Chair

Calling All Clubs! It is time for us to all get together to renew our friendships, revitalize ourselves, and review and reflect on our wonderful projects and members.

- The District Awards Ceremony will be held during the Saturday Luncheon.
- The International Awards will be presented at the Sunday breakfast.
- We ask each club to bring a centerpiece to be used on the tables. See more details on page 2.
- We also would like to continue this year the Display Boards from each club. These were very informative and we received positive feedback. Be sure to bring any tech you might need, like extension cords, etc.

Also, I would like to hear from any club that has done a fun activity: something that keeps everyone engaged and motivated. It can be anything- a get together, something you do at each meeting, etc. Please email me with just a very brief paragraph about it: [clhodson@charter.net](mailto:clhodson@charter.net) Thank you!

### Memorial Service

The Xenia Club, led by Linda Beaver, will be in charge of the Memorial Service again this year. Linda sent a message to all District Presidents asking for submissions no later than April 1.

### New Secretary Training

Are you a current or future secretary of an Altrusa Club? Consider signing up for our new training to be held at District Conference this year. Learn some tips to help you, as well as what is expected for good records. Join us on Friday afternoon.

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### Meet the Candidates for District Five Nominating Committee:

**CAROLE I. McWILSON**  
Altrusa International of  
Youngstown, OH



Carole has over 20 years' experience in human resources and management. She has a BA in Business Management from National University, San Diego, and received her Certification in Human Resources Management from the University of California, San Diego.

She and her husband relocated to Youngstown from San Diego, California where she was the Director of Human Resources at a biotech/pharmaceutical firm. Prior to that, Carole was with a national healthcare organization, and has prior experience with a nationwide job search & development organization.

In addition to serving as Secretary, and then President of Altrusa Youngstown, she has served on the Boards of a number of professional and community organizations, is very active in the community, and an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown.

Carole and husband, Jimma, co-founded the F.A.M.I.L.Y. Empowerment Student Achievement Institute, dedicated to equal and equitable education for all children, specifically those who have been historically deprived of this opportunity.

The Institute is actively engaged with the Youngstown school system to recognize and award academically achieving students and their families.

**IRENE R. COLBERT**  
Altrusa International of  
Xenia, OH



In her professional life Irene has worked at St. Helena Commercial College Louisville, Kentucky, 10 years as a Library Assistant: Montgomery County Public Library, Dayton, Ohio, 22 years (retired) Criminal Deputy Clerk (5 years-Office Manager) Greene County Clerk of Courts, Xenia, Ohio and 20 years (retired) Licensed Insurance Agent for the State of Ohio, 20 years (retired) Funeral Home Assistant Colbert Funeral Home in Xenia, Ohio

Irene has been a 20 year member of Altrusa International of Xenia, OH. She has served her club in these capacities: Vice President, President, Nominating Committee, Chairman (presently), Christmas Project, Co-Chairman (presently) and various other committees.

She has been married for 56 years. She is the mother of 1 daughter, 2 boys, grandmother to 4 beautiful girls and 1 great grandson. We love to travel, fish and visit Casinos.

**JUDY MONTYCH**  
Altrusa International of Battle  
Creek, MI



Judy Montych is currently serving her second year as the President of Altrusa International of Battle Creek, Michigan. When serving as President-Elect, she stepped up and served as the President as the current President became ill. Judy has also served as Secretary of her club. In addition, she has served as chairman of many committees including fund-raising. In this capacity, Judy served as chairman of Macy's Shop for a Cause and co-chaired Fashion Shows and most recently Purse Bingo.

Judy is a retired Special Education Teacher in the field of Physically and Health Impaired students. Upon retirement, Judy has worked at a Florist, a local newspaper and currently works part time at a funeral home.

In addition to Altrusa, Judy is also a member of the Pennfield Exchange Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, the St. Philip Council of Catholic Women and St. Elizabeth Circle.

Judy is single and devotes much of her time to doing volunteer work. Currently, she volunteers at her local Food Pantry, Sunday Suppers, the Thrift Shop, Mid-Week Faith Dinners as well as wherever organizations she belongs to offers their volunteer services.

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### Mansfield, OH

Mansfield's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Bash will be held SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018 at the Richland County Fairgrounds, Fairhaven Hall 750 North Home Road, Mansfield, OH 44906. For ticket information contact: Kathy Shambre at (419) 512-2073 or [kshambre@drsohio.com](mailto:kshambre@drsohio.com)



### Grand Rapids, MI

Governor Karyn presented Grand Rapids with an award from International for continuous service since 1921.



### Club News

#### Columbus OH

Congratulations to Altrusa International Foundation Club 21 grant awardee of \$9,000 for the project titled "Saving Lives of Women and Children in Mali, West Africa." This yearlong project targets 13,500 villagers in Mali, Africa, the fifth poorest nation where one out of five children die before their fifth birthday. The project objectives are to increase the number of children getting complete immunizations, the number of women having prenatal visits, and the number of cases of childhood illnesses getting treatment. Community Health Volunteers (CHW) will give talks to educate villagers on these topics. These CHW will be trained on illnesses affecting children, importance of prenatal visits, and effective communication to fellow villagers. As a result fewer women and children will die.

The Columbus Altrusans are very proud of Altrusa President Jill Devore who helps to lead the Medicine for Mali (MFM) team that serves the needy West Africans. The Columbus Altrusa International Foundation and Club has been supporting this worthy MFM work for many years.



### VICTORIA MCINTYRE

Altrusa International of  
Monroe, MI



I was routinely helping a customer at the bank where I was working in 1982 when that customer, Martha Brost asked if I would like to become an Altrusan. I knew about Altrusa because a charter member, Leola Heiss also worked at the bank. Martha and Leola became my sponsors. Before you know it, my fellow Altrusans were clapping and shaking my hand welcoming me to the Altrusa Club of Monroe, Michigan. That was more than three decades ago and here I am today, proudly asking you to consider me as a member of the nominating committee. I have been Monroe's president twice, secretary and treasurer as well as chair of a variety of committees. I have also served as District Five Astra Chair. I have also come to know so many of you personally and professionally and know the hard work that goes into becoming the best Altrusan each of you can be. I am confident in each of your abilities and know that the time you spend as an Altrusan is time you love.

Taken from the "Principles of Altrusa," we are "a builder of women." Our 12 principles highlight the best of all of us - builder, character, confidence unselfishness, joy, leadership, loyalty, merit, progress. I can't think of a better way "to strive to be true to the highest standards of life in personal and business relations" than through Altrusa. It's why we are Altrusans and it's why we serve our communities.

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### Bucyrus, OH

Bucyrus Club had a very busy fall in 2017. This is the second year we attended the Halloween Spooktacular at our local park and handed out over 500 books to the children. The children and parents greatly appreciate it. We hand stamped them with our Altrusa Club logo.



In November, we held our annual dinner auction with the Marion, Tiffin, and Mansfield clubs. What a great time we had and very much appreciate all the other club members that attended and helped us with funding our projects.



In December, we have our annual Garwin Girls Christmas, a project very close to our hearts. The Garwin Home is for ladies who are mentally and developmentally disabled. With the ongoing project we have become special friends. It is our tradition to provide dinner and lots of gifts. We even enjoy singing a carol or two.



Bucyrus Club initiated 5 new members!

### Akron, OH

Akron Altrusa will be hosting its Princess Night Event on March 24, 2018. This event is where high school girls 16 and up can receive a Prom Dress and accessories



### Branch County, MI

Diamond Raffle winners announced:

COLDWATER — Altrusa International of Branch County recently held its annual Diamond Fundraiser. Over \$9,000 was raised through this endeavor, all of which is put back into the local community.

The winning diamond ticket was sold to Cynthia Visotsky; second place of \$250 was Steve Winbigler, who passed along his winnings to Altrusa's Happy Feet Program. Third place of \$100 went to Norma Wojack



### Troy, OH

Troy members enjoying their holiday festivities.



Membership Tea is Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30 pm at the home of Deb Kappers

### Highland County, OH



Highland County ended 2017 with a fun Christmas Party at Snow Hill Country Club!

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### FEBRUARY

- 11 February**  
International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 13 February**  
World Radio Day
- 21 February**  
International Mother Language Day

### MARCH

- 8 March**  
International Women's Day
- 20 March**  
International Francophonie Day
- 21 March**  
World Poetry Day
- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- International Day of Nowruz
- 22 March**  
World Day for Water

### APRIL

- 6 April**  
International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
- 23 April**  
World Book and Copyright Day
- 30 April**  
International Jazz Day

### MAY

- 3 May**  
World Press Freedom Day
- 5 May**  
African World Heritage Day
- 16 May**  
International Day of Light
- 21 May**  
World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- 22 May**  
International Day for Biological Diversity
- 25 May**  
Africa Day / Africa Week (from 22 to 24 May)



### Message from International President

It is that time of year when we start thinking about attending our District Conference. Perhaps it will be your first time, maybe you made a New Year's Resolution to attend, perhaps you are thinking of stepping into a leadership role in your club and are thinking about learning more about Altrusa, perhaps you have been many times before and don't want to miss out - whatever your reason for attending your District Conference - it will be a decision that you won't regret.

I have been fortunate to not only attend many of my own District Conferences, but also as a member of the International Board, I have been fortunate to attend a number of other District Conferences - each memorable for different reasons, great speakers, fun dress up events, informative workshops - but each with one common aspect - the opportunity to share ideas with other Altrusans, learn from each other and make long lasting friendships.

At your conference you will have the opportunity to meet with your assigned International Representative. I would recommend that you take the opportunity to engage with them - that is what they are there for.

They attend your conference to share news of our organization with you but also to hear your viewpoint, ideas and issues and to share and learn right alongside you.

It is important that each club has members attend District Conference. It is a great place for your new and developing club leaders to gain more knowledge about Altrusa and upon their return the ideas and energy they bring can bring with a real injection of vigor into your club. Remember that Conference is not only for the experienced members - it is an ideal way to build leadership in your club. On a personal note attending District Conference is a decision that I have never regretted and I know that it will be a decision that you will not regret either. Let's make 2018 the year with record conference attendees!

Leanne Milligan  
International President 2017-2019



Leanne Milligan  
International President.

### International Conventions

- 2019 Reno, Nevada
- 2021 Quebec City, Quebec, Canada

### District Five Conferences

- 2018 Roberts Centre  
Wilmington Ohio  
Hosted by Highland County  
April 27-29
- 2019 Howard Johnson  
Lima, Ohio  
Hosted by Sidney April 26-28
- 2020 TBD  
Youngstown  
Hosted by Youngstown May 1-3
- 2021 to be hosted by a Michigan Club  
April 23-25

### UN News:

Please follow their blog at:  
<https://altrusaattheun.blog>

**63<sup>rd</sup> District Five Conference**  
**Roberts Centre - Wilmington, Ohio**  
**April 27 – 29, 2018**

## Tentative Conference at a Glance

### Friday, April 27

1:00 - 6:45	Registration and Credentials Open
1:30 - 4:30	Hands-On Service Project: "Cards for Service Personnel"
1:30 - 4:30	President and President-Elect Training
1:30 - 3:30	Treasurer Training
1:30 - 3:30	Secretary Training
4:00 - 4:30	Expeditors Orientation
5:00 - 6:45	Altrusa Store, Altrusa Foundation Raffle, and Exhibits Open
6:15 - 6:30	Orientation for Delegates and First-Timers
7:00 - 9:00	OPENING Session
9:00 - 10:00	Altrusa Store and Foundation Raffle Open
9:30 - 11:00	Hospitality Room Open

### Saturday, April 28

7:45 - 8:30	Registration and Credentials Open
7:45 - 8:30	Altrusa Store, Altrusa Foundation Raffle, and Exhibits Open
8:00 - 8:45	Breakfast
8:30 - 8:45	Orientation for First-Timers
9:00 - 10:30	General Business Session
10:30 - 10:45	Voting
10:30 - 11:00	Altrusa Store, Altrusa Foundation Raffle and Exhibits Open
11:00 - 12:00	Breakout Sessions (choose from 5 offerings)
12:15 - 1:45	Awards Luncheon
2:00 - 3:00	All Member Workshop
3:15 - 4:15	Breakout Sessions (choose from 5 offerings)
4:15 - 5:15	Altrusa Store, Altrusa Foundation Raffle and Exhibits Open
4:30 - 5:15	FUNshops – come and make something!
6:00 - 6:45	Reception for International Representative
7:00 - 9:00	Banquet
9:00 - 11:00	Hospitality Room Open

### Sunday, April 29

8:00 - 8:30	Memorial Service
8:45 - 9:15	Inspiration Service
9:30 - 11:30	Breakfast/Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International Awards</li><li>• Call to Conference (Sidney)</li></ul>

**REGISTRATION FORM**

63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Altrusa District Five Conference and Annual Meeting  
 April 27-29 2018 – Roberts Centre, Wilmington, Ohio



Please Print

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us about yourself (Check all that apply):

- |   |   |  |  |   |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member         | <input type="checkbox"/> Guest          | <input type="checkbox"/> Delegate              | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate     | <input type="checkbox"/> First Timer                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Club President | <input type="checkbox"/> District Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> District Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Past Governor | <input type="checkbox"/> International Representative |

\_\_\_ Do not list the above information in printed documents, for future networking after the conference

<b>FULL REGISTRATON INCLUDES: Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Banquet, and Sunday Breakfast</b> (Registration <b>DOES NOT</b> include hotel reservations – see hotel information below.)		
	<b>FEE</b>	<b>PAYMENT</b>
Full Conference, by 3-31-18 (meals included)	\$135.00	_____
<b>Full Conference, Late: After 3-31-18 to 4-18-18 (meals included)</b>	\$155.00	_____
<b>Onsite Full Registration after 4-18-18 (no meals included):</b>	\$155.00	_____
Partial CONFERENCE: (Includes Saturday Lunch Only)	\$90.00	_____
Partial CONFERENCE, Late: (Includes Saturday Lunch Only)	\$100.00	_____
Guest Meals or Add-On Meals for Partial Registrations by 4-4-18		
Saturday Breakfast	\$16.00	_____
Saturday Lunch	\$19.00	_____
Saturday Banquet	\$28.00	_____
Sunday Breakfast	\$16.00	_____
<b>No Meals can be added after 4-18-18</b>	<b>TOTAL PAID</b>	<b>\$_____</b>

Will you be attending President’s Training? \_\_\_ Treasurer’s Training? \_\_\_ Secretary Training? \_\_\_

**Do you want confirmation of Registration?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No. Please be aware that your attendance at the conference is your consent to be included in photos and/or videos for the future use of Altrusa District Five.

Select your Banquet Option: Chicken Wellington ___ Glazed Pork ___ Pasta Primavera ___ Any Dietary Restrictions/Allergies? _____ Vegetarian ___ Gluten Free ___
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**Conference Payment Information:** Enclosed is a check payable to Altrusa International of District Five, Inc. for a total amount due of \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this Conference Registration Form, with your check to:** Peggy Collins, 3833 Hillmont Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45414. For further info, contact Peggy Collins at [pegmo33@woh.rr.com](mailto:pegmo33@woh.rr.com).

**Hotel Accommodations:** Register for hotel rooms by calling the Holiday Inn @ Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, Ohio 45177. Phone: 1-800-654-7036 or 937-283-3200