

Absolutely Altrusan

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May flowers are indeed in bloom! I love spring with flowers, bright sunshine, new life and all that represents. We have a lot on the calendar for May so be sure to bring your calendars with you.

April Meeting

The Communication committee is in charge of our meeting this month. Looking forward to a wonderful meal and a wonderful meeting

Slate of candidates for the board

The slate is complete with the following people in nomination:

Treasurer	Mary Hanson
Secretary	Wanda Falk
Director	Charis Austin
Director	Lillian VanderVeen

We will be holding the election in May to be followed by installation at the June meeting.

Fundraising Idea - Frandale Subs & Soups

I have requested information from Frandale Sub Shop. They make the subs after we take orders. They then deliver them and we deliver them to the folks who ordered them. We have to sell a minimum of 100 subs or the price increases thus decreasing our profit. We can discuss this idea further. Also, Karen Emaus-Dibble has an idea for selling flowers for Mother's Day. I have emailed all members with the pricing. Please bring your orders and the monies to the meeting.



Parade of Homes for Spring

The club has voted to do 2 homes this spring, so we will have to fill 36 slots. Engelsma Builders has one home on Knapp and 3 Mile and one in Ada. Jan Glynn is chairing the committee so fill in the slots when she sends the schedule around. You can bring a friend to keep you company, and it is an easy way for the club to make approximately \$1,500 to distribute. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Vets Report

The April bingo was held with a terrific turnout of Altrusa members and friends to help provide an evening of enjoyment for our Veterans. Karen may have an additional date for May.

Board meeting

As a reminder, the board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at Lillian's residence. All are welcome to come to the board meeting.

Habitat Homes - Update

Wanda will have a report at the meeting.

Member Birthday

Karen Emaus-Dibble 5/23

Club News and Notes

To all members: Club dues must be in to Laura by May 31st.

I have asked Kyle to serve as Sergeant of Arms for our club. This is to enable ME to be kept on track.

Kyle will be receiving the Regional Commissioner's Award from Social Security. Way to go Kyle!

He has also celebrated (?) 40 years with the Social Security Administration as of April 10, 2018.

Charis is now a member of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Board of Directors.

Strategic Plan

The Board reviewed the Strategic Plan at the board meeting. The changes were discussed and voted on at the April meeting. The Plan will be given to Governor Karyn at Conference.

May Dates of Interest

World Press Freedom Day	May 3
African World Heritage Day	May 5
VE Day (1945)	May 8
Mother's Day	May 13
International Day of Light	May 16
Armed Forces Day	May 19
World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	May 21
International Day for Biological Diversity	May 22
Africa Day/Africa Week	May 22-24
Memorial Day	May 28

DISTRICT FIVE

Conference, Wilmington, OH

Altrusa Conference is scheduled for April 27-29, 2018 at Roberts Centre, Wilmington, Ohio. Kyle and Charis Austin, Dorothy Renegar and I are planning on attending. We will leave on Friday morning and return on Sunday afternoon. We are taking a Centerpiece put together by Sandra Morris and a basket for the raffle that is put together by Laura Hires. Please know that if you wish to go along, there is always room! It is an important and fun time.

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