

Akron Altrusan



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“What is Altrusa?”
Altrusa is an international non-profit organization, making our local communities better through leadership, partnership, and service. We are civic-minded people who strive to create better communities worldwide.

“What Does Altrusa Do?”
 Giving over 1 million hours annually, across 12 countries, our focus is Literacy, with general service areas in HIV/AIDS and Disaster Relief. Additionally, individual clubs meet a wide variety of local needs. You may know us locally by “Princess Night”, “Project Helping Hands” or through our past participation in “Relay for Life”.

Dear Altrusa Sisters,

During June, we Altrusans are involved in many service opportunities. Please try to take advantage of these occasions that will service both our community and our club.

Our annual garage sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 22 and 23, from 9am until 4 pm. Let’s get behind this project which will support our operating budget. The first step is cleaning out all our closets and finding great treasures to donate. Details are listed in our newsletter.

During the week immediately following our sale, we have the opportunity to share our love of reading by giving books to the many children who attend the Haven of Rest Ministries “Hope Fest.” The event will be held on Wednesday, June 27th.

I am excited that we voted last month to include Altrusa International’s project, Days for Girls, as one of our Akron projects. Ann, Phyllis, and I had the opportunity to spend a morning this month with the team from the Canton-Massillon area. What a great group of women they are! They will provide needed support to us as we move forward with this endeavor. We will share our experience with you at our June meeting, where we will bring a completed kit to show you.

This newsletter is stuffed with information that you will not want to miss. So, make sure that you take time to read every word. I know I speak for everyone in expressing appreciation to Shelley for all the effort she puts into compiling our newsletter monthly.

I hope to see you at our meeting on the 14th. In addition to your eagerness to serve and help with upcoming activities, please remember to bring either paper towels or toilet paper which will help stock our shelves for the many kits we will provide to those in need through our Helping Hands, our longtime and ongoing service project. And as we serve others, let’s remember... “Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for one person.”

In Altrusa love,

Linda

Program: Book Labels/LRSP

**Meeting: The Venue 10 Tallmadge Circle Tallmadge, OH
June 14 at 6:00 PM**

Altrusa Minute: Liz Mahoney

Altrusa is an international non-profit organization, making our local communities better through leadership, partnership, and service.

Our Vision: Altrusa International of Akron supports and promotes personal growth through opportunities for leadership and fellowship while serving their community.

Our Mission: Altrusans do **what** they can, **when** they can, **how** they can, and **where** they can to improve the lives of those in their local and worldwide communities.

Service

Helping Hands

~Author – Janet Coomes

As we close the 2017/2018 business year, I would like to thank the members for their support. Helping Hands assisted 54 families this business year. In addition to assisting ACCESS clients, AMHA & ODJFS, we also partnered with Summit County Public Health and hope to have the resources to continue this partnership in the new business year. A grant application was submitted to First Christian Church of Stow for their Chalice Grant. There was no information included in the grant application stating when the grant would be issued. Fingers crossed our Helping Hands Project is considered.

Reminder: We are requesting each member bring a roll of paper towels or a pack of toilet paper to our June meeting to help stock our shelves.

Book Giveaway

~Author – Jacque Johns

The book giveaway will be held at Hope Fest on June 27th.

The event will be open from 10am until 1pm. If you can volunteer that day please plan on being there by 9:00 AM.

Let Jacque and Linda know if you can be there.

Annual Garage Sale

~Author – Shelley Kendrick

Our annual garage sale will be held on June 22nd and 23rd at Sharon Zink's house. If you have items to donate, please clean, price and have them at Sharon's house by June 20th. Reminder: this year the proceeds are for the Operating Budget. If you have not signed up yet to assist in some way, let Christine know at the Program Meeting.

Don't forget that we need baked goods and tables!

Finance

No report

Communications

~Author – Shelley Kendrick

Contact Nancy Kuenzig if you have changes and/or additions to the Yearbook. Changes are due by June 14th to be included in the next yearbook.

Membership

~Author~ Shelley Kendrick

We will be having a New Member Orientation on Monday, June 25, 2018, at the Artesian Coffee Shop. The coffee shop is located at 662 Canton Rd. We will begin promptly at 5:30 PM. All new members are invited to attend. If you know someone who is interested in Altrusa, please forward the invitation to them as well. Let me know if you will be able to attend.

Installation of Officers 2018

~Author~ Shelley Kendrick



Upcoming Events

June 22 & 23
June 27
July
August

Garage Sale
Book Giveaway
Haven of Rest Project
Social

June Birthdays

Beth Haas

The Membership Committee suggests you come early to our meetings so you have a chance to chat with your Altrusa sisters before the meeting.

Also, please make a special effort to introduce yourself to any guest(s) so that they get to know this wonderful group of women and what we do!

Don't forget to check out the pictures on our Facebook page....

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/AltrusaInternationalOfAkron>

Shop on
Smile.Amazon
Spread the word!!

District

The next district conference will be April 2019 in Lima, OH. Hosted by the Sydney Club. Attending conference is a great way to learn and rejuvenate.

International

You will be hearing more about the International Project, "Days for Girls". Several members met and participated with a local group.



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Can tab tops to **Nancy Kuenzig** for Children's Hospital.

Boxtops for Education to **Nancy Kuenzig**.

Animal Shelter supplies (old blankets, rugs, sheets, etc.) to **Marilyn White**

Friendship Calls

A reminder to call Yvonne Smerick (330-618-0298) if you know of an Altrusa sister who is ill, has lost a family member or is going through a tough time and could use an encouraging word. Spread the word!

REMEMBER TO REPORT YOUR ALTRUSA HOURS!

President: Linda Rittenour
Past-President: Shelley Kendrick
Vice President: Barb Dull
Secretary: Jacque Johns
Operating Treasurer: Liz Mahoney
Directors (2018-2020):
Christine Walton
Yvonne Smerick
Directors (2017-2019):
Jill McKinney
Ann Haas
Foundation Treasurer:
Janet Coomes

Newsletter Editor:
Shelley Kendrick

Yearbook Editor:
Nancy Kuenzig

Altrusa Meetings/ Administration	Time spent on Club, District or International operations. (Includes activities such as yearbook, newsletter or website preparation, internal operating committee meetings, planning and execution of leadership training, serving as presenter/facilitator/delegate at conventions or conferences, etc.)
Altrusa Service	Time spent for service projects and activities sanctioned by Altrusa. Includes time spent in planning, preparation, execution and evaluation of external fundraisers and Altrusa service projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none">(Operating and internal fundraisers to fund the operating budget do NOT qualify for service projects.)
Other Service	Number of other volunteer service hours donated to non-Altrusa organizations (for example, volunteer work in hospitals, schools, libraries and not-for-profit organization.

