

Altrusa Club of Findlay

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Greetings Altrusans,

What a beautiful night we had for our annual family picnic at Riverside Park! It was wonderful to have so many members and families attend and enjoy the fellowship, fine food and the great sounds of the Findlay Civic Band. I look forward to this event every year, I hope you do too.

So many exciting things are planned for the months ahead. Our August Program meeting will be a fun night with an old fashioned game night at Ardie Green's home. September will be full of Apple Dumpling making and our bus trip to Frankenmuth. Many fun events that friends would enjoy, so invite a few and let them get acquainted with our Altrusa Club.

October 1st our District Five representative, Julie Stratos, First

Vice Governor from Branch County, Michigan will be our guest speaker. Please have your questions ready pertaining to our District or International organization.

Marie Thomas has been very busy working on our new Yearbook. If you have any updates to your information please get with Marie ASAP. Thank you for taking on this big project!

Deb Foster, Marie and I will be meeting to review our club policies and our Strategic Plan. We will review any suggested changes at a future meeting.

Enjoy the rest of Summer,
Gwen Pahl, President



Altrusa Business Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2018

The Altrusa International of Findlay meeting was called to order at 6:16 pm by President Gwen Pahl.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice President Kendra James filled in as Secretary and called the roll with 15 members present. Each member gave their favorite picnic food item as an ice breaker. The Minutes from the May Membership meeting were read and approved. Kendra read a correspondence from the Literacy Board thanking us for participating in the Read for Life Spelling Bee.

Denise Heilman gave the Treasurer's Report. The club checking and savings account balance was \$2625.07 and Foundation balance was \$4863.37. Gwen Pahl reported the Recreation Department was no longer discounting the rate for non-profits for park shelter rentals, so everyone pays \$50. The Treasurer's Report was approved and filed for audit. A reminder was made that Carlton Fruth is still collecting Great Scot grocery receipts.

The 2018-19 Budget was reviewed, Changes made were adding the \$100 donation to Washington Pre-School to the Foundation Expense and showing the \$1000.00 Carry over balance that is required per our Club Policies. Marie Thomas moved to approve the budget, Sue Nichols seconded it.

Committee Reports:

Communications: Newsletter articles are due to Karen Knaur by the end of July. Karen requested reports from each committee and any photos sent in an email not text.

Membership: Family Picnic is planned for July 18th at Riverside Park Shelter 8, at 6:00 PM. Lima club has been invited, waiting for a head count from them. The Findlay Civic band concert begins at 7:00. Lawn chairs encouraged.

Finance: Bus Trip to Frankenmuth Michigan is planned for Sept 29th. Cost is \$50 per person. Altrusans can invite friends until the end of July, then we will open ticket sales to the public. Bus will leave at 8:00 AM, return by 8:00 PM. Marie is working on an itinerary.

Vendor Fair date is still pending due to renovations planned for the Moose Lodge where we have previously held the event.

AppleFest: Gwen and Denise looked at the Elks, but felt it was

not an ideal set up for AppleFest. Still hoping to use St. Andrews. Another option would be the new Habitat for Humanity building which has a full kitchen, however this will require food permits and inspection. We use the church's at St. Andrews.

Service: Habitat for Humanity Lunch Recap: Fran Williams, Judy and Al Bell, Sue and Bob Nichols, Nancy Beers, Lacey Marquette and Gwen Pahl participated in serving lunch for the build. It was raining, but everyone appreciated the lunch.

Games/Books for Washington Pre-School, Laurie Ulm reported the Principal will send a list of wants and need by the end of July. The Service committee game night will be held at Ardie Green's home on Aug. 22nd. Park along Park St.

Unfinished Business: Karen Knaur reported 4 members had not placed t-shirt orders yet, but we have enough to meet the minimum order requirement.

New Business:

Stuff the Bus will be held Friday July 20th. At McDonald's on Tiffin Ave. Our shifts are 8-11 and 11-1. Mary Klein passed a sign up sheet and reminded workers to bring lawn chairs.

Laurie Ulm reported the Mazza Museum will be holding a Young Artist Workshop the week of 7/23 and needs 6 more volunteers. 8:45 - noon.

50/50 brought in \$5.50 for club, Sue Nichols won and donated back to the club so \$11.00 raised. \$22 in Happy Dollars were collected.

Adjourned at 7:20 pm



Altrusa Happenings

Recipe Shared by Paula Fruth for cookies Carlton brought to the picnic.

Maple Cream Cookies

Ingredients for cookies:

1 cup butter (2 sticks)	1 tsp. vanilla
1/2 tsp. maple flavoring	2 cups brown sugar
2 eggs	3 3/4 cups flour
2 tsp. baking soda	1 cup sour cream

- Cream butter, vanilla, maple flavoring, sugar and eggs and sour cream, then add flour, soda.
- I refrigerate my dough for an hour or longer when I make any cookies
- Refrigerate between batches. This is a secret that makes all cookies extra good instead of just a cookie.
- While cookies are in refrigerator you can make the frosting:

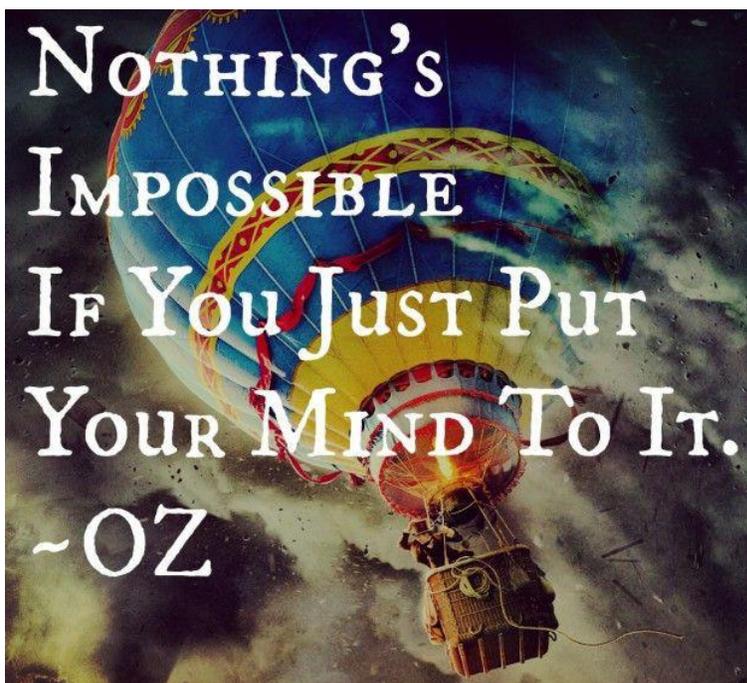
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6 Tablespoons of melted butter	1/4 cup of evaporated milk
1 tsp. maple flavoring	3 1/2 cups confectioners sugar

Whip with mixer: butter, evap. milk, maple flavoring and confectioners sugar.

Bake at 350 degrees 14 to 18 min. I bake mine about 16 min.

I usually make a 1 1/2 batch of the frosting. A single batch usually is not enough unless you put just a thin layer on each cookie and how much fun is that. Enjoy! Paula Fruth



Committee Reports

Service Committee thanks members, plans members' Game Night

The Service Committee thanks Altrusa members for supporting a contribution to the Washington Preschool in conjunction with August's social activity. Laurie Ulm is in contact with the director to learn how we can be of specific help.

Thanks also for approving a gift of books to Findlay elementary and middle schools in conjunction with the Mazza Museum's Underground Railroad Traveling Exhibit. The books will provide permanent reminders of the applications: Be brave. Speak out. Help others. (Info. on possible books will be provided after all the art is finalized.)

Members who help donate time and school supplies for students "Stuff the Bus" at the Tiffin Ave. McDonald's **July 20** are thanked. Fran, Laurie, Sue, Ardie, and Gwen represented Altrusa on Friday the 20th. Thanks!

We know summer is a busy time, but please save **Wednesday, August 22 (6 p.m.)** for our **Get-Together with Games at Ardie's**.



Hope House Wish List...

Hope House can always use the following items:

- cooking supplies,
- pots, pans, and dishes,
- cleaning supplies,
- hygiene items, and
- laundry soap.

(They "get a lot of book donations and don't go through them quickly.")

