Governor’s Message

SOON...The whole world will know of OUR Big Plans!

I also have Big Plans for all of us to grow personally in Leadership and Service. The wonderful projects that are provided to your individual communities in the name of Altrusa could not happen without each one of you. SO, think BIG! Let’s all work together to accomplish our Big Plans!

~ Governor Suzanne

District Five - http://districtfive.altrusa.org
Grants

Congratulations to the five clubs in District Five that received grants during the Spring cycle:

**District Five Awarded Grants:**

- Altrusa of Findlay, Ohio $2,000
- Altrusa of Mansfield, Ohio $4,000
- Altrusa of Marion, Ohio $1,800
- Altrusa of Sidney, Ohio $2,650
- Altrusa of Youngstown, Ohio $2,600

District Five Conferences:

- **2020** Holiday Inn - Youngstown Hosted by Youngstown May 1-3
- **2021** TBD Battle Creek Hosted by Battle Creek April 23-25

### Officer & Chair Annual Reports April 2019

**Governor, Karyn Evans**

During the last year, I completed Annual Club Visits to: Akron, Battle Creek, Columbus, Dayton, Mansfield, Troy, Xenia and Youngstown. Additionally, I attended club events: Xenia’s Annual meeting in May, Xenia’s Tea in June, Hamilton’s Spelling Bee, Dayton’s Auction in October and Chillicothe’s Craft Fair in November.

At the International level, I participated in the Governor’s conference calls. We completed our work on the Information Task Force and Policy 10 Task Force.

Working with the Board & Chairs, we have updated the Awards Narrative; updated the Policy and Procedure Manual; and revised the Conference Manual.

In addition, I have met or had conference calls with:

- Board Members and Chairs Planning
  - Governor-Elect and First Vice-Governor
  - Finance Committee
  - Strategic Planning Team - Governor-Elect, First Vice-Governor
  - Conference Planning Teams

District Publications were created and distributed:

- Worked with the Communications Chair on three DSB’s and on one Call to Conference.
- Presidents Connection (newsletter) to Presidents.
- Received and responded to emails, texts and calls.
• Planned and completed the assigned club visits: Findlay, Saginaw, Sidney, Tiffin and Greater Birmingham. I enjoyed the visits and learning how other clubs provide in their communities.
• Conducted a survey on fall workshops with Michigan Clubs.
• Attended the mid-year board meeting in October.
• Participated in the President’s training conference call.
• Attended two planning meetings with the Governor and Governor-Elect.
• Reviewed all written materials on the conference store and gathered the needed materials.
• Reviewed last year’s merchandise order and the Doc Morgan website and ordered store merchandise.
• Wrote articles for each issue of the DSB.
• Explored use of Kahoot! for conference activity. Gathered and created a total of 100 questions and input them into Kahoot! For the activity.
• Participated in District calls, emails etc...

International Foundation Liaison:
• Emailed and mailed letters and tickets form to all club presidents on the International Foundation raffle ith the ticket sale form.
• Wrote articles for each DSB.
• Participated in two conference calls with other International Foundations liaisons, Foundation board members and the executive director.
• Investigated use of card reader for both store and Foundation sales at conference.
• Prepared workshop presentation for conference.
• Gathered materials needed for Club 21 and raffle.

Ginny Beamish
Second Vice – Governor

As Second Vice-Governor, I have spent two years learning about the remarkable aspects of Altrusa that lie beyond our local clubs. This time has been eye-opening, as I realized how many hours are spent, how many tasks are tackled, and how many dedicated people are involved in the District Five support of Altrusans everywhere.

I was privileged to visit eight of our District Five Clubs: Chillicothe, Highland County, Sidney, Washington Court House, Hamilton, Monroe, Branch County, and Lorain County. With each visit I became increasingly impressed by both the similarities and the differences among us.

There is no doubt that Altrusans are making major impacts in our communities, as we work with literacy projects, scholarship opportunities, providing necessities for those who are underserved, interacting with senior citizens, providing cheerful experiences for victims of domestic violence and homeless children, and providing a variety of support for International Missions.

And how fortunate that communities also participate in Altrusan fundraisers as local citizens support auctions, golf scrambles, book sales, flower sales, raffles, spelling bees, bake sales, bazaars, luncheons, and white elephant sales, all of which keep our Altrusa Clubs moving, growing, and making a difference in our communities.

Another of my responsibilities has been to organize the Hospitality area for our annual Conference. On my own this would have been an insurmountable task, but the entire District Five Board, all the District Chairs, and a good number of Altrusans contributed time, talent, and treasure to make the job easily doable.

I am honored to have served District Five as Second Vice-Governor during the past biennium

As BRR Chair, I have worked diligently, with Governor Karyn’s help, to keep our District Five Policies and Procedures accurate and up-to-date, making sure that they align with the Altrusa International, Inc. Official Policies. We went over the District Five Policies and Procedure document at the Mid-Year Board Meeting in October of 2017. We briefly addressed a few P and P items at the 2018 Conference at the Roberts Centre in Wilmington in April of 2018.

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Prior to the October 2018 Mid-Year Board Meeting, all District Five Board Members and Chairs were charged with scrutinizing their job descriptions. Suggestions and revisions were reviewed at the Mid-Year Meeting, and the job descriptions were edited for accuracy and clarity. Previous changes to the rest of the document were reviewed as well.

Although we feel that the current document is an accurate reflection of our policies and procedures, we also realize that it continues to be a work in progress.

District Five - http://districtfive.altrusa.org
Since my last report, I have worked on several items for the upcoming conference. I investigated several programs to use for the Friday Trivia Night. Governor Kayrn provided a website which can be used. I have worked with Julie Stratos for this presentation.

In addition, I worked with the Washington Court House Altrusa Club to complete their District Club Survey and club report. I also assisted them with their Strategic Plan as well as providing information about insurance and the Altrusa website.

I am also responsible for the Weekender for the District Auction.

Germaine Vonderhaar
Conference Manager/Immediate Past Governor

District Level:
Assisting in the completion of 2019 Conference in Lima.
Assisting the Conference Treasurer in finalizing the registration numbers and meals for the 2019 Conference.

Attended the conference meetings from October 2018 through March 2019 to assist the Sidney Club in the planning of the Conference.

Attended several meetings at the hotel in Lima to plan the April 2019 conference.

Assisted in finalizing the Contract for the District Five Conference to be held in Battle Creek, Mi. in 2021.

International Level:
Continue to work on the Group Tally Task Force

Working on the Encyclopedia Task Force which is to be completed prior to Convention in July 2019

Shelley Kendrick
Secretary

Since Mid-Year, I have done extensive work on the District Digest. This work has been updating information from last year’s District Conference. I have updated the fonts to be compliant with International requirements. Major clean up of various sections, which was mostly in the Honor Roll. Based on conversation that was held at our Mid-Year Meeting, I added information to the history. There is still work that needs to be done on the history section.

I served on the International Secretary Task Force. Due to this involvement, I have received other District’s workshops for Secretaries and have updated our District’s training.

I sent the notifications of delegates and alternates to all clubs in the District. This has been completed and the information has been sent to the Credentials Committee.

Peggy Collins & Courtney Seibert
Membership/New Club Revitalization Chairs

The International Membership Committee continued to hold quarterly conference calls to update district chairs on new developments. Membership non-renewal numbers are significantly down from an average of 800 to 1000 in previous years to 282 in 2018. Both the New Club Building and Virtual Club tool kits are on the International website. A new prospective member worksheet has been developed and will be ready for distribution soon. New clubs are in various stages of formation in every District. Some are ready to be chartered. The first steps have been taken to build a new club in the West Chester/Mason area. Kathy Jackson is leading the charge.

On August 14, a new member/revitalization presentation was made to the Hamilton Club. Hints on member recruitment and revitalization were shared and discussed. On September 6, an additional presentation was made to the Columbus Club with good participation.

Random club presidents were contacted and asked to share “Why Altrusa” stories from their members. Diane Noonan put the responses with the member’s photo in a collage that is available to share in recruitment efforts.

Tammy Bader
Treasurer

As District Five Treasurer for the last two years, I have maintained the financial and membership records of District Five. The duties included recording all receipts and disbursements, reconciling bank statements, providing quarterly financial statements for the District Board and the monitoring and reporting of the District Club memberships. Monies that were invested in certificates of deposits for the past two years have matured and have been deposited back into the District Five checking account.

There was a total of $52.62 interest earned in the last two years from the CD investments. Also, I conducted the audit of the books of the 2018 Conference which is now assigned to the District Treasurer. A printer/copier has been purchased for the use of District Five and will save the District money when copies are needed at Conference.

Additional financial reports dated March 31 were prepared for the District Conference in 2018 and 2019, along with a March 31 membership report for the Conference program. Membership as of December 31 was provided to the District Secretary for the District Conferences.
to determine each Club’s Conference delegates and alternates.

As Finance Chair, I have worked with the Governor, the Governor Elect and the First Vice Governor to prepare the 2019 – 2020 District Five budget and the budgets for the District Five Conferences.

I attended the mid-year board meeting in October 2018 and will conduct a workshop for the Club Treasurers and another on Member Retention, along with Suzanne Cline, at the 2019 District Conference.

I conducted an audit of membership records in June 2018 and again in 2019, comparing the Group Tally information to the member. This resulted in some refunds made to various clubs for overpayment of dues, along with discovering some Group Tally issues. Group Tally is a wonderful membership tool linking International, District and the Clubs and works as long as the Club Treasurers update their rosters in a timely manner.

Based on advice by International and approval by the District Five Board, Directors and Officers Insurance has been secured for the District Five Board members for the last two years and will remain in effect until May 2020.

Bonding insurance for the District Governor and Treasurer has been purchased at a reduced cost and covers a three-year period. The policy is in effect until March 2021.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as Treasurer of District Five for the past biennium.

Nancy Kuenzig
Communications/Webmaster

As Communications Chair, I have produced 8 DSB’s (1 per quarter). I chaired the International Taskforce to investigate a new website.

In that time, we abandoned the old platform and created a whole new platform. I created a page for each club in District Five along with the District Five page and sub-pages.

For the last year I have worked on rolling out the new website to the clubs in District Five. Getting current pictures and data uploaded and making sure that all the clubs are sending information in often. At this conference I will host a mini-session where I will discuss the new website and what it is and isn’t able to do along with privacy issues.

Then I will also host an All Member Session to discuss the same issues with a larger group.

With the creation of the new platform, the shared drive has been abandoned. I set up a Google Drive for District Five. All District Files have been uploaded. The next step will be for the Board and the Communications Chair to discuss the best way to “Share” documents and files with the clubs in the District.

This drive is password protected and can be shared with “read only” access to those members that need it. Some testing still needs to be done as to the best way to do this. I am currently working with a member of the Mansfield club who teaches Google and is certified and has agreed to work with me on this. With her help I believe that we can make the sharing of information painless going forward.

There is still much work to be done on Facebook. I have focused a lot of attention on the new website and the DSB that I have not spent much time on the Facebook piece. I will be looking at people that I might recruit to assist me with this to make it more useful and get more posts as well as more “hits”.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve in this biennium and look forward to serving you for the next biennium as well.

Linda Beaver
Strategic Planning Chair

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as District Chair for Strategic Planning.

I have accomplished the following:

Reviewed strategic plans that are on file. Currently 21 Clubs have plans on file or near the completion of the process.

1. Clubs with current plans on file or a plan just expired that is being updated (21):
   - Akron
   - Battle Creek
   - Branch County
   - Bucyrus
   - Chillicothe
   - Columbus
   - Dayton
   - Findlay
   - Grand Rapids
   - Greater Birmingham
   - Hamilton
   - Highland County
   - Lima
   - Lorain County
   - Marion (LRSP expired at end of 2018 but working on an update)
   - Sidney
   - Springfield
   - Troy
   - Washington Court House
   - Xenia
   - Youngstown

District Five - http://districtfive.altrusa.org
District Five has BIG PLANS! That was the theme of the 64th Annual District Five Conference was held April 26-28, 2019 at the Howard Johnson in Lima, Ohio and hosted by the Sidney Club.

Special workshops were held on Friday afternoon for Presidents, Treasurers and Secretaries. Altrusans were also given the opportunity to assist the Days for Girls Mansfield Support Teams in assembling parts of kits to be distributed in Malawi, Africa.

On Friday evening, Governor Karyn Evans called the meeting to order. The Colors were presented by New District Five Altrusa members. Christine DeVlieger, International Director, greeted us and gave us International updates throughout the Conference. A Proclamation from the Mayor of Lima, David Berger was read. Beverly Mintchell, President of the Sidney Club welcomed all.

An interactive game of Altrusa was played testing all of us on our knowledge of Altrusa. The evening concluded with The Music of Dul-C-Daze.

Saturday was a full day, which saw the General Business Session, the Election of Officers, Awards Luncheon, multiple workshops and roundtables. The following were elected:

- Governor-Elect: Julie Stratos, Branch County, MI
- First Vice Governor: Tammy Bader, Mansfield, OH
- Second Vice Governor: Shelley Kendrick, Akron, OH
- Treasurer: Peggy Collins, Dayton, OH

We heard from Penny Ekegren, Leader of the Mansfield Ohio Days for Girls Support Team and Founding Member of Malawi Orphan Care Project. Her theme was “The Big Picture in the Mission Fields”. The day ended with a reception for our International Representative, Christine DeVlieger and the installation of the District Five Officers.

Sunday began with the Memorial Service presented by Lima Club Members and an Inspirational Service.

During the closing session, Club Presidents were introduced, reports were given on the International Foundation and International Awards were presented. Governor Karyn Evans gave her Governor’s Report and International Director, Christine DeVlieger spoke on her observations of the Conference.

The Youngstown Club presented a skit for the Call to Conference. The Colors were retired by the Past Governors.
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June 2019

Julie Stratos  
Foundation Report

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who donated items for the raffle, bought tickets, purchased Luci lights and medallions, or joined or renewed Club 21 membership! A special thank you to Nancy Schwab, Christa Morris, Tammy Bader, and the members of my club (Anita, Carol, Caroline, Connie, Evelyn, Jacqui, Jan, Pat, Rhonda, and Tracy) who helped man the store. Together we raised $3,500 through the raffle and silent auction, nearly $1,400 in Club 21 memberships with 46 individuals and 2 clubs. This year we also raised $580 in Luci lights (with 9 more sales after the conference) and $400 in medallions. That’s a donation of nearly $6,000 from District Five for the Foundation. Again, thank you!

I have had some requests for the PowerPoint used in the Foundation workshop. I can send you a PDF of the presentation or can mail you a flash drive. If you use Dropbox, I can also send it that way. Just email me at jwstratos@cbpu.com. It also goes through applying for a grant and has information on Luci lights which will be sold at convention.

Through Club 21 and the Disaster Relief Fund, communities all over the world are helped. The proceeds from the Luci lights will buy lights for Club 21 programs in Mali and Ghana as well as District 14. The majority of grants, however, go directly to Altrusa clubs.

Applications for the next cycle of grants is September 15. Remember, clubs are now able to apply for grants up to $4,000 in both grant cycles, not just one per year, and follow-up reports are now due one year after the grant is awarded.

Carol Hodson  
Awards/Service Chair

Congratulations to all the clubs for entering for awards!

- Dr. Nina Faye Calhoun Award presented to Mansfield for their Days for Girls sew-in.
- Battle Creek Award presented to Hamilton for their international shoe project.
- Dorothy Spayth Literacy Award presented to Columbus for the SCAN project.
- Letha H. Brown Literacy Award presented to Hamilton for Literacy through the Library
- Lucille Pence Service Award presented to Highland County
- Mamie L. Bass Service Award presented to Branch County
- Columbus Astra Service Award presented to Troy/ Branch County – Coldwater and Branch County – Quincy (3 way tie!)
- Ruth Emmons Newsletter Award presented to Branch Co (3rd place), Dayton (2nd place) and Hamilton – 1st place.
- Hamilton Award – Highest average meeting attendance – Dayton (3rd place), Highland County (2nd place) and Branch Co.(1st place)
- Leola Price long term project award presented to Highland County.
- Membership Award presented to Battle Creek with certificates to Youngstown, Mansfield, and Washington Court House.
- Elizabeth E. Powelson Career Achievement Award presented to Caroline Austin from Branch County.

- Mary B. Smith Yearbook Award presented to Dayton (3rd place), Hamilton (2nd place) and Mansfield (Winner)
- Tiffin Award (ASTRA Club) presented to Branch County
- Troy Award presented to Lima
- Clara Weisenborn Patriotism Award presented to Findlay
- Linda Atwell Award presented to Neill and Kay Webster
- Norma Hiner Award presented to Branch County
- Ann Baird / Governor’s Award presented to Battle Creek

The centerpiece winner went to Akron.

Conference Photos 2019

Chris DeVlieger, International Director
Sherry Hill of Mansfield tries on all the goodies contained in the Vera Bradley District Five Auction item. The bag sold for over $450.00!

Victoria McIntyre works on the service project at conference.

First Timers start off the conference by carrying in the flags.

Members of the Youngstown Club who will welcome everyone with the “Call to Conference” later in the conference.

50/50 Raffle tickets anyone?

Governor, Karyn starts off the Parade of Banners

Kyle Austin from Grand Rapids was our Auctioneer for the live auctions. He did an amazing job!

Our newly installed governor, Suzanne Cline reads to the group about her “Big Plans”!

Installation of Officers at Saturday Banquet.
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Club News

Columbus, OH

14 YEARS OF SUPPORT FOR THE COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY HOMEWORK HELP CENTERS

The Columbus Metropolitan Library thanked Altrusa of Columbus for donations the club has given to the library’s Homework Help Centers. Altrusa has supported the centers since the first location was opened in the Linden Library in 2004. In the years since, club members have not only volunteered at the centers, but also given more than $35,000 in monetary donations!

Branch County, MI

Tracy Richer was introduced as the chairman of the new Quincy Astra Club, which was recently chartered.

Lima, OH

~Nancy Hustak

Seven Lima Altrusans volunteered at Lima Senior High School on April 11, 2019. They met with senior students to listen to their senior presentations, review their portfolios and observe their Power Point presentations. Volunteers were provided a checklist to judge the students regarding such things as professional appearance, creativity, organization and career goals. There were two volunteer judges for each student presentation.

Altrusans each met with eight to 10 students. Overall, the students did an excellent job and expressed their gratitude for our willingness to evaluate their performances. Following the presentations, the students prepared and treated the volunteer judges to a delicious and plentiful homemade lunch. Lima Altrusans always enjoy this experience in assisting senior students along their path to success. That is why we volunteer and consider it part of giving back to our community by encouraging youth as they consider college and careers.

- Photos by Nancy Hustak, Lima

Lima Altrusans recently had a Days for Girls sewing day in which they began their project of making the kits for the International project. Cutting cloth, measuring, pinning, sewing - it was a full day with opportunity to not only help girls across the globe but create community here at home as we worked together.

Grand Rapids, MI

Grand Rapids Altrusa partners with Habitat for Humanity in Kent County to bring literacy to families in their home.

As we know, literacy begins at home! Since November, 2016, Altrusa International of Grand Rapids has been making this happen for families who are getting homes through Habitat for Humanity Kent County. Through an $1,800.00 grant with our parent organization, Altrusa International, we have been able to partner with Habitat for Humanity to provide age-appropriate books and school supplies to families moving into new homes in Grand Rapids.

Our Service Committee has been active in finding books, back packs, and other fun things to encourage literacy. The gifts are presented during house dedications.
**Hamilton, OH**
The Altrusa Hamilton Club hosted its ninth annual “Literacy Buzz” Spelling Bee at the Butler County Educational Services Center in Hamilton on Oct. 19. Five teams, each with three people, competed in the Bee, with easy to challenging words such as “approachable” and “tonsillectomy.” Participants and guests enjoyed a catered lunch and door prizes. All funds raised from this annual event will be used for Altrusa-sponsored, literacy-based grants. (Article compliments of Hamilton Pulse Journal)

**Mansfield, OH**
~Barb Huston

Altrusa of Mansfield’s 9th Spring Bash was a huge success thanks to all our Altrusa sisters hard work. The popular Wally and the Beavs, the featured entertainment had everyone dancing the night away. Also included was an auction which went very well. When the Bash began nine years ago we raised $4,741 and are so fortunate that it has increased each year since. Our profit for this year was over $29,000. Altrusa Foundation of Mansfield looks forward to serving needs in our community.

**Licking County Altrusa**

Licking County delivered 50 Love Me Bears on Monday (4/22/19) to Mark Weiner, Director of Victim Services, Licking County Prosecutor’s Office.

These bears help children that have been traumatized by an accident, witnessed violence, fire or testifying in court.

**Findlay, OH**
The Findlay Altrusa Club gave books to seven of Findlay's public school librarians on Monday, May 6 at 4 pm at the Mazza Museum. These books both support literacy through illustrated works and the Museum’s upcoming Underground Railroad Traveling Exhibit.

**Troy, OH**
The 25th Annual Bee For Literacy, a corporate challenge was held March 21, 2019 in Troy, Ohio. The annual event sponsored by the Altrusa International of Troy, Ohio, Inc. has raised over $100,000 for area literacy grants since its inaugural event in 1993. The attached Miami Valley Today (Troy, Ohio newspaper) headline coverage features our 25th Bee and the winning team.

**Akron, OH**

Akron Altrusa put together 100 Kits for Days for Girls project. These kits will go with Akron member Mary Murray to the Dominican Republic as part of her mission trip.

**Dayton, OH**

Altrusa International of Columbus, OH welcomed several members of the Dayton Club at their annual spring auction, this year’s theme being Tulip Time. Many thanks to members Dana Seibert, Peggy Collins, Kathy Ballman-Parks, Courtney Kallergis, and Neil Webster for participating in this fun fundraiser! Special thanks to Neil for lending his strong skills as an auctioneer, helping to raise extra funds with a lively live auction. Congratulations to Kathy for winning the lottery bouquet!

**Xenia, OH**

The Xenia Club will be hosting their 27th Annual High Tea on June 22, 2019 from 1-2:30 PM at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Xenia. Tickets are available from any Xenia Club member. Our program will focus on service projects. There will also be a silent auction. Please join us if you can! Memorial Presbyterian Church is located at 343 West Ankeney Mill Road directly across from the Greene County Fairgrounds.
Message from International President

Dear Altrusans,

As the 2017-2019 draws to a close it is a great opportunity to reflect on all that we have achieved as an organization. It has been a busy time as we have focused on the launch of our new International service project partnership with Days for Girls, developed a new International website on a new stable platform, and completed a comprehensive review of all International Policies with a mind to reducing red tape and creating a simplified tool and work has been completed on a number of initiatives including a simplified club building program, and a Mentor program. And these are just a few of our achievements. By attending your District Conference you will have an opportunity to find out about many more initiatives that Altrusa International has been working on.

Attending Conference offers an opportunity for members to learn more about Altrusa beyond the activities of the local club. It is an opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. During Conference you will have the opportunity to attend workshops and take home to your clubs news ideas and a new level of energy as you lead in service to better communities.

As the biennium draws to a close I would like to offer my gratitude to your District Governor and Board of Directors, District Program Chairs and to the many members who are serving at an International level, be it Board, Committee or Task Force for the countless hours that your have contributed and your passion for helping Altrusa to go from strength to strength.

During Conference I hope you will take the time to meet with your International Representative. Your representative is here to listen to you and share with you.

I look forward to seeing you all at our International Convention in Reno, Nevada in July 2019.

Yours,

Leanne Milligan
International President 2017-2019

District Five Conferences

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International Conventions

2019 Reno, Nevada
2021 Quebec City, Quebec, Canada
Whereas, Altrusa International of District Five is a network of volunteers dedicated to leading to a better community.

Whereas, Host Club Sidney and neighboring clubs Lima and Troy made us feel so welcome and comfortable this weekend just like when you curl up with a good book by helping share District Five’s Big Plans.

Whereas, after a few minutes of arrival and being warmly greeted, Tammy Bader asked Chris DeVlieger “Are you joining the Board?”

Whereas, heading into the final pages of her biennium, Karyn Evans has Big Plans for her “semi-retirement” on the Board.

Whereas, Y.E.S. now stands for Yours in Exceptional Service.

Whereas, Friday night’s entertainment DUL-C-DAYS not only played the most beautiful rendition of The Rose but had many of us singing Potato in our sleep.

Whereas, District Five’s new auctioneer Kyle said YES without being asked and helped raise money in the live auction.

Whereas, all the centerpieces for Saturday’s luncheon were blue ribbon winners.

Whereas, a variety of workshops were enjoyed by Altrusans all weekend so that we could take Big Plan ideas back to our clubs.

Whereas, we were on a delightful sugar high Saturday afternoon from the delicious pie served at lunch.

Whereas, we were serenaded with beautiful music all weekend.

Whereas, Suzanne Cline read her Big Plans to us before her installation as District Five Governor.

Whereas, assembling 114 Days for Girls kits and the Malawi Orphan Project will stay in our hearts and minds for many years to come.

Whereas, the hotel staff deserves a standing ovation for their excellent service.

Whereas, Kathleen Howard provided us with photographic memories on the District Five Facebook page enjoy until we meet again.
Be it therefore resolved that the membership of Altrusa International Inc. of District Five does hereby proclaim that the 64th Annual Conference in Lima, Ohio has been a success. And be it further resolved the Youngstown Club looks forward to seeing you in Youngstown, Ohio for the 65th Annual District Five Conference on May 1 – 3, 2020.

Respectfully submitted, Yours in Exceptional Service,

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Chris DeVlieger, International Director
Altrusa International Inc.
TO: Past Governor Karyn Evans & District Five Altrusans

FROM: Chris DeVlieger, International Director

DATE: May 10, 2019

SUBJECT: Appreciation

A big thank you to you and all the Altrusans in District Five! I had an absolute wonderful time serving as your International Representative during the District Five Conference in Lima, Ohio on April 26-28, 2019.

Planning and hosting a District Conference requires much time, talent and treasure. Everyone involved did such a fabulous job and contributed to the success of the conference. Your “Big Plans” for a weekend full of learning and fellowship paid off. The workshops were well attended and lots of information was exchanged among everyone. I was impressed with all the service carried out by clubs within District Five. What a difference you make! As a life-long learner, I particularly enjoy learning. I am sure I was not alone in taking ideas home with me to share with others. Most importantly though, I was grateful to catch up with friends I have met previously, as well as making many new friends.

There are many more things coming before Convention in July plus important information about Convention, so I strongly recommend everyone read upcoming publications from International. Then make sure to check out the International Facebook page and website on a regular basis. I look forward to seeing as many District Five Altrusans as possible at the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino in Reno, Nevada on July 17-20, 2019. As I mentioned during our weekend together, attending International Convention provided me with a bigger understanding and appreciation of our organization. I guarantee more ideas, networking, learning and fellowship will occur for those who attend.

Congratulations to Governor Suzanne Cline and the 2019-2021 District Five Board and Committee Chairs. If there is anything I can do or help District Five Altrusans with, please feel free to contact me.

With Altrusa Love,

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