

Altrusa Club of Findlay

President's Message



Hi Altrusans,

Temps are cooling; the fair has started which to me officially means Fall is almost here! My favorite time of year! I am looking forward to my granddaughter showing her first fair animals, her pigs Rookie and Daisy. Having grown up on a pig farm, it just makes me smile.

As fall approaches, it's time to replenish our Foundation with our fundraiser, Applefest. If you missed our August 21 meeting last week, I have a folder for you with order forms and work dates.

Thank you to the Service Committee for the great program meeting. Wonderful dinner, and lots of laughter heard around the room as we played games. I love these fun meetings where we can relax and get to know each other better.

Our club has been busy this month in the service area, helping with packing the backpacks for children with the supplies we helped collect with the annual Stuff the Bus project. Some even went back to help with the distribution

of the backpacks. Thanks to all who helped.

Due to Labor Day being on our usual meeting date, we have moved our **meeting to Thursday, Sept 5th at St. Paul's**. This is a change from what we announced at the August Business meeting. Our plans to meet at the Mazza Museum had to be canceled due to a schedule conflict. We will have a visit from our District Five Representative, Shelley Kendrick, Second Vice Governor at this meeting. Please bring any of your questions for her.

September will be a busy month. We have been asked to serve lunch for Habitat for Humanity on Sept 13th, and pack Honor Flight bags at Ohio Logistic on Sept 18th along with Applefest dates. I'm hoping we can each make a couple of these events.

Happy Fall Y'all
Gwen

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Altrusa International of Findlay Business

August 5, 2019

Altrusa International of Findlay met on Mon., Aug. 5, 2019, at St. Paul's UMC. Meeting was called to order by President Gwen Pahl at 6:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance was given. Secretary Deb Foster called roll with 14 members present. Each shared their favorite childhood game. Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

The July 31, 2019 Treasurer's Report was given by Denise Heilman. Club checking and savings account total balance is \$2727.71. Foundation checking account balance is \$6285.65. Denise will be moving 2 expenses from Foundation to Operating.

Club received communications from University of Findlay, College of Education, thanking us for recent \$100 donation to their 1882 Club (the Clubhouse). Gwen also delivered a surprise envelope from her husband and organizers of Whirlpool Golf Outing. Altrusa was chosen to receive portion of their 50/50 Drawing benefiting a local organization. They recognized our service to community, particularly in the field of literacy, with \$220.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communication – Newsletter article deadline for Sept. is Aug. 23. Please send report from each committee to Karen Knaur.

Membership – Denise recapped July Family Picnic in park. At least 12 members, families were there for delicious food, good hot weather, and many stayed for concert.

Finance – Denise reviewed 2019-2020 Budget which committee had prepared, and Board brought to club for approval. Budget was approved with addition of a new line item for IN KIND donations by club members. Members should let Denise know the expenses they incur, but do not wish to have reimbursed from club.

Service – Stuff the Bus was again a success with some members gaining celebrity status. Sue Nichols and Ardie Green got their picture in the paper, and Gwen was interviewed on the radio. Thanks to all who participated with special thanks to Zane for assisting on the bus!

Service Committee is also in charge of Aug. 21 program meeting at Hancock Historical Museum. Fran Williams shared that it will be a Game Night with dinner cost of \$5. She encouraged us to bring perspective members.

Unfinished Business –

Our Miles of Bravery project grant has \$450 remaining. Gwen will again meet with Ben Sapp from Mazza Museum to discuss possible uses for remaining funds. Donations to Black Heritage and Cultural Center were again discussed.

Due to Labor Day falling on first Monday of September our Board and Business Meetings will be held Thursday, Sept. 5 at Mazza. This will also be when our official presentation will be made to the **Mazza Underground Railroad Project** with media coverage.

Little Library at Riverside Park has been damaged, refurbished, and moved to a more visible location. Happily, it is being well-used.

Marie Thomas has **the Altrusa Yearbook** almost ready for publication.

Karen Knaur shared information on replacing or purchasing an Altrusa Name Badge.

Christian Clearing House indicated that they do not need socks, so we will not pursue Sockapalooza.

New Business –

An **Applefest** Project Plan was presented. Denise, Gwen and Karen are chairing. Members voted to raise the cost of apple dumplings to \$4.50. We will invite Kohl's Cares Volunteers to assist at workshops.

Germaine Vonderhaar has requested to speak at our October meeting about re-chartering an Astra Club in Findlay.

Shelley Kendrick, Second Vice-Governor of District Five, requested to visit on September 5th.

Mary Klein led a discussion about a future project to present Candy Bags to Police Officers.

A 50/50 drawing happened, and Happy Dollars were shared.

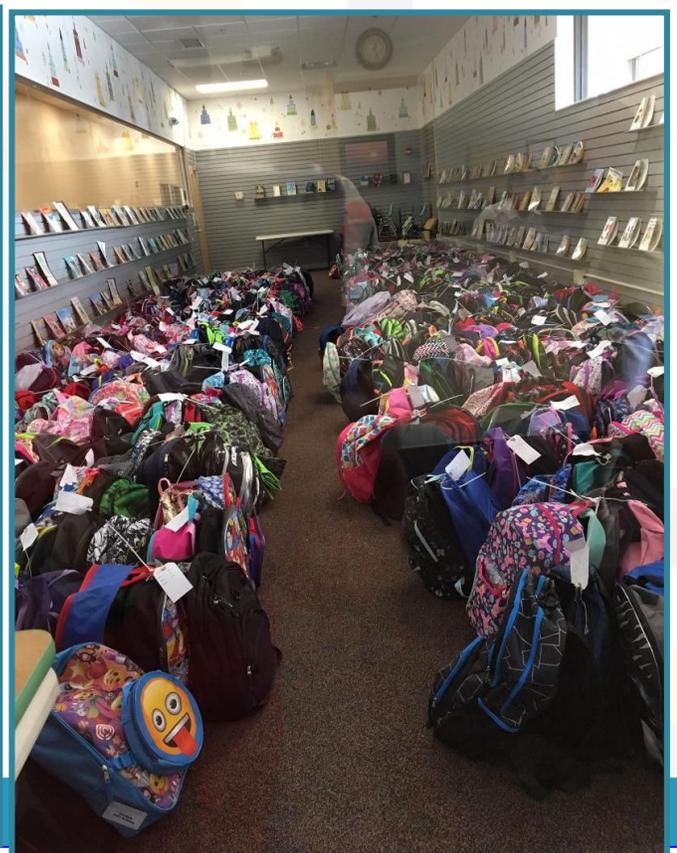
Meeting was adjourned after Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Foster
Secretary, Altrusa International of Findlay, Ohio

Activities & Meetings



Stuff the bus, Part Two



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Mid-Sept. meeting features newest member Kathleen Howard nature photographer & communications committee meal

This month new Findlay member Kathleen Howard, former District Five Governor, will share her love of nature photography. Our Sept. 18 meeting will be held at St. Andrews Methodist Church's library at 6pm.

To access library, just enter W. Crawford Street entrance to the church and on the left is an elevator. Take it to the basement level and just head straight off of the elevator. The church has a lot to the west of building for extra parking.

Kathleen will give us a PowerPoint presentation of her work and share some tips for taking nature photography.

Beside the presentation, the meeting features a meal of pulled pork sandwiches with coleslaw along with veggie and fruit trays, plus a dessert for \$6.00. Beverages include tea and water.

Please feel free to invite potential members.

