President’s Message
Happy November – a month that always reminds us of all we have to be thankful for including our Altrusa service which has yielded lasting friendships and much love.

Be Thankful
Be thankful that you don’t already have everything you desire,
   If you did, what would there be to look forward to?
Be thankful when you don’t know something
   For it gives you the opportunity to learn.
Be thankful for the difficult times.
   During those times you grow.
Be thankful for your limitations
   Because they give you opportunities for improvement.
Be thankful for each new challenge
Because it will build your strength and character.
Be thankful for your mistakes
   They will teach you valuable lessons.
Be thankful when you’re tired and weary
Because it means you’ve made a difference.
It is easy to be thankful for the good things.
A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are
   also thankful for the setbacks.
GRATITUDE can turn a negative into a positive.
   Find a way to be thankful for your troubles
      and they can become your blessings.
   Author Unknown

Carol Atzbach

10 – 20 – 30 Project Fund Raiser
October 30   10 cents for each table lamp in your home.
November 10  5 cents for each serving bowl in your home
November 20  10 cents for phone call made or received today!

November Celebrations!
November 8   Happy Birthday   Linda Beaver
Highlights from October Meeting
- Thanks to District Five Governor Suzanne Cline for her visit
- Planning for the Caring Place

News from International

ALTRUSA SOS (SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS)

Originally the SOS Project which stands for Support Our Soldiers Project was presented to all clubs in District Three by Governor Beverly Hardy during the biennium of 2011 - 2013. This service project was to provide support to the active duty military service men and women who are deployed overseas with packages to bring a sample of home to them while so far away. Packages were assembled with a list of items especially helpful to the service men and women with specific instructions to follow. Packages were shipped by the USPS and the military mailing system. The second phase was to be supportive Altrusans to service men and women returning home, who have found upon returning to their families, a helping hand of caring and support. This included looking in to assisting local community organizations who are already helping veterans and their families who are struggling due to medical setbacks and or just need a bit of assistance.

Now the Altrusa International SOS Project will support soldiers and their families, of the United States, New Zealand, and Canada. This Service Project is reaching out in Three Ways. • Care Packages to Active Duty deployed Military. • Returning Military in need of assistance. • Supporting homeless Veterans.

Through Altrusa SOS, clubs may work independently or partner with organizations whose sole mission is to support military service organizations and/or Veterans. Service projects may be as simple as collecting items to ship to deployed service members or random acts of kindness for Veterans in our communities, or more personal, such as assisting with construction of ramps at the home of a wounded service member or helping homeless Veterans locate food and shelter.

Xenia Altrusa needs to assess community needs and services to decide how we might be supportive to this effort.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee
Treasurer’s Report submitted.

Barbara Stafford

Little Free Libraries
We need books – especially children’s books. Ask friends who may have books sitting on their shelves they might like to donate.

Linda C. Beaver

Keeping Us On-Track with our Strategic Plan

Service
• Continue our partnership with Days for Girls in Yellow Springs. We have budgeted for materials and will continue to provide actual help during their monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday evening at 7. Barbara has placed an order for material per the request from Chris Powell.
• We fed the hungry at the Caring Place on October 31. The meal was well received and we fed about 90 people plus our workers.
• Little Free Library are getting checked for replacement books in three locations plus three non LFL locations. We are looking at the Health Department as another possible location.
• We have submitted a foundation grant for Fall cycle.

Marketing:
• Facebook updates – Carol, Linda and Barb have been posting.
• Articles sent to DSB, newspaper and XACC
• Sign up to attend a Women In Business Luncheon.
• Sign up to attend XACC Business After Hours
• New Brochures in the XACC rack

Members
• Invite someone to attend a meeting.
• Distribute Altrusa brochures to potential members. We have new ½ sheets that tell what we do.

Leaders
• Make sure incoming officers have all they need to complete their job with success – exchange of roles includes mentoring!
• Begin discussion of who will fill offices for 2020-22

Members Service
• Our Altru-Xen back in publication
• Handbooks updated.
• New roster in place.

Club Events

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Christmas Dinner and Auction at Victoria’s Bed and Breakfast
• December 16 at 6 PM
• Please consider inviting someone to attend with you
• Menu will be finalized at the November meeting
• 25.00 contribution to the Dolly Pardon Imagination Library will be collected from each member
• Bring items for the auction

2019 Meeting Dates and Locations

Executive Board / Business Meetings
(Unless otherwise denoted, all meetings will occur at the Xenia Chamber of Commerce building. Board Meetings start at 5:00 and Business meeting at 6:00.)
November 25
Dec 16 Christmas Dinner and Auction at Victoria’s Bed and Breakfast at 6:00 PM
January 27
February 24
March 23
April 27
May ??? 30th Anniversary Celebration

**District Five Conference and International Convention Dates**

District Five Conference 2020 will be hosted by the Youngstown Altrusa Club. The conference will be held the first weekend in May 2020.

As we express our gratitude...
we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

-John F. Kennedy