President’s Message

Quote: Come the spring with all of its splendor. All its birds and all its blossom, all its flower and leaves and grasses. Goodfellow

March is filled with transition, anticipation and planning. Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8, giving us more daylight in the evenings. We move from winter to spring on March 19. We look forward to warmer weather, spring flowers start to bloom and rebirth of the season, after long winter.

This is also true for our Altrusa club. We begin our solicitation efforts for our luncheon/auction this fall. The nomination ballot is set for our selection of the members to lead us into the next biennium. Club members are planning our Addan-Altrusan efforts in March and our Altrusa Birthday party with Hamilton in April. The Program committee has arranged guest speakers for both meetings. We will begin our planning for the planting of the Star Planter at Memorial Hall. There are lots of upcoming things for the club to prepare for District Five Conference in Youngstown, OH, including delegate selection. And, as always, the club continues, under the direction of the Service Committee, with our service projects.

March, as a month, has lots to celebrate – March 2 – Read across America (which some members will be participating at Cleveland School), March 14 – National Pi Day (enjoy your favorite), March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day (the day when everyone can be Irish), March 20 – International Earth Day (feel blessed for our beautiful planet), March 25 – Tolkien Reading Day (pick up the Hobbit or the Lord of the Ring).

Wishing each and every member the best month of March, as we move forward in 2020.
INTERNATIONAL SCENE
AUTHOR: KATHY SCHREIN; INTERNATIONAL LIASON

With our club’s nominating committee in place, many of you might have received a call to say "YES" to serving in a Board position. Sometimes that YES can be scary. Do not panic. We Altrusans are here to help mentor and give you service as peer leaders.

We strive to present an atmosphere of trust. There are no silly questions; we learn from each other. We encourage one speaker at a time. We try not to have side conversations—we want to hear what YOU have to say.

There are all types of Altrusa leaders. Warren Bennis, a pioneer in the field of leadership studies, says, "Process of becoming a leader is much the same process of becoming an integrated human being. For the leader, as for the integrated person, life itself is a career!"

We hope you said an "Altrusan-life YES". We members ourselves want to lead by example—we, too, served in many club positions. Members will be here to encourage and inspire you to further your unique journey as an integrated person.

LITERARY PEACE PRIZE drawing AWARD-WINNING
AUTHORS TO DAYTON EACH YEAR
Author & Photographer: Jane McBride

On February 25th, we were privileged to have as our guest speaker, Sharon Rab, the Founder and Chair of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize. As the first and only U.S. literary award focused on promoting peace, social justice, and global understanding, this project recognizes outstanding authors of adult fiction and nonfiction at an annual awards ceremony right here in Dayton.

With great enthusiasm and a nifty PowerPoint presentation, Sharon explained how the DLPP project, which began in 2006, was inspired by the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords that ended the war in Bosnia. In fact, the Richard C. Holbrooke Distinguished Achievement Award, presented annually by DLPP, honors that U.S. Ambassador who not only helped negotiate the Peace Accords, but was the first to receive a Dayton Peace Award.

Other past recipients of this prestigious award include: Elie Wiesel, Geraldine Brooks, Barbara Kingsolver, Wendell Berry, Gloria Steinem, Studs Terkel, Louise Erdrich, John Irving, and Tim O’Brien.

In addition to the Holbrooke Award recipient, a winner and runner-up in fiction and nonfiction are selected. Winners receive a $10,000 honorarium and runners-up...
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receive $5,000. But Sharon was quick to point out that long before the big awards gala, there is a year’s worth of preparation and hard work.

"There are a multitude of book submissions from many countries to sort through and read," she said. "To be considered, an author’s work must focus on peace with clarity and style."

And this, Sharon noted, is where the expertise of DLPP’s 'First Readers' comes in. These 70-plus dedicated people read, evaluate, and narrow the field to the few best books. Once completed, a panel of distinguished 'Final Judges' decide the winners and runners-up in each category.

Since its inception 14 years ago, DLPP has extended its reach beyond the United States, with award-winning authors representing 21 countries around the world, and award-winning books set in 53 different countries.

In Ohio, 16 colleges and universities network with the DLPP University Consortium to offer programs relating to community and international peace initiatives. And with the introduction of the Holbrooke Society contributing to its long-term financial sustainability, DLPP will continue to grow and spread peace internationally through the power of the written word.

The DLPP Library Consortium together with the Dayton Metro Library has created a Dayton Literary Peace Prize book club. Readers meet monthly to discuss award-winning works, and all are welcome. Membership in the "Fly with the Doves Annual Book Circle," allows greater participation by funding the creation of new projects that promote peace.

As she was about to wrap-up her presentation, Sharon reminded everyone to go to the website, www.DaytonLiteraryPeacePrize.org for more information about activities, including next Dayton Literary Peace Prize, scheduled for Sunday, October 25th.
ALTRUSA AND THE UNITED NATIONS

Author: Susan Sanders

Our own Kathy Schrein, long-standing member of Altrusa of Dayton, Ohio since 1992, and Representative of Altrusa International at the United Nations, spoke to the members of the Dayton club at the January 28, 2020 meeting.

Kathy discussed the role of Altrusa and the United Nations, including Eleanor Roosevelt’s and her well-known Altrusa friend, Frances Marques, connection to Altrusa. Mrs. Roosevelt and Ms. Marques were active members of Altrusa in New York City. As First Lady of the United States, Eleanor was required to resign from Altrusa and other ‘outside’ organizations at the time of her husband’s, Franklin Roosevelt, inauguration as President of the United States in 1933.

Kathy presented “The Top 10 Historical Facts About Altrusa at the United Nations”:

- Altrusa of New York City was chartered in New York City in January, 1927 with ten members, at which time Mrs. Roosevelt became an active member
- Mrs. Roosevelt befriended Captain Frances Marques, who was the in the first contingent of WACs in General Dwight Eisenhower’s forces and was among the first WACs to go to Africa during World War II
- Frances Marques became president of the Altrusa Club of New York City
- Captain Marques was a delegate/observer of Altrusa at the first United Nations conference held in San Francisco in April, 1943; however, no written record exists of this distinction other than Captain Marques’s own written notes
- Eleanor Roosevelt delivered an address on International Organization at the United Nations conference in San Francisco
- Mrs. Roosevelt’s speech can be accessed through the United Nations website
- Captain Marques remained an active member of Altrusa until her death in 1984 in New York City
- In 1946, Altrusa International was given observer status at the United Nations and was the first internationally classified service club for executive and professional women to have this status
- Mrs. Roosevelt was appointed by President Harry S. Truman to Chair the famous United Nations Human Rights Committee
- In 1978, Altrusa’s United Nations membership was assigned to the level of Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) in roster status within the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). In this capacity, Altrusa joins together with other NGOs, empowered to attend open General Assembly sessions and United Nations briefings and conferences related solely to global and social concerns, and receive United Nations Ground Passes.

The members of Altrusa of Dayton thank Mrs. Schrein for her thorough presentation regarding Altrusa and the United Nations, including Eleanor Roosevelt’s involvement in Altrusa. The members of Altrusa of Dayton offer a sincere thank you to Kathy for her service as a representative of Altrusa International at the United Nations.
DISTRICT FIVE CONFERENCE
Author: Kathy Ballman-Parks

This year’s conference is being hosted by Altrusa of Youngstown, on May 1-3. February DSB email has information and the registration form. It looks like that our club will have at least 12 members attending. That is great!

The club needs to decide if we want to participate in the Centerpiece Competition (theme - Reflections of the Past, Visions for Future), tri-fold display for club membership efforts for recruitment and retention, cookies to donate for the Youngstown cookie table, basket raffle donation.

Youngstown club is asking conference attendees and clubs to donate socks (men, women or children) and old glasses - prescription, reading or sunglasses). Please bring to our meeting in March or April if you are not attending the conference.

Diane Miller has graciously volunteered to take the lead on our vendor table items. The club will make teacup birdbreeders/birdbaths and garden art flowers. Check out Pinterest and search for 'Garden Art' to see examples of what we are trying to do. We can also provide snacks and sweet treats if we like. This is great way to add to the operating account.

I will be accepting registration forms, since I am the District Five Conference Treasurer. If you need a registration form, I can forward the email.

If any club member would like to take the lead on the raffle basket, trifold display, centerpiece or cookie donation, please let me know. Member would not necessarily have to be attending the conference.

I think that we all want the Dayton Club to make a great showing at conference.
Altrusa's 10th Annual Spring Bash

"A Dazzling Affair"

Sat March 7, 2020

Featuring:

Catered by Port-A-Cook

Richland County Fairgrounds, Fairhaven Hall
750 North Home Road, Mansfield, OH 44906

Dinner served at 6:30 PM - Cash Bar Available
A Community Fundraiser Sponsored by Altrusa International Foundation of Mansfield

Tickets $25/Person

Bring appetizers for your table if desired

Sponsored by:

Kathy Shambre
419.512.2073 OR
kshamore@drsohio.com
Spring Fling
Altrusa Club of Columbus

Saturday, April 4, 2020
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Luncheon - Live & Silent Auction - Trivia - Raffles

Clintonville Woman’s Club
3951 N. High St
Columbus, OH 43214

Enjoy a delicious lunch with complimentary wine and beer.
All proceeds benefit the Altrusa Int’l of Columbus, OH Foundation, supporting literacy and service projects in our local & international communities.

Tickets: $45 each or a table of 8 for $320

Register at: https://form.jotform.com/AltrusaColsOH/SpringFling-registration
RSVP by March 23rd
## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Auction Committee  
**Kathy Ballman-Parks [facilitator]**

Members met on Feb 4 to begin our efforts for this year’s luncheon/auction. The date has been reserved for 2020 - October 31, at the Presidential Banquet Center. The current focus of our efforts are to **SOLICIT, SOLICIT, SOLICIT** donations. Now is the time that many businesses or organizations plan for their charitable donations for the year. Altrusa needs to get in there early to have them consider our club.

*From Neil Webster*

**COLUMBUS ALTRUSA SPRING AUCTION AND LUNCHEON**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 4th and start working on a car-pool.

Columbus Altrusa is holding their spring fundraiser at the Clintonville Women’s Club located at 3951 N. High Street in Columbus at 11:30 AM. There will be a nice lunch, a bar, silent auctions, trivia, and a live auction.

The Dayton club had a good number of attendees last year and I think all would agree that it was a fun event, the lunch was very good, and that everyone had a good time. And on top of all that, it will be Spring and likely a beautiful day like last year.

They have asked me to do the live auction again this year. I’ll take the opportunity to invite their club to come to Dayton in October for our event.

*Courtney Kallergis sent a flyer, that is at the end of this newsletter, with sign up information.*

### Communication Committee  
**Diane Noonan**

The meeting minutes and financial reports (operating & foundation) from our previous meeting are published separately by the secretary and treasurers. They normally send out a week before our monthly meeting. Watch your email for them.

### DSB Submittals
- **Suspense/due date for the next DSB submission is 10 May 2020.** I try to submit something from the newsletters; however, if you have something forward to me and I will ensure it gets to the DSB editor.

*27 Mar 2020 -- Input for the Apr 2020 Newsletter is due*

### Membership Committee

Reminder to all club members that March is our Add-an-Altrusan month with special activities at our March meeting. Think about bringing someone who might be looking for opportunity to help their community, enjoy the fellowship of our club members and hear all about the great things that Dayton Altrusa does. The club is always on the lookout for potential new members.

### Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, composed of Dana, Neil and Susie, will be reaching out to members, asking them to consider adding their names to our slate of nominees for this year’s election. Positions include President-elect, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Directors and a member of the Foundation Board. Members are strongly encouraged to give thought on how you may be able to serve our club.

### Service Committee  
**Peggy Collins & Dana Seibert**

Days for Girls – 4 Mar 2020  
Location: Unity of Dayton Church  
6741 Chambersburg Rd  
Huber Heights, Ohio  
If you plan to attend, please call Peggy Collins  
937-603-6478 or email: pegmo33@woh.rr.com

### Foundation Fundraiser

Altrusans had a great time at the GDSA Paddles Up on Feb 14 2020. There were 10 Altrusans who attended, along with 8 guests of members.

Many of us won some of the auction items, including Bob, who won Peggy’s Summer Fun raffle item. Also 100 books were donated for us to distribute to the various children organizations we support.
Thanks to Debbie Roe, Mary Reed and Peggy Collins who generously donated raffle baskets for the event. The baskets were a great success and brought in lots of money for our Foundation.

Speaking of money, the total amount that was raised for the Foundation was:

$1184.25

Thanks to all who made this a great success. They would like to sponsor us again in 2021.

**On-Going Fundraising Opportunities**

Help earn dollar for your club.

Log onto the Kroger Site

[https://www.kroger.com/]

Click on “Account Summary”

Scroll down to “Community Rewards”

A find your organization window will pop up.

In text box type in “Altrusa” two choices will appear

Clicked in the small circle in front of “Altrusa Club of Dayton Ohio Inc”

Then Click on “Enroll”

Instructions for Amazon Smiles

- Go to smile.amazon.com
- In field to select your charity, enter Tax ID # 83-0465126
- Should bring up Altrusa International Foundation Inc – Kettering, OH
  - Note there are many other Altrusa clubs enrolled in Amazon Smiles
- When you shop on Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com website for options that apply to our account.
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<td>Business @ 6:30 pm</td>
<td>• Give copy of Incoming President’s Calendar to newly elected president.</td>
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<td>• Start work compiling information for the Club Annual Report.</td>
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<td>at the Dayton Children’s</td>
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Helpful Links

- ALTRUSA of Dayton Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Altrusa-of-Dayton-Ohio/111345002242706
- ALTRUSA District Five Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/DSAltrusa?fref=ts
- ALTRUSA International Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/altrusainternationalinc
- Dayton ALTRUSA Website: https://www.altrusa.org
- ALTRUSA District Five Website: https://districtfive.altrusa.org
- ALTRUSA International Website: https://www.altrusa.org

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(Jun 2018 – May 2020)

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Kathy Schrein

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