Events
January 14 – Board Meeting at 5:45 pm and Business Meeting at 6 pm both at Kingston. Snacks and Accent: Roselynn Fullmer, Grace Teel and Cindy Ison
January 28 – Dinner Meeting at 6 pm at Kingston.

Birthdays!
Eileen Pfeiffer – January 6
Diane Cooper – January 12
Tammy Millisor – January 23

President’s Message
With the New Year comes big things. During the January 14 meeting the Foundation Board will present their recommendation for the future of the money left to Altrusa by past members. We need all to vote because this is your club.

Another event is the conference in May. It is in Youngstown and we need to get planning started. The club members hosting it seemed funny and enthusiastic. Who’s ready for some fun?!

Kathy Pierce

Kingston Support
Marion Altrusans teamed up with the Kingston Quilter’s and we delivered 125 shirt covers to the VFW for distribution. The shirt covers were put in stockings with other goodies and delivered to all veterans that live in assisted living or nursing homes in Marion.

In Remembrance . . .
One of our Marion Altrusans, Mary Ann Doyle, died on Christmas morning 2019. Mary Ann was particularly a participant in all sewing projects and helped with the project pictured above. She will be sorely missed.

January 2020 Observances
National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day is on January 9th and is the perfect day to thank your local law enforcement. Let’s continue to donate blankets to Marion City Police and Marion County Sheriff’s office in honor of Mary Ann Doyle. Prior to another Altrusan coming forward to
take on this responsibility, blankets can be dropped off to your Editor at Phil Ruth Insurance Agency at Mallard Square.

January 11 – Human Trafficking Awareness
Ohio ranks fourth in the nation for human trafficking.
“...In a recent report from the Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, more than 300 people in the state were victims of sex trafficking, about 25 were trafficked for hard labor, and another eight were trafficked for both purposes.
“So how do you know what a trafficking victim looks like? Maybe somebody that doesn't have complete control over their money, their movement. Tattoos... people tend to affiliate tattoos with gangs, but when you look at some of the traffickers, they will brand their victims.” Source: WOIO Cleveland, via Internet

January 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr
Martin Luther King Day celebrates life and accomplishment of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Pancake Day!
Mark February 22 on your calendar and save the date and time... 7am – 2pm!! Norma Castanien will have tickets at the next meeting on January 14.

Boys and Girls Club
As you may recall, we decided at the November meeting to delay giving our annual gift of winter hats, gloves, scarves, etc. to the Boys & Girls Club children to January. January is now here, so I will be accepting your donations at either of our meetings in this month. We'll make a presentation to the Club in early February. Thank you to all have donated so far.

Roselynn Fullmer

Avon Sales
Our profit was $530 on the Christmas sales of Avon. Thanks, everyone, for getting Avon for all your friends.

Norma Castanien

Dress for Success
The January donation of school supplies for our Dress for Success Backpack project is a box of 24 count crayons. Please bring your box to either meeting in January. As a reminder, the supply for February will be a wide ruled composition book. Your donations are soooo appreciated!!!!!

Roselynn Fullmer

Holiday Party!
Each of the Altrusans who attended our Holiday party had a wonderful time, as seen by the photos below!