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Governor's Message

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. I look forward to it so much and it always seems to go by so quickly. But now it's time to look forward to spring and District Conference! Your District Board has been hard at work to plan a conference that's fun as well as educational. We've changed things up a bit and have a keynote speaker who will make you laugh while providing valuable information to take home with you.

This is our first chance to get together after two years. The opportunity to connect with others is so important as we've learned through this pandemic. It's worth the effort to make the drive and spend the money to connect with other Altrusans, hear what others are doing, bring new ideas back to your club, learn more about our organization, and have fun!

If you are planning on coming, ask your fellow members to come with you. Make it a fun excursion and a chance to get to know them a little better. If you aren't planning on coming yet, think of what you may be missing. I've had so many good memories of conferences over the years, and I'm sure I'm not the only one.

Let's use this conference to plant seeds for new projects, new members, new ideas and cultivate the love of Altrusa so that "Together we will grow."

*In Altrusa service,
Julie*



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WELCOME TO YOUNGSTOWN!

Hello Everyone,

We can hardly wait to see you at the 67th DISTRICT FIVE CONFERENCE in Youngstown, Ohio on April 8, 9, 10, 2022. Our community is rich with history, cultural diversity, traditions & wonderful food! Come celebrate with us the sites & sounds of the Mahoning Valley as “Together We Will Grow “!

Help make fleece tie blankets for one of our service projects. Be entertained with music from a classical guitarist to the sounds of jazz. And don't forget The Youngstown Cookie Table experience..... it's one of a kind, so “Be Our Guest”. From the Butler Art Museum to Powers Auditorium, YSU to Millcreek Metro Park, Youngstown Playhouse to Covelli Center attractions, there's always something happening in Youngstown.

And remember, your safety & wellbeing is always of the utmost importance. Be certain we will be following all guidelines & protocol standards deemed at that time.

Looking forward to seeing all in April!
Sharmon Lesnak, Altrusa of Youngstown

2022 Altrusa District Five Conference

When: April 8-10, 2022

Where: Holiday Inn – Boardman, OH

Theme: 2020 Vision – Learning from our Past, Growing with our Future

Come prepared to share stories from your club, engage in workshops, and reconnect with your Altrusa friends from across Ohio and Michigan. Our goal is to provide a safe way to network and meet as a group: masks are encouraged, all meals will be plated. We will be following CDC, ODH, Mahoning Co. safety recommendations.

What to bring: Items to donate, Club banner, Club Centerpiece (for contest,) cookies & recipe, Club basket contribution for the Foundation, money/checks to purchase items, a mask and a smile!

The Youngstown Club is asking conference attendees to donate any of the following items:

- Socks for children, women and men in support of The Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley.
- Old prescription glasses, reader glasses, or sunglasses: Just as Altrusa's mission is literacy, the Lions Club's is sight. The local Youngstown Lions Club celebrated their 100th Anniversary in 2020.

Friday:

- Registration opens at 1:00 p.m.
- President, Treasurer, and Secretary Trainings begin at 1:30 p.m.
- All attendees are invited to a special workshop: "A Walk Through the Garden of the International Website."
- Orientation sessions for Delegates and First Timers are scheduled at 6:15 p.m. and will be reprised on Saturday.
- The Opening Session features a speaker from the Youngstown Mahoning County Public Library and an exciting Drum Circle!
- Hors d'oeuvres and munchies will be available in the hospitality room in the evening: greet old friends and build new friendships with members across the District.

Saturday:

- Registration opens at 7:15 a.m.
- Club Presidents are invited to a special breakfast hosted by the Governor at 7:30 a.m.; all other attendees will enjoy a plated breakfast at 7:45 a.m. Please plan to arrive promptly.
- The Annual Business Meeting in the morning will focus on District and International Updates, along with voting.
- An exciting slate of workshops will help you and your club "GROW:"
 - Conflict Management, Grant Writing, Maintaining a Club During a Crisis, and Leadership 101
- The Awards luncheon will highlight the great work and community service happening across the District.
- Our afternoon session will be presented by the International Membership Chair: "Laugh your Club Strong." This interactive workshop blends humor with ways to improve engagement with Altrusans, both seasoned and new!
- A "hands-on" service activity involving the assembly of fleece blankets from 3:00-4:15p.m. will support The Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley. The Youngstown Club will provide all materials needed.
- Meet and greet Sue Whitaker, International Director, at an early evening reception.
- The Banquet begins at 7:00 p.m., showcasing a traditional "Youngstown Cookie Table."
- Fun and fellowship will follow with the hospitality committee into the evening.

Sunday:

- A Memorial Service will honor Altrusans who passed away recently at 8:00 a.m., followed by an Inspirational Service with an uplifting message.
- Brunch and Closing Session begin at 9:30 a.m. Sunday highlights include: the announcement of the Club winners of the International Awards and the Centerpiece Contest, plus the Call to Conference in 2023.

Pre-register for a vendor table by March 10th by emailing Sherry Christie at conferencemanagerdfive@gmail.com. Tables will be offered free of charge: this is a great opportunity to raise funds for your Club's operating budget!

Remember to provide an example literacy project from your club, including a photo and description, by April 1st to govelectdfive@gmail.com. Look forward to a beautiful tree displaying these projects at the Conference!

Register for the Centerpiece Competition: email Governor-Elect Tammy, govelectdfive@gmail.com, stating "Club x is in!"

Clubs are asked to bring six dozen small cookies (and the recipe) to showcase and taste: drop off at registration Saturday.

The Altrusa Store will be open to purchase logo items and sign up for Club 21, and will feature the Foundation basket raffle. Club Centerpieces focusing on the theme "Together We Will Grow" will be on display and 50-50 raffle tickets from the Youngstown Host Club will be available. The District will also offer a few wonderful items for live auction!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Conference at a Glance

Friday	Event
1:00 - 6:45 p.m.	Registration and Credentials
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	President Training
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Treasurer Training
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Secretary Training
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Workshop: "A Walk Through the Garden of the International Website"
6:15 - 6:45 p.m.	Altrusa Store/Foundation Raffle Open
6:15 - 6:45 p.m.	Orientation for Delegates
6:15 - 6:45 p.m.	Orientation for First Timers
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Opening Session
9:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Altrusa Store/Foundation Raffle Open
9:00 - 10:30 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open
Saturday	
7:15 - 8:45 a.m.	Registration and Credentials
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	President's Breakfast
7:45 - 8:30 a.m.	Plated Breakfast
8:15 - 8:45 a.m.	Altrusa Store/Foundation Raffle Open
8:30 - 8:50 a.m.	Orientation for Delegates
8:30 - 8:50 a.m.	Orientation for First Timers
9:00 - 10:15 a.m.	General Business Session
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	Voting (Past Governors, Officers, Delegates)
10:15 - 11:00 a.m.	Break
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	Altrusa Store/Foundation Raffle Open
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Workshop: "Pulling the Weeds" Conflict Management
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Workshop: "Keeping Your Garden Green" Grant Writing
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Workshop: "Tending Your Garden in Our Changing Times" Maintaining a Club During a Crisis – Fundraising, Membership, Service
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Workshop: "Cultivating Your Garden" Leadership 101
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Awards Luncheon
1:30 - 1:45 p.m.	Break
1:45 - 3:00 p.m.	All Member Session: "Laugh Your Club Strong" Interactive Membership Workshop
3:00 - 4:15 p.m.	Hands-on Service Project: assembly of fleece blankets for the Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Altrusa Store/Foundation Raffle Open
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Bid (Foundation/Centerpieces), Shop Vendors, View Exhibits, Socialize, Network, Relax
6:15 - 6:45 p.m.	Reception for International Representative
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Banquet
9:00 - 10:30 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open
Sunday	
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Memorial Service
8:45 - 9:15 a.m.	Inspirational Service
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Brunch and Closing Session



REGISTRATION FORM

67th Altrusa District Five Conference and Annual Meeting April 8 – 10, 2022 Youngstown, Ohio

Print Full Name _____ Name on Badge _____
 Street Address _____ Club _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Primary Phone _____ cell home work
 Alternate Phone _____ cell home work
 Email _____
 Emergency Contact _____ Contact Phone _____

____ Check here if you do not want the above information printed in documents for networking after conference.

Please tell us about yourself (circle all that apply):

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|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Member | First Timer | Delegate | Alternate | Guest |
| Club President | District Chair | District Board | Past Governor | International Representative |

**Registration DOES NOT include hotel reservations – see hotel information below.
 All registrations MUST BE received by 3/24/2022 to be accepted.
NO on-site registration. NO meals can be added after 3/24/2022.**

Full Conference (Early Bird if received or post marked by 3/10/2022) (includes conference bag/materials, Lunch, Banquet and Brunch)	\$135.00 _____
Full Conference (Regular Registration 3/11/2022 – 3/24/2022) (includes conference bag/materials, Lunch, Banquet and Brunch)	\$155.00 _____
Partial Conference - Saturday (Early Bird if received or post marked by 3/10/2022) (includes conference bag/materials: Annual Meeting and Workshops; Lunch only)	\$ 90.00 _____
Partial Conference - Saturday (Regular Registration 3/10/2022 – 3/24/2022) (includes conference bag/materials: Annual Meeting and Workshops; Lunch only)	\$100.00 _____
Partial Conference - Friday or Sunday (one day only) (must be received by 3/24/2022) (includes no conference bag/materials and no meals)	\$ 35.00 _____
Guest Meals (or Add-On Meals for Partial Registrations by 3/24/2022)	
Saturday Lunch	\$ 20.00 _____
Saturday Banquet	\$ 28.00 _____
Sunday Brunch	\$ 15.00 _____
TOTAL PAID	\$ _____

PAYMENT: Mail check payable to Altrusa International District Five with Conference Registration Form to Kathy Ballman-Parks, 1445 Montrose Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45414. For information contact Kathy Ballman-Parks at director1dfive@gmail.com

Do you want confirmation of Registration? Yes No

NOTE: Your attendance at conference is your consent to be included in photos/videos for future use of Altrusa District Five.

Circle any training you will be attending on Friday afternoon: President Treasurer Secretary International Website

Circle your meal choice for Saturday Banquet: Chicken Marsala Orange Roughy Florentine Vegetable Pasta

NOTE: These dinner choices can be prepared Gluten Free.

Any Dietary Restrictions/Allergies? _____ Vegetarian Gluten Free

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: A block of rooms for Altrusa has been reserved at the hotel. The room rate is \$109.99 plus taxes. **Register for hotel rooms by calling Holiday Inn – Boardman**, 7410 South Avenue, Boardman, OH 44512. Local number is 330-726-1611. Rooms need to be reserved by 3/10/2022. Please use the group code "Altrusa" when making reservations.

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PICTURES NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE LITERACY TREE!

Following Governor Julie's theme, *Together We Will Grow*, there will be a display of **every Club's** literacy project. The **Literacy Tree** will be presented at Conference and will reflect how Altrusa is connected – the roots represent Altrusa International, the trunk is District Five, the Clubs are the branches, and the leaves are our literacy projects.

To do this, I need information from you!

Please send a picture of your Club's literacy project and a brief description of the project (3 to 4 sentences) to govelectdfive@gmail.com by **April 1, 2022**.

We need to have **each branch** (your Club) full of **leaves** (your literacy project)! After all, it will be Spring and the trees will be budding, as will our Altrusa tree – with your help.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.
Tammy Bader, Governor Elect

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SILENT AUCTION

~ Shelley Kendrick

Third time is a charm. Our annual District Five Conference is slated for April 8-10, 2022 in Youngstown. It's been almost three years since we have been able to meet face to face. So, as we attempt to regain a bit of normalcy, I need your help in our fundraising effort for the International Foundation.

As in 2019, I will be asking each club to provide at least one item for the raffle or silent auction. Each Club can decide on their donation. Minimum value is \$50. A themed basket or a collection of items that highlight your hometowns are well received. I have always been amazed at the creativity of the donated items.

As we have done in the past, clubs will receive a letter for members with information on purchasing tickets for the raffle. Tickets will not be mailed but will be available at the event.

By Mid-January, Club Presidents will receive more information on the donations and tickets. I look forward to meeting face to face with all of you in April. Until then, stay safe!

“Together We Will Grow” and “Together We Will Grow our Fundraising Project for the International Foundation!”



VENDOR TABLES – FREE!!!

Vendor tables are available for Altrusa Members ONLY, no outside vendors will be permitted. The tables are FREE and will be on a first come, first serve basis.

If you or your Club would like to reserve a Table, please contact Sherry Christie at conferencemanagerdfive@gmail.com

DEADLINE to reserve a table is **March 10th**.

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Memorial Form

Your help is needed to ensure the Memorial Service portion of the District Five Conference is meaningful and informative as possible.

Please complete and send in for any Altrusans in your club who passed away since the last conference.

Submit to: Julie Stratos
Address: 9 Cornwell Court, Coldwater, MI 49036
Email: governordfive@gmail.com

Name of Club: _____

Name of Deceased Member: _____

Age: _____

Member of Altrusa since _____ (approximate if unsure)

Contributions to Altrusa and this club include (attach page if needed):

Please include a picture if possible.

Person submitting this form:

Name: _____ Position in club: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Name of Member to participate in Service if known: _____



CONFERENCE CENTERPIECE COMPETITION

At the 2022 Conference, there will be an Awards Luncheon on Saturday. Clubs are invited to bring a centerpiece for the luncheon tables to enter in a competition. The centerpiece should reflect the Governor's theme of *Together We Will Grow*.

Centerpieces should be designed and created by members of the Club.

- No professional designs
- The size should be substantial enough for a large circular table, but should not be a hindrance to the sight line

The centerpieces will be judged on:

- Originality
- Creativity
- Interpretation of the Theme
 - Beauty
- Selection of Materials
 - Spark
- Size – not to large, not to small

How do we enter?

- **Email Governor Elect, Tammy at govelectdfive@gmail.com stating "Club X is in"!**

Bring your arrangement to Conference no later than 10:00 am on Saturday. The Registration Desk will tell you where to leave your arrangement.



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CLUB NEWS

~ Mansfield ~

“**Funds, Friendships and Fun**” were the main themes in November and December for the Mansfield Altrusa Club. During the past two months, our club has been the recipient of several grants, applied for by our Groovy Grant Gals, as well as other monetary rewards.

-a \$750 grant, from the Richland County Foundation Women’s Club, to be used for our Buddy Bags Program, which provides backpacks filled with needed items to be given to homeless Mansfield City school children.

- a \$2000 grant awarded by The Richland County Foundation, to create a professional video to highlight our Club. The video can be viewed on

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/HCgMOuNXvN0>

-\$7,707 was awarded to our Club, during the *Richland Gives*, “Giving Tuesday” November Event, as a result of generous donations by family, friends, and community members who support our mission, and also by winning additional bonus monies throughout the day.

-a \$12,500 grant was given to the Mansfield Club, through The Hire Family Foundation, to support our yearly Tools for Schools Project.

-a \$2000 monetary gift was presented to Mansfield Altrusa, from the Milton Young Foundation, to be used for continuing our excellent work in the community.

-\$1800 was raised from the sale of 245 Poinsettias, our Winter Fundraiser.

New **friendships** are forming as we welcomed and initiated 5 new members during November and December! We are looking forward to welcoming 4 more new members next month! Altrusa of Mansfield is growing!

Mansfield Altrusans like to have **fun** too! We had 37 members in attendance (including past members, new members, and members to be), along with 24 guests, at our Altrusa Holiday Party on December 15th. There was a buffet dinner, games, and Christmas ornament exchange! It was a lovely evening of making memories with our Altrusa Sisters and our newly initiated Altrusa Brother!



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~ Akron ~

Meg Griffin and Margaret Robinson led Altrusans from Akron to donate a truck load of Christmas gifts to 42 homeless teens at Shelter Care Inc. and Harmony House, Inc.



~ Troy ~

Altrusa of Troy volunteered at the Miami County Park District Holiday of Lights.



Altrusa Holiday Spirit Showcase

~ Bucyrus ~

Altrusans braved the cold to help Kiwanis fill the kettle!



~ Findlay ~

Findlay Altrusan Fran Williams was spotted on the front page of The Courier.



Scenes from decorating the Log Home at the Hancock Historic Museum.



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~ Youngstown ~

Shoppapalooza

Another successful Shoppapalooza is “in the bag.” 2021 was our first year at Drakes Landing in Canfield and all agreed it was an excellent choice. The vendors especially were happy with the bright and roomy spaces to sell their wares. Despite covid worries, we saw many familiar faces and a few new ones. Everyone enjoyed the food, the shopping and the chance to socialize. As always, we want to thank the Members who contributed to the extensive bag auction. And thank you to the committee who pulled everything together.

Mail Call to All

Thank you to the Members who participated in the recent letter writing drive. We collected 111 cards and letters destined for A Soldier’s Hands project “Mail Call to All”. Their mission “is to touch the hands and hearts of each man and woman serving our country in the military, unit by unit, through a personalized gift of skincare and a message of gratitude. No one goes without a mail call.”



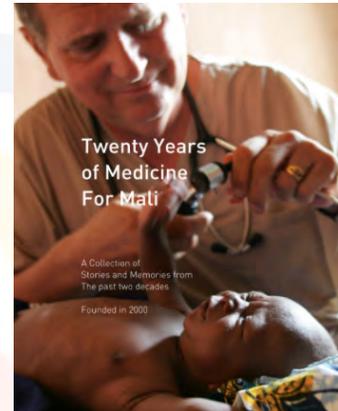
~ Columbus ~

! PUBLISHING NEWS !

Long-time member, Jill Devore, has published **Twenty Years of Medicine for Mali**. It is a collection of stories and remembrances. You can purchase the book at the link below.

<https://www.blurb.com/b/10914443-twenty-years-of-medicine-for-mali>

The cost is \$35. Of this amount, \$8 goes to Medicine for Mali.



~ You're Invited ~



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A Message from your Bylaws, Resolutions and Recommendations (BRR) Chair:

The excitement for the District Five Conference and Annual Meeting builds as we near the event. Registration for conference will open soon and hopefully your name will be on the list!

We understand that there are circumstances that may result in a request for a refund of your registration fee. The District Five Policy regarding Conference Registration Fee Refunds follows:

- 30 days prior to the event after a written request is received by the Governor and approved by the Board of Directors, a refund of 90% will be made after the close of the conference.
- 15 days prior to the event after a written request is received by the Governor and approved by the Board of Directors, a refund of 50% will be made after the close of the conference.
- Less than 15 days, there will be no refund.

Linda Williams
Second-Vice Governor
BRR Chair



Your club websites are in need of updated photos (including group photos). Please send to altrusad5@gmail.com

The “paparazzi” will be at the conference taking random photos to share on the District Five Facebook page. Don’t miss out, like and follow our page today!

*Did you know?
The first Kodak camera was placed on the market in 1888. It was a handheld box camera containing a 100-exposure roll of film that used paper negatives. Today’s camera can also be used to call a friend!*



Dates to Remember

January 24th
International Day of Education

February 11th
International Day Women and Girls in Science

February 20th
World Day of Social Justice

March 8th
International Women’s Day

First Day of Spring
March 20th

March 22nd
World Water Day

April 22nd
International Mother Earth Day

April 29th
International Day of UN Peacekeepers