

Shoppapalooza!!

**Thursday,
October 13, 2022**

**Avion on the Water
2177 W. Western Reserve Rd, #A
Canfield, OH 44406**

**\$30 Buffet Luncheon
Cash Bar**

**Doors open 10:30 am
Lunch 11 am – 12:30pm**



The Altrusa Youngstown Foundation fall fundraiser is just around the corner. We are lunching in a new location and our schedule of events is a little different this year.

Doors open earlier at 10:30 am and the luncheon buffet will start at 11:00 am, running through 12:30 pm. Shopping will start at 10:30 am and remain open through 1:30 pm just before the bag auction is called. We hope this change will give everyone plenty of time to shop, lunch and fill our auction bags with tickets. Invitations will be mailed out soon.

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Barb Smith, Secretary
Kathleen Austrino, Treasurer
Beth Sadlowski, Director

Newsletter Editor -

Kimberly Deichert

**Don't forget to
bring or drop off
your item for the
Bag Auction!!**



From the
President's Desk

My introduction to Altrusa was at a Shoppapalooza. I enjoyed the afternoon and the good company. After a few more events I was invited to join the organization. Still more events, and a stint as Treasurer, and I was approached about serving as President. I realized it would be both a challenge and a responsibility, but I was ready to accept them. I knew, too, that it would be an opportunity for me, personally, to do more to further the Club's mission.



As this new chapter begins, I am grateful for your confidence in me and appreciate your patience as I find my footing. I look forward to the opportunity Altrusa Youngstown has to serve our community. Your suggestions, comments, and ideas are welcome. Participation is a crucial component of success. Together we can explore new ways to serve and expand our reach.



Altrusa Grace

For this food before us spread,
For our steps to safety led,
For Thy favor on our way,
Lord, accept our thanks today.

Altrusa Benediction

May we go forth with high ideals
To greet our fellow man,
Be true to all Altrusa aims
Until we meet again.

District Five & International News

WELCOME GOVERNOR STRATOS



Altrusa Youngtown is pleased to host District Five Governor Julie Stratos at our September 8, 2022, business meeting. We will be meeting at Davidson's

Restaurant, 3636 Canfield Rd, Canfield, OH. Buffet starts at 5:30; cost is \$25. Menu includes baked chicken, sausage with peppers and onions, baked potato, California medley vegetables, salad, rolls and butter, soft drinks, coffee, tea. RSVP to Pat Brown. Checks mailed to Altrusa International of Youngstown OH, PO Box 602, Youngstown, OH 44501.

DISTINGUISHED CLUB 2021-2022

Yea Youngstown Club!! We were one of 12 Clubs in District Five to be honored with the Distinguished Club title for 2021-2022. Clubs are selected by International, and awards bestowed based on the level and number of club activities reported in our annual report.

Hamilton, OH, Inc.	Five
Branch County, MI, Inc.	Five
Akron, OH	Five
Youngstown, OH	Five
Mansfield, OH	Five
Troy, OH	Five
Columbus, OH	Five
Lima, OH	Five
Findlay, OH	Five
Highland County, OH	Five
Dayton, OH, Inc.	Five
Marion, OH	Five



CONGRATUATIONS BATTLE CREEK!

The Battle Creek Michigan Club celebrated their 100 years "birthday" in August 2022. That is quite the accomplishment, and we congratulate them on their longevity in Altrusa!

NEW CLUBS! NEW CLUBS!!

Welcome our two newest Altrusa clubs: Altrusa International of Thibodaux, Louisiana District Four and Altrusa International of Hatillo, Puerto Rico District Fourteen.

As well as the two newest ASTRA clubs – ASTRA Club of Escuela Antonio Acaron Correa sponsored by Altrusa International of Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico District Fourteen. And, ASTRA Club of Lake Belton High School sponsored by Altrusa International of Temple, TX District Nine.

District Five & International News cont'd



AKRON CLUB INVITATION

Several of our members traveled to Tallmadge on Thursday, July 21st to meet with the Akron Club at their monthly meeting. The idea to meet germinated at District Five Conference in April. Both Clubs agreed we needed to get to better know each other since their Club is so close. We will be starting discussions on possible joint ventures in the future. The ladies had a wonderful time and look forward to hosting some of the Akron members at Shoppapalooza!



Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Denise Walters-Dobson in the loss of her husband, Michael Julian Repetsky who passed away Friday, July 22nd after a short illness. Michael was born December 20, 1946, in Wheeling, WV, moved to Pittsburgh and later came to Youngstown in 1969.

He and Denise met at YSU where he worked for over 48 years. He was the head of the Electronics Maintenance Department. Prior to YSU, he worked at

Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh for two years.

Mike was the heart & rock of his small family. He was a kind, calm and patient man. He was active with his many hobbies involving the outdoors, yard work, and working on cars. He could fix just about anything. He was also an active member of St. Columba Cathedral.

Mike and Denise were married on January 2, 1998, and welcomed Katharine on July 23, 2000. In honor of Mike's love of the outdoors and the pride he had in Katharine's future career, memorial contributions are to be made to Wolf Park in Battle Ground, IN. Altrusa Youngstown sent a memorial gift in Mike's name.

community SERVICE



Pillowcase Dresses



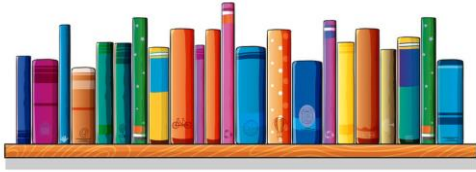
Thread the sewing machines! Sharpen those scissors! Pillowcase dresses are back!! Members met at Margaret's for an old-fashioned sewing circle on July 30th. The ladies will be meeting again on Saturday, September 10th. Completed dresses will be sent to the Foundation for Women in California whose representative takes the dresses to the children in Liberia.

Blankets for Foster Children!!

Altrusa Youngstown Members recently dropped off a linen closet full of handmade blankets to Wanda Marland, Director of Comfort & Hope. These beautiful, warm gifts are destined to find themselves on the bed of a foster child in the Mahoning and Trumbull system. Wanda, with the help of her volunteers, create birthday bags for the foster children and always tries to include a handmade blanket. These blankets were put together during our recent District Five conference hands-on service project. Thank you again to all the District Five attendees who helped us put these blankets together.



Community Service Cont'd



BOOKS

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RECIPE BOOKS

Do you have cookbooks that you no longer use? Sue Payton, our favorite caterer, is now the manager at the Glenwood Fresh Market in Youngstown. She has discovered that a cookbook corner she established a few months ago is quite popular with the shoppers. If you have books you would like to donate, please drop them off at the store (2915 Glenwood Ave) or contact Mary Yee who offered to take books for us.

By the way The Glenwood Fresh Market provides year-round access to FREE fresh fruits, vegetables, and other healthy food items to residents of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley. The market also provides free health screenings, nutrition literacy courses, cooking demonstrations and other resources to members. Residents can become members if they are a household living under 200 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines or a SNAP recipient.

1 MILLION BOOKS SERVICE CHALLENGE

All Altrusa International clubs are being asked to join in the International Service Committee's service challenge for the 2021-2023 Biennium. The Youngstown Club accepts that challenge!!

We are being asked to donate 500 books or 500 community service hours over this biennium! The simple gift of a book to a child who has never had one can help eradicate illiteracy and give these children a chance to succeed in life. This biennium mission is sustainable literacy projects!

We are well on our way to exceed that goal, donating over 800 Dr. Seuss books to children through YSU's Read Across America in March and to Liberty School K-3 students after the event. Our service hours are ALSO adding up so we will hopefully meet and exceed the challenge on both fronts! Go Youngstown!!

CLUB BOOK EXCHANGE

The Club would like to start an informal book exchange at our business meetings. As simple as bring a book; take a book. We are going to start at the September 8 meeting. It's time to clean those bookshelves!!

Scarecrows Are Gathering



Youngstown Altrusa will be joining other area organizations on the Fellows Riverside Garden Scarecrow Lane. This new addition to the autumn festivities at the Gardens will join fall favorites like the Pumpkin Walk. Like the holiday trees in December, organizations will be designing, decorating and showcasing their organizations as they decorate scarecrow forms. The Lane will be open the month of October in the new Children's Garden area at the Cushwa Outdoor Education Pavilion. Our designers for this event are Cindy Bruno, Nancy Lawson and Judy Sluss! Can't wait to see our what you come up with!!

Project MKC is again asking for volunteers to help with their diaper packing. The Service Committee is clarifying days we can participate as a group and will make the announcement soon. You can also volunteer on the 2nd Monday of the month using the app Golden Volunteer for volunteer registration. Please see the link for future dates and how to register: <https://x.gldn.io/e/nKDID98nasb>

Dates to Remember

September 5, 2022 – Labor Day
 September 15, 2022 – National Hispanic Heritage Month
 September 22, 2022 – Equinox
 September 26, 2022 – Rosh Hashana
 October 5, 2022 – Yom Kippur
 October 10, 2022 – Columbus Day
 October 15, 2022 – Sweetest Day
 October 17, 2022 – Boss's Day
 October 31, 2022 – Halloween
 November 1, 2022 – All Saints' Day
 November 1, 2022 – Native American Heritage Month
 November 2, 2022 – All Souls' Day
 November 6, 2022 – Daylight Saving Time

Clocks "fall" back 1 hour

November 8, 2022 – Election Day
 November 11, 2022 – Veterans Day
 November 24, 2022 – Thanksgiving Day
 November 25, 2022 – Black Friday
 November 26, 2022 – Small Business Saturday
 November 27, 2022 – 1st Sunday of Advent
 November 28, 2022 – Cyber Monday
 November 29, 2022 – Giving Tuesday
 December 7, 2021 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 December 19, 2022 – Hanukkah (1st Day)
 December 21, 2022 – Winter Solstice
 December 25, 2022 – Christmas Day
 December 26, 2022 – Kwanzaa (first day)
 December 26, 2022 – Last Day of Hanukkah
 December 31, 2021 – New Year's Eve

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

September 8, 2022

Business Meeting

District Five Governor Julie Stratos Visit
Davidson's, 3636 Canfield Rd, Canfield, OH
Time: 5:30 p.m.

October 13, 2022

Shoppapalooza

Location: Avion on the Water,
Canfield, OH
Time: 10:30 a.m.

November 10, 2022

Business Meeting Tour of Main Library

Location: Main Library followed by dinner at MVR
Time: 6:00 p.m.

December 3, 2022

Holiday Brunch

Location: To Be Announced
Time: 11:00 a.m.

January 12, 2023

Business Meeting

Location: To Be Announced
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Project MKC

Diaper Wrapping @ Project MKC

Date to be announced.



Board Meetings

Sept 8 2022	Board Meeting, Davidson's, 7:30 p.m.
Oct 27, 2022	Board Meeting, TBD, 6:00 p.m.
Nov 17, 2022	Board Meeting, TBD, 6:00 p.m.
Jan 27, 2023	Board Meeting, TBD, 6:00 p.m.

September:

Mary Ann 6th
Jacquelyn Venzeio 13th
Rose Parisi 26th

October:

Rose Memo 6th
Carole McWilson 18th
Mona Pocatko 19th
Rochelle Lesnak 22nd



November:

Judy Sluss 10th
Jorine 6th
Anita 6th
Karen Higham 18th
Debra Gratz 22nd
Cynthia Bruno 29th



Looking
down the
road

NUN RUN

I RUN WITH NUNS

REGISTER TODAY!

Saturday, October 1, 2022

The Ursuline Center | 4280 Shields Road |

Canfield, OH 44406

Kids Run | 815AM

1 Mile Walk | 830AM

5k Race | 900AM



Back by popular demand, join us for the 8th annual Nun Run to support the children's programs of Ursuline Sisters Mission, including Ursuline Sisters HIV/AIDS Ministry, Beatitude House, and Ursuline Preschool & Kindergarten. Join us in-person or virtually for either the kids run, 1 mile walk, or a 5k.

For more information & to register:

<https://runsignup.com/nunrun>



Youngstown (OH) Branch

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is running a fundraiser to support their scholarship program for YSU students. They are selling Handel's quart ice cream gift cards for \$5.75. See Denise Walters-Dobson for the gift cards .

HOPEWELL THEATRE

The Hopewell Theatre on Mahoning Ave, Youngstown will soon start their 2022-2023 season. The small theatre, christened The Little Theater off Spring Common by its founder, Dr. Jean Kelty, is like no other theater. A lovely 1890 church was converted into a small, intimate theater, the home of The Victorian Players. The first play this season is Steel Magnolias. For more information:
<https://hopewelltheatre.org/>