



# The Blotter

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## From our Co-Presidents

As I write this message, it is now spring, and we have a busy season ahead of us.

First, I want to thank everyone who volunteered at the Pancake Breakfast. We raised money for Marion RX and will also receive an amount for our ticket sales. We also got our name out to the public as recognition of Altrusa is important.

Our March dinner meeting White Elephant Sale was so much fun. There was lots of great food, lots of nice items in the sale, and much laughter. Thank you, Darlene, for being the auctioneer. You did a great job. The proceeds will go into the operating account.

There was discussion at the March Business Meeting about the location of our 100th Anniversary, either Marion Country Club or the Women's Club Home. Please think about this so we can nail down a location.

We are considering a flower sale on Friday and Saturday of Mother's Day weekend as a fundraiser.

Speaking of flowers, we will again plant the baskets in downtown Marion on May 19, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars as volunteers are needed. We are always hoping for a nice day for planting.

Our next business meeting will be April 9 at 6 p.m. at the Women's Club Home.

The dinner meeting will take place at Primrose on April 23 at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 and Mary Ellen Withrow will be the guest speaker.

Happy Easter everyone. Try not to eat too much candy. See you at the April meeting.

*Eileen Pfeiffer and Shelley Rush, Co-Presidents*

## Club News

- Marion Altrusans worked the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast as we have done for several years. Prior to the event, the basket, which is sold via a drawing, was put together with several of our Altrusans.
- April 9 is our Business Meeting at the Women's Club Home and April 23 is our Dinner Meeting at Primrose Retirement Community as mentioned in our Co-Presidents' message.



*To the left is Effie Laipply with several of the items Marion Altrusans have submitted for the basket, Effie is the chair of the basket.*



*To the right is Roselynn Fullmer with many of the basket contents.*



*To the left are Effie Laipply, Roselynn Fullmer and Margaret Daniel with the completed basket.*

The breakfast was held at Tri-Rivers Career Center On Saturday, March 9.

Helping to sell the basket is Sherri Chapman, pictured to the right.



Working at the event are Kathy Regules and Kathy Brinkman, pictured to the left.



Also working the event are Darlene Postell, Maureen Welch and Lori Roberts, pictured right.



## District News

District Five Conference is only one month away!! Registrations can still be made through April 5th. The Sheraton is extending the Altrusa room rate until April 5th too! The Conference is a great way to share ideas and to reconnect with other members around District Five. Hope to see you in Grand Rapids-April 26-28th! Seven people will be attending the conference on April 26 and 27th in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Eileen Pfeiffer and Lisa Troiano will serve as delegates with Lisa Butcher and Dana Watts as alternates. Shelley Rush, Phyllis Hendrix, and Maureen Welch will also be attending.

**International News** - April 7 is World Health Day. It is celebrated annually, and each year draws attention to a specific health topic of concern to people all over the world. The date of 7 April marks the anniversary of the founding of WHO in 1948.

## Officers for 2024-2025

By a vote of acclamation, our officers for 2024-2025 are: CoPresidents – Eileen Pfeiffer/Shelley Rush, Vice President – Linda Strzelecki, Treasurer – Sherri Chapman, Secretary – Phyllis Hendrix, Director 1 – Kathy Brinkman, Director 2 – Lisa Butcher

## April is Parkinson's Awareness Month\*

April 1 – April Fool's Day

April 2 – International Children's Book Day

April 8 – SOLAR ECLIPSE!

April 2 – National Peanut Butter & Jelly Day

In honor of PB&J Day, and in support of the local PB&J Truck, our Altrusans are asked to bring a 16oz jar of creamy peanut butter and/or jelly to the business meeting on April 9.

April 17 – Administrative Professional's Day

April 22 – National Earth Day

April 23 – World Book Day - "This day aims

to promote reading across all communities, encourage people to engage with different types of literature, and discover the



benefits of reading.

*\*Parkinson's Awareness Month holds a special place in the heart of your editor. My daughter-in-law was found to have Parkinson's when she was only 47 years old.*

## Patty Muir's Bio

"I was born in Granville, Ohio on July 4<sup>th</sup>. What a great birthday.... everyone is celebrating! I went to Bowling Green State University and majored in Early Childhood Education. I met my husband Mish, in Bowling Green. We lived in Shelby, Ohio, and Granville, where I taught in vocational schools. We moved to Marion, and I spent 20 years teaching at Tri-Rivers Career Center. I have two daughters, Brianna, and Brittany. Brianna teaches in Delaware City Schools and Brittany works at Na-Churs in Marion. I have five grandchildren, Porter, Emalyn, Ellis, Hensley, and Harper. At this time, I am teaching at The Ohio State University at Marion, which is the reason I can't be at Altrusa meetings, since I teach on Tuesday nights. I teach the students who want to be teachers, which is very rewarding!"

"Oh Yes....my husband plays the bagpipes; I love attending events which features all the bagpipers. I enjoy keeping up with my grandchildren ranging in age from 18 years to 19 months. I enjoy vacations at the beach, shopping, and growing flowers in the summer.

"Life is fun and busy, and I am learning about Altrusa and the many projects that make Marion a great place."