



# The Blotter

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## Our Co-Presidents Message

As we end our current club year and enter a new fiscal year, we'd like to thank everyone for a successful year. Together, we've accomplished so many things. It DOES take the complete membership to do everything we have done, and you have all went above and beyond to make things happen in our community and beyond. We thank you and appreciate all of you!

We are so excited for our new club year and all the things we hope to accomplish. Among these are additional fundraising for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, an increased presence on social media (we want to brag about all the fun we have so more folks will want to BECOME an Altrusan!), initial planning for hosting District Five Conference in 2026 and continuing all our other fantastic projects and fundraisers. So, when the call comes to serve in whatever way you are asked, we hope you will willingly step up and do what is necessary to continue our club's mission. Yours in Altrusa service

*Shelley and Eileen*

## Club News

### Scholarships

Roselynn Fullmer announced the winners of the Altrusa International of Marion, Oh scholarships at the May 14 meeting. They are

- Faith Brenzo, a graduate of Ridgedale High School, to attend Bowling Green State University, majoring in Medical Laboratory with

an award of \$1250.

- Serenity Theo Meek, a graduate of Harding High School who will attend Bowling Green State University, majoring in Interior Design with a scholarship awarded at \$1250.
- Brooklyn Short graduate of Pleasant High School, who will attend Otterbein University, majoring in Business Management & Accounting, was awarded the business scholarship of \$650.

The committee members are Carolyn Hittenrauch, Jan Rainey, Karen Ruth, Darlene Postell, Linda Strzelecki, and Roselynn Fullmer.

### Past Presidents' Event

The past presidents of Altrusa International of Marion will meet June 18. Rather than a dinner meeting, the event will be held at the Women's Club Home from 2-4 p.m. and will feature cookies and punch.



### Welcome to Our New Altrusan!

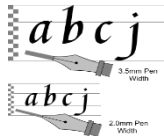


Pam DeGood grew up in Richwood and always felt it was a big treat when her mother brought her and her two sisters to Marion to shop at J.C. Penny when it was downtown. She has felt right at home making her home here in

Marion even though she has lived in several other states (one of them that state up North!). She has always happily returned to the Buckeye State and is proud to call it home.

Over the years, Pam has had several job opportunities that usually required travel. Nothing beats retirement that allows her to travel when and where she wants for fun rather than for work.

Her passion is calligraphy, and she has taught it for over 40 years. She loves sharing this age-old art form that she often combines with watercolor and acrylics. Pam



belongs to several calligraphy guilds and has served on the board of one of them as President. She continues to take classes and thanks to Zoom has been able to study with calligraphers from all over the world. She has been honored to receive several awards for her artwork and in 2023 was selected from 28 artists as one of 8 for the Artist in Residency at Terradise. A piece of her work is on permanent display at Terradise. She also has artwork at the Guild in Marion.

Pam loves animals and has owned doxies in the past, but sadly now has no fur babies.

She is currently on the board of the Marion Women's Club and Home and is also a member of Artisans.

Pam became interested in Altrusa because of her friendship with Penny Hunt Martin, who has been a member of the Lima group. Service to the community is something that has been passed down to Pam from her mother who was very involved with the Richwood community.



## Planting Flowers

Many Altrusans sowed flowers from the city of Marion in downtown planters on Sunday, May 19.

*Pictured to the right is Darlene Postell.*



Others worked at the garden beds at the All-Inclusive Playground area.

*Roselynn Fullmer and Shelley Rush are pictured to the left with the Altrusa bench given to the*



*park, and to the right is a photo of the bench with the Altrusa provider information.*



Shown below is a photo of the playground and the Altrusa Little Free Library.



## Our Returning Altrusan!

Tiffany Harbolt is returning to Altrusa! Here is her bio: "(Tiffany is) Born and raised in Marion. I have two children, Lucas who is a Freshman at Bowling Green majoring in neuroscience



and Peyton who is a Senior in high school but enrolled full time at Marion technical College majoring in criminal studies.

“I work for Cornerstone Building brands as a support specialist in their window division. Did I mention I'm lucky enough to work from home?”

“I recently took up the hobby of painting by numbers, it is very relaxing and fun creating unique canvas paintings. Along with my children, I have two labradoodle dogs named Lilly and Zoey and one sweet tiger cat named Flynn.

“I volunteer yearly with the Marion Popcorn Festival as Kernel seat chair. Kernel seats are those nice chairs roped off up by the stage; contact me for sponsorship tickets!

“I was introduced to Altrusa years ago while working for Shelley at Goldrush Jewelers. I met many of our past and current members from their stopping into the store. I am a past member myself but took some time away to focus on my kids and home life. I'm excited and ready to jump back in.”  
**Welcome back, Tiffany!**

## District News

Our Altrusans who attended the District Five conference reported on events and meetings they attended. Overall, the conference was enjoyable and each learned numerous elements that would be appropriate to our group such as workshops with real life examples.

## International News

“Every year earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, drought, floods, and other major disasters devastate our communities. Through generous donations from Altrusans, the Altrusa International Foundation has awarded \$17,500 in disaster relief aid to first responders since June 1, 2023.”<sup>1</sup>

Each of us can support the International Foundation with a tax-

deductible gift by making an online contribution on the website, text **Altrusa Fdn** to **41-444** or mail a check or money order to the Foundation and send it to 1400 E. Touhy Ave, Suite 410, Des Plaines IL 60018.



## June Events

June 2 – National Cancer Survivors Day

June 14 – Flag Day

June 16 – Father's Day

June 19 – America celebrates Juneteenth, or Freedom Day, on the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation



that abolished slavery in Texas and other former Confederate states in 1865. The holiday celebratory



flag is known as the Juneteenth Flag of Freedom, and it is half red and half blue, with a white star surrounded by another star in the middle. The red, white, and blue refer to the colors in the American flag to symbolize that African Americans are true Americans. The middle star represents Texas, while the bursting star around it symbolizes new horizons and freedom.

June 19 – Summer Solstice The word 'solstice' is derived from 'sol' which is Latin for the sun and 'stitium' which means stop or still. The solstice happens when the Earth arrives at the point where the North Pole is at its maximum tilt in relation to the sun. This is why days are longer during the

Summer Solstice.

June 21 – National Take your Dog to Work Day. (*Linda Strzelecki and I do this nearly every workday!*)



<sup>1</sup> Source: The Impact, Volume 14, May 2024.