



The Blotter

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Club News

The following is a summary of items regarding Purse Bingo:

- Date – Sunday, November 10
- Venue – Twenty-three North (Formerly the Barn at All Occasions)
- Time – Set up at 12 noon; doors open at 1 p.m.
- Bingo begins at 2 p.m.
- Expected number of attendees – 250 with eight persons to a table
- Number of games – 15 (nine in 2023)
- Altrusan responsibilities – Gather items for a basket, preferably donated so you needn't purchase these items yourself.
- Lori Roberts has a donation letter available for anyone who wishes to provide one to a potential donor.
- Deliver the basket and contents to Sherri Chapman's office in Prospect on or before October 19. (Any Altrusan who cannot make it to Prospect may drop off items at Phil Ruth Insurance Agency, 1528 Marion-Waldo Road prior to October 19.)
- Be on the lookout for baskets that may be on sale; if not used this year, perhaps next year they'll be of use next year or for another purpose.

Altrusa Picnic – August 27, eating at 6 p.m. at Marge Ferriman's home!

District News

The following information is from the District portion of altrusa.org.

Altrusa Project Guide

The key to impacting your members and community is to put the club's ideas into practice. Altrusa Project Guides (APG) helps turn project ideas into reality. The Project Guide covers all aspects of running a project from goal setting, manpower assignments, budgeting, creating a timeline and careful evaluation of the project's success. The APG is written to assist the project chair in planning a successful project and help develop the leadership skills of your club members.

Question 1: What is the primary purpose of running this project?

Question 2: What is a brief description of the proposed project and background information?

Question 3: What are the specific manpower assignments?

Question 4: What specific tools, materials and resources will be needed?

Question 5: What are the potential problems and the possible solutions to successfully complete this project?

Question 6: What are the anticipated income and expenses?

Question 7: What are the specific steps to bring this project to completion?

Question 8: How did the original plan change? Record all revisions in the original plan.

Question 9: What solutions or

recommendations do you have for future chairpersons? What changes could have made the project more successful?

Question 10: What are the specific goals and measurable results for each goal?

International News

What steps does your Club or District take for succession planning?

- **Have a President-Elect or Vice-President/Governor Elect give that leader time to grow and be prepared for the next position. It helps them to understand the job duties by either shadowing your leader or watching and learning.**
- **As a board member succession planning is critical because what happens if you are next in line and have declining health or just decide on a new path of life? What do you do? With succession planning, all of this is in place, so you have your next leader ready to go. They have been mentored and prepared.**
- **As a committee member succession planning helps that committee to grow in how to have a better fundraiser or service project. By having your committee chairs working with the chair and being involved to see how things are put together for events it makes the committees stronger. When the whole committee is included, it opens all types of opportunities to be explored and it creates great leaders to continue to serve.**
- **As a member you should want to see succession planning in your club to help you grow those leadership skills and step up to the next level of involvement with your club.**

Foundation News

What is the difference between our Altrusa club and our Altrusa Foundation?

An Altrusa Club may form an LCF, which is a separate and distinct entity from the Club. The Club is a 501(c)(4) corporation, while the LCF will be a 501(c)(3) corporation.

As a 501(c)(3) corporation, donations to your Foundation are tax-deductible to the full extent provided by law. This is a great advantage to contributors, and of great interest to corporations that may be considering assisting your Club's activities. Both 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are tax-exempt, in that neither has to pay tax on its income (though returns must be filed), but only 501(c)(3) organizations can offer tax-deductible status for donations to it.

August Events

August 18 – Senior Citizens Day: This observance was established in honor of senior citizens in the US who made positive contributions in their communities. The day was also created to bring awareness of social, health, and economic issues that affect senior citizens.

August 24 – Womens Equality Day: The purpose behind the creation of this holiday was to raise awareness about the importance of gender equality in society and to recognize the hard work and sacrifices made by the pioneers in the suffrage movement.

Little Free Library

The third LFL was installed at Woodridge Road in Collinswood, at East Barks Drive. Special thanks to Rus Rick of Whetstone Construction and to Phil Ruth of Phil Ruth Insurance Agency for installing it.

After checking with underground utilities, we heard that all was clear for installing the post and encasing it in cement. the first “customers” of our LFL!

