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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this final message as your President, I'm filled with gratitude for the two years we've shared. May always feels like a month of transition—spring giving way to summer, projects wrapping up, conference is finished, and new leadership preparing to step forward. It's the perfect moment to pause and appreciate what we've accomplished together.

This year, our club demonstrated what service looks like when it's fueled by compassion and teamwork. From literacy initiatives to hands-on community projects, each of you brought energy, creativity, and heart. I've watched members step up in ways big and small, and every contribution strengthened our impact.

To further our commitment to service, Altrusa of Dayton was honored at the 71st District Five Conference held in Lima, Ohio, hosted by Altrusa of Marion, Ohio. We received two District Five awards: First Place in The Troy Registration Award, First Place in the Cassie Gamble Long-Term Service Project Award for "The Altrusa Book Nook", and one International award, First Place in The Letha H. Brown Literacy Award for "The Great Altrusan Book Rescue". The First-Place International award will be forwarded to International for judging at the 2027 International Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio, in July, 2027. Congratulations to us!

I want to thank the board for their steady leadership and every committee for their dedication. You made the work lighter and the successes brighter. Most of all, thank you to the members who show up—consistently, joyfully, and with a spirit of service that defines Altrusa. My heartfelt thank you to those members who helped me through these two years. I was so unsure of being able to carry this responsibility for two years as I was going through some significant personal issues with my husband's health and with his passing and all the while working full time, and I am grateful I could call on you whenever I needed advice and guidance. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

As we welcome our new leadership team, I'm confident the club is in excellent hands. Thank you, Brigid O'Connor, for taking on this new role in our club. Please give Bridgid and her new board the same support and encouragement you've shown me. Our mission continues, and I can't wait to see where you take it next. It has been an honor and a joy to serve as your President.

May Birthdays

- 08 – Tess Little
- 31 – Cheryl Page



INTERNATIONAL SCENE

AUTHOR: KATHY SCHREIN; INTERNATIONAL LIAISON

International article:
BRR-What does this mean?

BRR! What does this mean other than the chilly spell we are having the last few days. BRR stands for Bylaws, Resolutions and Recommendations. This month this column will review-"What is a Bylaw?"

A Bylaw is the set of rules and regulations under which Altrusa operates. The International Bylaws can only be revised by a vote of a Convention body .Thus, membership itself decides what the Bylaws should say.

While Districts and Clubs--like the Dayton club- can amend their own Bylaws, those local amendments cannot contradict the provisions of the International Bylaws. Plus, the Districts and Clubs should send their revisions to the International BRR Committee for approval. Items such as the different types of membership and the actual organization of the International Board are found there.

Next month look for further discussion of BRR, explaining Policy, Resolutions and Recommendations!

Note: 2025-2027 International BRR Chair-
Brenda Smith, Salina, KS/District Eight brsmith301@gmail.com



Altrusa International of Dayton Ohio

Mission:

A non-profit service club providing support for worthy projects in the Miami Valley since 1917.

Vision:

Develop a strong, highly motivated group responding effectively to assist altruistic projects in the Miami Valley through financial support and service.

Values:

We are committed to provide altruistic service for the improvement of our community by attracting and maximizing the talents and participation of a diverse membership. The high, ethical standards of Altrusa are maintained through an atmosphere of fellowship, cooperation, understanding and creativity.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE APRIL MEETING

Author: Diane Noonan

- Rebecca LaChance from 3 Widows was the speaker at our April Meeting. She presented what spouses need to be aware of before they become widows/widowers. 3 Widows has published a book "Widows Among Us" that covers many topics on how to prepare yourself.
- Please get your annual dues checks to Julie Hatton ASAP. You can mail them, drop them off, or bring them to the MAY meeting. Just remember, there is a Late Fee if you don't get that \$95.00 to Julie on time.
- Our club won three awards at this year's District Five Conference
 - Registration Award for \$50
 - Cassie Gambel Award for Long Term Service Project: "The Book Nook." \$100
 - Letha H. Brown Literacy Award: "The Great Altrusan Book Rescue." \$100
- Sue Ciarlariello presented the Foundation Board's review of the YWCA's Grant Request along with their proposed recommendation of \$22,500 for the YWCA. The Foundation Board's recommendation was approved by the club members.
- Training
 - President training on 9 May from 9:30 to 11:30
 - Secretary and Treasurer Training 16 May 9:30 to 10:30
- Hamilton Luncheon/Auction
 - 16 May 2026
 - Must register by 1 May



Some members wore hats to our April meeting to celebrate the Kentucky Derby.

DISTRICT FIVE CONFERENCE – 24-26 APRIL 2026

AUTHOR: SUE CIARLARIELLO, SECRETARY OF THE FOUNDATION

The 71st District Conference, “Poppin’ along the Altrusa Trail” is in the ‘books’, and it was a wonderful conference at the Howard Johnson Conference Center in Lima Ohio. Altrusa of Marion did a fantastic job as the host club with the decoration, conference bags and, of course, popcorn. Thirteen Dayton Altrusans attended the Conference and quite a few who also participated in a variety of activities over the weekend.

Joyce Kelley, along with Pat Skornika from Youngstown presented the First Timer’s Session. She also was one of the presenters, along with Sandy Ehrlich (Troy) and Germaine Vonderhaar (Hamilton) for the workshop, Small Acts. Big Pop, focusing on simple service projects that can be done at a meeting.

Kathy Ballman -Parks, along with Roberta Jacobs from Troy presented a workshop., “Pop into Google”, an overview of Google Tools and how these may assist clubs.

Susie Sanders and Toni Bailey, along with PowerPoint development by Diane Noonan, led the Memorial Service on Sunday morning, recognizing the Altrusans that we have lost over the past year. This included our own Vera Heck and Barb Webner.

Several Dayton members helped in the Foundation Store throughout the Conference, including Belinda Huffman, Diana Kaylor, Brigid O’Connor, Dana Roberts & Susie Sanders. Thank you, thank you, thank you !!!

The Dayton vendor table with jewelry, koozies and handmade greeting cards was well received by the attendees, bringing home \$218.00 to our operating fund. Thanks to Toni Bailey, Belinda Huffman, Joyce Kelley, Linda Neuhauser, Melissa Phillips and Kathy Schrein for managing the table during Conference.

Altrusa of Dayton shined in the award categories with garnishing the Altrusa of Troy Conference Registration Award, Altrusa of Chillicothe Cassie Gamble Long-term Service for our With God’s Grace Book Nook and the Letha H. Brown Literacy Award (YEAH!!!!). Our Letha H. Brown submission, The Great Altrusan Book Rescue will be included in the judging at the 2027 Altrusa International Convention in Columbus, OH in 21-24 July 2027.

From comments heard throughout the Conference, everyone had a great time, seeing old friends, making new ones, attending workshops and just getting energized about Altrusa and all that we do for our communities in Ohio and Michigan. Mark your calendars for the 72nd District Five Conference from April 23 – 25, 2027, in Lima, OH, to be hosted by Altrusa of Bucyrus.

HERE ARE SOME PICTURES FROM THE APRIL 2026 DISTRICT FIVE CONFERENCE.



Susan Sanders Presenting our Club Flag



At the hotel arcade playing "Play Until You Win" (claw machine). Our Club's Little Ducks made a huge profit off of us

Susan Sanders came home with 11, spending \$20.00 on those cute little ducks (she got 2 at one time).



Susan said they light up!!!! She has all of them in a row on one of her end tables!



Dayton Club members who attended the District Five Conference, from left; Kathy Schrein, Diane Kaylor, Irene Colbert, Susan Sanders, Joyce Kelley, Toni Bailey, Dana Robers, Cheryl Page, Belinda Huffman, Linda Neuhauser And Melissa Phillips



Susan Sanders accepting the Troy Registration Award

4 May through 8 May

Teacher Appreciation Week



- Toni Bailey
- Cathy Brunner
- Bev Ervin
- Alisah French
- Julie Hatton
- Dodie Munn
- Susan Sanders

6 May through 12 May

Nurses Appreciation Week



- Kathy Ballman-Parks
- Cheryl Page

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Auction

(Melissa Phillips and Linda Neuhauser – Co-Chairs

- Date is 24 Oct 2026
- We have the two rooms and a check for an \$800 deposit needs to be sent to the Presential Banquet Center.
- Melissa Phillips will send info to Alisha French, Foundation Treasurer, where to send the deposit.

Communication Committee

**(Kathy Ballman-Parks – Chair
Diane Noonan - Newsletter Editor)**

Newsletter

30 May 2026 -- Input due for the June 2026

Next DSB submission: 10 May 2026.

I try to submit something from the newsletters; however, if you have something, forward it to me and I will ensure it gets to the DSB editor.

If you want to send it yourself, use the following email address: altrusadsb@yahoo.com
Please let me know what you send so there is no duplication. Thanks

The Altrusa Compass Volume 8: Issue 3

If you missed it, or want to reread an article, click on the above link.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

(Tess Little – Chairperson)

The Post Office is looking for project that will make them look better, a suggestion was the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Books. This is still in discussion with our POC at Children’s Hospital.

Pick Ups for	Jan	Feb	Mar	April
	700	900	1,246	1,218

Deliveries for	Mar	and	April
	969		878

Finance/Fundraising

(Julie Hatton – Chairperson)

- Dragon Fundraiser
- Suite reserved for 23 June 2026.
- Tickets will again be \$25 each. Which entitles the winner to 20 tickets for the game.
- Drawing will be 7 June 2026.
- All money and ticket stubs go to Alisha French.

We must sell at least 30 tickets to cover the cost of the suite. The rest of the funds will go to our foundation.

Service

**(Toni Bailey, Peggy Collins & Cheryl Page
Co-Chairs)**

464 service hours last month
352 book donated last month

Ronald McDonald House Make A Meal
18 May

If you cannot make it, please let Dee Kaylor know at least a couple days ahead of time.

Widows Home Mother’s Day Flowers
9 May at 10 a.m.

DAYTON CALENDAR

<p>CLUB MEETING DATES</p>	<p>EVENTS</p>
<p>Meeting Start Times Board @ 5:30 pm Business @ 6:00 pm</p> <p>2025 Meeting Dates Regular Board and Business Meetings Dates</p> <p>Location (unless otherwise indicated) American Baptist Church 960 W. Dorothy Lane Kettering OH 45409</p> <p>2026 Meet Dates 28 Apr 26 May 30 Jun 28 Jul 25 Aug 29 Sep 27 Oct 17 Nov No Meeting Dec</p>	<p><u>May</u> New board in charge immediately following installation. Audit Treasurer Books Dues must be mailed by June 15 to avoid penalty.</p> <p>10 – Mother’s Day 15 – International Day of Families 16 -- Altrusa of Hamilton Ohio Spring Auction (Flyer on Page 9) 18 – Ronald McDonald House Make a Meal Be there at 4 pm. Let Diana Kaylor know if you cannot make it. 31 – Dues of \$95 Due (See Membership Committee Report)</p> <hr/> <p><u>June</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present budget at business meeting for adoption. • Present Club calendar for the year at business meeting. • Begin having committees develop projects. • Club’s fiscal year begins. • Dues must be mailed by June 15 to avoid penalty. • At Board Meetings, approve new bank signature authorizations, if applicable. 2 signatures are required • Submit Club Annual Report due June 15 <p>09 – Bingo at Widows Home</p>

DISTRICT FIVE CONFERENCES & INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS



District Five Conference Dates

23-25 April 2027
Howard Johnsons, Lima, OH
Hosted by Bucyrus Club

28-30 April 2028
Howard Johnsons, Lima, OH
Hosted by Hamilton Club

DAYTON BOARD (JUN 2024 – MAY 2026)

President:
 Susan Sanders

President-Elect:
 Vacant

Past President:
 Dana Roberts

Vice-President:
 Brigid O’Connor

Treasurer:
 Julie Hatton

Secretary:
 Diane Noonan

Directors:
 (Jun 2024- May 2026)
 Joyce Kelley
 Melissa Phillips

(June 2025- May 2027)
 Tess Little
 Cathy Brunner

Foundation Board:
President
 Linda Neuhauser
 (June 2023 – May 2026)

Secretary
 (June 2025 to May 2028)
 Sue Ciarlariello

Treasurer
 Alisa French
 (June 2024 to May 2027)

Past Club President
 Dana Roberts
 (June 2024 to May 2026)

District Five Vice Governor -
 Kathy Ballman-Parks
District Five LRSP Chair
 Joyce Kelley

International Liaison:
 Kathy Schrein

HELPFUL LINKS

ALTRUSA of Dayton Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Altrusa-of-Dayton-Ohio/111345002242706>

ALTRUSA District Five Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/D5Altrusa?fref=ts>

ALTRUSA International **New Facebook Page**. Click on the link below.
[Facebook](#)

Dayton ALTRUSA Website:
 We do not have an official website; however, we do pages within the District Five Website.
 Here is how to get to them:
 Once on the District Five Website, click on Clubs tab, Scroll down to Ohio and then click on Dayton.

ALTRUSA District Five Website: <https://districtfive.altrusa.org>

ALTRUSA International Website: <https://www.altrusa.org>
 Username – Altrusan Password - MamieBass1955

Both are universal for all Altrusans.

District Five on YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/@altrusadistrictfive>



YOU ARE INVITED TO:
Altrusa International of Hamilton's
SPRING AUCTION

Live Auction, Silent Auction & Much More

Where: Butler County Educational Service Center

400 North Erie Blvd.

Hamilton, Ohio

When: Saturday, May 16, 2026

11:30 a.m.

Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m.

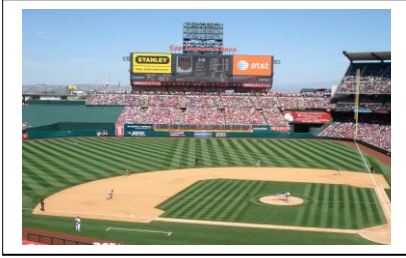
Cost: \$30/person

Please RSVP to Mary Jane Mayer

at AltrusaHamilton@gmail.com

by May 1, 2026

**All proceeds go towards Foundation programs such
as Community Service and Educational
Scholarships**



'Take Me out to the Ballgame' Raffle

Altrusa of Dayton is sponsoring a raffle to win a luxury suite at a Dayton Dragons' Baseball Game.

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Game starts at 7:05 pm, Gates open at 6pm

Winner will receive 20 tickets to the ballgame and use of the luxury suite.

Catering is NOT included.

Raffle Ticket Cost - \$25.00

Drawing – Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 5:00 pm

Contact Altrusa of Dayton to purchase raffle tickets for this fun event at daytonaltrusa@gmail.com or 937-623-9950.

Make Checks payable to Altrusa of Dayton, Cash or can use Venmo (@Kathy-Ballman-Parks account)

Proceeds support Altrusa of Dayton Foundation for grants, scholarships and other community service projects, such as Brigid's Path, Dayton Christian Center, Brunner Literacy, With God's Grace, Dolly Parton Imagination Library, Days for Girls, Widow's Home.

